

4-H & FFA FAIR BOOK



LANCASTER COUNTY
Super Fair

JULY 30 - AUGUST 8, 2026

**Sandhills Global Event Center
84th & Havelock, Lincoln**

**4-H & FFA Exhibits & Events | July 30–Aug. 2
4-H Horse Shows | July 29–Aug. 2**

Celebrating **25** *of the Event Center!*
YEARS



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HEADS UP, EXHIBITORS! ENTRY HAS CHANGED

All-Access Wristbands. 10 Days of Fair.



Here's What's New for 2026

To make entry easier and faster for our 4-H & FFA families, all exhibitors and their immediate families will now enter through:

Gate 4 – Exhibitor & Family Entrance Only

Gate 4 will be designated exclusively for 4-H & FFA exhibitors and their immediate family members.

YOUR EXHIBITOR WRISTBAND = YOUR ADMISSION



Each exhibitor will receive:

- A special green holographic 4-H & FFA wristband
- Wristbands for members of their immediate family

These wristbands serve as your admission for the entire 10-day Super Fair.
Kids 5 & Under are free - no wristband needed!

NOTE: Carnival rides & Grandstand event tickets must be purchased separately. See pricing on page 5.

Where to Pick Up Wristbands

Wristbands may be picked up at the following locations:

- Extension Office (July 1–30)
- 4-H Fair Office
- Horse & Livestock Offices
- SGEC Main Office (July 30–Aug 2)



Wristband Information

These wristbands are durable, washable & specifically designed to last all 10 days. If it gets dirty, simply wash with soap & water.

- Attach the wristband snugly to your wrist, leaving just enough room to fit one finger between the band and your wrist.
- Wristbands must be worn at all times while on the fairgrounds.
- Keep your wristband on for additional days of the fair to receive free re-entry. Anytime during July 30–August 8!
- If your wristband becomes damaged, bring the original to the SGEC Main office to exchange for a new one.

NEW! GENERAL PUBLIC ENTRY

Pick Your Perk!

Bring a Friend or Catch the Show

Pick up coupons at any Lancaster County Gate Sponsor Locations:
Super Saver, Russ's Market & U-STOP Convenience Shops
starting July 1, 2026

*Sample
Coupon*



BOGO ADMISSION

Buy One \$5 Admission Ticket, Get One FREE!

OR

\$5 OFF GRANDSTAND TICKET

Fair Admission Included with Grandstand Ticket Purchase!

Limit one offer per coupon.

Same day re-entry allowed with daily wristband.

More info at SuperFair.org

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Fair Book Now Online in Mobile-Friendly Format!



Celebrating 25 YEARS of the Event Center!

Take a look at some of the 4-H'ers who took part in the very first Lancaster County Fair held at the Event Center back in 2001!



Back in 2026!

OPEN MEAT GOAT SHOW | AUG 8 & 9

Market (wether or doeling) | 2 Shows

Overall Grand Champion - \$500

Overall Reserve Champion - \$250

Breeding Commercial / Wether dam | 4 Shows

Overall Grand Champion - \$500

Overall Reserve Champion - \$250

American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) | 4 Shows

Supreme Grand Champion Exhibitor - \$500

Supreme Reserve Champion Exhibitor - \$250

Junior ABGA | 2 Shows

Heartland Wether Futurity | 2 Shows

Register on the Showman App
For more information & deadlines visit:
SuperFair.org → Compete



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2026 SUPER FAIR SCHEDULE

4-H & FFA Exhibits & Events

PRE-FAIR

- Monday, March 2** — 4-H & FFA Market Beef Weigh-In (EquineMarket Pavilion) 6-7 p.m.
- Monday, March 23** — 4-H Radio Public Service Announcement Contest Entries Due to Extension/Prepared Speech Contest Registrations Due to Extension
- Sunday, March 29** — 4-H Prepared Speech Contest (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms) begins 1:30 p.m. — time slots assigned
- Monday, April 13** — 4-H Illustrated Presentation & Video Communication Contest Registrations Due to Extension
- Sunday, April 19** — 4-H Illustrated Presentation & Video Communication Contest (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms) begins 2 p.m. — time slots assigned
- Monday, May 4** — 4-H & FFA Sheep & Goat Weigh-In & Tag Day (Currency Pavilion) 6-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 6–Wednesday, May 13** — 4-H Dog Virtual Trivia Contest Open
- Thursday, May 21** — Youth for Quality Care of Animals In-Person Training 6-7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 30** — 4-H Horse Judging Contest (LivestockMarket Pavilion) 2 p.m.
- Monday, June 1** — 4-H Horse Identification Forms Due to Extension
- Thursday, June 4** — Youth for Quality Care of Animals In-Person Training 6-7 p.m.
- Monday, June 15** — Deadline to Enroll 4-H Members/Volunteers. Must Use 4-H Online at <https://4honline.com>
Deadline for Identification Certificates/Affidavits for 4-H & FFA Beef, Bucket Calves, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goats and Rabbits
Deadline to Complete Requirements for Youth for Quality Care of Animals
- Monday, June 15** — 4-H Plant Science Contest Registrations Due to Extension
- Tuesday, June 16** — 4-H Plant Science Contest: Horticulture/Tree ID/Grass-Weed ID (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms) ... 10 a.m.–Noon
- Wednesday, June 17** — 4-H Life Challenge Registrations Due to Extension
- Thursday, June 18–Wednesday, July 1** — Animal entries and stall/pen reservations for the Super Fair must be submitted online at <https://go.unl.edu/lcsf-animal-entries> between June 18 and July 1, 11:59 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 24** — 4-H Life Challenge (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms) 8:30 a.m.–Noon
- Wednesday, July 1** — Deadline to Complete 4-H Horsemanship Advancement Level Requirements
Deadline to Request a Stall/Pen for 4-H Clover Kids Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits
- Between July 6 and July 22** — Call to Sign Up for Interview Judging and/or Clover Kids Show & Tell Time Slot
- Tuesday, July 7** — Deadline for 4-H & FFA Livestock Bedding Fees and Horse Roping/Working Ranch Show Livestock Fees
- Monday, July 13** — 4-H Fashion Show Contest Registrations Due to Extension
- Tuesday, July 21** — 4-H Fashion Show Judging and Clover Kids Optional Modeling Practice Session (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms and Lobby) ... begins 8 a.m. — time slots assigned/Clover Kids may practice any time in morning
4-H Table Setting Contest Registrations Due to Extension
- Sunday, July 26** — 4-H Food Stand Prep Session (Ag Society Hall) 5 p.m.
Ag Society Hall Set-Up (Ag Society Hall) 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- Open Static Check-in (Ag Society Hall Except Quilts in Lancaster Room) 1-6 p.m.
- 4-H Horse Move-in Begins — NO HORSES BEFORE 4 p.m.
- Bagged Shavings Available From General Store (EquineMarket Pavilion – East End) 4-8 p.m.
- 4-H Horse Stalls Cleaning and Decorating ... EquineMarket and LivestockMarket Pavilions after 4 p.m.
- 4-H & FFA Static Exhibit Check-in (Ag Society Hall, Enter Doors on West Side) 4-8 p.m.
- Sign Up for 4-H Clover Kids Show & Tell (Ag Society Hall) 4-8 p.m.
- 4-H Horse Dressage Scheduled Warm-up Opportunity (LivestockMarket and TractorHouse Pavilions) 6-9 p.m.
- 4-H Horse Dressage Open Arena (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena and LivestockMarket Pavilion) 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- 4-H Dressage Horse Move-in, or Any Day Prior [No Horses Before Tuesday 4 p.m.] ... all day
- 4-H Horse Stalls Cleaning and Decorating EquineMarket and TractorHouse Pavilions all day/
LivestockMarket Pavilion only after the Dressage Show
- Bagged Shavings Available From General Store (EquineMarket Pavilion – East End) .. 7 a.m.–9 p.m.
- 4-H Horse Western Dressage Show — Junior/Intermediate/Senior/Walk-Trot/Novice (LivestockMarket Pavilion)** 8 a.m.

- 4-H Horse English Dressage Show — Junior/Intermediate/Senior/Walk-Trot/Novice (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)** 10 a.m.
- Static Exhibit Judging — *Not Open to Public* (Ag Society Hall) 8 a.m.
- 4-H Static Exhibit Interview Judging (Ag Society Hall — Enter North Glass Doors) . begins 9 a.m.
- 4-H & FFA Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Rabbits Able to Arrive. Noon
- 4-H Poultry Check-in (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner) 4-8 p.m.
- 4-H Rabbit Check-in Begins (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner) 5-8 p.m.
- 4-H & FFA Sheep & Meat Goat Check-in & Weigh-in (Currency Pavilion – North of the Sheep & Meat Goat Stalling Area) 6-7 p.m.
- 4-H & FFA Sheep, Meat Goats and Poultry Must be in Stalls/Pens by 8 p.m.
- Release of 4-H Dressage Horses Begins. End of show day

THURSDAY, JULY 30

- 4-H Horse English, Western, Miniature/Shetlands, Roping/Working Ranch and Game Horse Move-in, or Any Day Prior all day
- Bagged Shavings Available From General Store (EquineMarket Pavilion – East End) ... 7 a.m.–9 p.m.
- 4-H English Horse Show — Hunter/Saddleseat Horse Halter/English Showmanship/English Bareback Equitation/Hunter Under Saddle/Hunt Seat Equitation/English Discipline Rail (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)** 8 a.m.
- 4-H Cat Check-in and Vet Check (South Hall – Lancaster Co. Farm Bureau Room) 8-8:45 a.m.
- 4-H & FFA Swine Check-in & Weigh-in (Currency Pavilion – West End) 8-10 a.m.
- 4-H & FFA Market Beef and Breeding Heifers Must be in Stalls by 9 a.m.
- 4-H Rabbit Check-in (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner) 9 a.m.–Noon
- 4-H Cat Show/Quiz/Costume Contest (South Hall – North End)** 9 a.m./Public may view cats 9-11:30 a.m.
- 4-H Poultry Judging Contest/Quiz (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)** 9-10 a.m.
- 4-H Poultry Show/Showmanship (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)** 10 a.m.
- 4-H & FFA & Open Class Static Exhibits on Display (Ag Society Hall)** 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Food Stand 4-H Council Fundraiser (4-H Clover Cafe in Ag Society Hall & Horseshoe Cafe in FR8Star Pavilion)** 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
- 4-H Household Pets Check-in (South Hall – Room A) 10-11 a.m.
- 4-H & FFA Swine Must be in Stalls by 10 a.m.
- 4-H & FFA Market Beef Check-in & Weigh-in (Currency Pavilion – East End) 10-11 a.m.
- 4-H & FFA Breeding Heifers Check-in & Weigh-in (Currency Pavilion – East End) 11 a.m.–Noon
- 4-H Cats Released (South Hall – North End) at end of Cat Show
- 4-H & FFA Dairy/Pygmy Goat, Dairy Cattle, Bucket Calves and Rabbits Checked-In and Must be in Stalls/Pens by (Currency Pavilion) Noon
- 4-H & FFA Livestock, Rabbit and Horse Herdsmanship Begins Noon
- 4-H Household Pets Show/Animal Activity (South Hall – North End)** Noon/Public may view household pets 2-4 p.m.
- 4-H & FFA Sheep Show (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)** 1 p.m.
- 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)** ... Following Sheep Show
- 4-H Horse Hunter Hack Show (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)** ... following English Show
- 4-H Horse Hunter Show — Hunter/Equitation (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)** following Hunter Hack Show
- 4-H Poultry Herdsmanship Begins 4 p.m.
- 4-H Household Pets Released (South Hall – North End) at end of Household Pets Show
- 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest Registrations Due (Livestock Office) 6 p.m.
- 4-H Rabbit Breed Identification Contest/Quiz (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)** . 6:30 p.m.
- 4-H Fashion Show (South Hall)** 7 p.m.
- Farm Kids Obstacle Course Open to the Public, Followed by Free Root Beer Floats for 4-H & FFA Exhibitors Provided by Lancaster County Farm Bureau (Currency Pavilion Arena)** . 7 p.m.
- Release of 4-H English & Hunter Horses Begins. End of show day

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- Bagged Shavings Available From General Store (EquineMarket Pavilion – East End) .. 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
- 4-H & FFA Swine Show (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)** 8 a.m.
- 4-H Western Horse Show #1 — Groom & Care/Western Showmanship/Stock Horse and Pony Halter (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)** 8 a.m.
- 4-H & FFA & Open Class Static Exhibits on Display (Ag Society Hall)** 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Food Stand 4-H Council Fundraiser (4-H Clover Cafe in Ag Society Hall & Horseshoe Cafe in FR8Star Pavilion)** 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
- 4-H Bucket Calf Interviews (Livestock Office)** 11 a.m.
- 4-H & FFA Exhibitor & Families Free Hot Dog Lunch Provided by Frontier Cooperative (south of Currency Pavilion)** 11 a.m. while supplies last

4-H Bucket Calf Show (Currency Pavilion – Arena, East Side) 3 p.m.
 4-H Western Horse Show #2 — Reining/Working Pleasure (LivestockMarket Pavilion) following
 Western Horse Show #1
 Watermelon Feed Sponsored by Lancaster Co. Ag Society (Shade Tent) 4:30–6 p.m.
 4-H Horse Games Show — Keyhole Race/Figure 8 Stake Race/Pole Bending/Barrel Race
 (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena) following Western Horse Show #2
 4-H Table Setting Contest (South Hall) begins 5 p.m. — time slots assigned/public may
 view tables approximately 7:45–8:15 p.m.
 4-H Rabbit Judging Contest/Breeder's Choice Show (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner) . .5:30 p.m.
 Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction 4-H Council Fundraisers (South Hall — enter through
 Lancaster County Farm Bureau Room)..... 5:30–7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

Bagged Shavings Available From General Store (EquineMarket Pavilion – East End) 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
 4-H & FFA Beef Feeder Calves Must be in Stalls by 8 a.m.
 4-H Rabbit Show Flag Ceremony (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner) 8 a.m.
 4-H Rabbit Pet Class (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner) following Flag Ceremony
 4-H Rabbit Market/Breed/Fur Show (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner) following Pet Class
 4-H Horse Roping/Working Ranch Show — Dummy Roping/Working Ranch/Boxing/Roping/Goat Tying/
 Ranch Horse Pleasure/Ranch Horse Versatility (Ranch Riding) (LivestockMarket Pavilion) . .9 a.m.
 4-H & FFA Beef Cattle Show (Currency Pavilion – Arena) 9 a.m.
 4-H Rabbit Showmanship (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner) 9 a.m.
 4-H Horse Special Needs Show (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena) 10 a.m.
 4-H & FFA & Open Class Static Exhibits on Display (Ag Society Hall) 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
 Food Stand 4-H Council Fundraiser (4-H Clover Cafe in Ag Society Hall & Horseshoe Cafe in
 FR8Star Pavilion) 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
 4-H Horse Trail Show (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena) . following Special Needs Show
 4-H Horse Senior Recognition (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena) following Horse Trail
 Show, not to start before 4:30 p.m.
 4-H Xtreme Horse Show — Horsemanship Pairs/Extreme Versatility (TractorHouse Pavilion –
 Amy Countryman Arena) following Horse Senior Recognition
 4-H & FFA Purple Ribbon Market Livestock Purple Row (Currency Pavilion – Arena, East Side) . .5:30 p.m.
 4-H & FFA Purple Ribbon Market Livestock Premium Auction (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side) . .6 p.m.
 4-H Rabbit Specialty Show — Best Matched Pair/Tricks/Costume Contest/Clover Kids Animal Show-
 manship — and Rabbit Races (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner) 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

Free 4-H & FFA Exhibitors Breakfast sponsored by Lancaster Co. Ag Society (Nebraska Room) 8–10 a.m.
 4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle Show (Currency Pavilion – Arena, East Side) 8:30 a.m.
 4-H Dairy/Pygmy Goat Show/Costume Contest (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side) 9 a.m.
 4-H Miniature Horse Show — Halter/Showmanship/Miniature Horse Jumping/In-Hand Obstacle
 Trail/Pleasure Driving/Timed Cones (LivestockMarket Pavilion) 9 a.m.
 4-H & FFA & Open Class Static Exhibits on Display (Ag Society Hall) 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
 Food Stand 4-H Council Fundraiser (4-H Clover Cafe in Ag Society Hall & Horseshoe Cafe in
 FR8Star Pavilion) 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
 4-H Dog Check-in (South Hall) 10 a.m.
 4-H Dog Show (South Hall) 11 a.m.
 4-H Horse, Rabbits & Poultry Herdsmanship Ends Noon
 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side) Noon–2 p.m.
 4-H Western Horse Show #3 — Western Bareback Equitation/Western Pleasure Ponies/Western
 Pleasure/Western Horsemanship/Western Discipline Rail (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy
 Countryman Arena) following Miniature Horse Show
 4-H Clover Kids Show & Tell (Ag Society Hall - Clover Kids Exhibit Area) 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
 (15-minute time slots)
 4-H & FFA Elite Showmanship Contest (Currency Pavilion – Arena) 5 p.m.
 4-H & FFA Exhibitors Scoopin' With the Stars Ice Cream Social Sponsored by Lancaster County Ag
 Society (Nebraska Room) 5–7 p.m.
 4-H & FFA Livestock Premiums MUST Be Picked Up (Abate Room) 5–7 p.m.
 4-H Rabbit Awards Ceremony & Rabbit Premiums Made (South Hall) 5:30 p.m.
 4-H Horse Costume Contest (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena) following Western
 Horse Show #3
 4-H & FFA Livestock Herdsmanship Ends 6 p.m.
 Release of 4-H & FFA Livestock, Rabbits & Poultry Begins [see Monday for Final Move-Out Time] ... 7 p.m.
 Release of Horse Western, Miniature/Shetlands, Roping/Working Ranch and Game Horses Begins [see
 Monday for Final Move-Out Time] 7 p.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 3

4-H & FFA Static Exhibits Released [Open Static Exhibits Entered by 4-H & FFA Exhibitors and Premiums
 May Also Be Picked Up During These Hours] (Ag Society Hall, Enter Doors on West Side) ... 7–11 a.m.
 4-H & FFA Static Exhibit, Contest and Horse Premiums MUST Be Picked Up (Ag Society Hall) 7–11 a.m.
 Final Move-Out Time for All 4-H & FFA Animals 11 a.m.

Entertainment Schedule

DAILY FREE ATTRACTIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 30 – SATURDAY, AUG. 8 (ALL 10 DAYS!)

Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show
 Wildlife Encounters + Alligator Exhibit
 NoWear BMX Stunt Bike Show
 Horn T Exotic & Farm Animal Petting Zoo
 Free Music Series
 Outdoor & Indoor Commercial Vendors

THURSDAY, JULY 30 – SUNDAY, AUG. 2 (FIRST 4 DAYS)

Fun at the Farm by Lancaster County Farm Bureau
 Pied Piper of Percussion
 Bingo by Cornhusker Kiwanis
 Train Display
 Kids Scavenger Hunt

GREAT AMERICAN RIBFEST

Thursday, Aug. 6	5pm–11pm
Friday, Aug. 7	11am–11pm
Saturday, Aug. 8	11am–11pm



THE CARNIVAL IS IN TOWN!



HEART OF AMERICA MIDWAY & CARNIVAL HOURS

Thursday, July 30–Sunday Aug 2	12pm–11pm
Monday, Aug. 3	5pm–11pm
Tuesday, Aug. 4	2–5pm*, 5pm–11pm
Wednesday & Thursday, Aug. 5 & 6	5pm–11pm
Friday & Saturday Aug. 7 & 8	12pm–11pm

\$25 WRISTBAND NIGHT | MONDAY, AUG. 3

Come enjoy the carnival rides at a discounted price!

*CARNIVAL TAKEOVER: 12 & UNDER | TUESDAY, AUG. 4

Kiddos 12 & under can enjoy the carnival all to themselves from 2–5pm

\$40 ALL-YOU-CAN-RIDE WEEKEND MEGA SESSION

Your choice of: Friday, Saturday OR Sunday

\$30 WEEKDAY EVENING SESSION

Your choice of: Tuesday, Wednesday OR Thursday

SKIP THE LINE & BUY ONLINE

Purchase your Flex Pass at SuperFair.org & exchange it for a
 wristband on your desired day at the SGEC main office ticket window

AUCTIONTIME GRANDSTAND ARENA EVENTS

NEW! Purchase a Grandstand ticket and receive free fair admission!
 Use Gate 3 off of Havelock Avenue

Friday, July 31 Nebraska Bush Pullers Tractor Pull	GRANDSTAND TICKET PRICING
Sunday, Aug. 2 Figure 8 Races	
Tuesday, Aug. 4 Go-Kart Races <i>(special pricing, see page 11)</i>	Adults 13+: \$25
Thursday, Aug. 6 Demolition Derby	Kids 6–12: \$10
Friday, Aug. 7 Extreme Bull Riding Tour	Kids 5 & under: Free
Saturday, Aug. 8 Extreme Bull Riding Tour	Skip the Line & Buy Online!
	Learn more at: SuperFair.org

\$5 OFF GRANDSTAND TICKET

Fair Admission Included with Grandstand Ticket Purchase!

Coupons Available at all Lancaster County Gate Sponsor Locations While Supplies Last
 U-STOP Convenience Shops, Super Saver & Russ's Market • Limit 1 Offer Per Ticket



Meet Your Ag Board

Growing Agriculture, Youth & Community Since 1870!

The Lancaster County Agricultural Society (LCAS) is more than just an organization — it's a passionate group of folks who are dedicated to keeping agriculture thriving, empowering youth, and strengthening our community. Since 1870, we've been proudly hosting the Lancaster County Super Fair, bringing people together to celebrate the best of Nebraska!

Want to be part of the conversation? The Ag Society Board meets every third Thursday of the month, and everyone is welcome! Keep an eye out for meeting notices in the Lincoln Journal Star and find agendas posted at SandhillsGlobalEventCenter.org (click on Public Notices). Join us and help shape the future of local ag and events!



Kendra Ronnau, President | Ron Dowding, Vice President | John Cooper, Secretary | Karen Rutt, Treasurer
Jennifer Cusick-Rawlinson | Lynn Hagan | Laura Hardesty | Ron Suing | Mitch Sump



To our 4-H and FFA members, families, leaders, and supporters, thank you for calling the Sandhills Global Event Center home. For 25 years, this facility has been the home of the Fair, and 4-H and FFA have always been at the heart of it. We've watched generations grow here, from first projects to confident young leaders, building traditions that strengthen our community.

Your events throughout the year do more than fill our buildings. They build character, leadership, and opportunity that reach far beyond fair week. We're grateful to play a small part in the future you're building.

Thank you to the staff, volunteers, partners, and organizations who make the Super Fair and so many other events possible. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that operates without public subsidy, we rely on your dedication to bring these experiences to life. Because of you, this facility continues to thrive as a place where community gathers and events truly take flight.

Ron Bohaty, Managing Director
Cassandra Roeber, Assistant Managing Director
Nate Dowding, Fair Director
Sara Juengel, Fair Coordinator
Gina Nathan, Marketing Manager

Thank You!

10 Days of Fair Fun!

THIS
YEAR
ONLY!



**PAUL BUNYAN
LUMBERJACK SHOW**

ALL TEN DAYS!



**HORN T EXOTIC & FARM
ANIMAL PETTING ZOO**

ALL TEN DAYS!



BMX STUNT SHOW

Support this local non-profit!

ALL TEN DAYS!



**WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS
+ ALLIGATOR EXHIBIT**

ALL TEN DAYS!

AuctionTime

GRANDSTAND ARENA™

« TICKETED EVENTS »

Adults 13+: \$25

Kids 6-12: \$10

Kids 5 & under: Free

7PM START

Fair Admission Included with
Grandstand Ticket Purchase!



**NEBRASKA BUSH PULLERS
TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL**

FRI | JULY 31



**FIGURE 8
RACES**

SUN | AUG 2



**DEMOLITION
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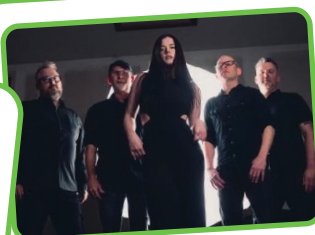
**EXTREME
BULL RIDING TOUR**

FRI AUG 7 | SAT AUG 8



BOONDOX

THU | JULY 30



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FRI | JULY 31



**HIGH HEEL
THE BAND**

SAT | AUG 1



**HISPANIC
FEST**

SUN | AUG 2



ALL
DAY
EVENT

Enjoy 10 Nights of Live Music

Super Fair is produced by your nonprofit Lancaster County Agricultural Society and we need your help! Be a volunteer, sponsor or vendor at SuperFair.org

Full Schedule and Tickets Available July 1 at SuperFair.org

FAIR EXHIBITOR OVERVIEW



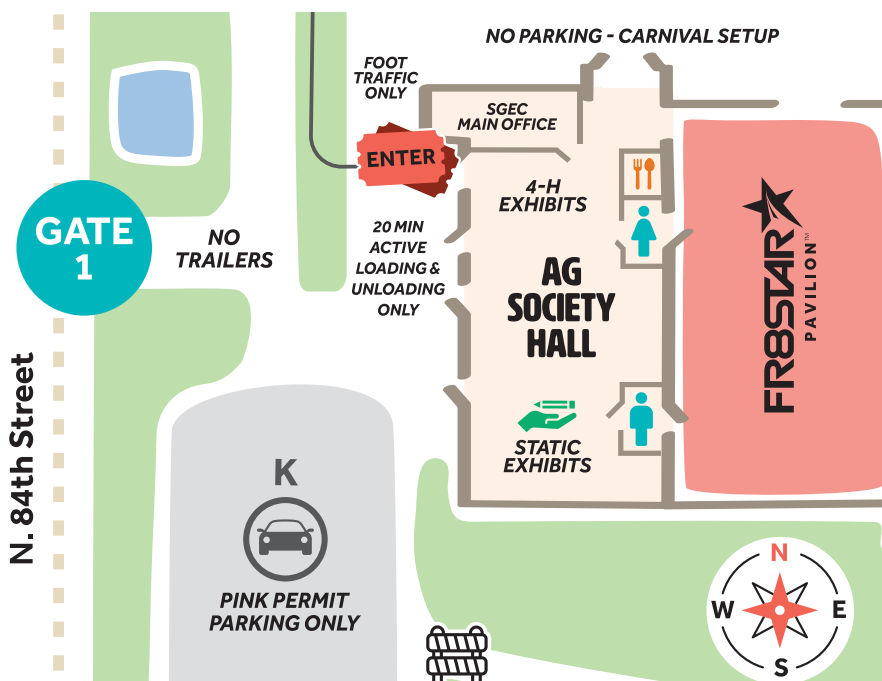
SANDHILLS GLOBAL EVENT CENTER FAIRGROUNDS RULES

- Clear bags suggested throughout the fairgrounds. All bags are subject to search. No backpacks, hoodies or face coverings.
- Anyone under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult age 19+. No kid drop offs allowed at the Lancaster County Super Fair.
- No smoking or vaping inside the buildings per Nebraska state law.
- Absolutely no OUTSIDE alcohol — all alcohol must be purchased on grounds due to Nebraska liquor license laws.
- No alcohol allowed inside the buildings during 4-H & FFA days, July 30 – Aug. 2.
- No bicycles, scooters, Segways, hoverboards or personal utility vehicles (ATVs, golf carts). Authorized vehicles used by SGEC Fairgrounds staff will display permits. ADA compliant mobility equipment is allowed.
- No use of drones or lasers.
- Except for service animals, no pets are allowed in buildings or in carnival areas. Dogs entered in approved shows are permitted in designated areas.
- Parking will be allowed in designated parking areas only. NO PARKING IN FIRE LANES.
- Unload/load livestock and equipment next to buildings, then move trailers and vehicles immediately to designated parking. Trailer lots are marked; other lots are for public vehicles only — no trailers.
- Exhibitors will not be allowed to sleep overnight in the buildings without written permission from your show superintendent & approval from Super Fair Management.

STATIC EXHIBIT AG SOCIETY HALL PARKING

The following applies to all static exhibitors EXCEPT Open Quilts, which will be in the Lancaster Room — see next section.

4-H and Open Class static exhibitor parking is allowed on static exhibit check-in/out and interview judging days only in Lot K at the Gate 1 entrance off 84th Street. For those that need to get closer to the doors of the Ag Society Hall,



there is temporary 20 minute active unloading/loading by the west doors of the Ag Society Hall. After you have loaded or unloaded, please immediately move your vehicle back to Lot K while you finish your activities, so others can get close to the building as needed.

4-H exhibitors:

- During check-in/out — please use the north sets of doors on the west side indicated on the map.
- During interview judging — please walk around the newly constructed main office to the north main entry.

Open class exhibitors — please use the south 2 sets of doors on the west side indicated on the map.

From July 31–Aug. 3, static exhibitors may park in public parking by entering Gate 1 or Gate 3. Gate 4 is for 4-H & FFA exhibitors and their immediate families. The closest parking to Ag Society Hall is east of the EquineMarket Pavilion in Lot C, and walking through the FR8Star Pavilion.

OPEN QUILTS PARKING

During move-in (Tuesday) and move-out (Monday), exhibitors may park in the lot closest to the Meeting Center entrance on the north side of Currency Pavilion to access the Lancaster Room. Enter through Gate 3 off Havelock Avenue to reach this parking lot. Note: There is no access to the parking lot north of Currency Pavilion on Wednesday, July 29 or Sunday, Aug. 2 due to livestock show load-in and load-out.

RVUNIVERSE CAMPGROUNDS RESERVATIONS & SERVICES

- RVUniverse Campgrounds reservations can be made anytime at the SandhillsGlobalEventCenter.org website.
- All camping reservations must be made online before your arrival. For assistance, please call 402-441-6545. For after-hours emergencies, call 402-429-4536.
- If you want to reserve next to another camper(s), simply select an open spot on the website near them.
- Camping is \$35/day and includes 30 or 50 amp electrical hookup spots. (see map on website). There are fresh water hookups at all campsites.
- Dump stations are located by Gate 4 off of Havelock Avenue.
- Showers are available in the FR8Star Pavilion when the building is open. Hours are subject to change according to events within the facility.
- Camping permit must be visible on your spot's electrical box throughout your stay.
- Youth (age 18 and under) may only be in the RVUniverse Campgrounds if staying with an adult who has reserved a campsite.
- Dogs are allowed on the campgrounds but must be on a leash or inside a secure, temporary pen within your campsite's boundaries.



FAIR WAIVER AND LIABILITY STATEMENT

Lancaster County Agricultural Society (LCAS), Sandhills Global Event Center (SGEC) Fairgrounds and/or Lancaster County Super Fair (LCSF) shall not be responsible for any damage to exhibits, animals, vehicles, merchandise, concession or any other personal property caused by any cause whatsoever. Additionally, fair visitors and participants waive and covenant not to sue and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless LCAS, SGEC and/or LCSF from any and all claims, costs, causes of action (including reasonable attorneys' fees), relating to loss, injury or damages of any kind, while attending or participating in the Lancaster County Super Fair, to the fullest extent permitted by Nebraska law, including claims for negligence committed by the foregoing. Fair visitors and participants assume all risks and dangers associated with attendance or participation in the Super Fair.



JULY 30–AUG 2

4-H & FFA DAYS

Just for exhibitors!



FRONTIER
COOPERATIVE

**EXHIBITOR
HOT DOG LUNCH**
FRI JULY 31 | 11AM
South Side of Currency Pavilion
Plus drinks, chips and dessert!



**EXHIBITOR
BREAKFAST**
SUN AUG 2 | 8-10AM
Nebraska Room
Hot breakfast and beverages
for you and your family!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SUN AUG 2 | 5-7PM
Nebraska Room
Come see photos from the 2026 4-H &
FFA Shows! Enjoy free ice cream with
a HUGE selection of mix-ins.

Free family fun for all!

FUN AT THE FARM
JULY 30 – AUG 2



**LANCASTER COUNTY
FARM BUREAU**

**Free Watermelon
Feed with
Lancaster County
Commissioners
& Ag Society**
FRI | JULY 31



EARN A FREE T-SHIRT
at the Info Booth when you
play the Kids Scavenger Hunt
JULY 30 – AUG 2

LAHRS TRAIN DISPLAYS
JULY 30 – AUG 2



**Beekeeping &
Honey Making
Demo**
FRI | JULY 31



Kiwanis
LINCOLN-CORNHUSKER

BINGO
JULY 30 – AUG 2



**Shop Local
Vendors**



PIED PIPER OF PERCUSSION
JULY 30 – AUG 2

Fairgoer Competitions

Exhibitors of all ages from any county are welcome to compete!



**COOKIE EATING
CONTEST**

THU | JULY 30



**PIE EATING
CONTEST**

SAT | AUG 1



**SHOW & SHINE
CAR SHOW**

SUN | AUG 2



**LITTLE TUGGERS
TRACTOR PULL**

SUN | AUG 2



Compete the 2nd Week



MUTTON BUSTIN'

TUE | AUG 4



**OPEN CLASS
LIVESTOCK**

SAT | AUG 8



WIENER DOG DASH

SAT | AUG 8



**CINNAMON ROLL
CONTEST**

SAT | AUG 8

Back in 2026!

OPEN MEAT GOAT SHOW | AUG 8 & 9

Find More Information on Page 3

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Head over to
SuperFair.org + Compete
for entry info!

Come Enjoy Week 2!



**I-80 PROMOTIONS
GO KART RACES**
TUE AUG 4
AuctionTime Grandstand Arena
\$10 Adults | \$5 Kids 6-12
Kids 5 & Under FREE



**MWA PROFESSIONAL
WRESTLING LIVE!**
WED AUG 5
FR8Star Pavilion



**GREAT AMERICAN
RIBFEST**
THU AUG 6 - SAT AUG 8
Lot AZ

SUPER FAIR

**FREE
FAIR ENTRY**
with your
4-H & FFA
Wristband



**LAST MINUTE
BAND**

MON-WED | AUG 3-5



**BRYAN
OLESEN**

THU | AUG 6



**STEVEN BANKEY &
THE FLATLAND BAND**

FRI | AUG 7



**NO DRINKING
ON GROUND**

SAT | AUG 8

Carnival Fun

MON | AUG 3

\$25 WRISTBAND NIGHT

Carnival hours: 5 – 11pm



TUE | AUG 4

**CARNIVAL TAKEOVER:
12 & UNDER**

Special early hours: 2 – 5pm

\$15 wristbands valid for special early hours
(Carnival will be open to public from 5 – 11pm)



Buy your carnival wristbands online at SuperFair.org



OPEN CLASS EXHIBITOR OVERVIEW



OPEN STATIC (JULY 30–AUG. 2)

- OPEN STATIC MANAGERS — Trudy Pedley, Karen Rutt, Maggie Pickrel-Smith & Cassie Roeber
- FARM PRODUCTS — Wilma Knippelmeyer
 - FINE ARTS — Jaci Jackson
 - FOODS — Lorene Bartos
 - HORTICULTURE — Wilma Knippelmeyer
 - PHOTOGRAPHY — Trudy Pedley
 - QUILTS — Cindy Brenning
 - TEXTILES — Karen Rutt
 - UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS AND SITUATIONS — Trudy Pedley

OPEN LIVESTOCK (AUG. 8)

- OPEN LIVESTOCK SHOWS MANAGER — Nate Dowding & Gina Nathan
- BEEF — Tony Tvrdy
 - SWINE — Nate Dowding
 - SHEEP — Nate Dowding
 - OPEN MEAT GOAT (Aug. 8 & 9) — Shane Cuttlers

OTHER OPEN (JULY 30–AUG. 8)

- KIDS SCAVENGER HUNT (July 30–Aug 2) — Taylor Kumm
- COOKIE EATING CONTEST (July 30) — Sara Juengel
- GARDEN TRACTOR PULLING (July 31) — Jason Rief
- NEBRASKA BUSH PULLERS TRACTOR PULL (July 31) — Jason Rief

- PIE EATING CONTEST (Aug. 1) — Sara Juengel & Kathleen Orton
- HONEY MAKING/BEEKEEPING DEMO (July 31) — Roma Amundson
- ALL AGES PEDAL TRACTOR PULL (Aug. 2) — Lancaster County Farm Bureau
- SHOW & SHINE CAR SHOW (Aug. 2) — Ron Suing
- FIGURE 8 RACES (Aug. 2) — Jason Rief
- MUTTON BUSTIN' (Aug. 4) — Horn T Zoo
- DEMOLITION DERBY (Aug. 6) — Jason Rief
- BLUESTEM MINIATURE HORSE SHOW (Aug. 6 move-in, Aug. 7–8 shows) — Jacki Loomis
- COWBOY DRESSAGE HORSE SHOW (Aug. 8) — Lisa Eggerling
- CINNAMON ROLL CONTEST (Aug. 8) — Lorene Bartos & Senator Jane Raybould
- WIENER DOG RACES (Aug. 8) — Sara Juengel & Todd Bouton

OPEN SHOWS DETAILED INFORMATION: AVAILABLE JUNE 1

- Participation Rules for Lancaster County Super Fair, Entry Fees, Judging, Premiums and Grievance Procedures will be online at SuperFair.org > Compete
- Open Static Exhibitor books may be picked up at the Sandhills Global Event Center office Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. starting June 1.
- Open Show questions are best directed to your superintendent. For superintendent contact information, see SuperFair.org > Compete, email SuperFair@SandhillsGlobalEventCenter.org or call the SGEF fairgrounds office at 402-441-6545, option 0.

OPEN ENTRIES

- Open Static entries must be preregistered online July 1–20. For information, go to SuperFair.org > Compete. Entries will be considered late after July 20 and will be charged a late entry fee of \$1 per exhibit.
- Open Livestock entries day of show, in-person only.
- Open Horse show entries must contact event promoters. Contact info available at SuperFair.org > Compete

OPEN STATIC CHECK-IN

- Open Static exhibits must be physically checked-in: Tuesday, July 28, 1–6 p.m. in the Ag Society Hall (except Quilts). Enter Gate 1 off 84th Street and park in gravel Lot K at top of hill and proceed to south doors on west side of Ag Society Hall. If needed, temporary unloading/loading available near doors for up to 20 minutes — please move vehicle as soon as done actively unloading/loading (see map on page 8).
- Open Quilts check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 1–6 p.m. in Lancaster Room (enter Gate 3 off Havelock Avenue, proceed to parking north of Currency Pavilion, enter Meeting Center doors).
- 4-H & FFA exhibitors may check-in their Open Static exhibits in the Ag Society Hall during 4-H & FFA check-in, which runs Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m.

OPEN STATIC JUDGING

- Judging for Open Static will occur at the same time as 4-H Static on Wednesday, July 29 — both the Ag Society Hall and Lancaster Room will be closed except for pre-scheduled 4-H interview judging in the Ag Society Hall. Static Exhibits will re-open to exhibitors on Thursday, July 30 when it opens for the public.

OPEN STATIC EXHIBITS OPEN TO PUBLIC

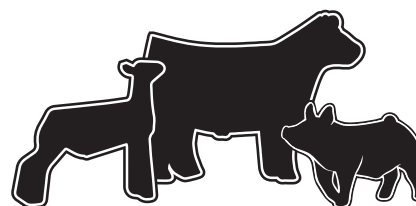
- Thursday, July 30 to Saturday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

OPEN STATIC PREMIUM PAYOUTS & MOVE-OUT

- Open Static premium payouts and exhibits can be picked up Sunday, Aug. 2, 8:30–10 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 3, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. NOTE EXCEPTION: Quilts and quilt premiums not yet picked up on Sunday in the Lancaster Room in the Meeting Center will be in Ag Society Hall on Monday. See “Static Exhibit Ag Society Hall Parking” on page 8. IMPORTANT: Get payouts first, then pick up your exhibit(s) during this time.
- Open Quilts premiums will be available in the Lancaster Room if exhibitor has no other Open or 4-H Static exhibits entered under same name in the Ag Society Hall.
- 4-H members may pick up their Open Static premiums and exhibits during Open Static move-out times listed above OR during 4-H Static Exhibit release on Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. in the Ag Society Hall — your choice.
- Open Livestock premiums can be picked up at end of each show.
- Note: No early checkout allowed or premium may be forfeited. All Open Static and Livestock premiums not picked up at above specified times will be forfeited and any Open Static exhibits not picked up will be thrown away or donated.

OPEN LIVESTOCK | AUG 8

Open Class Competitions aren't just for 4-H & FFA members!
Anyone is welcome to come showcase your animal.



Prize Money

\$500 CHAMPION | \$250 RESERVE
(A MINIMUM OF 10 EXHIBITORS PER SPECIES FOR ADDED MONEY TO BE IMPLEMENTED)

For all open class entry information & deadlines visit:
SuperFair.org → Compete

Swine

Entry Fee: \$15/animal
Showmanship Fee: \$5

Beef Cattle

Entry Fee: \$25/animal
Showmanship Fee: \$5

Sheep

Entry Fee: \$15/animal
Showmanship Fee: \$5

4-H & FFA EXHIBITOR OVERVIEW



The Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development program is open to all youth ages 5–18.



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444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528
402-441-7180 • lancaster.unl.edu/4h

During Super Fair, Extension 4-H fair office is at the
Sandhills Global Event Center in the South Hall • 402-441-6072

LANCASTER COUNTY 4-H STAFF

Tracy Anderson (4-H Program Coordinator), Kristin Geisert,
Madelaine Vanderbeek, Kate Pulec, Elizabeth Thiltges

4-H COUNCIL

Russ Parrott (President), Rachel Koch (Vice-President), Marsha Prior (Treasurer and ex officio Extension Board Representative), Emma Thomson (Secretary), Emily Bauman, Hope Bauman, Monica Bauman, Tenley Bauman, Pam Cuttlers, Emalea Dean, Parker Hansen, Sara Hansen, Helen Parrott, Analisa Peterson, Kari Schepers, Tammy Sheldon

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Youth may enroll in 4-H in more than 1 county, however, they may NOT enroll in the same project area in more than 1 county in the same year (example: beef, horse, food, clothing, etc.). FFA members may show a project as FFA in one county and as 4-H in another county. The 4-H & FFA rules in this Fair Book apply to ALL 4-H & FFA youth exhibiting at the Lancaster County Super Fair — regardless of place of residence — including premium payout and all release times.

LANCASTER COUNTY SUPER FAIR PARTICIPATION

Many 4-H & FFA youth choose to showcase their finished project(s) at the fair. Only 4-H and FFA members enrolled in Lancaster County are eligible to exhibit in the Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H & FFA areas.

4-H is open to all youth ages 5–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year). Families with youth interested in joining 4-H should call the Extension office at 402-441-7180 or email lancaster4h@unl.edu. There is no fee to enroll in 4-H in Lancaster County.

To participate in 4-H or FFA at the fair, youth **MUST BE ENROLLED in 4-H Online at <https://4honline.com> by JUNE 15** of the current year. Only parents/guardians may enroll 4-H & FFA members. During the enrollment process, youth will need to select a minimum of 1 project in order for their enrollment to be complete. Project selection is no longer required for county/state fair participation. **Exceptions: Shooting Sports and Horse project participants MUST select these projects for the required safety permissions.** When selecting projects in 4-H Online, refer to the 4-H project list at <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/projects>.

4-H CLOVER KIDS AGES 5–7

4-H members ages 5–7 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) are considered 4-H Clover Kids. Clover Kids receive participation ribbons only. See Fair Book page 15 for information on how Clover Kids may participate at Super Fair.

4-H MEMBERS AGES 8–18

4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) may choose to participate in any combination of the following:

- **STATIC EXHIBITS** (exhibits which don't move on their own — for example, Photography, Food & Nutrition and STEM Rockets)
- **ANIMAL EXHIBITS**
- **CONTESTS**

All categories listed in the 4-H & FFA areas are open to 4-H members ages 8–18 unless otherwise stated. Note: FFA static exhibits are only open to FFA members. 4-H Clover Kids activities are open only to 4-H youth ages 5–7.

FFA MEMBERS AGES 8–18

To participate in the FFA static exhibits and/or animal areas of the fair, youth must be an FFA member age 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) and **enrolled through <https://4honline.com> by June 15**. Only parents/guardians may enroll members. FFA members need to select TCA FFA, Malcolm FFA, Norris FFA, Raymond Central FFA, Waverly FFA or Crete FFA under "club." Youth interested in joining FFA should contact the FFA advisor at their school. The following categories in the 4-H & FFA areas are open to FFA members: FFA Ag Mechanics, Herdsmanship, Livestock Judging, Livestock Elite Showmanship, Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Meat Goat and Swine.

4-H PROJECT BOOKS

4-H has many project books (a.k.a. curriculum) to help teach projects. Print versions are available to view and purchase at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County office. They may also be ordered online through UNL Marketplace and Shop 4-H. New in 2026: Nebraska 4-H youth and volunteers now receive complimentary 'digital, view only' online access to 4-H curriculum developed at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln — read more at <https://go.unl.edu/4h-comp-curriculum>. Use of project books is optional and not required to participate in 4-H or exhibit at fairs.

FFA prepares members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

ffa.org



LANCASTER COUNTY FFA ADVISORS

- THE CAREER ACADEMY: Nicole Sorenson
- MALCOLM: Colbey Luebke
- NORRIS: Colin Kubik, Emilia Brozek
- RAYMOND CENTRAL: Katie Donahue
- WAVERLY: Kris Spath

4-H Member Code of Conduct

Character development is a cornerstone of the 4-H program. All 4-H members should strive to be good citizens, trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair and caring. 4-H members will:

- Treat all people and property with respect, courtesy, consideration and compassion.
- Avoid personal put-downs, insults, name calling, swearing and language or nonverbal conduct likely to hurt or offend others.
- Use good manners.
- Dress appropriately.
- Avoid inappropriate displays of personal affection.
- Practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions and opinions of others.
- Exhibit good citizenship by obeying laws and rules.
- Not use tobacco, alcohol or mood-altering substances and drugs.

(Excerpts from Nebraska 4-H Participant Code of Conduct)

CLASS AND EXHIBITOR NUMBERS

Class numbers are needed for ALL 4-H & FFA entries — and must be entered on the appropriate entry form. Class numbers are found in the Fair Book next to each class description. Exhibitor numbers are needed on Static Exhibit Entry Tags — the numbers will be available during static exhibit check-in. You may also contact Extension at lancaster4h@unl.edu or 402-441-7180 to find out your exhibitor number after June 18. Exhibitor numbers change from year to year.

T-SHIRTS

4-H attire is encouraged for 4-H contests, but not required. An official 4-H T-shirt is required for all Super Fair animal shows (see animal project pages in this Fair Book for specific attire requirements). Livestock and poultry exhibitors receive a free T-shirt, courtesy of sponsors (request your size during animal online entry). White 4-H T-shirts, chevrons and arm bands are available for sale at the Extension office before the fair. They may also be purchased at the 4-H fair office at the Sandhills Global Event Center during the fair. Volunteer T-shirts are also available for sale.

RIBBONS AND PREMIUMS

4-H & FFA exhibits are awarded ribbons based on the Danish System of judging in which exhibits are judged according to merit. Purple ribbons = superior; blue = excellent; red = good; white = fair. Only purple and blue ribbons are eligible for trophies and special awards.

The Lancaster County Agricultural Society awards premium monies according to exhibit class and ribbon placing. Premium amounts are indicated in the Fair Book within each category.

JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL!

4-H & FFA PREMIUM PAYOUTS PROCEDURE

Read carefully — premiums not picked up at the specified time will be forfeited! Review premium payouts carefully and report any errors to 4-H staff. No changes or corrections will be made on premium amounts after 14 days.

STATIC EXHIBITS and CONTESTS (except livestock judging, rabbit and poultry contests): Premium payouts for all static exhibits and contests held before and during the fair must be picked up on **Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. in the Ag Society Hall**. 4-H & FFA members or their representatives may pick up premium payouts — a signature will be required. Please pick up premium payouts BEFORE picking up static exhibits. Staff at the payout table will provide a list of each 4-H member's static exhibits, which will help families collect all of their projects without leaving any behind.

ANIMAL EXHIBITORS (except horse and rabbit): Livestock exhibitors (including poultry) must pick up premium payouts on **Sunday, Aug. 2, 5–7 p.m. at the Abate Room**. Cat, household pets and dog premiums will be paid at the shows. Livestock Judging Contest participants will receive premiums after the contest.

NEW!

HORSE EXHIBITORS: Premium payouts must be picked up on **Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. in the Ag Society Hall**. The entire 4-H club must have removed all bedding from each stall in order for premiums to be received. Stalls will be checked. 4-H & FFA members or their representatives may pick up premium payouts — a signature will be required.

RABBIT EXHIBITORS: All rabbit payouts (including rabbit shows and contests) will be made to 4-H members at the Rabbit Awards Ceremony on Sunday, Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m. in the Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner.

AWARDS

Special awards, certificates and/or trophies may be awarded to top contest participants and top exhibits. See individual Fair Book categories.

LINCOLN CENTER KIWANIS OUTSTANDING 4-H CLUB AWARDS

The Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club has supported the Lancaster County 4-H program since 1921. To encourage participation in the Lancaster County Super Fair, Kiwanis awards traveling trophies to the top participating 4-H clubs. The Outstanding 4-H Clubs are recognized at the annual 4-H Achievement Celebration. There are 3 category winners based on club membership:

- Category I — 4-H clubs with membership of 5–10
- Category II — 4-H clubs with membership of 11–20
- Category III — 4-H clubs with membership of 21 or more

One category winner is awarded the Wayne C. Farmer* memorial cup as the overall Outstanding 4-H club for the year. Points are automatically calculated for all clubs with members participating in the fair. Points are awarded per individual according to exhibit class and ribbon placing. Clover Kids are not included.

**W. C. Farmer was a longtime member of the Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club. He had a strong interest in youth and the 4-H program and purchased the first trophy, so it became the W. C. Farmer Trophy.*

4-H FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lancaster County 4-H asks for adults and youth ages 8 and up to help 4-H during the Lancaster County Super Fair. If you, someone from your club or an interested volunteer would like to help, contact the Extension office at 402-441-7180. Help is needed:

- During static exhibit set-up on Sunday, July 26, 5:30 p.m., in the Ag Society Hall. Bring power screwdrivers, if available. Pizza will be served to the volunteers after set-up (ages 8 & up).
- During judging of static exhibits on Wednesday, July 29 (ages 12 & up).
- In the 4-H Food Stand from Thursday, July 30 through Sunday, Aug. 2 (ages 8 & up). All food stand volunteers are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the food stand prep session on Sunday, July 26, 5 p.m. in the Ag Society Hall.

4-H GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES AT SUPER FAIR

Grievances related to judges' integrity, decisions, placings or other evaluations will not be accepted. The procedure for any other grievance during the Super Fair in the 4-H & FFA areas is as follows:

- 1) All grievances should be first discussed with the appropriate superintendent, if applicable.
- 2) If a satisfactory resolution is not reached with the superintendent, written grievances may be submitted.
- 3) A written or typed grievance must be filed within 48 hours of the situation. Submit the grievance to the Extension 4-H office at the SGEF fairgrounds. If the fair has concluded for the year (within 48 hours of the situation), submit it to Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528. Written grievances must include:
 - Date and time of the situation.
 - Description and documentation of the situation, including the nature of your concerns.
 - Names of persons involved.
 - A description of any action or steps that have already been taken prior to submission of the grievance.
 - A proposed resolution.
 - Printed name and signature of person(s) writing grievance, including contact information.
 - Additional persons who may be contacted for further clarification.
 - A \$25 deposit must accompany the written grievance — the deposit will be returned upon completion of the process.
- 4) The 4-H Grievance Committee will review and respond to all written grievances in a timely manner. Grievances not submitted within 48 hours of a situation will not be considered, reviewed or acted upon.
- 5) If further action is needed, the Ag Society Grievance Committee will review and respond. All decisions are final.

ACCOMMODATION/ACCESSIBILITY

Accommodation requests for registration or attendance may be directed to Karen Wobig at least two weeks prior to the program at lancaster@unl.edu or 402-441-7180. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs.

SANDHILLS GLOBAL EVENT CENTER FAIRGROUNDS SAFETY

4-H & FFA youth are encouraged to use a buddy system, staying in groups of 3 or more or accompanied by an adult while on the SGEC fairgrounds. If you are in any situation where you don't feel safe, ask a trusted adult for help. In an emergency, always call 911.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR 4-H & FFA EXHIBITS

4-H & FFA exhibits at Lancaster County Super Fair are entered and shown at the risk of the 4-H & FFA member. University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development, in cooperation with the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension and Lancaster County Agricultural Society (also doing business as Sandhills Global Event Center and Lancaster County Super Fair) cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage.

4-H & FFA members who have items of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether they should be exhibited at the fair.

STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION

The Nebraska State Fair will be held Aug. 28–Sept. 7 at the State Fair Grounds (Fonner Park) in Grand Island. To participate in the 4-H section of the State Fair, youth must be enrolled in 4-H by June 15 of the current year. 4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) are eligible to participate. Some exhibits, such as static exhibits and Fashion Show, must be selected by judges at a county fair.

At the Lancaster County Super Fair, 4-H static exhibits will be selected for the Nebraska State Fair by judges in their respective areas. Note: In most cases, level 1 projects do not advance to the State Fair. All static exhibits must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to advance to the State Fair. A purple State Fair sticker will be placed on all exhibits selected for State Fair, along with an attached State Fair general information sheet. After Super Fair, exhibitors will be mailed a detailed instruction sheet, including a listing of qualified exhibits and when to bring their qualifying exhibits to Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms. Lancaster County 4-H staff will transport all Lancaster County 4-H static exhibits for State Fair to and from Grand Island.

4-H & FFA livestock, rabbit and dog exhibitors are eligible to participate at the Nebraska State Fair regardless of county placing. Animal entries are due online at <https://nebr.fairwire.com> and Youth Dairy Cattle entries are due online via the Nebraska State Fair Open Class entry site. Select whether showing in 4-H or FFA. Deadline is Aug. 10 by 8 p.m.

For more information about entering 4-H exhibits in the Nebraska State Fair, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair> or contact Extension.

Note: The Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo is held July 11–15 in Grand Island. Youth must be ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year). Entries are due online by June 1. For more information and link for online entries, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>.

4-H CLOVER KIDS



Clover Kid exhibitors must be age 5–7 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) and enrolled as 4-H Clover Kids by June 15. Exhibitors may choose from any combination of Prepared Speech & Radio PSA Contest, Fashion Show, Static Exhibits, Show & Tell and Animal Showmanship activities.

NO exhibits allowed with references or components related to alcoholic beverages. They will be disqualified.

4-H Clover Kids receive participation ribbons only — no trophies, premiums or awards are given

No state fair entry

PREPARED SPEECH & RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Register for Prepared Speech Contest by Monday, March 23

Deadline for Radio Public Service Announcements (PSA): Monday, March 23

Prepared Speech Contest: Sunday, March 29, begins 1:30 p.m. — time slots assigned (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms)

See page 17 for information.

FASHION SHOW

Register by Monday, July 13

Clover Kids Optional Modeling Practice Session: Tuesday, July 21, any time after 8 a.m. in the morning (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Lobby)

Public Fashion Show: Thursday, July 30, 7 p.m. (South Hall)

Clover Kid members may model or carry 1 item in the Fashion Show.

Clover Kids Fashion Show items may NOT be entered as static exhibits.

Register by submitting the 4-H Clover Kids Fashion Show Form online by Monday, July 13.

Upload a picture or sketch of the item.

Clover Kids may:

- Carry and show: pillow, pillowcase, purse, bag or other item they have sewn or decorated/embellished.
- Wear: purchased top, shorts, pants, apron, cape, skirt or dress they have decorated/embellished.
- Wear: top, shorts, pants or apron they have sewn.
- Wear: a purchased outfit on a budget (Clover shoppers).

**MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM**

All participants are strongly encouraged to review the complete contest rules and helpful resources, as well as registration form, at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fashion-show>

STATIC EXHIBITS

Superintendent: Chris Schreiber

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)
Static Exhibits Released: Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. (Ag Society Hall)

A static exhibit is any item a Clover Kid member has made at home, at school or with their club that they would like to display. This includes exhibits which do not move on their own (for example from the project areas of Food & Nutrition; Photography; Home Design; Clothing; and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math).

Posters must measure no more than 22 inches x 28 inches. NO LIVE ANIMALS — members may bring pictures, a poster or booklet about their animal activity.

See page 22 for Static Exhibit check-in and release procedures. A Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H Clover Kids Entry Tag MUST be completed for each Clover Kids static exhibit. Tags are available at Extension office before the fair and at the Sandhills Global Event Center during static exhibit check-in.

Note: All static exhibits will be on display during the Show & Tell activity.



America's 250th Anniversary Theme 4-H Static Exhibits

Help celebrate America's 250th anniversary by exhibiting 4-H static exhibits using this theme! Look for the American flag graphic in this Fair Book. At the fair, all 4-H static exhibits with an America's 250th theme will be grouped in a special display. Each theme exhibit will receive a commemorative America's 250th ribbon in addition to the judge's ribbon!

During static exhibit check in, please verbally say if an exhibit is a theme exhibit.



Any Clover Kids individual or group project may be an America's 250th Anniversary theme exhibit!

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT

Clover Kid members may enter up to 5 individual static exhibits.

GROUP CLUB PROJECT

Clubs may enter 1 group static exhibit.

SHOW & TELL

Sign Up: Call the Extension office at 402-441-7180 between July 6 and July 22, or in person on Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)

**Show & Tell Time: Sunday, Aug. 2, 15-minute time slots
1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. (Ag Society Hall – Clover Kids Exhibit Area)**

Clover Kids may choose to show & tell any combination of the following:



MORE INFORMATION

You Tube video example of a "4-H Clover Kids Show & Tell," is at <https://go.unl.edu/lan-clover-show-tell>

STATIC EXHIBIT

Clover Kid members may show & tell 1 static exhibit. Prior to their Show & Tell time slot, find their exhibit in the fair displays and bring it over to Show & Tell. Afterwards, please return the exhibit to the same place in the display.

SMALL ANIMAL

Clover Kid members may show & tell 1 small animal.

- Only cats, dogs, rabbits or other small pets are allowed.
- Small animals are shown as a Show & Tell activity ONLY.
- Animals must follow all health regulations on page 56 and for each animal species (refer to category).
- For safety, small animals must be housed in appropriate cages/carriers (including dogs).

GROUP CLUB PROJECT

Clubs may choose from 1 of the following:

- Club members show & tell 1 group static exhibit.
- Skit or song — 5 minutes or less (members participate as a club).

ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP

Most livestock shows and the Rabbit Specialty Show include a 4-H Clover Kids Showmanship class for 4-H members ages 5–7 (by Jan. 1 of the current year). Participants must be enrolled in 4-H Online at <https://4honline.com> by June 15. This class is meant to foster an understanding of the show ring, animal handling practices and gain experience for younger youth. To participate, enrolled 4-H Clover Kids should talk to 4-H or FFA members to find an animal (weighing less than 350 pounds) to show and a helper, age 13 or older, to help handle the animal during showmanship. For most livestock shows, Clover Kids Showmanship follows the regular age division Showmanship classes. For rabbits, Clover Kids Showmanship is part of the Rabbit Specialty Show. Check in at the announcer table any time between the beginning of the show and Clover Kids Showmanship, providing the Clover Kid's name and 4-H helper's age.

Clover Kids may bring their own livestock (weighing less than 350 pounds), poultry or rabbit(s) to exhibit in a 4-H Clover Kids Showmanship class at fair. An animal ID must be submitted by June 15 (poultry do not require an ID). Clover Kids do not need to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) requirements. Request a stall/pen by emailing lanaster4h@unl.edu by July 1. Clover Kids may follow animal 4-H & FFA exhibitor load-in and load-out guidelines OR arrive day-of the species show. Animals arriving day-of-show must be in stalls by 8 a.m. and may be released at completion of show.

See Fair Book animal pages 56–68 for livestock, poultry & rabbit show rules, dates, times and locations.

At Clover Kids Show & Tell in the Ag Society Hall on Sunday, Aug. 2, 4-H Clover Kids may show & tell 1 small animal such as a dog, cat, rabbit, household pet — excluding larger livestock such as a bucket calf or goat.

The Nebraska 4-H policy for Animal Exhibits for Clover Kids is at <https://go.unl.edu/4h-clover-kid-animals>.



America's 250th Anniversary Theme 4-H & FFA Animal Pen/Stall/Table Decorations

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, 4-H & FFA animal exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their pen/stall/table areas with a 250th Anniversary theme. Decorations must be kept out of reach of all animals. The theme could also be used in animal costume contests. Each animal exhibitor who uses decorations or a costume using this theme will receive a commemorative America's 250th ribbon!

4-H CONTESTS



Note: For Herdsmanship, Quiz Bowls and other animal project contests, look under the respective Animal Exhibit categories.

All 4-H contests are open to all enrolled 4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year), unless otherwise stated.

EACH INDIVIDUAL IS LIMITED TO ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER unless indicated otherwise. A specific project can only be entered in 1 category or class except Fashion Show garments must also be entered in the Static Exhibit clothing.

PREPARED SPEECH & RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Register for Prepared Speech Contest by Monday, March 23
Deadline for Radio Public Service Announcements (PSA): Monday, March 23
Prepared Speech Contest: Sunday, March 29, begins 1:30 p.m. — time slots assigned (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms)

The Prepared Speech and Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contests provide 4-H members the opportunity to learn to express themselves clearly, organize their ideas and have confidence. Contests are open to all 4-H members ages 5–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year). 4-H members may choose to participate in either or both contests.

Register for the Prepared Speech contest by March 23 at <https://go.unl.edu/lan-speech-psa-reg>.

The Radio PSA contest will be held via audio only. Submit a PSA as a .wav, .mp3 or .m4a file online. The Radio PSA awards and comment sheets will be announced and handed out at the Prepared Speech Contest.



MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS

All participants are strongly encouraged to review the complete contest rules and helpful resources, as well as registration form, at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/speech-psa>

Premiums: Purple \$6; Blue \$5; Red \$3; White \$0

Clover Kids receive participation ribbons only, no premiums given

- B125905 **Prepared Speech Clover Kids division** (5–7 years old)
- B125920 **Prepared Speech Junior division** (8–10 years old) — length: 2–3 minutes
- B125930 **Prepared Speech Intermediate division** (11–13 years old) — length: 3–5 minutes
- B125940 **Prepared Speech Senior division** (14–18 years old) — length: 5–8 minutes
- B125950 **Radio PSA Clover Kids division** (5–7 years old) — length: 60 seconds
- B125960 **Radio PSA Junior division** (8–10 years old) — length: 60 seconds
- B125970 **Radio PSA Intermediate division** (11–13 years old) — length: 60 seconds
- B125980 **Radio PSA Senior division** (14–18 years old) — length: 60 seconds

2027 CONTEST DATES:

- **PREPARED SPEECH: Sunday, March 28, 2027, 1:30 p.m. — Registration due March 22**
- **RADIO PSA: Entries due March 22, 2027 — Theme TBA**

STATEWIDE CONTEST: The Nebraska 4-H State Premier Communication Event includes **Prepared Speech** and **Radio Public Service Announcements** for 4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) and will be held June 16–17, 2026 at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus. 4-H members must receive a purple ribbon and qualify at the county contest to participate and will represent Lancaster County. The event also offers an **Impromptu Speech** contest, which is a non-qualifying event open to all enrolled members in 4-H ages 8–18. For more information, see <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event>.

ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATION & VIDEO COMMUNICATION

Register by Monday, April 13

Contest: Sunday, April 19, begins 2 p.m. — time slots assigned (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms)

An Illustrated Presentation is a live presentation with a formal talk where 4-H members use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. The judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question-and-answer session following the presentation. 4-H members may compete as individuals and part of a team of 2 individuals. If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member. All Illustrated Presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H member is learning through 4-H educational experiences. Time limit: 3–5 minutes juniors individual, 6–8 minutes intermediate/senior individual, 8–10 minutes team. Participants may be penalized if they exceed the time limits.

The Video Communication class is available for all age divisions. Create a 60–90 second multi-media video around a theme related to 4-H. Judges will be evaluating on both the organization of information as well as the audio and video production. 4-H members will need to be present to introduce their video and answer any questions from the judge. No team entries allowed. Members may use a phone, laptop or tablet to create a multi-media piece around the 2026 theme: Ready Today, Leading Tomorrow.

Register by contacting Kristin Geisert at kristin.geisert@unl.edu or 402-441-7180 and providing 4-H member's name(s), age(s) by Jan. 1 of current year, presentation/video title(s) and email address. Specify if it is an individual or team Illustrated Presentation, or a Video Communication entry. Time slots will be assigned in advance; however, 4-H staff will do their best to accommodate time preferences requested by a 4-H member. A schedule of presentation/video times will be emailed to participants ahead of the contest date. During the contest, arrive and check-in at least 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

Presenters using computer-based visuals may bring files on a USB drive that is formatted for PC or retrieve from cloud storage. Participants may also provide their own computer or other equipment as needed.



MORE INFORMATION

All participants are strongly encouraged to review the complete contest rules and helpful resources at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/presentations>

Premiums: Purple \$6; Blue \$5; Red \$3; White \$0

Special Awards to Top Contestants in Each Illustrated Presentation Age Division and Video Communications

- B151900 **Illustrated Presentation Junior Division Individual** (ages 8–10)
- B151901 **Illustrated Presentation Intermediate Division Individual** (ages 11–13)
- B151902 **Illustrated Presentation Senior Division Individual** (ages 14–18)
- B151905 **Illustrated Presentation Junior Division Team** (ages 8–10)
- B151906 **Illustrated Presentation Intermediate Division Team** (ages 11–13)
- B151907 **Illustrated Presentation Senior Division Team** (ages 14–18)
- B151910 **Video Communication** (ages 8–18)

STATEWIDE CONTEST: The Nebraska 4-H Premier Communication Event (PCE) includes **Illustrated Presentation** for 4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) and will be held on June 16–17, 2026 at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus. 4-H members must qualify at the county contest to participate and will represent Lancaster County. PCE also offers a **Video Communication** contest, which is a non-qualifying event open to all enrolled 4-H members ages 8–18. For more information, see <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event>.

JUDGING

HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

Contest: Saturday, May 30, 2 p.m. (Sandhills Global Event Center, Livestock Market Pavilion)

See page 74 of this Fair Book for information.

POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

Thursday, July 30, 9 a.m.–Noon (SGEC, Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

See pages 60–61 of this Fair Book for information.

RABBIT JUDGING CONTEST

Friday, July 31, 5:30 p.m. (SGEC, Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

See page 65 of this Fair Book for information.

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Sunday, Aug. 2, Noon–2 p.m. (SGEC, Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)

See page 58 of this Fair Book for information.

DOG VIRTUAL TRIVIA

Registration not required.

Contest Available: Wednesday, May 6, Noon Through Wednesday, May 13, 11:59 p.m.

The 4-H Dog Virtual Trivia Contest is an opportunity for 4-H members to test their knowledge of dog science and skills in working with dogs — as well as expand their knowledge. The contest consists of questions including, but not limited to, breed identification, dog body language, grooming, parasites and nutrition/feed (age/stage). This year's contest will focus on working dog breeds. No study resources are to be used while participating in the online contest.



MORE INFORMATION AND CONTEST LINKS

Prior to the contest, a study guide with links to American Kennel Club web resources is available at <https://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/dog-trivia>. Contest links for each age division will be posted on this web page May 6–13.

Premiums: Purple \$4, Blue \$3, Red \$2, White \$0
Special Awards to Top Contestants in Each Age Division

- G700010 **Dog Virtual Trivia Junior Division** (ages 8–10)
G700011 **Dog Virtual Trivia Intermediate Division** (ages 11–13)
G700012 **Dog Virtual Trivia Senior Division** (ages 14–18)

PLANT SCIENCE

Register by Monday, June 15

Contest: Tuesday, June 16, 10 a.m.–Noon
(Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms)

Registration is required by calling 402-441-7180. Open to all 4-H members ages 9–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) from all counties. 4-H members choose which contest(s) to participate in and will be able to use a list of plants while identifying samples. Ribbons will be awarded at the Super Fair or mailed to exhibitors.



MORE INFORMATION

Contest study resources, including tree and plant lists, are available at <https://lanaster.unl.edu/hort-fair>

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0
Special Awards to Top Contestant in Each Class

- B127914 **Tree Identification** — identify tree samples. See "Tree Identification Manual" (4H332) for list of trees that will be used.
B127916 **Grass & Weed Identification** — identify weed and grass samples.
B127918 **Horticulture Contest** — identify samples of vegetables, fruits, nuts, herbs and landscape ornamentals. The plant list contains plants commonly used or sold in Nebraska.

STATEWIDE CONTESTS:

- Lancaster County 4-H offers statewide **online Tree** and **Grass & Weed ID Contests** open to all youth and adults. The contests will be available June 9–23, 2026 — links will be posted at <https://lanaster.unl.edu/hort-fair>.
- Nebraska 4-H offers a statewide **online Horticulture Judging Contest** open to all youth and adults which tests knowledge in 3 areas: general knowledge, plant part and seed identification, as well as a judging portion. The contest will be available June 9–23, 2026 — link will be posted at <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>.
- At the Nebraska State Fair, Nebraska 4-H offers a **Horticulture Identification Contest**, **Tree Identification Contest** and **Weed & Grass Identification Contest** for 4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year). 4-H members do not need to qualify at the county contest to participate. For more information, see <https://4h.unl.edu/2025-4-h-fairbook-nebraska-state-fair/contests>.

TABLE SETTING

Superintendent: Jennifer Smith and Sadie Garbin

Register by Tuesday, July 21

Contest: Friday, July 31, begins 5 p.m. — time slots assigned

Public Viewing: approximately 7:45–8:15 p.m.

(Sandhills Global Event Center – South Hall; Use East Entrance)

4-H members may enter only 1 category and must bring a card table for the display (except for the picnic category, in which an appropriate blanket or other covering may be placed on the floor). Register by calling the Extension office at 402-441-7180 (there is no entry form). Time slots will be assigned at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Participants are to display 1 place setting — include table coverings, dishes, glassware, silverware, centerpiece and menu. DO NOT PREPARE FOOD. Participant's attire should correspond with the theme/occasion of their table setting.

Why participate in the Table Setting Contest? It is a fun way to learn how to: properly set a table, plan nutritious meals, express originality and creativity in choosing a theme, present to a judge and express knowledge of food, nutrition and food safety.



MORE INFORMATION

All participants are strongly encouraged to review the complete contest rules, examples and other helpful resources at <https://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/table-setting>

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Special Award to Top Contestant in Each Class, Special Recognition and Superintendent's Choice Award

No state fair entry

- B121910 **Picnic Junior Division** (ages 8–10)
B121920 **Casual Junior Division** (ages 8–10)
B121930 **Formal Junior Division** (ages 8–10)
B121940 **Holiday Junior Division** (ages 8–10)
B121912 **Picnic Intermediate Division** (ages 11–13)
B121922 **Casual Intermediate Division** (ages 11–13)
B121932 **Formal Intermediate Division** (ages 11–13)
B121942 **Holiday Intermediate Division** (ages 11–13)
B121915 **Picnic Senior Division** (ages 14–18)
B121925 **Casual Senior Division** (ages 14–18)
B121935 **Formal Senior Division** (ages 14–18)
B121945 **Holiday Senior Division** (ages 14–18)

STATEWIDE CONTEST:

- Nebraska 4-H **Culinary Challenge Contest** is for 4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) who form teams of 2 members to represent Lancaster County at the State Fair. A themed table, a menu including a challenge ingredient (in 2026, the ingredient is potatoes) and a technology presentation are exhibited during a live judge interview. 4-H members do not need to qualify at a county contest to participate. For more information, see <https://go.unl.edu/4h-culinary>. To participate, contact Kristin Geisert at 402-441-7180 or kristin.geisert@unl.edu by Aug. 3. Then, both members must register at <https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/state-fair/contest-participant> by Aug. 10 at 8 p.m. If you have questions, contact Cami Wells at cwells2@unl.edu or 308-385-5088.

LIFE CHALLENGE

Register by Wednesday, June 17
Contest: Wednesday, June 24, 8:30 a.m.
(Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms)

The Life Challenge judging contest helps 4-H members learn more about issues related to family and consumer science. A study packet is available at <https://go.unl.edu/life-challenge>. To register, call 402-441-7180 or email Kristin Geisert at kristin.geisert@unl.edu (there is no entry form).

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0
Special Awards to Top Contestants in Each Age Division

- B127913 **Life Challenge Junior Division** (ages 8–11)
B127915 **Life Challenge Senior Division** (ages 12–18)

SHOOTING SPORTS

Participants must be actively enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports project UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A CERTIFIED 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR to participate in these county fair contests.

Participants must provide the required equipment (unless otherwise noted). PARTICIPANTS EXHIBITING UNSAFE PRACTICES MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE CONTEST AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

PARTICIPANTS, COACHES AND SPECTATORS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR EYE PROTECTION FOR ALL SPORTS EXCEPT ARCHERY.

ATTIRE: Appropriate and clean attire is required for all participants. Shirts must have a 4-H emblem, e.g. a 4-H Shooting Sports club shirt or participants must wear a 4-H armband. Shirts must be button-up with a regular, polo or round collar; or T-shirt; with short or long sleeves; and must cover the midriff in all shooting positions. Slacks, jeans, skirts or shorts must be of an appropriate length, free of holes/rips and reasonably loose-fitting. Shoes must be close-toed. Refer to the contest's governing rulebook for additional requirements.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

2027 SUPER FAIR CONTEST DATES:

- **ARCHERY:** Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026 at 8 a.m. — Turpin Outdoor Education Center; Registration due Monday, Nov. 9, 2026
- **BB GUN/AIR RIFLE and AIR PISTOL:** Saturday, Feb. 6, 2027 at 8 a.m. — Turpin Education Center; Registration due Friday, Jan. 29, 2027

STATEWIDE CONTEST: Nebraska 4-H offers shooting sports state competitions. For more information, see <https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/shooting-sports-program>.

BB GUN/AIR RIFLE

Superintendent: Rachel Carlson

Register by Friday, Jan. 30
Contest: Saturday, Feb. 7, 8 a.m. (Turpin Outdoor Education Center)

Parents/guardians are encouraged to assist 4-H members with loading and cocking rifles on the firing line. Follows current NRA BB Gun Rules.

BB Gun is 4 position, 5 meter, course of fire; 10 shots each position.

- K100910 **BB Gun Sub-Junior division** (Age 8)
K100911 **BB Gun Junior division** (Ages 9–10)
K100912 **BB Gun Intermediate division** (Ages 11–12)
K100913 **BB Gun Senior division** (Ages 13–15)

Air Rifle (.177 caliber) is three position, 10 meter, course of fire; 10 shots each position. Follows current National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules. However, coaching is encouraged for the young or first year shooter and permitted for all age divisions.

- K100920 **Air Rifle (.177 caliber) Sub-Junior division** (Ages 8–10)
K100921 **Air Rifle (.177 caliber) Junior division** (Ages 11–12)
K100922 **Air Rifle (.177 caliber) Intermediate division** (Ages 13–14)
K100923 **Air Rifle (.177 caliber) Senior division** (Ages 15–18)

AIR PISTOL

Superintendent: Rachel Carlson

Register by Friday, Jan. 30
Contest: Saturday, Feb. 7, 8 a.m. (Turpin Outdoor Education Center)

Follows current USAS-NRA Progressive-Position Air Pistol Rules.

- K100930 **Air Pistol Sub-Junior division** (Ages 8–12) — basic supported
K100931 **Air Pistol Junior division** (Ages 13–14) — standing supported
K100932 **Air Pellet Pistol Intermediate division** (Ages 15–16) — international standing
K100933 **Air Pellet Pistol Senior division** (Ages 17–18) — international standing

ARCHERY

Superintendent: Rachel Carlson

Register by Nov. 10, 2026
Contest: Saturday, Nov. 22, 2026, 8 a.m. (Turpin Outdoor Education Center)

Follows current Nebraska State 4-H Archery rules. 12 ends of 5 arrows (60 arrow total) on NFAA indoor blue/white 40CM target. Scoring X, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 from the center out.

Age divisions:

- **Junior (Cub)** — Ages 8–11 (10 yards)
- **Intermediate (Youth)** — Ages 12–14 (20 yards; except Basic Bow at 10 yards)
- **Senior (Young Adult)** — Ages 15–18 (20 yards)

In addition to age divisions, archers are classified according to bow styles:

- **Freestyle Limited Recurve (FSLR)** — Longbow or recurve that must be shot with fingers. Sights without magnification and stabilizers are allowed.
- **Basic Bow (BB)** — Compound, recurve or longbow that must be shot with fingers. No sights allowed.
- **Freestyle Limited (FSL)** — Any compound bow that must be shot with fingers. Sights, stabilizers and peep sights are allowed.
- **Freestyle (FS)** — Same as Freestyle Limited, except must be shot with mechanical release.
- **Bowhunter Freestyle (BHFS)** — Same as Freestyle, except stabilizer cannot exceed 12 inches, pin sights only (no magnification). Sights cannot be adjusted after the first scoring arrow.

K10095_	Archery Junior	...1	Freestyle Limited Recurve (FSLR)
K10096_	Archery Intermediate	...2	Basic Bow (BB)
K10097_	Archery Senior	...3	Freestyle Limited (FSL)
		...4	Freestyle (FS)
		...5	Bowhunter Freestyle (BHFS)

Example: Archery Junior FSL is K100953.

TRAPSHOOTING

Date and Location TBA

- K100940 **Trapshooting Junior division** (grades 6–8) — 16 yard 50 targets. Medals awarded for first 3 places. Ribbons are awarded for total score of 50 targets after first 3 places.
- K100941 **Trapshooting Senior division** (grades 9–12) — 50 targets for 16 yard and 50 targets Handicap yardage. 16 yard scores will determine handicap yardage. Medals awarded for first 3 places in 16 yard, Handicap and High Overall. High Overall score is combined 16 yard and handicap scores. Ribbons are awarded for totals in 16 yard, Handicap and High Overall score after first 3 places.

FASHION SHOW

Register by Monday, July 13

**Judging: Tuesday, July 21, Begins 8 a.m. — time slots assigned
(Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Conference Rooms and Lobby)**

**Clover Kids Optional Modeling Practice Session: Tuesday, July 21, any time after
8 a.m. (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Lobby)**

**Public Fashion Show: Thursday, July 30, 7 p.m.
(Sandhills Global Event Center – South Hall)**

Fashion Show is open to 4-H members ages 5–18.

Most clothing items modeled in the Fashion Show must be entered as a Clothing Static Exhibit to be judged for construction (see pages 32–35), except:

- Clover Kids Fashion Show items may NOT be entered as static exhibits.
- In the STEAM Clothing Level 2 & 3 Make One–Buy One classes, only the constructed garment needs to be entered as a Static Exhibit. If outfit is in the Fashion Show, bring the purchased garment at that time.

Garments should be age appropriate. Clothing garments to be modeled shall display tasteful design and modestly cover the body. Examples of design features to avoid include, but are not limited to: revealing low-cut necklines, extremely short hemlines and extremely short shorts. No swimwear. 4-H members should confer with Extension staff prior to Fashion Show Judging Day if there is a question about the appropriateness of their design or pattern to avoid disqualification. Note: nightwear or loungewear cannot be modeled at the state level.

Once you have exhibited in a higher level, you are not eligible to exhibit in a lower level. Example: once you exhibit in STEAM Clothing 3, you are not eligible to exhibit in STEAM Clothing 2. Exhibitors may only exhibit in 1 level each year.

If a 4-H member sewed a garment(s) for someone else to wear, garment(s) may be modeled by the individual it was sewn for.

Register by submitting 1 of the following web forms for EACH entry by Monday, July 13. For each entry, 4-H members write the narration which will be read as they model their garments.

- **Constructed Garment Fashion Show Form** — for each entry constructed by 4-H members ages 8–18. Must upload a photo (color photo preferred) or sketch. New in 2026, no fabric swatches needed.
- **Shopping in Style Fashion Show Form** — for a purchased outfit modeled by 4-H members ages 8–18. Must upload a photo (color photo preferred).
- **Clover Kids Fashion Show Form** — for item modeled by 4-H members ages 5–7. Upload a photo or sketch of the item.



MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS

Helpful resources, examples and registration forms are at
<https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fashion-show>

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Special Awards: Trophies to the Top Fashion Show and Top Shopping in Style
Top Purples Are Awarded to Some County-Only Classes

STATEWIDE CONTEST: Top models at the county contest in constructed garments classes and Shopping in Style garments will be selected to participate in the State Fashion Show, held during the Nebraska State Fair. Any 4-H member who is 8 years old (by Jan. 1 of the current year) and is in STEAM Clothing 2, STEAM Clothing 3, Beyond the Needle, Knitting or Crocheting or Shopping in Style is eligible for the State Fashion Shows.

CLOVER KIDS FASHION SHOW PROJECT

Clover Kid members ages 5–7 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) may model one item in the Fashion Show. Clover Kids Fashion Show items may NOT be entered for static exhibit judging.

Register by submitting the 4-H Clover Kids Fashion Show Form online by Monday, July 13. Upload a picture or sketch of the item.

Clover Kids may:

- Carry and show: pillow, pillowcase, purse, bag or other item they have sewn.
- Wear: purchased top, shorts, apron, pants or cape they have decorated/embellished.
- Wear: top, shorts, pants or apron they have sewn.
- Wear: a purchased outfit on a budget (Clover shoppers).

No Premiums — Participation ribbons only
No state fair entry

STEAM CLOTHING 1 — FASHION SHOW FOR NON-WEARABLES

4-H members may exhibit their pillows, laundry bags, etc. and/or Knitting or Crocheting Level 1 projects and experience Fashion Show judging and public Fashion Show. Participants will not be judged on judging day, but instead will learn tips and proper styling technique. Registration is necessary.

No Premiums — Participation ribbons only
No state fair entry

STEAM CLOTHING 1 FASHION SHOW

No state fair entry

- | Class # | Class Description |
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| C410900 | Clothing 1 Complete Outfit — simple dress, romper, simple pullover top/shirt AND simple pull-on pants/shorts OR skirt OR wrap skirt. |
| C410904 | Clothing 1 Second Complete Outfit — see above class for examples. |

STEAM CLOTHING 2 FASHION SHOW

The exhibit must be a complete wearable outfit made by a 4-H member. No purchased items permitted, except a purchased top can be worn to complete a vest or jacket outfit with a skirt, pants or shorts. Accessories may be purchased.

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| C410030 | Clothing 2 Complete Outfit — possible types of garments include: dress; romper or jumpsuit; 2-piece outfit combination (skirt with top, vest or lined/unlined jacket); jumper and shirt; pants or shorts outfit (pants or shorts with top, vest or lined/unlined jacket). A purchased top can be worn to complete a vest or lined/unlined jacket outfit with a constructed bottom OR upcycled outfit combination — must contain a complete constructed outfit (examples: if the top is upcycled, outfit must include a constructed bottom or upcycled dress). |
| C410901 | Clothing 2 Second Complete Outfit (county only) — see above class for examples. |
| C410902 | Clothing 2 (county only) — robes, pajamas, etc. |

STEAM CLOTHING 3 FASHION SHOW

The exhibit must be a completely wearable outfit made by a 4-H member. No purchased items permitted, except accessories and a purchased top worn to complete a vest or jacket outfit with a skirt, pants or shorts.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

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| C410040 | Clothing 3 Complete Outfit — possible types of garments include: dress; formal skirted outfit (skirt with shirt, vest or lined/unlined jacket or jumper and shirt); pants or shorts outfit (pants or shorts with shirt, vest or lined/unlined jacket); romper or jumpsuit; specialty wear (costumes, western wear-chaps, chinks, riding attire or hunting gear); non-tailored jacket (additional pieces with jacket or coat may either be constructed or purchased) or tailored blazer, suit jacket or coat (additional pieces with blazer, jacket or coat may either be constructed or purchased). A purchased top can be worn to complete a vest or jacket outfit with a skirt, pants or shorts. |
| C410906 | Clothing 3 Second Complete Outfit (county only) — see above class for examples. |

STEAM BEYOND THE NEEDLE FASHION SHOW

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| C410010 | Embellished Garment(s) with an Original Design Garment — created using intermediate or advanced techniques as defined in the “STEAM Clothing: Beyond the Needle” 4-H project book (dyeing, aging, stitching, studs, rivets, grommets and eyelets, see complete list starting on p. 75). Designs are the original idea of the 4-H member using the elements and principles of design to make an original statement. |
| C410015 | Garment Constructed From Original Designed Fabric — fabric yardage is designed first, then a garment is constructed from that fabric. Other embellishments may be added. |
| C410020 | Textile Arts Garment(s) — garment is constructed using new unconventional materials. Examples: rubber bands, plastic, duct tape. |
| C410025 | Wearable Technology Garment — garment has integrated technology into its design. |
| C410910 | Embellished Garment (county only) — a purchased, constructed original design or recycled garment to which surface embellishment has been applied or a garment in which the design is created through the structure, such as color blocks, fabric strips, texturizing fabric pieces, etc. |
| C410911 | Apron (county only) — a purchased, constructed original design or recycled apron to which surface embellishment has been applied or a garment in which the design is created through the structure such as color blocks, fabric strips, texturizing fabric pieces, etc. OR apron constructed from an original designed fabric. |

FIBER ARTS/KNITTED OR CROCHETED FASHION SHOW

C410050 **Knitted or Crocheted Clothing (Level 2 or 3)** — Knitted garment using pattern stitches such as diamond, block, twist or seed/moss stitches or advanced knitting stitches such as pass slip stitch over, double-pointed needle knitting, cable, Turkish, tamerna, plait, germaine, feather and fan or knitting with 1 or more patterns such as Aran or Fair Isle. Crocheted garment using pattern stitches such as texture, shell, cluster or mesh stitches or advance crochet stitches such as afghan, broomstick, hairpin lace, design motifs or pattern stitches. Garment can be a sweater, cardigan, dress, coat, a top and bottom or a 2-piece ensemble.

MAKE ONE-BUY ONE FASHION SHOW

C410970 **Make One-Buy One – Level 1** (county only) — combine sewn garment with a purchased item to make a complete wearable outfit. Both items must be modeled.

C410980 **Make One-Buy One – Level 2 or 3** (county only) — combine sewn, knitted or crocheted garment(s) with a purchased item to make a complete wearable outfit. Both items must be modeled. It is acceptable to combine a knitted or crocheted garment with a garment that the 4-H member has sewn (please indicate this on the entry form).

C410981 **Make One-Buy One Second Entry – Level 2 or 3** (county only) — combine sewn, knitted or crocheted garment(s) with a purchased item to make a complete wearable outfit. Both items must be modeled. It is acceptable to combine a knitted or crocheted garment with a garment that the 4-H member has sewn (please indicate this on the entry form).

APRON FASHION SHOW

All entries must be handmade (includes knitting and crocheting) and not purchased. Narration should include information about whole outfit being modeled, not just the apron.

C410982 **Apron** (county only)

GARMENT(S) MADE FOR OTHERS FASHION SHOW

If an upcycled garment is made for another person, it is entered in the Upcycled category.

C410915 **Garment(s) Made for Another Person** (county only) — the 4-H member who made the garment(s) must accompany the model on stage.

C410916 **Second Garment(s) Made for Another Person** (county only) — the 4-H member who made the garment(s) must accompany the model on stage.

UPCYCLED GARMENT FASHION SHOW

4-H members in STEAM Clothing 1, 2 or 3 may enter this class.

C410920 **Upcycled Garment** (county only) — the original used item must be altered (not just decorated) in some way to create a new wearable piece of clothing. A before picture and a description of the redesign process must accompany the entry or it will be disqualified. Purchased clothing items may be worn to complete wearable outfit. If an upcycled garment is made for another person, it is entered in the Upcycled category.

SHOPPING IN STYLE FASHION SHOW

Members may have 1 entry in Shopping in Style in addition to other fashion show entries.

C410060 **Shopping in Style** — complete outfit using all purchased, ready-made garments.

FFA STATIC EXHIBITS

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall, Enter Doors on West Side)

Open to the Public: Thursday, July 30–Sunday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m.–9 p.m. — except Sunday closes at 8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)
Release Time: Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. (Ag Society Hall)

This category is only open to High School FFA members in good standing. Exhibitor's name and FFA chapter name should be marked on all exhibits.

EACH INDIVIDUAL IS LIMITED TO 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER. A specific project can only be entered in 1 category or class.

See page 22 for Static Exhibit check-in and release procedures.

EACH static exhibit must have a 4-H **Static Exhibit Entry Tag** attached (see page 22). All entry tags must be completely filled out or the exhibit will not be accepted or judged.

AG MECHANICS

Agricultural Mechanics projects shall be the direct result of the Agricultural Mechanics instruction in Agricultural Education and constructed primarily under the supervision of the Agricultural Education instructor. The student entering the project should have completed at least 75% of its construction.

Judging criteria:

- **CONSTRUCTION** — soundness of joints and attachments, correctness, neatness of cuts (40 points)
- **UTILITY** — functional design, ease of use, portability or storability (40 points)
- **WORKMANSHIP** — attention to detail and neatness; should not affect immediate function (20 points)

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

No state fair entry

UTILITY

To include items/tools used in or about an Ag Mechanics facility.

H930010 **Large Items** — such as wagons, trailers

H930020 **Medium Items** — such as carts, welding tables, presses, engine hoists, engine stands

H930030 **Small Items** — such as splash blocks, tool boxes, foot scrapers, stools, car ramps, jack stands

PRODUCTION

To include items/tools used in crop or livestock production.

H930110 **Large Items** — such as loading chute, bale carrier, hog carrier

H930120 **Medium Items** — such as stock panels, sheep blocker

H930130 **Small Items** — such as post driver, post puller, troughs

POWER

To include items/tools which incorporate an electric, hydraulic and/or fuel motor as a power source to perform a function. (Equipment must be prepared for display in the power category.)

H930210 **Large Items** — such as large sprayers

H930220 **Medium Items** — such as log splitter

H930230 **Small Items** — such as small sprayer

DISPLAY BOARDS

A display board shall be items completed by FFA members between the close of the last state fair and the end of the school-year prior to the current state fair.

Each display board shall be 18 inches x 24 inches x 3/8 inches.

Welding boards shall identify: 1) kind of weld; 2) position; 3) amperage; 4) electrode size; 5) AWS number and 6) thickness or dimension of metal. Minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 welds per board. Welds shall be attached so all sides are available for evaluation. Judges will deduct points if welds are mounted solid. No specific welds are required; however, welds must differ from one another by at least position, electrode size, AWS number, thickness or dimension of metal or kind of weld.

H930310 **ARC Weld**

H930320 **MIG/TIG Weld**

H930330 **Gas Welding/Brazing**

H930340 **Electrical** — must include at least 1 switch, 2 types of splices, 1 light fixture or receptacle.

H930350 **Plumbing** — must use 3 types of pipe, (copper, plastic & steel); soldering, flare fitting, glued joint and a steel threaded joint are required.

4-H STATIC EXHIBITS



GENERAL RULES FOR STATIC EXHIBITS

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall, Enter Doors on West Side)

Static Exhibit Judging (not open to the public): Wednesday, July 29, 8 a.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Open to the Public: Thursday, July 30–Sunday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m.–9 p.m. — except Sunday closes at 8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Release Time: Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. (Ag Society Hall, Enter Doors on West Side)

All exhibits which don't move on their own (for example, Food & Nutrition; Photography; and Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) are called static exhibits. At the Super Fair, 4-H & FFA static exhibits are showcased in the Ag Society Hall — which is air conditioned.

All 4-H static exhibit projects are open to all 4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year), unless otherwise stated (see page 15 for Clover Kids Static Exhibits open to 4-H members ages 5–7).

EACH INDIVIDUAL IS LIMITED TO 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER. A specific project can only be entered in 1 category or class — except Fashion Show garments, which must also be entered in the Static Exhibit clothing.

Projects must have been completed during the current 4-H year.

NO exhibits allowed with references or components related to alcoholic beverages — they will be disqualified.

For your reference, Nebraska 4-H has many scoresheets available for state-fair-eligible classes linked in the State Fair Fairbook at <https://4h.unl.edu/4-h-fairbook-nebraska-state-fair>.

STATIC EXHIBIT CHECK-IN

All Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H & FFA static exhibits are not preregistered, but MUST be physically checked in during Static Exhibit Check-In on Tuesday, July 28 between 4 and 8 p.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center, 84th & Havelock in the Ag Society Hall. An adult — such as a club leader or parent(s) — should assist 4-H members in entering exhibits.

In the Ag Society Hall, exhibits are grouped into the following areas designated by signage:

- **Clover Kids**
- **General Areas** (includes Quilt Quest, Shooting Sports and animal-related static exhibits)
- **Photography**
- **Visual Arts**
- **Home Design & Restoration** (includes Heritage and Human Development)
- **Clothing**
- **Food & Nutrition**
- **Science, Technology, Engineering & Math** (includes Disaster Response, Preparedness & Safety; Bicycles and FFA)
- **Outdoor Adventures**
- **Horticulture** (includes Agronomy, Conservation & Wildlife and Forestry)

A registration table is set up for each of the project areas — please take project(s) to the appropriate area(s). All entry tags, additional supporting information, recipe cards, data tags, etc. MUST be attached at this time.

STATIC EXHIBIT ENTRY TAGS/CARDS

Mark the exhibitor's name, county and age on EACH static exhibit in case entry tags are separated from the project.

EACH static exhibit must have a 4-H **Static Exhibit Entry Tag** attached. All entry tags must be completely filled out or the exhibit will not be accepted or judged. Check on the entry tag if it is to be interview judged and/or in the Fashion Show.

Some classes require additional information — see Fair Book for detailed entry requirements for each class. Specific tags/cards are required to be completed and attached to the following exhibits:

- **Photography Data Tag** for each Photography exhibit.
- **Home Design & Restoration Supporting Information Tag** for each Home Design & Restoration exhibit. Information on this tag may be provided on a half sheet of paper.
- **Visual Arts Supporting Information Tag** for each Visual Arts exhibit. Information on this tag may be provided on a full or half sheet of paper.
- **Food Preservation Card** for each Food Preservation exhibit.
- **Food Preservation Jar Label** for each Food Preservation jar.
- **Clothing Design Data Card** for some Upcycled and Beyond the Needle classes.
- **Fiber Arts Knitting and Crochet Data Cards** for each Knitting and Crochet Level 2 & 3 exhibit.



It is highly encouraged to either pick up tags/cards at the Extension office or download them at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/static> and fill them out beforehand; however, all tags/cards will be available during check-in. (Exception: Static Exhibit Entry Tag is not available for download because it is a carbon-copy triplicate.)

USE OF COPYWRITTEN IMAGES

Copyrighted writing, artwork, videos and images may be used in 4-H educational exhibits under Fair Use for educational purposes of Copyright Law. In order to qualify for Fair Use, 4-H members must: 1) only use a small amount of the copy-written work, 2) add new meaning to the work to make it original, 3) rework it and use it in a totally different way and 4) use it for nonprofit purposes (not to make money). Giving credit to the original creator is also recommended.

PREMIER SCIENCE AWARD

Super Fair 4-H judges may recognize up to 2 static exhibits that incorporate or demonstrate concepts from the areas of 4-H Science with a county-level 4-H Premier Science Award. An exhibit may come from any static exhibit area.

To apply for the Premier Science Award at the State Fair, 4-H members must self-nominate ONE exhibit from any static exhibit project entered at a county fair that qualifies for State Fair, and submit an online application at <https://go.unl.edu/NSFPremierScienceApp> by Friday, Aug. 21 at 12 p.m. Exhibit must relate to the scientific method or engineering design process while completing the exhibit. If a 4-H'er was awarded a county-level 4-H Premier Science Award, they will still need to self-nominate their exhibit for State Fair. County staff may not nominate exhibits.

More information is at <https://go.unl.edu/4h-premier-science-award>.

INTERVIEW JUDGING

Wednesday, July 29, Begins 9 a.m. (Ag Society Hall, Enter North Glass Doors)

Interview Judging is an opportunity for 4-H members to talk to judges about their fair static exhibits and share what was easy, what was challenging and the lessons they learned. 4-H members also learn what the judge looks for and how to improve their skills. **To sign up for a 5-minute time slot**, members, parents or leaders may call the Extension office at 402-441-7180 between July 6 and July 22. If slots are still available, you may sign up in person at Static Exhibit Check-in on Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. 4-H members may interview judge 1 exhibit from each project area (for example: 1 item from Visual Arts – Themes, 1 item from Design Decisions and 1 item from Cooking 101); except Clothing Level 1 may interview judge 1 entry per project category and Clothing Levels 2 & 3 may interview judge an unlimited number. Parents/grandparents/guardians are not allowed in the judging areas.

- **General Areas** — Communications, Posters, Entomology, Quilt Quest, Consumer Management, Entrepreneurship and all other general classes
- **Photography** — Levels 1, 2 and 3
- **Heritage** — Explore Your Heritage and Family Keepsakes
- **Home Design & Restoration** — Design My Place, Design Decisions and Home Antique Restoration
- **Visual Arts** — Mediums and Themes
- **Human Development** — I Have What it Takes to be Your Teen Babysitter, Growing Together
- **Clothing** — STEAM Clothing 1, 2 and 3; Beyond the Needle, Fiber Arts/Knitting & Crocheting, Shopping In Style and all other clothing classes
- **Food & Nutrition** — Cooking 101, Cooking 201, Cooking 301, Cooking 401, Food Preservation and all other food classes
- **Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)** — STEM Computers, STEM Geospatial (GPS), STEM Electricity, STEM Robotics, STEM Energy, Model Vehicles, STEM Aerospace (Rockets/Drones), Power Mechanics, STEM Wood Science, Small Engines and STEM Welding
- **Disaster Response, Preparedness and Safety** — Fire Safety, Safety and Bicycles
- **Outdoor Adventures** — Levels 1, 2 and 3
- **Horticulture** — 4-H MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO REGISTER FOR HORTICULTURE AT STATIC EXHIBIT CHECK-IN TIME AND WILL BE ASSIGNED A SPECIFIC TIME.



MORE INFORMATION

Five YouTube video examples of Static Exhibit Interview Judging are at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/static>



America’s 250th Anniversary Theme 4-H Static Exhibits

Help celebrate America’s 250th anniversary by exhibiting 4-H static exhibits using this theme! Look for the American flag graphic in this Fair Book. At the fair, all 4-H static exhibits with an America’s 250th theme will be grouped in a special display. Each theme exhibit will receive a commemorative America’s 250th ribbon in addition to the judge’s ribbon! The top theme exhibit in each static area will receive an America’s 250th rosette. One top award will be selected from all the theme static exhibits!

During static exhibit check in, please verbally say if an exhibit is a theme exhibit.

STATIC EXHIBIT RELEASE & PREMIUM PAYOUTS

All 4-H & FFA static exhibits will be released on Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. in the Ag Society Hall. All static exhibits MUST be picked up during release time.

Premium payouts for static exhibits will be paid in cash on Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. in the Ag Society Hall.

Please pick up premium payouts BEFORE picking up static exhibits. Staff at the payout table will provide a list of each 4-H member’s static exhibits, which will help families collect all of their projects without leaving any behind.

Please pick up project(s) at each of the area(s) you have exhibits.

GENERAL AREAS

Superintendents: Sadie Garbin and Hope Bauman

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

No commercial kits allowed (such as leather kits).

NO exhibits allowed with references or components related to alcoholic beverages. They will be disqualified.

Premiums (except where designated otherwise): Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

ANIMAL-RELATED STATIC EXHIBITS

Note: For Cat, Dog, Dairy/Pygmy Goat, Horse, Household Pet, Poultry and Rabbit Static Exhibits, look under the respective Animal Exhibit categories for classes.

SPECIAL COUNTY EXHIBITS

No state fair entry



Any Special County Exhibit class may be an America’s 250th Anniversary theme exhibit!

Class #	Class Description
B163901	Upcycled Exhibit — any item(s) reused in a new way for different use. Can use more than 1 item to create exhibit. Include information on what each item is upcycled from and the steps involved in making your exhibit.
B163902	Gifts from the Kitchen — a food package homemade by you which you would give to someone as a gift (example: taking a clay pot and painting strawberries on it and putting a jar of strawberry jelly wrapped in red cellophane in it). Include information on who the gift is for and the intended occasion.
B163903	Scrapbooking Entry — 1 page, 1 side OR full scrapbook — depicting individual or club project area or interest (examples: leadership or community service, woodworking, rabbit, etc.).

- B163904 **Cupcake Decorating** — 4 standard-size cupcakes in paper liners on a strong, sturdy disposable plate. Do not cover — will not be tasted. Cupcakes may be decorated in any manner (examples: cats, baseball, spider, etc.).
- B163907 **Jewelry Accessory – homemade materials** — Jewelry accessory constructed using predominately homemade materials and ready to be worn. May exhibit in a special display box, stand or clear bag.
- B163908 **Jewelry Accessory – purchased materials** — Jewelry accessory constructed using predominately purchased materials and ready to be worn. May exhibit in a special display box, stand or clear bag.
- B163909 **Leather Item or Accessory** — Wearable or decorative item using decorative stamps, dying and/or lacing/sewing techniques.
- B163910 **Holiday Décor** — 2D or 3D original design home or outdoor décor item used during a specific celebrated holiday or time of year. May be, but not limited to, themes of Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Valentine's Day or July 4. Exhibits may be no taller than 7 feet and no wider than 6 feet and must be easily moved by 2 people. Items must be ready for display or hanging.
- B163925 **25 Years of the Event Center Exhibit** — The Sandhills Global Event Center is celebrating 25 years of the Event Center! Exhibit should celebrate 25 years of the Event Center, which hosts the Lancaster County Super Fair! Optional: include the years 2001–2026.



POSTERS

Posters may be laminated to protect them. They must be 14 inches x 22 inches and may be arranged either horizontally or vertically. Those generated by computer must also meet these guidelines.

The purpose of a poster is to call attention to a subject. Every poster must be crafted to catch the viewer's attention quickly. Each must present only 1 specific message clearly. The poster should clearly feature some aspect of 4-H.

Posters may be in any medium: ink, crayon, watercolor, computer graphics, markers, etc. They may include 3-dimensional objects.

Posters incorporating copyrighted material, like the cartoon characters from Peanuts or posters produced commercially, will not be accepted.

When using the official 4-H Emblem (clover with the H's on each leaf), it must follow approved guidelines, which can be viewed at <https://go.unl.edu/4hbrand>.

Exhibit guidelines and judging criteria:

- **IDEA** — simple, clear message, appropriate for a poster.
- **LETTERING** — readable from a distance, appropriate size in proportion to art.
- **ART** — 1 dominant, eye-catching element: art relates to written message.
- **ARRANGEMENT** — makes good use of entire poster space without being too crowded: art and lettering are well balanced.
- **COLOR** — use of bold colors that harmonize well: colors used are legible.
- **QUALITY OF CONSTRUCTION** — neatness: appropriateness of materials used.
- **EFFECTIVENESS** — works well as a poster.
- **SOURCES** — must be cited for educational posters.

Special Award: A special award will be given to the Top Poster

No state fair entry



Either Poster class may be an America's 250th Anniversary theme exhibit!

- B152911 **4-H Poster** — Poster should be related to 4-H.
- B152912 **Photo Poster** — Poster should focus on a 4-H theme of your choice using 1 large, eye-catching photo.

BANNERS

MUST be a club project. Each banner should illustrate a phase of 4-H work or promote 4-H generally. Copyrighted materials cannot be used. When using the official 4-H Emblem (clover with the H's on each leaf), it must follow approved guidelines, which can be viewed at <https://go.unl.edu/4hbrand>.

Banners are a 2-dimensional display, depicting 1 idea. See Posters for Exhibit Guidelines. Dimensions are to be no larger than approximately 3 feet x 6 feet. The banners can be arranged horizontally or vertically, but will be displayed with the 3 foot side on the top. The exhibit will not be penalized for being arranged horizontally.

Banners must be hung on at least a ½-inch dowel or a rod strong enough to support the banner. The dowel should be 1–2 inches longer than the banner. The dowel should be on the 3-foot side so banner will hang 3 feet across and 6 feet long. There are 2 options for attaching chain:

- On each end of the dowel stick there may be a chain 6 inches long, with one end of each chain fastened to the end of the dowel and the other end connected to an "S" hook
- OR hang with only 1 chain approximately 45 inches long, attaching each end of the chain to both dowel ends.

Banners should be made of materials that permit the banner to be folded or rolled without damaging the display.

Attach a label indicating club name and entry tag to the front lower left-half (as you face it) corner of the banner.

Premiums: Purple \$6; Blue \$5; Red \$3; White \$0

No state fair entry



A Club Banner may be an America's 250th Anniversary theme exhibit!

B150901 **Club Banner**

INTERGENERATIONAL EXHIBITS

Exhibits in these classes must be exhibits which were completed through the cooperation of different generations. A 4-H member may solicit the help of someone from a different generation (older or younger) in learning about a new 4-H project or skill or a 4-H member may provide help and instruction to a different generation (older or younger) as they learn or develop a new skill.

4-H member will receive a ribbon and premium and adult will receive only a ribbon.

No state fair entry



Any Intergenerational Exhibit class may be an America's 250th Anniversary theme exhibit!

F550901 **History Interview** — maximum of 2 pages, 1-sided, neatly handwritten or typed story of an interview with someone of another generation who is involved or has been involved in a profession of interest to the 4-H member. Consider creativity and style of story. Mount on colored paper or poster board. Include a picture of the person interviewed on first page of written story for display purposes. (May be laminated to preserve exhibit.) Overall size of mounted exhibit should be no larger than 9 inches x 12 inches.

F550902 **Completed Project** — an intergenerational exhibit will consist of an exhibit in which 2 or more different generations participated in the completion of the exhibit. The exhibit will contain an information sheet describing the learning and information sharing which occurred during the activity. Questions to answer may include, but are not limited to:

- What was the most enjoyable part of working with different generations?
- What was the most interesting thing I learned about the person I was working with?
- What other interesting ideas did I learn while completing this project?

F550903 **Story/display of an intergenerational activity which was completed by a 4-H member and someone from another generation.**

F550904 **Story/display of an intergenerational activity which was completed by a 4-H club and a group from another generation.**

VETERINARY SCIENCE

The purpose of a Veterinary Science exhibit is to inform the public about a common health problem of animals, a veterinary science principle or public health/zoonotic diseases. A Veterinary Science exhibit may consist of a poster, notebook or a display. The exhibit may represent material from any of the Veterinary Science projects including entry level exhibits from Unit I.

If photographs are to be part of the exhibit, remember that they will be viewed by the public. Make sure that the photographs are in good taste and will not be offensive to anyone. Graphic photographs of excessive bleeding, trauma or painful procedures are not appropriate. For exhibits related to veterinary surgical procedures, aseptic techniques need to be shown, for example, use of drapes, use of sterile procedures, wearing of gloves and other appropriate veterinary medical practices.

First-Aid Kits: Due to public safety concerns and risk of theft, first-aid kit contents (veterinary drugs/equipment) with perceived potential for drug abuse and animal first-aid kits containing any drugs or medications will be immediately disqualified and not displayed. First-aid kits wishing to include medication information should instead utilize written descriptions, photographs, drawings, computer generated print-outs or empty packaging of pharmaceuticals.

Veterinary Science Posters — This exhibit presents the viewer with a design that is simple and direct, unlike a display that usually presents more information. A poster should not exceed 22 inches x 28 inches and may be either vertical or horizontal.

Veterinary Science Displays — A display may include, but is not limited to: a 3-dimensional exhibit, a scale model, the actual product (examples: skeleton; teeth; samples of leather, fur or dried skin damaged by disease or parasites) or a notebook. A display is not a poster. A display may be mounted on poster board not to exceed 22 inches x 28 inches or on ¼-inch plywood or equivalent that does not exceed 24 inches high or 32 inches wide or in a 3-ring binder or another bound notebook format.

Appropriate Veterinary Science Topics:

- Maintaining health
 - Specific disease information
 - Photographic display of normal and abnormal characteristics of animals
 - Animal health or safety
 - Public health or safety
 - Proper animal management to ensure food safety & quality
 - Efficient and safe livestock working facilities
 - Or a topic of the 4-H member's choosing related to veterinary medicine or veterinary science
- Remember, since these are science displays, all references and information needs to be properly cited.** Proper sources include but are not limited to: professional journals and publications, professional AVMA accredited websites, interviews with veterinarians and excerpts from Veterinary Educational Literature.

Class #	Class Description
H840001	4-H Veterinary Science Large Animal — poster, notebook or display
H840002	4-H Veterinary Science Small Animal/Pet — poster, notebook or display

CITIZENSHIP

- All entries must include the following:
- Reflection: What did you learn about citizenship while creating this exhibit?
 - References: All 4-H members should reference material sources or supporting information if outside sources were used to create exhibits (i.e., if questions from a game were taken from an outside source, they must be referenced).
- Exhibits are entered at 4-H members own risk. 4-H staff is not responsible for loss or damage to any items in this division. Displays should not be larger than 22 inches x 28 inches wide. Pictures and other hanging items must have a wire hanger for display purposes. Collections should be securely displayed in an attractive container no larger than 22 inches x 28 inches. Multi-media presentations are to be uploaded to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy or QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.

 **Any Citizenship class may be an America's 250th Anniversary theme exhibit!**

CITIZENSHIP PUBLIC ADVENTURES

Class #	Class Description
A120901	Care Package (county only) — should contain attractively arranged items to be donated to a worthy cause. The container is flexible and should fit the purpose of the exhibit. These items must be nonperishable. Examples: backpack for school supplies, litter pan for animal shelter items, suitcase for abuse shelter or homeless shelter, etc. Also include a sheet of paper answering the following questions: • How did you select the organization? • What items did you include in your care package? • Why did you select those items? • What did you learn from this experience? • Other information you feel is important about the care package or organization.
A120001	Care Package Display — this exhibit is a display about the PROCESS of creating and giving a care package, not the actual care package. You may use a poster or Power-Point (please submit printed slides) to describe the PROCESS of developing and giving a care package to a service organization. Multi-media presentation are to be uploaded to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy or QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices for appropriate permissions for public viewing. Answer the following questions in your exhibit: • How did you select the organization? • What items did you include in your care package? • Why did you select those items? • How did it feel to present your care pack to the organization? • What did you learn from this experience? • Other information you feel is important about the care package or organization. Examples include: backpack for school supplies, litter pan for animal shelter items, suitcase for abuse shelter or homeless shelter, etc.
A120002	Citizenship Game — design a game which could include, but is not limited to, symbol flash cards, question and answer board or simulation with props. Clear game instructions and objectives must be included.
A120003	Patriotic or Cultural Fine Arts — design art relevant to citizenship using any media.
A120004	Public Adventure Scrapbook — describe 4-H member's Public Adventure or Service Learning Activity. Scrapbooks must measure no more than 16 inches x 16 inches.

A120005	Public Adventure Poster — describe 4-H member's Public Adventure or service learning activity. Display posters must be stiff enough to stand when supported from behind and below. Length and width must be no more than 24 inches x 28 inches.
A120006	Written or Recorded Stakeholder Interview — follow the outline found in the Public Adventures Curriculum. It may be written or recorded. Upload to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.
A120007	Written Citizenship Essay — promote good citizenship and patriotism in essay form. This essay is open to all age groups. All essays should be 300–400 words typed.
A120008	Oral Citizenship Essay (for 9th–12th Graders Only) — address the theme “Freedom’s Obligations,” in 3–5 minutes. No background music, singing or other enhancement allowed. Upload to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing. Voice tone should be normal and conversational. Attach a copy of the written essay.
A120009	Service Item — non-perishable item created for donation. Examples include, but are not limited to, lap quilt, Quilt of Valor and homemade toys. Attach an explanation of whom the recipient was and how the service project was made and used. The service item could be part of a larger community service effort.
A120010	4-H Club Exhibit — depict what a 4-H club has done in the area of community service. This item can include, but is not limited to, a service item, poster, scrapbook, cultural or creative arts item, care package or Quilt of Valor.
A120902	Leadership Poster or Display (county only) — consider the answers to 1 or more of the following questions as a guide to exhibit content: What traits do good leaders have? What unique abilities do I have to be a good leader? What skills do I need to develop to be a more effective leader? How can I help a team work well together? Why is goal setting important?

SEEING i2i

A130001	Cultural Fine Arts — design a piece of art that reflects and symbolizes a culture's unique identity, using the medium of your choice.
A130002	How Are We Different? Interview — follow the interview guide in the participant book on page 3 of 4-H project book “Seeing i2i: Adventures in Diversity and Cultural Awareness” and reflect on the differences and similarities between you and the person you are interviewing.
A130003	Name Art — design a piece of art that symbolizes or explains where your name came from and what it means, using the media of your choice.
A130004	Family History — create a depiction that highlights a 4-H member's family cultural history or the ethnic composition of your community. Include details about the first settlers, their origins, and evidence of their cultural background that still exists today—such as community or family celebrations, museum exhibits, educational displays, or historical markers.
A130005	Cultural Food Story or Essay — share the story of a cultural food that's meaningful to your family. Your entry can be written as a story or essay.
A130006	“This is Who I Am” Poem. — written by the 4-H member that reflects who they are.
A130007	Poster — that depicts what you have learned through the Seeing i2i project.
A130008	Biography — written about a historical figure that has made a positive impact on our society or who has made a difference in the lives of others.
A130009	Play Script — written about a different culture.

AND MY WORLD...

B165910	International Exhibit (county only) — exhibit should illustrate 1 idea learned in the project (i.e., world ecology, international costumes or housing, geography, etc.). Exhibit could be a poster, notebook, 3-dimensional display, journal, research study, etc. Displays should not exceed a space of 12 inches deep, 20 inches wide and 20 inches high. Poster may be up to 22 inches x 28 inches. All entries must have a statement explaining the purpose of the exhibit and how the exhibit will be used. All 4-H members are encouraged to show evidence of their personal field experiences, study or observations that relate to their exhibit.
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LOGIC GAMES

No state fair entry

Class #	Class Description
B160910	Chess or Other Logic Game — informational exhibit or poster about any aspect of the game such as terms, history, a famous player, etc. Exhibits measure no larger than 18 inches x 24 inches.

COMMUNICATIONS

*No state fair entry***Class # Class Description**

- B154902 **Storyboard a 4-H Project** — create a storyboard that explains the steps that were completed from the beginning to the end of a 4-H project that was previously completed in another area.
- B154904 **Caring Correspondence** — create a formal or an informal letter, email or note that shows how much you care, such as a letter of appreciation, a thank you note or a friendship card. Need 3 or more examples.
- B154911 **Let's Write** — Display a handwritten or computer-generated letter on an appropriate-sized poster board that requests something, thanks someone or expresses your opinion. (See pages 17–19 of "Communications Curriculum Module 1" 4-H project book.)
- B154912 **Compose Your Song** — display original song lyrics and the melody or tune selected on an appropriate-sized poster board. Include the 3 parts of a song. Chosen melody does not need to be original. (See pages 29–31 of "Communications Curriculum Module 1" 4-H project book.)
- B154913 **Illustrated Talk Poster** — a visual aid for a presentation or demonstration to clearly explain a topic to an audience. May include step-by-step instructions. Size not to exceed 24 inches x 28 inches. (See pages 33–39 of "Communications Curriculum Module 1" 4-H project book.)

THEATRE ARTS

*No state fair entry***Class # Class Description**

- B161912 **Costume** — made or decorated by 4-H member for use in a theatre arts production. Costume could be for self or others. Include description of production.
- B161914 **4-H Member Portfolio** — a collection of photographs, sketches or other samples illustrating the theatre arts learnings such as costume design, stage make-up, written scripts, set design or other related learnings.
- B161915 **4-H Club Portfolio** — a collection of photographs, sketches or other samples illustrating the theatre arts learnings such as costume design, stage make-up, written scripts, set design or other related learnings. Enter 1 per club.
- B161916 **Puppet** — exhibit consists of a puppet made by the 4-H member for use in a theatre arts production. Include description of production and puppet's role.
- B161918 **Script** — a script written by 4-H member for a play, musical, skit, puppet show or other type of theatre arts production.
- B161920 **You Be the Teacher** — share with others what you learned in this project. Exhibit may be a poster, notebook, display, audio or video.
- B161922 **Stage Set Photography Display** — a display of photos of a stage set that was designed and built by the 4-H member. Include description of the photos.
- B161924 **4-H Member Acting Portfolio** — a collection of photographs of the 4-H member acting in a play. Include a written description of the photos.
- B161925 **4-H Club Acting Portfolio** — a collection of photographs of the club acting in a play. Include a written description of the photos. Enter 1 per club.

ENTOMOLOGY

Specimens should be mounted properly and labeled with location and date of collection, name of collector and order name. Follow mounting and labeling instructions in the Nebraska 4-H "Entomology" 4-H project book (4H4120).

All specimens are to be pinned and labeled by the 4-H member. No purchased specimens allowed.

Boxes to be no more than 12 inches high x 18 inches wide and landscape orientation, so they fit in display racks. The glass top should slide out the 12-inch side. No projects over 50 pounds allowed.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Class # Class Description

- H800001 **Entomology Display, First Year Project** — collection to consist of 1 box of 25 or more different kinds (species) of insects in at least 6 orders.
- H800002 **Entomology Display, Second Year Project** — collection to consist of a minimum of 50 kinds (species) of insects in at least 8 orders. Replace damaged or poorly mounted specimens. At least 25 species must be present and dated after July 1 of the previous year. Limit 2 boxes.
- H800003 **Entomology Display, Third Year or More Project** — collection to consist of a minimum of 75 kinds (species) of insects representing at least 10 orders. Replace

damaged or poorly mounted specimens. At least 25 species must be present and dated after July 1 of the previous year. Limit of 3 boxes.

- H800004 **Special Interest or Advanced Insect Display** — educational display developed according to personal interests and/or advanced identification capability. This also is an opportunity to highlight favorite insects in a creative arrangement. Insects should conform to pinning and mounting standards as in classes H800001–H800003 and be protected in an insect box. Each specialty display should include names of the insects, interesting information about them and why the display was made. Advanced identification collections should have insects grouped with labels that correspond with identification level (e.g. family, genus, species). A specialty collection may consist of insects by taxonomic group (e.g. butterflies, grasshoppers, dragonflies, scarab beetles) or by host, subject or habitat (e.g. insect pests of corn, aquatic insects, insect mimicry, insect galls, insects from goldenrod, insect pollinators, etc.).
- H800005 **Insect Habitats** — habitats consist of any hand-crafted objects, made of natural or artificial materials, placed outdoors, which promote or conserve insects in the environment. Insects may include bee pollinators, butterflies, beneficial insects, etc. A 1-page report describing activities must accompany the exhibit. Report should include placement, target insect, why materials were chosen, functional design and indicators of success. See the following resources for reports:
- Nebraska Extension NebGuide: "Creating a Solitary Bee Hotel" (G2256)
 - University of Minnesota: "Wild Bees and Building Wild Bee Houses"
 - National Wildlife Federation: "How to Provide Water in Monarch Gardens"
- H800006 **Macrophotography** — subjects should be insects, spiders or other arthropods or any nests, webs or constructions they make. All exhibit prints should be 8 inches x 10 inches and mounted on rigid, black 11-inch x 14-inch poster or mat board. Either orientation is acceptable. No frames or mat board framing allowed. Include a caption of a few sentences explaining the subject printed on white paper and glued below the print on the poster board.
- H800007 **Insect Poster/Display Exhibits** — exhibits can be posters or 3-dimensional displays, artistic creativity is encouraged. Posters should be no larger than 22 inches x 28 inches. They should be instructional and can be attractive and have pictures, drawings, charts or graphs. Posters and displays may show any aspect of insect life, habitat or related conservation or management. Examples: life history and other facts about an insect; insect anatomy; how to manage insects in a farm, home, lawn or garden setting; experiences rearing 1 kind of insect; survey of an important insect; insect behavior (ex. nesting, finding food, mobility, defenses, etc.); habitats (e.g. forests, grasslands, wetlands, rivers or lakes) and what insects are found there, etc. 3-dimensional displays, such as dioramas, sculptures, models or decorative boxes should have a page of explanatory information accompanying them and fit within a 22-inch x 28-inch area.
- H800008 **Reports or Journals** — should be in a 3-ring binder. A report may be informational, that is, an original article about a favorite insect, a history of insect outbreaks, diseases caused by insects, insects as food, etc. Or, it may be a research report about an investigation or experiment done in a scientific manner. It then should have a basic introduction of the insect studied, methods used, observations and results of the project. Tables, graphs and images are helpful to include. A journal is an observational study over a period of time with personal impressions. It may cover watching changes in kinds of butterflies over the summer, rearing a specific insect from egg to adult, managing a beehive, observations of insects in a specific habitat, accounts of insect behavior in a forest or flower garden, etc.
- H800910 **My Favorite Insect** (county only) — mounted for display, use creativity. Must be collected by 4-H member. Include label identifying insect and where collected. On separate piece of paper explain why it is important and why it is your favorite.
- H800911 **Poster** (county only) — poster can be 14 inches x 22 inches OR 22 inches x 28 inches, either vertical or horizontal. Poster will be judged on educational content and visual presentation/design.
- H800912 **Entomology Display, Club Project** (county only) — collection to consist of 1 box of 25 or more different kinds (species) of insects.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

All exhibits are directly related to activities in the "ESI: EntrepreneurShip Investigation" 4-H project books. Refer to the 4-H project books for ideas, suggestions and additional information to enhance project exhibits. Using the project book is optional.

Exhibit guidelines: Poster exhibits must be 14 inches x 22 inches and may be arranged either horizontally or vertically. The 4-H member's name, age, town and county must be listed on the back of the poster. Poster may not use copyrighted materials, such as cartoon characters or commercial product names. Exhibits which do not conform to size or content guidelines will be lowered 1 ribbon placing. Posters may include photographs, charts or examples as well as a written explanation. Posters may be laminated to protect them. Loose plastic coverings used to protect the exhibit while being transported will be removed by the superintendent for evaluation and display.

ESI UNIT 1: DISCOVER THE E-SCENE

- F531001 **Interview an Entrepreneur** — share what you learned from the person about having an entrepreneurial mindset. Have they started a business? Are they tackling a social issue? How have they applied that mindset? How do they deliver excellent customer service? How will what you have learned through this interview change your future plans or ways of thinking about entrepreneurship? The summary of the interview should be typed and with a maximum length of 2 pages (12 pt. font). Enter exhibit in a folder with fasteners (no slide bars).
- F531901 **Picture Story** (county only) — of a tour or field trip to study entrepreneurship and/or business operation (based on pages 2.1–2.4 of the 4-H project book).

ESI UNIT 2: THE CASE OF ME

- F531002 **Social Entrepreneurship Presentation** — prepare a 5-slide PowerPoint presentation about a social entrepreneurship venture to benefit a group or individual in your community. Social entrepreneurs are people who are in business to help others. Submit a print-out of the note pages which show each slide and include an explanation of each slide. Enter exhibit in a folder with fasteners (no slide bars).

ESI UNIT 3: YOUR BUSINESS INSPECTION

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- F531003 **Marketing Package** — (mounted on a 14-inch x 22-inch poster) must include at least 3 items (examples) developed by the 4-H member from the following list: business card, brochure, advertisement, business promotional piece, printout of an internet home page, packaging design, signs, logo design, direct mail piece, etc. The marketing package should be for an original business developed by the 4-H member and not an existing business.
- F531004 **Sample of an Original Product** — with an information sheet (8.5 inches x 11 inches) answering the following questions:
1. What did you enjoy the most about making the product?
 2. What challenges did you have when making the product? Would you do anything differently next time? If so, what?
 3. What is the suggested retail price of the product? How did you decide on the price?
 4. Market analysis of the community — data gathered through a survey of potential customers. Survey at least 10 people in your community about your product.
 5. How much would you earn per hour? Show how you determined this figure.
 6. What is unique about this product?
- F531005 **Photos of an Original Product** — (mounted on a 14-inch x 22-inch poster) must include 3 photos of developed product and a mounted information sheet answering the following questions: If exhibiting in both class F531004 and F531005, products must be entirely different products.
1. What did you enjoy the most about making the product?
 2. What challenges did you have when making the product? Would you do anything differently the next time? If so, what?
 3. What is the suggested retail price of the product? How did you decide on the price?
 4. Market analysis of the community — data gathered through a survey of potential customers. Survey at least 10 people in your community about your product.
 5. How much would you earn per hour? Show how you determined this figure.
 6. What is unique about this product?

ENTREPRENEURSHIP – ALL UNITS

- F531006 **Entrepreneurship Challenge** — Complete 5 or more of the challenges from the list below. The exhibit will include highlights from these 5 challenges. Consider labeling each challenge so the viewer will understand what the challenge was. Enter a poster, video, report or scrapbook related to the learning from the challenge. Use your creativity to show and share what you learned. Multi-media presentations and exhibits are to be uploaded to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy or QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.
1. Sell something.
 2. Talk to local leaders about entrepreneurial thinking and how it is being applied or could be applied to a current community issue.
 3. Introduce yourself to a local entrepreneur and take a selfie with them.
 4. Be a detective! Look for Nebraska-made products and find out more about the business.
 5. Tour 2–3 entrepreneurial businesses and create a photo story.
 6. Investigate what it takes to be an entrepreneur and complete a skills assessment.
 7. Make a prototype (sample/model) of a new product idea. (Include the prototype or a photo of prototype).

8. Work with a friend to develop a new business idea!
9. Contact your local Extension office to learn about entrepreneurship opportunities.
10. Create an activity to teach others about entrepreneurship (coloring page, puzzle, game, etc.).

CONSUMER MANAGEMENT

MY FINANCIAL FUTURE – BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

Entries should be typed and then attached to a piece of colored card stock or colored poster board (limit the size of the poster board or card stock to 14 inches x 22 inches or smaller). You may use the front and back of the poster board. Notebooks must be 3-ring binders, 8.5 inches x 11 inches x 1 inches.

Page numbers in classes C247001–06 reference the 4-H project book “My Financial Future Youth Notebook – Beginner.” Using the project book is optional.

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| C247001 | Write 3 SMART Financial Goals for Yourself — 1 should be short term, 1 intermediate and 1 long term. Explain how you intend to reach each goal you set. |
| C247002 | Income Inventory — using page 13 of the 4-H project book as a guideline, list sources and amounts of income you earn/receive over a 6-month period. Answer the following questions: What were your income sources? Were there any steady income sources? What did you do with the income you received? Include your income inventory in the exhibit. |
| C247003 | Tracking Expenses — use an app or chart like the one on page 17 of the 4-H project book to track your spending over 2 months. Answer the following questions: What did you spend most of your money on? What did you learn about your spending habits? Will you make any changes in your spending based upon what you learned? Why or why not? Include your chart in your exhibit. |
| C247004 | Money Personality Profile — complete the money personality profile found on pages 21–22 of the 4-H project book. Answer the following questions: What is your money personality? How does your money personality affect the way you spend/save money? Have a friend or family member complete the money personality profile. Compare and contrast (how are you alike; how are you different) your money personality profile with theirs. |
| C247005 | Complete Activity 8 “What Does It Really Cost?” — pages 39–40 of the 4-H project book. |
| C247006 | My Work; My Future — interview 3 adults in your life about their careers or jobs using the questions on page 51 of the 4-H project book and record these answers. In addition, answer the following questions on your display: What did you find most interesting about these jobs? Were there any positions you might want to pursue as your career? Why/Why not? What careers interest you at this point in your life? What are 3 steps you need to do now to prepare for this career? |

MY FINANCIAL FUTURE – INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

Page numbers in classes C247008–11 reference the 4-H project book “My Financial Future Youth Notebook – Advanced.” Using the project book is optional.

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| C247007 | Interview Someone Who is Paid a Salary, Someone Who is Paid a Commission and Someone Who is Paid an Hourly Wage — have them answer the following questions plus any additional questions you may have: What are some benefits of receiving your pay the way you do (salary, commission or hourly wage)? What are some negative outcomes for getting paid the way you do? Does your pay keep pace with inflation? Why do you think this? Summarize: Based upon your interviews, which payment method would suit you best? Discuss your answer. |
| C247008 | The Cost of Not Banking — type your answers to the questions about Elliot on page 50 of the 4-H project book. |
| C247009 | Evaluating Investment Alternatives — complete the case study of Jorge on page 64 of the 4-H project book. Answer all 3 questions found at the bottom of the page. |
| C247010 | Understanding Credit Scores — watch the video and read the resource listed on page 71 of the 4-H project book. Answer the following questions: 1) Name prudent actions that can reduce a credit card balance. 2) What are the main factors that drive the cost of credit? 3) List 1 personal financial goal that you could use credit or collateral to purchase. 4) Discuss possible consequences that might happen with improper use of credit for your purchase. |
| C247011 | You Be the Teacher — create an activity, story board, game or display that would teach another youth about “Key Terms” listed on page 62 of the 4-H project book. Activity/display must include at least 5 of the terms. |

SHOOTING SPORTS

Superintendents: Sadie Garbin and Hope Bauman

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

Classes D347004–009 can be entered by anyone enrolled in 4-H. Look at General Rules for Conservation and Wildlife (see page 50 of this Fair Book).

4-H Shooting Sports requires 4-H members to be under the direct leadership of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader in either shotgun, rifle (bb gun), archery, pistol, blackpowder/ muzzleloader and/or hunting skills. No firearms can be entered as an exhibit, nor live ammunition; however information can be shared through pictures.

Required information for each Shooting Sports, Outdoor Adventures or Conservation & Wildlife exhibit:

All 4-H members must show evidence of their personal field experiences, study or observations that relate to their exhibit. This helps judges understand what the 4-H member did and learned in the process that led to the exhibit. Show proper credit by listing the sources of plans or other supporting information used in exhibits.

EXAMPLE TO ATTACH TO YOUR EXHIBIT:

Name: Chris Clover **County:** Clover County **Age:** 10

Field Experience, Study or Observations: I attended a 4-H workshop where we put out a food plot and then made turkey calls. We played a game about attracting turkeys. Sometimes we acted like a female to draw in a tom turkey. Sometimes we acted like a lost baby turkey to call in a whole flock. I was able to use my turkey call and play the game successfully. While I've never turkey hunted in person, I went online to research more turkey calls. I hope to turkey hunt someday and I want to use a box call to hunt fall turkeys.

Credits/Source: Information was obtained from Nebraska Game & Parks website.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

Class # Class Description

- D347001 **Shooting Aid or Accessory** — any item which helps the shooter/hunter better perform their sport, examples: rifle sling, kneeling roll, arm guard, shotgun vest, target boxes, shooting stick, etc. Include your design or plans you adapted, what the item is and what it is used for.
- D347002 **Storage Case** — an item with the purpose to safely hold a firearm, bow, ammunition and/or arrows. Examples: soft sided shotgun case, quivers, firearm safe. Include your design or plans you adapted. Explain how the storage case is used.
- D347003 **Practice Game or Activity** — invent or adapt an activity to practice or teach a project skill. Include pictures of youth playing the game, testimonials from youth who played the game, what skill is being worked on and directions for the game. Explain how you came up with the game or adapted it to fit the needs of your group members.
- D347004 **Science, Engineering, Technology Advancements of Shooting Sports, Conservation or Wildlife Essay or Display** — choose a specific area of shooting sports and share how it has advanced — include a timeline and photos or illustrations. Keep your topic narrow and manageable. Essays are limited to 1,000 words and should be on 8.5-inch x 11 inch paper. Information can be exhibited in a report folder or binder.
- D347005 **Healthy Lifestyles Plan** — include a shooter's (hiker's, camper's, angler's) diet and exercise plan and how the 4-H member will benefit or improve from following the plan. Ideally, the 4-H member would follow the plan and include some journal entries about adaptations or improvements made while following the plan.
- D347006 **Citizenship/Leadership Project** — share a display on a citizenship project or leadership project the 4-H member took on individually or with a group, to improve some aspect related to 4-H Shooting Sports, Conservation or Wildlife. Examples could be range development, conservation planting to attract wildlife, a camp or 4-H recruitment event. Include who benefited from the project, what the 4-H member's role was and any results.
- D347007 **Career Development/College Essay, Interview or Display** — research opportunities for careers related to this area or opportunities for college majors or college activities to help discover using project skills beyond a person's 4-H career. Essays are limited to 1,000 words and should be on 8.5-inch x 11-inch paper. Interviews need to include a picture of the interviewee in their work setting, questions asked and a transcript of answers.
- D347008 **Community Vitality Display** — explore the difference shooting sports, conservation, fishing and hunting make in keeping Nebraska vibrant, especially in rural areas. Present facts and research in an interesting way for the public to learn from.
- D347009 **Ag Literacy – Value-Added Agriculture Interview or Research Project** — explore how traditional ag producers are adding value to their production agriculture operations through conservation efforts, hunting, raising pheasants, shooting sports

related tourism, etc. Present findings in an interesting way for the public to learn from.

- D347920 **Shooting Sports Poster** (county only) — should feature some aspect of the shooting sports project (i.e. history, parts, safety, techniques, etc.). Poster can be 14 inches x 22 inches OR 22 inches x 28 inches either vertical or horizontal. Poster will be judged on educational content and visual presentation/design.
- D347921 **Shooting Sports Miscellaneous Educational Exhibit** (county only) — maximum size of 2 feet x 2 feet. Judged on creativity, presentation, educational value and 4-H member's knowledge of shooting sports.
- D347922 **Digital Media** (county only) — use digital media to create a video, slideshow or presentation of a shooting-sports-related project or activity. Submit a USB drive or DVD inside a report cover or notebook. If using a slideshow, include printed slides inside report cover or notebook.

QUILT QUEST

Superintendents: Sadie Garbin and Hope Bauman

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Special Awards will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champion



Any Quilt Quest class may be an America's 250th Anniversary theme exhibit!

QUILTED EXHIBITS

In Quilt Quest, 4-H members learn skills as they progress through the project. The least experienced 4-H member will select fabric, cut and sew together only squares or rectangles in making the quilt top. They may have additional guidance in piecing the quilt block and layering together the quilt top, inner batting and the quilt bottom. Another person can do the quilting for them. If someone else does binding, the quilt must be entered in the intergenerational class.

In the Premier class, the 4-H member has developed skills to be able to do all of the work by themselves. This includes pattern and fabric selection, cutting and sewing individual pieces, layering the quilt top/batting/backing together and quilting. Quilting may be done by hand, by sewing machine or by a commercial-grade quilting machine. After quilting, the 4-H member must finish the quilt by "squaring it up," put binding on the edge and place a label on the quilt which provides details about the quilt making process for historical purposes.

For all classes, 4-H members may choose fabrics for the quilt by selecting fabric from fabric bolts or may use other fabric sources such as T-shirts. 4-H members may also use "fabric collections" offered by manufacturers in a particular designer or fabric line. Examples of fabric collections include:

- Jelly Rolls are made of (up to) 40 different strips of 2.5-inch wide fabric laying on top of one another and rolled up to look like a jelly roll. The fabrics are created by a single designer or fabric line and compliment each other. In many cases, less skilled 4-H members find it difficult to cut narrow strips with a rotary cutter and ruler, so this fabric selection may make it easier as they learn.
- Honey Buns are made like Jelly Rolls with 1.5-inch strips of fabrics.
- Layer Cakes are 10-inch squares of fabric from a manufactured designer or fabric line with different pieces of fabric "layered" on top of one another to look like a piece of cake.
- Charm Packs are made of 5-inch squares of coordinating fabric and may be tied up with a string or scrap of fabric.
- Candies are 2.5-inch squares of fabric from a manufactured designer or fabric line.
- Turnover is a collection of coordinating fabrics that are cut into 6-inch triangles.
- Fat Quarters are ½ yard cuts of fabric which are cut in half to make a rectangle that is approximately 18 inches x 21 inches. (½ yard of fabric yields 2 fat quarters). The "fat quarter" can be more economical to purchase for a smaller quilt because the purchaser does not have to buy the entire yardage width.
- Fabric Kit is a collection of fabrics cut in large pieces to accommodate the requirements of a particular quilt pattern. The 4-H member must cut out all of the smaller squares, rectangles, etc. to make the quilt top according to the pattern directions.

After fabric selection, 4-H members can use a variety of tools for cutting the fabric and completing the quilt. Cutting into pattern pieces may include hand roller die cutting machines that cut various shapes which can be appliquéd to fabric. This is allowed in the construction of the quilt.

A quilt consists of 3 layers: backing, batting and top. All quilts must be quilted (hand or machine) or tied through all layers. Fleece blankets are not eligible.

As the quilt is turned over with the back side showing, quilts must have a permanent label in the bottom right corner. The label needs to include the quilter's name and date of completion.

Please note the description of classes C229050–C229083. The levels denote degree of difficulty in construction and not the number of years in the project.

All quilt piecing and finishing must be the sole work of the 4-H member, except for the intergenerational and community service classes or blocks received from others for an exchange/friendship quilt. Quilting, whether machine or hand quilted, may be done by another individual except for the Premier Quilt classes. Attach a card explaining what was done, including who did the quilting.

No pre-quilted fabric may be used.

Wall quilts must have a hanging sleeve on the back of the quilt or some method for hanging.

All quilted exhibits must be clean and finished for intended purpose.

All entry cards and support information must be attached using a safety pin. No straight pins.

Required information for each quilted exhibit:

On a half sheet of 8.5-inch x 11-inch paper, include an explanation answering the following questions:

A) How did you select the design and fabrics?

B) Did you use a kit, jelly roll, charm squares, etc.?

C) What did you do and what was done by others?

D) What did you learn that you can use on your next project?

Sizes of quilted exhibits:

Small — length + width = less than 60 inches (this size includes miniature quilts, wall hangings, table runners, placemats (4) and pillow. All items must be quilted. Pillows must have a quilted top, not just pieced patchwork.)

Medium — length + width = 61 inches to 120 inches.

Large — length + width = over 120 inches.

Pieced quilts made up of squares and/or rectangles:

- C229050 **Small Quilted Exhibits**
- C229051 **Medium Quilted Exhibits**
- C229052 **Large Quilted Exhibits**

Pieced quilts may have triangles and/or may be embroidered in addition to any of the methods in Classes 50–52:

- C229060 **Small Quilted Exhibits**
- C229061 **Medium Quilted Exhibits**
- C229062 **Large Quilted Exhibits**

In addition to any of the methods in classes C229050–62, quilts may have curved piecing, applique, Celtic style, stained glass style, paper piecing, art quilt style or other non-traditional styles.

An art quilt is an original exploration of a concept or idea rather than the handing down of a “pattern.” It experiments with textile manipulation, color, texture and/or a diversity of mixed media. An art quilt often pushes quilt world boundaries or other non-traditional styles.

- C229070 **Small Quilted Exhibits**
- C229071 **Medium Quilted Exhibits**
- C229072 **Large Quilted Exhibits**

Premier Quilts

Entire quilt is the sole work of the 4-H member, including quilting (hand or machine). The 4-H’ers may receive guidance but no one else may work on the quilt. No tied quilts in these classes.

- C229080 **Premier Quilt, Hand Quilted**
- C229081 **Premier Quilt, Sewing-Machine Quilted**
- C229082 **Premier Quilt, Long-Arm Quilted — Non-Computerized/Hand Guided**
- C229083 **Premier Quilt, Long-Arm Quilted — Computerized**

NON-TRADITIONAL QUILTED EXHIBITS

Class #	Class Description
C229010	Exploring Quilts — illustrate some aspect of quilts or quilt making. Examples include, but are not limited to: language arts, quilts of different cultures, chemistry, design, preservation, history, construction, math-conversion of quilt patterns, textiles/ fabrics, computerization and entrepreneurship. History may include history of an old quilt or history/research of a particular style of quilt such as Baltimore album quilts or Amish quilts. Exhibit may be a 14-inch x 22-inch poster, a 3-ring notebook that is 8.5 inches x 11 inches or the use of a digital platform. Multi-media presentations and exhibits are to be uploaded to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing. All items in an exhibit must be attached together and labeled. NO quilted items should be entered in this class.

- C229020 **Quilt Designs other than Fabric** — 2- or 3-dimensional item with quilt design made using a medium other than fabric, such as stained glass, paper, etc.
- C229030 **Computer Exploration** — exhibit may be a 14 inch x 22 inch poster or a 8.5 inch x 11 inch 3-ring binder with a minimum of 6 computer generated quilt designs or color variations on a quilt design. Include information of type of program used, process used to generate designs or how you used color to create different quilt designs.
- C229040 **Wearable Art** — quilted clothing or clothing accessory which must have a recognizable amount of quilting and may include fabric manipulation. Quilting must be done by 4-H member. On a half sheet of 8.5-inch x 11-inch paper, tell how you selected the design and fabrics including whether or not you used a kit, jelly roll, charm squares, etc.
- C229041 **Intergenerational Quilt** — a quilt made by a 4-H member and family members or friends of different generations. On a half-sheet of 8.5-inch x 11-inch paper, include an explanation answering the following questions: A) How was the quilt planned and who did what in the construction of the quilt? B) How did you select the design and fabrics including whether or not you used a kit, jelly roll, charm squares, etc.? C) What did you learn that you could use on your next project?
- C229042 **Service Project Quilt** — a quilt constructed by a 4-H member or group to be donated to a worthy cause. On a half sheet of 8.5-inch x 11-inch paper, include an explanation answering the following questions: A) Why was the quilt constructed and who will receive the donated quilt? B) How did you select the design and fabrics used including whether or not you used a kit, jelly roll, charm squares, etc.? C) What did you do and what was done by others? D) What did you learn that you could use on your next project?
- C229909 **Quilt Photography** (county only) — photographs of a quilt or quilts. May be part of a history of 1 quilt, showing the quilt and quiltmaker, or may be a series of photographs taken at a quilt show or other event. Captions are encouraged. Mount on poster board, black preferred, in size appropriate for the photos and exhibit.
- C229911 **1 Block Project** (county only) — fabric block made and finished, may have a border, into a table mat or other small project.
- C229912 **Hand Quilting** (county only) — small project on plain fabric, finished into a usable item, hand quilted by the 4-H member. Templates may be used for the quilt design or they may be hand drawn or traced from other sources. May make into a pillow, wall hanging or other finished item.

Barn Quilts

A barn quilt is a large piece of wood painted to look like a quilt block.

Required information for each Barn Quilt exhibit:

On a half sheet of 8.5-inch x 11-inch paper, include an explanation answering the following questions:

A) How and why did you select the design?

B) How and why did you select the color choice(s)?

C) Explain what you did and what you learned by doing this project.

- C229021 **Barn Quilt Created That is Less Than 4 Feet x 4 Feet.**
- C229022 **Barn Quilt Created That is 4 Feet x 4 Feet or Larger.**

PHOTOGRAPHY

Superintendents: Brett Jurgens and Anna Barr

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

4-H members are only allowed to enter exhibits in 1 photography level (i.e. Level 1, 2 or 3).

Photos may be taken with any type of film or digital camera, including phones, tablets and drones. An image may only be used on 1 exhibit, with the exception of Portfolios, which may include images entered in other classes. Photos must be shot by 4-H member during the current project year, with the exception of the Portfolios, which may include images captured and/or exhibited in previous years. Photos need to be appropriate for 4-H.

Securely attach photos. Photos that are unattached will be disqualified. Do not use photo corners, borders or place coverings over the exhibits. Do not include negatives.

Data Tags are required on all classes. Data Tags should be securely attached to the back of the exhibit. Photos without Data Tags will not be accepted.

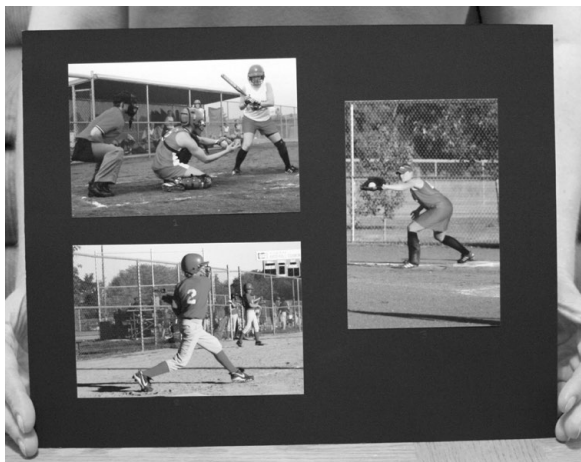
Special Awards to Top Level 1, Top Level 2, Top Level 3, Top Favorite Photo, Top Creative Photography Exhibit, Top Black & White Photo and Top Portrait



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DISPLAY EXHIBITS (Levels 1 & 2):

- Displays consist of THREE DIFFERENT SMALL photos related to the topic of ONE CLASS.
 - 4-inch x 6-inch photos mounted on a single HORIZONTAL poster or matting board, 11 inches x 14 inches, black (preferred) or white. Incorrect sizes of photos and board will not be accepted. No foam board backing.
 - PHOTOS MAY BE MOUNTED VERTICALLY or HORIZONTALLY, whichever is best for the composition.
 - Each photo on picture display must be numbered using a pencil. Numbers should be readable but not detract from display.
 - No titles, captions or stick-on numbers allowed.
 - Appropriate level Data Tags are required.
- EACH PHOTO MUST INCLUDE A SEPARATE DATA TAG.** Data Tags should be numbered with the corresponding photo's number. Securely attach the tags to the back.



Sample front side of a picture display. Display board MUST be HORIZONTAL. Photos may be horizontal OR vertical.

PRINT EXHIBITS (Levels 1, 2 & 3):

- Prints consist of ONE LARGE photo related to the topic of ONE class.
- All print exhibits are 8-inch x 10-inch prints mounted in 11-inch x 14-inch (outside size) mat with with a rectangular or oval inside opening. Use an ADDITIONAL MAT BOARD ON THE BACK (not foam core board) to create a "sandwich" with the photo between. This protects the photo. Incorrect sizes will not be accepted. No frames.
- Place photos horizontally or vertically as appropriate. Place the data tag on the back in the direction you want the photo to be viewed.
- Appropriate level Data Tags are required. Securely attach the tags to the back.
- Mats can be single, double and any color. Choose a mat color which looks good with your photo.



Sample front side of an exhibit print. Print may be horizontal OR vertical.

PORTFOLIOS (Levels 2 & 3):

All portfolios must include the following information: 1) 1-page maximum autobiography, 2) table of contents, 3) year each photo was taken, 4) title for each image, 5) device make and model used to capture each image and 6) reflections for each photo. When writing reflections, youth should focus on what new photography techniques or skills they were practicing when they took the photo, what makes the image successful and what could have been done to improve the image. Data Tags are NOT required. Portfolios may be presented in either print or digital formats:

- Printed portfolios should be presented in an 8.5-inch x 11-inch 3-ring binder or similar book format. Recommended photo size is 8 inches x 10 inches. Matting is not necessary.
- Digital portfolios may be presented online and must be exhibited along with a single 8.5-inch x 11-inch flyer. Flyers must include a link, URL or QR code that takes users (judges and fairgoers) to their online portfolio.

4-H Photography — Level 1 Data Tag

Name _____ 4-H Age _____ County _____

Years in Photography _____ Years in the Current Level _____

Camera: _____ (brand make & model) _____ (digital or film)

Tell us about this photo (special equipment, techniques, subject, location, goals, etc.).

Describe any edits or changes made to the picture using digital software.

4-H Photography — Level 2 Data Tag

Name _____ 4-H Age _____ County _____

Years in Photography _____ Years in the Current Level _____

Camera: _____ (brand make & model) _____ (digital or film)

Focal Length: _____ Type/Source of light: _____

Tell us about this photo. Include any special equipment or techniques used.

Describe any edits or changes made to the picture using digital software.

4-H Photography — Level 3 Data Tag

Name _____ 4-H Age _____ County _____

Years in Photography _____ Years in the Current Level _____

Camera: _____ (brand make & model) _____ (digital or film)

Focal Length: _____ Shutter Speed: _____ F Stop: _____ ISO: _____

Type/Source of light: _____

Identify advanced equipment, techniques or manual adjustments used to capture this image.

Tell us about this photo. _____

Describe any edits or changes made to the picture using computer software. _____

**PHOTOGRAPHY DATA TAGS LEVELS 1, 2 & 3**

Available as self-adhesive labels at the Extension office and as fill-in PDFs at <https://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/static>

PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS — LEVEL 1

Activity numbers in these exhibit classes correspond to the “Book 1: Photography Basics” 4-H project book. Using the project book is optional.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0
No state fair entry

Class #	Class Description
B180910	Fun With Shadows Display or Print — photos should capture interesting or creative use of shadows. (Activity 4)
B180920	Get In Close Display or Print — photo should capture a close-up view of the subject or object. (Activity 8)
B180930	Bird’s or Bug’s Eye View Display or Print — photo should capture an interesting viewpoint of a subject, either from above (bird’s eye view) or below (bug’s eye view). (Activity 10)
B180940	Tricks and Magic Display or Print — photos should capture visual trickery or magic. Trick photography requires creative compositions of objects in space and are intended to trick the person viewing the photo. For example, if someone is standing in front of a flower pot, the pot might not be visible in the image, making it look as if the flowers are growing out of the person’s head. (Activity 11)
B180950	People, Places or Pets with Personality Display or Print — photos should have a strong focal point, which could be people, places or pets. Photos should capture the subject’s personality or character. Photos may be posed or un-posed. (Activity 13)
B180960	Black and White Photography Display or Print — photos should create interest without the use of color. Photos should show strong contrast and/or textures. Photos may be captured in black and white or captured in color and edited to black and white. (Activity 15)
B180970	Telling a Story Display — exhibit will include 3 to 5 photos which tell a story without words (this number of photos is ONLY for this class). Photos may show something being created, destroyed, consumed, moving or growing. Photos should capture the beginning, middle and end of a single story, project or event. No titles, captions or stick-on numbers are allowed. (Activity 14)
B180980	Favorite Photo Print Exhibit — entry will consist of an exhibit print of the favorite picture the 4-H member has taken this current project year.

NEXT LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY — LEVEL 2

Level 2 photographers should be utilizing all the skills and techniques they have developed thus far in their photography careers, especially topics covered in “Book 1: Photography Basics” and “Book 2: Next Level Photography.”

Activity numbers in these exhibit classes correspond to the “Book 2: Next Level Photography” 4-H project book. Using the project book is optional.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

B181010	Level 2 Portfolio — represents the photographer’s best work and must include 5 to 7 different images from the 4-H member’s photography career. At least 2 images must have been taken during the current year. The remaining images may have been taken at any time during the member’s 4-H experience and may have been previously exhibited. Portfolios may include photos which are exhibited in other Level 2 classes during the same year. Portfolios must include: 1) 1-page maximum autobiography, 2) table of contents, 3) year each photo was taken, 4) title for each image, 5) device make and model used to capture each image and 6) reflections for each image. When writing reflections, 4-H members should focus on what new photography techniques they were practicing when they took the photo, what makes the image successful and what could have been done to improve the image.
B181020	Creative Techniques & Lighting Display or Print — photos capture a creative use of lighting, such as diffused lighting, backlighting or hard lighting, reflections or another lighting technique covered in “Next Level Photography.” (Activity 3, 4, 5)
B181030	Creative Composition Display or Print — photos capture a creative composition using the Rule of Thirds, Golden Triangle, Golden Rectangle or another composition technique covered in “Next Level Photography.” (Activity 6, 7, 8, 9)
B181040	Abstract Photography Display or Print — abstract photos capture a small piece of larger subject. Abstract photos may not look like anything in particular but should be able to capture a viewer’s attention. (Activity 11)
B181050	Candid Photography Display or Print — candid photos capture a special moment or meaningful interaction. Photos should be un-posed. (Activity 10)
B181060	Expression Through Color Display or Print — photos capture a creative use of color or a color scheme, such as complimentary, contrasting, monochromatic, warm, cool, primary, secondary or tertiary. (Activity 13)
B181070	Black & White Photography Display or Print — a black and white photograph that demonstrates strong use of composition, lighting, and contrast. Photos may be taken with any camera type (digital or film) but must be printed in black and white.

B181080	Creative and Experimental Photography Print — using original photos a 4-H member has captured, create an exhibit in black and white or color demonstrating the use of creative or experimental technology or techniques. Alterations to the exhibit must be apparent. Examples of methods to use may include using artificial intelligence (AI) or software tools to edit or replace the original pixels of the image. AI may be used when creating this exhibit with adult care-giver permission. Any AI work must be referenced. The 4-H member’s original work must be the majority of the exhibit. Using photos and other work found online is not acceptable. Must include a 4 inch x 6 inch copy of each original image(s) used on the back of the matted exhibit, describe how the image(s) were altered and the equipment or software used.
B181910	Favorite Photo Print Exhibit (county only) — entry will consist of the favorite picture the 4-H member has taken this current project year.

MASTERING PHOTOGRAPHY — LEVEL 3

Level 3 photographers should be exploring and experimenting with advanced techniques. This may include, but does not necessarily require, using an SLR camera, manual adjustments or other advanced equipment. Level 3 photographers should be utilizing all the skills and techniques they have developed throughout their photography career, especially topics covered in “Book 1: Photography Basics,” “Book 2: Next Level Photography” and “Book 3: Mastering Photography.”

Activity numbers in the exhibit classes below correspond to the “Book 3: Mastering Photography” 4-H project book. Using the project book is optional.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

B182010	Level 3 Portfolio — represents the photographer’s best work. Level 3 portfolios must include 9 to 11 images from the 4-H member’s photography career. At least 3 images should be from the current year. The remaining images may have been taken at any time during the member’s 4-H experience and may have been previously exhibited. Portfolios may include photos which are exhibited in other Level 3 classes during the same year. Portfolios must include: 1) 1-page maximum autobiography, 2) table of contents, 3) year each photo was taken, 4) title for each image, 5) device make and model used to capture each image and 6) reflections for each image. When writing reflections, 4-H members should focus on what new photography techniques or skills they were practicing when they took the photo, what makes the image successful and what could have been done to improve the image.
B182020	Advanced Techniques & Lighting Print — photos show an experimentation or exploration of advanced lighting, such as low-light or silhouette photography or another advanced photography technique such as astrophotography, underwater photography or infrared photography. (Activity 3, 4, 5 or 12)
B182030	Advanced Composition Print — photos show advanced compositions, such as using diagonal, horizontal or vertical lines or repeating shapes to frame a subject or lead the viewers eye through a scene; breaking the rule of thirds to compose a discordant image; or another advanced composition technique covered in Book 3 Mastering Photography. (Activity 6, 7)
B182040	Portrait Print — a great portrait captures not only a person’s physical image, but also something of the person’s character or personality. Photos may be either formal or informal but must be of 1 or more human subjects. (Activity 9)
B182050	Still Life Print — photos capture non-moving objects that have been arranged in an interesting way. Photos demonstrate advanced control over lighting and composition. (Activity 8)
B182060	Freeze/Blur the Moment Print — photos capture a subject in motion. Photographers should adjust shutter speed to either freeze or blur the movement. (Activity 11)
B182070	Black & White Photography Print — photo demonstrates advanced black and white photograph with strong technical ability and creative expression. Photo demonstrates intentional use of contrast, lighting, and composition to create visual impact. Advanced editing is allowed as appropriate for black and white imagery.
B182080	Creative and Experimental Photography Print — Using original photos a 4-H member has captured, create an exhibit in black and white or color demonstrating the use of creative or experimental technology or techniques. Alterations to the exhibit must be apparent and advanced techniques used. Examples of methods to use may include using artificial intelligence (AI) or software tools to edit or replace the original pixels of the image or other advanced techniques. AI may be used when creating this exhibit, with adult care-giver permission. Any AI work must be referenced. The 4-H member’s original work must be the majority of exhibit. Using photos and other work found online is not acceptable. Must include a 4 inch x 6 inch copy of each original images on the back of the matted exhibit, describe how the image(s) were altered and the equipment or software used.
B182906	Manual Setting Exhibit Print (county only) — entry will consist of a print that showcases the participant’s ability to master the manual settings on the camera: 1) manual focus, 2) manual aperture, 3) manual shutter speed, 4) combination of any of the listed techniques, 5) other technique not listed.
B182910	Favorite Photo Print Exhibit (county only) — entry will consist of the favorite picture the 4-H member has taken this current project year.

CLOTHING

Superintendents: Kath Conroy, Cindy Fiala and Caitlyn Heiden

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

ALL EXHIBITS SHOULD BE MARKED INSIDE WITH THE 4-H MEMBER'S NAME. CAN BE DONE WITH A PIECE OF PAPER OR FABRIC, SAFETY PINNED OR IRONED ON. ENTRIES MUST BE ON WIRE HANGERS FOR EASY DISPLAY (EXCEPT FOR PILLOWS).

Once 4-H members have exhibited in a higher level, they are not eligible to exhibit in a lower level. Example: once 4-H members exhibit in STEAM Clothing 3, they are not eligible to exhibit in STEAM Clothing 2. 4-H members may only exhibit in 1 level each year.

Attach required supporting information with the Static Exhibit Entry Tag. Exhibits without required supporting information will be lowered 1 ribbon.

Required information for each clothing exhibit:

- 1) What was your goal(s) in making this exhibit (examples: learn how to work with a silky fabric or learn to put in a zipper)?
- 2) What steps did you take as you worked toward your goal(s)?
- 3) What were the most important things you learned or skills you improved as you worked toward your goal(s)?
- 4) What ideas or plans do you have for the future based on what you have learned or discovered?
- 5) Fiber content of fabric by percentages and care required.
- 6) Type of interfacing(s) used and fiber content.

NOTE ABOUT REQUIRED INFORMATION:

- A "Clothing Design Data Card" must be included with all Beyond the Needle Classes C221003-08 and STEAM 2 and 3 upcycled exhibits — IN ADDITION to the required information above. Information may overlap.
- Each Knitting levels 2 & 3 and Crocheting levels 2 & 3 exhibit requires a "Fiber Arts Data Card — Knitting" or "Crochet" INSTEAD OF the required information above.

Clothing Design Data Card (for specific Beyond the Needle and Upcycled classes)

Name _____ County _____
 Class Name and Number _____
All upcycled exhibits are required to have before and after pictures (no larger than 4.25 inches x 5.5 inches each)

- 1) Why did you choose to create this exhibit?
- 2) What steps did you take as you created this exhibit?
- 3) What is 1 thing you learned from creating this exhibit?



CLOTHING DESIGN DATA CARD

Available at the Extension office and as a fill-in PDF or DOCX at <https://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/static>

Premiums (except where designated otherwise): Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

Alice Doane Memorial Wool Award to Top Wool Garment or Item (must be sewn using a wool blend fabric — to be eligible, must indicate fiber content on Static Exhibit Entry Tag)



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STEAM CLOTHING 1 — FUNDAMENTALS

Suggested length of time in STEAM Clothing 1 is 2 years. Page numbers in these exhibit classes reference the 4-H project book "STEAM Clothing 1: FUNDamentals." Using the project book is optional.

Special Award to Top Clothing 1
No state fair entry

NON-SEWN EXHIBITS

Class # Class Description

C220900 **Clothing Portfolio** — complete at least 3 different samples/activities from Chapter 2 OR Chapter 3 of the 4-H project book. The portfolio should be placed in an 8.5-inch x 11-inch 3-ring binder. Include an appropriate cover, dividers and table of contents. (Additional pages can be added each year, but should be dated.) See pages 9–11 for portfolio formatting.

- C220901 **Sewing Kit** — include a list of sewing notions and purpose for each included. (Pages 12–17).
- C220902 **Fabric Textile Scrapbook** — must include at least 5 different textile samples. Use Textile Information Cards template on page 41 in 4-H project book to identify fabric swatches. Completed textile cards should be placed in an 8.5 inch x 11 inch 3-ring binder. Include an appropriate cover. See 4-H project book for fabric suggestions.
- C220903 **What's the Difference** — exhibit a notebook, poster or small display sharing a project comparison and price point (not to exceed 22 inches x 30 inches). See "What's the Difference?" pages 118–119. Exhibits should include pictures, NO actual pillows.
- C220904 **Clothing Service Project** — can include, but not limited to, pillows or pillow cases. Exhibit a notebook, poster or small display (not to exceed 22 inches x 30 inches) sharing information you generated in the project activity "Serving a Purpose," pages 124–125.

SEWING EXHIBITS

Exhibits must be made from medium weight woven fabrics that will sew and press smoothly. Flannel, solid color fabrics or those having an overall print are acceptable.

Accepted features: in-seam or patch pockets; velcro closures; flat constructed sleeves (where first step is to sew sleeve to shirt and then underarm seam is sewn); simple, lined vests. Accepted waistbands: solid foldover strip in front and elastic in the back; sport elastic; drawstrings (buttonhole openings for drawstrings allowed, but not judged).

NO PLAIDS, STRIPES, NAPPED or KNIT. Patterns should be simple without darts, set-in sleeves, collars, zippers or buttonholes.

Classes C220910–30 do NOT require supporting information.

Exhibits must use sewing skills from the "STEAM Clothing 1: FUNDamentals" and/or the "STEAM Clothing: Maker's Guide" 4-H project books. A list of sewing skills by project/level is available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>.

Class # Class Description

- C220910 **Pillowcase**
- C220911 **Simple Pillow** — no larger than 18 inches x 18 inches, follow the 4-H pattern instructions for 3-stripe or 4-patch pattern.
- C220912 **Laundry Bag**
- C220913 **Tote Bag**
- C220914 **Simple Top** — pullover top/shirt OR simple, lined vest
- C220915 **Simple Bottom** — pants, shorts or skirt
- C220916 **Simple Dress/Romper**
- C220917 **Simple Sewing Item** — item may have 1 or more seams. Examples: dish towel or apron. Needle Books are not accepted.
- C220918 **Second Simple Sewing Item** — see above class for examples.
- C220919 **Upcycled Simple Garment** — the original used item must be redesigned (not just decorated) in some way to create a new wearable piece of clothing. A "before" picture and a description of the redesign process must accompany the entry or it will be disqualified.
- C220920 **Upcycled Accessory** — a wearable accessory made from a used item. The item used must be changed in some way in the "redesign" process. A "before" picture and a description of the redesign process must accompany the entry or it will be disqualified.
- C220921 **Re-do & Improve** — using a previously exhibited 4-H sewn item, make it better by using judge's feedback, improved skills and techniques. No previous purple ribbon exhibit winners allowed.

Makers Guide Exhibits

Page numbers in these exhibit classes reference the "Maker's Guide to Sewing Stuff" 4-H project book. Using the project book is optional.

- C220922 **Kitchen Stuff – plate mate** — see pages 6–9
- C220923 **Kitchen Stuff – oven mitt** — see pages 16–21
- C220924 **Play Stuff – beans game** — see pages 22–25
- C220925 **Play Stuff – crayon roll** — see pages 26–29
- C220926 **Stuff for Me – book cover** — see pages 30–33
- C220927 **Stuff for Me – wallet** — see pages 38–41
- C220928 **Pincushion** — see pages 48–49
- C220929 **Useful Stuff – bag/purse, pouch** — see pages 50–57
- C220930 **Fashion Accessory – scrunchie, headband or basic belt** — see pages 58–69

GENERAL CLOTHING — LEVELS 2 & 3

- C220001 **Clothing Portfolio** — complete at least 4 different samples/activities from Chapters 2, 3 or 4 of the STEAM Clothing 2 project book. The portfolio should be placed in an 8.5-inch x 11-inch 3-ring binder. Include an appropriate cover. Portfolio should build upon itself each year (additional pages can be added each year but should be dated). See pages 9–11 in STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing for portfolio formatting.
- C220002 **Textile Science Scrapbook** — must include at least 10 different textile samples. Use Textile Information Cards template on page 39 in STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing 4-H project book to identify fabric swatches. Completed textile cards should be placed in an 8.5-inch x 11-inch 3-ring binder. Include an appropriate cover. Textile Science Scrapbook should build upon itself each year (additional pages can be added each year but should be dated). See STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing project book for fabric suggestions.
- C220003 **Sewing For Profit** — using pages 161–167 in the STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing project book, display what products you posted online and analyze the cost of goods purchased to determine the appropriate selling price for your product. The exhibit may be a notebook, poster or small display. Exhibits should not exceed 22 inches x 30 inches.

STEAM CLOTHING 2 — SIMPLY SEWING

Garments as listed below may be made from any woven or knit fabric appropriate to the garment's design.

Exhibits must use sewing skills from the “STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing” 4-H project book. Using the project book is optional. A list of sewing skills by project/level and the “Clothing Design Data Card” required with the Upcycling classes are available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>.

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Special Award to Top Clothing 2 Exhibit

- C222001 **Design Basics, Understanding Design Principles** — 4-H members may enter an exhibit sharing a learning experience from pages 17–20 in the project book. Include answers to questions found on page 20. The exhibit may be a notebook, poster or small display. Exhibits should not exceed 22 inches x 30 inches.
- C222002 **Pressing Matters** — 4-H Members may enter a sewing ham or sleeve roll from pages 21–25 “A Pressing Matter” in the STEAM Clothing 2 project book. Exhibit should include answers to lesson questions that are most appropriate to include.
- C222003 **Upcycled Garment** — create a garment from used textile based items. The original used item must be redesigned using skills learned in STEAM Clothing 2 (not just decorated) in some way to create a new wearable piece of clothing. The finished garment must reflect at least 1 skill learned in this project. A “Clothing Design Data Card” must be included with this project, including a “before” picture no larger than 4.25 inches x 5.5 inches.
- C222004 **Upcycled Clothing Accessory** — a wearable accessory made from a used item. The original used item must be redesigned using skills learned in STEAM Clothing 2 (not just decorated) in some way to create a new wearable accessory. A “Clothing Design Data Card” must be included with this project, including a “before” picture no larger than 4.25 inches x 5.5 inches.
- C222005 **Textile Clothing Accessory** — textile accessory is constructed using at least 1 skill learned in this project from materials appropriate for STEAM 2. Entry examples include: hats, bags, scarves, gloves. No metal, plastic, paper or rubber items allowed (i.e. barrettes, headbands, flip flops, duct tape, etc.).
- C222006 **Top** — vest acceptable.
- C222007 **Bottom** — pants or shorts.
- C222008 **Skirt**
- C222009 **Lined or Unlined Jacket**
- C222010 **Dress** — not formal wear.
- C222011 **Romper or Jumpsuit**
- C222012 **2-Piece Outfit** — if a vest is part of the outfit and requires a top underneath, both the vest and the top need to be sewn by the 4-H member.
- C222013 **Alter Your Pattern** — include information sheet that describes: 1) how the pattern was altered or changed, 2) why the changes were needed/wanted. Appropriate skills for altering/designing a pattern in STEAM 2 include: moving darts, merging 2 patterns together, altering a pattern for a woven or knit material, adding a lining.
- C222014 **Garment Constructed from Sustainable or Unconventional (natural or synthetic) Fibers** — fabric(s) used in this garment have to be manufactured/purchased, for example: bamboo, banana, corn husk and recycled fibers. Garments that are constructed out of the unconventional items themselves (i.e. not fabric) should be exhibited under Beyond the Needle.
- C222900 **Make One—Buy One** (county only) — the exhibit is a purchased garment with a constructed garment(s) to make a complete, wearable outfit. Only the constructed garment needs to be brought to the fair. If outfit is in the Fashion Show, bring the purchased garment at that time.
- C222901 **Robe** (county only) — any constructed style.

STEAM CLOTHING 3 — A STITCH FURTHER

Garments as listed may be made from any pattern or any fabric.

Exhibits must use sewing skills from the “STEAM Clothing 3: A Stitch Further” 4-H project book. Using the project book is optional. A list of sewing skills by project/level and the “Clothing Design Data Card” required with the Upcycling classes are available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>.

Entry consists of complete constructed garments only. Garments as listed may be made for self or others. Wool entries must have the fiber content listed on the identification label.

**Note for outfits: if 2 pieces need a top to complete the outfit, it is not necessary to exhibit the top. However, if there is only 1 constructed garment and it needs another piece or more to be complete, it must be entered in Make One—Buy One.*

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0
Special Award to Top Clothing 3 Exhibit

- C223001 **Upcycled Garment** — create a garment from used textile based items. The original used item must be redesigned (not just decorated) in some way to create a new wearable piece of clothing. The finished garment must reflect at least 1 skill learned in this project. A “Clothing Design Data Card” must be included with this project, including a “before” picture no larger than 4.25 inches x 5.5 inches.
- C223002 **Upcycled Clothing Accessory** — a wearable accessory made from a used item. The item used must be changed in some way in the redesign process. The finished accessory must reflect at least 1 skill learned in this project. A “Clothing Design Data Card” must be included with this project, including a “before” picture no larger than 4.25 inches x 5.5 inches.
- C223003 **Textile Clothing Accessory** — textile accessory is constructed using at least 1 skill learned in this project from materials appropriate for STEAM 3. Entry examples include: hats, bags, scarves, gloves. No metal, plastic, paper or rubber items allowed (i.e. barrettes, headbands, flip flops, duct tape, etc.).
- C223004 **Dress or Formal**
- C223005 **Skirted Combination** (skirt with shirt, vest or jacket OR jumper and shirt) — if a vest is part of the outfit and requires a top underneath, both the vest and the top need to be sewn by the 4-H member.
- C223006 **Pants or Shorts Combination** (pants or shorts with shirt, vest or jacket) — if a vest is part of the outfit and requires a top underneath, both the vest and the top need to be sewn by the 4-H member.
- C223007 **Romper or Jumpsuit**
- C223008 **Specialty Wear** (includes swim wear, costumes, hunting gear or chaps)
- C223009 **Lined or Unlined Jacket or Vest** (non-tailored)
- C223010 **Coat, Blazer, Suit Jacket or Outerwear** — a tailored blazer or suit jacket or coat. Wool entries must have the fiber content listed on the identification label to be considered for the Make It With Wool Award.
- C223011 **Alter/Design Your Pattern** — include information sheet that describes: 1) how the pattern was altered or changed, 2) why the changes were needed/wanted. Appropriate skills for altering/designing a pattern in STEAM 3 include: moving darts, adding a zipper, merging 2 patterns together, altering a pattern for a woven or knit material, adding a lining, designing your own pattern.
- C223012 **Garment Constructed from Sustainable or Unconventional (natural or synthetic) Fibers** — fabric/fibers used in this garment have to be manufactured/purchased, for example: bamboo, banana, corn husk and recycled fibers. Garments that are constructed out of the unconventional items (i.e. not fabric) themselves should be exhibited under Beyond the Needle.
- C223900 **Make One—Buy One** (county only) — the exhibit is a purchased garment with a constructed garment(s) to make a complete, wearable outfit. Only the constructed garment needs to be brought to the fair. If outfit is in the Fashion Show, bring the purchased garment at that time.

STEAM CLOTHING — BEYOND THE NEEDLE

Special Award to Top Beyond the Needle Clothing and Top Accessory Exhibits

4-H members must show their own original creativity.

Exhibits must use skills from the “STEAM Clothing: Beyond the Needle” 4-H project book. Using the project book is optional. A list of Beyond the Needle skills by project/level is available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>.

Beyond the Needle Classes C221003-08 require a “Clothing Design Data Card,” in addition to the required information for each clothing exhibit. Information may overlap.

- C221001 **Design Portfolio** — a portfolio consisting of at least 3 design samples or activities. Refer to the Beyond the Needle project book for activity ideas. The portfolio should be placed in an 8.5-inch x 11-inch 3-ring binder. Include an appropriate cover. (Additional pages can be added each year but should be dated.) See pages 14–16 in the Beyond the Needle project book for portfolio formatting.

- C221002 **Color Wheel** — create your own color wheel, complimentary color bar or color scheme using pages 27–39 in the Beyond the Needle project book. The exhibit may be a notebook, poster or small display. Exhibits should not exceed 22 inches x 30 inches.
- C221003 **Embellished Garment With Original Design** — create a garment using techniques as defined in the 4-H project book (dyeing, aging, stitching, studs, rivets, grommets and eyelets, see complete list starting on page 75 of the 4-H project book). Designs are the original idea of the 4-H member using the elements and principles of design to make an original statement. A “Clothing Design Data Card” must be included with this project.
- C221004 **Original Designed Fabric Yardage** — fabric yardage is designed using techniques such as those found in the 4-H project book. Other embellishments may be added. Exhibit consists of at least 1 yard of finished fabric. A “Clothing Design Data Card” must be included with this project.
- C221005 **Item (Garment or Non-Clothing item) Constructed From Original Designed Fabric** — fabric yardage is designed first, then an item is constructed from that fabric. Other embellishments may be added. A “Clothing Design Data Card” must be included with this project.
- C221006 **Textile Arts Garment or Accessory** — a garment or accessory constructed using new unconventional materials. Examples: rubber bands, plastic, duct tape. A “Clothing Design Data Card” must be included with this project.
- C221007 **Fashion Accessory** — an accessory designed and/or constructed using elements and principles of design; can be textile or non-textile based. Example: shoes, strung bracelet/necklace, wire wrapping, scarves, flip flops, design on tennis shoes, etc. A “Clothing Design Data Card” must be included with this project.
- C221008 **Wearable Technology Garment or Accessory** — technology is integrated into the garment or accessory in some way (examples: LEDs, charging capabilities, sensors, etc.). A “Clothing Design Data Card” must be included with this project.
- C221900 **Embellished Garment** (county only) — any surface embellishment that is applied to a purchased or constructed garment such as ribbon, lace, embroidery, applique, braids, buttons or fabric pieces. May use patterns or online ideas. Commercial iron-on appliques or any prepackaged item where the materials are predetermined by the manufacturer will not be accepted. Include information on what skills were learned or improved when creating this project. No tie-dyed garments in this class.
- C221904 **Extra Article** (county only) made in this project — include information on what skills were learned or improved when creating this project. No flip flops.

GENERAL

SHOPPING IN STYLE

- Poster exhibits should be on 14-inch x 22-inch poster board.
 - 3-ring binder exhibits should be 8.5 inches x 11 inches.
 - Folders, with or without fasteners, should NOT be used.
 - Video exhibits should be less than 5 minutes in length. Multi-media presentations and exhibits are to be uploaded to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.
- Page numbers in these exhibit classes reference the 4-H project book “Shopping in Style.” Using the project book is optional.

Special Award to Top Shopping in Style Exhibit

- | Class # | Class Description |
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| C240001 | Best Buy for Your Buck Ages 8–13 — provide details of the best buy you made for your buck this year. Consider building the ultimate wardrobe by adding to this entry each year by dividing it into Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, etc. Put the story in a 3-ring binder or video, no posters please (see general information above). Do not include the Shopping In Style Fashion Show Information Sheet in your entry for this class. Although both entries do share some information, there are differences in content and format for this class. Ages 8–13: provide details about wardrobe inventory which indicates why you selected the garment you did, clothing budget, cost of garment and a conclusion or summary statement(s) stating your final comments on why you selected your “Best Buy for Your Buck.” Provide 3 color photos of you wearing the garment (front, side, back views). |
| C240002 | Best Buy for Your Buck Ages 14–18 — provide details of the best buy you made for your buck this year. Consider building the ultimate wardrobe by adding to this entry each year by dividing it into Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, etc. Put the story in a 3-ring binder or video, no posters please (see general information above). <u>Do NOT include the Shopping In Style Fashion Show Information Sheet in your entry.</u> Although both entries do share some information, there are differences in content and format for this class. Ages 14–18: provide details listed for those ages 8–13 (above) plus include body shape discussion, construction quality details, design features that affected your selection, cost per wearing, care of garment and a conclusion or summary |

- statement(s) stating your final comments on why you selected your “Best Buy for Your Buck.” Provide 3 color photos of you wearing the garment (front, side, back views).
- C240003 **Revive Your Wardrobe** — take at least 2 items in your wardrobe that still fit but that you don’t wear anymore and pair them with a new garment(s) to make them wearable once again. Create a photo story which includes before and after photos and a description of what was done. Put in a 3-ring binder, poster or video (see general information above).
- C240004 **Show Me Your Colors** — select 6–8 color photos of you wearing different colors. Half should be what you consider to be good personal color choices and half should be poor personal color choices. Write a brief explanation with each photo describing your selections. Refer to page 23 for more information. Entry should be a poster (see general information above).
- C240005 **Clothing First-Aid Kit** — refer to page 73 and complete a clothing first-aid kit. Include a list of items in the kit and brief discussion of why each was included. Put in an appropriately sized box or tote with a lid. No larger than a shoe box.
- C240006 **Mix, Match & Multiply** — using the concept from page 32 take at least 5 pieces of clothing and create new outfits. Use your imagination to show various looks (i.e. on a clothesline, in a tree, on a mannequin). Include a brief discussion of each outfit which demonstrates what you have learned by completing this entry. Entry can be a 3-ring binder, poster or video (see general information above).

PURSE AND APRON

- All entries must be handmade (includes knitting and crocheting) and not purchased. No kits, boxes or other non-sewn items will be accepted. Embellishments can be attached in any manner but must be permanent enough to be durable over time (this includes handles on purses).
- Include the following information on a piece of paper placed with the entry tag. (This information is in place of the information required for other clothing exhibits.) 1) What was your goal(s) in making this exhibit (examples: learn how to work with a silky fabric or learn to put in a zipper)? 2) What were the most important things you learned or skills you improved as you worked toward your goal(s)? 3) Is this an original design or made from a pattern? 4) Fiber content of fabric by percentages and care required? 5) Type of interfacing(s) used and fiber content.

No state fair entry

- C220991 **Purse**
C220992 **Apron**

LEVEL 1 - FIBER ARTS - KNITTING OR CROCHETING

No supporting information needed.

No state fair entry

- C227910 **Knitted Article** — clothing item
- C227920 **Miscellaneous Knitted Article**
- C227925 **Additional Knitted Article** — can be clothing or miscellaneous article, but not the same type of article entered under miscellaneous knitted article (example: cannot enter 2 scarves).
- C227930 **Crocheted Article** — clothing item
- C227940 **Miscellaneous Crocheted Article**
- C227945 **Additional Crocheted Article** — can be clothing or miscellaneous article but not the same type of article entered under miscellaneous crocheted article (example: cannot enter 2 washcloths).

LEVEL 2 & 3 - FIBER ARTS - KNITTING

Required information for each Knitting Level 2 & 3 exhibit:
A “Fiber Arts Data Card — Knitting” (below) must be included INSTEAD OF the required information for all other clothing exhibits.

Fiber Arts Data Card – Knitting

Name _____ Age _____ County _____

Class Name and Number _____ Years in Project _____

1) Why did you choose to create this exhibit?
2) What steps did you take as you created this exhibit?
3) What were the most important things you learned?
4) Gauge — number of rows per stitch; number of stitches per inch.
5) Size of needles, finger knitted, arm knitted, loom or machine knitted.
6) Kind of yarn — weight and fiber content.
7) Names of stitches used.



FIBER ARTS DATA CARD – KNITTING
Available at the Extension office and as a fill-in PDF or DOCX at
<https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/static>

- Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0
Special Award to Top Knitting Exhibit (Includes Levels 1, 2 & 3)
- C225001 **Level 2 Knitted Clothing** — knitted item or garment using pattern stitches such as diamond, block, twist or seed/moss stitches. Basic stitches [including: Knit (K), Purl (P), Slip Knit Pass Over (SKPO), Knit Two Together (K2tog), Yarn Over (yo)] to form pattern.
- C225002 **Level 2 Knitted Home Design & Restoration Item** — knitted item using basic stitches [including: Knit (K), Purl (P), Slip Knit Pass Over (SKPO), Knit Two Together (K2tog), Yarn Over (yo)] to form patterns.
- C225003 **Arm or Finger Knitted Item (Clothing or Home Design & Restoration Item)**
- C225004 **Loom Knitted Item (Clothing or Home Design & Restoration Item)**
- C225005 **Level 3 Knitted Clothing** — knitted item or garment made from advanced knitting stitches such as pass slip stitch over, double-pointed needle knitting, cable, Turkish, tamerna, plait, germaine, feather and fan or knitting with 1 or more patterns such as Aran or Fair Isle. Made by using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to circular knitting, double pointed needle knitting, knitting with multiple pattern stitches and changing colors throughout the garment such as argyle knitting and chart knitting.
- C225006 **Level 3 Knitted Home Design & Restoration Item** — knitted item made by using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to circular knitting, double pointed needle knitting, knitting with multiple pattern stitches and changing colors throughout the garment such as argyle knitting and chart knitting.
- C225007 **Level 3 Machine Knitting**
- C225950 **Miscellaneous Knitted Article** (county only)

LEVEL 2 & 3 - FIBER ARTS - CROCHETING

Required information for each Crocheting Level 2 & 3 exhibit:
A "Fiber Arts Data Card — Crochet" (below) must be included INSTEAD OF the required information for all other clothing exhibits.

Fiber Arts Data Card – Crochet

Name _____ Age _____ County _____

Class Name and Number _____ Years in Project _____

1) Why did you choose to create this exhibit?
2) What steps did you take as you created this exhibit?
3) What were the most important things you learned?
4) Gauge — number of rows per inch; number of stitches per inch.
5) Size of hook or type of crochet tool.
6) Kind of yarn — weight and fiber content or other material used.
7) Names of stitches used.



FIBER ARTS DATA CARD – CROCHET
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- Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0
Special Award to Top Crocheting Exhibit (Includes Levels 1, 2 & 3)
- C226001 **Level 2 Crocheted Clothing** — crocheted garment using basic stitches (including: chain, single, double, half-double, treble) to form patterns.
- C226002 **Level 2 Crocheted Home Design & Restoration Item** — crocheted item using basic stitches (including: chain, single, double, half-double, treble) to form patterns.
- C226003 **Level 3 Crocheted Clothing** — crocheted garment using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to use afghan stitch, broomstick lace, hairpin lace, design motifs and multiple pattern stitches.
- C226004 **Level 3 Crocheted Home Design & Restoration Item** — crocheted item using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to use afghan stitch, broomstick lace, hairpin lace, design motifs and multiple pattern stitches.
- C226910 **Miscellaneous Crocheted Article** (county only)

FOOD & NUTRITION

Superintendents: Barb Suing, Sandy Talbert, Jamie Wood, Kylee Schirmer and Taylor Yake!

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.
READ EACH ENTRY CAREFULLY!
Place all food entries on appropriate-sized disposable plates, in self-sealing bags. Display cakes top side up. A standard quick bread pan measures 5 inches x 8 inches.
Alcohol ingredients are not allowed. If an ingredient can be legally purchased by a 4-H member, it can be used.

Food Safety: Exhibits are on display for several days. Please limit exhibits to products which hold up well. Items that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed. Food products must be unquestionably safe to eat when they are entered, whether tasted or not. Egg glazes on yeast products before baking are allowed. Glazes, frostings and other sugar-based toppings are also considered safe due to the high sugar content. Eggs incorporated into baked goods or crusts and cheeses mixed into bread doughs are considered safe. All fruit fillings must be cooked. Uncooked fruit or vegetables are not allowed in any exhibit due to spoilage (i.e. fresh fruit tart). Cream cheese fillings and/or frostings are not allowed. Meat, dried meat, meat substitute pieces (bacon bits, pepperoni, etc.) or melted cheese toppings are not allowed in food exhibits. They may result in an unsafe food product by the time the item is judged due to unpredictable heat/and or weather conditions and will be disqualified.

Prepared Mixes: Commercially prepared mixes are allowed in the Cooking 201 Creative Mixes exhibit ONLY. No premade cookie dough. Prepared baking mixes, biscuit mixes, and other pre-made mixes entered in other categories will be lowered a ribbon placing. Commercially prepared seasoning mixes for food preservation are not allowed.

Sourdough: Sourdough is categorized differently than standard yeast breads due to its unique leavening agent and fermentation process and may ONLY be entered in Cooking 201: Baking with Whole Grains, Cooking 401: Family Food Traditions or Cooking 401: Ethnic Food Exhibit.

Bread Machines: Any bread item prepared or baked using a bread machine should be entered under the Cooking 201 Non-Traditional Baked Product. All exhibits made in the Cooking 301 or Cooking 401 projects must have been prepared without the assistance of a bread machine for mixing, raising or baking of the food item.

Muffins: Bake and bring muffins without muffin baking papers.

4-H members may request to take home the portion of their baked-food exhibit not needed for public display. Speak to a food superintendent either during Tuesday check-in to pick up food on Wednesday late in the afternoon OR speak to a food superintendent when you interview judge on Wednesday.

Required information for each Food & Nutrition exhibit (see Food Preservation for different required information):
1) 4-H Static Exhibit Entry Tag stapled on the outside corner of the bag — opposite side of the opening/closure.
2) Recipe (on separate piece of paper — may be handwritten, photocopied or typed) placed with the entry tag.
3) Write what you learned as a result of completing the project (on separate piece of paper — may be handwritten, photocopied or typed), placed with the entry tag.
4) 4-H member's name on bottom of plate or item, easily read without unwrapping.

Premiums (except where designated otherwise): Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0
Special Awards to Top Cookies, Quick Bread, Yeast Exhibit, Cake or Pie and Food Preservation Exhibits

BEGINNING LEVEL

It is suggested 4-H members remain in this project level only 2 years.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0
No state fair entry.

COOKING 101

E401901 **Baked Cookies** — any recipe, 4 on a small paper plate.
E401902 **Muffins** — any recipe, 4 on a small paper plate. No muffin baking papers.
E401903 **No Bake Cookie** — any recipe, 4 on a small paper plate.
E401904 **Cereal Bar Cookie** — any cereal-based recipe made in pan and cut into bars or squares for serving, 4 on a small paper plate.
E401905 **Granola Bar** — any recipe, 4 on a small paper plate.
E401906 **Brownies** — any recipe, 4 on a small paper plate.
E401907 **Healthy Snack or Mix** — any recipe, 4 cookies, bars, muffins, etc., on a small paper plate or at least 1 cup of mix in a self-sealing bag. (Examples: granola bars, homemade crackers or chips.) Supporting information to include: recipe and snack menu and why this snack menu might be considered a healthy snack.
E401908 **Small or Standard-Size Pie** — made with homemade fruit filling. No egg pastries or cream fillings. No canned fillings or premade pie crusts. Graham cracker crust acceptable at this beginning level. May be a double crust, crumb, cut-out or lattice topping using a 5-9 inch disposable pie pan.

MIDDLE LEVEL

It is suggested 4-H members remain in this project level only 2 years.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

COOKING 201

Class # Class Description

- E410001 **Loaf Quick Bread** — any recipe, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of a standard loaf displayed on a paper plate. Quick bread is any bread that does not require kneading or rising time and does NOT include yeast. A standard quick bread loaf measures approximately 4.5 inches x 8.5 inches or 5 inches x 9 inches. If mini-loaf pans are used for the exhibit, 2 loaves must be presented for judging.
- E410002 **Creative Mixes** — any recipe, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of baked product or 4 muffins/cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. Baked item made from a mix (commercial or homemade mixes acceptable). Food product must have been modified to make a new or different baked item. Examples: poppyseed quick bread from a cake mix, cake mix cookies, pudding mix cookies, sweet rolls made from ready-made bread dough, monkey bread from biscuit dough, streusel coffee cake from a cake mix, etc. Supplemental information required for this class: Write what you learned about making this product using a mix instead of a homemade recipe or recipe "from scratch." Does it make it better or easier to use a convenience product or mix? Why or why not?
- E410003 **Biscuits or Scones** — 4 biscuits or scones on a small paper plate. This may be any type of biscuit or scone: rolled or dropped. Any recipe may be used, but it must be a non-yeast product baked from scratch.
- E410004 **Healthy Baked Product** — any recipe, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of baked product or 4 muffins/cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. May be baked in a disposable pan. Recipe must contain a fruit or vegetable as part of the ingredients (Ex. banana bars, cantaloupe quick bread, zucchini muffins, etc.).
- E410005 **Coffee Cake** — any recipe or shape, non-yeast product — at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of baked product on a paper plate or in a disposable pan.
- E410006 **Baking with Whole Grains** — any recipe, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of baked product or 4 muffins/cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. May be baked in a disposable pan. The recipe must contain whole grains as part of the ingredients. (Examples: whole wheat applesauce bread, sourdough, peanut butter oatmeal cookies, etc.)
- E410007 **Non-Traditional Baked Product** — exhibit must include a food product prepared using a non-traditional method (i.e. bread machine, cake baked in an air fryer, baked item made in microwave, etc.) Entry must be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of baked product or 4 muffins or cookies on a paper plate. In addition to the recipe, entry must include supporting information that discusses an alternative preparation method and how it compares with the traditional method.
- E410900 **Interview a Person Who Works in a Food-related Job** (county only) — maximum of 2 pages, 1-sided write up of an interview with a person who works in a food related job. Consider creativity and neatness. Mount on 9-inch x 12-inch colored paper or poster board. Include a picture of the person interviewed. (May be laminated to preserve exhibit.) Overall size of mounted exhibit should be no larger than 9 inches x 12 inches.
- E410901 **Unfrosted 1 Layer Cake** (county only) — cake must be made with less sugar, fat or salt. Include original recipe and altered recipe. Include at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of product.
- E410903 **Quick Baked Product** (county only) — use 5–7 ingredients to make a "quick" baked product. May be any recipe. Prepackaged products may be used in recipe, ex. refrigerated dinner roll, pre-made bread dough, etc. Display proper amount of food item (4 on a plate or $\frac{3}{4}$ or more of baked item). Supporting information must include experiences in making a quick baked product.

ADVANCED LEVELS

Any bread item prepared or baked using a bread machine should be entered under the Cooking 201 "Non-traditional Baked Product" class. All exhibits made in the Cooking 301 and Cooking 401 projects must have been prepared without the assistance of a bread machine for mixing, rising or baking of the food item.

COOKING 301

- E411001 **White Bread** — any yeast recipe, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of a standard loaf displayed on a paper plate.
- E411002 **Whole Wheat or Mixed Grain Bread** — any yeast recipe, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of a standard loaf displayed on a paper plate.
- E411003 **Specialty Rolls** — any yeast recipe, 4 rolls on a paper plate. May be sweet rolls, English muffins, kolaches, bagels or any other similar recipe that makes individual portions.
- E411004 **Dinner Rolls** — any yeast recipe, 4 rolls on a paper plate. May be cloverleaf, crescent, knot, bun, bread sticks or any other type of dinner roll.
- E411005 **Specialty Bread** — any yeast recipe, includes tea rings, braids or any other full-sized specialty bread products. Must exhibit at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of a full sized baked product.

- E411006 **Shortened Cake** — must exhibit at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cake (recipe must not be from a cake mix). Shortened cakes use fat for flavor and texture and recipes usually begin by beating fat with sugar by creaming and include leavening agents in the recipe. Cake may be frosted with a non-perishable frosting (no cream cheese or egg-white based frostings allowed).

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- E412001 **Double Crust Fruit Pie** — made with homemade fruit filling. No egg pastries or cream fillings. No canned fillings or premade pie crusts. May be a double crust, crumb, cut-out or lattice topping. Using an 8-inch or 9-inch disposable pie pan is recommended.
- E412002 **Family Food Traditions** — any recipe, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of baked product or 4 muffins/cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. Any baked item associated with family tradition and heritage. Entry must include (A) recipe, (B) tradition or heritage associated with preparing and/or serving the food, (C) where or who the traditional recipe came from. (Sourdough is acceptable in this class.)
- E412003 **Ethnic Food Exhibit** — any recipe, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of baked product or 4 muffins/cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. May be baked in a disposable pan. The name of the country, culture or region should be included as part of the supporting information with the recipe, as well as background information about the country or culture the food item is representing. (Sourdough is acceptable in this class.)
- E412004 **Candy** — any recipe, 4 pieces of candy on a paper plate or $\frac{1}{2}$ cup. No items containing cream cheese will be accepted (Example: cream cheese mints). Candy may be cooked or not cooked; dipped, molded, made in the microwave or other methods of candy preparation. Recipe must be included.
- E412005 **Foam Cake** — original recipe (no mixes) of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cake. Foam cakes are cakes that have a high ratio of eggs to flour and fall into 3 categories: angel food cakes or meringues; sponge or jelly roll cakes and chiffon cakes. Cake may be frosted with a non-perishable frosting (no cream cheese or egg-white based frostings allowed).
- E412006 **Specialty Pastry** — any recipe, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of baked product or 4 muffins/cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. May be baked in a disposable pan. Baked items such as pie tarts, puff pastry, phyllo doughs, choux, croissants, Danish, strudels. Phyllo dough may be pre-made or from scratch. Pastries made with cream or egg-based fillings will be disqualified. No biscotti.

GENERAL

- E350001 **Food Science Explorations** — show the connection between food and science as it relates to food preparation, food safety, food preservation or food production. Exhibit may be a poster or foam core board (not to exceed 22 inches x 30 inches), computer based presentation printed off with notes pages, if needed and displayed in a binder, an exhibit display, a written report in a portfolio or notebook. Consider neatness and creativity. (Sourdough is an acceptable exploration in this class.)
- E350002 **Foods and Nutrition Poster, Scrapbook or Photo Display** — the project should involve a nutrition or food preparation technique or explore a career related to the food industry (caterer, restaurant owner, food scientist, registered dietitian, etc.). This might contain pictures, captions and/or a report to highlight the concept. Exhibit may be a poster or a foam core board (not to exceed 22 inches x 30 inches), a computer-based presentation printed off with notes pages (if needed) and displayed in a binder, an exhibit display or a written report in a portfolio or notebook. Consider neatness and creativity.
- E350003 **Physical Activity and Health Poster, Scrapbook or Photo Display** — the project should involve a physical activity or explore a career related to physical activity or health (personal trainer, sports coach, physical therapist, etc.). This might contain pictures, captions and/or a report to highlight the concept. Exhibit may be a poster or a foam core board (not to exceed 22 inches x 30 inches), a computer-based presentation printed off with notes pages, if needed, and displayed in a binder no larger than 8.5 inches x 11 inches, an exhibit display or a written report in a portfolio. Consider neatness and creativity.
- E350004 **Cooking Basics Recipe File** — a collection of 10 recipes from any source. Each recipe must accompany a complete menu in which the recipe is used. An additional 10 recipes may be added each year the 4-H member is in the project, with year clearly marked on recipes. Display in a recipe file or binder no larger than 8.5 inches x 11 inches. Be sure to include the number of servings or yield of each recipe. This may be a continued recipe file project from the previously used 4-H curriculum before 2018. Exhibits that include recipes with alcohol (wine, beer, rum, etc.) will be disqualified.
- E350902 **Activity Bag** (county only) — a duffle bag or backpack that the 4-H member packs so that they are always prepared to be active and make healthy food choices. May include proper workout attire, a healthy beverage or snack, a notebook or goal sheet, etc. Make sure all items are clean, clearly labeled and an explanation of why it is included in the Activity Bag. DO NOT put valuable items (i.e. electronics) in Activity Bag, instead use a picture of the item or include in the listing of items.

FOOD PRESERVATION

Canning Rules

All canning must be the result of this year's 4-H project. No alcohol ingredients allowed. Commercially prepared seasoning mixes are not allowed.

Processing methods: Current USDA processing methods and altitude adjustments must be followed for all food preservation. (Lancaster County's altitude ranges from 1,200 to 1,700 feet.) See <https://food.unl.edu/food-preservation> for current USDA guidelines and proper procedures for food preservation. Jams, preserves and marmalades, fruit, tomatoes and pickled products must be processed in a boiling water bath. Pickled eggs not accepted as they must be refrigerated. Tomatoes may also be processed in a pressure canner. All non-acid vegetables and meats must be processed in a pressure canner. Improperly canned or potentially hazardous food items will be disqualified. Spoiled or unsealed container disqualifies entry.

Current Project: Exhibits must have been preserved since the 4-H member's previous year's county fair and not been exhibited at the previous State Fair.

Jars and Lids: Do not need to be the same brand. Any canning flat-lid brand is acceptable. Jelly glasses or half pint jars may be used for jellies and preserves. The jars are not to be decorated by the 4-H member in any way. Canning jars must be used, others will be disqualified. No ¼ pint jars allowed. Leave jar rings on for fair display, it helps protect the seal. 2-piece lids consisting of a flat metal disk and a ring should be used. No zinc lids or 1-piece lids. Exhibits containing multiple jars, such as a "3 Jar Exhibit," should be placed in a container to keep jars together.

Labeling: Jars should be labeled with the name of the food item, name of the 4-H member, county and date of processing on the bottom of each jar — print labels from <https://go.unl.edu/canninglabel>. Each bag containing dried foods should also be labeled with the name of the food item, the name of the 4-H member, county and drying date. Multiple dried food exhibits should be secured by a rubber band or "twisty" to keep exhibit containing the 3 self-sealing bags together.

Required information for each Food Preservation exhibit:

- 1) 4-H Static Exhibit Entry Tag securely attached.
- 2) 4-H Food Preservation Card (see below) attached to each preserved item.
- 3) Instructions/Recipe (can be on the back of the card or a separate piece of paper — may be handwritten, photocopied or typed), placed with the entry tag. Include pre-treatment for dried products.
- 4) Write what you learned as a result of completing the project (can be on the back of the card or a separate piece of paper — may be handwritten, photocopied or typed), placed with the entry tag.
- 5) Label each jar or item with name of 4-H member, county, name of product and date of processing. Write plainly on a label and paste or tape securely on jar bottom or item (see above).

4-H Food Preservation Card (Please attach this card to each preserved item.)

Name: _____ County: _____

Name of Product: _____

Date Preserved: _____

PROCESSING METHOD (CHECK ONE):

☐ Boiling Water Canner, indicate type of pack (check one): ☐ raw pack OR ☐ hot pack

Processing time: _____ Altitude: _____

☐ Pressure Canner, indicate type of gauge (check one): ☐ weighted gauge OR ☐ dial gauge

Product was canned at _____ pounds pressure at _____ altitude.

Processing time: _____ ☐ packed hot OR ☐ packed cold

☐ Dehydration (check one): ☐ Dehydrator OR ☐ Other, please specify (i.e.: oven, solar, etc.): _____

Approximate drying time: _____

INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS/RECIPE AND WHAT WAS LEARNED

Include instructions/recipe for product on back of this card or attach. Include pre-treatment for dried products. 4-H members must include the source of the recipe/instructions. 4-H members must use approved USDA recipes/instructions. Include what you learned as a result of completing this project.



FOOD PRESERVATION CARD

Available at the Extension office and as a fill-in PDF at <https://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/static>

UNIT 1 FREEZING

Class # Class Description

E406001 **Baked Item Made From Frozen Produce** — any recipe, at least ¾ of baked product or 4 muffins/cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. Recipe MUST include a food item preserved by the freezing method done by the 4-H member. Examples Include: peach pie, blueberry muffins, zucchini bread, etc. Supporting information must include both the recipe for the produce that was frozen as part of this project AND the baked food item.

UNIT 2 DRYING

Multiple dried food exhibits should be secured by a rubber band or "twisty" to keep exhibit containing the 3 self-sealing bags together.

- E407001 **Dried Fruits** — exhibit 3 different examples of 3 different dried fruits. Place each dried fruit food (6–10 pieces of fruit, minimum ¼ cup) in separate self-sealing bags. Use a rubber band or "twisty" to keep the bags together.
- E407002 **Fruit Leather** — exhibit 3 different examples of 3 different fruit leathers. Place a 3–4 inch sample of each fruit together in separate, self-sealing bags. Use a rubber band or "twisty" to keep the bags together.
- E407003 **Vegetable Leather** — exhibit 3 different examples of 3 different vegetable or vegetable/fruit leather combo. Place a 3–4 inch sample of each leather together in separate self-sealing bags. Use a rubber band or "twisty" to keep the bags together.
- E407004 **Dried Vegetables** — exhibit 3 different samples of 3 different dried vegetables. Place each food (¼ cup of each vegetable) in a separate, self-sealing bag. Use a rubber band or "twisty" to keep the bags together.
- E407005 **Dried Herbs** — exhibit 3 different samples of 3 different dried herbs. Place each food (¼ cup of each herb) in a separate, self-sealing bag. Use a rubber band or "twisty" to keep the bags together.
- E407006 **Baked Item Made With Dried Produce/Herbs** — any recipe, at least ¾ of baked product or 4 muffins/cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. Recipe MUST include a dried produce/herb item made by the 4-H member. Examples: a granola bar made with dried fruits, dried cranberry cookies, an Italian herb bread or lemon thyme cookies. Supporting information must include both the recipe for the dried produce/herb AND the baked food item.

UNIT 3 BOILING WATER CANNING

- E408001 **1 Jar Fruit Exhibit** — exhibit 1 jar of a canned fruit. Entry must be processed in a boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations.
- E408002 **3 Jar Fruit Exhibit** — exhibit 3 jars of different canned fruits. May be 3 different techniques for same type of product. Examples include: applesauce, canned apples, apple pie filling, etc. Entry must be processed in a boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations.
- E408003 **1 Jar Tomato Exhibit** — exhibit 1 jar of a canned tomato product. Entry must be processed in a boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations.
- E408004 **3 Jar Tomato Exhibit** — exhibit 3 jars of different canned tomato products (salsa, sauces without meats, juice, stewed, etc.). Entry must be processed in a boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations.
- E408005 **1 Jar Pickled Exhibit** — 1 jar of a pickled and/or fermented product. Entry must be processed in a boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations.
- E408006 **3 Jar Pickled Exhibit** — exhibit 3 jars of different kinds of canned pickled and/or fermented products. Entry must be processed in a boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations.
- E408007 **1 Jar Jelled Exhibit** — exhibit 1 jar of a jam, jelly, fruit butter or marmalade. Entry must be processed in a boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations.
- E408008 **3 Jar Jelled Exhibit** — exhibit 3 different kinds of jelled products. Entry may be made up of either pints or half pints (but all jars must be the same size). Entry must be processed in a boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations.

UNIT 4 PRESSURE CANNING

- E414001 **1 Jar Vegetable or Meat Exhibit** — exhibit 1 jar of a canned vegetable or meat. Include only vegetables or meats canned in a pressure canner according to current USDA recommendations.
- E414002 **3 Jar Vegetable Exhibit** — exhibit 3 jars of different kinds of canned vegetables. Include only vegetables canned in a pressure canner according to current USDA recommendations.
- E414003 **3 Jar Meat Exhibit** — exhibit 3 jars of different kinds of canned meats. Include only meats canned in a pressure canner according to current USDA recommendations.
- E414004 **Quick Dinner** — exhibit a minimum of 3 jars to a maximum of 5 jars plus menu. Meal should include 3 canned foods that can be prepared within an hour. List complete menu on a 3-inch x 5-inch file card and attach to 1 of the jars. Entry must be processed according to current USDA recommendations.
- E414005 **1 Jar Tomato Exhibit** — exhibit 1 jar of a canned tomato product. Entry must be processed in a pressure canner according to current USDA recommendations.
- E414006 **3 Jar Tomato Exhibit** — exhibit 3 jars of different canned tomato products (salsa, sauces without meats, juice, stewed, etc.). Entry must be processed in a pressure canner according to current USDA recommendations.

HOME DESIGN & RESTORATION

Superintendents: Kristy Hattan, Jill Hattan, Tammy Wollen, Brandy Brock, Beverlee Keller and Shelli Keller

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

- Items must be designed to be used for home decorating, home furnishing or home management (no clothing, purses, note cards, scrapbooks/photo albums, etc.).
- Accessories should be of high quality (as compared to quick, simple crafts), suitable for use in the home several months throughout the year. **Holiday-specific indoor or outdoor decor items used for the home only for a specific celebrated holiday or time of year (2 months or less) are NOT accepted in this area, but may be entered in General Areas — Special County Exhibits. Including, but not limited to, themes such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween or Valentine's Day.**
- Items should show creativity and originality, along with the application of design principles and elements. 4-H members are required to include the design elements and principles they used along with simple explanation of how they designed their project with their exhibit. Information on the elements and principles of design may be found in the "Design Decisions" 4-H project book.
- Entered in correct class. What medium is the majority of your accessory made from? What was changed or manipulated?
- Items should be ready for display in the home (wall hangings ready to hang, etc.). **MAKE SURE HANGERS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE ITEM!**
- Items that focus on technology and science for the home are acceptable.
- Items should not be ones made for beginning level or other projects (ex: Sewing for Fun pillows, simple (10 minute) table runners or woodworking).
- Exhibits may be no larger than 7 feet tall and 6 feet wide. All exhibits must be easily moved by 2 people.

No tied-fleece items. Pre-packaged kits will NOT be accepted as they limit creativity during the design process. Kits are defined as any prepackaged item where the materials and the design are predetermined by the manufacturer. Articles that use patterns, pictures from magazines or online images as starting points for design are acceptable.

NO exhibits allowed with references or components related to alcoholic beverages. They will be disqualified.

Required information for each Home Design & Restoration exhibit:

Exhibits not having supporting information will be lowered 1 ribbon.

- 1) 4-H Static Exhibit Entry Tag, securely attached.
- 2) 4-H Home Design & Restoration Supporting Information tag (see below), placed with the Static Exhibit Entry Tag. Information on this tag may be provided on a full or half sheet of paper; and may be handwritten or typed. Write the steps used in preparing the exhibit (can be on the tag or a separate piece of paper).

4-H Home Design & Restoration Supporting Information Tag

Name _____ Age _____ County _____

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible to ensure the judge can provide the most helpful critique of your exhibit.

- **Identify one element or principle of design in your exhibit. How or why did you use this in the creation of your project?**

Elements – Line, Form, Shape, Color, Texture, Space

Principles – Balance, Emphasis, Movement, Pattern, Proportion, Repetition, Rhythm, Unity, Variety

- **Describe the steps you took to create the exhibit.**

- **Why did you choose to create this exhibit? How will it be used?**



HOME DESIGN & RESTORATION SUPPORTING INFORMATION TAGS

Available at the Extension office and as a fill-in PDF at <https://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/static>

Premiums (except where designated otherwise): Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Special Awards to the Top 3 Home Design & Restoration Exhibits and

Leta Guenther Bremer Memorial Needle Arts Award



Any Home Design & Restoration class may be an America's 250th Anniversary theme exhibit!

DESIGN MY PLACE

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No state fair entry

- | Class # | Class Description |
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| C250900 | Needlework Item — made with yarn or floss. |
| C250901 | Simple Fabric Accessory — pillow, laundry bag, table runner, etc. No tied-fleece items. |
| C250902 | Accessory Made With Original Batik or Tie Dye |
| C250903 | Simple Accessory Made Using Wood |
| C250904 | Simple Accessory Made Using Plastic |
| C250905 | Simple Accessory Made Using Glass |
| C250906 | Simple Accessory Made Using Clay |
| C250907 | Simple Accessory Made Using Paper |
| C250908 | Simple Accessory made Using Metal Tooling or Metal Punch |
| C250909 | Storage Item Made or Recycled |
| C250910 | Bulletin or Message Board |
| C250911 | Problem Solved: Use a Creative Method to Show You Solved a Home Design & Restoration Problem — air quality, water, sound, temperature, lighting, fire escape plan, etc. |
| C250912 | Video, Poster or Other Educational Media — showing how to make a bed, organize a room or the steps you used to make your simple accessory. |

DESIGN DECISIONS

Page numbers in these exhibit classes reference the 4-H project book "Design Decisions." Using the project book is optional.

- C257001 **Design Board for a Room** — include: color scheme, wall treatment, floor treatment, etc. OR floor plan for a room. Posters must be 22 inches x 28 inches. Show what you learned with before and after pictures or diagrams, samples, story, cost comparisons, optional arrangements, etc.
- C257002 **Problem Solved, Energy Savers OR Career Exploration** — identify a problem (problem windows, storage needs, inconvenient room arrangement, cost comparison, energy conservation, waste management, etc.) OR, explore a career related to Home Design & Restoration (what would it be, what education is needed, what would you do, etc.). Using poster (22 inches x 28 inches), notebook or other method, describe the problem and how it was solved OR your career exploration (pages 74–93).
- C257003 **Solar, Wind or Other Energy Alternatives for the Home** — can be models, either an original creation or an adaptation of kit. If kit, label and explain what was learned and how the item could be used in or on exterior of home (pages 74–93).
- C257004 **Technology in Design** — incorporate technology into a project related to home design or use technology to develop the design. Examples: using conductive thread to create a circuit that enhances a wall hanging or creating a design with a 3D printer.
- C257006 **Window Covering** — may include curtains, draperies, shades, shutters, etc.
- C257007 **Floor Covering** — may be woven, braided, painted floor cloth, etc. May be exhibited as a poster.

- C257008 **Bedcover** — may include quilt, comforter, bedspread, dust ruffle, canopy, etc. For quilts, state who did the quilting. No fleece-tied exhibits (pages 50–53).
- C257009 **Accessory – Original Needlework/Stitchery**
- C257010 **Accessory – Textile – 2D** — table cloth or runner, dresser scarf, wall hanging, etc. No tied-fleece blankets or beginning 10-minute table runners.
- C257011 **Accessory – Textile – 3D** — pillows, pillow shams, fabric bowls, etc. No fleece-tied exhibits.
- C257012 **Accessory – 2D**
- C257013 **Accessory – 3D** — string art, wreaths, etc.
- C257014 **Accessory – Original Floral Design**
- C257015 **Accessory – Original Made From Wood** — burn, cut, shape or otherwise manipulate.
- C257016 **Accessory – Original Made From Glass** — etch, mosaic, stain, molten or otherwise manipulate.
- C257017 **Accessory – Original Made From Metal** — cut, shape, punch, sculpt, reassemble or otherwise manipulate.
- C257018 **Accessory – Original Made From Ceramic or Tile** — treatment to exhibit must go through process that permanently alters the medium. Painting alone is not sufficient.
- C257019 **Accessory – Recycled/Upcycled Item for the Home** — reuse a common object or material in a creative way. Include description of what was done to recycle or reuse item in your attached information.
- C257020 **Furniture – Recycled/Remade** — made or finished by using a common object or material in a creative way. Include description of what was done to recycle or reuse item in your attached information.
- C257021 **Furniture – Wood, Opaque Finish** — such as paint or enamel.
- C257022 **Furniture – Wood, Clear Finish** — showing wood grain.
- C257023 **Furniture – Fabric Covered** — may include stool, chair seat, slipcovers, headboard, etc.
- C257024 **Furniture – Outdoor Living** — furniture made/refurbished suitable for outdoor use. Include description of what was done to recycle or reuse item in your attached information.
- C257025 **Accessory – Outdoor Living** — accessory made/refurbished by 4-H member suitable for outdoor use. Include description of what was done to recycle or reuse item in your attached information.
- C257902 **Wall Hanging for kitchen or bath** (county only) — 2- or 3-dimensional.
- C257904 **Wall Hanging for living/dining room** (county only) — 2- or 3-dimensional.
- C257906 **Wall Hanging for your bedroom** (county only) — 2- or 3-dimensional.
- C257907 **3-Dimensional surface accessory** (county only) — that will set on table, dresser or floor for kitchen or bath.
- C257908 **3-Dimensional surface accessory** (county only) — that will set on table, dresser or floor for living/dining room.
- C257909 **3-Dimensional surface accessory** (county only) — that will set on table, dresser or floor for bedroom.

HOME ANTIQUE RESTORATION

This project area is for items with historic, sentimental or antique value that are restored, repurposed or refinished to keep their original look and value. It is not for “recycled” items. For example, a bench would be considered an heirloom if the original finish is restored, but if decorated by painting it would be considered recycled.

- Exhibit only items for the home.
- See “Required information for each Home Design & Restoration exhibit.” IN ADDITION, must attach this information:
- List of steps taken to complete your project. Before and after pictures are encouraged.
 - Keepsakes documentation: how you acquired the item and the history of the item may be written with pictures included.
- Entering highly valuable items (especially small ones) is discouraged, as exhibits are not displayed in closed cases.

- C256001 **Trunks** — includes doll-sized trunks or wardrobes.
- C256002 **An Article** — either a repurposed “treasure” (accessory) from an old item or an old “treasure” (accessory) refinished or renovated. May include a display of a collection or collectibles, being careful not to destroy value of the collection.
- C256003 **Furniture** — either a repurposed “treasure” from an old item or an old “treasure” refinished or renovated. May include doll-sized furniture.
- C256004 **Cleaned and Restored Heirloom Accessory or Furniture** — a reconditioned and cleaned old piece of furniture or accessory so that the item or furniture is functional for use or display. Item might be cleaned and waxed and simple repairs made. Item would not be refinished or repainted, but reconditioned to restore it to its original look or to prevent it from further damage as a valuable heirloom. This class is for situations where it may be best to do very little to the item to maintain its antique value. Consult the Extension publication Care and Conservation of Heirloom Textiles G1682 for information. This publication can be found in the Digital Commons at <https://go.unl.edu/gcnh>. Item or article should be of complexity suited to an advanced project. (Refinished items go in classes C256002 and C256003).

HERITAGE

Superintendents: Kristy Hattan, Jill Hattan, Tammy Wollen, Brandy Wollen, Susan Holland and Beverlee Keller

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

Please note: Exhibits are entered at 4-H member’s own risk. 4-H staff is not responsible for loss or damage to family heirloom items or any items in this division.

Displays should not be larger than 22 inches high x 28 inches wide. Pictures and other hanging items must have a wire hanger for display purposes. Collections should be securely displayed in an attractive container no larger than 22 inches x 28 inches. Exhibits must include NAME, COUNTY, AGE and PAST EXPERIENCE (years in Explore Your Heritage, projects) on back of exhibit. All entries must include documentation. When writing documentation, ask yourself, how does this relate to my heritage and why is it important? Examples of documentation are birth, death and marriage dates, identification of individuals in the exhibit or stories related to the exhibit.

Special Award to Top Heritage Exhibit



Any Heritage class may be an America’s 250th Anniversary theme exhibit!

LEVEL 1: BEGINNING

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

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| A101001 | Heritage Poster or Flat Exhibit — entries may be pictures, posters, items that depict family heritage. Exhibits must be supported by a written explanation. |
| A101002 | Family Genealogy/History Notebook — include pedigree charts/family group sheets, with documentation for 2–3 generations of 1 family line, expanding each year. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year’s work. |
| A101003 | Local History Scrapbook/Notebook — scrapbook or notebook that depicts history of local community or Nebraska that helps youth appreciate their heritage. |
| A101004 | Framed Family Groupings (or Individuals) of Pictures Showing Family History — pictures must be supported by a written explanation. |
| A101005 | Other Exhibits Depicting the Heritage of the Member’s Family or Community — exhibit must be supported by a written explanation. May include, biographical album of themselves or another family member, family cookbooks, etc. |
| A101006 | 4-H History Scrapbook — scrapbook relating 4-H history of local club or county. Must be work of individual 4-H member, no club projects. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year’s work. |
| A101007 | 4-H History Poster — poster relating 4-H history of local club or county or individual. |
| A101008 | Story or Illustration About a Historical Event |
| A101009 | Book Review About Local, Nebraska or Regional History |
| A101010 | Other Historical Exhibits — attach an explanation of historical importance. |
| A101011 | Family Traditions Book — scrapbook depicting 4-H member’s family traditions of the past. |
| A101012 | Family Traditions Exhibit — story or illustration of a family tradition or event. Exhibits must be supported by a written explanation. |
| A101013 | 4-H Club/County Scrapbook — scrapbook relating 4-H history of local club or county compiled by club historian. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year’s work. |
| A101014 | 4-H Member Scrapbook — scrapbook relating to individual 4-H member’s 4-H history. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year’s work. |
| A101015 | Special Events Scrapbook — scrapbook relating to a 4-H special event, such as Congress or Ignite by 4-H or a personal or family special event, such as a trip, family reunion, etc. |

LEVEL 2: ADVANCED

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

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| A102001 | Heritage Poster or Flat Exhibit — entries may be pictures, posters, items, etc. that depict family heritage. Exhibits must be supported by a written explanation. |
| A102002 | Family Genealogy/History Notebook — include pedigree charts/family group sheets, with documentation beyond 2–3 generations of 1 family line, expanding each year. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year’s work. |
| A102003 | Local History Scrapbook/Notebook — scrapbook or notebook that depicts history of local community or Nebraska that helps youth appreciate their heritage. |
| A102004 | Framed Family Groupings (or Individuals) of Pictures Showing Family History — pictures must be supported by a written explanation. |

- A102005 **Other Exhibits Depicting the Heritage of the Member's Family or Community** — exhibit must be supported by a written explanation. May include, biographical album of themselves or another family member, family cookbooks, etc.
- A102006 **4-H History Scrapbook** — scrapbook relating 4-H history of local club or county. Must be work of individual 4-H member — no club project. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work.
- A102007 **4-H History Poster** — poster relating 4-H history of local club or county or individual.
- A102008 **Story or Illustration About a Historical Event**
- A102009 **Book Review About Local, Nebraska or Regional History**
- A102010 **Other Historical Exhibits** — attach an explanation of historical importance.
- A102011 **Exhibit Depicting the Importance of a Community or Nebraska Historic Landmark**
- A102012 **Community Report** — documenting something of historical significance from past to present.
- A102013 **Historic Collection** — displayed securely and attractively in a container no larger than 22 inches x 28 inches.
- A102014 **Video Documentary of a Family or a Community Event** — must be produced and edited by 4-H member. Video is to be uploaded to a streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.
- A102015 **4-H Club/County Scrapbook** — scrapbook relating 4-H history of local club or county compiled by club historian. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work.
- A102016 **4-H Member Scrapbook** — scrapbook relating to individual 4-H members' 4-H history. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work.
- A102017 **Special Events Scrapbook** — scrapbook relating to a 4-H special event, such as Congress or a personal or family special event, such as a trip, family reunion, etc.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Superintendents: Kristy Hattan, Jill Hattan, Tammy Wollen, Brandy Wollen, Susan Holland, Beverlee Keller and Shelli Keller

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

The term Human Development includes childcare, family life, personal development and character development. Please refer to the "I Have What It Takes to be Your Teen Babysitter" 4-H project book at <https://4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/resources/educator-resources/youth-babysitting>. In addition, another resource that will assist 4-H members in understanding young children is the Nebraska Early Learning Guidelines at <https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/early-learning-guidelines>.

Human Development exhibits in classes C200001–06: 4-H members in the Human Development project area will be asked to focus on designing toys that meet the different needs of children. Categories are based on the Early Learning Guidelines in Nebraska which identify the important areas our children should grow and develop. Use the Nebraska Department of Education website at <https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/early-learning-guidelines> and the resources around the Early Learning Guidelines to help understand the 7 areas and the skills children need to develop to create your exhibit, in conjunction with your 4-H project book.

All entries in classes C200001–06 MUST include the following information placed with the entry tag: 1) Where did I get the idea for this exhibit?, 2) What decisions did I make to make sure exhibit is safe for a child to use?, 3) What age is this toy, game or activity appropriate for and why? (Infant, Birth–18 months; Toddlers, 18 months–3 years; Preschoolers, 3–5 years or Middle Childhood, 6–9 years) 4-H members must give at least 2 examples that help in understanding the appropriateness of this exhibit for the age of the child (see 4-H project book) and 4) How is the toy, game or activity intended to be used by the child?

Classes C200001–06 must be made by the 4-H member. Possible purchased parts are acceptable such as dice for a grade-schooler to play a game, but the significant part of the exhibit must be MADE by the 4-H member. Not acceptable: items for display in child's room (which is a Home Design & Restoration item), container but not the contents made by the 4-H member or group of items assembled for a purpose but not made by the 4-H member. Games must include instructions for playing the game.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

A Special Award will be given to the Top Human Development Exhibit

The intent is for the toy/game/activity to teach the child in the developmental area related to each class. For example, a game that is developed to help youth learn language and literacy skills would be an exhibit for class C200002. Each area is a different class. Information sheet required (see above) or exhibit will be lowered a ribbon placing for classes C200001–06.

Class # Class Description

C200001 **Social Emotional Development** — toy, game or activity made for a selected and identified age group.

- C200002 **Language and literacy development** — toy, game or activity made for a selected and identified age group.
- C200003 **Science** — toy, game or activity made for a selected and identified age group.
- C200004 **Health and physical development** — toy, game or activity made for a selected and identified age group.
- C200005 **Math** — toy, game or activity made for a selected and identified age group.
- C200006 **Creative arts** — toy, game or activity made for a selected and identified age group.

C200007–C200009 do NOT have to relate to an Early Learning Guideline.

- C200007 **Activity With a Younger Child** — poster or scrapbook showing 4-H member working with a child age 0 to 8 years. May show a specific activity such as making something with the child or other child care and interactions as the 4-H member chooses. May include photos, captions, story or essay. Size of poster or scrapbook large enough to tell the story. Other people may take photos so that 4-H member can be in the photo. 4-H member must make the poster or scrapbook. No information sheet needed.
- C200008 **Babysitting Kit** — purpose of the kit is for the 4-H member to take this with them when they babysit in someone else's home. Do not make kit for combination of ages or for your own family to use. 4-H member must make 1 or more items in the kit, but purchased additional items are also allowed. A list of items in the kit is suggested to be included. Display in box or bag suitable for what it contains. Approximate size no larger than 12 inches x 15 inches x 10 inches. All items in kit must be safe for child to handle. Information sheet should include: 1) State which age group (infant, toddler, preschooler, middle childhood) the kit was prepared for. 2) What are children this age like? Give 2 examples to show how the kit would be appropriate for children this age. 3) What will the child learn or what skills will they gain by using the kit? 4) What item(s) were made by the 4-H member. The kit should serve a defined purpose, not just be a catch all for several items.
- C200009 **Family Involvement Entry** — exhibit should show an activity that the family did together. It may be a scrapbook, poster or story describing the process. It might include making something such as a doll house or feed bunk. Item may be exhibited if desired. Other possibilities include a house or farm cleanup project, a family reunion, a celebration of a family milestone, a trip or vacation, moving, a community service project. Photographs are encouraged. Visuals should show family participation, not just the completed item. Participation by all family members is important. Include list of family members and what each person did to prepare for the event, to make the item or to participate in the activity.
- C200010 **Growing With Others Scrapbook or Poster** — examples: how to decide if it's time you can be home alone and related activities; how responsibilities and privileges are related; friendships; working with others; understanding rules and boundaries; a family tree; a family rules chart; a family meal plan, with pictures of a special family meal; a home safety checklist; being street smart (safety) or a school scrapbook showing yourself and your school activities, memories and special interests.
- C200011 **Growing in Communities** — scrapbook or poster. Examples: a career study; a photo story about your own growth and development, not only physically but emotionally, socially, spiritually, mentally; a television evaluation (see 4-H project book); how you have overcome obstacles; friendships; a community profile; a community service project; working with parents; teaching experiences; understanding discipline or playground safety check.

VISUAL ARTS

Superintendent: Susan Holland

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

- Original Work — Items must be the original work of the 4-H member and should show creativity and originality. No copyrighted images or master studies.
- Ready for Professional Display — All exhibits must be presented appropriately for the medium(s) used and ready to be professionally displayed. 2-dimensional pieces on paper should be framed behind glass/plexiglass. Canvas boards should be framed but glass/plexiglass is not necessary. Stretched canvases do not need frames as long as the staples are not visible on the edges. All 2-dimensional pieces should be ready to hang using a sawtooth or wire hanger. MAKE SURE HANGERS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE ITEM! Command Strips are not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be lowered a ribbon placing.

Required information for each Visual Arts exhibit:

- Exhibits without supporting information will be lowered a ribbon.
- 4-H Static Exhibit Entry Tag, securely attached.
 - 4-H Visual Arts Supporting Information (see below), placed with the entry tag. Information may be provided on a full or half sheet of paper. Supporting information must be securely attached to the back of the piece.

4-H Visual Arts Supporting Information

Name _____ Age _____ County _____
Class _____ Artwork Title _____

REFLECTION —

- 1) Discuss your use of the elements and principles in this piece. Which specific elements and/or principles did you focus on while planning and creating this piece? Why?
2) Where or how did you find the inspiration or references for your artwork, such as other artwork, reference photos, ideas? What did you do to make this unique and original, rather than copying other's ideas or creations?
3) Does this artwork utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) integrated features? If so, please indicate.

PROCESS — Outline your creative process and the steps you took to complete this piece. Include special or unique materials, tools or techniques used.



VISUAL ARTS SUPPORTING INFORMATION TAG
Available at the Extension office and as a DOTX at
<https://go.unl.edu/ne4hvisualarts>

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Special Awards to the Top 4 Visual Arts Exhibits



Any Visual Arts class may be an America's 250th Anniversary theme exhibit!

MEDIUMS

Class #	Class Description
C260001	Original Acrylic Painting
C260002	Original Oil Painting
C260003	Original Watercolor
C260004	Original Pencil Drawing
C260005	Original Charcoal Drawing
C260006	Original Ink Drawing
C260007	Original Fiber Art — could include weaved art, dyed fabric, felted wool, cotton linter, batik, etc.
C260008	Original Sculpture — could include styrofoam, wood, cardboard, paper, metal, wire, etc.
C260009	Original Ceramic Pottery — no purchased ceramic pottery. Must be glazed and fired. May be any hand-built technique or wheel thrown. May be functional or non-functional. Could include slab-built, pinch pot, coil-built, wheel thrown, etc.
C260010	Original Painting on Purchased Ceramic Surface — no hand-built or wheel-thrown pottery. May be functional or non-functional. Could include figurines, cups, bowls, etc.
C260011	Original Single Media Not Listed — could include digital art, leathercrafting, printmaking, stained glass, pastels, scratchboard, sand painting, encaustic painting, chalk, etc.
C260012	Original Mixed Media — could include any combination of 2 or more other mediums or materials.

THEMES

Exhibits may utilize any medium or combination of mediums on any surface. Artwork should depict the artist's own interpretation of the theme. **All exhibits should include an explanation of how the piece reflects the theme and what ideas or thoughts the artist was attempting to express or communicate.**

C261001	Original Art Inspired by Plants or Animals — could involve, but is not limited to, domestic animals, pets, agriculture, wild animals, wildlife conservation, house plants, fruit, vegetables, flowers, native plants, trees, etc.
C261002	Original Art Inspired by Landscapes — could involve, but is not limited to, rural landscapes, natural environments, man-made environments, urban landscapes, extraterrestrial landscapes, oceanic scenes, buildings, fantasy landscapes, agricultural landscapes, etc.
C261003	Original Art Inspired by People — could involve, but is not limited to, cultural art, modern society, portraits, daily life, careers, families, emotions, etc.
C261004	Original Art Inspired by Artist's Choice — could involve, but is not limited to, food, cars, fantasy worlds, imaginary characters, science-fiction, history, etc.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH

Superintendents: Ron Suing and Marlo Yakel

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

All articles exhibited need to match the plans (if needed) that are provided. If plans are modified, the changes need to be noted on the plans. Think about it like this: one department in a company develops a product and draws a set of plans. A second department manufactures the product and a third department makes the boxes that the product will be sold in. Still a fourth department will do the advertising for the product. As you can imagine the company has big problems and maybe a lawsuit if everyone doesn't follow the same plan. You are welcome to be the designer, but the plans and the article must match or points will be deducted at judging. All plans used for making the article must be attached and protected by a clear plastic cover.

Premiums (except where designated otherwise):
Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

A Special Award will be given to the Top Engineering Exhibit

STEM ROCKETS

Any factory-assembled rockets (i.e. plastic fins, preassembled fins) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND DISQUALIFIED.

Rockets must be supported SUBSTANTIALLY in order to protect the rockets from breakage. Rockets are to be mounted on a base that has dimensions equal to or less than 12 inches x 12 inches and the base should be 3/4-inch thick. No metal bases. If the rocket fins extend beyond the edges of the required base (12 inches x 12 inches), then construct a base that is large enough to protect the fins. The base size is dictated by the size of the rocket fins. The rockets should be mounted vertically. Please do not attach sideboards or backdrops to displays. In addition, a used engine or length of dowel pin is to be glued and/or screwed into the board and extended up into the rocket's engine mount to give added stability. Rockets must be equipped as prepared for launching, with wadding and parachute in place or other recovery system.

A report, protected in clear plastic cover, must include: 1) rocket specifications (type of rocket, dimensions, construction materials, etc.), include original or photo of manufacturer's packaging stating rocket skill level, 2) a flight record for each launching (weather, distance, flight height), 3) number of launchings, 4) flight pictures, 5) safety (How did you choose your launch site? Document safe launch, preparations and precautions), 6) objectives learned and 7) conclusions. The flight record should describe the engine used, what rocket did in flight and recovery success. Points will not be deducted for launching, flight or recovery failures described. This includes any damage that may be shown on the rocket. 3 LAUNCHES ARE REQUIRED to earn the maximum launch points given on the scoresheet. Only actual launches count, misfires will not count towards 1 of the required 3 launches. All reports should be clearly written or typed and enclosed in a waterproof (plastic) binding. THE REPORTS SHOULD BE ATTACHED SECURELY TO THE DISPLAY.

ROCKETS ENTERED WITH LIVE ENGINES, WRONG BASE SIZE, PLASTIC FINNS OR SIDE-BOARDS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Judging is based upon display appearance, rocket appearance, workmanship, design or capabilities for flight, number of times launched and report. The skill level of a project is not determined by number of years in project. Skill level is determined by the level listed on the manufacturer's packaging.

4-H Rocket project levels are not intended to correspond to National Association of Rocketry model rocket difficulty ratings or levels.

High power rockets (HPR) are similar to model rocketry with differences which include propulsion power and increased weight. They use motors in ranges over "G" power and/or weigh more than laws and regulations allow for unrestricted model rockets. These rockets are NOT appropriate for 4-H projects and will be disqualified.

Posters can be any size up to 22 inches x 28 inches when ready for display. Tri-fold poster boards exceed the 22-inch x 28-inch size and cannot be used.

Premiums (except where designated otherwise): Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0
Special Award to Top Aerospace/Rockets/Drones Exhibit

AEROSPACE/ROCKETS

Class # Class Description

- H850001 **Rocket** — any skill level rocket with wooden fins and cardboard body tubes painted by hand or air brush.
- H850002 **Aerospace Display** — poster or display board that displays or exemplifies 1 of the principles learned in the "Aerospace Adventures Level 2: Lift Off" 4-H project book. Examples: display of rocket parts and purpose, explaining the parts of a NASA rocket or shuttle, interview of someone in the aerospace field or kite terminology. Include notebook containing terminology (definition) and what was learned. Display can be any size up to 22 inches x 28 inches.
- H850003 **Rocket** — any skill level rocket with wooden fins and cardboard body tubes painted using commercial application (example: commercial spray paint).

SELF-DESIGNED ROCKET

For self-designed rockets only, please include digital recorded copy of 1 flight. In the documentation, please include a description of stability testing before the rocket was flown.

- H850004 **Rocket** — any self-designed rocket with wooden fins and cardboard body tubes.

DRONES

- H850005 **Drone Poster** — exhibit must be designed to educate yourself and others on 1 or more of the following topics: drone technologies, use of drones, the different types of drones, types of training needed to operate drones and the laws and regulations users must follow. Posters can be any size up to 22 inches x 28 inches.
- H850006 **Drone Video** — exhibit must demonstrate how the drone interacts with the outside world. Examples include: field scouting, surveying damage from natural disasters, drones used in commercial applications and settings, drones used for structural engineering. Video should not exceed 5 minutes. Videos can be saved on a USB flash drive OR uploaded to a video streaming application with a printed QR code for viewing (4-H members are encouraged to test their QR code on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing).

STEM COMPUTERS

COMPUTER – UNIT 1

- H860901 **You Be the Teacher** (county only) — educational notebook, display or scrapbook that relates to project. Include 8.5-inch x 11-inch page describing exhibit and summary of learning.
- H860902 **Printed Publication** (county only) — exhibit any publication 4-H member has created. Examples: greeting card, flyer, newsletter, invitation, etc. Use appropriate display method (notebook, sheet protector, poster or other). On a separate sheet of paper, list: 1) which software program was used, 2) what was the most difficult part of the process and 3) what you learned.
- H860911 **Poster** (county only) — educational poster illustrating/identifying any of the following: 1) computer components and their uses, 2) similarities and differences in office software applications, 3) internet safety and 4) decimal to binary and decimal to hexadecimal.

COMPUTER – UNIT 2

- H860001 **Computer Application Notebook** — 4-H member should use computer application to create a graphic notebook utilizing computer technology. 4-H member may create any of the following: greeting card (5 different cards such as a birthday, wedding, anniversary, sympathy, get well or other); a business card (3 cards for 3 different individuals and businesses); menu (minimum of 2 pages including short description of foods and pricing); book layout (1 book); promotional flyer (3 flyers promoting 3 different events); newsletter (minimum 2 pages) or other (examples: precision farming or family business logo, etc.) This exhibit consists of a notebook (8.5 inches x 11 inches) which should include: 1) a detailed report describing: a) the task to be completed, b) the computer application software required to complete the task, c) specific features of the computer application software necessary for completing the task; and 2) print out of your project. Project may be in color or black and white.
- H860002 **Produce a Computer Slideshow Presentation** — using presentation software, a 4-H member designs a multimedia computer presentation on 1 topic related to youth. Slideshow should include a minimum of 10 slides and no more than 25. Incorporate appropriate slide layouts, graphics, animations and audio (music or voice and

transition sounds do not count). Each slide should include notes for a presentation. A notebook with a printout of all the slides should be submitted. The presentation file needs to be exported/created as a video in order for the judge to easily view at fair and prevent disqualifications for not being able to be viewed. Videos can be saved on a USB flash drive OR uploaded to a video streaming application with a printed QR code for viewing (4-H members are encouraged to test their QR code on several devices to check for appropriate permissions).

- H860903 **Printed Publication** (county only) — exhibit any 2 publications 4-H member has created. Examples: greeting card, flyer, newsletter, invitation, etc. Use appropriate display method (notebook, sheet protector, poster or other). On a separate sheet of paper, 1) which software program was used, 2) what was the most difficult part of the process and 3) what you learned.
- H860912 **Poster** (county only) — educational poster illustrating/identifying any of the following: 1) internal computer components, 2) operating systems and their processes, 3) protocols and program languages that support networking.

COMPUTER – UNIT 3

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- H860003 **Produce an Audio/Video Computer Presentation** — using presentation software, a 4-H member designs a multimedia computer presentation on 1 topic related to youth. The presentation should be 2–5 minutes in length and use appropriate graphics, sound and either a video clip, animation or voice over and/or original video clip. A notebook with a printout of all the slides should be submitted. The presentation file needs to be exported/created as a video in order for the judge to easily view at fair and prevent disqualifications for not being able to be viewed. Videos can be saved on a USB flash drive OR uploaded to a cloud streaming service with a printed QR code for viewing (4-H members should test their QR code on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing).
- H860004 **How-to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Presentation** — 4-H members design a fully automated 2–5 minute 4-H "how-to" video. Submissions should incorporate a picture or video of the 4-H member, as well as their name (first name only), age (by Jan. 1 of the current year), years in 4-H and their personal interests or hobbies. Videos can be saved on a USB flash drive OR uploaded to a video streaming application with a printed QR code for viewing (4-H members are encouraged to test their QR code on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing).
- H860005 **Virtual Platform Presentation** — 4-H members design a fully automated educational presentation using any multimedia platform such as TikTok, YouTube, Canva, etc. Submissions may include a notebook, poster, etc. explaining the process, experience and/or presentation. All submissions should include a link to the virtual presentation or display (video, notebook, poster, etc.). Videos can be saved on a USB flash drive OR uploaded to a video streaming application with a printed QR code for viewing (4-H members should test their QR code on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing).
- H860006 **Create a Website, Blog or App** — design a simple website, blog or app for providing information about a topic related to youth. Include an explanation of why the entry was created. Any current website, blog or app development platform is accepted such as Google Sites, iBuildApp, Wix, etc. If the website, blog or app isn't live, include all files on a flash drive in a plastic case. 4-H members MUST provide a hard copy QR code for viewing (4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or links on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing).
- H860007 **3D Printing** — 3D printing uses plastic or other materials to build a 3-dimensional object from a digital design (including 3D Pen Creation). 4-H members may use original designs or someone else's they have re-designed in a unique way. Exhibits will be judged based on the motivation and/or problem identified. For example, 3D objects printed as part of the design process for robot or other engineering project or cookie cutter. Must include design notebook that addresses the following questions: 1) What was the motivation for your design or the problem you were solving with your design, i.e. is your item a functional or decorative piece? 2) Please include a picture of original design, citation of designer/website OR if design is completely original (you created it using CAD software), then state that it's original. If item was not completely original, indicate what you did to the original design to modify it to better meet the design problem stated in #1 above. If its design was modified multiple times, please indicate what change was made with each modification and what prompted the need for the change. i.e. I printed it and the design was too fragile, so I resliced the print to make thicker external walls or to have a denser infill. 3) Define your process for designing/printing. What software and/or hardware was used (indicate type of 3D printer or if item was created with 3D pen)? 4) What materials were selected for your project? 5) If your final design has any moving parts, define how you determined appropriate allowance in your design. 6) Identify any changes that you would make to improve your design.

- H860008 **Maker Space/Digital Fabrication** — this project is a computer generated project created using a laser cutter, vinyl cutter, heat press or CNC router. Vector or 3D based software such as CorelDRAW or Fusion 360 would be an example of an appropriate software used to create your finished project. Project should include a notebook with the following: 1) what motivated you to create this project, 2) software and equipment used, 3) directions on how to create the project, 4) prototype of plans, 5) cost of creating project, 6) iterations or modifications made to original plans, 7) changes you would make if you remade the project. **Team Entry Option:** team materials must clearly be the work of a team instead of an individual and must have at least 50% of all team members enrolled in 4-H. Additionally, all enrolled 4-H members on the team should complete and attach an entry tag to the materials. A supplemental page documenting the individual contributions to the project should be included. The entry will be judged as a team, with all team members receiving the same ribbon placing.
- H860907 **Printed Publication** (county only) — exhibit any 3 publications 4-H member has created. Examples: greeting card, flyer, newsletter, invitation, etc. Use appropriate display method (notebook, sheet protector, poster or other). On a separate sheet of paper, list: 1) which software program was used, 2) what was the most difficult part of the process and 3) what you learned.

STEM ROBOTICS

- | Class # | Class Description |
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| H861001 | Robotics Poster — create a poster (22 inches x 28 inches) communicating a robotics theme such as “Robot or Not,” “Pseudocode,” “Real World Robots,” “Careers in Robots,” “Autonomous Robotics,” “Precision Agriculture” or a robotic topic of interest to the 4-H member. |
| H861002 | Robotics Notebook — explore a robotics topic in-depth and present your findings in a notebook. Documentation should include any designs, research, notes, pseudocode, data tables or other evidence of the 4-H members learning experience. The notebook should contain at least 3 pages. Topics could include a programming challenge, programming skills, calibration, sensor exploration or any of the topics suggested in Class H861001. |
| H861004 | Robotics Careers Interview — interview someone who is working in the field of robotics and research the career in robotics. Interviews can either be written or in a multimedia format such as a short video uploaded to a cloud-sharing service. Include a hardcopy QR code with your project to allow for judging access (4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or links on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing). Written interviews should be in a notebook. Written reports should be 3–5 pages, double spaced, 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Multimedia reports should be 3–5 minutes in length. |
| H861005 | Robotics Sensor Notebook — write pseudocode which includes at least 3 sensor activities. Include the code written and explain the code function. Codes can be submitted as a multimedia format. Multimedia presentations should be 3–5 minutes in length. Videos can be uploaded to a video streaming application and 4-H members MUST provide a hardcopy QR code for viewing (4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or links on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing). |
| H861007 | Kit Labeled Robot (cannot be free programmed) and Notebook — this class is intended for explorations of robotic components such as arms or vehicles OR educational kits marketed as robots that do not have the ability to be programmed to “sense, plan and act.” The exhibit should include a notebook with the robot the 4-H members has constructed. Included in the notebook should be: 1) a description of what the robot does, 2) pictures of programs the robot can perform, 3) why they chose to build this particular form and 4) how they problem solved any issues they might have had during building and programming. A picture story of assembly is recommended. If a robot is more than 15 inches wide and 20 inches tall and selected for the Nebraska State Fair, it may not be displayed in locked cases at the State Fair — state 4-H recommends you create a video of how your robot works and submit the project under class H861003: Robotics Video in the Robotics Showcase. |
| H861008 | 3D Printed Robotics Parts — this class is intended for 4-H members to create parts through 3D printing, to help create their robot or aid the robot in completing a coded function. Project should include notebook describing the process used to create the project, describe the success of your designed piece (did it work), intended use of the product and the modifications made to the item. |

ROBOTICS SHOWCASE

- H861003 ***Robotics Video** — this class should be displayed in a notebook. The notebook should include a video clip on a flash drive that demonstrates the robot performing the programmed function. Include your pseudocode and screenshots of the actual code

- with a written description of the icon/command functions. **Team Entry Option (2–4 4-H Members):** team materials must clearly be the work of a team instead of an individual and must have at least 50% of all team members enrolled in 4-H. Additionally, all enrolled 4-H members on the team should complete and attach an entry tag to the materials. A supplemental page documenting the individual contributions to the project should be included. The entry will be judged as a team, with all team members receiving the same ribbon placing.
- H861006 ***Build a Robot** (may use kit) — include a robot and notebook including the pseudocodes for at least 1 program you have written for the robot, the robots purpose and any challenges or changes you would make in the robot design or programming. Larger robots are encouraged to enter in class H861003 - Robotics Video. Junk Drawer Robotics do not qualify. **Team Entry Option (2–4 4-H Members):** team materials must clearly be the work of a team instead of an individual and must have at least 50% of all team members enrolled in 4-H. Additionally, all enrolled 4-H members on the team should complete and attach an entry tag to the materials. A supplemental page documenting the individual contributions to the project should be included. The entry will be judged as a team, with all team members receiving the same ribbon placing.

***STATEWIDE CONTEST:** The Nebraska 4-H Robotics Showcase at the Nebraska State Fair is an in-person contest for 4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year). Contest consists of county-level static exhibit classes H861003 Robotics Video and H861006 Build a Robot. Participants may enter as an individual or as a team of 2–4 4-H members. 4-H members do not need to qualify with a county-level exhibit, but are encouraged to enter their exhibit at the county level to gain feedback from a judge. To participate in the state contest, register at <https://go.unl.edu/2026nesfstem> by **Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.** For more information, see <https://4h.unl.edu/4-h-fairbook-nebraska-state-fair/contests/robotics-showcase>. If questions, contact Julie Schultz at jschultz28@unl.edu or 402-375-3310.

STEM GEOSPATIAL

- | Class # | Class Description |
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| H880001 | Poster — create a poster (not to exceed 14 inches x 22 inches) communicating a GPS theme such as How GPS or GIS works, Careers that use GPS or GIS, How to use GPS, What is GIS, GPS or GIS in Agriculture, Precision Agriculture or a geospatial topic of interest. |
| H880002 | 4-H Favorite Places or Historical Site Poster — identify a favorite place or historical site (including grave sites) in Nebraska. Exhibit should include latitude and longitude, digital picture and local area map. Poster size should not exceed 14 inches x 22 inches. |
| H880003 | GPS Notebook — keep a log of at least 5 places visited using a GPS enabled device. At least 1 site should be from a community other than where you live. For each site, record the latitude, longitude and elevation. Also include a description of the site, a paragraph explaining what was interesting about the site or finding it. Photos of each site and/or cache are optional but encouraged. |
| H880004 | Geocache — assemble a themed geocache (physical geocache is REQUIRED with exhibit). Each geocache should be a water-tight container. It should include a logbook and pencil for finders to log their visits and may include small trinket, geocoins, etc. for the finders to trade. Documentation should include a title, teaser description and the geographic coordinates of intended placement. Register the site at https://geocaching.com , include a print-out of its registry. The entry may include a photograph of the cache in its intended hiding place. |
| H880005 | Agriculture Precision Mapping — 4-H members will assemble a notebook that will include a minimum of 2 digital copies of various data layers that can be used in precision agriculture to identify spatial patterns and/or correlations (printed copies of websites where applications can be purchased is acceptable). Include a report of how the analysis of the various data will be used to make a management decision. |
| H880007 | GIS Thematic Map — using any GIS software, create a thematic map. Thematic maps can utilize any subject of interest to the 4-H member. Maps could be of Amelia Earhart’s journey, Sir Francis Drake’s voyage, population density maps, water usage maps or 4-H projects in Nebraska. Create a GIS Map using data from books and/or internet. Use reliable data, examples: U.S. Center for Disease Control or U.S. Census Bureau. Map any size up to 24 inches x 36 inches, should include Title, Base Map, Neat Line, North Arrow and Legend. Identify the source of your information on the back of the map. |
| H880008 | Virtual Geocache — keep a log of at least 5 places visited using a virtual geocache platform. At least 1 site should be from a community other than where you live. For each site, record the latitude, longitude and elevation. Also include a description of the site, a paragraph explaining what was interesting about the site or finding it. Photos of each site and/or cache are optional, but highly encouraged. |

STEM ENERGY

Class # Class Description

- H900001 **Create and Compare Energy Resources Poster** — poster should explore 2 alternative/renewable energy resources. Compare and contrast the 2 resources including 2 of the following criteria: amount of energy created, costs of production, usability of the energy, pros/cons of environmental impacts, etc. Posters can be any size up to 22 inches x 28 inches.
- H900002 **Experiment Notebook** — notebook should explore the scientific method involving alternative/renewable energy sources. Information required: 1) hypothesis, 2) research, 3) experiment, 4) measure and 5) report or redefine hypothesis.
- H900003 **Solar as Energy Display/Poster** — item should be the original design of the 4-H member. Include the item or a picture if item is in excess of 6 feet tall or 2 feet x 2 feet. Include a notebook of why the item was designed and how it harnesses the power of the sun. Examples: solar ovens, solar panels, etc.
- H900004 **Water as Energy Display/Poster** — item should be the original design of the 4-H member. Include the item or a picture if item is in excess of 6 feet tall or 2 feet x 2 feet. Include a notebook of why the item was designed and how it harnesses the power of water.
- H900005 **Wind as Energy Display/Poster** — item should be the original design of the 4-H member. Include the item or a picture if item is in excess of 6 feet tall or 2 feet x 2 feet. Include a notebook of why the item was designed and how it harnesses the power of wind.
- H900006 **Other Nebraska Alternative Energy** — notebook should explore a Nebraska alternative energy source besides wind, water and solar power. Include information on type of power chosen, infrastructure for distribution, what resources are needed to create this alternative resource, cost of production and potential uses of bio-products. Examples: geothermal, biomass, ethanol, bio-diesel, methane reactors, etc.

STEM ELECTRICITY

Note: FFA members must exhibit under FFA Static Exhibits, see page 21 of this Fair Book.

MAGIC OF ELECTRICITY - UNIT 1

No state fair entry

Unit 1 electricity projects may use foam core for display board. May use any dimensions appropriate for the exhibit.

- H870901 **Quiz Board or Steady Hand Tester** — game will be judged for usefulness, craftsmanship and wiring skill. Include battery or power supply to operate exhibit. Questions on the quiz board can deal with any topic. For instructions, contact the Extension office.
- H870902 **Bright Lights** — create your own flashlight using items found around your house. Flashlights should be made out of items that could be recycled or reused. No kits please. LED light bulbs not allowed.
- H870903 **Control the Flow** — make a switch. Use the following items: battery/batteries, battery holder, insulated wire, miniature light bulb, bulb holder, paper clip, cardboard and 2 brass paper fasteners to create a circuit that you can open and close.
- H870904 **Conducting Things** — make a circuit with a switch and a light bulb that can be used to test different household items for their ability to act as an insulator or conductor. You must find 5 items that are conductors and 5 items that are insulators. Create a table that illustrates your results.
- H870905 **Is There a Fork in the Road?** — use the following items to construct 1 parallel and 1 series circuit. Items: D cell battery, battery holder, insulated wire, bulb holder and a 2 or 2.5 volt light bulb.
- H870906 **Educational Poster** — poster should exemplify 1 of the lessons learned in the Magic of Electricity project. Posters can be any size up to 22 inches x 28 inches.

INVESTIGATING ELECTRICITY - UNIT 2

No state fair entry

Unit 2 electricity projects may use foam core for display board. May use any dimensions appropriate for the exhibit.

- H870907 **The Case of the Switching Circuit** — use the following items: 2 D-cell batteries, 2 battery holders, light bulb, bulb holder, a 3-inch x 6-inch piece of cardboard, 6 brass paper fasteners and approximately 2 feet of 24-gauge insulated wire to build a 3-way switch. Write a short essay or create a poster that illustrates how 3-way switches function.
- H870908 **Rocket Launcher** — construct a rocket launcher out of the following materials: plastic pencil box that is at least 4 inches x 8 inches, single pole switch, single throw switch, normally-open push button switch, 40 feet of 18- or 22-gauge stranded wire, 4 alligator clips, 2-inch x 6-inch board, 1/8-inch diameter metal rod, rosin core solder,

soldering iron or gun, wire stripper, small crescent wrench, pliers, small Phillips and straight blade screwdrivers, drill, 1/8-inch and 1/4-inch drill bits, rocket engine igniters, additional drill bits matched to holes for 2 switches. You must successfully build a rocket launcher and light 2 rocket igniters with your launcher. You DO NOT have to actually fire a rocket off of the launcher. Create a poster using photographs to show the "step-by-step process" you used to build your launcher.

- H870909 **Stop the Crime** — build an ALARM using the following materials: on-off push button switch, mercury switch, vibrating or piezoelectric buzzer, 9-volt battery, 9-volt battery holder, 4-inch x 4-inch x 1/8-inch board to mount circuit on, rosin core solder, soldering gun/iron, 2 inches of 22-gauge wire, wire strippers, hot glue sticks, hot glue gun and a box with a lid to mount your alarm circuit on. Create a poster using photographs to show the "step by step process" you used to build your alarm.
- H870910 **Poster** — should exemplify 1 of the lessons learned in the Investigating Electricity project. Posters can be any size up to 22 inches x 28 inches.

WIRED FOR POWER – UNIT 3

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- H870001 **Electrical Tool/Supply Kit** — create an electrical supply kit to be used for basic electrical repair around the house. Include a brief description of each item and its use. Container should be appropriate to hold items.
- H870002 **Lighting Comparison** — display studying the efficiency of various lighting (incandescent, fluorescent, halogen, Light Emitting Diodes, etc.). Exhibit could be a poster display or an actual item.
- H870003 **Electrical Display/Item** — show an application of 1 of the concepts learned in the Wired for Power project. Examples: re-wiring or building a lamp, re-wiring or making a heavy duty extension cord or developing an electrical diagram of a house. Exhibit could be a poster display or an actual item.
- H870004 **Poster** — should exemplify 1 of the lessons learned in the Wired for Power project. Posters can be any size up to 22 inches x 28 inches.

ELECTRONICS – UNIT 4

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- H870005 **Electrical/Electronic Part Identification** — display different parts used for electrical/electronic work. Exhibit should show the part (either picture or actual item) and give a brief description, including symbol of each part and its function. Display should include a minimum of 10 different parts.
- H870006 **Electronic Display** — show an application of 1 of the concepts learned in the Electronics project. Example: include components of a electronic device (refer to page 35 of the "Entering Electronics" 4-H project book. Using the project book is optional.).
- H870007 **Electronic Project** — exhibit an electronic item designed by the 4-H member or form a manufactured kit that shows the electronic expertise of the 4-H member. Examples: a radio, computer or volt meter.
- H870008 **Poster** — should exemplify 1 of the lessons learned in the "Entering Electronics" project. Posters can be any size up to 22 inches x 28 inches.

STEM WOODWORKING

All articles exhibited MUST include a plan (with drawings, sketch or blueprint) stating dimensions and other critical instructions a builder would need to know to build the project and 4-H member's name and county. Plans may include narrative instructions in addition to the dimension drawings and include any alterations to the original plan. Part of the score depends on how well the project matches the plans. If the plans are modified, the changes from the original need to be noted on the plans. Unit 3 or 4 entries must have appropriate finish on their projects to be considered for State Fair.

Premiums (except where designated otherwise): Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0
Special Award to Top Wood Science Exhibit

MEASURING UP - UNIT 1

No state fair entry

Class # Class Description

- H911901 **Article Made With Hand Tools** — select from Level 1 items such as a flower box, napkin or letter holder, picture frame, coping saw puzzle, sandpaper block, nail point design, wire wiggly, horseshoe tie rack or similar item.
- H911902 **Second Article Made With Hand Tools** — see above class for examples.
- H911903 **Poster** — should exemplify 1 of the lessons learned in the "Measuring Up" project. Posters can be any size up to 22 inches x 28 inches.

MAKING THE CUT - UNIT 2

No state fair entry

- H911904 **Woodworking Article** — select from Level 2 items such as bird house, footstool, saw horse or similar item. See Extension office for plans.
- H911905 **Second Woodworking Article** — see above class for examples.
- H911906 **Poster** — should exemplify 1 of the lessons learned in the "Making the Cut" project. Posters can be any size up to 22 inches x 28 inches.

NAILING IT TOGETHER – UNIT 3

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- H911001 **Woodworking Article** — item should be made using either joints, hinges, dowels or a dado joint made using skills learned in the "Nailing it Together" project. Item is required to be appropriately finished. Examples: a bookcase, coffee table or end table.
- H911907 **Second Woodworking Article** (county only) — see above class for examples.
- H911003 **Recycled Woodworking Display** — article made from recycled, reclaimed or composite wood. Article must be appropriately finished and/or sealed and utilize 1 or more woodworking techniques from page 2 of the "Nailing it Together" 4-H project book. Exhibit must include the woodworking plan and a minimum 1 page report of how the engineering design process was used to develop the woodworking plan. Engineering Design Process: 1) State the problem (Why did you need this item?), 2) Generate possible solutions (How have others solved the problem? What other alternatives or designs were considered?), 3) Select a solution (How does your solution compare on the basis of cost, availability and functionality?), 4) Build the item (What was your woodworking plan and what processes did you use to build your item?), 5) Reason for article finish (What type of finish, why did you finish or why did you choose this finish?), 6) Evaluate (How does your item solve the original need?), 7) Present results (How would you do this better next time?)
- H911004 **Composite Wood Project** — 60% of the project must be wood and 40% made from other materials such as metal, rubber, resin, etc. All plans and plan alternations must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. If project is designed to be outside it is required to have appropriate outdoor finish.
- H911005 **Outdoor Wood Project Made with Treated Wood** — treated wood projects DO NOT have to have a finished coating. All plans and plan alterations must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. Examples: picnic tables, planters, outdoor furniture, etc.
- H911007 **Wood Projects Created on a Turning Lathe** — article is the object created from spinning wood on a turning lathe. Article must be appropriately finished and/or sealed. Exhibit must include plans detailing design and process of completion, any changes made to the design, details of finishing techniques and other relevant information about the article. Must include a description of tools used.

FINISHING UP – UNIT 4

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- H911007 **Woodworking Article** — item made using skills learned in the "Finishing it Up" project. Examples include dovetailing, making a pen using lathe, overlays, using a router, etc. Item is required to be appropriately finished.
- H911909 **Second Woodworking Article** (county only) — see above class for examples.
- H911008 **Recycled Woodworking Display** — article made from recycled, reclaimed or composite wood. Article must be appropriately finished and/or sealed and utilize 1 or more woodworking techniques from page 2 of the "Finishing it Up" 4-H project book. Exhibit must include the woodworking plan and a minimum 1 page report of how the design and engineering process was used to develop the woodworking plan. Engineering Design Process: 1) State the problem (Why did you need this item?), 2) Generate possible solutions (How have others solved the problem? What other alternatives or designs were considered?), 3) Select a solution (How does your solution compare on the basis of cost, availability and functionality?), 4) Reason for article finish (What type of finish, why did you finish or why did you choose this finish?), 5) Build the item (What was your woodworking plan and what processes did you use to build your item?), 6) Evaluate (How does your item solve the original need?), 7) Present results (How would you do this better next time?).

STEM WELDING

Note: FFA members must exhibit under FFA Static Exhibits, see page 21 of Fair Book.

All welds exhibited in class 1 or 2 must be mounted on a 12 inches high x 15 inches long display board, not to exceed 3/8 inch thickness. Fabricated board such as plywood, composition board or particle-type lumber may be used for your display. Boards should be sanded and finished to improve their appearance. The finish on a demonstration board will be judged as a woodworking exhibit. Attach each weld on a wire loop hinge or equivalent, so the judge can look at the bottom side of the weld when necessary. Each weld should be labeled with information stating:

- 1) type of welding process (stick, MIG, TIG, Oty-Acetylene, etc.),
- 2) kind of weld,
- 3) welder setting(s),
- 4) electrode/wire/rod size and
- 5) electrode/wire/rod ID numbers.

Attach a wire to the display board so it can be hung like a picture frame. No sawtooth picture frame hangers accepted.

The name and county of each exhibitor should appear on the back of each board, poster or article and on the front cover of notebooks.

Most articles exhibited must include a plan (with drawings or sketch or blueprints) stating dimensions and other critical instructions a builder would need to know how to build the project. If no plans are included with welding art, welding article, welding furniture or composite weld, project item will be disqualified. All plans used for making the article must be securely attached and protected by a clear plastic cover. Plans may include narrative instructions in addition to the dimension drawings and include any alternations to the original plan. Part of the score depends on how well the project matches the plans. If the plans are modified, the changes from the original need to be noted on the plans.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

Note: Must be in your third year of a welding project to exhibit at the State Fair.

- H920001 **Welding Joints** — display of 1 butt, 1 lap and 1 fillet weld. All welds should be made with the same electrode/wire/rod size and number. Welds should be made only on 1 side of metal so penetration can be judged. Welds should be cleaned with chipping hammer and wire brush. Apply a coat of light oil (penetrating oil) to the metal to prevent rusting. Wipe off excess oil. It is suggested that all welds be on the same size and thickness of metal. These pieces, referred to as coupons, should be 1.5 inches to 2 inches wide and 3.5 inches to 4 inches long. A good way to get this size is to buy new cold rolled strap iron and cut to length. The extra width is needed to provide enough metal to absorb the heat from the welding process and prevent the coupons from becoming too hot before the bead is completed. Narrower coupons will become very hot, making an average welder setting too cold at the bead start, just about right in the middle and too hot at the end. The correct way to weld narrow strips is to make short beads and allow time to cool; however, this project requires a full length bead.

STICK WELDING:

- Suggested coupon thickness — 1/4 inch if using 1/8 inch rod
 - Suggested rod — AC and DC straight or reverse polarity — first E-7014, second E-6013
- MIG WELDING:
- Suggested coupon thickness — 1/4 inch if using .035 wire and 1/8 inch if using .023 wire
 - OXY-ACETYLENE:
 - Suggested coupon thickness — 1/8 inch
 - Suggested rod — 1/8 inch mild steel rod

- H920002 **Position Welds** — a display showing 3 beads welded in the vertical down, horizontal and overhead positions. It is suggested that all welds be on same size and thickness of metal. These pieces are referred to as coupons. The welds can be on 1 coupon that is about 4 inches x 4 inches or on individual coupons that are about 2 inches x 4 inches and 1/4 inch thick. Suggested rods for this class of position welds for AC and DC straight or reverse polarity is, first E-6013, second E-7014 and E-6010 for DC reverse polarity only. Welds should be cleaned with a chipping hammer and wire brush. Apply a coat of light oil (penetrating oil) to the metal to prevent rusting. Wipe off excess oil.
- H920003 **Welding Art** — any art created using tack welds to hold the metal pieces together (example: horseshoe projects). Type of welder, welder settings, all plans, plan alternations and a bill for material must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. If project is designed to be outside, it is required to have appropriate outdoor finish.
- H920004 **Welding Article** — any shop article or piece of furniture where welding is used in the construction. Type of welder, welder settings, all plans, plan alternations and a bill for material must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. All welds should be cleaned and protected from rust with paint or light oil. Plans are to be complete enough that if they were given to a welding shop, the item could be made without further instructions. Bill of materials should include a cost for all items used including steel, electrodes, paint, wheels, etc. If project is designed to be outside, it is to have appropriate outdoor finish.

- H920005 **Welding Furniture** — any furniture with 75% welding is used in the construction. 60% of item must be completed by 4-H member and notes regarding laser welding or machine welding must be included. Type of welder, welder settings, all plans, plan alternations and a bill for material must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. If project is designed to be outside, it is required to have appropriate outdoor finish.
- H920006 **Plasma Cutter/Welder Design** — plasma cutters/welders allowed for detailed design(s) to butt cut into metal. 4-H members will create a notebook describing the design process to create the "artwork" to butt cut into the metal. In the notebook include: a photo (front and back) of the finished project; instructions on how the design was created (include software used), this allows for replication of the project; lessons learned or improvements to the project and steps to finish the project.
- H920007 **Composite Weld Project** — 60% of the project must be welded and 40% made from other materials such as wood, rubber, etc. Type of welder, welder settings, all plans, plan alternations and a bill for material must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. If project is designed to be outside it is required to have appropriate outdoor finish because project may be displayed outside.

POWER MECHANICS

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Class # Class Description

- H912901 **Miscellaneous Engineering Exhibit** (county only) — examples: lawn mower engine, restored car, restored motorcycle, lawn mower overhaul, etc.

MODEL VEHICLES

No state fair entry

Excludes LEGO-type construction.

For each of the following, attach a report answering any or all of the following questions which apply to your entry: 1) List steps and materials used to create this model. 2) If a kit(s), what modifications, if any, were made. Be specific. 3) What unique difficulties did you encounter? 4) What skills did you learn/use? 5) If a restoration of a previously assembled kit, provide picture or specific information on its condition prior to restoration. For protection of your model, a plastic display case is recommended.

Class # Class Description

- H940901 **Model Vehicle – Scratch Built** — includes all vehicles (cars, motorcycles, planes, boats, trains, tractors, etc.). Pinewood type cars and other scratch built vehicles from wood, plastic, paper, metal or a combination are acceptable. Tires, wheels or other minor components may be pre-manufactured.
- H940902 **Model Vehicle – Assembled Kit** — (components coming from 1 or more model kits) includes all vehicles — see above.
- H940903 **Model Vehicle Diorama** — should depict a scene or event which includes a vehicle. Must be no larger than 18 inches x 18 inches.
- H940904 **Model Vehicle – Restoration of a Previously Assembled Model**

SMALL ENGINES

No state fair entry

CRANK IT UP - UNIT 1

Class # Class Description

- H890901 **Small Engine Display/Item** — show an application of 1 of the concepts learned in the "Crank It Up" 4-H project book. Exhibit could be a poster display or an actual item.

WARM IT UP – UNIT 2

- H890902 **Small Engine Display/Item** — show an application of 1 of the concepts learned in the "Warm It Up" 4-H project book. Examples: comparison of engine oil types, transmissions or safety related to engines. Exhibit could be a poster display or an actual item.

TUNE IT UP – UNIT 3

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- H890903 **Engine Display/Item** — display/Item should exemplify 1 of the lessons learned in the "Tune It Up" 4-H project book. Examples: diagnostic tools, fuel systems, ignition systems. If a complete engine is exhibited it will not be started. However, display needs to report process of building/rebuilding engine and how/where engine will be utilized (i.e. lawn mower, weed eater, snow blower, etc.).

DISASTER RESPONSE, PREPAREDNESS & SAFETY

Superintendents: Ron Suing and Marlo Yakel

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

Disaster response and preparedness is vital for all Nebraskans. Through involvement in this category, 4-H members will be better educated about disaster response and recovery and personal safety.

Posters must be no larger than 22 inches x 28 inches.

Scrapbooks are to be exhibited in a three-ring binder.

Multi-media presentations are to be uploaded to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

Special Award to Top Safety Exhibit

DISASTER RECOVERY & RESPONSE

- E440003 **Disaster Kit** (emergency preparedness) — disaster kits must contain the materials to prepare a person or family for emergency conditions caused by a natural or man-made incident. Selection of materials is left to the 4-H member. Family or group kits must have enough material or items for each person. A description of the kit's purpose, the number of people supported and a list of contents is required. 4-H members are encouraged to test their kit by challenging their family to try to survive using only the included materials for the designated time. If tested, share that experience in kit documentation. Please include an explanation of drinking water needs for your disaster kit. Do not bring actual water to the fair in the kit.

- E440007 **Disaster Preparedness Learning Experience** — create a poster, scrapbook or multi-media presentation promoting a preparedness training, recovery message or response to a weather-related or man-made disaster. Examples of training could include a first aid or first responder training, a farm safety day camp, babysitting workshop or similar events; scientific experiment related to safety related to a weather-related disaster; or the youth's response to an emergency situation in that disaster event. Documentation should include evidence of your family's or community's preparedness, response or recovery for the disaster topic or training experience.

- E440908 **Care Package** (county only) — this exhibit is actual care package for someone who has experienced a weather or man-made disaster. Examples of care packages are, replacement of toys lost in a disaster for the children, personal hygiene kits for individuals displaced after a disaster, soup in a jar, etc. These items must be nonperishable. Do not bring actual water to the fair in the kit. Also include a sheet of paper answering the following questions: How did you select the recipient or organization? What items did you include in your care package? Why did you select those items? What did you learn from this experience? Other information you feel is important about the care package or recipient.

- E440008 **Care Package Display** — this exhibit is a display about the PROCESS of creating and giving a care package, not the actual care package. You may use a poster or multi-media program to tell about the PROCESS of developing and giving a care package to a recipient who has experienced a weather or man-made disaster. Answer the following questions in your exhibit. How did you select the recipient or organization? What items did you include in your care package? Why did you select those items? How did it feel to present your care pack to the recipient or organization? What did you learn from this experience? Other information that you feel is important about the care package or recipient. Examples of care packages are, replacement of toys lost in a disaster for the children, personal hygiene kits for individuals displaced after a disaster, soup in a jar, etc.

- E440009 **Telling A Story Display** — exhibit will include three photos to tell a story. Photos should capture the beginning, middle, and end of a single story, project, or event showcasing a weather-related event, or man-made disaster. Display will consist of three 4 inch x 6 inch photos mounted on a single horizontal 11 inch x 14 inch black or white poster or mat board. Include a caption of a few sentences to explain the story the photos are telling.

FIRE SAFETY

- E450001 **Fire Safety Poster** — home floor plan drawn to scale showing primary and secondary escape routes and where fire extinguishers and smoke detectors are located. Draw every room, including all doors and windows. Use black or blue arrows showing primary escape routes from each room. Use red arrows showing secondary routes to use if the primary routes are blocked. Primary and secondary escape routes must lead outside to an assembly location. Documentation should include evidence the escape plan has been practiced at least 4 times.

E450002 **Fire Prevention Poster or Scrapbook** — poster or scrapbook promoting a fire prevention message and be appropriate to display during National Fire Prevention Week or to promote fire safety at specific times of the year (Halloween, 4th of July, etc.). Originality, clarity and artistic impression will all be judged. Do not include live fireworks, matches or other flammable/explosive/hazardous materials. Any entry containing these materials will be disqualified.



MORE INFORMATION

Fair project tips and club activity ideas for First Aid Basics are at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/first-aid>

SAFETY

- E440001 **General Purpose First-Aid Kit** — a first-aid kit is a good way to organize supplies in an emergency. The kit should be assembled in a container appropriate for use in a home. A description of where the kit will be stored and examples of specific emergencies the kit is designed for should be included in the exhibit. The kit should include a written inventory and purpose statement for included items. Consider items needed to cover the following areas of first aid: airway and breathing, bleeding control, burn treatment, infectious disease protection, fracture care and miscellaneous supplies. Use the Citizen Safety 4-H project book, pages 6 and 7, for guidance. No purchased kits allowed. Kits containing any of the following will be automatically disqualified: 1) Prescription medications (if the purpose of the kit is to provide medication for someone with special needs, explain in the written description and inventory, but remove the medication). 2) Articles or items with expiration dates on or before the judging date. (This includes sterile items, nonprescription medications, ointments, salves, etc. Articles dated month and year only are considered expired on the last day of that month.) 3) Any controlled substance.
- E440002 **Specific Purpose First-Aid Kit** — a first-aid kit is a good way to organize supplies in an emergency in a variety of situations and locations. The kit should be assembled in a container appropriate for the kit's intended purpose. Examples could include a kit for a vehicle, RV, boat, livestock building, camping, etc. Include a description of where the kit will be stored and examples of specific emergencies expected for that location. Include a written inventory and purpose statement for the included items. Consider items needed to cover the following areas of first aid: airway and breathing, bleeding control, burn treatment and infectious disease protection.
- E440005 **Safety Experiences Poster or Scrapbook** — share a learning experience the 4-H member had related to safety or incident types. Examples could be participating in a first aid or first responder training, a farm safety day camp, babysitting workshop or similar event, scientific experiment related to safety or the 4-H member's response to an emergency situation. Include a detailed description of the experience, the 4-H member's role, some evidence of their leadership in the situation and a summary of the learning that took place. Exhibits may be presented as a poster with supplemental documentation, a notebook including up to 10 pages of narrative and pictures or a multimedia presentation lasting up to 5 minutes.
- E440006 **Careers in Safety** — exhibit should identify a specific career area in the safety field and include education and certification requirements for available positions, salary information, demand for the field and a summary of the 4-H member's interest in the field. Examples of careers include firefighters, paramedics, emergency management personnel, some military assignments, law enforcement officers, emergency room medical personnel, fire investigator and more. It is recommended 4-H members interview a professional in the field in their research. Additional research sources might include books, articles, career websites, job-related government websites or interviews with career placement or guidance counselors. Exhibits may be presented as a poster with supplemental documentation, a notebook including up to 10 pages of narrative and pictures or a multimedia presentation lasting up to 5 minutes.

BICYCLES

Superintendents: Ron Suing and Marlo Yakel

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

No state fair entry

- | Class # | Class Description |
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| H910910 | Bicycle Demonstration Display — to be exhibited by an individual. Exhibit may include: 1) parts or systems of a bicycle, 2) worn or broken parts or 3) a step procedure of how some repair or service job is performed. A limited number of photographs are acceptable. Actual parts or cut-aways of parts are recommended. The exhibit is to be prepared on a 24-inch high x 32-inch wide board, not to exceed ¼-inch in thickness. |

- H910920 **Bicycle Posters** — 14 inches x 22 inches showing safety, care or other educational aspect.
- H910921 **Bicycling Interview** — interview someone in your life that you admire and is involved in bicycling. Why do they enjoy bicycling? What are their goals? Why do you admire them? Maximum of 2 pages (1 sided). Consider creativity and neatness. Mount on a 9-inch x 12-inch colored paper or poster board or display in a binder. Include a picture of the person interviewed (may be laminated to preserve exhibit). Overall size of mounted exhibit should be no larger than 9 inches x 12 inches.
- H910922 **Bicycle Log** — submit a journal in which you describe 5 bicycle rides you have taken. Make sure each journal entry contains the following information: 1) Your starting point and destination, 2) Round-trip mileage, 3) Was the trip taken on a bike trail, streets or highway? 4) Clothing worn and supplies taken on the trip and 5) Situations you encountered and what you learned from the trip. Photographs may be included, but are not necessary.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Superintendent: Jennifer Smith

Related 4-H project books are "Outdoor Adventures" Levels 1–3. Other resources include the Outdoor Skills after school program lesson plans at <https://outdoornebraska.gov/afterschool> and the National Wildlife Habitat Education Program study materials at <https://whep.org>.

Required information for each Outdoor Adventures, Conservation & Wildlife or Shooting Sports exhibit:

All 4-H members must show evidence of their personal field experiences, study or observations that relate to their exhibit. This helps judges understand what the 4-H member did and learned in the process that led to the exhibit. Show proper credit by listing the sources of plans or other supporting information used in exhibits.

EXAMPLE TO ATTACH TO YOUR EXHIBIT:

Name: Chris Clover	County: Clover County	Age: 10
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Field Experience, Study or Observations: I attended a 4-H workshop where we put out a food plot and then made turkey calls. We played a game about attracting turkeys. Sometimes we acted like a female to draw in a tom turkey. Sometimes we acted like a lost baby turkey to call in a whole flock. I was able to use my turkey call and play the game successfully. While I've never turkey hunted in person, I went online to research more turkey calls. I hope to turkey hunt someday and I want to use a box call to hunt fall turkeys.

Credits/Source: Information was obtained from Nebraska Game & Parks website.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

Special Award to Top Outdoor Adventures Exhibit

HIKING TRAILS & BACKPACKING — LEVEL 1

- No state fair entry
- | Class # | Class Description |
|---------|---|
| D341910 | Poster — create a poster or display no larger than 22 inches x 28 inches. Topics may include 1 of the following, but not limited to: map(s) of trail(s) you have hiked, hiking essentials, your hiking adventures, wildlife or plants observed while hiking (birds, animal tracks, butterflies, etc.), planning a hike, explaining "Leave No Trace" and how this was followed during hiking or a collection of photos from your hikes. |
| D341911 | Journal/Binder — written report of actual, virtual or imagined trail(s) hiked with observations OR field journal (notes of actual experiences, sights, sounds, smells, etc.) OR camping trip diary. Feathers/leaf/flower pressings must be securely attached if included. Photos or drawings of observations encouraged. Exhibits measure no larger than 16 inches x 16 inches. |
| D341912 | Hiking Safety — must include explanation of use of item, why selected/purpose of item and how it meets hiking needs. May include, but is not limited to, 1 of the following: a compact hiking safety kit, homemade compass or homemade water purifier. Exhibits measure no larger than 18 inches x 24 inches. |
| D341913 | Hiking Adventure Game — create a game of trails of outdoor adventures. Must be educational on 1 or more aspects of hiking, must include clear instructions as to the purpose and what can be learned by playing the game. Exhibits measure no larger than 18 inches x 24 inches. |
| D341914 | Other Hiking Item(s) — must include what inspired the creation of the item(s) and its purpose. May include, but are not limited to 1 of the following: hiking backpack, nature art, nature poem or story or homemade hiking snack mix (1 cup maximum) displayed in a re-sealable plastic bag (include why ingredients were selected and nutritional value). Exhibits measure no larger than 18 inches x 24 inches. |

CAMPING ADVENTURES & BACKPACKING — LEVEL 2

Class # Class Description

- D341001 **Poster** — topics may include, but not limited to, 1 or more of the following: how to pitch a tent, knot tying, cooking over a campfire, how to start a campfire, wildlife and plants identified while camping, how to set up emergency shelter, dealing with weather, collection of photos from camping trips, "Leave No Trace" and how that was followed while camping, plan a camping trip, camping essentials, environmental issues/protecting natural resources, park or trail clean up, sanitation/hygiene while outdoors or use of GPS.
- D341002 **Journal/Binder** — written report of virtual or imagined camping/hiking trips with observations OR field journal (notes of actual experiences, sights, sounds, smells, etc.) OR camping or hiking trip diary. Explain growth in project, leading the hikes, planning the camping trip, now being able to identify the wildlife and nature around you and how identified (sight/sound/shape/smell/color). Feathers/leaf/flower pressings must be securely attached, if included. Photos of drawing of observations encouraged. Exhibits measure no larger than 16 inches x 16 inches.
- D341003 **Camping/Hiking Safety** — must include explanation of use of item and why selected/purpose, how it fits hiking/camping needs. May include, but are not limited to, 1 of the following: travel-sized poisonous plants guide, camping first aid kit, weather/water safety or hand hygiene kit.
- D341004 **Digital Media** — use digital media to create video/slideshow/presentation of setting up a tent (include why site is chosen), protecting natural resources, environmental issues or video of a camping/hiking game. Submit a USB drive or DVD inside a report cover or notebook. If using a slideshow, include printed slides inside report cover or notebook.
- D341005 **Other Camping Item(s)** — must include what inspired the creation of the item(s) and its purpose. May include, but are not limited to, 1 of the following: nature art, nature haiku poem, spider web sketches or knot display.

BACKPACKING EXPEDITIONS — LEVEL 3

- D341006 **Poster** — topics may include, but not limited to, 1 of the following: topographic map, backpacking trip plan, camp layout, plan an expedition (can be dreamed or lived), collection of photos from your expedition, trails hiked, cost comparison of rental vs. purchase or using GPS/compass.
- D341007 **Journal/Binder** — written report of actual, virtual or imagined expeditions/camping/hiking OR field journal (notes of actual experiences, sights, sounds, smells, etc.). Explain growth in project, challenges in leading a group, teaching others about wildlife and nature identification and "Leave No Trace." Exhibits measure no larger than 16 inches x 16 inches.
- D341008 **Expedition Safety Item(s)** — must include an explanation of use of item(s), why it was selected and how it meets hiking/camping/expedition needs. May include, but are not limited to; travel-sized edible plants, creepy crawl guide, tent repair kit, travel first-aid kit or weather/water safety.
- D341009 **Digital Media** — use digital media to create video/slideshow/presentation. May use, but are not limited to, 1 of the following topics: building a non-tent shelter (include why needed), packing your backpack/equipment and getting it on, teaching others about environmental issues or a video of a backpacking expedition game. Submit a USB drive or DVD inside a report cover or notebook. If using a slideshow, include printed slides inside report cover or notebook with the USB or DVD.
- D341010 **Other Expedition Item(s)** — must include what inspired the creation of the item(s) and the purpose of the item. Items include, but are not limited to, nature art, nature cinquain poem, backpacking food recipes, hiking/expedition conditioning plan, charcoal etching, dehydrated meal or snack (at least 1 cup, displayed in a re-sealable plastic bag with ingredients, instructions and nutritional facts included). Exhibits measure no larger than 18 x 24 inches.

HORTICULTURE

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

The purpose of Horticulture is to encourage participants to start and maintain vegetable and herb gardens. In addition, 4-H members can participate in planting, growing and caring for flowers and houseplants.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

Special Awards

- Top Annual Flower Exhibit
- Top Perennial Flower Exhibit
- Top Rose Exhibit
- Top Vegetable Exhibit
- Top Herb Exhibit
- Top Specimen Plant Exhibit

FLORICULTURE

EXHIBITS ENTERED UNDER AN INCORRECT CLASS NUMBER OR EXHIBITS THAT CONTAIN AN INCORRECT NUMBER OF STEMS WILL BE LOWERED A RIBBON PLACING.

**MORE INFORMATION**

"Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibits County Fairs and the Nebraska State Fair" (4H227) is at <https://go.unl.edu/preparing-flowers>

CUT FLOWERS

Three stems of each variety are needed for each exhibit, unless otherwise stated. NOTE: DISPLAY CONTAINERS WILL NOT BE SUPPLIED AT THE SUPER FAIR. Place flowers in a clear glass container of appropriate size that will not tip over. No flimsy plastic water bottles. THE VALID CULTIVAR OR VARIETY NAME MUST BE INCLUDED ON ALL ENTRY TAGS.

Class # Class Description**ANNUALS**

G770001	Aster	G770013	Hollyhock
G770002	Bachelor Buttons	G770014	Marigold
G770003	Bells of Ireland	G770015	Pansy
G770004	Browallia	G770016	Petunia
G770005	Calendula	G770017	Salvia
G770006	Celosia (crested or plume)	G770018	Snapdragon
G770007	Cosmos	G770019	Statice
G770008	Dahlia	G770020	Sunflower
G770009	Dianthus	G770021	Vinca
G770010	Foxglove	G770022	Zinnia
G770011	Gladiolus	G770023	Any other annual or biennial
G770012	Gomphrena		

PERENNIALS

G770030	Achillea/Yarrow	G770038	Liatris
G770031	Chrysanthemum	G770039	Lilies
G770032	Coneflower	G770040	Platycodon
G770033	Coreopsis	G770042	Rudbeckia/Black-eyed Susan
G770034	Daisy	G770043	Sedum
G770035	Gaillardia	G770044	Statice
G770036	Helianthus	G770045	Any other perennial
G770037	Hydrangea		

ROSES

G770939	Rose — Miniature (1 stem)	G770944	Rose — Florbunda (1 stem)
G770940	Rose — Hybrid Tea (1 stem)	G770946	Rose — Bush or Old Fashioned (1 stem)
G770942	Rose — Grandiflora (1 stem)		

- G770046 **Flower Garden Collection** — 5 different cut flowers, 3 of each flower variety. Flowers are to be cut, not potted. Display in a box or other holder no more than 18 inches in any dimension. Each flower in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes G770001–45. Do not duplicate entries in classes G770001–45 with any in the group collection.

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

- G770050 **Flower Notebook** — exhibit a notebook containing pictures of flowers grown in Nebraska. There must be at least 10 different species of annuals and/or biennials and 10 different species of perennials hardy to Nebraska. Bulbs may be included in a separate section. 4-H members may show more than 1 cultivar of the same species, but they will only count as 1 species. The notebook must be the result of the current year's work. Pictures from garden catalogs, hand drawn pictures or photographs may be used. Each species/cultivar must be labeled with the correct common name and scientific name; the height and spread of the plant and the growing conditions (example: needs full sun and dry sandy soil) the species prefers. In addition to this information, bulbs should also be labeled as spring or summer flowering. Give proper credit by listing the sources of pictures and information used. The 4-H member's name, age, county and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the notebook.
- G770051 **Flower Garden Promotion Poster** — individual poster promoting flower gardening, size 14 inches x 22 inches either vertical or horizontal arrangement. Poster may be in any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, etc. as long as it is not 3-dimensional. Posters using copyrighted material will not be accepted. Entry card must be stapled to the upper

- right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, club name and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster.
- G770052 **Educational Flower Garden Poster** — prepare a poster 14 inches x 22 inches x 2 inches (3-dimensional if needed) either in a vertical or horizontal arrangement illustrating a skill or project you have done or learned about in a 4-H flowers or houseplant project. You might show a special technique you use or equipment you have incorporated in your garden. Refer to 4-H Horticulture project books, but use your own creativity. Entry card must be stapled to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, club name and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster.
- G770053 **Flower Gardening History Interview** — neatly handwritten or typed account of a gardening history interview whose FLOWER garden has inspired you. Maximum of 4 pages of text and 2 pages of pictures (include 1 picture of the person you interviewed). of their flower garden if the individual is still gardening. Protect with a clear report cover. The 4-H member's name, age, club name and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover.

HOUSEPLANTS

The choice of container will be considered in judging. Label with name for each plant on entry tag and side of the container). Houseplants should be grown in display container for a minimum of 6 weeks.

Size and weight of container plants is limited. Any container plant (flowering or foliage potted houseplants, dish gardens, fairy or miniature gardens, desert gardens or terrariums) shall be in containers no larger than 12 inches (use inside opening measurement) in any dimension of length or width. No combination of pots may be used. All potted plants are to be in a single pot container. Any container grown plant in Classes G770060-66 that does not follow these guidelines will be lowered a ribbon placing. Classes G770060-65 must have a saucer to catch drainage water. All container plants should weigh no more than 15 pounds.

- | Class # | Class Description |
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| G770060 | Flowering Potted Houseplant(s) — blooming for exhibition (non-blooming plants are disqualified). The container may have one or more houseplants. |
| G770061 | Foliage Potted Houseplant(s) — of all the same type (variety). |
| G770062 | Hanging Basket of Flowering and/or Foliage Houseplant(s) — The container may have one or more houseplants. |
| G770063 | Dish Gardens — an open container featuring a variety of houseplants, excluding cacti and succulents. |
| G770064 | Fairy or Miniature Garden — a miniature "scene" contained in an open container and featuring miniature or small, slow growing houseplants. The garden needs to have an imaginative theme and miniature accessories, i.e. bench, fence made from tiny twigs, small shell for a bathtub, etc. |
| G770065 | Desert Gardens — an open container featuring cacti and/or succulents, grown as houseplants. |
| G770066 | Terrariums — transparent container, partially or completely enclosed; sealed or unsealed. |

VEGETABLES, HERBS & FRUIT

Vegetables in classes G773201-52, herbs in classes G773260-68 and fruits in classes G773280-86 will be judged and exhibited according to "Selecting and Preparing Vegetables, Herbs and Fruits for Exhibits."

NOTE: PLATES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. Put produce on sturdy white paper plates. THE VALID CULTIVAR OR VARIETY NAME MUST BE INCLUDED ON ALL ENTRY TAGS. Proper identification is the responsibility of the 4-H member. THERE CAN BE NO DUPLICATION OF VEGETABLE, HERB OR FRUIT CLASSES.



MORE INFORMATION
"Selecting and Preparing Vegetables, Herbs and Fruit for Exhibits at County Fairs and the Nebraska State Fair" (4H226) is at <https://go.unl.edu/veg-fruit-fair>

VEGETABLES

NO CANNED OR DRIED VEGETABLES (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DRY BEANS) WILL BE ACCEPTED. The 4-H member may enter a maximum of 10 different vegetable groups from the following list.

- | Class # | Class Description | # of Veg. |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| G773201 | Lima beans | 12 |
| G773202 | Snap beans | 12 |
| G773203 | Wax beans | 12 |
| G773204 | Beets | 5 |
| G773205 | Broccoli | 2 |
| G773206 | Brussels sprouts | 12 |
| G773207 | Green cabbage | 2 |
| G773208 | Red cabbage | 2 |
| G773209 | Carrots | 5 |
| G773210 | Cauliflower | 2 |
| G773211 | Slicing cucumbers | 2 |
| G773212 | Pickling cucumbers | 5 |
| G773213 | Eggplant | 2 |
| G773214 | Kohlrabi | 5 |
| G773215 | Muskmelon/Cantaloupe | 2 |
| G773216 | Okra | 5 |
| G773217 | Yellow onions | 5 |
| G773218 | Red onions | 5 |
| G773219 | White onions | 5 |
| G773220 | Parsnips | 5 |
| G773221 | Bell peppers | 5 |
| G773222 | Sweet (Non-Bell) peppers | 5 |
| G773223 | Jalapeño peppers | 5 |
| G773224 | Hot (Non-Jalapeño) peppers | 5 |
| G773225 | White potatoes | 5 |
| G773226 | Red potatoes | 5 |

G773252 **Any Other Vegetable** (do not duplicate entries in classes G773201-251). 2, 5 or 12

G773255 **4-H Vegetable Garden Collection** — collection of 5 kinds of vegetables or 5 kinds of herbs. Display garden collection in a box of appropriate dimensions for judging, but not to exceed 24 inches in any dimension: do not use plastic grass, cotton, etc. in exhibit boxes. Each vegetable in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes G773201-52 AND OF VEGETABLE CLASSES THE 4-H MEMBER IS NOT ALREADY EXHIBITING.

G773256 **4-H Cultivar Vegetable Collection** — vegetables or herbs entered in collection are 5 different cultivars from a single vegetable or herb exhibit — for EACH cultivar, enter the number of vegetables/herbs indicated in classes G773201-52 or G773260-68. For example, 5 different cultivars of potatoes, 5 potatoes of each cultivar, total 25 potatoes in the exhibit. Display in a box not more than 24 inches in any dimension. Do not use plastic grass, cotton, etc. in exhibit boxes. Each vegetable in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for individual class (G773201-52).

HERBS

Herbs will be judged using the same general criteria used for vegetables. Those grown mainly for their seed, such as dill and caraway, should be exhibited on a plate. Those grown for their leaves such as basil, parsley, etc. should be exhibited in a clear glass container of water.

- | Class # | Class Description | # of Herbs |
|---------|-----------------------|------------|
| G773260 | Basil | 5 |
| G773261 | Dill (dry) | 5 |
| G773262 | Garlic (bulbs) | 5 |
| G773263 | Mint | 5 |
| G773264 | Oregano | 5 |
| G773265 | Parsley | 5 |
| G773266 | Sage | 5 |
| G773267 | Thyme | 5 |
| G773268 | Any Other Herb | 5 |

G773269 **4-H Herb Garden Collection** — display of 5 different cut herbs. Herbs are to be cut, not potted. Displayed in a box or other holder not more than 18 inches in any dimension. Each herb in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes G773260-68. Do not duplicate entries in classes G773260-68 with any in the group collection.

G773910 **Herb Potted Plant** (county only) — 1 plant per container. The choice of container will be considered in judging. The herb should be identified with the name and variety name. Plants should be grown in display container for a minimum of 6 weeks. Container grown plants will weigh no more than 10 pounds or they will be disqualified.

FRUITS

Fruit will be judged using the same general criteria used for vegetables. Fruit will be judged for the stage of maturity normal for that season. Emphasis will be placed on how well fruit approaches market quality.

Class #	Class Description	# of Fruits
G773280	Strawberries (everbearers)	1 pint
G773281	Grapes	2 bunches
G773282	Apples	5 each
G773283	Pears	5 each
G773284	Wild Plums	1 pint
G773285	Other Small Fruit or Berries	1 pint
G773286	Other Fruit OR Nuts	5 each

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Class #	Class Description
G773290	Garden Promotion Poster — individual poster promoting vegetable and/or flower gardening size 14 inches x 22 inches. Poster may be in any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, etc., so long as it is not 3-dimensional. Posters using copyrighted material will not be accepted. The 4-H member's name, age, county and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster.
G773291	Educational Vegetable or Herb Garden Poster — prepare a poster 14 inches x 22 inches x 2 inches (3-dimensional if needed) either vertical or horizontal arrangement illustrating a skill or project the 4-H member has done or learned about in a 4-H vegetable gardening project. One might show a special technique used or equipment incorporated in the garden (e.g., drip irrigation system, composting or special techniques learned). Refer to 4-H Horticulture project books, but use your own creativity. Entry card must be paper clipped to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, county and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster.
G773292	Vegetable and/or Herb Gardening History Interview — neatly handwritten or typed account of a gardening history interview with an older person whose garden has inspired you. Maximum of 4 pages of text and 2 pages of pictures; include 1 picture of the person you interviewed and 1 picture of their garden if they are still gardening. Protect the report with a clear document cover. The 4-H member's name, age, county and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover.
G773293	Vegetable Seed Display — each display must include seeds representing the following families: Cucurbit, Brassica (cabbage), Solanaceous (nightshade) and Legume (pea) families plus representatives from 5 other families. Group the seeds by family and type. Glue seeds or otherwise fasten clear containers of seeds to a board or poster mat board no larger than 22 inches x 24 inches. Label each group and each individual vegetable type with the common and scientific names. Use only 1 variety or cultivar of each vegetable, except for beans where several examples of beans may be shown. Attach a card to the back of the display explaining why and how it is important to know which vegetables are related and site references on where the scientific name information was found. On the back, label with the 4-H members name, age, county and years in the project(s). Information on vegetable family members can be obtained from your Extension office.
G773294	World of Vegetables Notebook — choose a favorite cuisine and learn what vegetables and/or herbs are common to it, like Mexican, African, Chinese, Italian, etc. Include a handwritten report describing a minimum of 5 vegetables and/or herbs from each country chosen. Include the scientific and common names, pictures from garden catalogs, tell how they are grown and how the foods are used. Also list a source for buying the seed or plants. Favorite recipes using some or all the vegetables described may be included. Protect the report in a clear document cover. The 4-H member's name, age, county and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover or notebook.
G773290	Garden Journal (county only) — for flower, vegetable or combination garden. Journal should be in a 3-ring binder. Weekly hand written journal entry about garden and garden chores, complete name and description of plants in garden, detailed map of garden, planting and harvest dates, water schedule, fertilizer schedule, pesticide schedule, cost of plants, seeds and supplies, at least 3 pictures of garden, other gardening information such as articles and UNL Extension NebGuides.

CONSERVATION & WILDLIFE

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

NO FIREARMS, ITEMS WITH A BLADE (broad heads, knives, saws, etc.) or related items of any other kinds, may be exhibited. This applies to actual items, replicated items and item parts. Photos are a suitable substitution for actual items.

"Animal" or "wildlife" in the following classes includes wild fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds or mammals. Domestic animals (i.e. domestic livestock or house pets) and insect exhibits are not appropriate for this area. 4-H members must comply with current state and federal laws. It is illegal to possess threatened, endangered or protected wildlife or the feathers, nests or eggs of non-game birds. These items cannot be part of an exhibit. Game birds and game animals taken legally during an open season may be used.

Mount all board and poster exhibits on ¼-inch plywood, masonite or similar panel no larger than 24 inches high x 24 inches wide. Poster exhibits should be on regular poster sheets, no larger than standard size (22 inches x 28 inches) but half size (22 inches x 14 inches) is recommended. Exhibits other than poster/display board should not exceed 48 inches x 48 inches and be able to be easily moved by 2 people.

Required information for each Conservation & Wildlife exhibit:

All 4-H members must show evidence of their personal field experiences, study or observations that relate to their exhibit. This helps judges understand what the 4-H member did and learned in the process that led to the exhibit. Show proper credit by listing the sources of plans or other supporting information used in exhibits.

EXAMPLE TO ATTACH TO YOUR EXHIBIT:

Name: Chris Clover **County:** Clover County **Age:** 10

Field Experience, Study or Observations: I attended a 4-H workshop where we put out a food plot and then made turkey calls. We played a game about attracting turkeys. Sometimes we acted like a female to draw in a tom turkey. Sometimes we acted like a lost baby turkey to call in a whole flock. I was able to use my turkey call and play the game successfully. While I've never turkey hunted in person, I went online to research more turkey calls. I hope to turkey hunt someday and I want to use a box call to hunt fall turkeys.

Credits/Source: Information was obtained from Nebraska Game & Parks website.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

Special Award to Top Conservation & Wildlife Exhibit

- D340001 **Mammal Display** — board or poster exhibit. Choose 1 mammal from the wild and share on your display about the mammal. Examples: life history, behavior, habitat or other interesting facts.
- D340002 **Bird Display** — board or poster exhibit. Choose 1 bird from the wild and share on your display about the bird. Examples: life history, behavior, habitat or other interesting facts.
- D340003 **Fish Display** — board or poster exhibit. Choose 1 fish from the wild and share on your display about the fish. Examples: life history, behavior, habitat or other interesting facts.
- D340004 **Reptile or Amphibian Display** — board or poster exhibit. Choose 1 reptile or amphibian from the wild and share on your display about the animal. Examples: life history, behavior, habitat or other interesting facts.
- D340005 **Wildlife Connections** — board or poster exhibit. The purpose of this display is to show interconnections and related aspects among animals, plants and other habitat components. All displays should show 2 or more interactions (connections) that occur between/among animals or between animals and their habitat. Displays might show how animals interact with other animals, with people or with their habitat. Examples: 1) Food chain display. Use pictures, drawings or other items to illustrate the source of food energy and where it goes — who eats whom or what. Use arrows to show the direction of the energy (food) flow. 2) Show the role of predators, scavengers, insect-eaters or others in nature. 3) Show how wildlife numbers (populations) change through the year. 4) Show predation, competition or other behavioral interactions of wildlife. 5) Choose 1 kind of wildlife and make observations through a season or year, keep notes of interactions, then make a display of what you saw.
- D340006 **Wildlife Tracks** — board or diorama-type box exhibit. Make a display of animal tracks using casting plaster. There are 3 options. For all options, include a brief description of your experiences in making the tracks so the judges better understand what you did and learned. Positive casts (impressions as they would be in nature) are preferred, but not required.
- Option 1) Show plaster tracks of 5 or more kinds of wildlife along with a picture or illustration of each kind of animal OR
- Option 2) Show 2 or more plaster tracks of 1 specific kind of wildlife and should include a picture or illustration of the animal, what the animal may eat and what may eat the animal OR
- Option 3) Show 2 tracks and include the animal's habitat needs including preferred food, shelter, water and space in addition to picture or illustration of the animal.

- D340007 Wildlife Knowledge Check** — use electrical circuits, pictures or other methods of teaching wildlife identification or other wildlife related knowledge. Plan size and shape to fit transportation and display; maximum size 24 inches x 24 inches.
- D340008 Wildlife Diorama** — exhibit must be no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches. The exhibit might show a grassland, prairie, agricultural, woodland, riparian (stream or river corridor), wetland and/or other area with wildlife habitat. Example: show an area interspersed with several habitats such as windbreaks, farm fields, woods, waste areas, ditches and pastures for edge-adapted species such as White-Tailed Deer, Northern Bobwhite, Mourning Doves, Cottontail Rabbits, Fox Squirrels, Northern Cardinals or Blue Jays. Label the habitats displayed and show at least 5 kinds of wildlife in their proper habitats. Remember to include supporting information about the wildlife and habitat that is on display.
- D340009 Wildlife Essay** — learn how to share educational information by writing. Choose a conservation or wildlife that interests you and write an essay about it. For example, write about a particular species of wildlife that you have observed or about the values of wildlife on a farm, in town, in a backyard, at a backyard feeder or at other places. You might write about hunting or fishing. The essay is 100–1,000 words long and is typed, double spaced on 8.5-inch x 11-inch paper. You might use books, magazines or personal interviews as resources, but you must give credit to all sources by listing them.
- D340010 Wildlife Values Scrapbook** — make a scrapbook about the value of wildlife. Value could include aesthetic, scientific, commercial, game, genetic and/or ecological.
- D340011 Wildlife Arts** — the purpose of this class is to allow artistic exhibits containing educational information about conservation and wildlife. Examples: paintings, photographs, wood carvings, painted duck decoys or songs or poems written by the 4-H member. Entries must be appropriate for fair display and no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches. For example, paintings or photographs should be displayed in notebook format or mounted on a sturdy display panel. All entries must include a title and brief explanation of the purpose or message (What is the exhibit meant to show?). Important points for judging include: 1) clarity of the purpose/message in relation to conservation and wildlife (20%); 2) accuracy of information (30%); 3) educational value of exhibit to viewers (20%); and 4) evidence of the 4-H member's personal field experiences, study or observations related to the exhibit (30%).
- D342001 Houses** — make a house for wildlife. Examples: bird house (bluebird, purple martin, wood duck, kestrel, barn owl, etc.) or bat house; no insect houses. Make the house functional so dimensions, hole size etc. are appropriate to fit the intended species' needs. Include the following information: 1) the kinds of animal(s) for which the house is intended; 2) where and how the house should be located for best use; 3) any seasonal maintenance needed and 4) any evidence of your personal observations experiences. Tips: check UNL Extension NebGuide "Backyard Wildlife Birdhouses and Shelves."
- D342002 Feeders/Waters** — make a bird bath or feeder. Examples: seed, suet or nectar feeders. Squirrel feeder acceptable; no insect feeders. Include the following information: 1) The kinds of animal(s) for which the water/feeder is intended, 2) Where are how the water/feeder should be located for best use, 3) Any seasonal maintenance needed and 4) Any evidence of your personal observations or experiences. Tips: check UNL Extension NebGuide "Backyard Wildlife: Feeding Birds."
- D342003 Wildlife Habitat Design** — board or poster exhibit. Choose a backyard, acreage or farm and design a habitat plan to meet the food, water, shelter and space needs of at least 3 kinds of animals you would like to attract. Draw an outline of the area and show what plants or other habitat will be provided. Indicate how the various parts of your plan provide the desired habitat needs. You might include an aerial photo of the area if you have one.
- D343001 Fish Harvesting Equipment** — display of equipment used in fish harvesting. Examples: fishing knots, hooks (with corks over ends for safety), lures. Label all items displayed. Include the following information: 1) The purpose of each item, 2) When or where each item is used and 3) Any personal experiences you've had with the item(s).
- D343002 Build a Fishing Rod** — rod building kits with instructions are available for this purpose. A fishing rod educational exhibit may not exceed 96 inches in length. Exhibit must be mounted on a board. Include with the exhibit: explanation of cost of materials/components, where materials/components were purchased and how many number of hours required for construction. Label all parts. Necessary components which must be included are grip, line guides (based on manufacturers specifications), guide wraps and hook keeper. Reel seat needs to be aligned with guides and guides aligned accurately down rod. Guide wraps of size A to D, nylon or silk thread. Exhibit will be judged on: workmanship, labeling of parts, information and neatness.
- D343003 Casting Target** — make a casting target for exhibit and use. Target must be under 48 inches x 48 inches. The bullseyes must be 2 feet, outer band must be 1 foot in diameter and can have up to 3 rings. They must be easy to store, durable and weather resistant. The exhibit must be easy to store, durable and weather resistant. Include the purpose and rules of using your casting target.

- D343004 Wildlife Harvesting Equipment** — board exhibit. Display of equipment used in harvesting wildlife. Examples: expended ammunition casings (no live ammunition permitted), steel traps, hide stretchers, fleshers, etc. For displays of shotguns, rifles or bows, use drawings or pictures. Label all items displayed: the purpose of each item, when or where it is used and any personal experiences you've had with the item(s).
- D343005 Inventing Wildlife/Fish Harvesting Equipment, Aid or Accessory** — use engineering principles to invent or adapt equipment that helps you harvest fish or wildlife. This could include wildlife calls, adapted fishing pole for shallow water, a blind, decoys, etc. Share your drawing (or adapted plans), how the equipment works, how you tested it, the results of testing your prototype and any adjustments you made.
- D346001 Tanned Hides** — exhibit of any legal fish, bird or other wild animal properly processed by the member. No requirement as to size or mounting, but must meet the size requirement listed under General Rules. Must include the animal's name and information about the 4-H member's personal field experiences, study OR observation that relate to the exhibit.
- D346002 Taxidermy** — any legal fish, bird or other wild animal properly processed by the member. No requirement as to size or mounting but must meet the size requirement listed under General Rules. Must include the animal's name and information about the 4-H member's personal field experiences, study OR observations that relate to the exhibit.
- D361001 Design your own Exhibit in Natural Resources, Conservation or Ecology** — this class is for educational exhibits relating to natural resources, conservation, geology or ecology only. Entries must be appropriate for fair display and no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches. All entries must include a title and should be clear (a brief explanation or other method) about the intended purpose or message — what the exhibit is meant to show. Think about accuracy, creativity, educational value for viewers and evidence of 4-H member's personal experiences and learning.

FORESTRY

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

This category provides 4-H members an opportunity to prepare displays that shows their expertise in many aspects of forestry. Involvement in this category will lead to expansion of seed, twig, wood, leaf, and tree knowledge for 4-H members. In addition, 4-H members will learn more about common Nebraskan trees.

The official reference for all forestry projects is Nebraska Extension's "Tree Identification Manual" (4H332). Other helpful forestry references include Nebraska Extension's "Trees of Nebraska" (EC92-1774). Using the project books is optional.

Display "boards" must be made from wood or wood composite, e.g. plywood, fiberboard or masonite, ¼ inch to ½ inch thick and no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches. Display boards may be coated, e.g. painted or varnished, on both sides to prevent warping.

Display "posters" must be made from a material, e.g. foam board or poster board, that will stand upright without buckling and be no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches.

Display "books" must measure no more than 16 inches x 16 inches.

At least 5 of the 10 samples in classes D320002–06 must be from the list of tree species found on the 2026 Nebraska 4-H Tree List at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hforestry>. Samples must be from 10 different tree species. For example, Emerald Queen Maple and Crimson King Maple are both varieties of the same species (Norway Maple) and thus have the same genus and species name, i.e. *Acer platanoides* or *Acer platanoides*. All samples must be from trees, NO shrubs. If more than 10 samples are included in the display, only the first 10 samples from the current year will be judged.

NEW! Due to the lifting of the quarantine restrictions in the state of Nebraska for all true ash species regarding the threat of Emerald Ash Borer, specimens such as Green Ash and White Ash will be accepted for all collections. Collections containing true ash species will NOT be disqualified from county or state judging.

Remember that other general labeling standards apply. For example, scientific names are always italicized or underlined. Also, the first letter of a Genus name is always upper case. The first letter of a species name is always lower case. When required, always indicate COMPLETE scientific names (Genus and species) and common names, (e.g. Norway maple) even when "variety names" are included. For example, the scientific name of Emerald Queen Maple is *Acer platanoides* or *Acer platanoides* and the common name is Norway maple. "Emerald Queen" may be included as the variety name, but variety names are not required.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0
Special Award to Top Forestry Exhibit



MORE INFORMATION

Forestry projects books, 2026 Nebraska 4-H Tree List and links to scoresheets are at <https://go.unl.edu/lan-4h-hort-static>

Class # Class Description

- D320001 **Design-Your-Own Exhibit** — prepare an educational exhibit about an aspect of trees, forests or forestry that is of special interest to you. Possible topics include paper recycling, grafting fruit or nut trees, proper pruning techniques, how wildlife is impacted by forests, history about a local arboretum, information about a historical tree in Nebraska, the history of planting windbreaks in Nebraska, etc. The display must be no larger than 24 inches (H) x 24 inches (W) x 24 inches (D). Original photographs, drawings, samples, charts, posters, etc. can be used. Include enough information to adequately explain the topic being showcased. This exhibit will need to be substantially different from the other exhibit classes. Be as creative as you like.
- D320002 **Leaf Display** — display must include samples of “complete leaves” from at least 10 different tree species. At least 5 of the 10 samples must be from a tree on the 2026 Nebraska 4-H Tree List. The display must include at least 2 samples each of simple leaves, compound leaves and conifer leaves. Leaves should be pressed, dried and mounted.
- COLLECTION:** Collect leaves any time after they have reached full size, usually beginning in early summer. The leaf samples should be mature, representative of the average leaves on the tree and in good condition. Keep in mind that shaded leaves often are much larger than leaves in full sun. Carefully remove leaves from the twig with the entire petiole or rachis (if compound) intact. During collection, fresh leaf samples can be temporarily stored within the pages of an old magazine, but they should be properly pressed and dried for display. Be sure to record pertinent information during collection and when collecting on private land, remember to get permission. All collection must be done by the 4-H member.
- MOUNTING:** Leaves may be displayed in a notebook or on a display board. Any method may be used to mount leaves, e.g. wire, glue, tape, staples, but be sure all their features can be clearly identified.
- LABELING:** The label for each sample must include: 1) common name; 2) scientific name; 3) leaf type; (i.e. broadleaf, needle-like, etc.) 4) leaf arrangement (for broadleaf trees; i.e. alternate, opposite, whorled); 5) leaf composition (for broadleaf trees; i.e. simple, pinnately compound, palmately compound, etc.); 6) collector’s name; 7) collection date; 8) collection location (be specific, including county and other relevant information).
- SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** this may include, general uses, common products, fall color, etc., to enhance educational value. These are important factors in judging and should not exceed 3 printed pages including cited sources.
- D320003 **Twig Display** — display must include twig samples from at least 10 different tree species. At least 5 of the 10 species must be from the 2026 Nebraska 4-H Tree List. The display must include at least 2 samples each of both opposite and alternate leaf arrangements from broadleaf trees.
- COLLECTION:** Twig samples should be collected during the dormant season (November–March) when the buds are mature but before spring budbreak. Be sure to collect healthy twigs, not diseased or dead twigs. Twig samples must be at least 6 inches long including the terminal end, contain buds, be in good condition and not include any leaves or petioles. If present, leaves of deciduous trees should be removed. Leaves of evergreen trees should be retained but be sure the buds are visible. Any side branches should be trimmed to less than 1 inch. All collection must be done by the 4-H member.
- MOUNTING:** Twigs must be mounted on a display board. Any method including wire, glue, tape, or staples may be used to mount twigs, but be sure all their features can be clearly identified. Be sure to cut the non-terminal end at a slant so the pith can be seen.
- LABELING:** The label for each sample must include: 1) common name; 2) scientific name; 3) leaf arrangement (for broadleaf trees; i.e. alternate, opposite, whorled); 4) collector’s name; 5) collection date and 6) collection location (be specific, including county and other relevant information).
- SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** This may include, general uses, common products, fall color, etc. to enhance educational value. These are important factors in judging, and should not exceed three printed pages including cited sources.
- D320004 **Seed Display** — display must include seed samples from at least 10 different tree species. At least 5 of the 10 species must be from a tree on the 2026 Nebraska 4-H Tree List.
- COLLECTION:** Tree seeds should be collected at the time of year when they are mature, which varies widely depending upon tree species. For example, silver maple seeds mature in May while Norway maple seeds mature in September or October. Collect seeds that are free of insect or disease symptoms. All seed collection must be done by the 4-H member. The focus of this display is seeds; however, species identification by seeds is often greatly aided by including the fruit, since some seeds are very difficult to separate from the fruit. Use the following guidelines when preparing this display: If the fruit is displayed along with the seeds, clearly label each. Seeds enclosed in a dry, papery fruit (such as maple, ash, and elm) should be left within the fruit to aid in identification. Seeds enclosed in large fleshy fruit(s) (such as

apple, mulberry, pawpaw) should be removed from the fruit and displayed without the fruit. Small fleshy fruits that can be dried (such as hackberry) may be displayed, but some seed should also be removed from the fruit and displayed alongside the dried fruit. - Acorns (oaks) should be left intact to aid in identification. - Seeds easily removed from the fruit, such as seeds within a husk (walnuts, hickory, buckeye, etc.) a pod (honey locust, Kentucky coffee tree, etc.), or a capsule (poplar, sweetgum, etc.) should be removed from the fruit for display. The fruit may be displayed in addition to the seed. - Cones from conifers (pines, spruces, fir, etc.) may be displayed along with the conifer seeds.

MOUNTING: Seeds may be displayed in a variety of ways, but they must be securely mounted and easily viewed. For example, seeds might be mounted on a display board or displayed in jars in a rack.

LABELING: The label for each sample must include: 1) common name; 2) scientific name; 3) type of fruit (e.g. samara, pod or legume); 4) collector’s name; 5) collection date and 6) collection location (be specific, including county and other relevant information). Supplemental information, e.g. maturity date, average number of seed in the fruit, etc., may be included with the display to enhance educational value.

- D320005 **Wood Display** — display must include wood samples from at least 10 different tree species. At least 5 of the 10 species must be from a tree on the 2026 Nebraska 4-H Tree List.

PREPARATION: Samples may be of any shape, for example, sections of a board, wood cylinders turned on a lathe, horizontal or vertical cross sections of a small log with bark attached, etc. All samples should be the same shape, for example, all wood cylinders or all sections of a board. Each sample can be no larger than 4 inches (H) x 4 inches (W) x 4 inches (D). Cut surfaces should be sanded to show the grain. Treating samples with a clear finish (no stain) is optional. When power tools are used for collecting, preparing and mounting samples, assistance from an adult is required. Proper personal protection equipment must be utilized by both the adult and the 4-H member. Safety always comes first. All samples must be collected by the 4-H member.

MOUNTING: Samples may be displayed in a variety of ways, but they must be securely mounted and easily viewed. For example, wood samples may be mounted on a display board or displayed in a box or rack.

LABELING: The label for each sample must include: 1) common name; 2) scientific name; 3) wood type (softwood or hardwood); 4) collector’s name; 5) collection date and 6) collection location (be specific, including county and other relevant information).

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This may include general uses, common products, fall color, etc. to enhance educational value. These are important factors in judging and should not exceed three printed pages including cited sources.

- D320006 **Cross Section Display** — a disc cut from a tree species listed in the 2026 Nebraska 4-H Tree List. The sample must be collected by the 4-H member within one year of the state fair judging day. When power tools are used for collecting and preparing a cross section, assistance from an adult is required. Proper personal protection equipment must be utilized by both the adult and the 4-H member. Safety always comes first. The disc must measure 6–12 inches in diameter and 1–3 inches thick. The bark should be firmly attached, which may be difficult if the tree was dead when the disc was cut. Sand at least 1 side of the disc so the grain can be easily seen. The disc may be treated with a clear finish, but treat both sides to minimize warping. Some cracking or checking can be expected and is allowed.

LABELING: The following parts must be clearly, accurately and securely attached. Cross sections should be labeled with pins, paper tags, etc.: a) pith; b) heartwood; c) sapwood; d) 1 growth ring; e) cambium; f) bark; A separate label attached to the back of the disc must include: 1) common name; 2) scientific name; 3) tree classification (softwood or hardwood); 4) age (of the cross section); 5) collector’s name and 6) collection location (be specific, including county and other relevant information).

- D320007 **Parts of a Tree** — (this project is recommended for 4-H members ages 8–11) prepare a poster, no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches that clearly identifies the main external parts of any tree: a) trunk, b) crown, c) roots, d) leaves, e) flowers, f) fruit, g) buds and h) bark. Identifying other internal parts, e.g. phloem, xylem, cambium, annual ring, pith, etc. is optional. Attach a separate label on the back of the poster that includes the 4-H member’s name and age.

- D320008 **Living Tree Display** — a living tree seedling grown by the 4-H member from seed. The seed must be from a species listed on the 2026 Nebraska 4-H Tree List. The seedling must be 60 days to 1 year old (on State Fair judging day). The display container must contain at least 8 inches of soil (potting mix or suitable natural soil) measured vertically, have drainage holes and a drain pan to catch drainage water. For this display, the 4-H member does not have to be the one to collect the seed. but they will need to plant the seed themselves.

LABELING: A waterproof label must be attached to the pot or to a stake in the soil of the pot and include: 1) common name; 2) scientific name; 3) seed treatments (if any); 4) planting date; 5) emergence date and 6) 4-H member’s name.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: e.g. where the seed was collected, growth measurements, uses for that species, etc. These may be included in an attached

notebook, poster, etc. Supporting information will enhance educational value and be an important factor in judging. Supplemental information needs to be attached to either the pot or to a stake in the soil of the pot. DO NOT attach supplemental information to the living tree. Supplemental information should not exceed 3 printed pages and include cited sources.

- D320009 **Forest Product Display** — prepare a visual display and/or collection tracing the origin of 1 non-lumber product that comes from trees and/or forests. The display must be no larger than 24 inches (H) x 24 inches (W) x 24 inches (D). Photographs, drawings, samples, charts, posters, etc. can be used. Posters submitted may be no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches and may be either vertical or horizontal. The contestant must identify what species of tree the product is derived from and where the product is harvested, grown or otherwise collected. The product listed must be partially or fully derived from trees; if partial, the approximate percentage should be articulated in the display.
- The goal of this exhibit is for 4-H members to learn that many products come from trees and forests and to explore 1 of these products through in-depth study.
 - Information about the tree or forest product: for example, information about harvesting, processing, industry information and environmental or other benefits, may be included to enhance educational value. Supplemental information will be an important factor in judging but should not exceed 3 printed pages of text. Cite sources of information.
 - Personal interviews with industry professionals are encouraged as a source of information.
- D320010 **Forest Health Display** — prepare a visual display outlining a specific forest health issue such as a tree disease, insect pest, animal- or human-caused damage or an abiotic issue such as weather damage. The display must be no larger than 24 inches (H) x 24 inches (W) x 24 inches (D). Original photographs, drawings, samples, charts, posters, etc. can be used. Actual specimens are strongly encouraged, but must be properly preserved, such as insects pinned or placed in vials of alcohol, leaves pressed and dried. Posters submitted may be no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches.
- Explain through the display what species of trees the health issue affects, diagnostic features of the issue (symptoms in trees, identifying features of the pest, etc.) and management options.
 - Include common and scientific names of trees and pests.
 - Supplemental information about the tree or forest health issue: for example, origin, proliferation in Nebraska/United States and physiological effects on the tree may be included to enhance educational value. Supplemental information will be an important factor in judging but should not exceed 3 printed pages of text. Include cited sources.
- D320011 **Wildfire Prevention Poster** — prepare a poster, no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches, that promotes wildfire prevention strategies. Strategies articulated in the poster can include personal and/or land management actions such as forest management plans and implementation, placements of fire breaks or fuel breaks around buildings, wildfire preparedness items, etc.
- Supplemental information about wildfire prevention should be attached to the poster: for example, frequency of wildfires in Nebraska/United States, financial costs of wildfires, environmental factors that contribute to wildfires, etc. to enhance educational value. Supplemental information will be an important factor in judging but should not exceed 3 printed pages of text. Include cited sources.
- D320012 **Tree Planting Project Display** — plant a tree in your community on — on private or public property. Prepare a visual display where the 4-H member articulates proper tree planting techniques, why the individual tree species was chosen, as well as steps taken to care for the tree after initial planting. The display must be no larger than 24 inches (H) x 24 inches (W) x 24 inches (D). Original photographs, drawings, charts, posters, etc. can be used. Posters submitted may be no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches. The tree must have been planted 60 days to 1 year before State Fair judging day. 4-H members must obtain permission from necessary authorities and property owners before planting any trees. Diggers Hotline (811) MUST be contacted before planting. Provide documentation that permission was obtained and that Diggers Hotline was contacted.
- Display: the following information about the tree must be included in the display: 1) common name, 2) scientific name, 3) planting location, 4) planting date, 5) tree source (nursery or store where the tree was purchased), 6) planter's name, 7) proper tree planting steps and 8) tree care and maintenance after planting.
 - Supplemental information about the tree: for example, why the species was chosen, growth measurements, uses for that species, etc., may be included in an attached notebook, poster, etc. to enhance educational value. Supplemental information will be an important factor in judging but should not exceed 3 printed pages of text. Include cited sources.

AGRONOMY

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER PER 4-H MEMBER.

RANGE MANAGEMENT

Each exhibit must be properly identified with Unit and Class. All plant displays and display covers must be the result of the current year's work. Plant identification and lists of appropriate plants in each category (grasses, forbs, *shrubs and grass-like plants*) can be found in the Range Judging Handbook and Contest Guide (EC150, Revised July 2016), *Common Grasses of Nebraska* (EC170) and *Common Forbs and Shrubs of Nebraska* (EC118).

BOOKS — for books, plants must be mounted on sheets that are no larger than 14 inches x 14 inches. Plants should be glued rather than taped and the mounts should be protected with a clear cover. Proper plant mount should include root as well as stem and leaf tissue. Exhibits will be judged based on completeness of plant mount, accuracy of identification, labeling, neatness and conformation to project requirements. Each completed mount must have the following information (see example below) in the lower right corner of the mounting sheet:

- 1) scientific name (in italic or underlined), with authority, 2) common name, 3) county of collection, 4) collection date, 5) collector's name, 6) personal collection number, indicating order that plants were collected in your personal collection and 7) other information, depending on class selected, i.e., value and importance, life span, growth season origin, major types of range plants. This information should be typed or printed neatly.

Scientific name: *Schizachyrium scoparium* (Michx.) Nash
 Common name: Little bluestem
 County of collection: Lancaster County
 Collection date: 6 July 2026
 Collector's name: Joe Smith
 Personal collection number: 3
 Value and Importance: Livestock Forage: High, Wildlife Habitat: High, Wildlife Food: Medium
 OR Life Span: Perennial OR Season of Growth: Warm Season OR Origin: Native

- D330001 **Value and Importance for Livestock Forage and Wildlife Habitat and Food Book** — a collection of 12 different plant mounts, with 4 classified as high value, 4 as medium value and 4 as low value for livestock forage, wildlife habitat or wildlife food. Value and importance classifications can be found in the "Range Judging Handbook and Contest Guide" Appendix Table 1 (EC150, Revised July 2024) starting on page 42. Plants can consist of any combination of grasses, grass-like plants, forbs or shrubs. Assemble plant mounts in order of high, medium and low value and importance. Label each plant mount with its value and importance classifications for each of the 3 areas; Livestock Forage, Wildlife Habitat, Wildlife Food.
- D330002 **Life Span Book** — a collection of 6 perennial plant mounts and 6 annual plant mounts selected from grasses or forbs.
- D330003 **Growth Season Book** — a collection of 6 cool-season grass mounts and 6 warm-season grass mounts.
- D330004 **Origin Book** — a collection of plant mounts of 6 native range grasses and 6 introduced grasses. Introduced grasses are not from North America and often used to seed pastures.
- D330005 **Major Types of Range Plants Book** — a collection of plant mounts of 3 grasses, 3 forbs, 3 grass-like and 3 shrubs.
- D330006 **Range Plant Collection Book** — a collection of 12 range plant mounts with something in common (i.e. poisonous to cattle, historically used as food by Native Americans, dye plants, antelope's favorite forage, etc.). Include a short paragraph at the front of the book which describes what the plants have in common and why you have chosen to collect them.

DISPLAYS — The purpose of the display is to tell an educational story to the viewer. The display is a visual representation (pictures, charts, graphs) no larger than 28 inches x 28 inches on poster board. The display should be neatly titled. Make sure to label display with 4-H member's name, address and county on back side.

- D330007 **Parts of a Range Plant Poster** — mount a range plant on a poster board. Label all the key plant parts useful for ID and correct for that plant species, such as root, branch, cotyledon, petiole, midrib, stem, node, leaf, leaflet, spikelet, collar, ligule, sheath, internode, culm, crown, flower, etc. Include the plant label in the lower right corner, including the scientific and common name of the plant.

BOARDS — Boards should be no larger than 30 inches wide x 36 inches tall. Boards should be adequately labeled.

- D330008 **Special Study Board** — a display of the results of a clipping study, a degree of use study, range site study, etc. A short essay must accompany the display to explain the reason for the study, what was learned and study results and should be placed in a sheet cover attached to the board.
- D330009 **Junior Rancher Board** — this exhibit should include a ranch map with a record book or an appropriate educational display on some phase of rangeland or livestock management. A short essay must accompany the display to explain the purpose of the rancher board, what was learned, etc.

FIELD CROPS

GRAIN OR PLANT EXHIBITS — a completed Crop Production Worksheet (available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hagronomy>) must accompany grain and plant exhibits or it will automatically be lowered 1 ribbon placing. The worksheet must include the 4-H member's name and address, county, plant hybrid or variety, plant population, whether crop production was irrigated or dry-land, and general information including farm cropping history, soil type and weather effects. **The worksheet also must include an economic analysis of the project, listing individual expenses and income, on a per acre basis.** Other topics to discuss are the selection of variety or hybrid, impacts of tillage and conservation practices, inputs (fuel, fertilizer, irrigation, labor, pesticides, etc.), any observations made during the growing season and what you learned from your crops project. The worksheet counts as 50% of the total when judged. Worksheet must be the original work of the individual 4-H member or it will be lowered 1 ribbon placing. Attach the worksheet to the entry in a clear plastic cover such that it can be read without removing it from the cover. In addition to the worksheet, grain and plant exhibits will be judged on condition, appearance (i.e. disease and insect damage, grain fill), uniformity (size, shape, color, maturity) and quality of exhibit. Bring in an appropriately sized clear box/container so that it can be viewed and displayed.

Grain exhibits — must be 1 gallon per sample. Fall harvested crops (e.g., corn or soybeans) may be from the previous year's project. Bring in an appropriately sized clear box/container so that it can be viewed and displayed.

Plant exhibits — plant exhibits, with the exception of ears of corn, must be the result of the current year's project.

- Corn — 10 ears or 3 stalks (cut at ground level with no roots or soil and bound together)
- Grain Sorghum — 4 stalks (cut at ground level and bound together)
- Soybeans — 6 stalks (cut at ground level and bound together)
- Small grains (oats, barley, wheat, triticale) — sheaf of heads 2 inches in diameter at top tie with stems about 24 inches long
- Other crops (alfalfa, sunflower, millet, etc.) — sheaf of stems 3 inches in diameter at top tied with stems cut at ground level or half size small square bale

G750001 **Corn** (includes yellow, white, pop, waxy or any other type)

G750002 **Soybeans**

G750003 **Oats**

G750004 **Wheat**

G750005 **Any Other Crop** (includes grain sorghum, alfalfa, millets, barley, rye, triticale, amaranth, dry beans, sugar beet, mung bean, canola, forage sorghum, safflower, etc.)

DISPLAYS — The purpose of the display is to tell an educational story to those that view the display. The display is a visual representation (pictures, charts, graphs) no larger than 28 inches wide x 28 inches tall on plywood or poster board. The display should be neatly titled. Make sure to label display with 4-H member's name, address and county on back side. Explain pictures and graphs clearly and concisely. Consider creativity and neatness. Each display must have a 1-page essay (minimum) explaining why the 4-H member chose the area of display and what they learned from their project. Include any references used. The essay should be in a clear plastic cover with the 4-H member's name outside. If a display does not have an essay, it will automatically be lowered 1 ribbon placing.

G750006 **Crop Production Display** — the purpose of this class is to allow original and creative exhibits that contain educational information about crop production aspects, such as crop scouting, alternative crops, pest management, etc.

G750007 **Crop Technology Display** — display information about aspects of technology used in crop production, such as genetic engineering, crop breeding, GPS, yield mapping, computers, etc.

G750008 **Crop End Use Display** — display information about the final product or end uses for a crop, such as food, feed, fuel or other products (i.e. corn can be processed into live-stock feed, ethanol, plastics, etc. or soybeans can be processed into bio-diesel, pet bedding, crayons, oil, etc.) This should not be about the process of crop production, but focus on an end product(s).

G750009 **Water or Soil Display** — display information about water or soils, such as how soils are being used for crop production, range, conservation, wildlife or wetland use or ways to protect or conserve water and soil resources.

G750010 **Career Interview Display** — the purpose of this class is to allow 4-H members to investigate a career in agronomy. 4-H member should interview 1 person who works with crops about such topics as, what parts of their job do they enjoy or dislike, why did they choose that career, what was their education, etc. Include a picture of the person interviewed.

SPECIAL AGRONOMY PROJECT — 4-H members experience a crop that is grown, was grown or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska by growing it, researching traits of that crop and determining viability of that crop in the part of the state they live. Each year, seeds will be mailed to Extension offices or ag ed classrooms across the state, as ordered by that location. Offices will distribute to 4-H members on a first-come, first-served basis. A different seed will be selected every year. 4-H members will grow seeds in their garden or pots. The 2026 Special Agronomy Project plant is TWO varieties of popcorn: Nebraska Red and Robust 997.

G750011 **Special Agronomy Project – Educational Exhibit** — educational exhibit based on what was learned from the project. Present information on a poster no larger than 28 inches x 28 inches on plywood or poster board. The 4-H member's name, age, and county must be on the back of the poster or report cover. Each display must have a 1-page essay (minimum) explaining why the 4-H member chose the area of display and what they learned from their project. Include references used.

G750012 **Special Agronomy Project – Video Presentation** — 4-H member designs a multimedia presentation related to the crop. This could include narration of the growing process, presenting facts about the crop or any other innovative multimedia practices. The presentation should be at least 2 minutes in length and no more than 5 minutes in length; include appropriate graphics, sound and either a video clip, animation or voice over and/or original video clip. Presentations are to be uploaded to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.

G750013 **Special Agronomy Project – Plant Exhibit** — 2 heads with 2 foot long stalks. Supporting documentation (½ to 1 page in length) should include the following:

- Economic analysis and/or research that supports feasibility of this crop in Nebraska or how the crop has evolved over time.
- Other topics to discuss are past/current commercial production of this crop. This includes: the selection of variety or hybrid, impacts of tillage and conservation practices, inputs (fuel, fertilizer, irrigation, labor, pesticides, etc.), any observations made during the growing season about this crop and what you learned from your crops project. This ½ to 1-page summary counts as 50% of the total when judged. In addition to the summary, grain and plant exhibits will be judged on condition, appearance (i.e. disease and insect damage, grain fill), uniformity (size, shape, color, maturity) and quality of exhibit.

WEED SCIENCE

At least 15 specimens must represent this year's work. For assistance identifying plants, participants can use Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Weeds of the Great Plains.

Exhibits will be judged based on completeness of plant mount, accuracy of identification, label, neatness and conformity to exhibit requirements.

BOOKS — plants must be mounted on sheets that are no larger than 12 inches wide x 14 inches high. Proper plant mount should include root as well as stem and leaf tissue. Plants should be glued rather than taped and the mounts should be protected with a clear clover. Each completed mount must have the following information (see example below) in the lower right corner of the mounting sheet: 1) scientific name (in italic or underlined), with authority; 2) common name; 3) county of collection; 4) collection date; 5) collector's name; 6) personal collection number, indicating order that plants were collected in your personal collection and 7) other information depending on class selected, i.e., noxious, life form. This information should be typed or printed neatly.

Scientific name: *Abutilon theophrasti* Medik.

Common name: Velvetleaf

County of collection: Lancaster County

Collection date: 6 July 2026

Collector's name: Dan D. Lion

Personal collection number: 3

Life cycle: Annual

G751001 **Weed Identification Book** — a collection of a minimum of 15 plant mounts including at least 2 of the following prohibited noxious weeds (Canada thistle, musk thistle, plumeless thistle, saltcedar, leafy spurge, purple loosestrife, diffuse knapweed, spotted knapweed, Japanese knotweed, bohemian knotweed or phragmites) and at least 3 weeds that are a problem primarily in lawns.

G751002 **Life Span Book** — a collection of 7 perennial, 1 biennial and 7 annual weeds.

DISPLAYS — the purpose of the display is to tell an educational story to those that view the display. The display is a visual representation (pictures, charts, graphs) no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches on plywood or poster board. The display should be neatly titled. Make sure to label display with 4-H member's name, address and county on back side. Explain pictures and graphs clearly and concisely. Each display must have a 1-page essay explaining why the 4-H member chose the area of display and what they learned from their project. Include any references used. The essay should be in a clear plastic cover with the 4-H member's name outside.

G751003 **Weed Display** — the purpose of this class is to allow original and creative exhibits that contain educational information about weeds, such as interesting information about a weed species, the effects of weed control, herbicide resistant weeds, what makes a weed a weed or uses for weeds.

4-H & FFA ANIMAL EXHIBITS



GENERAL RULES FOR ANIMALS

Youth may enroll in 4-H in more than 1 county, however, they may not enroll in the same project area in more than 1 county in the same year (examples: beef, horse, food, clothing, etc.). FFA youth may show a project as FFA in 1 county and as 4-H in another county. The 4-H & FFA rules in this Fair Book apply to ALL 4-H & FFA youth exhibiting at the Lancaster County Super Fair — regardless of place of residence — including premium payout and all release times.

To participate in 4-H at the fair, youth **MUST BE ENROLLED in 4-H Online at <https://4honline.com> by JUNE 15** of the current year. FFA members must also enroll under their chapter in 4-H online. Only parents/guardians may enroll 4-H & FFA members. During the enrollment process, youth will need to select at least 1 project in order for their enrollment to be complete. Project selection is **REQUIRED** for Horse projects by June 15.

- An animal may not be shown in both 4-H and FFA at the Lancaster County Super Fair, but may be shown in 4-H or FFA and open class.
- All exhibitors shall wear 4-H or FFA identification when participating in livestock or small animal shows. Long pants and official 4-H or FFA shirt are required.
- As a safety precaution, hard soled shoes are recommended when exhibiting livestock.
- If space availability becomes an issue — poultry exhibitors may be asked to have some entries leave the premises. This number will be determined by the superintendent and an Ag Society board member.
- Each exhibitor is expected to cooperate in proper manure disposal, keeping alleys clean, storing feed and keeping animals clean, neat and attractive.
- If an exhibitor violates the rules, the exhibit will be subject to loss of premium, ribbon, other awards and/or elimination from the show.
- All livestock animals must be stalled in the barns/pavilions during the 4-H part of the Super Fair. Beef are allowed to stall in designated cattle tieout area. Feeder calves may arrive day of Beef show and be released at completion of show. Horses used only in Roping/Working Ranch Show or Special Needs Show may show from trailer.

DEADLINES

- March 2, 6–7 p.m. — Market Beef Weigh-In at Sandhills Global Event Center (SGEC) — EquineMarket Pavilion.
- May 4, 6–7 p.m. — Sheep and Goat Weigh-In & Tag Day at SGEC — Currency Pavilion.
- May 21 & June 4, 6–7 p.m. — Youth for the Quality Care of Animals in-person training for livestock animals at Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln.
- June 1 — Horse identification certificates are due to the Extension office.
- June 15 — No late entries accepted.
 - 4-H enrollment due online at <https://4honline.com>.
 - Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training must be completed.
 - Super Fair identification certificates/affidavits for beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy & pygmy goats and rabbits are due to Extension office.
 - State Fair breeding and market livestock nominations must be entered and paid at <https://showstockmgr.com> (step-by-step instructions are at <https://go.unl.edu/sf-livestock-nom-info>). DNA envelopes due to Extension office for State Fair.
- June 18–July 1 — Animal entries and stall/pen reservations for the Lancaster County Super Fair must be submitted online at <https://go.unl.edu/lcsf-animal-entries> between June 18 and July 1, 11:59 p.m. No late entries accepted.
- July 1 — Deadline to request a stall/pen for 4-H Clover Kids Livestock, Poultry and Rabbits.
- July 7 — Beef, dairy cattle and bucket calf bedding fees and horse Roping/Working Ranch Show livestock fees due to the Extension office.
- Aug. 10 by 8 p.m. — State Fair animal entries due at <https://statefair.org/livestock-exhibitors>. Select whether showing in 4-H or FFA.



MORE INFORMATION

All livestock exhibitors are strongly encouraged to review the “2026 Lancaster County 4-H & FFA Livestock Checklist” at <https://go.unl.edu/lan4h-livestock-checklist>

NEW!**Currency Pavilion To Be Air Conditioned**

New in 2026, air conditioning is planned in the Currency Pavilion during the 4-H and Open Class animal show days! Exhibitors are encouraged to still bring fans, frozen water bottles, etc. as backup cooling methods.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All 4-H & FFA animals exhibited at Lancaster County Super Fair must be owned and officially identified in accordance with Nebraska 4-H animal ID requirements. Tags and ID forms are available at the Extension office and at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/animals>.

- Market beef, feeder calves — tagged with a 4-H ear tag*; submit Market ID Certificate (market beef); submit Breeding ID Certificate (feeder calf)
- Breeding beef — breeding beef tattoo is their ID number*; submit Breeding ID Certificate
- Bucket calves (require a record book) — tagged with a 4-H ear tag; Submit Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit
- Sheep, meat goats — tagged with a USDA scrapie tag (for more info, call 1-866-USDA-TAG) submit Market or Breeding ID Certificate
- Swine — tagged with a 4-H ear tag; submit Market or Breeding ID Certificate
- Dairy cattle, dairy goats & pygmy goats — submit Dairy Cattle or Dairy Goat ID Affidavit
- Rabbits — all rabbits must have a permanent, LEGIBLE I.D. (Tattoo) in the left ear. Tattoos must be in place before check-in. Submit Rabbit Ownership Affidavit (ID form)
- Poultry, dogs, cats and household pets do NOT require an identification form
- Horses shown at Super Fair must be identified on form "4-H Horse Identification Certificate" and submitted to Extension by June 1. Sketch markings showing both sides and face on the form are preferred instead of photos.

*FFA members can use an EID tag for breeding beef and feeder calves.

**MORE INFORMATION**

"Market Livestock Identification Certificate," "Breeding Livestock Identification Certificate," "Dairy Goat Identification Affidavit," "Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit," "Dairy [Cattle] Identification Affidavit," "Rabbit Ownership Affidavit" and "Horse Identification Certificate" forms are available at the Extension office and as fill-in PDFs at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/animals>

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS REQUIREMENTS

4-H & FFA members participating in any of the following animal projects need to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training:

- Beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef)
- Dairy cattle
- Goat (breeding meat goat, market meat goat, bottle meat goat, dairy/pygmy goat)
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep (breeding sheep, market sheep)
- Swine (breeding swine, market swine)

Exception: 4-H Clover Kids ages 5–7 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) do not need to complete.

Youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H Online at <https://4honline.com>. Only parents/guardians may enroll 4-H members.

In Lancaster County, youth may choose one of two options to complete their YQCA requirements:

- Complete online training at <https://yqcaprogram.org>. Cost is \$12. For more information, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>.
- Attend an in-person training held Thursday, May 21 or Thursday, June 4, 6–7 p.m. at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln. To sign up for an in-person training, you must go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> before the training. The training will cost \$3 payable by credit or debit card on the website. We cannot take payments in person; all families must register and pay online. **Note: You will need to take a 5-question pre-test at <https://yqcaprogram.org> before attending.** You must sign in at the training as proof of attendance — certificates will be available online.

Deadline to complete YQCA and submit certificates of completion is Monday, June 15. Send completed certificates to lancaster4h@unl.edu or Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528. If certificates are not submitted, 4-H staff have no way of knowing if trainings have been completed.

If you have further questions, contact the Extension office at 402-441-7180 or lancaster4h@unl.edu.

ANIMAL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

All 4-H & FFA animal entries for the Lancaster County Super Fair must be entered online in ShoWorks at <https://go.unl.edu/lcsf-animal-entries> (this includes stall/pen requests and livestock/poultry exhibitor T-shirt sizes). 4-H families and youth may submit entries. Youth must be enrolled online in 4-H Online at <https://4honline.com> by Monday, June 15. Animal entries may be submitted online starting on Thursday, June 18. Deadline is Wednesday, July 1, 11:59 p.m. No late entries will be accepted! Step-by-step instruction guides with pictures will be at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/animals>. If you have questions about the process, call 402-441-7180 or email lancaster4h@unl.edu.

STALL/PEN RESERVATIONS: For beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy & pygmy goats and horse entries, you must submit stall/pen requests during the online entry process or you will be assigned stalls/pens (requests are subject to space and availability). During online entry, look for '_Stalls and Pens_' as the first option under division (species). Please submit 1 '_Stalls and Pens_' item per animal species. Rabbits, poultry and cats are assigned cages based on entry numbers.

LIVESTOCK/POULTRY EXHIBITOR T-SHIRT SIZES: Livestock and poultry exhibitors will each receive a free T-shirt at Super Fair courtesy of sponsors. During animal entry online, T-shirt sizes will be required for livestock and poultry exhibitors prior to check out. T-shirts will be available for pickup during the Lancaster County Super Fair at the Livestock Office.

LIVESTOCK BEDDING FEE: Exhibitors who enter the following species will be charged a bedding fee: Beef and dairy cattle — \$12 per head; Bucket calves — \$9 per head. Complete the Livestock Bedding Fee Worksheet at <https://go.unl.edu/lcsf-livestock> (a fill-in PDF form which will calculate your total due). Print and submit with payment (cash or check payable to Lancaster County Livestock Boosters) by Tuesday, July 7. Sandhills Global Event Center (SGEC) staff will deliver the bedding in bulk to these stall areas prior to the fair.

HORSE ROPING/WORKING RANCH CATTLE FEE: Horse exhibitors in the Roping/Working Ranch show will be charged a \$15 cattle fee per class for the following events: Working Ranch Horse, Boxing, Roping Break-Away, Roping Header and Roping Heeler. Complete the Horse Roping/Working Ranch Cattle Fee Worksheet at <https://go.unl.edu/lcsf-horse> (a fill-in PDF form which will calculate your total due). Print and submit with payment (cash or check payable to Lancaster County Horse VIPs) by Tuesday, July 7.

TIPS:

- For rabbits, notice there are 4 rabbit divisions. If you can't find the class you are looking for, try the other rabbit divisions. If you plan to enter 15 rabbits, you will need to submit 15 entries.
- For horses, if you plan to enter 12 horse classes, you will need to submit 12 entries, plus 1 for stalls and pens.

Note: Do not use feedback through ShoWorks for comments or questions about entries — feedback is not seen by Extension staff until AFTER the Super Fair.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

All animals, upon request by the superintendent, Extension staff or Ag Society Board member, will be inspected by the official fair veterinarian or member of their staff. Any animal found to be infected with an infectious, contagious or otherwise transmittable disease or that is suspected of being so affected shall be removed immediately to a place of quarantine as ordered and directed by the official veterinarian.

Additional health regulations may be specified within each respective category.

ANIMAL HANDLING CONDUCT RULES

The Ag Society and Nebraska Extension strongly believe non-prescribed drugs or medications should not be used in animals at the county fair. Therefore, animals shall be administered drugs or medications at the fair only under the direction of a veterinarian. The use of ice on an animal in any manner for the purpose of improving its show performance is prohibited. Physical abuse of animals is also prohibited.

GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK

Preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of the exhibitor; however, assistance may be provided by other 4-H or FFA exhibitors, immediate family members or another person acting in a mentoring and teaching capacity. The intent of this policy is to promote and foster positive youth development and a high-quality learning experience which are core values of 4-H and FFA.

FANS

Animal exhibitors are highly encouraged to bring their own fans and extension cords (except rabbit exhibitors). Fans must have finger guards. Electrical equipment must be UL listed and in good working condition — all equipment is subject to safety inspection. Equipment found in poor condition must be immediately removed from the grounds. Absolutely no evaporative coolers (also known as swamp coolers, desert coolers, wet air coolers — or any other cooling device which cools air through the evaporation of water) will be allowed.

SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN

An animal must be shown by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the superintendent because of serious illness, disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg) or conflict with other livestock classes in the 4-H & FFA show. An exhibitor who has more than 1 animal in a class need not secure approval for another 4-H or FFA member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class. A 4-H or FFA member must show their own animal in showmanship.

4-H CLOVER KIDS ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP

Most livestock shows and the Rabbit Specialty Show include a 4-H Clover Kids Showmanship class for 4-H members ages 5–7 (by Jan. 1 of the current year). Participants must be enrolled in 4-H Online at <https://4honline.com> by June 15. This class is meant to foster an understanding of the show ring, animal handling practices and gain experience for younger youth. To participate, enrolled 4-H Clover Kids should talk to 4-H or FFA members to find an animal (weighing less than 350 pounds) to show and a helper, age 13 or older, to help handle the animal during showmanship. For most livestock shows, Clover Kids Showmanship follows the regular age division Showmanship classes. For rabbits, Clover Kids Showmanship is part of the Rabbit Specialty Show. Check in at the announcer table any time between the beginning of the show and Clover Kids Showmanship, providing the Clover Kid's name and 4-H helper's age.

Clover Kids may bring their own livestock (weighing less than 350 pounds), poultry or rabbit(s) to exhibit in a 4-H Clover Kids Showmanship class at fair. An animal ID must be submitted by June 15 (poultry do not require an ID). Clover Kids do not need to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) requirements. Request a stall/pen by emailing lancaster4h@unl.edu by July 1. Clover Kids may follow animal 4-H & FFA exhibitor load-in and load-out guidelines OR arrive day-of the species show. Animals arriving day-of-show must be in stalls by 8 a.m. and may be released at completion of show.

See Fair Book animal pages 59–68 for livestock, poultry & rabbit show rules, dates, times and locations.

At Clover Kids Show & Tell in the Ag Society Hall on Sunday, Aug. 2, Clover Kids may show & tell 1 small animal such as a dog, cat, rabbit or household pet — excluding larger livestock such as a bucket calf or goat. See page 16 for complete information.

The Nebraska 4-H policy for Animal Exhibits for Clover Kids is at <https://go.unl.edu/4h-clover-kid-animals>.

ANIMAL EXHIBITOR LOAD-IN & PARKING

Horses may start arriving Tuesday, July 28 at 4 p.m. Livestock may start arriving Wednesday, July 29 at noon.

Animal exhibitors — except beef & swine — must enter Gate 4 (third driveway off Have-lock Avenue). On load-in days, exhibitors may unload in the posted temporary 20-minute unload-in zones for each animal species:

- Beef and swine — enter Gate 3, north side of Currency Pavilion
- Rabbit, poultry, goat, sheep and dairy cattle — south side of Currency Pavilion
- Horse — marked center lines between Currency, EquineMarket and LivestockMarket Pavilions
- Dogs, cats and household pets — east of South Hall

NO PARKING allowed in posted 20-minute loading zones — move immediately after active unloading/loading is completed.

Livestock exhibitors may park trailers only in Lot F (cattle tieout lot) and horse exhibitors may park trailers only in area marked inside the RVUniverse Campgrounds. NO TRAILERS ALLOWED TO PARK IN ANY OTHER AREA at any time due to fire marshal rules.

ANIMAL EXHIBITOR LOAD-OUT

Starting Sunday at 7 p.m., parking staff will release vehicles with trailers from Lot F and the RVUniverse Campgrounds to load-out zones as quickly as spots are available. Exhibitors bringing trailers from home will be directed to the appropriate trailer lot to join the other trailers waiting. Trailers are NOT allowed to line up or wait anywhere on the Sandhills Global Event Center fairgrounds besides Lot F and the RVUniverse Campgrounds due to fire marshal rules since the fair is still open to the public.

To speed up move-out, animal exhibitors are encouraged to bring in passenger vehicles/pickups to load smaller gear on Sunday until 6 p.m. Due to numerous vehicles blocking access next to the buildings at release time, access immediately next to buildings on Sunday will be restricted to ensure all exhibitors will be able to get into these active loading zones as soon as possible after release time on Sunday at 7 p.m.

During peak animal move-out time, there will be space held for both trailers and vehicles without trailers between the Currency and EquineMarket Pavilions — please be patient as there are many more exhibitors in these 2 pavilions than there is move-out space. If you can use a door not between these 2 buildings, it will speed up your move out.

RELEASE OF ANIMALS

- **No exhibits are released early except for hardship/emergency reasons. In the event of extreme extenuating circumstances, exhibitors must submit an early release request form and obtain approval.**
- Exhibitors must clean their stalls prior to release of animals.
- **Release of 4-H & FFA animals begins Sunday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.**
- Final move-out time for all 4-H & FFA animals is Monday, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m.

SANDHILLS GLOBAL EVENT CENTER FAIRGROUNDS SAFETY

4-H & FFA youth are encouraged to use a buddy system while on the SGEC fairgrounds and stay in groups of 3 or more or be accompanied by an adult. If you are in any situation where you don't feel safe, ask a trusted adult for help. In an emergency, call 911.

BAGGED SHAVINGS

All livestock and horse exhibitors must use shavings provided by the Sandhills Global Event Center (SGEC). Absolutely no outside shavings or straw is allowed since SGEC composts. Note: all stalls are disinfected with Nixall between each rental year-round.

Special discounted 4-H & FFA price of \$9 per bag (with sales tax included) will be honored for 4-H & FFA animal shows from Tuesday, July 28 through Saturday, Aug. 1 with self-pickup at the General Store in EquineMarket Pavilion.

4-H & FFA exhibitors may pay and pick up their shavings at the General Store on the east end of EquineMarket Pavilion during these hours:

- Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 29, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Thursday, July 30, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Friday, July 31, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 1, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.

If you need shavings outside of these hours, please call SGEC office at 402-441-6545 or stop by (it is in front of Ag Society Hall on northwest corner of facility) daily 8 a.m.–10 p.m. with any form of valid payment accepted.

PREORDER SHAVINGS! Save time and prepay for shavings online to pick up at the General Store in EquineMarket Pavilion. On arrival, just check in quickly with cashier to sign for your shavings. Preorder at <https://bit.ly/3Kahqrr> no later than Monday, July 27, 4 p.m.



4-H & FFA PREMIUM PAYOUTS PROCEDURE FOR ANIMALS

Read carefully — premiums not picked up at the specified time will be forfeited! Review premium payouts carefully and report any errors to 4-H staff. No changes or corrections will be made on premium amounts after 14 days.

ANIMAL EXHIBITORS (except horse and rabbit): Livestock exhibitors (including poultry) must pick up premium payouts on **Sunday, Aug. 2, 5–7 p.m. at the Abate Room**. Cat, household pets and dog premiums will be paid at the shows. Livestock Judging Contest participants will receive premiums after the contest.

NEW!

HORSE EXHIBITORS: Premium payouts must be picked up on **Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. in the Ag Society Hall**. The entire 4-H club must have removed all bedding from each stall in order for premiums to be received. Stalls will be checked. 4-H & FFA members or their representatives may pick up premium payouts — a signature will be required.

RABBIT EXHIBITORS: All rabbit payouts (including rabbit shows and contests) will be made to 4-H members at the Rabbit Awards Ceremony on Sunday, Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m. in the Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner.

LANCASTER COUNTY 4-H & FFA PURPLE RIBBON MARKET LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION

*Sale committee: Julia Plugge, Scott Heinrich, Ben Walbrecht, Tom Mueller and Mike Lockee
Ag Society Board Members: John Cooper, Ron Dowding and Kendra Ronnau*

Auction: Saturday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)

4-H & FFA Market entries in Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat and Swine are eligible for the auction. Exhibitors will sell the premium only. Ownership does not change hands as the exhibitor will retain ownership of the animal for future shows, i.e. State Fair. Exhibitors will sell 1 unit in the auction. A unit is described as:

- 1 Market Beef (steer or heifer)
- 1 Sheep or Pen of Three
- 1 Meat Goat or Pen of Three
- 1 Swine or Pen of Three

In the event of an exhibitor having 1 or more qualifying exhibits, the exhibitor can elect to combine the units into 1 sellable lot/unit (example: champion swine and champion sheep).

Auction is dependent on donations and buyers; help is needed to secure funding. For more information, contact Auction Committee Chair Julia Plugge at Julia.Plugge@gmail.com or 402-450-0706.

Eligible units are defined as follows:

Beef:

- Champion Market Steer
 - Champion Market Heifer
 - Champion Market Animal
 - Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
 - Champion Second-Year Bucket Calf*
 - Reserve Champion Market Steer
 - Reserve Champion Market Heifer
 - Reserve Champion Market Animal
 - Reserve Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
 - Reserve Champion Second-Year Bucket Calf*
- *(stated as a market animal in record book)
- Purple ribbon placings are eligible to sell beyond the champions.

Sheep:

- Champion Market Sheep
 - Champion Division
 - Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
 - Champion Pen of Three
 - Reserve Champion Market Sheep
 - Reserve Champion Division
 - Reserve Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
 - Reserve Champion Pen of Three
- Purple ribbon placings are eligible to sell beyond the champions.

Swine:

- Champion Market Swine
 - Champion Heavy Weight Division
 - Champion Middle Weight Division
 - Champion Light Weight Division
 - Champion Pen of Three
 - Reserve Champion Market Swine
 - Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Division
 - Reserve Champion Middle Weight Division
 - Reserve Champion Light Weight Division
 - Reserve Champion Pen of Three
- Purple ribbon placings are eligible to sell beyond the champions.
- Only Pick A Pig champion and reserve are eligible for the auction. Pick A Pig participants can elect to show in the regular show and receive a purple to be eligible for the auction.

Meat Goat:

- Champion Meat Goat
 - Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
 - Champion Pen of Three
 - Reserve Champion Meat Goat
 - Reserve Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
 - Reserve Champion Pen of Three
- Purple ribbon placings are eligible to sell beyond the champions.

Auction order is as follows for 2026: Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, Beef. Future auctions will be in rotation of this order — 2027: Swine, Meat Goat, Beef, Sheep; 2028: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat. The Grand and Reserve Overall Champions (beef, sheep, swine and meat goat) will sell first. Each species will sell all the remaining units in that species after the 6 champions are sold.

Grand Champion and Reserve Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat; as well as Champion Second-Year Bucket Calf Exhibitors will be invited to display their animal in the “purple row” near the auction arena 30 minutes prior to the auction. Auction supporters, including potential buyers, will be invited to visit with the 4-H & FFA youth and their projects.

To receive auction premiums, youth must submit a thank you to the premium sponsor of their project by Nov. 30. **After Nov. 30, all money will be forfeit and returned to the Livestock Auction account.** Instructions will be mailed to premium auction participants at the conclusion of the current year's fair.



America's 250th Anniversary Theme 4-H & FFA Animal Pen/Stall/Table Decorations

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, 4-H & FFA animal exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their pen/stall/table areas with a 250th Anniversary theme. Decorations must be kept out of reach of all animals. The theme could also be used in animal costume contests. Each animal exhibitor who uses decorations or a costume using this theme will receive a commemorative America's 250th ribbon!

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendent: Sarah Dilley

Register by Thursday, July 30, 6 p.m. in the Livestock Office

Contest: Sunday, Aug. 2, Noon–2 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)

Open to 4-H & FFA members. Come join the fun judging livestock and bring your parents! There will be a short orientation before the contest outlining how to fill out the judging cards and where to answer questions for those who have never judged before.

Youth may judge as individuals or teams. Teams will consist of 4 youth and 1 adult. Seven classes shall consist of 2 beef, 2 sheep, 2 swine and 1 meat goat. Classes will be decided day of contest and could consist of market and/or breeding animals. Contestants will have 12 minutes to judge each class. No reasons will be given; however, questions will be asked on 3 classes.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- B127940 **Junior Livestock Judging** — 8–10 years of age
- B127941 **Intermediate Livestock Judging** — 11–13 years of age
- B127942 **Senior Livestock Judging** — 14–18 years of age

STATEWIDE CONTEST: The Nebraska 4-H Livestock Judging Contest for 4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) who form teams to represent their county will be held at the Premier Animal Science Event on University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus on Friday, May 29. 4-H members do not need to qualify at the county contest to participate. For more information or to join a Lancaster County team, contact lanaster4h@unl.edu or 402-441-7180 by May 1. For more information, see <https://4h.unl.edu/pase>.

LIVESTOCK ELITE SHOWMANSHIP

Superintendent: Aleya Cuttlers

Contest: Sunday, Aug. 2, 5 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – Arena)

Champion Senior Showman from 4-H & FFA Sheep, Beef, Swine, Dairy Goat and Meat Goats are eligible. However, Champion Showman may decline and the Reserve Champion Showman may take their place in the competition.

- Contestants will be judged on their ability to handle, show and present each of the different species. Grooming of animals will not be considered.
- Contestants will draw numbers to determine which animal they will show. A contestant will not show an animal from their own farm.
- A contestant will be ranked 1–5 in each segment of the competition receiving 5 points for a number 1 ranking down to 2 points for a number 4 ranking. The contestant with the most total points at the end of competition will be declared the winner.
- If a showman wins the right to compete in more than 1 species in the same year, then they must choose which species they will represent. The Reserve Champion Showman from the species not chosen will be eligible to compete.

Ribbons only — no premium. Special Awards will be presented.

- B129910 **Senior Elite Showmanship** — 14–18 years of age

HERDSMANSHIP

Livestock Herdsmanship begins Thursday, July 30 at Noon,
ends Sunday, Aug. 2 at 6 p.m.

Rabbit and Horse Herdsmanship begins Thursday, July 30 at Noon,
ends Sunday, Aug. 2 at Noon

Poultry Herdsmanship begins Thursday, July 30 at 4 p.m.,
ends Sunday, Aug. 2 at Noon

All 4-H & FFA animal exhibitors are expected to cooperate in proper manure disposal, keeping alleys clean, storing feed and keeping animals clean, neat and attractive. Uniform signs will be provided. All beef, dairy cattle, bucket calf, goat, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit and horse 4-H clubs', FFA chapters' and independent members' stall areas are automatically judged — and compete — for Herdsmanship awards.

Herdsmanship is defined as “the manner in which members care for their animals and display them at the fair.” Emphasis is on animal care. Exhibitors are encouraged to present themselves, their animals and animal areas (stalls and alleys) to fairgoers in a clean, attractive, educational and safe manner. Cooperation, fellowship and teamwork among exhibitors is expected. 4-H members are highly encouraged to share knowledge about their animals to the general public. Note: No judging takes place during a species' show.

Rabbit Herdsmanship winners will be announced at the Rabbit Awards during fair. Horse Herdsmanship winners will be announced at Horse Awards Night (usually held in October). Livestock Herdsmanship winners will be announced at 4-H Achievement Celebration (usually held in February).

HERDSMANSHIP DETAILS FOR HORSES WILL BE POSTED IN HORSE STALL AREAS.
HERDSMANSHIP DETAILS FOR RABBITS WILL BE POSTED IN RABBIT AREA. All other species refer to the following.

Herdsmanship Judging Criteria:

- **HERDSMANSHIP RESPONSIBILITY** — Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of exhibitors rather than leaders and parents.
- **WHEN HERDSMANSHIP BEGINS AND ENDS** — Herdsmanship begins at the time the division of livestock (beef, dairy, sheep, etc.) is to be in place until the scheduled release time of the division, unless otherwise stated.
- **WHEN HERDSMANSHIP IS JUDGED** — club and chapter exhibits may be judged for Herds-manship at anytime between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. At least 1 exhibitor should be present at each club or chapter exhibit during these hours.
- **DISPLAY OF ANIMALS** — all animals shall be in their stalls or pens at all times except for weighing, washing, exercising and showing. All pens and stalls should be clearly identified with the club or chapter and exhibitor's name.
- **STALLS AND PENS** — keep clean to the best of each exhibitor's ability. The Sandhills Global Event Center has designated manure bins outside each of the pavilions to put soiled bedding and shavings — trash may not be included since the bedding is composted.
- **POSTING RESULTS** — check sheets for Herdsmanship judging will be posted daily. Livestock sheets will be posted by the Livestock Office and rabbit sheets will be posted by the rabbit area. Horse sheets will be posted by the Horse Show Office.

Basis for Rating Herdsmanship:

- **ANIMALS** — clean and neatly groomed. Cared for with adequate feed and water. (25 points daily)
- **STALLS OR PENS** — clean and adequately bedded. Appropriate feeding equipment for animal species. (20 points daily)
- **ALLEY AREA ASSIGNED TO CLUB** — clean and orderly. Appropriate display of club decorations, stall cards and ribbons. (25 points daily)
- **STORAGE AREAS** (for tack, equipment and feed) — clean and neatly arranged. Cleaning equip-ment safely stored. (15 points daily)
- **COURTESY, CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP** — displayed by club members at all times. Includes proper dress and attire. (15 points daily)

No Premiums

B128910	Beef	B128930	Dairy/Pygmy Goat	B128960	Swine
B128920	Dairy Cattle	B128940	Horse	B128980	Poultry
B128925	Bucket Calf	B128950	Sheep & Meat Goat	B128990	Rabbit

MEAT GOAT

Superintendent: Sarah Dilley

Check-in & Weigh-in: Wednesday, July 29, 6–7 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – North of the Meat Goat & Sheep Stalling Area)

**All Meat Goats must be in stalls by: Wednesday, July 29, 8 p.m. (Currency Pavilion)
Show: Thursday, July 30, following Sheep Show (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)**

Open to 4-H & FFA members. An exhibitor may show no more than 6 meat goats. Market and commercial doe classes are divided by weight across all breeds. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion meat goats are selected from the top 2 animals in each weight division.

Market goats must be less than a year old. Goats must have horns blunted; dehorning is preferred. Market goats may be doe or wether kids, which will show together. Short scrotum, cryptorchid and buck kids are not eligible.

All market goats will be weighed and divided into classes based on total numbers and weight range.

See Grooming of Livestock Rules on page 56.

HERDSMANSHIP details are on this page.

Special Awards to Top Market, Breeding and Showmanship
Premiums: Purple \$5; Blue \$4; Red \$3; White \$0

SHOWMANSHIP

Breeding does do not need braced for presentation.

Class # Class Description

- G058902 **Junior Meat Goat Showmanship** — 8–10 years of age
- G058903 **Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship** — 11–13 years of age
- G058904 **Senior Meat Goat Showmanship** — 14–18 years of age

BREEDING CLASSES

Original registration papers must be presented at check-in to be eligible for Registered Breeding Doe classes (may be presented electronically using a smart phone, tablet, etc.). Non-registered does will be placed in commercial doe classes and divided by weight and age. Breeding does do not need braced for presentation.

- G058930 **Commercial Breeding Doe Kids** (born after 1-1-26)
- G058931 **Commercial Breeding Doe Yearlings** (born 1-1-24 thru 12-31-25)
- G058932 **Commercial Breeding Aged Doe** (born before 12-31-24)
- G058935 **Registered Breeding Doe Kids** (born after 1-1-26)
- G058936 **Registered Breeding Doe Yearlings** (born 1-1-24 thru 12-31-25)
- G058937 **Registered Breeding Aged Doe** (born before 12-31-24)

MARKET CLASSES

- G058901 **Market Goat** (Does & Wethers)
 - **Rate of Gain** — entries are taken at the fair. Placings are determined by average daily gain (ADG). ADG is calculated by using weight gained since the initial weight taken in May and the actual weight at check-in.
 - **Lancaster County Born and Raised Market Goat** — limit of 2 entries per exhibi-tor. These must be bred and raised by the exhibitor, family member or a breeder in Lancaster County. Please indicate born and raised animals when submitting animal entries online, although entries can be made at check-in time.

BOTTLE GOAT CLASS

Each member is allowed entry of 1 bottle goat project. Bottle goats will only be allowed to show in the bottle goat class. Bottle goats can be any breed of goat. Bottle goats must only display milk teeth. All male bottle goats must be neutered and healed prior to fair.

All bottle goat exhibitors must complete a “Lancaster County 4-H & FFA Bottle Goat Project Record Book.” It is recommended to start the record book at date of birth or time of purchase. Pick one up at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County office or request by emailing lancaster4h@unl.edu.

Judging criteria:

- **RECORD BOOKS** — all exhibitors must present their record book to the superintendent at weigh-in time. Sign up for interview time at weigh-in. (50 points)
- **INTERVIEWS** (time and location TBA) — the judge will score each exhibitor on their knowledge and experience with the project. (25 points)
- **SHOW EVALUATION** — the judge will score each exhibitor on their animal handling skills in the arena. Animals must be washed and groomed, but clipping is optional. The health and thrifti-ness of the animal will be judged. (25 points)

G058940 **Bottle Goat**

SHEEP

Superintendent: Cooper Family

Sheep Check-in & Weigh-in: Wednesday, July 29, 6–7 p.m.
(Currency Pavilion – North of the Sheep & Meat Goat Stalling Area)
All Sheep must be in stalls by: Wednesday, July 29, 8 p.m. (Currency Pavilion)
Show: Thursday, July 30, 1 p.m.
(Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)

Open to 4-H & FFA members. An exhibitor may show no more than 6 breeding or market animals. No individual sheep are shown in both breeding and market classes.

Sheep lambed after Jan. 1, 2026 are classified as lambs. Sheep lambed between Jan. 1 and December 31 of 2025 are classified as yearlings. Sheep born in 2024 or earlier are classified as aged. For the Dorset breed, ewes born after September 1, 2024 can be shown as breeding ewe lambs. Fall-born Dorset yearlings may also be shown as yearlings.

No re-weigh allowed. Exhibitors having 2 lambs in the same class may move 1 lamb up to the next heavier class.

All sheep must be tagged with a USDA scrapie tag (for more info, call 1-866-USDA-TAG). Registration papers must be in exhibitor or family farm name. Registration papers are checked to verify registered animals. Registered animals show in registered classes only. Non-registered animals or animals without registration papers show in commercial classes only.

All animals must be stalled in the barn. No ice packs.
Market classes are divided by weight across all breeds.
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market lamb are selected from the top 2 individuals in each market lamb weight division.

See Grooming of Livestock Rules on page 56.

HERDSMANSHIP details are on page 59.

Market lambs are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to be shorn before arrival.

Special Awards to Top Market, Breeding and Showmanship

SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors, including previous award winners, are eligible to participate in their respective age division. No advance entry required. Exhibitors must prepare and show their own animals. Showmen are divided into classes by age by Jan. 1 of the current year. An exhibitor may win Senior Showmanship as many times as they are eligible, regardless of past winnings.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Class # Class Description

G030001 **Junior Sheep Showmanship** — 8–10 years of age
G030002 **Intermediate Sheep Showmanship** — 11–13 years of age
G030003 **Senior Sheep Showmanship** — 14–18 years of age

BREEDING CLASSES

Original registration papers must be presented at check-in to be eligible for breed specific classes (may be presented electronically using a smart phone, tablet, etc.). Non-registered ewes will be placed in commercial ewe classes and divided by weight. The top animal from each class will compete for Supreme Champion Ewe.

Premiums: Purple \$5; Blue \$4; Red \$3; White \$0

	Lamb	Yearling	Aged Ewe
Dorset	G032111	G032112	G032113
Hampshire	G032121	G032122	G032123
Suffolk	G032131	G032132	G032133
Other Breeds (reg)	G032141	G032142	G032143
Commercial	G032151	G032152	G032153

MARKET CLASSES

Premiums: Purple \$5; Blue \$4; Red \$3; White \$0

G030020 **Market Lamb**
• **Natural Color** (any animal that is at least 35% Natural Colored excluding the head and legs is acceptable)
• **White Face** (Speckles, Southdown, Dorset, any other white influenced breed)
• **Black Face** (any black face breed)
• **Rate of Gain** — Entries are taken at the fair. Placings are determined by average daily gain (ADG). ADG is calculated by using weight gained since the initial weight taken in May and the actual weight at check-in.

• **Lancaster County Born and Raised Market Lambs** — limit of 1 entry per exhibitor. These must be bred and raised by the exhibitor, family member or a breeder in Lancaster County. Please indicate born and raised animals when submitting animal entries online, although entries can be made at check-in time.

PEN OF THREE

A group of 3 market lambs or breeding ewes with ownership by 1 exhibitor only. Completed entry cards for this class may be turned in at the show ring gate.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

G030011 **Pen of Three**

POULTRY

Superintendents: Cathy Babcock and Pam Cuttlers

Check-in: Wednesday, July 29, 4–8 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)
Showmanship: Thursday, July 30, 10 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)
Show: Thursday, July 30, 10 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)
Release Time: Sunday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m.

Open to 4-H members. A 4-H member can enter a total of 15 pens in the 4-H show. To be eligible for breed exhibition, cockerel, pullet, cock or hen chicken entries must be fair representatives of one of the breeds listed in the "American Standard of Perfection."

Poultry do not require an identification form.

Poultry exhibitors must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training.

4-H members are required to care for their birds throughout the fair. Food and bedding will be provided, but birds are to be fed and watered at least twice daily and cages are to be kept clean by the 4-H member. Feed will be supplied by superintendent.

4-H members are required to be present during the judging or their birds may not be judged. Large fowl, bantam and pet classes will be table shown.

OFFICIAL 4-H ATTIRE IS REQUIRED of all 4-H members any time a member is involved in ANY poultry activity during the fair. Poultry exhibitors are encouraged to wear 4-H & FFA livestock exhibitor T-shirt OR white 4-H T-shirt with printed emblem OR any plain, long- or short-sleeved white shirt with official 4-H armband on left arm above elbow OR any plain, long- or short-sleeved white shirt with the 4-H chevron attached to chest. Blue jeans must be long — **no shorts allowed**. Shoes must be closed toe — either tennis shoes, boots or hard shoes. 4-H members should be neatly groomed.

HERDSMANSHIP — All animal exhibitors are expected to cooperate in keeping alleys clean and keeping animals clean, neat and attractive. Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of 4-H members rather than leaders and parents. Herdsmanship begins Thursday, July 30 at 4 p.m. and ends Sunday, Aug. 2 at Noon. **4-H members are required to sign up for a 1-hour block of time to keep watch over the poultry area. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the poultry area.**

Any bird with visible signs of disease or parasitism will be dismissed from the exhibition area and rendered ineligible to show. This includes lice and mites.

The rules for standard-sized chickens apply equally to bantams, waterfowl and turkeys where applicable. Base date is date of show.

- A cock (C) is a male bird 1 year and more.
- A hen (H) is a female bird 1 year and more.
- A cockerel (CKL) is a male bird less than 1 year.
- A pullet (P) is a female bird less than 1 year.

Special Top Awards

Premiums (except where designated otherwise): Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

See page 57 of this Fair Book for Premium Payouts Procedure for Animals.

POULTRY QUIZ

Thursday, July 30, 9-10 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Must register during online entry by July 1. This contest will test 4-H members overall knowledge of poultry. Preparation includes studying from the 3 poultry 4-H project books and other 4-H materials. No teams are needed for this contest as it will be completely individual. Adult mentorship is prohibited during competition. Only 4-H members allowed in contest areas.

G070001 **Senior Poultry Quiz** — 14–18 years of age
G070002 **Intermediate Poultry Quiz** — 11–13 years of age
G070003 **Junior Poultry Quiz** — 8–10 years of age

POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

Thursday, July 30, 9-10 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Must register during online entry by July 1. This contest allows the contestants to place a class of 4–6 poultry. Adult mentorship is prohibited during competition. Only 4-H members allowed in contest areas.

- G070004 **Senior Poultry Judging** — 14–18 years of age
G070005 **Intermediate Poultry Judging** — 11–13 years of age
G070006 **Junior Poultry Judging** — 8–10 years of age

SHOWMANSHIP

Thursday, July 30, 10 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- G070007 **Senior Poultry Showmanship** — 14–18 years of age
G070008 **Intermediate Poultry Showmanship** — 11–13 years of age
G070009 **Junior Poultry Showmanship** — 8–10 years of age

LARGE FOWL

AMERICAN

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| G070101 Plymouth Rock | G070104 Jersey Giant | G070109 Other |
| G070102 Wyandotte | G070105 New Hampshire | |
| G070103 Rhode Island Red | G070106 Delaware | |

ASIATIC

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| G070111 Brahma | G070113 Langshan |
| G070112 Cochin | G070119 Other |

ENGLISH

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| G070121 Dorking | G070123 Orpington | G070125 Australorp |
| G070122 Cornish | G070124 Sussex | G070129 Other |

MEDITERRANEAN

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| G070131 Leghorn | G070133 Andalusian | G070139 Other |
| G070132 Minorca | G070134 Sicilian Buttercup | |

CONTINENTAL

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| G070141 Hamburg | G070143 Polish | G070145 Faverolle |
| G070142 Campine | G070144 Houdan | G070149 Other |

ANY OTHER BREED

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| G070151 Game | G070153 Naked Neck | G070155 Ameraucana |
| G070152 Sumatra | G070154 Araucana | G070159 Other |

TRIO/PEN

Birds entered singly are not eligible to be judged as part of a trio/pen. Birds entered as a trio/pen are not eligible to be judged in individual competition.

- G070027 **Trio — Purebred** — a trio of exhibition birds shall consist of 1 male and 2 females. All 3 birds must be of the same breed and conform to the Standard of Perfection. Trio classes are for breeding stock birds. Hybrids, crossbred and other meat and egg production birds belong in the pen entries.
- G070028 **Pen of Egg Production Females** — a pen of egg production females shall consist of 3 sexually mature females. Pens of egg production birds will be judged for production qualities. These birds need not necessarily conform to breed standards.
- G070029 **Pen of Production Birds (Broilers and Market Turkeys)** — a pen of market broilers shall consist of 3 birds 6–9 weeks of age. A pen of market turkeys shall consist of 2 female birds 16–17 weeks of age. Pens of broilers or market birds will be judged for production qualities. These birds need not necessarily conform to breed standards. This is the class for production project birds.

BANTAM

GAME BANTAM

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| G070201 Modern | G070202 Old English |
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SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEGGED

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| G070211 Japanese | G070214 Orpington | G070219 Other |
| G070212 Leghorn | G070215 Plymouth Rock | |
| G070213 New Hampshire | G070216 Rhode Island Red | |

ROSE COMB CLEAN LEGGED

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|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| G070221 d-Anver | G070223 Rosecomb | G070225 Wyandotte |
| G070222 Hamburg | G070224 Sebright | G070229 Other |

ANY OTHER COMB CLEAN LEGGED

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| G070231 Araucana | G070233 Houdan | G070239 Other |
| G070232 Cornish | G070234 Polish | |

FEATHER LEGGED

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|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| G070241 d’Uccle | G070243 Cochin | G070249 Other |
| G070242 Brahma | G070244 Silky | |

TRIO

- G070036 **Trio — Purebred** — a trio of exhibition birds shall consist of 1 male and 2 females. All 3 birds must be of the same breed and conform to the Standard of Perfection. Trio classes are for breeding stock birds. Hybrids, crossbred or other meat and egg production birds belong in the pen entry. Birds entered singly are not eligible to be judged as part of a trio. Birds entered in a trio are not eligible to be judged in individual competition.

PET CLASS

For poultry entries not qualifying for individual breed classes. Production/Hybrid roosters and any crossbred birds belong in the pet class. The pet class is judged on condition of the animal and its acceptability as a pet. Contestants may be asked questions pertaining to the care of poultry. Entries in the pet class are included as 1 of the 15 pen entries. Limit 3 pet entries per 4-H member.

- G070041 **Pet Class** — 8–10 years of age
G070042 **Pet Class** — 11–13 years of age
G070043 **Pet Class** — 14–18 years of age

DUCKS

- G070051 **Heavy** — Pekin, Rouen, Muscovy
G070052 **Medium** — Swedish, Buff, Crested, Cayuga
G070053 **Light** — Runner, Khaki Campbell
G070054 **Bantam** — Call, Mallard, East India

GEESE

- G070061 **Heavy** — Toulouse, Embden, African
G070062 **Medium** — Pilgrim, Buff, Saddle Back Pomeranian
G070063 **Light** — Chinese, Canada, Egyptian, Tufted Roman

TURKEYS

The turkeys produced for the **pen of production birds** are not eligible to show in the individual turkey classes.

- G070071 **Young Tom Turkey**
G070072 **Old Tom Turkey**
G070073 **Young Hen Turkey**
G070074 **Old Hen Turkey**

GUINEA FOWL

- G070081 **Old Guinea**
G070082 **Young Guinea** (current year’s hatch)

POULTRY STATIC EXHIBITS

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)
Static Exhibits Released: Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. (Ag Society Hall)

See page 22 of this Fair Book for more information about 4-H static exhibits. Animal exhibits are in the “General Areas” and may be interview judged.

No state fair entry

- G070091 **Homemade Carrying Crate**
G070092 **Poster** — related to poultry project (i.e. breeds, care, parts). Poster can be 14 inches x 22 inches OR 22 inches x 28 inches, either vertical or horizontal. Poster will be judged on educational content and visual presentation/design.
G070093 **Homemade Egg Gathering Basket**

SWINE

Superintendent: Harry Muhlbach; Assistant Superintendent: Muhlbach Family

Check-in & Weigh-in & Scanning: Thursday, July 30, 8–10 a.m.
(Currency Pavilion – West End)

All Swine must be in stalls by: Thursday, July 30, 10 a.m. (Currency Pavilion)
Show: Friday, July 31, 8 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)

Open to 4-H & FFA members. An exhibitor may show no more than 6 swine.

All animals are checked for identification Thursday morning at check-in. Swine exhibited at the fair are IDENTIFIED BY OFFICIAL 4-H ear tag or EID tag.

Swine may be shown without oil, powder and grooming compounds. Water is permitted. Swine found in violation of this rule will be lowered a ribbon group in the live show and will be disqualified from the carcass contest.

All swine need to be washed and dry when they reach the check-in scale.

Swine must be clipped/shaved; however, the Ag Society strongly suggests clip/shave at home. If clipping at the fair, no snaring or tying up is allowed. Please remember we are setting an example of livestock production for the general public.

Do not feed in wash rack area to eliminate clogging the drain.

WEIGHT LIMITS — There is no minimum or maximum weight for market swine. However, a minimum of 225 pounds is considered ideal for market swine classes. Swine that do not weigh 225 pounds will not be eligible for the carcass contest. No swine will be reweighed. The swine show is non-terminal. Marketing swine is up to the exhibitor — 4-H staff are not involved in this process.

Swine exhibitors are reminded to adhere to drug residual waiting periods.

NOTE: Swine do not require a health certificate. However, under no circumstances may swine under quarantine be exhibited.

HERDSMANSHIP details are on page 59.

Special Awards to Top Market, Breeding and Showmanship

Premiums (except where designated otherwise): Purple \$5; Blue \$4; Red \$3; White \$0

SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors must participate in their respective age division. Exhibitors must prepare and show their own animals.

Showmen are divided into classes by age by Jan. 1 of the current year. An exhibitor may win Senior Showmanship as many times as they are eligible, regardless of past winnings.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

G035001 **Junior Swine Showmanship** — 8–10 years of age

G035002 **Intermediate Swine Showmanship** — 11–13 years of age

G035003 **Senior Swine Showmanship** — 14–18 years of age

MARKET CLASSES

Market classes are divided by weight across all breeds. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market swine are selected from the top 2 animals in each weight division. MARKET GILTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN BREEDING CLASSES.

G035021 **Pick A Pig Club Market Swine**

G035022 **Market Swine**

PEN OF THREE

PEN OF THREE MUST BE IDENTIFIED DAY OF SHOW. Each exhibitor may enter 1 Pen of Three from market swine entered under the exhibitor's name. Animals in this class may also show as an individual in a market class. Pen of Three swine will be judged at assigned stalling areas at the end of the 4-H Swine Show. Scoring is based 60% on market-ready quality and 40% on uniformity.

G035031 **Pen of Three**

BREEDING GILT

Breeding classes will be broke into divisions by size. Class Champions from each division will compete for Overall Champion. BREEDING GILTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN MARKET CLASSES.

G035011 **Breeding Gilt**

CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUP

Group of 3 animals with ownership by more than 1 exhibitor. All exhibitors must be current 4-H or FFA members. Clubs or chapters may enter more than 1 group. Club or Chapter Group Pen of Three swine will be judged at assigned stalling areas at the end of the 4-H Swine Show, separately from individual Pen of Three classes.

G035041 **Club or Chapter Group**

CARCASS CONTEST

Each 4-H & FFA exhibitor enters 1 market swine at no expense, plus their performance class entry at no expense.

Contest placings are announced in the show ring immediately following the market swine show. Ribbons and top award are presented at that time. Carcass evaluation data on performance animals is not disclosed until after live evaluations have been completed.

All pigs entered in the market classes will be scanned with the best swine entered in the carcass contest. Performance class swine will automatically be scheduled for evaluation.

Evaluations of swine for the Carcass contest will be made by ultrasound scanning of live animals. This service is provided by the Nebraska SPF Swine Accrediting Agency. Carcasses are ranked on percent lean, which is determined by tenth-rib fat thickness, loin eye area and the estimated carcass weight. That image is then interpreted to determine the depth of fat and the size of the loin. The fat depth (FD) and loin muscle area (LMA) are then used in an equation developed by the National Pork Producers Council to determine the percent of acceptable quality lean (containing 5% fat) on a carcass weight basis.

Placings will be awarded on the basis of the computed percent lean values. All carcasses with a calculated hanging weight of less than 165 lbs or more than 225 lbs will be disqualified. All carcasses not having a loin-eye of at least 4.5 square inches will be disqualified. Swine with a live weight less than 225 lbs will be disqualified.

Carcass Swine

BEEF

Superintendent: Greg Crawford

All market beef and breeding heifers must be in stalls by:
Thursday, July 30, 9 a.m. (Currency Pavilion)

Market Beef Check-in & Weigh-in: Thursday, July 30, 10–11 a.m.
(Currency Pavilion – East End)

Breeding Heifers Check-in & Weigh-in: Thursday, July 30, 11 a.m.–Noon
(Currency Pavilion – East End)

All Feeder Calves must be in stalls by: Saturday, Aug. 1, 8 a.m. (Currency Pavilion)
Show: Saturday, Aug. 1, 9 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Arena)

Open to 4-H & FFA members. An exhibitor may show no more than 6 beef animals.

Registration papers must be in exhibitor or family farm name. Registration papers will be checked to verify registered animals. Non-registered animals or animals without registration papers show in commercial classes only. All animals will have ear tattoos and/or ear tags checked for identification (see class requirements).

All beef exhibitors will only be allowed to wash, blowout and/or comb their animals. Any use of adhesives is prohibited. Exhibitors will be allowed to use coat dressings, conditioners and shaving creams only. No use of products containing color additives or color transfer allowed. See Grooming of Livestock Rules on page 56.

Butt fans are allowed — must have finger guards. Electrical equipment must be UL listed and in good working condition — all equipment subject to safety inspection. Equipment found in poor condition must be immediately removed from the grounds.

Please bring generators on day of show to decrease the amount of power outages that may occur.

Absolutely no evaporative coolers (also known as swamp coolers, desert coolers, wet air coolers — or any other cooling device which cools air through the evaporation of water) will be allowed. This is an Ag Society rule because these coolers take up more space, water and electricity than needed.

Beef require a bedding fee of \$12 per head, due July 7. See page 56 of this Fair Book under "Animal Entries Must be Submitted Online."

Bedding for tie outs in not provided. There may be leftover bedding from the year before, but do not count on it being there. Plan to bring your own.
HERDSMANSHIP details are on page 59.
Note: No feeding animals in show arena.
Breeding classes with less than 3 entries will be asked to move to registered other/breeds. Breeds will be determined by what is entered on fair entry forms.

Special Awards to Top Market, Breeding and Showmanship

MARKET CLASSES

Market steers and heifers are weighed at entry time and ADG computed for information purposes only. Steers and heifers must have a minimum gain of 2 lbs/day to be eligible for a purple placing in classes G010010 and G010050. Market classes will be divided by weight across all breeds and all animals are identified by an official 4-H ear tag or EID tag. Grand and Reserve Champion market beef are selected from the top 2 individuals in each weight class, in their respective sex group.
Supreme Champions will be selected.

Premiums: Purple \$7; Blue \$6; Red \$4; White \$0

Class #	Class Description
G010010	Market Beef Steer
G010050	Market Beef Heifer

- **Rate of Gain** — all market beef weighed and tagged at the county weigh-in day will be in the rate of gain contest. Average daily rate-of-gain will be computed by subtracting the initial weight from the county fair weight and then dividing that answer by the number of days between the 2 weigh days. Entries will be ranked according to the daily rate-of-gain with heifers and steers ranked separately.
- **Lancaster County Born and Raised Market** — (1 animal per exhibitor) beef eligible for this class must be bred and raised by the exhibitor, family member or a breeder in Lancaster County. Please indicate born and raised animals when submitting animal entries online, although entries can be made at check-in time. Heifers and steers will be judged as 1 class.

SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors, are eligible to participate in their respective age division. No advanced entry required. Exhibitors must prepare and show their own animals.
Showmen are divided into classes by age by Jan. 1 of the current year. An exhibitor may win Senior Showmanship as many times as they are eligible, regardless of past winnings.
A Supreme Champion Showman will be selected from the Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Class #	Class Description
G010071	Junior Beef Showmanship — 8–10 years of age
G010072	Intermediate Beef Showmanship — 11–13 years of age
G010073	Senior Beef Showmanship — 14–18 years of age

BREEDING CLASSES

Any heifer born during the previous year that is currently entered on a 4-H or FFA project affidavit form for the current year is eligible to show in this division.
Breeding heifers are divided by age across all breeds.
ALL BREEDING HEIFERS ARE IDENTIFIED BY EAR TATTOOS or identification type that is accepted by the breed association. Commercial heifers may have a legible tattoo OR an EID. All tattoos must be legible and intact by the June 15 affidavit deadline. NO FRESH TATTOOS ALLOWED.
British breeds are Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford and Red Angus. Exotic breeds are Simmental, Maine, Charlois and Limousine. Commercial Exotic breeding heifers: classes are composed of Exotic and Exotic crosses, including Exotic and British crosses (i.e. Angus x Simmental).
Animals registered as commercial breeding on fair entry forms CANNOT be moved to registered breeds.
Junior and spring heifers cannot be double entered in feeder calf class.
Top 5 supreme breeding heifers will be selected.

Premiums: Purple \$7; Blue \$6; Red \$4; White \$0

NEW!

	Aug 1 to Dec 31, '24	Jan. 1 to Feb 28, '25	Mar 1 to Apr 30, '25	May 1 to Jun 30, '25	Jul 1 to Aug 31, '25
Angus (reg.)	G012100	G012101	G012102	G012103	G012104
Red Angus	G012200	G012201	G012202	G012203	G012204
Charolais (reg.)	G012110	G012111	G012112	G012113	G012114
Hereford (reg.)	G012120	G012121	G012122	G012123	G012124
Maine (reg.)	G012130	G012131	G012132	G012133	G012134
Polled Hereford (reg.)	G012140	G012141	G012142	G012143	G012144
Shorthorn (reg.)	G012150	G012151	G012152	G012153	G012154
Simmental	G012160	G012161	G012162	G012163	G012164
Other breeds (reg.)	G012170	G012171	G012172	G012173	G012174
Commercial British	G012180	G012181	G012182	G012183	G012184
Commercial Exotic	G012190	G012191	G012192	G012193	G012194
	Sep 1 to Oct 31, '25	Nov 1 to Dec 31, '25	Jan 1 to Feb 28, '26	Mar 1 to Apr 30, '26	
Angus (reg.)	G012105	G012016	G012107	G012108	
Red Angus	G012205	G012206	G012207	G012208	
Charolais (reg.)	G012115	G012116	G012117	G012118	
Hereford (reg.)	G012125	G012126	G012127	G012128	
Maine (reg.)	G012135	G012136	G012137	G012128	
Polled Hereford (reg.)	G012145	G012146	G012147	G012148	
Shorthorn (reg.)	G012155	G012156	G012157	G012158	
Simmental	G012165	G012166	G012167	G012168	
Other breeds (reg.)	G012175	G012176	G012177	G012178	
Commercial British	G012185	G012186	G012187	G012188	
Commercial Exotic	G012195	G012196	G012197	G012198	

- **Lancaster County Born and Raised Breeding** — (1 animal per exhibitor) beef eligible for this class must be bred and raised by the exhibitor, family member or a breeder in Lancaster County. Please indicate born and raised animals when submitting animal entries online, although entries can be made at check-in time.

COW CALF CLASSES

Registered or commercial cow which has previously been in a 4-H or FFA calf or breeding heifer project. The calf may also be exhibited in the calf class if it meets the age requirements. Tattoo is their ID number or identification type that is accepted by the breed association. Commercial heifers may have a legible tattoo OR an EID. Calves need to be identified on the Breeding Livestock ID Certificate.

Premiums: Purple \$7; Blue \$6; Red \$4; White \$0

G012001	2-Year-Old Cow-Calf Class (cow born Jan. 1, 2024–Dec. 31, 2024)
G012002	Aged Cow-Calf Class (cow born during or prior to 2023)

FEEDER CALF CLASSES

A calf born between Jan. 1 and June 1 of the current year. Should be meat type conformation, perhaps for next year's 4-H or FFA project. Class is divided by sex and age at the discretion of the superintendent. Questions concerning type classification must be brought to the attention of the show committee prior to the start of the show.
All feeder calves must be identified by an official 4-H ear tag or EID tag.
Heifers shown in feeder calf class cannot be double entered in the breeding classes.
Feeder calves may arrive day of show. Must be in stalls by 8 a.m. They may be released at completion of show.

Premiums: Purple \$7; Blue \$6; Red \$4; White \$0

G010081	Male Steer Calf Class British Breed and Crosses — composed of ONLY British breeds (i.e. Angus x Hereford)
G010082	Male Bull Calf Class British Breed and Crosses — composed of ONLY British breeds (i.e. Angus x Hereford)
G010083	Heifer Calf Class British Breed and Crosses — composed of ONLY British breeds
G010084	Male Steer Calf Class Exotic and Exotic Crosses — including Exotic & British (i.e. Angus x Simmental)
G010085	Male Bull Calf Class Exotic and Exotic Crosses — including Exotic & British (i.e. Angus x Simmental)
G010086	Heifer Calf Class Exotic and Exotic Crosses

CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUP

Premiums: Purple \$7; Blue \$6; Red \$4; White \$0

G011920	Club or Chapter Group — group of 3 animals with ownership by more than 1 exhibitor. All exhibitors must be current 4-H or FFA members.
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RABBIT

Overall Rabbit Superintendent: Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIPS Committee Members —
Bob Dresser, Karen Hanson, Mark Hurt, Sarah Lanik-Frain, Ken Majors & Jen Metcalf

Check-in: Wednesday, July 29, 5–8 p.m. & Thursday, July 30, 9 a.m.–Noon
(Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Rabbits Must be in Pens by Thursday, July 30, Noon

Flag Ceremony: Saturday, Aug. 1, 8 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Rabbit Awards Ceremony: Sunday, Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m. (South Hall)

Open to all 4-H members. Each 4-H member is required to check in at the registration table. **ALL RABBITS MUST HAVE A PERMANENT, LEGIBLE I.D. (tattoo) IN THE LEFT EAR.** **TATTOOS MUST BE IN PLACE BEFORE CHECK-IN.** Rabbit Ownership Affidavits (ID forms) are due to the Extension office June 15. The tattoo must be entered during the animal online entry process (due July 1) and on the completed comment card that is handed in at fair check-in. The tattoo will be verified with online entries and completed comment card at the time of fair check-in. If rabbit does not have a permanent tattoo at check-in, it will not be eligible for showing and must be removed from the Sandhills Global Event Center (SGEC) fairgrounds. Rabbit tattooing will not be allowed on SGEC fairgrounds.

ALL rabbit exhibitors must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training.

Each 4-H member must complete a Rabbit Comment Card for the following classes:

- Rabbit Show Comment Card (for market and breed classes)
- Rabbit Fur Class Comment Card
- Rabbit Pet Class Comment Card

It is highly encouraged to pick up comment cards at the Extension office and fill them out beforehand, although comment cards will be available during check-in.

Maximum of 15 entries allowed per 4-H member — single market entries, market pen of 3 entries and breeder's choice rabbits do NOT count toward the 15 maximum rabbits. A 4-H member may enter only 1 pet rabbit.

Rabbit Substitution Rule — a rabbit may be substituted for a registered rabbit for the fair based on the following: same breed, same sex, same age, same class number (per the Fair Book). A maximum of 2 substitutions per 4-H member may be permitted.

Release time is Sunday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. No exhibits are released early except for hardship/emergency reasons. In the event of extreme extenuating circumstances, 4-H members must submit an early release request form and obtain approval.

ALL 4-H MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT FOR JUDGING OF LIVE EXHIBITS. All 4-H members will participate in their respective age divisions regardless of the class, regardless if they have won the class in previous years. Any 4-H member not present will not have their exhibit judged. Refer to General Animal Rules, Substitute Showmen rule for exception on page 57.

Rabbits will be housed in assigned cages for the duration of the fair. Cages may be secured by 4-H members with zip ties or combination locks. ANY RABBIT THAT APPEARS TO BE UNHEALTHY WILL BE REMOVED FROM SHOW ROOM. 4-H members are responsible for management of their assigned group of cages. 4-H members supply their own food, water and the appropriate equipment. No personal fans — fans will be provided. Equipment may not be stored in exhibit area. Please use flat-bottomed, heavy food or water equipment (bottles preferred) that cannot be turned over by the rabbit. 4-H MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WATERING AND FEEDING OF THEIR RABBITS.

OFFICIAL 4-H ATTIRE IS REQUIRED of all 4-H members any time the member is involved in ANY rabbit activity during the fair, including the awards ceremony. Acceptable shirts include: white 4-H T-shirt with printed emblem OR any plain, long- or short-sleeved white shirt with official 4-H armband on left arm above elbow OR any plain, long- or short-sleeved white shirt with the 4-H chevron attached to chest. Blue jeans must be long — no shorts allowed. Shoes must be closed toe — either tennis shoes, boots or hard shoes. No hats allowed. This excludes the costume contest where the 4-H member is in costume.

Ribbons are awarded at the completion of each class or division according to the instructions of the show superintendent. 4-H members must have received a purple or blue ribbon and placed first or second in the appropriate class to qualify for trophies/rosettes. 4-H members are eligible for best of breed trophies when there are a minimum of 2 4-H members and at least 3 rabbits of the same breed in the class. If less than that, winners receive rosettes.

Your help in dismantling and storing cages after the fair is requested and appreciated.

ALL-AROUND 4-H MEMBER AWARD CRITERIA

- To be eligible, All-Around choices MUST be designated on the online entry process — no exceptions!
- You may apply up to a maximum of 6 entries towards the All-Around award.
- Rabbit Showmanship and a Rabbit Static Exhibit are mandatory. The remaining 4 entries can come from rabbit quiz, rabbit judging, pet class, market class and breed class.

During the online entry process, indicate the classes you want to count toward the

award. You need to decide which classes you think you will do best in. A rabbit static exhibit is mandatory, however, you can apply only 1 rabbit static entry toward the award. In case of a tie for the All-Around Exhibitor award; the score on both the rabbit showmanship AND the rabbit static exhibit will determine the winner. If after the established tie breaker have been used and a tie still exists, multiple championships will be awarded.

HERDSMANSHIP

All rabbit exhibitors are automatically enrolled in Herdsmanship. Herdsmanship is defined as “the manner in which members care for their animals and display them at the fair.” The overall objective of Herdsmanship is to encourage 4-H members to present themselves, their animals and animal areas (pens and alleys) to the public in a clean, attractive, educational and safe manner. Cooperation, fellowship and teamwork among 4-H members is expected. 4-H members are encouraged to share knowledge about their animals to the general public. The scoresheet for Herdsmanship in the rabbit division will be posted in the rabbit area during the fair. If a rabbit is removed from the fair for any reason, the owner/rabbit will receive zeros in Herdsmanship on the days the rabbit is not at the fair. Herdsmanship superintendent has final say in the contest. HERDSMANSHIP BEGINS THURSDAY, JULY 30 AT NOON AND CONCLUDES SUNDAY, AUG. 2 AT NOON.



MORE INFORMATION

Nebraska 4-H Rabbit Ownership Affidavit, comment cards, scoresheet and YouTube how-to and example videos are at <https://go.unl.edu/lan4h-rabbit>

Special Top Awards

Premiums (except where designated otherwise): Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1

See Premium Payouts Procedure for Animals on page 57 of this Fair Book.

BREED IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

Thursday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2

Must register during online entry by July 1 to receive a ribbon or premium money. This class is designed for 4-H members to improve their knowledge on different breeds of rabbits. Resource material is the ARBA Standard of Perfection. Each 4-H member must correctly identify 10–15 breeds, which may include class, variety and body type. Points are awarded for each correctly answered I.D. If 4-H members think they will be late for the contest, they must get prior permission from the Breed I.D. superintendent. In case of a tie, there will be tie-breaker questions for bonus points. Breed I.D. superintendents have final say in the contest.

- G080001 **Junior** — 8–10 years of age
G080002 **Intermediate** — 11–13 years of age
G080003 **Senior** — 14–18 years of age

RABBIT QUIZ

Thursday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2

Must register during online entry by July 1 to receive a ribbon or premium money. The Rabbit Quiz is a written test for 4-H individuals to test their knowledge on rabbit facts. Resource materials are the rabbit 4-H project books, the ARBA Standard of Perfection and ARBA Better Rabbits and Cavies. If 4-H members think they will be late for the quiz, they must get prior permission from the Rabbit Quiz superintendent. In case of a tie, there will be tie-breaker questions for bonus points. Rabbit Quiz superintendents have final say in the contest.

- G080011 **Junior** — 8–10 years of age
G080012 **Intermediate** — 11–13 years of age
G080013 **Senior** — 14–18 years of age

BREEDER'S CHOICE

Written Documentation Due During Rabbit Check-in
Show: Friday, July 31, 5:30 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2

A Breeder's Choice entry consists of 1 offspring and at least 1 parent rabbit. The offspring must be shown in the breed class. Limit of 1 entry per 4-H member in this class. The event is open to all rabbit 4-H members. Breeder's Choice rabbits (parent rabbits only) do NOT count toward the 15 maximum rabbits if only being shown in Breeder's Choice.

Rabbit Criteria for Breeder's Choice

The rabbit must have been born after Jan. 1 and be at least 3 months old by county fair date of the current year. The rabbit must have been a product of the 4-H member's rabbitry. The 4-H member must own 1 of the parents, but does not have to own both parents. The 4-H member must have bred and raised the rabbit. If the 4-H member provided a buck for breeding, the rabbit must have been raised in the 4-H member's rabbitry after weaning (8 weeks maximum). Both parents of the rabbit must be purebreds.

Judging Criteria for Breeder's Choice

- EXHIBITION OF RABBITS (25%) — judging will be against the breed's standard of perfection (ARBA)
- WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION (45%) — a report should be written in paragraph form and include the following:
 - Section I — Background (pedigree of the parents and offspring);
 - Section II — Reasons/Purpose for Breeding (explanation of selection of parents for breeding, purpose of breeding program);
 - Section III — Results (what was expected, what actually happened);
 - Section IV — Future (will continue breeding program, what would you do the same, what would you do differently)
- ORAL PRESENTATION (30%) — the 4-H member will present the parent rabbit and the offspring to the judge, explaining and describing what was done to produce the offspring. The judge will ask follow-up questions about the project.

- G080031 **Junior** — 8–10 years of age
G080032 **Intermediate** — 11–13 years of age
G080033 **Senior** — 14–18 years of age

RABBIT JUDGING CONTEST

Friday, July 31, 5:30 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2

Must register during online entry by July 1 to receive a ribbon or premium money.

This contest allows the contestants to place a class of 4 rabbits, giving written reasons for their placements. Written comments may be used as tie-breakers. If 4-H members think they will be late for the contest, they must get prior permission from the Rabbit Judging superintendent.

- G080021 **Junior** — 8–10 years of age
G080022 **Intermediate** — 11–13 years of age
G080023 **Senior** — 14–18 years of age

PET CLASS

Saturday, Aug. 1, following 8 a.m. Flag Ceremony
(Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

For crossbred rabbits or purebred rabbits disqualified from breed classes. Only 1 entry per 4-H member. The pet class is judged on condition of the animal and its acceptability as a pet. **Contestants are asked questions pertaining to the care of rabbits.** Pet rabbit is not included as 1 of the 15 rabbit entries. 4-H member has option to exhibit rabbit in 1 of the fur classes which immediately follows each pet class. In fur class, rabbit is judged for the condition and quality of its coat. Fur class will be ribbon placings only. **The pet rabbit must be shown by owner — no substitutions.**

- G080041 **Pet Class** — 8–10 years of age
G081051 **Pet Colored Fur Class** — 8–10 years of age
G081052 **Pet White Fur Class** — 8–10 years of age
G080043 **Pet Class** — 11–13 years of age
G081053 **Pet Colored Fur Class** — 11–13 years of age
G081054 **Pet White Fur Class** — 11–13 years of age
G080045 **Pet Class** — 14–18 years of age
G081055 **Pet Colored Fur Class** — 14–18 years of age
G081056 **Pet White Fur Class** — 14–18 years of age

MARKET CLASS

Saturday, Aug. 1, following Pet Class (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Must be purebred commercial or crossbred commercial rabbits. Market class rabbits cannot be entered in the breed classes or pet class. Single market entries and Market Pen of 3 entries (counts as 1 entry) do NOT count toward your 15 maximum rabbits. Only 1 single market OR 1 market pen entry per 4-H member.

- G080061 **Market Pen** (3 fryers, any sex, 3–5 lbs.; market age limit 10 weeks)
G080062 **Single Market Rabbit** — (1 fryer fitting the description of market pen)

BREED CLASS

Saturday, Aug. 1 — following Market Class (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

For purebred rabbits only. Animals are judged using modified ARBA Standard of Perfection. Breed, color and/or variety and ear number (ID number) must be indicated during online entry. This information must also be on the comment card turned in at rabbit check-in. More than 1 rabbit per 4-H member in breed classes is allowed.

Class must have at least 3 rabbits and 2 exhibitors for trophy to be awarded

Breakdown for Rabbit Breed Class Numbers		
Breed Type	Breed	Class
G082	22	4
Example above is for a Junior Polish Doe		

G082 (TYPE) FANCY BREEDS – “4 CLASS”

Breed #

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|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 01 American Fuzzy Lop | 12 Harlequin | 23 Polish |
| 02 American Sable | 13 Havana | 24 Rex |
| 03 Belgian Hare | 14 Himalayan | 25 Rhinelander |
| 04 Britannia Petite | 15 Holland Lop | 26 Satin Angora |
| 05 Dutch | 16 Jersey Wooly | 27 Silver |
| 06 Dwarf Hotot | 17 Lilac | 28 Silver Marten |
| 07 Dwarf Papillon | 18 Lionhead | 29 Standard Chinchilla |
| 08 English Angora | 19 Mini Lop | 30 Tan |
| 09 English Spot | 20 Mini Rex | 31 Thrianta |
| 10 Florida White | 21 Mini Satin | 32 Czech Frosty |
| 11 French Angora | 22 Netherland Dwarf | 33 Blue Holicer |

Class #

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Buck — Senior over 6 months |
| 2 | Buck — Junior 3–6 months |
| 3 | Doe — Senior over 6 months |
| 4 | Doe — Junior 3–6 months |

G083 (TYPE) COMMERCIAL BREEDS – “6 CLASS”

Breed #

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|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 50 American | 57 Checkered Giant | 64 Giant Chinchilla |
| 51 American Chinchilla | 58 Cinnamon | 65 New Zealand |
| 52 Argente Brun | 59 Crème D’ Argent | 66 Palomino |
| 53 Beveren | 60 English Lop | 67 Satin |
| 54 Blanc de Hotot | 61 Flemish Giant | 68 Silver Fox |
| 55 Californian | 62 French Lop | |
| 56 Champagne D’ Argent | 63 Giant Angora | |

Class #

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Buck — Senior over 8 months |
| 2 | Buck — Intermediate 6–8 months |
| 3 | Buck — Junior 3–6 months |
| 4 | Doe — Senior over 8 months |
| 5 | Doe — Intermediate 6–8 months |
| 6 | Doe — Junior 3–6 months |

FUR CLASS

Saturday, Aug. 1 — following each individual Breed Class
(Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

Rabbits are judged for the condition and quality of their coats. Rabbits **MUST** also be entered in breed classes. No overall fur class Champion is chosen.

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| G081101 Normal — Colored Fur | G081105 Rex — Colored Fur |
| G081102 Normal — White Fur | G081106 Rex — White Fur |
| G081103 Satin — Colored Fur | G081107 Wool — Colored Fur |
| G081104 Satin — White Fur | G081108 Wool — White Fur |

SHOWMANSHIP

Saturday, Aug. 1, 9 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

All exhibitors will participate in their respective age division. Must register during online entry by July 1 to receive a ribbon or premium money. 4-H members must prepare and show their own animals.

Event may take place simultaneously with breed judging. Contestant order may be adjusted to accommodate 4-H members as necessary. Any rabbit used solely for showmanship may be brought for the duration of the showmanship class and must go home with the 4-H member that day. 4-H member will be responsible for providing a leak-proof carrier for their rabbit.

4-H members shall be divided into classes by age by Jan. 1 of the current year.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2

- G080111 **Junior** — 8–10 years of age
G080112 **Intermediate** — 11–13 years of age
G080113 **Senior** — 14–18 years of age

SPECIALTY SHOW

Saturday, Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

The judges will be local celebrities.

These contests do not add to the 4-H member's total rabbit point calculation toward All-Around Showman Award. Rabbits entered must be counted as 1 of the 15.

No Premiums — Participation ribbons only

BEST MATCHED PAIR — 2 4-H members with rabbits most alike display their pair. 4-H members must not be from the same immediate family.

G081122 **Best Matched Pair**

TRICKS — Rabbits will be judged on originality and ability to respond to cues.

G081121 **Tricks**

COSTUME CONTEST — 4-H member may participate in only 1 of the costume classes. Extra recognition will be awarded to 4-H members who incorporate the fair theme into the costume.

G081124 **Costume 1** — rabbits only

G081125 **Costume 2** — both rabbit and 4-H member in costume

DECORATED CARRIER CONTEST — 4-H members are encouraged to design and decorate their rabbit carrier. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and decorations. Carriers may match their rabbit costume entry.

G081127 **Decorated Carrier**

NEW!

CLOVER KIDS SHOWMANSHIP CLASS — For 4-H members 5–7 years of age. Must be enrolled in 4-H, but do not need to register during online animal entry process. Please ask a 4-H rabbit member, parent or leader to assist.

G081123 **Clover Kids Showmanship Class**

RABBIT RACES

Saturday, Aug. 1, following Specialty Show (Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner)

These contests do not add to the 4-H member's total rabbit point calculation toward All-Around Showman Award. Rabbits entered must be counted as 1 of the 15.

Each 4-H member may enter only 1 rabbit in the contest. All rabbits must be tattooed in left ear and must be 1 of the 4-H member's fair entries. The rabbit selected to race may be chosen by the 4-H member the day of the race from their rabbits at the fair. To participate in the race, each 4-H member must register for the race during online entry or at rabbit check-in. The contest is open to any breed of rabbit, including those in pet class. There is no age division for this contest. The race will consist of a designated number of heats, based on the number of entries. The winner will be the 4-H member whose rabbit completely crosses the finish line first. The winner of each heat will race again for overall Champion, second place, third and fourth place. Rules will be available at check-in. Rules:

- The 4-H member must race their own rabbit.
- All rabbits must remain behind the starting line prior to start of the race.
- 4-H members must stay behind the starting line.
- 4-H members cannot touch their rabbits during the race. Clapping or verbally encouraging the rabbit is allowed.
- 4-H members will be disqualified if they touch their rabbit after the race has started.
- 4-H member & rabbit will be disqualified if the rabbit jumps into another lane.
- 4-H members are not allowed to walk on the race track.
- Volunteers will catch rabbits at end of the race.

No Premiums — Ribbons only

G081126 **Rabbit Races**

RABBIT STATIC EXHIBITS

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Static Exhibits Released: Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Only 1 entry per class.

EACH static exhibit must have a 4-H & FFA **Static Exhibit Entry Tag** attached.

See page 22 for more information about 4-H static exhibits. Animal exhibits are in the "General Areas" and may be interview judged.

*Plans and steps must accompany construction projects.

Special Award to Top Rabbit Static Exhibit

No state fair entry

G080201 ***Homemade Carrying Pen** (water tight bottom for carrying pen may be purchased).

G080202 ***Homemade Nest Box** (indicate breed on entry tag)

G080203 ***Grooming Table**

G080204 **Poster** — related to the Rabbit project (i.e. breeds, care, parts). Poster can be 14 inches x 22 inches OR 22 inches x 28 inches either vertical or horizontal. Poster will be judged on educational content and visual presentation/design.

G080206 **Educational Exhibit** — maximum size 2 feet wide x 2 feet tall x 2 feet deep. Judged on creativity, presentation, educational value and 4-H member's knowledge of rabbits. Examples could include rabbit record keeping book (as of Jan. 1 or when rabbit was born or purchased, available at 4-H office), first aid kit, grooming kit, games, toys, etc.

G080207 **Recycled Materials Exhibit** — should feature some aspect or use related to the Rabbit project. Plans and a list of recycled materials used must accompany the project. Exhibit will be judged on use/design and presentation.

G080205 **Favorite Rabbit Photo Exhibit Print** — entry will consist of an exhibit print of the favorite picture the 4-H member has taken during this current project year of a rabbit. All exhibit prints are 8 inch x 10 inch prints mounted in 11 inch x 14 inch (outside size) mat with a rectangular or oval inside opening. Use an ADDITIONAL BACKING BOARD to create a "sandwich" with the photo between. This protects the photo. No foam board backing. Incorrect sizes will not be accepted. No frames. Place photos horizontally or vertically as appropriate. Place the data tag on the back, in the direction you want the photo to be viewed. Level 1, 2 or 3 Data Tag required (see pages 29–30 of this Fair Book), securely attach the tag to the back.

Show may be combined with Beef Show if not enough entries.

BUCKET CALF

Superintendent: Julia Plugge

Check-in and all bucket calves must be in stalls by: Thursday, July 30, Noon (Currency Pavilion)

Interviews: Friday, July 31, 11 a.m. — Interview times vary based on number of entries (Livestock Office)

Show: Friday, July 31, 3 p.m. (Currency Pavilion – Arena, East Side)

- Open to 4-H members. An exhibitor may show 1 bucket calf (either current or second-year).
- Current-year bucket calves must have been born between Jan. 1 and June 1 of the current year.
- Second-year bucket calves must have been shown at the previous Lancaster County Super Fair and complete another record book for the second year.

Calves can be of any dairy or beef breed or any crossbred of those species. Entries in the bucket calf division cannot be shown in dairy or beef divisions; nor can entries in dairy or beef divisions be shown in this division.

See Grooming of Livestock Rules on page 56.

Substitute showmen not permitted in this division.

Bucket Calves require a bedding fee of \$9 per head, due July 7. See page 56 of this Fair Book under "Animal Entries Must be Submitted Online."

HERDSMANSHIP details are on page 59.

Champion and Reserve Champion second-year bucket calves are eligible for the Purple Ribbon Market Livestock Premium Auction if the animal is specified as a market (steer or heifer) in the record book and interview.

All bottle goat exhibitors must complete a "Lancaster County 4-H Bucket Calf Project Record Book." It is recommended to start the record book at date of birth or time of purchase. Pick one up at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County office or request by emailing lancaster4h@unl.edu.

Judging criteria:

- RECORD BOOKS — All 4-H members must present their record book to the superintendent at check-in time. (25%)
- INTERVIEWS — The show judge will score each 4-H member on their knowledge and experience with the project. (25%)
- SHOW EVALUATION — The show judge will score each 4-H member on their animal handling skills in the arena. Animals must be washed and combed but not clipped. The health and thriftiness of the animal will be judged. Show sticks are optional. (50%)

Premiums: Purple \$7; Blue \$6; Red \$4; White \$0

Special Awards to Top Entries

G014001 **Current-Year Bucket Calf** — Junior Division (ages 8–10)

G014002 **Current-Year Bucket Calf** — Intermediate Division (ages 11–13)

G014003 **Current-Year Bucket Calf** — Senior Division (ages 14–18)

G014006 **Second-Year Bucket Calf** — Junior Division (ages 8–10)

G014007 **Second-Year Bucket Calf** — Intermediate Division (ages 11–13)

G014008 **Second-Year Bucket Calf** — Senior Division (ages 14–18)

DAIRY/PYGMY GOAT

Superintendent: Sherry Kubicek

Check-in and all dairy/pygmy goats must be in stalls by: Thursday, July 30, Noon (Currency Pavilion)

Show: Sunday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)

Open to 4-H members. A 4-H member may show no more than 6 dairy goats. All goats must be tattooed or carry a 4-H tag which will be read at check-in time. No intact males or horned animals allowed, even in pet classes. See Grooming of Livestock Rules on page 56.

HERDSMANSHIP details are on page 59.

[Special Awards to Top Breed Classes and Showmanship](#)

DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

All 4-H members are eligible to participate in their respective age division. 4-H members must prepare and show their own animals.

Showmen are divided into classes by age by Jan. 1 of the current year.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- G050001 **Junior Goat Showmanship** — 8–10 years of age
- G050002 **Intermediate Goat Showmanship** — 11–13 years of age
- G050003 **Senior Goat Showmanship** — 14–18 years of age

DAIRY GOATS

There is no pre-show milk out, however overfull/distended udders are strongly discouraged and may be disqualified by show superintendent or show judge.

Class (THE BASE DATE FOR COMPUTING AGE OF GOATS IN ALL CLASSES WILL BE THE DATE OF SHOW).

Everything in milk will be released after the show.

Premiums: Purple \$5; Blue \$4; Red \$3; White \$0

Dairy goats in order of show by age groups are as follows:

Class #	Class Description
G05011_	Registered Alpine
G05012_	Registered LaMancha
G05013_	Registered Nigerian Dwarf
G05014_	Registered Nubian
G05015_	Registered Oberhasli
G05016_	Registered Saanen
G05017_	Registered Sable
G05018_	Registered Toggenburg
G05019_	Recorded Grade — any unregistered purebred or registered mixed breed with 1 purebred parent and 4-H grade dairy goats.

Ages are as of show date.

- 1 **Does Under 4 Months**, not in milk
- 2 **Does 4 to 6 months**, not in milk
- 3 **Does 6 to 12 months**, not in milk
- 4 **1– to 2-year-old does**, not in milk
- 5 **1-year-old**, in milk
- 6 **2- to 3-year-old**, in milk
- 7 **4- to 5-year-old**, in milk
- 8 **Aged 6 & over**, in milk
- 9 **Mother & Daughter**
- 0 **Junior Dairy Herd** — a herd consists of 3 animals with at least 1 animal that has freshened. At least 1 animal must be bred by the 4-H member.

PET

- G050011 **Pet Class**

PYGMY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- G050021 **Junior Pygmy Goat Showmanship** — 8–10 years of age
- G050022 **Intermediate Pygmy Goat Showmanship** — 11–13 years of age
- G050023 **Senior Pygmy Goat Showmanship** — 14–18 years of age

PYGMY

Premiums: Purple \$5; Blue \$4; Red \$3; White \$0

- G050031 **Doe Kids**
- G050032 **Yearling Does**
- G050033 **Aged Does**
- G050034 **Mother & Daughter**

COSTUME CONTEST

This is a fun event! 4-H members choose a theme and dress themselves and the goats accordingly. Be creative! Entries are judged 50% on originality and 50% on effort.

No Premiums, Ribbons Only

- G050041 **All Best Dressed Kids**

DAIRY/PYGMY GOAT STATIC EXHIBITS

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Static Exhibits Released: Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. (Ag Society Hall)

NOTE: IN CLASSES G950960–966 A 4-H MEMBER IS ALLOWED TO BRING ONLY 1 PROJECT PER CLASS.

All entries must be accompanied with a 1 page summary of how you constructed the project and/or material(s) used. Items will be judged 50% on workmanship and 50% on proper size or correct contents and use of proper material(s) for that article.

See page 22 for more information about 4-H static exhibits. Animal exhibits are in the “General Areas” and may be interview judged.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

No state fair entry

- G050051 **Non-Perishable Item Made From a Goat** — knitted or woven clothes, crafts, etc.
- G050052 **Item Made for a Goat** — milking stand, first-aid kit, hay feeder, halter, etc.
- G050053 **Miscellaneous Educational Exhibit** — maximum size 2 feet x 2 feet. Judged on creativity, presentation, educational value and 4-H member’s knowledge of goats.
- G050054 **Poster** — related to goat project (i.e. breeds, care, parts). Poster can be 22 inches x 14 inches OR 28 inches x 22 inches, either vertical or horizontal. Poster will be judged on educational content and visual presentation/design.

DAIRY CATTLE

Show may be cancelled if not enough entries.

Superintendent: TBA

Check-in and all dairy cattle must be in stalls by:

Thursday, July 30, Noon (Currency Pavilion)

Show: Sunday, Aug. 2, 8:30 a.m. (Currency Pavilion – Arena, East Side)

Open to 4-H & FFA members. An exhibitor may show no more than 6 dairy animals. All animals must be shown by exhibitor unless excused by the superintendent. Grade and registered animals will be shown together. See Grooming of Livestock Rules on page 56.

Dairy Cattle require a bedding fee of \$12 per head, due July 7. See page 56.

HERDSMANSHIP details are on page 59.

[Special Awards to Top Breed Classes and Showmanship](#)

SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors — except previous award winners — are eligible to participate in their respective age division. Previous award winners must advance to the next division regardless of age to be eligible to participate. Exhibitors must prepare and show their own animals.

Showmen are divided into classes by age by Jan. 1 of the current year.

A Supreme Champion Showman will be selected from the Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Advanced Champions.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

- G040001 **Junior Dairy Showmanship** — 8–10 years of age
- G040002 **Intermediate Dairy Showmanship** — 11–13 years of age
- G040003 **Senior Dairy Showmanship** — 14–18 years of age
- G040004 **Advanced Dairy Showmanship** — past winners of Senior division

DAIRY CLASSES

Breeds to be shown include: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Crossbred, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn. Animals born after April 30, 2026 are not eligible to show in individual classes or in Dairy Herds. Yearling heifers that have calved will be placed in the appropriate cow class.

The Junior Champion will be selected after the fall yearling class. The Senior Champion will be selected after the aged cow class (5+ year olds).

Only official DHIA or DHIR records will be accepted for the 4-H Dairy Production Records. Only records completed within the past year will be accepted.

Premiums: Purple \$7; Blue \$6; Red \$4; White \$0

Special Awards:

Breed Champions will be selected from the top purple or blue ribbon class winners

G0401__	Ayrshire	01	Spring Heifer Calf	3/1/26 to 4/30/26
G0402__	Brown Swiss	02	Winter Heifer Calf	12/1/25 to 2/29/26
G0403__	Crossbred	03	Fall Heifer Calf	9/1/25 to 11/30/25
G0404__	Guernsey	04	Summer Yearling Heifer	6/1/25 to 8/31/25
G0405__	Holstein	05	Spring Yearling Heifer	3/1/25 to 5/31/25
G0406__	Jersey	06	Winter Yearling Heifer	12/1/24 to 2/28/25
G0407__	Milking Shorthorn	07	Fall Yearling Heifer	9/1/24 to 11/30/24

SELECTION OF JUNIOR CHAMPION

11	Dry cow	any age
12	2 year old	9/1/23 to 8/31/24
13	3 year old	9/1/22 to 8/31/23
14	4 year old	9/1/21 to 8/31/22
15	5+ year old	prior to 9/1/21

SELECTION OF SENIOR CHAMPION

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

- G040011 **Dairy Herd** (grade or registered) — will be scored according to the 4-H Dairy Junior Herd Scorecard. All 3 animals must be officially 4-H identified by the exhibitor, must be entered and exhibited in the current show by the same exhibitor, must be the same dairy breed, may be grade or registered or any combination of grade and registered and at least 1 cow that has freshened and HAS BEEN FRESH LONG ENOUGH TO HAVE A PROJECTED 305 DAY M.E. All cows must be on test according to guidelines. Refer to "Production Points Awarded" guidelines. In case of a tie, all bonus points will be used; if there is still a tie, production points will be totaled instead of averaged.

- G040012 **Club or Chapter Group of Three Animals** from any breed, grade or purebred.

• **Lancaster County Born and Raised** — (1 animal per exhibitor) dairy eligible for this class must be bred and raised by the exhibitor, family member or a breeder in Lancaster County. Please indicate born and raised animals when submitting animal entries online, although entries can be made at check-in time.

DOG

Superintendent: Jen Smith; Assistant Superintendent: John Croghan

All Classes Check-in: Sunday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m. (South Hall)

Dogs must be over 6 months old to be exhibited.

Dogs do not need to be registered or pure bred. Dogs do not need to be spayed or neutered; however, no dog in season will be allowed to show. A dog crate/kennel must be brought for dogs to be placed in when not being shown or handled.

Online registration is required for all classes (see Animal Entries Must Be Submitted Online on page 56). NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES.

Dogs do not require an identification form.

4-H dog exhibitors must submit proof of immunizations (rabies, distemper, infection canine hepatitis and parvovirus) to the Extension office or email to lanaster4h@unl.edu prior to fair. Dogs will NOT be eligible to compete if proof is not provided. Rabies vaccination MUST be given by a Certified Veterinarian. All other vaccinations do not need to be given by a certified veterinarian. If vaccinations were given by someone other than your veterinarian, please use the Nebraska 4-H Certificate of Vaccination for Dogs and attach the labels.

OFFICIAL 4-H ATTIRE IS REQUIRED of all 4-H dog 4-H members. Acceptable attire includes:

- White shirt with 4-H emblem printed or attached
- 4-H & FFA livestock exhibitor T-shirt
- Solid, dark blue jeans without holes
- Closed-toed shoes (no cowboy boots or crocs)

For proper show collars and leashes and additional guidelines and tips, refer to "Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Manual" (4-H 421) <https://go.unl.edu/dog-rules>.

A 4-H member may borrow a dog for their project but must train and work with the dog on a regular basis.

Aggressive dogs will be asked to leave the South Hall at the discretion of the superintendent. No dogs are allowed around the show arena. Baiting (giving treats or using toys/clickers/etc.) is not allowed.

Soiling in the ring: If a dog has an accident in the show ring, the handler will be asked to stop, clean up and disinfect the area with supplies provided at the show. Ring stewards will assist by holding the dog's leash. The 4-H member will finish their class and will be lowered a ribbon placing.



MORE INFORMATION

Nebraska 4-H Certificate of Vaccination for Dogs, scoresheets and YouTube videos of a 4-H Dog Showmanship Clinic and agility examples are at <https://go.unl.edu/lan4h-dog>

Special Award: Any 4-H member who enters the same dog in obedience, showmanship and agility classes in the same year and receives a minimum of a red ribbon in each of the three classes will receive a Dog Versatility certificate. (To be given out at Achievement Celebration — usually held in February)

OBEDIENCE

Show: Sunday, Aug. 2, starts at 11 a.m. (South Hall)

A 4-H MEMBER NEVER MOVES DOWN A CLASS, UNLESS STARTING A NEW DOG.
LONG SITS AND DOWNS AT BEGINNING OF CLASS.

If dog and handler receive a purple ribbon and Grand Champion in their class, they advance to the next class/level the following year. If they receive two purple ribbons two years in a row, they advance to the next class/level the following year. Receiving a single purple ribbon gives them the option to advance or stay in that same class for the following year. If received a blue and Grand Champion, they may stay in that same class before advancing.

There is no limit on the number of years a dog may be shown in the utility or open classes.

Premiums: Purple \$6, Blue \$5, Red \$3; White \$0

Special Awards: Trophies will be given to top 4-H member in each Dog Obedience class*

**Must have earned at least a blue ribbon*

- G700101 **Beginning A** — handler and the dog being shown are both in their **first year** of 4-H experience. All exercises performed on leash. Dogs must heel including figure 8; come on recall; stand for examination; long sit for 1 minute and long down for 3 minutes. The leash may lay on the floor in front of the dog or be held by the handler.
- G700102 **Beginning B** — other beginning dogs or beginning handlers, beyond the first year of experience. All exercises performed on leash. Dogs must heel including figure 8; come on recall; stand for examination; long sit for 1 minute and long down for 3 minutes. The leash may lay on the floor in front of the dog or be held by the handler.
- G700103 **Novice** — dogs must heel; stand for examination; come on recall with finish; long sit for 1 minute and long down for 3 minutes — **all off leash.**
- G700104 **Graduate Novice** — dogs must heel; including figure 8; come on recall with finish; drop on recall; stand for examination — **all off leash.** Long sit for 3 minutes and long down for 5 minutes; off leash with handler out of sight.
- G700105 **Open** — all exercises off lead. Heel free and figure 8; come on recall with finish; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump. Long sit for 3 minutes and long down for 5 minutes, both with handler out of sight.
- G700106 **Utility** — all exercises off lead. Signal exercises; scent discrimination leather article; scent discrimination metal article; directed retrieve; moving stand and examination; directed jumping.

TEAM OBEDIENCE

4-H members don't need to compete individually. Each 4-H member will receive premiums. Teams must have previously won 2 years of purple ribbons or Grand Champion to advance to the next team obedience class.

Premiums: Purple \$6, Blue \$5, Red \$3; White \$0

Special Awards: Trophies will be given to top team in each Team Obedience class*

**Must have earned at least a blue ribbon*

- G700107 **Level A** — for beginning teams. Consists of 2 to 4 dogs, each dog must have its own handler. Each team performs, in unison, the same exercises as in Beginning A and B obedience. All exercises are preformed on leash, consideration is given for uniformity.
- G700108 **Advanced – Level B** — consists of 2 to 4 dogs. Each dog must have its own handler. Each team performs, in unison, the same exercises as the novice obedience class.
- G700109 **Most Advanced – Level C** — most challenging. Each team performs, in unison, the same exercises as in Graduate Novice obedience.

SHOWMANSHIP

Show: Sunday, Aug. 2, 11 a.m. (South Hall)

4-H members must advance to the trophy class after winning 2 purple ribbons 2 years in a row or Grand Champion in Senior Showmanship at the Lancaster County Super Fair. For examples of showmanship patterns refer to "Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Manual" (4-H 421) at <https://go.unl.edu/dog-rules>.

Judging criteria:

- HANDLERS APPEARANCE (10%)
- GENERAL HEALTH AND CONDITION — hair, teeth, toenails, ears, etc. (20%)
- KNOWLEDGE OF DOGS (20%) — all questions are referenced from the 4-H dog 4-H project book as per appropriate level. Judge will ask question about general dog knowledge and specific dog daily care.
- COORDINATION OF THE DOG AND HANDLER — baiting (giving treats or using toys/clickers/etc.) is **not** allowed (50%)

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Special Awards: Trophies will be given to top 4-H member in each class*

**Must have earned at least a blue ribbon*

- G700201 **Beginning Showmanship** — handler is 8–10 years of age (by Jan. 1)
- G700202 **Intermediate Showmanship** — handler is 11–13 years of age (by Jan. 1)
- G700203 **Senior Showmanship** — handler is 14–18 years of age (by Jan. 1)
- G700204 **Trophy Showmanship** — handler and dog have previously won 2 purple ribbons 2 years in a row or Grand Champion in senior showmanship.

PET CLASS

Check-in: Sunday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m. (South Hall)
Show: Sunday, Aug. 2, 11 a.m. (South Hall)

4-H members in this class are not eligible to enter either the obedience, showmanship or agility classes. 4-H members are judged on the cleanliness/proper grooming of their dog, knowledge of their dog and the 4-H members appearance. Dogs in this class are also eligible for Costume Contest and Kennel Contest.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

Non-trophy class. Rosettes awarded.

G700211 Groom and Care

COSTUME CONTEST — “MOVIES”

Show: Sunday, Aug. 2, following Pet Class (South Hall)

A 4-H member is limited to 1 of the costume categories but may use more than a single dog in the entry for that class. Dress your dog in a costume that is related to “Movies.” Judged 50% on originality and 50% on effort. Costumes do not need to be handmade. Must follow the theme or will be lowered a ribbon placing.

Special Award to Top Exhibits • No Premiums, Ribbons Only

G700221 Costume 1 — dog(s) only in costume.

G700222 Costume 2 — both dog(s) and 4-H member in costume.

CREATIVE KENNEL CONTEST — “MOVIES”

Judged on Sunday, Aug. 2, following Costume Contest (South Hall)

4-H members are encouraged to design and decorate their dog kennel using the theme “Movies.” Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and decorations. Must follow the theme or will be lowered a ribbon placing.

Special Award to Top Exhibits • No Premiums, Ribbons Only

G700223 Creative Kennel

AGILITY

Show: Sunday, Aug. 2 following Creative Kennel Contest (South Hall)

A 4-H member is not limited to 1 dog in agility, but must show each dog in its respective class. All 4-H members are eligible to participate. It is not required to participate in showmanship or obedience at least 1 year prior.

A 4-H MEMBER NEVER MOVES DOWN A CLASS, UNLESS STARTING A NEW DOG. If dog and handler receive a purple ribbon and Grand Champion in their class, they advance to the next class/level the following year. If they receive two purple ribbons two years in a row, they advance to the next class/level the following year. Receiving a single purple ribbon gives them the option to advance or stay in that same class for the following year. If received a blue and Grand Champion, they may stay in that same class before advancing.

DOGS MUST BE 18 MONTHS OF AGE OR OLDER TO SHOW. NO EXCEPTIONS. Dog may wear a plain-buckle collar, but the collar must have no tags attached. Entry is subject to superintendent’s approval.

Dogs must be standing in a normal stand when being measured for what hurdle height they jump in. You measure the dog at the highest point of the withers of the dog. All obstacles must be completed to get a purple. Handlers may not touch dogs or equipment during competition.

Hurdle Heights:

- Dogs 11 inches or less — jump 4 inches
- Dogs over 11 inches and up to 14 inches — jump 8 inches
- Dogs over 14 inches and up to 18 inches — jump 12 inches
- Dogs over 18 inches — jump 16 inches

Premiums: Purple \$5, Blue \$4, Red \$3; White \$0

Special Awards: Trophies will be given to top 4-H member in each class*

*Must have earned at least a blue ribbon

G700301 Level 1 Pre-Beginning Agility A — the course will consist of 6 obstacles. Dog and handler are in their first year of agility. The course is set in a circle and must be run on leash. Competitors will score faults for a tight leash. The obstacles will be set as follows: bar jump, bar jump, low/short 8-inch tall maximum dog walk, pause box, open tunnel and bar jump. Course time is set at 45 seconds. Handler and dog will be allowed a walk-through prior to competition.

G700302 Level 1 Pre-Beginning Agility B — same as Pre-Beginning Agility A except dog and/or handler are beyond first year of agility. Handler only will be allowed a walk-through prior to competition.

G700303 Level 2 Beginning Agility A — the course will consist of 10 obstacles (any combination of bar jumps, low/short 8” tall maximum dog walk, pause box, open tunnel and solid panel jump. Dog and handler have received a purple in Pre-Beginning Agility. The course must be run on leash. Competitors will score faults for a tight leash. Course time is set at 60 seconds. Handler only will be allowed a walk-through prior to competition.

Premiums: Purple \$6, Blue \$5, Red \$3; White \$0

G700304 Level 3 Intermediate Agility — the course must be run off leash. Dog must have received a purple ribbon in Level 2. Course time is set at 60 seconds. Handler only will be allowed a walk-through prior to competition. Obstacles listed below.

G700305 Level 4 Intermediate Agility — the course must be run off leash. Dogs must have received a purple ribbon in Level 3 or dogs that have earned a U-AGI, Novice or starter Agility titles from any form of agility. The course should be slightly more challenging, such as a figure 8. Course time is set at 75 seconds. Handler only will be allowed a walk-through prior to competition. Obstacles listed below.

G700306 Level 5 Advanced Agility — the course must be run off leash. Dogs have received a purple ribbon in Level 4 or dogs that have earned a U-AGII, Advanced or Open title in any form of agility. The course will need to be measured for total distance around it and the times for that course will be set as follows: course time is set a 2 yards per second for small dogs, 2.25 yards per second for medium dogs and 2.5 yards per second from large dogs. 5 seconds will be added to each of these for the pause box. Handler only will be allowed a walk-through prior to competition. Obstacles listed below.

G700307 Level 6 (Trophy agility program) 18–20 Obstacles — the course must be run off leash. The level 6 agility program is for handler and dog teams that have earned a trophy in the level 5 advanced agility program or for dogs who have a masters, elite, excellent or U-ACH title in any form of agility. Once the dog is in this level, it must show here as long as you show that dog. The course is of a more complex design and should be challenging with at least 1 lead out advantage and at least 1 right hand handle advantage. Tunnels may be placed under the A-frame or under the dog walk. The obstacle course is run as single round. Handler only will be allowed a walk-through prior to competition. Obstacles listed below.

Level 3–6 Agility Obstacles

Level 3: 10 obstacles — several bar jumps, short dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open) and solid panel jump.

Level 4: 13 obstacles — bar jumps, pause box or table, tunnel (open), solid panel jump, teeter totter (seesaw) and weave poles (single set with 6 poles).

Level 5: 15–20 of any of the following obstacles such as: bar jumps, pause box or table, tunnel (open), solid panel jump, A-frame short, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), weave poles (double set with 12 poles), broad jump, triple bar jump, swing bridge, crawl, etc.

Level 6: 18–20 obstacles — bar jumps, pause box or table, tunnel (open), solid panel jump, A-frame short, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), weave poles (double set with 12 poles), broad jump, triple bar jump, swing bridge, crawl, etc.

DOG STATIC EXHIBITS

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Static Exhibits Released: Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Projects must have been constructed during the current 4-H year. Only 1 entry per class. A great way to show knowledge gained in the Virtual 4-H Dog Trivia Contest — for example, a poster of dog breeds or body parts.

See page 22 for more information about 4-H static exhibits. Animal exhibits are in the “General Areas” and may be interview judged.

Special Award: Trophy to Top Dog Static Exhibit

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

No state fair entry

G700901 Homemade Care Item — crate, house, grooming table or box, first-aid kit, etc.

G700902 Homemade Fabric Item — bed, clothing, toy, etc.

G700903 Homemade Food or Training Item — dish, treat container, treat (include recipe), scented articles, etc.

G700904 Homemade or Decorated Collar or Leash

G700905 Homemade Other

G700906 Miscellaneous Educational Exhibit — maximum size of 2 feet x 2 feet. Judged on creativity, presentation, educational value and 4-H member’s knowledge of dogs.

G700907 Poster — Related to dog project (i.e. favorite breed, care, parts, dog groups). Poster can be 22 inches x 14 inches OR 28 inches x 22 inches either vertical or horizontal. Poster will be judged on educational content and visual presentation/design.

G700908 Favorite Dog Photo Exhibit Print or Photo Display — entry will consist of an exhibit print or photo display of the favorite picture(s) of a dog the 4-H member has taken during the current project year. Refer to photography print exhibit and photo display guidelines on pages 29–30 of this Fair Book.

CAT

Superintendent: Shauna Kister

Check-in & Vet Check: Thursday, July 30, 8–8:45 a.m.

(South Hall – Lancaster County Farm Bureau Room)

Show: Thursday, July 30, 9 a.m. (South Hall – North End)

Public Viewing: approximately 9–11:30 a.m.

Release time: Thursday, July 30, at end of Cat Show

CAT ENTRIES DUE ONLINE Thursday, June 18 –Wednesday, July 1, 11:59 p.m. (see Animal Entries Must Be Submitted Online on page 56). NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES.

Open to 4-H members. Number of entries per 4-H member: limit of 1 cat per class.
KITTENS UNDER 4 MONTHS OF AGE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Cats are judged on physical condition, cleanliness, temperament and presentation, not on specific breed standards.

Cats may be spayed, neutered or intact.

A cat that becomes difficult to handle may be judged in the cage at the judge's discretion with a LOSS OF 5 POINTS.

4-H cats do not require an identification form.

Cages will be provided at the fair. 4-H members may show from their own pet carrier but using the provided cages is preferred. 4-H member will furnish food, water and litter. As part of showmanship, cages will be judged immediately after the cat is shown. Cages should have a bottom liner such as a blanket or rug, some sort of cloth or paper enclosure around the sides of the cage and food, water and litter should be available for the cat. Cage should be clean and orderly. 4-H members must clean up their own exhibit area.

OFFICIAL 4-H ATTIRE IS REQUIRED of all 4-H members. Acceptable shirts include: white 4-H T-shirt with printed emblem OR any plain, long- or short-sleeved white shirt with official 4-H armband on left arm above elbow OR any plain, long- or short-sleeved white shirt with the 4-H chevron attached to chest. Also acceptable is the 4-H & FFA livestock exhibitor T-shirt. Jeans or long pants and closed-toe shoes (no shorts or skirts). Individuals not meeting these requirements will be lowered a ribbon placing. For concerns, contact superintendent in advance.

Small animal and pet veterinary science poster or display should be exhibited in Static Exhibits — see pages 24–25.

Health Requirements:

- Cats shall be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, worms, other parasites and infectious diseases.
- Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of Rabies, distemper, panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis and calici virus. Cats must either have a current feline leukemia vaccination or proof of a negative test within 180 days of the show. IMMUNIZATION RECORDS MUST BE PRESENTED AND WILL BE CHECKED AT CHECK-IN. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a Certified Veterinarian ONLY. This vaccination must be current and include a veterinarian signature. All other vaccinations do not need to be given by a certified veterinarian. If vaccinations were given by someone other than your veterinarian, please use the Nebraska 4-H Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets and attach the labels.
- Claws shall be trimmed. No Exceptions.**
- No expectant or nursing mother cats may enter.
- Any cat not meeting these health requirements will not be judged and will be asked to leave the South Hall immediately. ALL DECISIONS, BY THE VET IN CHARGE OF CHECK-IN, ARE FINAL.

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MORE INFORMATION

Nebraska 4-H Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets and scoresheets judging criteria are available at <https://go.unl.edu/lan4h-cat> and at the Extension office

SHOWMANSHIP

All 4-H members — except previous trophy winners — are eligible to participate in their respective age division. Previous trophy winners must advance to the next division regardless of age to be eligible to participate.

4-H members must prepare and show their own animals.

4-H members will be judged on handling of cat from cage to judge's table, plus answers to questions as to breed, age, type and date of immunizations, sex and general knowledge of cats. Questions will be asked from the "Your Cat and You" 4-H project book.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Class # Class Description

G690001 **Junior Cat Showmanship** — 8–10 years of age

G690002 **Intermediate Cat Showmanship** — 11–13 years of age

G690003 **Senior Cat Showmanship** — 14–18 years of age

G690004 **Advanced Senior Cat Showmanship** — 4-H members who have previously won in senior or advanced senior showmanship

CAT SHOW

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Special Awards will be given

G690021 **Short Hair Cat** (this includes cats and kittens)

G690022 **Long Hair Cat** (this includes cats and kittens)

G690023 **Working Cats** (cats must live outside the house 75–100% of the time)

CAT QUIZ

The Cat Quiz will take place during the cat show while the judge computes the scores.

The Cat Quiz is a written test for 4-H individuals to test their knowledge on cat facts. Must register during online entry by July 1 to receive a ribbon or premium money. Resource materials are the cat 4-H project books and the "Your Cat and You" 4-H project book. If 4-H members think they will be late for the quiz, they must get prior permission from the Cat superintendent. In case of a tie, there will be tie-breaker questions for bonus points. The Cat superintendent has final say in the contest.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

G690041 **Cat Quiz** — 8–11 years of age

G690042 **Cat Quiz** — 12 years of age or older

CAT COSTUME CONTEST

A 4-H member is limited to 1 of the costume categories. Costumes will be judged 50% on originality and 50% on effort. Costumes do not need to be handmade. The contest will begin after the Cat Show/Quiz is completed.

Special Award to Top 4-H members • No Premiums, Ribbons Only

G600051 **Costume 1** — cat only in costume.

G600052 **Costume 2** — both cat and 4-H member in costume.

CAT STATIC EXHIBITS

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Static Exhibits Released: Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. (Ag Society Hall)

See page 22 for more information about 4-H static exhibits. Animal exhibits are in the "General Areas" and may be interview judged.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

No state fair entry

G690931 **Educational Poster and/or Educational Display** — on any topic relating to the health, care, environment and history of cats (do not include actual animals). Entered and judged day of cat show. Must be no larger than 22 inches x 28 inches.

G690932 **Cat Toy Exhibit** — homemade item made by 4-H member. Must include a list of materials used and a short explanation of how the item enhances your pet's health or enjoyment. Exhibit will be judged on safety, appropriateness for purpose and workmanship.

G690935 **Record Book Keeping** — books will be judged on completeness. Use the "Lancaster County 4-H Cat Project Record Book." Pick one up at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County office or request by emailing lan4h@unl.edu.

HOUSEHOLD PETS

Superintendents: Shirley Condon, Sheri Ramirez and Kathy White

Check-in: Thursday, July 30, 10–11 a.m. (South Hall – Room A)

Show: Thursday, July 30, Noon (South Hall – North End)

Public Viewing: Approximately 2–4 p.m.

Release Time: Thursday, July 30, at end of household pets show

HOUSEHOLD PET ENTRIES DUE ONLINE Thursday, June 18 - Wednesday, July 1, 11:59 p.m. (see Animal Entries Must Be Submitted Online on page 56).

NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES

Open to 4-H members. 4-H members must be present when their exhibits are judged. Please let the superintendent know of any scheduling conflicts which arise from exhibiting other animals/projects so arrangements can be made to accommodate schedules.

Each animal should be in its own cage/habitat. Multiple animals in a single cage/habitat will be judged as 1 entry. If an animal is displayed in a travel cage, please prepare a display, such as a poster or photographs showing the animal in its normal home.

4-H members must provide their own cage/habitat. 4-H members are responsible for care of entries during fair.

Household pets do not require an identification form.

OFFICIAL 4-H ATTIRE IS REQUIRED of all 4-H members. Acceptable shirts include: white 4-H T-shirt with printed emblem OR any plain, long- or short-sleeved white shirt with official 4-H armband on left arm above elbow OR any plain, long- or short-sleeved white shirt with the 4-H chevron attached to chest. Also acceptable is the 4-H & FFA livestock exhibitor T-shirt. Jeans or long pants and closed-toe shoes (no shorts or skirts). Individuals not meeting these requirements will be lowered a ribbon placing. For concerns, contact superintendent in advance.

PLEASE — NO EXHIBITS WITH VERY YOUNG ANIMALS!

No poisonous and/or potentially dangerous non-domesticated animals can be entered.

Health requirement: all ferrets must have a copy of proof of rabies vaccination.

Judging criteria:

- EXHIBITOR'S KNOWLEDGE OF PROJECT ANIMAL(S)
- HEALTH OF ANIMAL(S)
- CONDITION OF CAGE OR TANK
- SAFETY OF DISPLAY

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MORE INFORMATION

Scoresheet judging criteria is available at <https://go.unl.edu/lan4h-pets> and at the Extension office

- APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT

HOUSEHOLD PETS SHOW

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Special Awards: Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in: 1) mammals, 2) fish, reptiles/amphibians, 3) birds and 4) judge's choice (selection not based on ribbon color or championship status)

- G099001 **Gerbil Display**
- G099002 **Hamster Display**
- G099003 **Cavy (Guinea Pig) Display**
- G099004 **Other Mammal Display** (excluding rabbits)
- G099005 **Tropical Fish Display**
- G099006 **Reptile/Amphibian Display**
- G099007 **Caged Bird Display** (excluding pigeons or poultry)
- G099008 **Miscellaneous Animal** (no pet rocks, stuffed animals, etc.)

HOUSEHOLD PETS STATIC EXHIBITS

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Static Exhibits Released: Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. (Ag Society Hall)

See page 22 for more information about 4-H static exhibits. Animal exhibits are in the "General Areas" and may be interview judged.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0

No state fair entry

- G099021 **Educational Poster** — on any topic relating to the health, care, environment and history of any household pet in this category (do not include actual animals). Must be no larger than 22 inches x 28 inches.
- G099022 **Handmade Item Made by 4-H member** — toys, treats, care items, cage or cage accessories to enhance your animal's environment. Must include a 3 inch x 5 inch card listing materials or ingredients used and a short explanation of how the item enhances your pet's health, enjoyment or environment. Exhibit will be judged on safety, appropriateness for purpose, workmanship and written explanation as detailed above.
- G099023 **Educational Display/Collage** — 3–6 mounted photos of household pet(s) (could be 1 or more pets) on a tri-fold display board or foam core board. Must include pet(s) name, summary, interesting facts or memory. Must be animals from the household pets division. Displays can be decorated. Must be no larger than 22 inches x 28 inches.
- G099024 **Record Book Keeping** — books will be judged on completeness. Use the "Lancaster County 4-H Household Pets Record Book." Pick one up at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County office or request by emailing lancaster4h@unl.edu.

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HORSE

Overall Horse Co-Superintendents: 4-H Horse VIPS (Volunteers in Program Service)

Herdsmanship Superintendent: Erin Oldemeyer

HORSE IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES DUE TO EXTENSION

Monday, June 1

HORSE ENTRIES AND STALL RESERVATIONS DUE ONLINE

Thursday, June 18–Wednesday, July 1, 11:59 p.m.

HORSE ROPING/WORKING RANCH SHOW LIVESTOCK FEES DUE

Tuesday, July 7

CLEANING AND DECORATING STALLS

Tuesday, July 28, EquineMarket and LivestockMarket Pavilions after 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29, EquineMarket Pavilion all day;

LivestockMarket Pavilion only after the Dressage Show

MOVE-IN — NO HORSES BEFORE TUESDAY, JULY 28, 4 P.M.

- Dressage Horses: Tuesday, July 28, after 4 p.m. or Wednesday, July 29
- English, Hunter, Western, Miniature/Shetlands, Roping/Working Ranch and Game Horses: Thursday, July 30 or any day prior

PONIES/MINIS/SHETLANDS MEASURING

All ponies/minis/shetlands must be measured before certain classes.

Measuring information will be emailed prior to fair.

HERDSMANSHIP

Thursday, July 30, Noon–Sunday, Aug. 2, Noon

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Saturday, Aug. 1, following Horse Trail Show, not to start before 4:30 p.m.

(TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)

RELEASE TIMES

- Dressage horses may be released at end of the show day.
- Hunter and English Horses may be released at the end of the show day.
- Western, Miniature/Shetlands, Roping/Working Ranch and Game Horses release time begins: Sunday, Aug. 2 after 7 p.m.
- Horses must be moved out by Monday, Aug. 3, 11 a.m.

GENERAL RULES FOR HORSE

Open to 4-H members. HORSE 4-H MEMBERS MUST BE ACTIVELY ENROLLED IN THE 4-H HORSE PROJECT BY JUNE 15.

Only Lancaster County 4-H members may mount/ride horses on SGEK fairgrounds during 4-H horse show days. Horses may not be mounted/ridden by any adult.

4-H members may designate any 6 classes to be premium classes and may designate 6 classes to be scored for the Wilhelmina Wittstruck Award, as well as 4 classes to be scored for the Bluestem All-Around Miniature Horse Awards and 4 classes to be scored for the Versatility All-Around Horse Award. These do not have to be the same.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

See page 56.

ANIMAL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

See page 56.

HORSEMANSHIP ADVANCEMENT LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

Information about the Nebraska 4-H Horsemanship Advancement Levels program is at <https://4h.unl.edu/horsemanship-advancement>. All first year riders must have completed the required portions of the 4-H Horsemanship Advancement Level I test to be eligible to compete in this 4-H horse show. 4-H members competing in the Walk-Trot/Novice classes must pass the Level I Walk-Trot/Novice requirements. 4-H members exhibiting horses in in-hand classes must complete all portions of the Level I test except the riding portion. Special needs riders may be given an amended Level I test appropriate to safety considerations of the events in which they are entered. Some shows and/or classes require 4-H members to be at least Level II, III or IV. See those specific class requirements for those details. Deadline for all level requirements is July 1.

AGE OF EXHIBITORS

4-H age divisions are based on the 4-H member's age by Jan. 1 of the current year and will remain the same for the entire calendar year regardless of their birth date. Age divisions within classes or events may be combined or split if the number of entries dictates.

- Junior division 8–11 years of age
- Intermediate division 12–14 years of age
- Senior division 15–18 years of age

WALK-TROT CLASSES (AGES 8–11)

Only Junior-age 4-H members showing in a particular discipline (Dressage, English or Western) for the first time in any county fair are eligible to enter these classes. If the 4-H member does not enter all disciplines the first year, they are still eligible to enter the other disciplines (not entered the first year) in the following year provided they are still in the Junior age division. A walk-trot class may only be entered once, regardless of the age of the rider. Any Junior-age rider showing for the first time in a discipline may enter the division's walk-trot classes, but that rider may not compete in any classes within the division requiring a canter or lope. NOTE: Patterns may be required for some classes. Walk-trot riders may participate in the game events but can only walk or trot the pattern. If the horse breaks into a canter during the game event the rider is automatically disqualified (judge's discretion).

NOVICE CLASSES (AGES 12–18)

Novice classes are walk-trot classes designed for 4-H members ages 12–18 who have just started riding and showing. All Walk-Trot rules apply.

JOINT PROJECT HORSES

A HORSE IDENTIFIED JOINTLY BY 4-H MEMBERS MAY NOT BE SHOWN BY MORE THAN 1 RIDER IN THE SAME EVENT OR CLASS. "Event" shall mean a category of classes: i.e., pleasure, reining, barrels, etc. and NEITHER A SINGLE MEMBER PROJECT HORSE NOR A JOINT PROJECT HORSE MAY BE SHOWN IN MORE THAN 1 AGE GROUP OF ANY CLASS OR EVENT. Walk-Trot/Novice and introductory driving classes are exempt from this rule. Each member of a joint project must submit an identification form for the joint project animal due June 1.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

4-H members, leaders and parents are all responsible for ensuring their own safety. It is recommended that ALL 4-H members have their horses properly tacked, i.e. bridle and saddle, when riding at the Lancaster County Super Fair. These rules apply throughout the fair. No person is to be mounted on any horse inside a stall. No person will be allowed to run horses except in the arena or in designated exercise areas. Horses may only be walked or trotted on paved routes. No person is to be in the arenas and warm up areas with open-toed shoes. Persons reported in violation of any of these rules will be asked to explain their conduct to an overall horse superintendent or Extension staff who has the authority to rule on these matters and may withhold premium money and/or dismiss any 4-H member from the show grounds for inappropriate behavior and/or improper conduct.

See helmet policy under Tack and Attire below.

TACK AND ATTIRE

The rules for the appropriate tack and attire are described in detail for Western, Dressage, Hunter and Saddle seat types in the 2025 rules book, "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373) — follow "Lancaster County 4-H Horse Dress Code" (online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/horse-dress-code>) for correct attire. Western, English or Dressage tack and attire are allowed in Trail classes and Pairs Teams. Tack and attire must remain consistent (i.e. English tack must ride in English attire). 4-H contestants and show judges are expected to comply with these rules unless specific exemptions are stated under the instructions for the appropriate show. The show superintendent also has authority to waive tack and attire rules when safety is a factor due to inclement weather or similar circumstances. Judges are instructed to penalize contestants who do not conform to tack and attire rules. **Gag bits are allowed for games only per state 4-H rules.** Equipment can be inspected at any time.

A Western hat or an ASTM/SEI-approved helmet must be worn. If 4-H members are in the Junior and Walk-Trot/Novice divisions, an ASTM/SEI-approved helmet must be worn in all riding events. In Games, ASTM/SEI-approved helmets are STRONGLY recommended, but not required for Intermediate and Senior division 4-H members (hats are optional). ASTM/SEI-approved helmet required in all English, Dressage (including Western Dressage) and Hunter classes (both jumping and non-jumping).

In all Ranch Horse classes, horses will be shown in a western saddle and appropriate bridle, snaffle bit or hackamore for the duration of the class. A western saddle is a common type of

saddle distinguished by a large noticeable fork on which there is some form of horn, a high cantle and large skirts. Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. Horses 5 years old and younger may be shown in a snaffle bit, hackamore, curb bit, half-breed or spade bit. Horses 6 years and older may only be shown in a curb bit, half-breed or spade bit. When a curb is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required, but must meet the approval of the judge, be at least ½ inch in width and lie flat against the jaw of the horse. Curb chains cannot be tied to the bit with string or cord. A broken strap or chain does not necessarily result in a major penalty.

If you have a question about tack, approach the judge or superintendent prior to event to review.

CONDUCT OF THE SHOW

Classes shall be judged according to the general rules and scoring procedures listed in the rules book "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373). Exceptions and additional rules will either be listed in detail in this Fair Book or reference will be made to other official documents. References to levels listed in the "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" under certain events will be disregarded for the Lancaster County Super Fair.

Judges will be asked to give oral reasons for the placing of each class and their decisions will be final.

To promote positive youth education within the horse program, only 4-H members may approach the judge/superintendent regarding classes.

Classes of 20 or more 4-H members may be split at the discretion of the judge.

STALL ASSIGNMENTS AND HORSE MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. Stall assignments will be available at the Horse Show Office beginning Tuesday, July 28 after 4 p.m.
2. **Release time is Sunday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. No exhibits are released early except for hardship/emergency reasons. In the event of extreme extenuating circumstances, 4-H members must submit an early release request form and obtain approval.**
3. 4-H members with horses not adaptable to stalling must submit waiver for permission to work out of their trailer.
4. If an animal becomes a danger to 4-H members or to the public, Extension staff or an Ag Society Board member may dismiss any animal from their assigned stall for the remainder of the fair.

HERDSMANSHIP

All horse exhibitors are automatically enrolled in Herdsmanship. Herdsmanship is defined as "the manner in which members care for their animals and display them at the fair." Emphasis is on animal care. 4-H members are encouraged to present themselves, their animals and animal areas (stalls and alleys) to fairgoers in a clean, attractive, educational and safe manner. Cooperation, fellowship and teamwork among 4-H members is expected. 4-H members are highly encouraged to share knowledge about their animals to the general public. Stall tags must be up in order to be judged. The scoresheet for Herdsmanship in the horse division will be posted in the Horse Show Office during the Lancaster County Super Fair. Awards for Herdsmanship will be presented at 4-H Horse Awards Night (usually held in October).

BAGGED SHAVINGS

See page 57.

FANS

Animal exhibitors are highly encouraged to bring their own fans and extension cords. Fans must have finger guards. Electrical equipment must be UL listed and in good working condition — all equipment subject to safety inspection. Equipment found in poor condition must be immediately removed from the grounds. Absolutely no evaporative coolers (also known as swamp coolers, desert coolers, wet air coolers — or any other cooling device which cools air through the evaporation of water) will be allowed.



RESOURCE: PATTERNS

Pattern classes are indicated in this Fair Book with a horse icon. Many horse patterns (if supplied in advance by judges) will be available at <https://go.unl.edu/lan4h-horse> and at the Super Fair.



MORE INFORMATION

Nebraska 4-H Horse Identification Certificate, two scoresheets and numerous YouTube video examples are at <https://go.unl.edu/lan4h-horse>

HORSE PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

HORSE PREMIUMS

Horse exhibitors may receive premiums on up to 6 riding, driving or in-hand classes (excluding judging or static exhibit). If entering more than 6 classes, indicate which 6 classes are premium classes during online entry.

Premiums (except where designated otherwise):

Purple \$6; Blue \$5; Red \$3; White \$0

See page 57 for Premium Payouts Procedure for Animals.

TROPHIES

Trophies will be given to the top 2 4-H members in all riding and non-riding events appropriate to Champions and Reserve Champions of that show. With the exception of the Dressage classes, which will receive rosette sashes for their top 2 4-H members. Overall top dressage scores will receive trophies. 4-H members must have received a blue or purple ribbon in the appropriate event to qualify for these awards and to be declared Champion or Reserve Champion.

HORSE SPECIAL AWARDS

The following awards will be presented at the 4-H Horse Awards Night (usually held in October) **PENDING SPONSORS FOR EACH AWARD (contact Kate Pulec at 402-441-7180 to become a sponsor):**

- **Nebraska Dressage Association High Score Dressage Rider and High Score Western Dressage Rider Awards** for the Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around High Score Riders in the Dressage Show's Dressage and Western Dressage classes:

Qualification for Dressage: A rider can qualify for this award by completing a minimum of 2 dressage tests and 1 dressage seat equitation class in the Dressage Show. Champion award winners will not be eligible for the same award in future years. **Riders must compete in the Junior, Intermediate or Senior divisions to be eligible for this award.**

Qualification for Western Dressage: A rider can qualify for this award by completing a minimum of 2 Western Dressage tests and 1 Western Dressage seat equitation class in the Dressage Show. Riders winning these awards will not be eligible in future years. **Riders must compete in the Junior, Intermediate or Senior divisions to be eligible for this award.**

Selection: The rider with the highest single dressage test score will be named Champion and the rider with the second-highest single dressage test score will be named Reserve Champion.

Breaking a Tie: If there is a tie, the rider competing in the highest level test will be selected. If this does not break the tie, the 4-H member competing in the highest division (e.g. senior) will be selected.

- **Lowell Boomer High Point Jumping Award** for the All-Around Champion in the jumping competition:

Points will be awarded based on ribbon placing of the Hunter Hack & Hunter Jumper classes. (Purple ribbons are 6 points, blue are 5, red are 3.5 points and whites are 1.25 points). In case of a tie, the following scoring will be added until the tie is broken:

1. Champions of a jumping class/event will be awarded 2 additional points and Reserve Champions 1 additional point.
2. If a tie still exists, the level of finish in the horse judging contest will be added to the total score.

Riders winning this award will not be eligible in future years.

- **Dr. Kelly Stich Top NRHA Reining Awards**

In the Reining competition of the Western Show, there will be a top award given in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions for the highest NRHA pattern score. In case of a tie, a maneuver will be chosen and the rider with the highest score in that maneuver will be selected.

- **The Franklyn Manning Family Top Barrels Award** for fastest time across all age groups in the barrel racing competition.

- **Dick and Cookie Confer Memorial Top Trail Award** for the All-Around Champion with the highest score of the trail or ranch trail obstacle competition. In case of a tie, judge will select an obstacle to break tie. If 4-H members are riding in both classes, they will have to indicate which class will count for the Top Trail Award in the entry process.

- **All-Around Cowboy/Cowgirl Awards**

There will be an All-Around award given in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. The 4-H member with the most total points scored from the following classes for that division will be the All-Around Champion. Points will be awarded on the ribbon placing of the classes (purple=6, blue=5, red=3, white=1). A Champion (2 pts) or Reserve Champion (1 pt) will be used

if necessary as a tie breaker in a division. Should there be a tie with no trophy placing to break the tie, the order of the judge's purple ribbon placing will be used.

- Junior 4-H members can participate in the following classes to be eligible: ranch versatility, boxing, dummy roping, ranch horse pleasure and goat tying.
- Intermediate and Senior 4-H members can participate in the following classes to be eligible: working ranch (there is only 1 pattern), ranch versatility, boxing, breakaway roping, ranch horse pleasure and goat tying.

- **All-Around Ranch Horse Awards**

There will be All-Around Ranch horse awards given in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior age divisions. The horse/rider combination with the most total points scored demonstrating the versatility of the working ranch horse in 3 categories: working ranch, ranch trail and ranch horse pleasure will earn the All-Around Ranch Horse award. Points will be awarded on the ribbon placing of the classes (purple=6, blue=5, red=3 and white=1). In case of a tie, Champions of a class will be awarded 2 additional points and Reserve Champions 1 additional point.

- **Bluestem All-Around Miniature Horse Awards**

There will be an All-Around Award given to the high point miniature horse at the Lancaster County 4-H show in 2 divisions: 4-H members ages 8–12 and 13–18. To be eligible for the All-Around award the horse/4-H member combination must be entered and participate in halter and showmanship and at least 2 out of these 3 classes: in-hand obstacle, miniature horse jumping and pleasure driving. During the online entry process, 4-H members are asked to indicate which classes they will designate for the Miniature Horse Award. If entered for the eligible classes, the horse/4-H member combination will automatically be in the running for the award. Points will be awarded based on ribbon placing of the classes. Purple ribbons are 6 points, blue are 5, red are 3 and white 1 point. A Champion (2 pts) or Reserve Champion (1 pt) will be used if necessary as a tie breaker. If a tie still exists, the 4-H members level of finish in the horse judging contest will be added to the total score.

- **Versatility All-Around Horse Award**

There will be 1 Versatility All-Around horse award given to the horse/rider combination from the Intermediate or the Senior age divisions. During the online entry process, 4-H members must indicate which 4 qualifying classes and which horse they will designate for the award. Designated horse may be marked with an identification factor by Extension staff. The 4-H member must use the same horse in these 4 categories listed:

- Speed (must choose only 1 of these classes: pole bending or barrel race).
- Hunter/ Equitation Over Fences (must choose only 1 of these classes: hunter 18", hunter 2', hunter 2'3", equitation 18", equitation 2' or equitation 2'3").
- Cattle Classes (must choose only 1 of these classes: working ranch horse, boxing, breakaway calf roping, dally team steer roping header or dally team steer roping heeler).
- Ranch Horse Pleasure. Points will be awarded on the ribbon placing of the classes (purple=6, blue=5, red=3 and white=1). In case of a tie, Champions of a class will be awarded 2 additional points and Reserve Champions 1 additional point. The horse/rider combination with the most total points scored will receive the award for demonstrating the versatility of the horse.

- **Wilhelmina Wittstruck Memorial All-Around Champion Award** for the all-around 4-H champion individual. This award is the highest honor a Lancaster County 4-H equestrian can receive!

The 4-H member with the most total points scored from the following categories will be the overall top 4-H member. The trophy is to be awarded to the rider, therefore any number of horses may be used by the 4-H member. Riders must ride in classes from at least 3 of the 4 following categories. Showmanship (or groom and care) is a mandatory category and must be used toward award points.

- **Showmanship/Equitation:** showmanship, hunt seat equitation and western horsemanship.
- **Speed Events:** figure 8 stake race, keyhole race, pole bending and barrel race.
- **Performance Events:** trail, ranch trail, reining, dressage, working hunter, hunter hack, working pleasure, roping, miniature jumping and roping/working ranch horse.
- **Pleasure Events:** hunter under saddle, western pleasure, pleasure driving and ranch pleasure.

During the online entry process, 4-H members must indicate which classes they will designate for the Wilhelmina Wittstruck Award. Up to 6 classes may be designated and the 4-H member scoring the most points will be designated All-Around Champion. Classes designated DO NOT have to be premium classes. Halter and Costume classes WILL NOT count for the award.

Points will be awarded based on ribbon placing of the classes selected. (Purple ribbons are 6 points, blue ribbons are 5 points, red ribbons are 3.5 points and white ribbons are 1.25 points.) In case of a tie, the following scoring will be added until the tie is broken:

1. Champions of a class or event will be awarded 2 additional points and Reserve Champions 1 additional point.
2. If a tie still exists, the level of finish in the horse judging contest will be added to the total score.

A 4-H member may only win the Wittstruck Award once in their 4-H career.

HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendent: Roger Bell

Saturday, May 30, 2 p.m. (Sandhills Global Event Center–LivestockMarket Pavilion)

Open to all 4-H members — need not be enrolled in the horse project. You may register in advance by emailing name(s) and age(s) of youth participants to Kate Pulec at kpulec3@unl.edu or before the event between 1:30–2 p.m. The Horse Judging Contest may consist of 4 classes of 4 horses, 2 halter and 2 performance, to be judged by 4-H members in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior age divisions. 4-H members in the Senior age division may be asked to judge 1 additional class. All division participants must complete 1 set of oral reasons to be eligible to win the championship buckle. The required dress for judging is a 4-H shirt or plain white T-shirt, blue jeans, belt, boots and 4-H armband OR English attire. No hats, shorts or sandals are permitted. Volunteers and handlers should be properly attired, while in and out of the ring. Note: This is a premium event but does not count as one of the premium events in the horse division.

Premiums: Purple \$6; Blue \$5; Red \$3; White \$0

Buckles will be presented to the top individuals in each class

- B127920 **Junior Horse Judging**
 B127922 **Intermediate Horse Judging**
 B127924 **Senior Judging**

STATEWIDE CONTEST: A Horse Judging Contest for teams of 4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) who represent their county is held at the Horse Stampede event at UNL East Campus in Lincoln. 4-H members do not need to qualify at the county contest to participate. For more information or to participate on a Lancaster County 4-H team, contact Kate Pulec. For more information, see <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede>.

DRESSAGE SHOW

Superintendents Dressage: Cornhusker Pony Club; Superintendents Western Dressage: Edie LaPlante
Scheduled Warm-up Opportunity*: Tuesday, July 28, 6–9 p.m.; Open Arena: after 9 p.m. (LivestockMarket Pavilion & TractorHouse Pavilion — Amy Countryman Arena)

*Extension office will contact 4-H members to sign up for a 10-minute warm-up time.

English Dressage Show: Junior/Intermediate/Senior/Walk-Trot/Novice: Wednesday, July 29 at 10 a.m. (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)

Western Dressage Show: Junior/Intermediate/Senior/Walk-Trot/Novice: Wednesday, July 29 at 8 a.m. (LivestockMarket Pavilion)

In dressage, each rider is assigned a ride time to allow for individual judging and scoring; therefore, riders are asked to respect the judge's time by registering and scratching conservatively.

Refer to the 2025 "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373) as well as the "Lancaster County 4-H Horse Dress Code" for tack and attire guidelines. Please note that the Lancaster County 4-H Dress Code will also be enforced. The current USDF/USEF official tests used for this show are linked at <https://go.unl.edu/lan4h-horse>. Readers are allowed but optional at this show. **Each horse/rider pair may compete in up to 2 consecutive English OR 2 consecutive Western classes/tests with an appropriate equitation class (a group class with movements ridden simultaneously).** Riders (horses are optional) should report in 4-H attire to the arena immediately after the completion of the English Dressage classes and again after the completion of the Western Dressage Classes for the respective awards ceremonies.

If using Western tack, you will need to sign up for the Western Dressage classes. ASTM/SEI-approved helmet must be worn in Western Dressage classes. For Western Dressage, riders may use 1 or 2 hands on the reins. It is strongly suggested to use 2 hands when using a snaffle bit and 1 hand when using a curb bit. Snaffle bits may be used on horses of any age. Spurs with rowels for English Dressage are prohibited. Kimberwick bits are prohibited in both disciplines.

ENGLISH DRESSAGE

- G970411 **USDF Introductory Level Test A** (Junior, Level I & II riders only) 
 G970412 **USEF Training Level Test 1** (Junior) 
 G970413 **USEF First Level Test 1** (Junior) 
 G970414 **USEF/USDF Dressage Seat Equitation** (Junior)

- G970415 **USDF Introductory Level Test B** (Intermediate, Level I & II riders only) 
 G970416 **USEF Training Level Test 2** (Intermediate) 
 G970417 **USEF First Level Test 2** (Intermediate) 
 G970418 **USEF/USDF Dressage Seat Equitation** (intermediate)

- G970419 **USDF Introductory Level Test C** (Senior, Level I & II riders only) 
 G970420 **USEF Training Level Test 3** (Senior) 
 G970421 **USEF First Level Test 3** (Senior) 
 G970422 **USEF/USDF Dressage Seat Equitation** (Senior)

- G970432 **USDF Introductory Level Test A** (walk-trot & novice — rider's first year in 4-H dressage) 
 G970434 **USDF Introductory Level Test B** (walk-trot & novice — rider's first year in 4-H dressage) 
 G970438 **Walk-Trot USEF/USDF Dressage Seat Equitation** (walk-trot, novice)

WESTERN DRESSAGE

- G970441 **WDAA Western Dressage Intro Level Test 1** (walk-trot, novice, Western tack only) 
 G970442 **WDAA Western Dressage Intro Level Test 2** (walk-trot, novice, Western tack only) 
 G970444 **WDAA Western Dressage Seat Equitation on the Rail** (walk-trot, novice, Western Tack only)
 G970451 **WDAA Western Dressage Intro Level Test 1** (Junior, Western tack only) 
 G970452 **WDAA Western Dressage Basic Level Test 1** (Junior, Western tack only) 
 G970453 **WDAA Western Dressage Level 1 Test 1** (Junior, Western tack only) 
 G970454 **WDAA Western Dressage Seat Equitation on the Rail** (Junior, Western tack only)
 G970461 **WDAA Western Dressage Intro Level Test 2** (Intermediate, Western tack only)
 G970462 **WDAA Western Dressage Basic Level Test 2** (Intermediate, Western tack only) 
 G970463 **WDAA Western Dressage Level 1 Test 2** (Intermediate, Western tack only) 
 G970464 **WDAA Western Dressage Seat Equitation on the Rail** (Intermediate, Western tack only)
 G970471 **WDAA Western Dressage Intro Level Test 3** (Senior, Western tack only) 
 G970472 **WDAA Western Dressage Basic Level Test 3** (Senior, Western tack only) 
 G970473 **WDAA Western Dressage Level 1 Test 3** (Senior, Western tack only) 
 G970474 **WDAA Western Dressage Seat Equitation on the Rail** (Senior, Western tack only)

ENGLISH HORSE SHOW

Superintendent: Teresa Brandt and the Boots N' Hooves 4-H Club

Thursday, July 30, 8 a.m. (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)

HUNTER/SADDLESEAT HORSE HALTER

Refer to the 2025 "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373) for general regulations and instructions on tack and attire, as well as requirements for Hunter and Saddleseat type classes. Tack and 4-H member attire that complies with the appointment requirements must be appropriate for the style of horse being exhibited. ASTM/SEI APPROVED HELMETS REQUIRED, NO HUNT CAPS ALLOWED. (There is only 1 Grand and Reserve trophy given for each class number. Top 2 mares and geldings will be called back for grand and reserve trophies). A horse may be entered in only 1 halter class — either Hunter/Saddleseat (in English Show) OR Stock Horse and Pony (in Western Show).

Premiums: Purple \$6; Blue \$5; Red \$3; White \$0

- G970152 **Hunter/Saddleseat Horse Type** — ages 4 and up mare
 G970153 **Hunter/Saddleseat Horse Type** — ages 4 and up gelding
 G970165 **Hunter/Saddleseat Horse Type** — aged horse — age 15 and up mare
 G970166 **Hunter/Saddleseat Horse Type** — aged horse — age 15 and up gelding
 G970167 **Hunter/Saddleseat Horse Type** — 2- and 3-year-old mare
 G970168 **Hunter/Saddleseat Horse Type** — 2- and 3-year-old gelding

ENGLISH SHOWMANSHIP

The showmanship class consists of a 4-H member leading a horse through the requested pattern with promptness, smoothness and precision. Refer to the 2025 "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" for complete class description and scoring procedures. 4-H members must compete in English attire with matching tack.

4-H members may not show in the English Showmanship class if entered in the Groom and Care Class.

Premiums: Purple \$6; Blue \$5; Red \$3; White \$0

- G970032 **Senior Division**
 G970031 **Intermediate Division**
 G970030 **Junior Division**

ENGLISH BAREBACK EQUITATION

This pattern class is judged solely on basic equitation skills. Riders must compete in English attire with matching tack.

- G970035 **All Ages** — Level III and/or IV only

HUNTER UNDER SADDLE (ENGLISH PLEASURE)

All hunt seat and saddleseat riders in each age division will exhibit together at the direction of the superintendent and judge. All ponies must be measured (information will be emailed prior to fair).

- G970042 Senior Division
- G970041 Intermediate Division
- G970040 Junior Division
- G970044 Walk-Trot/Novice Division (rider may not show in any other class of event)
- G970043 Ponies

HUNT SEAT (ENGLISH) EQUITATION

All hunt seat and saddleseat riders in each age group will exhibit together at the direction of the superintendent and judge and perform a pattern. Refer to the 2025 “Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide” (4-H 373).

- G970052 Senior Division
- G970051 Intermediate Division
- G970050 Junior Division
- G970055 Walk-Trot/Novice Division (rider may not show in any other class of event)

ENGLISH DISCIPLINE RAIL

This class will consist of advanced movements announced by the judge during the class. Movements may be similar to what is asked for in the Nebraska 4-H Advanced Pleasure and Advanced Equitation patterns but in a rail class format. Horse/rider pairs will not be eliminated for failure to perform a single requirement, but will be judged on their overall success in following the judge’s instructions. Riders must compete in English attire with matching tack.

Horsemanship Advancement Level III or IV required, Junior/Intermediate and Senior participants only.

- G970036 Senior Division
- G970037 Junior/Intermediate Division

HUNTER HACK SHOW

Superintendents: Cornhusker Pony Club

Show: Thursday, July 30, following English Show
(TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)

Warm-up to directly precede each class with all riders getting 1 practice round in the arena.

ASTM/SEI APPROVED HELMETS REQUIRED IN WARM-UP ARENA AND IN SHOW ARENA AT ALL TIMES. Helmets will be checked. RIDERS MUST HAVE PASSED ALL ASPECTS OF LEVEL II TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY JUMPING CLASS. NOT OPEN TO WALK-TROT/NOVICE COMPETITORS. Polo wraps/leg protection, dropped nosebands and martingales are prohibited.

Refer to 2025 “Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide” (4-H 373) for class description and course. A fall of horse or rider results in elimination without a courtesy jump. 3 refusals results in elimination. If the judge dismisses a rider from the class for safety concerns, they are not allowed to move to a lower division. Jump heights are as follows:

HUNTER HACK

- | Class # | Class Description |
|---------|--|
| G970012 | Senior Division – 2’3” |
| G970011 | Intermediate Division – 2’ |
| G970010 | Junior Division – 18” |
| G970009 | Green Horse/Rider Division – 12” — open to beginner horse and/or rider, regardless of age, in their first year of showing over fences. There will be no canter in the pattern or rail work for this class. |

HUNTER SHOW

Superintendents: Cornhusker Pony Club

Show: Thursday, July 30, following Hunter Hack Show
(TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)

Note: Each horse/rider pair will be allowed only 1 warm-up trip the day of the show.

The course walk-through will occur prior to the beginning of the show.

ASTM/SEI APPROVED HELMETS REQUIRED IN WARM-UP ARENA AND IN SHOW ARENA AT ALL TIMES. Helmets will be checked. RIDERS MUST HAVE PASSED ALL ASPECTS OF LEVEL II TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY JUMPING CLASS. NOT OPEN TO WALK-TROT/NOVICE COMPETITORS. Polo wraps/leg protection are prohibited, per 2025 “Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide” (4-H 373). Martingales are allowed for over fences but not allowed in the flat classes.

4-H members are classified by riding skills, not age. **Each 4-H member may enter 1 hunter and 1 equitation division only.** Hunter divisions will have 1 over-fence round and 1 flat class. Equitation divisions will have 1 over-fence course and no flat class.

Hunter is a term used for the controlled, balanced, rhythmic manner in which the horse completes the course of jumps. The hunter round is judged on the horse’s movement and the rider’s ability to safely maneuver the course in a consistent manner. Equitation is judged on the rider’s positioning in the tack and accuracy of the course ridden. If the judge dismisses a rider from the class for safety concerns, they are not allowed to move to a lower division.

Each division will have a Champion and Reserve Champion award. The division scores will be tabulated on the over-fence class(es) as well as the under saddle class. Each class will have 1 overall ribbon placing for each 4-H member.

All equitation division classes will be ran after the hunter division classes with their corresponding jump height.

HUNTER/EQUITATION DIVISIONS

- | Class # | Class Description |
|---------|---|
| G970015 | Hunter 2’3” — open to all age divisions. Fences to be set at 2’3”. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hunter Over Fences 2’3”• Hunter on the Flat |
| G970018 | Equitation 2’3” — open to all age divisions. Fences to be set at 2’3”. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equitation Over Fences 2’3” |
| G970014 | Hunter 2’ — open to all age divisions. Fences to be set at 2’. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hunter Over Fences 2’• Hunter on the Flat |
| G970017 | Equitation 2’ — open to all age divisions. Fences to be set at 2’. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equitation Over Fences 2’ |
| G970013 | Hunter 18” — open to beginner horses/ponies and/or beginner riders, regardless of age in their first 2 years of showing over fences. Consistent trotting of the course will not be penalized. Fences will be set at 18”. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hunter Over Fences 18”• Hunter on the Flat |
| G970016 | Equitation 18” — open to very beginning riders, regardless of age, in their first 2 years of showing over fences. Consistent trotting of the course will not be penalized. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equitation Over Fences 18” |

WESTERN HORSE SHOW #1

Superintendents: Teresa Brandt and the Boots N’ Hooves 4-H Club

Show: Friday, July 31, 8 a.m. (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)

GROOM AND CARE CLASS

Premiums: Purple \$6; Blue \$5; Red \$3; White \$0

This class is open only to junior 4-H members entering a county fair for the first time. 4-H members may show their animals in either English or Western tack/attire. 4-H members may not show in either the English or Western Showmanship class if entered in the Groom and Care Class. The judge asks questions regarding grooming and also evaluates the 4-H members’ 4-H dress and knowledge of horse care. A tote of basic supplies (hoof pick, soft brush, hard brush, rubber curry, metal curry, shampoo, show sheen, ear clippers, fly spray, mane comb and rubber bands, hoof black) will be supplied by the ring steward. A simple pattern may be required.

G970140 Junior Division

WESTERN SHOWMANSHIP

The showmanship class consists of a 4-H member leading a horse through the requested pattern with promptness, smoothness and precision. Refer to the “Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide” (4-H 373) for complete class description and scoring procedures. 4-H members must compete in Western attire with matching tack.

4-H members may not show in the Western Showmanship class if entered in the Groom and Care Class.

- G970132 Senior Division
- G970131 Intermediate Division
- G970130 Junior Division

STOCK HORSE AND PONY HALTER SHOW

Refer to the 2025 "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373) for general regulations, class rules and instructions on Western tack and attire. Tack and 4-H member attire that complies with the appointment requirements must be appropriate for the style of horse being exhibited. (There is only 1 Grand and Reserve trophy given for each class number. Top 2 mares and geldings will be called back for grand and reserve trophies). A horse may be entered in only 1 halter class — either Hunt/Saddleseat (in English Show) OR Stock Horse and Pony (in Western Show). All ponies must be measured (information will be emailed prior to fair).

Premiums: Purple \$6; Blue \$5; Red \$3; White \$0

Class # Class Description

G970150	Pony — mare
G970151	Pony — gelding
G970154	Stock Horse Type — ages 4 and up mare
G970155	Stock Horse Type — ages 4 and up gelding
G970156	Stock Horse Type — aged horse — age 15 and up mare
G970157	Stock Horse Type — aged horse — age 15 and up gelding
G970158	Stock Horse Type — 2 and 3 year old mare
G970159	Stock Horse Type — 2 and 3 year old gelding

WESTERN HORSE SHOW #2

Superintendents: Tim & Jenny Higgins

Show: Friday, July 31, following Western Horse Show #1 (LivestockMarket Pavilion)

REINING

Refer to the 2025 "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373). Reining patterns for all classes will be selected by the judge. NOTE: Not open to walk-trot or novice riders. Equipment can be inspected at any time.

Class # Class Description

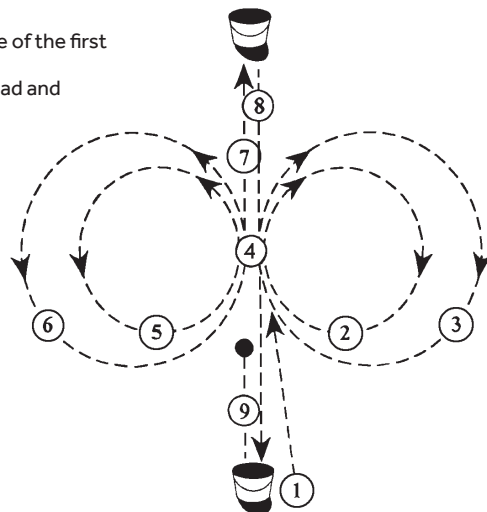
G970102	Senior Division
G970101	Intermediate Division
G970100	Junior Division

WORKING PLEASURE

This is a class designed to show the attributes of the Western Pleasure Horse in a pattern setting, rather than traditional railwork. The class will be judged 80% on the performance of the horse and rider, 10% on confirmation and soundness of the horse and 10% on appointments of the rider and horse. NOTE: Not open to walk-trot or novice riders.

WORKING PLEASURE PATTERN

1. Start the pattern on the right hand side of the first bucket.
2. Begin the pattern on the right or left lead and execute a small, slow circle.
3. On the same lead, execute a larger, faster circle.
4. Perform a simple lead change.
5. On the opposite lead, execute a small, slow circle.
6. On the same lead, execute a larger, faster circle.
7. Stop and settle horse.
8. Lope on either lead to the second bucket.
9. Pivot 180 degrees to the left.
10. Lope on the opposite lead to the first bucket.
11. Pivot 180 degrees to the right.
12. Trot to the judge for inspection.



G970112	Senior Division
G970111	Intermediate Division
G970110	Junior Division

HORSE GAMES SHOW

Superintendent: Capital City Horse & Pony Club

Friday, July 31, following Western Horse Show #2
(TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)

ASTM/SEI-approved helmets are STRONGLY recommended, but not required for Intermediate and Senior division 4-H members (hats are optional). If a hat or helmet is worn it must stay on during the entire time the 4-H member is in the arena or the rider will be fined 2 seconds. If 4-H members are in the Junior or Walk-Trot/Novice divisions, an ASTM/SEI-approved helmet must be worn in all riding events.

Walk-Trot/Novice riders may participate in the game events but can only walk or trot the pattern. If the horse breaks into a canter/lope during the game event, the rider is automatically lowered a ribbon (judge's discretion).

KEYHOLE RACE

G970279	Walk-trot/Novice Division	NEW!
G970280	Junior Division	
G970281	Intermediate Division	
G970282	Senior Division	

FIGURE 8 STAKE RACE

G970299	Walk-trot/Novice Division	NEW!
G970300	Junior Division	
G970301	Intermediate Division	
G970302	Senior Division	

POLE BENDING

G970289	Walk-trot/Novice Division	NEW!
G970290	Junior Division	
G970291	Intermediate Division	
G970292	Senior Division	

BARREL RACE

G970309	Walk-trot/Novice Division	NEW!
G970310	Junior Division	
G970311	Intermediate Division	
G970312	Senior Division	

ROPING/WORKING RANCH SHOW

Superintendents: JJ Frink and Rusty Spurs 4-H Club

Show: Saturday, Aug. 1, 9 a.m. (LivestockMarket Pavilion)

Schedule subject to change depending on weather.

ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIVE CATTLE EVENTS MUST HAVE A HORSEMANSHIP ADVANCEMENT LEVEL II.

Horses used only in Roping/Working Ranch Show may show from trailer.

Several Roping/Working Ranch classes require a livestock fee of \$15 per class (indicated with ★). Submit with payment (cash or check) to the Extension office by Tuesday, July 7.

★ **The Horse Roping/Working Ranch Show Livestock Fee Worksheet is available at <https://go.unl.edu/lcsf-horse>**

DUMMY ROPING

Contestants entering class G970200 cannot rope in classes G970202, G970203 or G970204 and vice versa. Exception: Junior age division riders competing in the All-Around Cowboy/Cowgirl Award. Contestants will throw from ground. No horse needed. No Horsemanship Advancement Level required.

Class # Class Description

G970200	Dummy Roping — each 4-H member will get 5 throws. Scoring: 2 horns = 3 points, ½ head = 2 points, neck catch = 1 pt, miss = 0 points
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WORKING RANCH HORSE ★

Scoring will be based on horsemanship skills, cow sense and degree of difficulty. Additionally, the closer the cow is to the number on the fence, the higher the possible score. Refer to the 2025 "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373). **Horsemanship Advancement Level II required.**

G970212	Senior Division
G970211	Intermediate Division
G970210	Junior Division

BOXING ★

This class consists of 2 components, the reined pattern work and the single cow work (boxing) on the end of the arena. Split or closed reins are allowed. Exhibitors are allowed to use two hands. No tie-downs allowed. **Horsemanship Advancement Level II required.**

G970215 **Senior Division**
G970214 **Intermediate Division**
G970213 **Junior Division**

ROPING ★

Contestants entering class G970200 cannot rope in classes G970202, G970203 or G970204 and vice versa. Exception: a Junior 4-H member with a Horsemanship Advancement Level II competing in the All-Around Cowboy/Cowgirl award may participate in any of the live cattle roping events along with the dummy roping competition and still be eligible for the Grand or Reserve placing in the dummy roping and live cattle roping. **Horsemanship Advancement Level II required.**

G970202 **Break-Away Calf Roping** — 1 head
G970203 **Dally Team Steer Roping (Header)** — an accomplished adult roper will be paired up with each competitor by the superintendent of the show.
G970204 **Dally Team Steer Roping (Heeler)** — an accomplished adult roper will be paired up with each competitor by the superintendent of the show.

GOAT TYING

The event starts with a goat tied to a 10 foot rope at one end of the arena and a mounted rider at the other end. The rider rides toward the goat and dismounts. The rider must tie 3 of the goat's legs together. The event is timed. Once the goat is tied, the rider must throw out their arms to stop the clock. If the goat becomes untied before 6 seconds passes, the rider receives no score. 10 seconds added to time if the horse crosses the staked rope on the goat. Fastest time wins. A piggin' string may be used to tie the goat. **Horsemanship Advancement Level I required.**

G970206 **Junior Division**
G970207 **Intermediate Division**
G970208 **Senior Division**

RANCH HORSE PLEASURE

This class is ran on the rail. **A horse may only compete in Ranch Horse Pleasure or in Western Pleasure, not both. A rider may compete in both Western and Ranch Pleasure classes, but must be riding a different horse in each class.** A ranch pleasure horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. The overall cadence and performance of the gaits is important with an emphasis on forward movement, free flowing and ground covering for all gaits. Failure to show forward movement in any gait should be penalized. Light contact should be rewarded and horse does not have to be shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations. No hoof polish, no braided or banded manes or tail extensions. Trimming inside ears is discouraged, trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged. **Horsemanship Advancement Level I required.**

G970177 **Senior Division**
G970176 **Intermediate Division**
G970175 **Junior Division**

RANCH HORSE VERSATILITY (RANCH RIDING) 🐾

This is a pattern class ridden and judged individually. Designed to show how broke/ responsive your horse is to cues, the pattern requires a walk, trot & lope in both directions, stop & back. A ranch horse is expected to perform these functions at smooth working speeds. Judges look for smooth transitions between gaits, correct leads and maintaining correct gaits between markers. A rider must show their horse with only 1 hand on the reins, unless the horse is 5 years old or younger and is shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (bosal). **Horsemanship Advancement Level I required.**

G970220 **Senior Division**
G970221 **Intermediate Division**
G970222 **Junior Division**

HORSE SPECIAL NEEDS SHOW

Superintendent: TBA

Show: Saturday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m. (TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)

Classes open to 4-H riders ages 8–18. 4-H attire required (as much as possible). Attire should be consistent with tack (English or Western). However, competitors must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet. Participants must provide their own horse and any special equipment needed

such as mounting ramps, etc. Horses used only in Special Needs Show may show from trailer. Riders may sign up for 1 class only. Class size will be limited to 8 riders — first-come first-served, so sign up early!

SPECIAL NEEDS 🐾

Class # Class Description
G970090 **Mounted Obstacle Class** — assisted (all ages)
G970091 **Mounted Obstacle Class** — non-assisted (all ages)

HORSE TRAIL SHOW

Superintendents: Kelsey Ebke and Tails N' Trails Club

**Show: Saturday, Aug. 1, following Special Needs Show
(TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)**

4-H members can ride in both Trail and Ranch Trail classes, but must use a different horse. These classes qualify for the Top Trail Award — if 4-H members are riding in both classes, they will have to indicate which class will count for the Top Trail Award in the entry process.

Both courses will be set up in the arena at the same time and will be using some of the same obstacles. Refer to 4-H Trail Horse Class in the 2025 "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373). In both Trail and Ranch Trail, 4-H members navigate their horses through a course of obstacles, including a bridge, a gate and at least 4 ground logs. Ranch Trail course will include other obstacles that riders might find out on the trail or ranch. Both trail classes will be scored on a minimum of 6 obstacles, not to exceed 10 obstacles. In case of a tie, other obstacles may be substituted for the original obstacles. Junior age division will not be required to lope.

TRAIL & RANCH TRAIL 🐾

G970258 **Walk-trot/Novice Trail Division** **NEW!**
G970259 **Walk-trot/Novice Ranch Division** **NEW!**
G970260 **Junior Trail Division**
G970261 **Junior Ranch Trail Division**
G970262 **Intermediate Trail Division**
G970263 **Intermediate Ranch Trail Division**
G970264 **Senior Trail Division**
G970265 **Senior Ranch Trail Division**

XTREME HORSE SHOW

Superintendent: TJ White and Salt Valley 4-H Club

**Saturday, Aug. 1, following Horse Senior Recognition
(TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)**

HORSEMANSHIP PAIRS COMPETITION 🐾

This event is open to any 2 riders. A rider can ride up a division, but not down (i.e. an Junior rider may ride in Intermediate/Senior division). Riders may only participate in 1 class/team. They need not be members of the same club and are listed by both names. Riders follow a pattern.

G970273 **Intermediate/Senior Division**
G970272 **Junior/Walk-Trot/Novice Division**

EXTREME VERSATILITY 🐾

- Showmanship (halter required)
- Hunt Seat Equitation with a Hunter Hack jump (maximum 24" high), (English tack/attire, ASTM/SEI approved helmets required)
- Western Horsemanship with 4 Extreme Trail obstacles (Western tack/attire required)

Each participant (open to Intermediate-age riders with Horse Advancement Level IV and Senior-age riders with Horse Advancement Levels III or IV) must complete all 3 sections with the same horse. 3 assistants (4-H members in 4-H attire or a 4-H T-shirt) per participant will be allowed to help during the 5-minute tack/attire changes. Participants will not be disqualified for incomplete attire changes, but the judge can consider this for placings; braiding/banding on the horse is optional. The assistants and all tack and attire will remain in the arena behind cones during the class. Placings for each section will be announced during the breaks and the 4-H member with the highest combined point total will win; ties will be broken by the judge. Patterns will be handed out prior to the class.

G970274 **Intermediate Level IV and Senior Level III or IV Only**

MINIATURE HORSE SHOW

Superintendents: Corey Neukirch and Rusty Spurs 4-H Club

Show: Sunday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m. (LivestockMarket Pavilion)

All ponies/minis/shetlands must be 38" or smaller to compete in these classes. Those competing in Miniature Horse Jumping must be measured (information will be emailed prior to fair). Sunday morning, EquineMarket Pavilion arena will be reserved for only miniature horses/ponies warm-up. Classes specified below will follow the Pinto Horse Association of America (PtHA) Rulebook unless stated otherwise. Rule book can be found at https://www.pinto.org/forms/rulebook/Rulebook_website.pdf.

HALTER

- G970237 **Mare** (all types and age divisions)
G970238 **Gelding** (all types and age divisions)

SHOWMANSHIP

- G970235 **Intermediate/Senior Division**
G970236 **Junior Division**

IN-HAND OBSTACLE TRAIL

Rules will follow the PtHA Rulebook.

- G970234 **Intermediate/Senior Division**
G970233 **Junior Division**

MINIATURE HORSE JUMPING

Requires appropriate Western or English attire. Hunter Course will be judged on beauty and seeing that the horse stays with the exhibitor. Jumper Course will be one round based on speed and time. There will be a minimum of 4 fences and a maximum of 6 fences. The fences can range in height from 12" to 24". Horses must be measured (information will be emailed prior to fair).

- G970228 **Miniature Horse Hunter 34" and Under** (all age divisions) **NEW!**
G970229 **Miniature Horse Hunter 34"–38"** (all age divisions) **NEW!**
G970230 **Miniature Horse Jumping 34" and Under** (all age divisions)
G970231 **Miniature Horse Jumping 34"–38"** (all age divisions)

IDEAL DRIVING

Requires appropriate Western or English attire. To be judged on quality of performance, manners, way of going of horse, conformation, appropriateness, condition and fit of vehicle and harness and neatness of attire in that order. Gait requirements: walk, collected trot and working trot. Adult header required for the class. Rules will follow the PtHA Rulebook. ASTM/SEI helmets required.

- G970240 **Ideal Driving**, all sizes (all age divisions)

TIMED CONES

A driving class — 10 cones in a set obstacle pattern will be timed. No cantering allowed, it will be penalized. Horses must be 3 years old or older. Requires appropriate Western or English attire. Rules will follow the PtHA Rulebook, with the exception that a traditional carriage vehicle and attire are not required. ASTM/SEI helmets required.

- G970241 **Timed Cones**, all sizes (all age divisions)

WESTERN HORSE SHOW #3

Superintendents: Teresa Brandt and the Boots N' Hooves 4-H Club

**Show: Sunday, Aug. 2, following Miniature Horse Show
(TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)**

WESTERN BAREBACK EQUITATION

This pattern class is judged solely on basic horsemanship skills. Riders must compete in Western attire with matching tack. **Horsemanship Advancement Level III or IV required.**

- G970160 **All Ages, Level III and/or IV Only**

WESTERN PLEASURE PONIES

Refer to the 2025 "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373). Western Pleasure ponies may not show in any other pleasure class. All ponies must be measured (information will be emailed prior to fair).

- G970170 **All Ages**

WESTERN PLEASURE HORSES

A horse may only compete in ranch horse pleasure or in western pleasure, not both. A rider may compete in both western and ranch pleasure classes, but must be riding a different horse in each class.

- G970182 **Senior Division**
G970181 **Intermediate Division**
G970180 **Junior Division**
G970183 **Walk-Trot/Novice Division** (rider may not show in any other class of event)

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

Refer to the 2025 "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373).

- G970192 **Senior Division**
G970191 **Intermediate Division**
G970190 **Junior Division**
G970193 **Walk-Trot/Novice Division** (rider may not show in any other class of event)

WESTERN DISCIPLINE RAIL

This class will consist of advanced movements announced by the judge during the class. Movements may be similar to what is asked for in the Nebraska 4-H Advanced Pleasure and Advanced Horsemanship patterns but in a rail class format. Horse/rider pairs will not be eliminated for failure to perform a single requirement, but will be judged on their overall success in following the judge's instructions. Riders must compete in Western attire with matching tack.

Horsemanship Advancement Level III or IV required, Junior/Intermediate or Senior participants only.

- G970114 **Senior Division**
G970113 **Junior/Intermediate Division**

HORSE COSTUME CONTEST

Superintendent: Phil Wharton

**Show: Sunday, Aug. 2, following Western Horse Show #3
(TractorHouse Pavilion – Amy Countryman Arena)**

Both 4-H member and horse must be in costume. Horse may be shown in-hand or ridden at a walk only. An adult may accompany each 4-H member/horse pair in the arena.

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- G970020 **Junior Division**
G970021 **Intermediate/Senior Division**

HORSE STATIC EXHIBITS

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 28, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)
Static Exhibits Released: Monday, Aug. 3, 7–11 a.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Open to all 4-H members — need not be enrolled in the horse project. See page 22 of this Fair Book for more information about 4-H static exhibits. Animal exhibits are in the "General Areas" and can be interview judged.

Premiums: Purple \$3; Blue \$2; Red \$1; White \$0
No state fair entry

- G970350 **Poster — Should Feature Some Aspect of the Horse** — (i.e. history of the horse, breeds, care, parts, safety). Poster can be 22 inches x 14 inches OR 28 inches x 22 inches either vertical or horizontal. Poster will be judged on educational content and visual presentation/design.
- G970351 **Poster — Virtual Horse** — create a virtual horse. Choose a breed of horse, decide its size, decide what color it is to be, name it. Create an original drawing of the horse being careful to depict the breed characteristics. Give a complete description of the breed and why it was chosen. Indicate and depict what style of tack is to be used and what type of attire rider will wear. Poster can be 14 inches x 22 inches OR 22 inches x 28 inches either vertical or horizontal. Poster will be judged on educational content and visual presentation/design.



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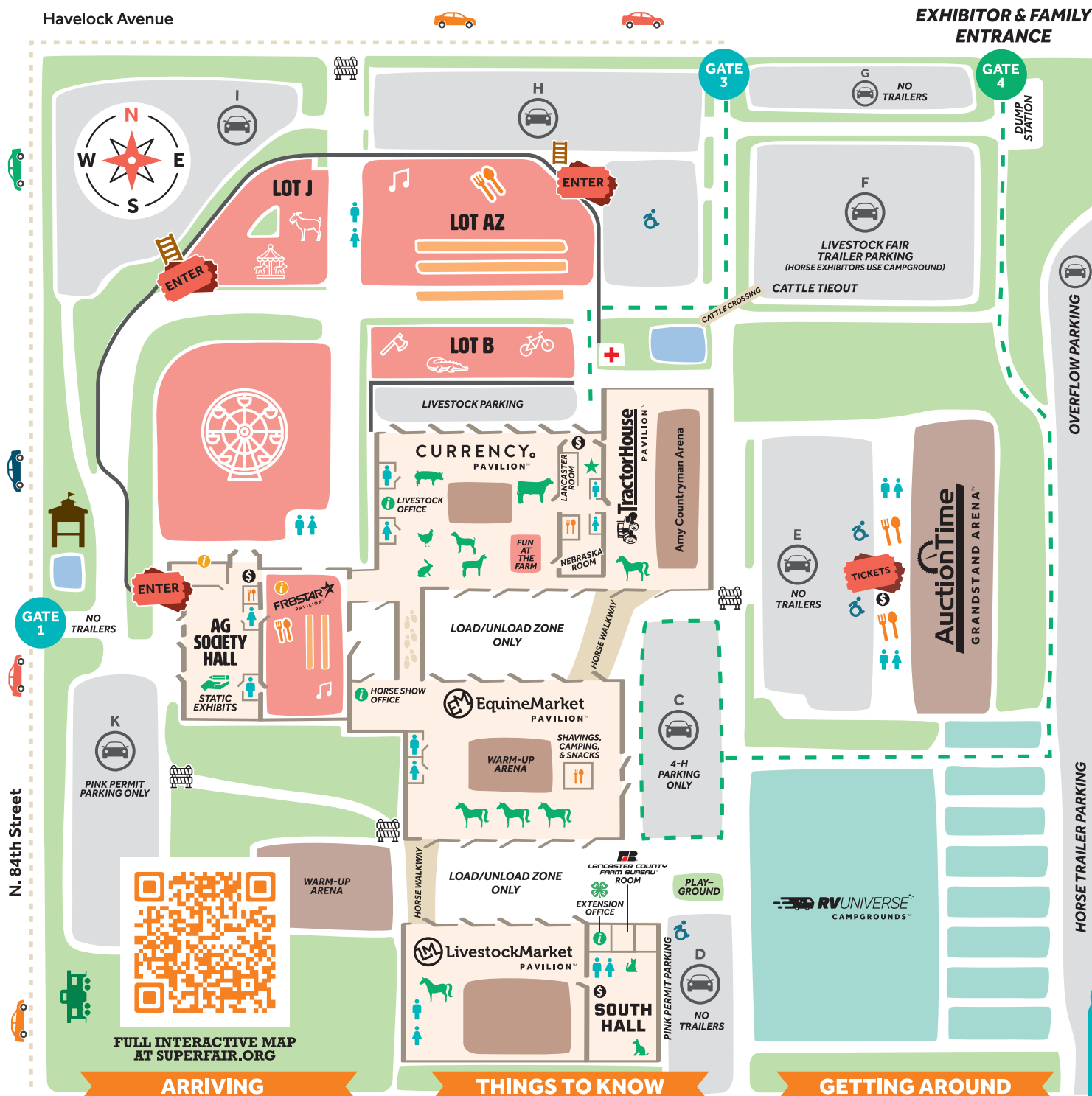


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- Entertainment
- Vendors
- Camping
- Arenas
- Exhibitor Route
- ABATE Room
- ADA Parking
- Restrooms
- Food Trucks & Cafes
- ATMs
- First Aid
- Offices/Information

FAIR HOURS

THU JULY 30 - SUN AUG 2
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MON AUG 3 - THU AUG 6
5 - 11pm

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Only gate for trailers, campers, animal exhibitors.

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Special lot reserved at Gate 3 (Lot AZ) closest for
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THINGS TO KNOW

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Clear bags are suggested throughout the
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