



4-H & FFA Overview at Fair resources are online at lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair



Overview of Exhibiting in 4-H at Lancaster County Super Fair



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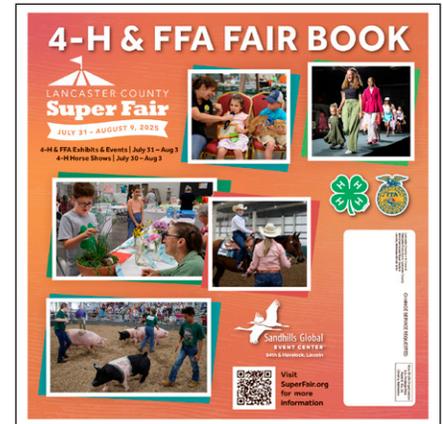
4-H & FFA Exhibits & Events July 31–Aug. 3

4-H Horse Shows July 30–Aug. 3

Sandhills Global Event Center
84th & Havelock, Lincoln

The Lancaster County 4-H & FFA Fair Book contains entry information for youth exhibiting in 4-H & FFA. Fair Books have been mailed to all 4-H & FFA families. It is also available at the Extension office and online as PDFs at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair>. There are two versions online: one is the same as the printed version with changes not indicated, and one with changes from last year indicated in green text.

Open Class entry information and schedule will be online by June 1 at SuperFair.org. Anyone can participate in open class categories.



The information below is from the 2025 Lancaster County Super Fair Book, pages 13–14.

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 an FFA 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://go.unl.edu/lan4h-projects>.

4-H Clover Kids ages 5–7

4-H members ages 5–7 (by January 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.

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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, except FFA static exhibits and 4-H Clover Kids activities.

4-H has many project books to help teach projects. These are available for purchase at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County office or online through UNL Marketplace and Shop 4-H.

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 to the left of each class description. Exhibitor numbers are needed on static exhibit entry tags — exhibitor 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 before the fair. 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 Lancaster County Super Fair animal shows (see animal project pages in the Fair Book for specific attire requirements). Livestock and poultry exhibitors receive a free T-shirt, courtesy of sponsors — see Fair Book page 54. 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 Extension 4-H fair office at the Sandhills Global Event Center during the week of 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 Entry Pass Hangtags One Pass, Endless Fun!

4-H & FFA exhibitors can pick up free Entry Pass Hangtags for their immediate families:

- **Where:** At the Extension Office (July 1–30) or the 4-H Fair, Horse and Livestock Offices at the Sandhills Global Event Center (during the 4-H & FFA portion of the fair).
- **What:** Each hangtag allows one vehicle and its occupants to enter the fairgrounds daily and park in designated parking areas.

IMPORTANT:

- Every 4-H & FFA vehicle needs an Entry Pass Hangtag — NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Vehicles without a 4-H & FFA Entry Pass Hangtag must purchase a Fair Parking Pass for \$15 per day. This includes fair gate entry for everyone in the vehicle.

Note: These 4-H & FFA hangtags are for 4-H & FFA exhibitors and their immediate families only. Hangtags are valid for all 10 days of the Super Fair and are not needed July 29–30. Please have hangtag on display to expedite entry.

4-H & FFA families may enter Gate 1 (84th Street) or Gate 3 (Havelock Avenue — 2nd driveway). Gate 3 right lane will be an exhibitor express lane when possible. Static exhibitors are recommended to use Gate 1 on check-in/check-out days (see instructions on page 8 of the Fair Book).

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. 4, 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, rabbit and poultry): All 4-H & FFA animal exhibitors will receive premium payouts as they exit the show arena or at the conclusion of the show. Livestock Judging Contest participants will receive premium payouts after the contest.

HORSE EXHIBITORS: Premium payouts must be picked up on **Monday, Aug. 4, 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. 3, 5:30 p.m. (location TBA).

POULTRY EXHIBITORS: Poultry premium payouts (including poultry shows and contests) must be picked up from the 4-H & FFA Livestock Office in Currency Pavilion during the specified date and time. Date and time will be posted at the Livestock Office upon conclusion of the poultry show. Premiums not picked up by Sunday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. will be forfeited.