

DEPARTMENT N - FFA

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Who is eligible to exhibit?

Eligibility for the FFA division is limited to residents of Seward County, and who hold active memberships in the FFA. Animals may not be exhibited at another county fair.

What exhibits are eligible?

Exhibits must be a part of the exhibitor's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program or have been completed as a part of shop program during the past year.

Are entries eligible for other classes?

No exhibit in the FFA division will be allowed to show in the other classes.

Quality Assurance Training

All exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, sheep and swine must have completed an approved food animal quality assurance training program. Exhibitors must have received Quality Assurance Certification through a University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension based program prior to the fair. Program attendance or completion of a test in the County Extension Office is required. Completion of training will be conducted and certified by Ag Education instructors or County Extension staff.

Eligibility of animals

No 4-H or FFA animal may be exhibited by more than one family or at more than one county fair. An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable during the show may be declared ineligible by the Department Superintendent.

Identification of beef animals

All 4-H & FFA market beef must be weighed and ear tagged with Nebraska Market Beef ear tags. Beef weighed and tagged by April 1 are eligible for county fair and other major shows. Breeding and production beef, feeder calves are to be identified by June 15 at the Seward County Extension Office. Tattoos are required for positive identification for breeding animals. Ownership is required.

Who is permitted to show the exhibits?

Only animals shown by their owners will receive ribbons or prizes unless the owner is excused by the superintendent

What animals are eligible for showmanship contests?

Any animal used in the showmanship contests must be the property of the showman and must be an exhibit in the FFA division of the fair.

How is the breed class of an animal determined?

Animals which are not purebred will be shown with the unclassified group.

Checking in Exhibits

Each exhibitor is responsible to check with their respective superintendent to determine the location of stalls, pens, etc., and to see that the health requirements, etc., have been met.

Deadline for submitting entries

All FFA members planning to exhibit livestock should submit entry blanks to their local agriculture education instructor.

Herdsmanship

See 4-H herdsmanship rules on page 104.

Health Papers

All animals exhibited will be healthy and free of any known disease. If any animal is found to be affected with any infectious, contagious or otherwise transmissible disease, or is suspected of being so affected, it shall be removed immediately to a place of quarantine as ordered and directed by the official veterinarian. The quarters, including all places and materials contaminated by such animal or animals, shall be promptly cleaned and disinfected by the fair management.

NO hogs from a quarantined herd will be permitted for exhibit at the fair. Health papers accompanying all market swine must list the individual ear notch numbers and state pigs are not from a quarantined herd.

**NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID UNTIL LIVESTOCK PENS ARE CLEANED
within 48 hours of close of county fair.**

DIVISION 30 - FFA AG MECHANICS
Linda Luebbe, Superintendent

Pay Category #2 - Large Items
Pay Category #3 - Medium Items
Pay Category #4 - Small Items

UTILITY

To include items/tools used about the Ag Mechanics facility.

- Class 1 LARGE ITEMS: Wagons, trailers, engine hoists, presses
- Class 2 MEDIUM ITEMS: Carts, jack stands, welding tables, car ramps, stools
- Class 3 SMALL ITEMS: Saw horses, splash blocks, tool boxes, foot scrapers

PRODUCTION

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

- Class 4 LARGE ITEMS: Loading chute, bale carrier, trailer wagon, feeder
- Class 5 MEDIUM ITEMS: Stock panels, post pullers, troughs
- Class 6 SMALL ITEMS: Post driver, sheep blockers

POWER

To include items/tools which incorporate a combination of electrical, hydraulic, and/or fuel motors as a power source to perform a function (equipment must be prepared for display in power category).

- Class 7 LARGE ITEMS: Log Splitter
- Class 8 MEDIUM ITEMS: Sprayers
- Class 9 SMALL ITEMS: Hydraulic Press

HORTICULTURE

To include items/tools used around the lawn/garden for recreation or improvement purposes.

- Class 10 LARGE ITEMS: Grills, smokers, planters, mini-sprayers
- Class 11 MEDIUM ITEMS: Picnic tables, patio seats, patio table, plant stands
- Class 12 SMALL ITEMS: Planter boxes, signs
- Class 13 REFURBISHING: to be a restoration of an item/tool which has current functional benefit to one of the previous categories. The following must accompany the project: a narrative describing the condition of the item/ tool prior to the repair; steps taken to repair the item; a bill of materials which indicates costs; and attractively mounted pictures with appropriate captions.

DISPLAY BOARDS

Pay Category #3

Welding boards shall identify: 1.) kind of weld; 2.) position; 3.) amperage; 4.) electrode size; and 5.) AWS number. A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 welds per board; to include the required welds. Welds shall be attached by wire so that all sides are available for evaluation.

ARC; MIG/TIG; GAS WELDING/BRAZING; ELECTRICAL: Must include at least one switch, two types of splices, one light fixture or receptacle; PLUMBING: Must use three types of pipe (copper, plastic, and steel.) Soldering, flare fitting, glued joint, and a steel threaded joint are required; ADVANCED ELECTRICAL OR PLUMBING: contains controls, valves, timers, motors, etc.

A trophy will be awarded to the grand champion welding exhibit and to the grand champion welding board.

- Class 14 A display board shall be items completed by FFA members since previous State Fair. Each display board shall be 18" x 24".

DIVISION 31 - FFA Crops & Range Boards

Pay Category #3

- Class 1 Crops - Each exhibitor must have an entry form certified by their local ag education instructor. Each sample of grain shall be two quarts. Grain should be entered in a 4-quart plastic ice cream bucket with lid (or suitable substitute). The green entry slip must accompany the entry. Grain will be judged on the following factors: Color, Uniformity, Purity (varietal, crops, weeds), Inert material (stems, chaff, dirt), Soundness (cracked or broken kernels), Insect damage, Condition (heat damage, sprouted kernels). Each exhibitor must have or had a crop project during the current or preceding year for the following eligible crops: Oats, Winter Wheat; Grain Sorghum, Shelled Corn, and Soybeans. Other approved crops, such as barley, rye, popcorn, and dry edible beans, are eligible for showing provided the crop was appropriately harvested in the current or preceding year. Each eligible FFA exhibitor will be permitted to enter one entry per crop area. Oats; Winter Wheat; Grain; Sorghum; Shelled Corn; Soybeans; Other.
- Class 2 Range Boards - Each exhibitor must have an entry form certified by their local agricultural education instructor. All range boards shall be 36" x 36" size and 3/8" thick. Mounted range plants excluding invader plants must be on the list of important range plants (Table 1, Range Judging Handbook for Nebraska, E.C. 1-37-78). Mounted range plants must include roots, stem, and head. The board shall not be covered by a plastic material. The exhibit must show the name of the exhibitor, chapter, and each range plant shall

be identified as follows: common name, scientific name, grazing response, forage value, season of growth, and life span. Display board of at least 15 range plants.

DIVISION 32 - FFA FLORICULTURE
Linda Luebbe, Superintendent

Exhibits entered under an incorrect class number or containing an incorrect number of flowers will be dropped one ribbon placing. A perennial is defined as a plant of which the crown overwinters. An annual is a plant that grows from seed each season, whether self-seeded or planted by the gardener. Foliage will be considered when exhibit is judged.

Cut Flowers: All 3 or 5 stems of cut flowers should be the same cultivar and color, do not mix cultivars and colors. (If your own container is used it will not be judged, however, they should be glass containers of a neutral color that won't tip over and of adequate size to display blooms. Containers will not be returned.)

Exhibitors may enter a **maximum of ten classes** from the following lists (classes 1-44) with no more than one exhibit per class.

Annals & Biennials - Five stems of a single variety (cultivar) unless otherwise noted in parenthesis.

Floriculture

Pay Category #7

- Class 1 Aster
- Class 2 Bachelor Buttons
- Class 3 Bells of Ireland
- Class 4 Calendula
- Class 5 Celosia (crested or plume, 3 stems)
- Class 6 Cosmos
- Class 7 Dahlia (dinner plate, 1 stem)
- Class 8 Dahlia (assorted, 3 stems)
- Class 9 Dianthus
- Class 10 Gladiolus (3 stems)
- Class 11 Gomphrena
- Class 12 Hollyhock (3 stems)
- Class 13 Marigold (Giant)
- Class 14 Marigold (Dwarf, 1 color)
- Class 15 Marigold (Dwarf, assorted)
- Class 16 Pansy
- Class 17 Petunia
- Class 18 Salvia
- Class 19 Snapdragon
- Class 20 Statice
- Class 21 Sunflower (under 3" diameter - 5 stems, 3" or more in diameter - 3 stems)
- Class 22 Vinca
- Class 23 Zinnia
- Class 24 Other annual or biennial (under 3" diameter - 5 stems, 3" or more in diameter - 5 stems)

Perennials - Five stems of a single variety (cultivar) unless otherwise noted in parenthesis.

- Class 25 Achillea/Yarrow
- Class 26 Chrysanthemum
- Class 27 Coreopsis
- Class 28 Daisy
- Class 29 Gaillardia
- Class 30 Purple coneflower
- Class 31 Rose, miniature (1 stem)
- Class 32 Rose, tea (3 stems)
- Class 33 Rose, Floribunda (1 stem)
- Class 34 Rudbeckia/Black-eyed Susan
- Class 35 Sedum
- Class 36 Statice
- Class 37 Any other perennial (under 3" diameter - 5 stems, 3" or more in diameter - 5 stems)
- Class 38 Flower Garden Collection of 5 different flowers. Display in a box or other holder not more than 18" in any dimension. Each flower in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 1-37.
- Class 39 Artistic Arrangement of Annual Flowers - Harmony of color, quality of bloom arrangement and harmony of flowers judged.
- Class 40 Artistic Arrangement of Perennial Flowers - Harmony of color, quality of bloom arrangement and harmony of flowers judged.
- Class 41 One Color Bouquet
- Class 42 Evergreen and flowers
- Class 43 Dry arrangement/dried bouquet
- Class 44 Bouquet of flowers

Potted Plants

One entry per person per class.

- Class 45 Flowering Potted Plant that is blooming for exhibition. Non-blooming plants will be disqualified.
- Class 46 Foliage Potted Plant(s) of all the same variety.
- Class 47 Hanging basket of flowering and/or foliage plants.
- Class 48 Dish Garden - an open container featuring a variety of plants excluding cacti and succulents.
- Class 49 Desert Garden - an open container featuring cacti and/or succulents.
- Class 50 Terrariums - a transparent container, partially or completely enclosed; sealed or unsealed.

DIVISION 33 FFA HORTICULTURE

Linda Luebbe, Superintendent

Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits

Pay Category #7

Exhibitors may enter one or up to a maximum of ten different individual entries of vegetables, herbs and fruits from the following lists (classes 201-253). In all classes the number of exhibits is specified after the type.

The cultivar or variety name must be included on all entry cards. Failure to identify the cultivar or variety will drop the entry one ribbon placing. Proper identification is the responsibility of the exhibitor not fair personnel.

	# to exhibit
Class 201 Lima Beans	12
Class 202 Snap Beans	12
Class 203 Wax Beans	12
Class 204 Beets	5
Class 205 Broccoli	2
Class 206 Brussel Sprouts	12
Class 207 Green Cabbage	2
Class 208 Red Cabbage	2
Class 209 Carrots	5
Class 210 Cauliflower	2
Class 211 Slicing Cucumbers	2
Class 212 Pickling Cucumbers	5
Class 213 Eggplant	2
Class 214 Kohlrabi	5
Class 215 Muskmelon/Cantaloupe	2
Class 216 Okra	5
Class 217 Yellow Onions	5
Class 218 Red Onions	5
Class 219 White Onions	5
Class 220 Parsnips	5
Class 221 Bell Peppers	5
Class 222 Sweet (Non-Bell) Peppers	5
Class 223 Jalapeno Peppers	5
Class 224 Hot (Non-Jalapeno) Peppers	5
Class 225 White Potatoes	5
Class 226 Red Potatoes	5
Class 227 Russet Potatoes	5
Class 228 Other Potatoes	5
Class 229 Pumpkin	2
Class 230 Miniature Pumpkins	5
Class 231 Radish	12
Class 232 Rhubarb	5
Class 233 Rutabaga	2
Class 234 Green Summer Squash	2
Class 235 Yellow Summer Squash	2
Class 236 White Summer Squash	2
Class 237 Acorn Squash	2
Class 238 Butternut Squash	2
Class 239 Buttercup Squash	2
Class 240 Other Winter Squash	2
Class 241 Sweet Corn (in husks)	5
Class 242 Indian Corn (in husks)	5
Class 243 Popcorn (in husks)	5
Class 244 Red Tomatoes (2" or more in diameter)	5
Class 245 Roma/Sauce-type tomatoes	5
Class 246 Salad Type Tomatoes (under 2" in diameter)	12
Class 247 Yellow Tomatoes (2" or more in diameter)	5

- Class 248 Turnips 5
- Class 249 Watermelon 2
- Class 250 Dry Edible Beans 1 Pint
- Class 251 Gourds, mixed types 5
- Class 252 Gourds, single variety 5
- Class 253 Any other vegetable 2, 5 or 12
- Class 254 Vegetable Garden Collection of 5 kinds of vegetables. Displayed in a box not more than 24" in any dimension. Each vegetable in collection should be exhibited with the number specified for individual class. (Pay Category #4)
- Class 255 Cultivar Vegetable Collection. Vegetables entered in the collection are 5 cultivars from a single exhibit; for example, 5 cultivars of all types of peppers, squash, onions, tomatoes, etc. Display in a box not more than 24" in any dimension. Boxes will not be returned. (Pay Category #4)

Herbs

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 glass container of water. Containers will not be returned. Potted herb plants will be disqualified and will not be judged.

- Class 260 Basil, 5
- Class 261 Dill (dry), 5
- Class 262 Garlic (bulbs), 5
- Class 263 Mint, 5
- Class 264 Oregano, 5
- Class 265 Parsley, 5
- Class 266 Sage, 5
- Class 267 Thyme, 5
- Class 268 Any other herb, 5
- Class 269 Herb Garden - Display of five different herbs. Display in a box or holder not more than 18" in any dimension. Boxes will not be returned. Each herb in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 260-268.

Garden Display

Largest and best display of quality garden vegetables, samples of at least 15 different varieties, which may include different types of one vegetable (ex. Roma, beefstake tomatoes). Each entry should be arranged in bushel basket on its side. Table space will be given for an artistic display of quality vegetables. This may be a group of single exhibits from class 201-268. (Pay Category #4).

- Class 287 Garden Display

Fruits

Fruit will be judged for the stage of maturity normal for that season and growing location. Emphasis will be placed on how well fruit approaches market quality.

- Class 280 Strawberries, 1 pint
- Class 281 Grapes, 2 bunches
- Class 282 Apples, 5
- Class 283 Pears, 5
- Class 284 Wild Plums, 1 pint
- Class 285 Other fruit or berries, 1 pint
- Class 286 Nuts, 5

Trophies will be given for Overall Best Exhibitor, Champion and Reserve Champion Vegetable; Champion and Reserve Champion Flower or Plant.

DIVISION 34 - FFA SWINE

Jack Broderick, Superintendent

Market hogs may be either a gilt or barrow and must be farrowed after January 1 of the current year.

Shipping Market Hogs - This will be a NON-TERMINAL SHOW. This means that anyone desiring to take a pig back home from the county fair must indicate that they are at the time of weigh-in. The decision to take a pig home will not be recognized after weigh-in. All other market swine unloaded at the fairgrounds will be shipped for slaughter at a swine slaughtering facility and sold on a grade and yield basis. This includes all pigs disqualified for any reason.

Swine Showmanship

Pay Category #9

Each participant may only show one animal of his own. Winners of previous years are eligible for competition.

- Class 1 Juniors & Seniors
- Class 2 Sophomores and under

Market Swine

Pay Category #2

Each member may exhibit four (4) entries in these classes. The FFA Market Hog Show will select a Champion Market Gilt and Champion Market

Barrow. The show will be an "all breeds" show, with weights and sex determining the classes. Class divisions will be determined by the FFA advisors.

Class 2 Barrows
Class 3 Gilts

The Champion and Reserve Champion Gilts and Barrows will receive special plaques. A special FFA award will go to the top showman.

DIVISION 35 - FFA SHEEP

Jim Wesely, Superintendent

All sheep must be slick shorn before loading for fair. Sheep may be entered in the following age groups and classifications:

EWE LAMB (Dropped after January 1, 2010)
EWE (Dropped before December 31, 2009)
RAM LAMB (Dropped after January 1, 2010)
RAM (Dropped before December 31, 2009)
BREEDER'S FLOCK (Ram, ewe, lamb)

Each entry, purple ribbons with rosettes will be awarded in the following:

Champion & Reserve champion female sheep
Champion & Reserve champion breeder's flock
Champion & Reserve champion male sheep
Market lambs (Limit of 3) (All breeds)

Number of entries - Each exhibitor will be permitted to show not to exceed two breeding ewes, one breeding ram, one ewe lamb, one ram lamb and three market lambs.

Sheep Showmanship

Pay Category #9

Class 45 Juniors & Seniors
Class 46 Sophomores and under

Breeding Sheep

Pay Category #2

Class 1 Shropshire Ewe Lamb
Class 2 Hampshire Ewe Lamb
Class 3 Suffolk Ewe Lamb
Class 4 Other Ewe Lamb
Class 11 Shropshire Yearling Ewe
Class 12 Hampshire Yearling Ewe
Class 13 Suffolk Yearling Ewe
Class 14 Other Yearling Ewe
Class 21 Shropshire Ram Lamb
Class 22 Hampshire Ram Lamb
Class 23 Suffolk Ram Lamb
Class 24 Other Ram Lamb
Class 31 Shropshire Breeder's Flock
Class 32 Hampshire Breeder's Flock
Class 33 Suffolk Breeder's Flock
Class 34 Other Breeder's Flock

Market Lambs

Market lambs may be wether or ewe lambs born after January 1 of the current year, and will be shown by weight divisions.

Class 50 Market Lambs (wether or ewe lambs - all breeds)

FFA BEEF

The FFA Beef show has been combined with the 4-H Beef show. Please check the 4-H section for rules governing the combination FFA and 4-H Beef shows.

FFA DAIRY

Jim Wesely, Superintendent

See page 102 for "General Rules for Livestock". See page 100 for National Code of Show Ring Ethics.

A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting four dairy animals. Dairy animals will be shown by breeds and age classes as listed. Registered and grades will show together.

All milking dairy cows may be brought to the fairgrounds the day of the show and may be removed after the show. Champions and Reserve Champions of each breed should remain on exhibit if possible.

Crossbred animals that have the same physical traits as purebreds can show in a breed class otherwise will need to be shown as a crossbred. Refer to your national dairy associations for help identifying breed traits.

Animal Quality Assurance Certification - Exhibitors must have received Quality Assurance certification through a University of Nebraska Extension based program prior to June 15. Program attendance or completion of a test in the County Extension Office is required. Completion of training will be certified by County Extension staff.

Livestock Premise I.D. - All 4-H livestock must come from a registered premise. You will be asked for a premise ID number on your pre-fair entry form. To register your premise, or for more information, visit www.LocateIn48.com or the Extension Office.

Division 36 - Dairy Showmanship

Pay Category #9

Class 2 FFA Dairy Showmanship

Dairy Breeds

Pay Category #1

- Division 37 - Other Breeds**
- Division 38 - Brown Swiss**
- Division 39 - Guernsey**
- Division 40 - Holstein**
- Division 41 - Jersey**

Each breed will be broken down into the following classes:

- Class 1 Jr. Calves (March - April, 2010)
- Class 2 Int. Calves (Dec., 2009 - Feb., 2010)
- Class 3 Sr. Calves (Sept. - Nov., 2009)
- Class 4 Summer Yearling (June - Aug., 2009)
- Class 5 Spring Yearling (March - May, 2009)
- Class 6 Winter Yearling (Dec., 2008 - Feb., 2009)
- Class 7 Fall Yearling (Sept. - Nov., 2008)
- Class 8 Dry Cow (any age)
- Class 9 Two-Year Old (Sept., 2007 - Aug., 2008)
- Class 10 Three-Year Old (Sept., 2006 - Aug., 2007)
- Class 11 Four-Year Old (Sept., 2005 - Aug., 2006)
- Class 12 Five Years and Up (prior to Sept., 2005)
- Class 13 Junior Dairy Herd (three females, at least one of the three must be a cow that has freshened (two years or older) and completed a 305 day record and at least one of the three must be bred by exhibitor. A record book showing milk and butterfat production on producing cows must be available when the herd is shown. Dairy herd may be either grade or registered. A mixed herd is considered a grade herd.

*Animals born after August, 2008 that have calved must be shown as a two-year old in class 9.

DIVISION 42 - POULTRY
Matt Koranda, Superintendent

Health Requirements - All poultry exhibits are inspected during the fair. If a problem is found, they must be removed.

Number of Entries - An FFA member is limited to exhibiting three entries per poultry class with a maximum of 8 exhibits. (Example: Cockerel - 1 bird; 3 Pullets - 3 birds; 1 Trio - 3 birds; 2 Individual Broilers - 2 birds; 1 Pen of Broilers - 3 birds = 8 exhibits consisting of 12 birds.)

Breeds - To be eligible for breed exhibition poultry entries must be fair representatives of one of the breeds listed in the American Standard of Perfection.

Minimum weights - The minimum weights for exhibition birds will be as stated in The American Standard of Perfection and the Bantam Standard.

Trio - A trio of exhibition birds shall consist of one male and two females. 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.

Rules for bantam and other poultry - The rules for standard sized chickens apply equally to bantams, waterfowl and turkeys where applicable.

Entries must be FFA project birds - All poultry exhibited must be grown as an FFA member's project.

Cages - Cages will be provided in the Poultry & Rabbit Exhibit Building. All poultry must remain on the grounds until released, 3:00 p.m., Sunday,

August 15. Exhibitors must be present during judging to show exhibit to the judge. If the exhibitor is not present, exhibits will not be judged.

Feed and Water - Water and feed containers are available. Exhibitors need to ensure their birds are properly fed and watered.

Show - The poultry show will be held in the Livestock Center. Exhibitors are to provide portable cages for holding birds in the Livestock Center.

Showmanship

Pay Category #9

Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the bird. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the bird before the judge. The excellence of the bird is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. Any FFA member with a bird may enter the competition. The participant may use any bird they choose, so long as it was raised and trained by the FFA member.

- Class 1 Juniors & Seniors
- Class 2 Sophomores and under

Pay Category #4 - Single

Pay Category #3 - Trio or Pen

Standard Size Chickens

- Class 5 Cockerel (up to 1 year of age)
- Class 6 Pullet (up to 1 year of age)
- Class 7 Cock (1 year of age and older)
- Class 8 Hen (1 year of age and older)
- Class 9 Trio
- Class 10 Individual Broiler

Bantam Chickens

- Class 11 Cockerel (up to 1 year of age)
- Class 12 Pullet (up to 1 year of age)
- Class 13 Cock (1 year of age and older)
- Class 14 Hen (1 year of age and older)
- Class 15 Trio

Ducks

- Class 16 Young Drake
- Class 17 Young Duck
- Class 18 Old Drake
- Class 19 Old Duck

Geese

- Class 20 Young Gander
- Class 21 Young Goose
- Class 22 Old Gander
- Class 23 Old Goose

Turkeys (will be judged in their cage)

- Class 24 Young Tom
- Class 25 Young Hen
- Class 26 Old Tom
- Class 27 Old Hen

Pigeons

- Class 28 Young Cock
- Class 29 Young Hen
- Class 32 Adult Cock
- Class 33 Adult Hen

Guineas

- Class 35 Young Male
- Class 36 Young Female
- Class 37 Old Male
- Class 38 Old Female