

Department G - Plants & Animals
Department G - Agronomy (Crops & Range)
Including projects related to Field Crops & Range

The purpose of these exhibits is to demonstrate to the public the benefits from the study and application of crop, weed, range and soil sciences to solving problems in management, conservation, sustainability and environmental protection.

For guidelines on specific projects, refer to appropriate project manuals.

Crop Production

General Information:

- A. Individuals with field crop production projects may exhibit grain or plants or prepare an educational display representing their project.
- B. **IMPORTANT:** A two page (maximum essay must accompany grain and plant exhibits. The essay must include the exhibitors name and address, county, plant hybrid or variety, plant population, whether crop production was irrigated or dryland, and general information including farm cropping history, soil type and weather effects. The essay also must include an economic analysis of the project, covering income and expenses per acre. 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 essay counts as 25% of the total when judged. Essay must be the original work of the individual exhibitor. Attach the essay to the entry in a clear plastic cover such that it can be read without removing it from the cover. In addition to the essay, 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.
- C. Grain exhibits must be one gallon per sample. Fall harvested crops (e.g., corn or soybeans) may be from the previous year's project. Display containers will be furnished.

Plant exhibits: Corn 10 ears or 3 stalks (cut at ground level with no 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" long. Other crops (alfalfa, millet, etc.) - Sheaf of stems 3 inches in diameter at top tied with stems cut at ground level or half size small square bale. All plant exhibits, with the exception of ears of corn, must be the result of the current year's project.

Division 750, Classes

Pay Category #4

- Class 1 **Corn** (includes yellow, white, pop, waxy, or any other type)
- Class 2 **Soybeans**
- Class 3 **Oats**
- Class 4 **Wheat**
- Class 5 **Any Other Crop** (includes grain sorghum, alfalfa, millets, barley, rye, triticale, amaranth, dry beans, sugar beet, mung bean, canola, forage sorghum, safflower, etc.
- Class 6 **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, bioenergy, etc.
- Class 7 **Crop Technology Display** - Display information about aspects of technology used in crop production, such as genetic engineering, crop breeding, GPS, yield mapping, computers, etc.
- Class 8 **Crop End Use Display** - Display information about the uses for a crop including examples of products.
- Class 9 **Water or Soil Conservation Display** - Display information about ways to protect or conserve water and soil resources.
- Class 10 **Soils Display** - The purpose of this class is to allow original and creative exhibits that contain educational information about soils, such as how soils are being used for crop production, range, conservation, wildlife, or wetland use.

Guidelines for all 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) as a poster on 24" by 24" 1/4" plywood or poster board. The display should be neatly titled. Make sure to label display with exhibitor's name, address, and county on back side. Explain pictures and graphs clearly and concisely. Each display must have a one page essay explaining why the exhibitor 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 exhibitor's name outside.

Department G - Weed Management

General Information: Weed Management

- A. Any individual with a range or conservation project may exhibit a weed book or weed display. The book cover and majority of specimens must represent this year's work. For assistance identifying plants, participants can use Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Weeds of Nebraska and the Great Plains (1994) or Weeds of the Great Plains (2003).
- B. Exhibits will be judged based on completeness of plant mount, accuracy of identification, label, neatness, and conformity to exhibit requirements.
- C. Display one plant on the book cover (no label required on cover specimen). Plants must be mounted on sheets that are 11" wide x 14" 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 a 3" x 5" cardstock label glued flush in the lower right corner of the mounting sheet. The label (see example below) should include the following information: 1. Scientific name (in italic or underlined), with authority, 2. Common name, 3. County of collection, 4. Collection date, 5. Collector's name, 6. Collection number, 7. Other information depending on class selected, i.e., noxious, life form. This information should be typed or printed neatly.

PLANTS OF NEBRASKA

Scientific name: *Abutilon theophrasti* Medic
 Common name: Velvetleaf
 County of collection: Butler County
 Collection date: 6 September 2002
 Collector's name: Dan D. Lion
 Collection number: 3
 Life Cycle: Annual

Division 751, Classes

Pay Category #4

- Class 1 **Weed Identification Book** - Each book shall contain a minimum of 15 plant mounts and must include at least two of the following prohibited noxious weeds (Canada thistle, musk thistle, plumeless thistle, salt cedar, leafy spurge, purple loosestrife, diffuse knapweed, or spotted knapweed), and at least five weeds that are a problem primarily in lawns.
- Class 2 **Longevity** - A collection of 6 perennial, 1 biennial, and 6 annual weeds selected from grasses, sedges, or forbs.
- Class 3 **Weed Identification Board** - This exhibit should display a collection of 20 weed species important to a particular county. The display board should be hinged in the middle with the total open width of 60" and height of 36". This display should be adequately labeled.
- Class 4 **Weeds Display** - The purpose of this class is to allow original and creative exhibits that contain educational information about weeds, such as the effects of weed control, herbicide resistant weeds, what makes a weed a weed, or uses for weeds.
- *Class 5 **Weed Seeds Display**

Guidelines for 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) as a poster on 24" x 24" x 1/4" plywood or poster board. The display should be neatly titled. Make sure to label display with exhibitor's name, address, and county on back side. Explain pictures and graphs clearly and concisely. Each display must have a one page essay explaining why the exhibitor chose the are of display and what they learned from their project. Include any references used. The essay should be in a clear plastic cover with the exhibitor's name outside.

Department G - Horticulture

Floriculture

Pay Category #5

Youth must be enrolled in the **World of Flowers** and/or **Annual Flowers** projects to exhibit.

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 the Extension staff or office personnel. For Floriculture, punch hole in the top center of entry tag, use a rubber band to securely attach entry tag to containers.

Exhibits containing an incorrect number of stems 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. A biennial is a plant that germinates, grows and overwinters as a crown, blooms the following year and dies. 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. Containers 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 at State Fair. Score Sheet SF106.

Division 770, Classes

Annuals and biennials - 5 stems of a single variety (cultivar) unless otherwise noted in parenthesis.

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

Perennials - 5 stems of a single variety (cultivar) unless otherwise noted in parenthesis.

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| Class 30 Achillea / Yarrow | Class 38 Purple coneflower |
| Class 31 Chrysanthemum | Class 39 Rose (3 stems) |
| Class 32 Coreopsis | Class 40 Rudbeckia/Black-eyed Susan |
| Class 33 Daisy | Class 41 Sedum |
| Class 34 Gaillardia | Class 42 Statice |
| Class 35 Helianthus | Class 43 Any other perennial (under 3" diameter - 5 stems, 3" or more in diameter - 3 stems) |
| Class 36 Liatris (3 stems) | |
| Class 37 Platycodon | |

Class 44 **4-H Flower Garden Collection** of 5 different flowers. Display in a box or other holder not more than 18" in any dimension. Boxes

will not be returned at State Fair. Each flower in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 1-43. Do not duplicate entries in classes 1-43 with any in the group collection.

Notebooks & Posters

- Class 50 **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'ers may show more than one cultivar of the same species, but they will only count as one 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 (for 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, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the notebook. Score Sheet SF100.
- Class 51 **Flower Garden Promotion Poster** - Individual poster promoting flower gardening, size 14" x 22" 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, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. Score Sheet SF103.
- Class 52 **Educational Flower Garden Poster** - Prepare a poster 14" x 22" x 2" (3-dimensional if needed) either vertical or horizontal arrangement illustrating a skill or project you have done or learned about in a 4-H flowers or houseplant project. One might show a special technique used or equipment incorporated in the garden. Refer to 4-H horticulture project manuals, but use your own creativity. Entry card must be stapled to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. Score Sheet SF104.
- Class 53 **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 or small 3-ring notebook. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover or notebook. Score Sheet SF105.

Youth must be enrolled in the **Growing Great Houseplants** project to exhibit in classes 60-65.

Container Grown Plants:

The choice of container and soil quality will be considered in judging. Each plant must be identified by listing the names on the entry tag or on a card attached to the container. Plants should be grown in the display container for a minimum of six weeks. Entries in Classes 63-65 must have been designed and planted by the 4-H member. Container grown plants must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to be exhibited at the State Fair. Container grown plants shall be in pots no greater than 10" in diameter and weigh no more than 10 pounds. Dish and desert gardens may be up to 12" in diameter but not more than 10 pounds. Terrariums may not weigh over 10 pounds. Any container grown plant in Classes 60-65 that weighs over 10 pounds will be disqualified and will not be judged. Classes 60-64 exhibitors must have and provide a saucer to catch drainage water. The 4-H members name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the bottom or back of the container and saucer. Score Sheet SF107.

- Class 60 **Flowering potted plant(s)** that are blooming for exhibition. Non-blooming plants will be disqualified.
- Class 61 **Foliage potted plant(s)** of all the same variety.
- Class 62 **Hanging basket** of flowering and/or foliage plants.
- Class 63 **Dish garden** - an open container featuring a variety of plants excluding cacti and succulents.
- Class 64 **Desert garden** - an open container featuring cacti and/or succulents.
- Class 65 **Terrarium** - a transparent container, partially or completely enclosed; sealed or unsealed.

Department 773, Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits

Pay Category #5

Youth must be enrolled in the **Everyone A Gardener** project and/or **Gardening Unit 1-Unit 4**. 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 the Extension staff or Office personnel. Exhibits entered under an incorrect class number or containing an incorrect number of vegetables will be dropped one ribbon placing. Score Sheet SF108.

Follow the guidelines in 4-H 226 (revised 1994) when preparing entries for the fair. At State Fair, plates will be provided for the exhibitor.

Division 773

Class	Vegetable	#'s to Exhibit	Class	Vegetable	#'s to Exhibit
201	Lima Beans	12	218	Red Onions	5
202	Snap Beans	12	219	White Onions	5
203	Wax Beans	12	220	Parsnips	5
204	Beets	5	221	Bell Peppers	5
205	Broccoli	2	222	Sweet (Non-Bell) Peppers	5
206	Brussels Sprouts	12	223	Jalapeño Peppers	5
207	Green Cabbage	2	224	Hot (Non-Jalapeno) Peppers	5
208	Red Cabbage	2	225	White Potatoes	5
209	Carrots	5	226	Red Potatoes	5
210	Cauliflower	2	227	Russet Potatoes	5
211	Slicing Cucumbers	2	228	Other Potatoes	5
212	Pickling Cucumbers	5	229	Pumpkin	2
213	Eggplant	2	230	Miniature Pumpkins (Jack Be Little type)	5
214	Kohlrabi	5	231	Radish	5
215	Muskmelon/Cantaloupe	2	232	Rhubarb	5
216	Okra	5	233	Rutabaga	2
217	Yellow Onions	5	234	Green Summer Squash	2

235	Yellow Summer Squash	2	244	Roma or Sauce-type tomatoes	5
236	White Summer Squash	2	245	Salad Tomatoes (under 2" diameter)	12
237	Acorn Squash	2	246	Yellow Tomatoes (2" or more in diameter)	5
238	Butternut Squash	2	247	Turnips	5
239	Buttercup Squash	2	248	Watermelon	2
240	Other Winter Squash	2	249	Dry Edible Beans	1 pint
241	Sweet Corn (in husks)	5	250	Gourds, mixed types	5
242	Swiss Chard	5	251	Gourds, single variety	5
243	Red Tomatoes (2" or more in diameter)	5			

Class 252 **Any other vegetable** 2, 5 or 12 (do not duplicate entries in classes 201-251) doesn't fit in any other class

Class 255 **4-H Vegetable Garden Collection** of five kinds of vegetables. Display Garden Collection in a box not more than 24" in any dimension. Boxes will not be returned at State Fair. Showmanship will be considered in judging, but plastic grass, cotton, figurines, etc. should not be used in exhibit boxes. Each vegetable in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for individual class (201-252). Do not duplicate entries in classes 201-252 with any in the group collection.

Class 256 **4-H 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 at State Fair. Showmanship will be considered in judging; but plastic grass, cotton figurines, etc. should not be used in exhibit boxes. Each vegetable in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for individual class (201-252).

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 glass container of water. Containers will not be returned at State Fair. Potted herb plants will be disqualified and will not be judged. Score Sheet SF108.

Class	Herb	#'s to Exhibit	Class	Herb	#'s to Exhibit
260	Basil	5	265	Parsley	5
261	Dill (dry)	5	266	Sage	5
262	Garlic (bulbs)	5	267	Thyme	5
263	Mint	5	268	Any other herb	5
264	Oregano	5			

(do not duplicate entries in classes 260-267)

Class 269 **4-H Herb Garden Display of 5 different herbs.** Displayed in a box or other holder not more than 18" in any dimension. Boxes will not be returned at State Fair. Each herb in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 260-268. Do not duplicate entries in classes 260-268 with any in the group collection.

Fruits

Fruits will be judged using the same general criteria used for vegetables. 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. Score Sheet SF108.

Class	Fruit	#'s to Exhibit	Class	Fruit	#'s to Exhibit
280	Strawberries (everbearers)	1 pint	284	Wild Plums	1 pint
281	Grapes	2 bunches	285	Other small fruit or berries	1 pint
282	Apples	5	286	Other fruits OR nuts	5
283	Pears	5			

Educational Exhibits

Class 290 **Garden Promotion Poster** - Individual poster promoting vegetable or herb gardening, size 14" x 22" either vertical or horizontal arrangement. Poster may be in any medium so 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, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. Score Sheet SF103.

Class 291 **Educational Vegetable or Herb Garden Poster** - Prepare a poster 14" x 22" x 2" (3-dimensional if needed) either vertical or horizontal arrangement illustrating a skill or project the 4-H'er 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 manuals, but use your own creativity. Entry card must be stapled to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, full address county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. Score Sheet SF104.

Class 292 **Vegetable and/or Herb Gardening History Interview** - Neatly handwritten or typed account of a gardening history interview whose vegetable or herb 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 garden if the individual is still gardening. Protect with a clear report cover or 3-ring notebook. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover or notebook. Score Sheet SF105.

Class 293 **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" x 24". Label each group and each individual vegetable type with the common and scientific names. Use only one 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'er's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s). Information on vegetable family members can be obtained from your extension office. Score Sheet SF101.

Class 294

World of Vegetables Notebook - Choose a favorite foreign cuisine and learn what vegetables and/or herbs are common to it (e.g. Mexican, African, Chinese, Italian, etc.). Include a report telling about a minimum of 5 vegetables and/or herbs from each country chosen. Include the scientific and common names; pictures of the plants from your garden or seed 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 of the vegetables described may be included. Give proper credit by listing the source of pictures and information used. Protect in a clear report cover or 3-ring notebook. The 4-H member's name, age, full address, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover or notebook. Score Sheet SF102.

Animals

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions)

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more that avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with the federal, state, provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report of the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of the code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by any owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge or the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name or the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or

absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

LIVESTOCK RULES

Quality Assurance Training—All 4-H/FFA exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, goats, sheep, and swine must have completed an approved food animal quality assurance training program. Exhibitors must have received Quality Assurance Certification through a UN-L 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 certified by county extension staff.

DRESS CODE:

Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, dogs, cats, pets, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits are required to wear the official 4-H (club t-shirts are acceptable) or FFA t-shirt, long, dark blue jeans, and hard-soled shoes. **Canvas shoes will constitute disqualification in the show ring.** If there is no official 4-H t-shirt, exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached. NO hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring.

STATEMENT FOR GROOMING: Grooming, clipping, or blocking of animals shall be done by the exhibitor or their family (including brothers, sisters, or parents). Exhibitors may help each other. Professional groomers are not allowed.

NO Butt Fans or Portable Generators will be allowed in or around 4-H livestock buildings. Any of these items may be removed at the discretion of the superintendents or fair personnel.

NOTICE TO LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS--The following dates are given as deadlines for identifying animals to be shown at the Butler County Fair, State Fair, and Ak-Sar-Ben. FFA exhibitors must also abide by these deadlines in order to show at the Butler County Fair. All information on the identification papers must be complete and turned in to the Extension Office. Late animal I.D.s at county level will be accepted. **However, entries will be lowered one complete ribbon color placing and will not be eligible for final championship drives.** Failure to meet these deadlines will forfeit any and all chances of exhibiting at shows outside of Butler County. Any transfer of ownership or new purchase of animals needs to be recorded on the appropriate ID forms and filed with the County Extension Office prior to these dates. Any transactions after these dates will be considered a late ID and will be subject to that penalty.

MARKET BEEF - Must be eartagged and identified prior to March 31. Animals must also be DNA tested if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. DNA tests need to be turned in to the Extension Office along with the identification papers.

BREEDING BEEF - Must be identified by ear tattoo prior to June 15. If offspring will be shown as a feeder calf, the cow/calf pair must be enrolled by June 15. Registration papers are required in the registered breeding heifer divisions.

FEEDER CALF - Must be identified with an official 4-H eartag by June 15. Each member may exhibit two feeder calves. Feeder calf released after show. All calves must be born between January 1 and June 1 of the current year. Feeder calves to be shown at Ak-Sar-Ben must have a DNA sample submitted along with identification papers.

BUCKET CALF - Must be identified with an eartag (4-H eartag not a requirement) by June 15. Calves must be born during the current calendar year and limited to steers and heifers. Only 4-H'ers in their first two years of beef projects are eligible. Can only show one bucket calf at the county fair.

SHEEP - Must be eartagged and identified by June 15. Exhibitors in registered breeding classes must present proof of registration to the superintendent at the time of entry. Animals must also be DNA tested if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit them at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. DNA tests need to be turned in with identification papers.

MEAT GOATS - Must be eartagged and identified by June 15. Must be DNA tested if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. DNA samples need to be turned in with identification papers.

SWINE - Must be ear-notched by June 15. Must be DNA tested if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. DNA samples need to be turned in with identification papers.

RABBITS - Must be tattooed and identified on the proper forms available from the Extension office prior to June 15.

Only 4-H or FFA members may show livestock. A member with more than one entry in a class must get some other exhibitor to show the other animal. Substitute showmen must be a member of 4-H or an FFA chapter in Butler County. No parent is to be in the ring with their child unless called for by the superintendent in charge. ***Diseased animals will not be accepted.***

BEEF RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

--BEEF--All market beef animals weighed on the date(s) specified by the Beef Superintendents are eligible to compete in the rate of gain contest.

HERDSMANSHIP

Herdsmanship will be judged on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Basis for judging:

- Stall cards in place. Ribbon stickers on after show
- Aisles clean and free of manure, straw, equip., etc.; Wet straw & manure placed in appropriate receptacle.
- Animals well bedded, clean and properly cared for. Tack area neat.
- Exhibitors courteous at all times. Exhibitors are expected to do the herdsmanship — parents, leaders, or other family

members should only be available to assist the younger 4-H members or to supervise.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

The grand champion senior showmen in Beef, Swine, Horse, Sheep, Rabbits and Poultry are eligible to compete for the round robin showmanship championship. An individual is eligible to show in only one species. If qualified in more than one, he/she must choose which one species to show. The reserve champion showman, if also a purple winner, is the only alternate. Winner will be eligible for future species showmanship contests, but not the round robin.

Exhibitors will bring their own animal to the contest; their entry signifies permission for the other champions to show that animal in this contest. Exhibitors will be judged on their knowledge of each species shown and the specific showmanship skills required as well as their presentation of each species. They will be judged on the appearance or fitting of their own animal only.

There is no premium money for this contest, the grand champion will receive a special award.

BEEF CATTLE

MARKET STEERS AND HEIFERS may have the two center temporary incisor teeth replaced by permanent incisors. The remaining six temporary incisors must be in place and there may be no evidence of eruption of any permanent incisors other than the centers. State Fair age grouping will be used for breeding animals. Each beef animal may be shown in one class only.

Department G, Division 9 - Feeder Calf

Class 1	Bucket Calf (Project Record, form P-1071 & interview required at judging).	Class 3	Steers	Pay Category #1
Class 2	Heifers			

Department G, Division 10 - Beef Showmanship

Class 6	Senior Showmanship (15 years +)	Pay Category #8
Class 7	Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)	
Class 8	Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)	

Department G, Division 11 - Market Beef

Class 2	Market Steers	Pay Category #1
Class 3	Market Heifers	
Class 900	British Breed Steers	

Department G, Division 12 - Registered Breeding Heifers, Angus

Class 1	Angus	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 13 - Registered Breeding Heifers, Charolais

Class 1	Charolais	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 16 - Registered Breeding Heifers, Gelbvieh

Class 1	Gelbvieh	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 17 -Registered Breeding Heifers, Hereford

Class 1	Hereford	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 18 - Registered Breeding Heifers, Limousin

Class 1	Limousin	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 19 - Registered Breeding Heifers, Maine Anjou

Class 1	Maine Anjou	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 20 - Registered Breeding Heifers, Saler

Class 1	Saler	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 21 - Registered Breeding Heifers, Shorthorn

Class 1	Shorthorn	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 22 - Registered Breeding Heifers, Simmental

Class 1	Simmental	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 900 - Other Registered Breeding Heifers

Class 1	Other Registered Breed, not listed above	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 23 -Commercial Breeding Heifers

Class 1	Commercial Breeding Heifer	Pay Category #1
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Department G, Division 25 - Cow/Calf Pairs

All calves must be born during the current year. Cows/alves must be halter broke and will show in the arena.

Class 900	Cow/Calf Pair	Pay Category #1
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SHEEP

Each exhibitor may show up to two breeding ewes and four market lambs.

All sheep must be shown before the judge by a 4-H or FFA member.

Sheep dropped during the current year are classified as lambs.

Sheep dropped during the previous year are classified as yearlings.

If registered, registration papers must be shown the day of the show or will have to be shown in grade classes.

Department G, Division 30-Showmanship

Class 2 Senior Showmanship (15 + years)

Class 3 Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)

Class 4 Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)

Pay Category # 8

Department G, Division 31-Market Sheep

Class 10 Ewes by weight divisions

Class 20 Wethers by weight divisions

Pay Category # 3

Department G, Division 32-Breeding Sheep

Class 1 Breeding Ewe Lambs

Class 2 Yearling Ewe

Class 90 Hampshire Yearling

Class 100 Hampshire Ewe Lamb

Class 110 Suffolk Yearling

Class 120 Suffolk Ewe Lamb

Class 130 Dorset Yearling

Class 140 Dorset Ewe Lamb

Class 900 Other Registered Yearling

Class 910 Other Registered Ewe Lamb

Pay Category # 3

DEPARTMENT G, Division 58

MARKET GOATS

GENERAL RULES:

- **All General Livestock Rules will apply to all Meat Goat Classes.**
- **NUMBER OF EXHIBITS** - A 4-H or FFA member may exhibit up to four (4) meat goats.
- **IDENTIFICATION** - All meat goats need to be identified by June 15 on the official 4-H ownership affidavits (4HF111). All does must have official USDA identification with the scrapie eradication program.
- **MINIMUM WEIGHT** - Market goats must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs at check-in. Goats under 60 lbs. will be allowed to check-in, but will not be eligible for purple ribbons.
- **AGE** - Goats are to have milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth.
- **HAIR** - Goats must be uniformly slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less from the knee and up.
- **HORNS** - Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.
- **NECK CHAINS** - Goats are to be shown with neck chains or smooth collars only.
- **SHOW CLASS AND SEX** - Meat goats may be doe or wether kids. 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. Does and wethers will show together.
- **SHOWMANSHIP** - Exhibitors will not slap or brace the animal or lift the front legs off the ground while in the show ring.

Class 1 Senior Showmanship (ages 15 & up)

Class 2 Intermediate Showmanship (ages 12-14)

Class 3 Junior Showmanship (ages 8-11)

Pay Category #8

Class 10 Market Goats (wethers and does)

Pay Category #3

SWINE

Swine exhibited at the Butler County Fair shall originate directly from a herd not under quarantine for pseudorabies. Under no circumstances may swine under quarantine be exhibited. No swine showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable diseases will be allowed to show. All swine must enter the fairgrounds through the west gate.

- **MINIMUM WEIGHT 210 lbs. on all hogs.**
- **This is a terminal show. All animals will sell for slaughter. Superintendents will arrange for sale of hogs with proceeds of sale forwarded to exhibitors as soon as possible after the fair.**
- **Any pigs farrowed on or after Jan. 1 of the current year are eligible to show.**
- **All pigs must be shown by a 4-H or FFA member, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class he or she must find an alternate showman.**
- **Ear-notch all hogs according to the Universal System in both ears and file identification papers in the Extension Office by June 15. All notches must be legible. No freshly ear-notched pigs will be accepted.**
- **Exhibitors may enter up to four animals.**

Department G, Division 36, Swine

Class 6 Senior Showmanship (15+ years)

Class 7 Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)

Class 8 Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)

Class 10 Gilts

Class 11 Barrows

Pay Category # 8

Pay Category # 3

CARCASS EVALUATION CONTEST- Live animal evaluation will be done by ultrasound for carcass quality. **Qualification weight for carcass contest is 235 - 285 pounds.**

HORSE

General Livestock Rules do not apply to horse exhibitors.

State rules will be followed. However, all final decisions will be made by the superintendent. See Guide for Light Horse Shows and Events in Nebraska.

Enter as many classes as desired. Except: Junior Walk-Trot riders may enter only one pleasure and one horsemanship class. Other pleasure and horsemanship riders may ride in two of each class.

Substitute showmen will only be allowed in the mare and foal class and/or if the exhibitor has 2 purples showing in the grand champion mare or gelding class.

Exhibitor can only take home the top four monies.

Exhibitor may enter only one animal per class.

Two family members cannot ride the same horse in the same class and age group.

Champion Mare selected from Filly and Mare classes. Top 2 purples per class. Champion Gelding selected from Colt, Stud and Gelding classes. Top 2 purples per class.

English riders are not required to wear English attire. English saddles, bridles, and headgear are required. Blue jeans and long sleeved, white, western shirts are acceptable.

NO chaps allowed (including associate member classes). Exhibitors must wear boots or hard-soled shoes. NO t-shirts allowed.

Trail classes will be run in separate area from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to run the course during the given time or they will forfeit their turn.**

There will be a \$60 cash award that will be divided among the top three riders in Classes 14 and 15 (Reining Classes). Top in each division will receive \$15; second - \$10; and third - \$5. The cash award has been given anonymously.

Show will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Department G, Division 60, Horse Showmanship

Pay Category # 8

Class 9 Senior Showmanship (ages 15 and up)

Class 11 Junior Showmanship (ages 8-11)

Class 10 Intermediate Showmanship (ages 12 -14)

Department G, Division 61, Halter

Pay Category # 1

Class 1 Yearling Fillies

Class 6 Two Year Old Geldings

Class 2 Two Year Old Mares

Class 7 Three Year Old Geldings

Class 3 Three Year Old Mares

Class 8 Four Years and Older Geldings

Class 4 Four Years and Older Mares

Class 9 Weanling Fillies and Weanling Colts

Class 5 Yearling Geldings and Stud Colts

Class 10 Mare and foal (Mare with one foal to be shown. Foal must have been foaled in the calendar year of the show.)

Department G, Division 62, Performance (ages: Jr. - 8-14; Sr. 15 & older)

Pay Category # 1

English

Class 1 English Pleasure - Jr. Division

Class 3 English Pleasure - Sr. Division

Class 2 English Horsemanship - Jr. Division

Class 4 English Horsemanship - Sr. Division

Western Pleasure/Western Horsemanship

Class 5 Walk Trot Pleasure - 8 to 11 Year Olds

Class 9 Western Horsemanship - Jr. Division

Class 6 Walk Trot Horsemanship - 8 to 11 Year Olds

Class 10 Western Pleasure (14 hands & over) - Sr. Division

Class 7 Pony Pleasure (14 hands & under) - Jr. Division only

Class 11 Western Horsemanship - Sr. Division

Class 8 Western Pleasure (14 hands & over) - Jr. Division

Reining

Class 12 Western Riding - Jr. Division

Class 14 Reining - Jr. Division

Class 13 Western Riding - Sr. Division

Class 15 Reining - Sr. Division

Games

Class 16 Keyhole Race - Jr. Division

Class 21 Flag Race - Sr. Division

Class 17 Keyhole Race - Sr. Division

Class 22 Barrels - Jr. Division

Class 18 Pole Bending - Jr. Division

Class 23 Barrels - Sr. Division

Class 19 Pole Bending - Sr. Division

Class 24 Egg Race - Jr. Division

Class 20 Flag Race - Jr. Division

Class 25 Egg Race - Sr. Division

Trail

Class 26 Trail - Jr. Division (run in separate area 1-2:30 p.m.)

Class 27 Trail - Sr. Division (run in separate area 1-2:30 p.m.)

POULTRY

The Nebraska Health Department will be checking poultry for Pullorum-Typhoid. Any infested bird will be removed.

Critique judging of poultry will begin at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Thursday July 17. Exhibitors must be present at the judging area. *If not present*, animals will not be judged.

Exhibitors showing poultry are required to wear the official 4-H T-shirt or blouse with a 4-H chevron, or FFA T-shirt with blue jeans. NO HEADGEAR.

Animals should have leg band.

Entries limited to 8 per exhibitor.

Quality Assurance Training - All 4-H and FFA poultry exhibitors are required to receive Quality Assurance training or testing prior to the fair.

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.

PENS--A pen of broilers shall consist of three male or three female birds 6-9 weeks of age, a pen of hybrids, crossbred, or purebred egg production birds shall consist of 3 sexually mature females.

Pens of broilers or egg production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards.

Department G, Division 70-Poultry

Class 11 Senior Showmanship (15+ years)		Pay Category # 8
Class 12 Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)		
Class 13 Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)		

Class 900 Young Cock Pigeon	Class 902 Young Cock Guinea	Pay Category # 4
Class 901 Young Hen Pigeon	Class 903 Young Hen Guinea	

Division 71-Large Fowl		Pay Category # 4
Class 6 Cockerel	Class 9 Hen	
Class 7 Pullet	Class 10 Trio	
Class 8 Cock		

Division 72-Bantams		Pay Category # 4
Class 6 Cockerel	Class 9 Hen	
Class 7 Pullet	Class 10 Trio	
Class 8 Cock		

Division 73-Duck		Pay Category # 4
Class 1 Young Drake	Class 2 Young Duck	

Division 74-Goose		Pay Category # 4
Class 1 Young Gander	Class 2 Young Goose	

Division 75-Turkey		Pay Category # 4
Class 1 Young Tom	Class 2 Young Hen	

Division 76-Production		Pay Category # 4
Class 2 Pen (Egg Production)	Class 6 Pen (Broilers)	

RABBIT

Please Notice -- Rabbit entries must be cared for by owners or arrangements made for daily care. If exhibitor neglects the care of the animal they shall be asked to take them home and forfeit their premium.

Exhibitors showing rabbits are required to wear the official 4-H T-shirt or blouse with a 4-H chevron, or FFA T-shirt and blue jeans. Rabbits need to be tattooed and identified on the proper forms by June 15. Not more than five rabbits may be entered by one exhibitor.

Quality Assurance Training - All 4-H and FFA rabbit exhibitors are required to receive Quality Assurance training or testing prior to the fair.
CHAMPIONS -- Ribbons only. Breeding classes set by superintendent.

Fancy Breed List:

English Angora	English Spot	Lilac	Rex
French Angora	Florida White	Holland Lop	Rhinelander
Belgian Hare	Fuzzy Lop	Mini Lop	Sable
Britannia Petite	Harlequin	Mini Rex	Silver
Standard Chinchilla	Havana	Netherland Dwarf	Silver Marten
Dutch	Himalayan	Polish	Tan
Dwarf Hotot	Jersey Woolie		

Commercial Breed List

American Beveren	American Checkered Giant	Flemish Giant	New Zealand
Blanc De Hotot	American Chinchilla	English Lop	Palomino
Blue Vienna	Cinnamon	French Lop	Satin
California	Crema E' Argent	Giant Angora	Silver Fox
Champagne D' Argent			

Department, G Division 80-Rabbit**Pay Category # 8**

- Class 10 Senior Showmanship (15+ years)
- Class 20 Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)
- Class 30 Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)

Pay Category # 4

- Class 900 Doe with litter
- Class 901 Posters
- Class 902 Nest Boxes

- Class 903 Tattoo Boxes
- Class 904 Carriers
- Class 905 Rabbit First Aid Kit

Division 81-Market Rabbits**Pay Category # 4**

- Class 1 Single Fryer, under 3 ½ - 5 ½ lbs. Under 69 days of age.

- Class 2 Meat Pen, 3 ½ - 5 ½ lbs. Under 69 days of age.
- Class 3 Roaster, over 5 ½ lbs.

Division 82-Breed Classes**Pay Category # 4**

- Class 900 Junior Does - under 6 months
- Class 901 Junior Bucks - under 6 months
- Class 902 Intermediate Does-6, 7, & 8 mos.

- Class 903 Intermediate Bucks-6, 7, & 8 mos.
- Class 904 Senior Does - over 8 months
- Class 905 Senior Bucks - over 8 months

Division 84-Pet Division**Pay Category # 4**

- Class 1 Doe
- Class 4 Buck

Small Animals/Pet Division

Please Notice - Exhibitors showing small animals or pets are required to wear the official 4-H t-shirt or blouse with a 4-H chevron, or FFA T-shirt and long blue jeans. **No flip flops or sandals are allowed.** All small animals/pets need to have appropriate health papers showing current vaccinations and health status. Animals without these papers cannot be shown. Any animal showing signs of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds.

All animals must be weaned prior to show. Minimum age of animals to be shown:

Ferrets: 12 weeks

Chinchillas: 7 weeks

Guinea pigs: 4 weeks

Gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats: 4 weeks

Hedge hogs: 5 weeks

Pet rabbits: 9 weeks

For Cats: Cats should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ring-worm, any internal and external parasite and infectious disease. If any signs of these external parasites are presented, exhibitors will be asked to leave without being allowed in the show area. It is highly recommended that a veterinary check is performed or preventative measures are taken prior to the show to ensure the animal is free of external parasites. **ALL DECISIONS OF SHOW OFFICIALS ARE FINAL.** If a cat shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other cats in the show and will not be allowed to show. Cats that pose a danger to others will not be allowed to enter.

Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of Rabies, distemper, panleucopenia, rhino tracheitis, calici virus. Cats must either have a current feline leukemia vaccination or proof of a negative test within 180 days of the show. Proof of vaccinations must be available at entry time. Participants should have their veterinarian fill out and sign the "Nebraska State Fair Cat Vaccination Record Form." Exhibitors will not be allowed to show without a signed Vaccination record form.

4-H'ers vaccinating their own cats must provide proof by including a statement from their vet on the Vaccination Record Form or by including the vaccination labels on the form and having it signed by a parent. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a Certified Veterinarian ONLY. This vaccination must be current and include a veterinarian signature on the Vaccination Record Form.

For Ferrets: Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and have a completed health form signed by the administering veterinarian submitted at entry time.

Division 85-Small Animals/Pets**Pay Category # 8**

- Class 1 Senior Showmanship (15 + years)
- Class 2 Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)

- Class 3 Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)
- Class 4 Clover Kids Showmanship (5-7 years)

Pay Category # 4

- Class 900 Guinea Pig
- Class 901 Gerbil
- Class 902 Hamsters

- Class 903 Dog
- Class 904 Cat
- Class 905 Other