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SECTION I: GENERAL COUNTY INFORMATION:

A. Ethics

Nebraska 4-H livestock programs strive to create an atmosphere that encourages good character, accountability and ethical decision making. The International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show ring (see State Fair Premium Book, General Livestock Rules) outlines a number of specific guidelines for all exhibitors and others involved with 4-H livestock projects. In summary, these guidelines expect the following:



1. **Exhibitors:** Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Exhibitors' 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 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.
2. **Leaders:** All leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than 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. Parents, owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit 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 further competition.

B. Establishing a System:

The County Extension staff is responsible for establishing a system to assist families in completing the livestock animal identification/nomination process, quality assurance training, and examination for horsemanship levels in the county and maintaining an accurate record in the County Extension Office.

C. Certifying Entries:

The County Extension staff is also responsible for certifying the animals being entered in 4-H shows are properly identified and listed on identification and nomination records.

D. Certifying Eligibility:

The County Extension staff is also responsible for certifying the eligibility (age, 4-H membership, quality assurance training) of 4-H members for exhibiting at Extension sponsored shows.



E. Quality Assurance:

As indicated in B, county Extension staff are responsible for establishing a system for livestock quality assurance training in the county utilizing the YQCA program (through either online, face-to-face, or a hybrid of both). Quality assurance programs are designed to help youth understand the responsibilities involved in raising livestock for food, and are encouraged to implement good management practices by the youth and/or family members to be consistent with quality assurance practices. Quality assurance training is mandatory for all exhibitors of livestock, or food-producing livestock animal projects (beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, and rabbit) at county and state level events. This applies for youth in classic 4-H programs (ages 8 – 19) and for AKSARBEN exhibitors.

- 1. Testing of Animals:** Through quality assurance training and awareness of ethical standards, all exhibitors, families and leaders should recognize the potential consequences to the food chain and to the image of youth livestock programs should an animal exhibit be presented with any type of residue or tampering. Thus, animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show gives of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or 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 entered in an event which does not culminate 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 federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
- 2. Ethic Affidavits and Statements of Disclosure:** To comply with federal guidelines and/or requirements of specific livestock processing facilities, exhibitors at shows which are terminal (i.e. the animals enter the food chain at the conclusion of the show) must complete a statement of disclosure or ethics affidavit. This ethics affidavit indicates that (1) if animal health products have been used, it has been done in accordance with all USDA and FDA rules, (2) other federal regulations regarding specific feeds (i.e. use of ruminant derived byproducts) have been followed, and (3) the exhibitors agree that entries may be screened for any violation of these rules. Some livestock processing facilities may require additional documentation of adherence to these rules. Completion of an ethics affidavit or statement of disclosure is also highly recommended for animals entered in shows that are not terminal, including breeding and dairy animals.



F. Clover Kids (County Level Only):

The purpose of the 4-H Clover Kids program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional and physical maturation of younger children. Children may join 4-H Clover Kids when their 4-H age is five to seven. Children of this age are a distinct audience for 4-H with unique learning characteristics and developmental needs that are different from older children and youth served through 4-H membership. As a result, the 4-H Clover Kids program is designed with specific educational objectives and program policies. 4-H Clover Kids programs and curriculum will include activities and learning opportunities that are developmentally appropriate for this age youth. Participation, safety, personal development, learning and fun are the highest priorities in providing 4-H Clover Kid programs.

Animals and animal subject matter can contribute to Clover Kids objectives. However, for safety, liability, and competitive reasons often associated with livestock shows, some restrictions are necessary to maintain Clover Kids program objectives.

The Clover Kids program will be developmentally appropriate and involve the following components:

- Encourage involvement of parent or significant adult
- Focus on self-esteem and provide positive feedback
- Foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional and physical maturation of youth by providing a unique educational opportunity
- Share through cooperative learning
- Noncompetitive - emphasizing fun and success of every child
- Programs are activity-focused and not project focused
- Recognize individuals for participation
- Present recognition and incentives without rank or placing

Specific reasons for being cautious with direct large animal involvement are as follows:

- Children eight and under often lack the mental and physical skills for controlling and understanding the strength of large animals (Livestock Conservation Institute, 1994).
- Young children may lack the strength, balance, and attention span to adequately manage large animals (American Medical Equestrian Association, 1993).



Because of these reasons, Clover Kids programs involving live animals must adhere to the following:

- Exhibition includes discussions with youth based on their knowledge of the care and raising of the animal.
- Exhibitors show in a non-competitive setting for participation only.
- Age, size, and temperament of animal projects must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size.
- Horse projects are not allowed or appropriate. Beef animals weighing more than 350 pounds at time of show are not allowed or appropriate for this age group either.
- Animals that are appropriate for this age group include bucket calf, sheep, swine, goat, dog, poultry, rabbit, cat, and companion animals.
- There will be one adult/teen volunteer present for every Clover Kid member that is handling or exhibiting animals. This applies to all animal projects.
- Allowable animals should be no more than six months of age and no more than 350 pounds at time of show.
- Exhibitors in this age group are not allowed to sell their animal through a livestock sale or premium auction.

G. Equine Limited Liability Law:

4-H horse activities should only be conducted in compliance with the Equine Limited Liability Law. All horse events should post the following sign:

WARNING! Under Nebraska law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or death of participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to Sections 25-21, 249 to 25-21, 253.



H. Progress Shows:

The Livestock Show Regulations provided apply for state and interstate shows, not for progress shows. However, additional information for Extension staff regarding progress shows is provided in the 4-H Policy Handbook; including:

Open Shows/Non-4-H Competitive Events

Participation is encouraged in other organizational activities. However, it is not appropriate to identify other organization activities as 4-H. Participation in these activities by Extension staff does not qualify the activity as a 4-H event. Only activities meeting all the criteria in 14.3.2 will be identified as a 4-H event.

Field days, fairs, and other events not promoted or identified as 4-H and not identifying University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension as the sponsor are not classified as 4-H events. 4-H assumes no responsibility for these events, nor will the awards from these events be considered as 4-H awards. Please note, non-4-H Competitive Events are not eligible for 4-H accident and liability insurance. The 4-H name and emblem should not be used to publicize these events.

Progress or Prospect shows should follow the guidelines presented above to be considered a 4-H event. To help staff assess whether a show should be advertised as 4-H, "Progress/Prospect- Tips for Staff" is available at:

<http://4h.unl.edu/animalscienceprogrammanagement>



SECTION II – IDENTIFICATION AND NOMINATION OF PROJECT ANIMALS

- A. Participation in all competitive events related to specific projects shall be in the county of project enrollment.
- B. An animal (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat, dairy, dairy goat, or rabbit) may be identified in 4-H, in only one county.
- C. An animal (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat, dairy, dairy goat, rabbit, poultry, dog or cat) cannot be shown in more than one county fair.
- D. Methods of Identification and Nomination:

1. **Market Beef, Beef Feeder Calves, Market Swine, Market Lambs and Market Goats**

- a. All market beef, feeder calves, market swine, market lambs and market goats must be identified with a specially designed official Nebraska electronic identification (EID) tag.
- b. It is recommended to tag 4-H market beef, feeder calf, market goat and market lamb project animals with the supervision of the Extension staff or by someone else designated by the Extension staff and/or the 4-H Council.
- c. All market beef tags should be dispersed and verified by April 15. All other market tags should be dispersed and verified by June 15. Verification means seeing the animals with the tags in the ears and knowing that all tags are accounted for.
- d. Market beef must have a signed and sealed official envelope with hair samples for DNA animal nomination to the AKSARBEN office by April 20 to be eligible for exhibition at State Fair and AKSARBEN. DNA animal nomination envelopes must be in the county office by **April 15** to be eligible for exhibition at either show.
- e. Market swine must have a signed and sealed official envelope with hair samples for DNA animal nomination to the AKSARBEN office by **June 20** to be eligible for exhibition at State Fair and AKSARBEN. DNA animal nomination envelopes must be in the county office by June 15 to be eligible for exhibition at either show.
 - 1. Market swine to be exhibited at AKSARBEN must be identified by either ear notches in both ears or with an EID tag and must match with the exhibitor's swine DNA animal nomination envelope.
- f. Market lambs and market goats must have a signed and sealed official envelope with hair samples for DNA animal nomination to the AKSARBEN office by **June 20** to be eligible for exhibition at State Fair and AKSARBEN.



1. **All female market lambs & market goats must be identified with USDA Official Identification (scrapie tag).**
 2. AKSARBEN Challenge Calves & Lambs have had hair collected by AKSARBEN staff for DNA testing therefore do not need to be recollected at the county level.
 - g. Additional show rules may apply for identification and nominations of animals in special classes (i.e. breed classes of steers). See specific show rules for details.
2. **Registered Beef Breeding Heifers**
- a. Must be identified by ear tattoos according to the regulations set by the various national beef breed associations.
 - b. Registration papers must be in the hands of exhibitors at state and interstate shows.
 1. To exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair, original registration papers or electronic papers presented using a tablet or smart phone will be accepted if pulled up or downloaded from their respective breed website. **NO PRINTED PAPER COPIES ACCEPTED.** Original papers or electronic versions only.
 2. Exhibitors will be required to submit to their county office, via e-mail or hard copy, a photo or digital copy of the breed registration papers for animals that will potentially be exhibited at State Fair or AKSARBEN by the June 15 deadline.
 - c. Calf hood brucellosis (Bang's) tattoos are not considered as an identification tattoo.
 - d. Must be identified on the breeding nomination card and submitted to the county office by June 15. All breeding nomination cards must be turned in to the AKSARBEN office by June 20 to be eligible for exhibition at either show.
 - e. A heifer that is identified as a market heifer by April 15 can be changed and re-identified as breeding by June 15. The animal will need to have a breeding nomination card completed by and submitted by June 15. June 15 changes are final and that animal must be shown as breeding.



3. Commercial Beef Breeding Heifers

- a. Must be identified by ear tattoos to be shown at State Fair and AKSARBEN. Calf hood brucellosis (Bang's) tattoos are not considered acceptable for permanent identification.
- b. Must be identified on the breeding nomination card and submitted to the county office by June 15. All breeding nomination cards must be turned in to the AKSARBEN office by June 20 to be eligible for exhibition at either show.
- c. A heifer that is identified as a market heifer by April 15 can be changed and re-identified as breeding by June 15. The animal will need to have a breeding nomination card completed by and submitted by June 15. June 15 changes are final and that animal must be shown as breeding.

4. Breeding Ewes

- a. Must be identified with the tag/tattoo required by the various national sheep breed associations.
- b. Must have an official USDA scrapie tag.
- c. Registration paper must be in the hands of exhibitors at state and interstate shows.
- d. Commercial breeding ewes must have official USDA scrapie tag and be identified on the breeding nomination card.
- e. Must be identified on the breeding nomination card and submitted to the county office by June 15. All breeding nomination cards must be turned in to the AKSARBEN office by June 20 to be eligible for exhibition at either show.

5. Breeding Does

- a. Must be identified with an official USDA scrapies tag
- b. **Commercial breeding does must be identified with an official USDA scrapies tag**
- c. Must be identified on the breeding nomination card and submitted to the county office by June 15. All breeding nomination cards must be turned in to the AKSARBEN office by June 20 to be eligible for exhibition at either show.

6. Dairy Heifers, Dairy Cows and Dairy Goats (County Fair Only)

- a. Must be identified on the paper ownership affidavit by photograph, a sketch or by ear tattoo. Dairy cow paper ownership affidavits must be turned in to the county office by **June 15**
- b. All dairy cow paper ownership affidavits must be turned in to the State 4-H office by June 22 to be eligible for exhibition at the State Fair.

**7. Horses**

- a. Must be identified by description on form F2-97-77 as to color, markings, brands, etc., or clear visible colored photos (front view, left side, right side of the horse)

8. Rabbits

- a. *State Fair Only*: Must be identified by the State Fair pre-entry date of August 10 in ShoWorks
- b. County Fair identification process may vary, county by county

9. Bucket Calf (County Fair Only)

- a. Must be identified on the paper ownership affidavit by ear tag. These paper ownership affidavits must be turned in to the county office by the county assigned deadline.

E. Animal Identification and Nomination Process for State Fair and AKSARBEN

1. All 4-H livestock (beef, dairy cattle, dairy & market goats, horses, sheep and swine) must be certified on identification affidavits or nomination envelopes and cards to be eligible for State Fair or AKSARBEN as listed below.
 - a. Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Lamb, Market Goat, and Feeder calves will be nominated on the DNA Animal Nomination Envelopes
 - b. Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep and Breeding Does will be nominated on the Breeding Nomination Cards
2. Dairy Cattle, Bucket Calf, and Horse will utilize species specific paper affidavits.
 - a. Dairy Cattle Ownership Affidavit: <http://4h.unl.edu/documents/Dairy%20Affidavit.pdf>
 - b. Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit (*County Fair Only*): <http://4h.unl.edu/documents/Bucket%20Calf%20Affidavit.pdf>
 - c. Horse, form F2 97 77: <http://4h.unl.edu/4hcurriculum/horse>

F. Required Information for Each Species for State Fair and AKSARBEN Animal Nominations**MARKET BEEF:**

- a. Breed/description
- b. Sex
- c. Official EID tag number
- d. Brand, if applicable



BREEDING BEEF:

- a. Breed/description
- b. Date of birth
- c. Tattoo (required for both commercial and purebred)
- d. Registration (for purebred)
- e. Indicate if animal is registered

FEEDER CALF (AKSARBEN only):

- a. Breed/description
- b. Sex
- c. Date of birth
- d. Official EID tag number

DAIRY CATTLE:

- a. Tag, tattoo or vaccination tag for animals without distinct markings.
- b. Drawing or photo for animals with distinct markings.
- c. Registration if purebred
- d. Date of birth
- e. Back of form completed and signed for leases.

MARKET LAMBS:

- a. Sex
- b. Official EID tag number. Description and date of birth are recommended to be completed
- c. USDA official identification (scrapie tag), scrapie tag numbers are required on all female market lamb nominations

BREEDING EWES:

- a. Breed
- b. Date of birth
- c. Ear tag OR tattoo
- d. Registration (for purebred)
- e. Indicate if animal is registered
- f. USDA official identification (scrapie tag), scrapie tag numbers are required on all nominations

MEAT GOATS:

- a. Sex
- b. Official EID tag number
- c. Description and date born are recommended to be completed
- d. USDA official identification (scrapie tag), scrapie tag numbers are required on all female market goat nominations



BREEDING DOES:

- a. Breed
- b. Date of birth
- c. Ear tag OR tattoo
- d. USDA official identification (scrapie tag), scrapie tag numbers are required on all nominations
- g. Registration (for purebred)
- h. Indicate if animal is registered

MARKET SWINE:

- a. Official EID tag number
- b. Notch number for both ears (optional form of ID at AKSARBEN only)
- c. Sex
- d. Description

RABBITS: No animal nomination required

POULTRY: No animal nomination required

G. Identification and Nomination Deadline Dates:

Following is a list of dates on which 4-H exhibitors must have their project animals identified and nominated certified for various district, state and interstate livestock shows. All animal nominations must **be submitted by these dates**. Counties may set earlier deadlines if they wish. Ear tags, notches and tattoos must be inserted by the deadline.

Deadline Dates	Livestock Show
April 15, 2017	Market Beef for State Fair and AKSARBEN
May 12, 2017	ID and entries for Horse for District and State Shows
June 15, 2017	Beef Breeding Heifers, <i>All Shows</i> Dairy Heifers & Cows, <i>All Shows</i> Meat Goats, <i>All Shows</i> Sheep, <i>All Shows</i> Swine, <i>All Shows</i> Feeder Calves, <i>AKSARBEN Only</i>

H. Limitations on Number of Market Animals Nominated for State Fair and AKSARBEN

1. Market Beef
 - a. Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, a maximum number of 10 market beef animals for State Fair and AKSARBEN
2. Feeder Calves
 - b. Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, a maximum of 20 head for AKSARBEN
3. Market Lambs
 - c. Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, a maximum number of 20 market lambs for State Fair and AKSARBEN
4. Market Swine
 - d. Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, a maximum number of 40 market swine for State Fair and AKSARBEN
5. Meat Goat
 - e. Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, a maximum number of 20 meat goats for State Fair and AKSARBEN

I. 4-H/FFA Exhibits:

1. Training offered by agricultural education/FFA and Extension Service/4-H contributes to youth's preparation for a future in agricultural production, agribusiness, and other areas. Simultaneous participation in both programs is acceptable and encouraged, if the youth choose to do so.
1. By nominating any Market Beef, Market Lamb, Market Hog, Meat Goat, Breeding Heifer, Breeding Ewe, or Breeding Doe by the appropriate deadline, that animal is eligible for exhibition in either 4-H or FFA shows prior to August 10. On August 10, when final State Fair Livestock Entries are made via ShoWorks, the exhibitor will be required to designate whether the animal will show 4-H or FFA. The designation made at that time will remain final.

SECTION III – HANDLING OF THE ANIMAL NOMINATION PROCESS

The responsibilities outlined here are applicable for the 4-H Shows at the Nebraska State Fair and AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock Exposition.

A. Family Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors showing market beef must have a signed and sealed official envelope with hair samples for DNA verification turned in to their county office by the April 15 nomination deadline.
2. Exhibitors showing market swine, market lambs and market goats must have a signed and sealed official envelope with hair samples for DNA verification turned in to their county office by the June 15 nomination deadline.
3. Exhibitors showing breeding beef, breeding sheep and breeding does at State Fair will be nominated with a breeding nomination card. The breeding nomination card will contain all information necessary for State Fair eligibility. Families will need to have completed breeding nomination cards turned in to their county office by the June 15 nomination deadline.
4. ANY animal carrying an EID tag requires the exhibitor to obtain a Premises ID. Contact the local Extension Office for details on how to obtain one.
5. Exhibitors will select which animal entries they have chosen to show at State Fair in a dropdown menu in ShoWorks. All nominated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for pre-entry registration.
6. 4-H and FFA youth participants will declare which youth organization they will show their animal projects by August 10 in ShoWorks.

B. State 4-H Office Responsibilities:

1. The State 4-H office will be available to answer any questions and communicate with counties about any concerns they may have about an exhibitor's animal nomination process.
2. State 4-H and AKSARBEN will keep record of re-tags. Re-tags (beef, swine, sheep and goats) will require an email (no phone calls) from county staff, which will be added to the file when it is received in the department. Email should be sent to Brandy Wagner, (bwagner5@unl.edu), 114 Ag Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 68583-0700 **AND** to Kevin Kock



(kockk@aksarben.org) AKSARBEN Foundation, 6910 Pacific Street, Suite 102, Omaha, NE 68106.

3. State 4-H Office will receive all dairy cattle affidavits and ship to the State Fair Youth Dairy Show Superintendent.
4. State 4-H Office will upload all AKSARBEN database entries to ShoWorks.
5. State 4-H and AKSARBEN will announce to county staff that State Fair livestock nominations are now available in ShoWorks for State Fair pre-entry registrations.
6. Show lists for each species/class will be forwarded to AKSARBEN management and superintendents after the State Fair.

SECTION IV – OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

A. All Species:

Animal projects require care for an extended period of time. To grow in knowledge and experience, a 4-H member must be involved in the care of project animals throughout the project, thus it is expected that 4-H project members own and care for their animals according to these guidelines:

1. A beef, dairy, dairy goat (county fair only), meat goat, horse, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry or dog or companion animal (county fair only) project animal may be owned:
 - a. Solely by the 4-H exhibitor or
 - b. In partnership by the 4-H exhibitor and/or other members of his or her immediate family.
 - c. All exhibitor family member names may be on the animal nomination and will be eligible to show that animal.
 - d. Immediate family is defined as members of a household including parents, brothers, sisters and youth in the care of the head of the household.
2. When 4-H exhibitor(s) and parent(s) sign an animal nomination indicating the exhibitor(s) will feed and care for the animals, it is expected that the exhibitor(s) will have primary responsibility for the animals. In cases where the exhibitor may not have primary responsibility for the duration of the project (i.e. separation of parents and more than one residence, group homes, etc), it is recommended the exhibitor request exception from the local 4-H Council. The time the exhibitor will be able to care for the animals should be clearly defined in the request.

B. Horses, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats:

1. An exhibitor in a 4-H show of a horse, a dairy animal or dairy goat, may show an animal owned by someone outside of the immediate family provided:
 - a. He or she manages (cares for, feeds, trains, grooms, etc.) and has use of the animal as a 4-H project animal at least 75% of the time during the project year; and
 - b. Permission for use of the animal is certified by the owner on the 4-H member's ID sheet (ownership affidavit).
 - c. Exceptions may apply for youth in group homes that have the purpose of providing a mentoring atmosphere for at-risk youth.
 - d. It is recommended that the same ownership guidelines be used for county only projects (i.e. llamas, pygmy goats etc.).

C. How Change of Ownership (Sale) of Project Animals Makes Them Ineligible for Shows:

Any 4-H project animal that has been offered for auction, where the intent of the auction is change of ownership, is ineligible to show at any further 4-H livestock shows. (See additional clarification on auctions in Section V.)

SECTION V – MISCELLANEOUS RULES**A. Age of Exhibitors:**

1. Only 4-H members who are 10 years of age before January 1 of the current year or older may compete in district horse shows.
2. 4-H members who are 10 years of age before January 1 of the current year may exhibit at State Fair and AKSARBEN.
3. 4-H members may be certified for state or interstate shows when they meet the age requirements for the event and have properly enrolled projects at the County Extension office.
4. The last year of eligibility is 4-H age of eighteen (18).

B. Commercial Breeding Heifer Classes:

1. To be eligible for the commercial beef breeding heifer classes at the State Fair and AKSARBEN, a heifer must be:
 - Born anytime during the previous calendar year.
 - Of a known birth date.
 - From an identifiable sire and dam.
 - Identified by an ear tattoo (ear tags and calf hood vaccination tattoo are not acceptable).



- Breeding heifers may not have been shown as a Market Heifer after the June 15 nomination deadline
- Animals exhibited as commercial breeding heifers at county or state Extension 4-H sponsored shows are not eligible to be shown as market heifers.

C. Registered Junior Heifer Calves and Spring Heifer Calves – AKSARBEN

1. To be eligible for these classes at AKSARBEN, heifers may be identified on either a Feeder Calf DNA animal nomination envelope or Breeding Heifer Breeding Nomination Card, but must have a tattoo recorded on the nomination and must indicate a registration number or that registration is pending with the breed association. Registration must be completed by exhibition. Ear tags alone are not acceptable identification for Junior or Spring Heifer Calves.
 - a. If using the feeder calf DNA animal nomination envelope, the tattoo number must be recorded and labeled as a tattoo. It is recommended to indicate this in one of the eartag fields and label it as a tattoo. Registration information should be written on the DNA animal nomination envelope.

D. Registration Papers (certificates) for Beef, Dairy, Sheep and Swine:

1. For 4-H shows outside of Nebraska (such as American Royal, World Dairy Expo., National Western, etc.) registration papers (certificates) must carry the 4-H member's name as owner.
2. For the State Fair and AKSARBEN, registration papers must show one of the following:
 - a. the member's name as owner or,
 - b. the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family, or
 - c. the family farm or ranch name or parent's name.
 - * Immediate family is defined as members of a household including parents, brothers, sisters and youth in the care of the head of the household.

E. Terminal Status and Identification for County Swine Shows

1. County swine shows could be terminal or non-terminal shows.
2. State Fair and AKSARBEN Swine shows will be terminal.

F. Feeder Calf Division at AKSARBEN

1. A calf in this division must:
 - a. Be a steer or heifer born before June 1 of the current year and out of an identifiable sire and dam. The sire and dam need not be registered.
 - b. Have a certified birth date enrolled on or before **June 15**.



- c. Identified with an official electronic identification (EID) tag (Nebraska only), certified on the Feeder Calf DNA animal nomination envelope submitted on or before **June 15** to the county office.

G. Auctions

1. **Example Show Rules:** Because project ownership is an important part of a 4-H livestock project, most 4-H shows will have a rule regarding auctions, the same or similar to the following section from the Nebraska State Fair 4-H Premium Book: *“Any 4-H project animal that has been offered for auction where the intent of the auction is change of ownership is ineligible for the 4-H livestock classes at the Nebraska State Fair.... A project animal that has been through a “premium only” auction is eligible to be exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair, provided it and its exhibitor meet all other ownership and eligibility requirements. A “premium only” auction is defined as an event in which change of ownership is never the intent; but the intent is only to provide a monetary premium to accompany the ribbon earned by the exhibit.”*
2. **Clarification of “premium only”:** Because county fairs have various types of auctions and there are many differences in how specific auctions are handled, the following will provide some clarification regarding “premium only” auctions. However, this is not meant to endorse the concept of auctions for fairs and 4-H projects.

To be a **“premium only”** auction, there can be absolutely NO change of ownership that occurs during the auction. All exhibitors and animals need to be treated the same in this process. In a premium only auction, exhibitors will receive a check that represents their premium and is in no way related to the market value of the animal.

If, in addition to the premium auction, a county wants to provide a service to exhibitors of having a packer bid on the animals as a group and then proceed to load those animals out for slaughter, this should be handled separately from the premium auction. One way to do this would be to provide a sign-up for individuals that want to sell their animals for slaughter and load these animals immediately following, or the day after the auction. Ideally, all financial procedures should be handled separately from the premium auction dollars and must represent only the value of the animal on a current industry-based bid. Youth selling their animals by packer bid and participating in the "premium auction" should receive two checks, one for the actual market value of the animal and one for the "premium auction" money.