

2024 4-H STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK UPDATES AND REMINDERS

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Show Programs and State Fair App

Download the 4-H at the Nebraska State Fair App for easy access to the schedule of 4-H events, 4-H live animal show programs and contest schedules, results, and so much more! All live animal programs will be posted on the app and posted near the show arena. There will limited paper copies of programs available to hand out, but all programs will be posted.

<https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair#app>

Check In Process and Location

4-H Goat Exhibitors

Exhibitors will NOT be required to bring their goats up for check-in. Exhibitors will turn in their cards and paperwork to the Goat Superintendent Office which is located next to the State Fair Vet Office on the east side of the Sheep Barn. There will be signs posted by the office. Check-in will run from **9:00 AM-11:00 AM CST on Saturday, August 24.**

4-H Swine Exhibitors

Exhibitors will NOT be required to bring their hogs up for check-in. Exhibitors will turn in their cards and paperwork to the Swine Show Management at the check-in tables which will be located on the east side of the Swine Barn. Check-in will run from **8:00 AM-10:00 AM CST on Saturday, August 24.**

4-H Sheep Exhibitors

All exhibitors will be required to bring their breeding and market lambs up for check-in. Exhibitors will turn in their cards and paperwork as well as have their lambs classified (if applicable).

Check-in will be located in the northeast corner of the Sheep Barn in the poultry/rabbit show ring. Breeding ewes and markets lambs will check-in between **5:00 PM-8:00 PM CST on Friday, August 23.**

4-H Beef Exhibitors

Exhibitors will be required to bring their breeding heifers (both commercial and registered) and registered market steers up for check-in. Exhibitors showing crossbred market beef or feeder calves will NOT be required to bring their cattle up for check-in. Exhibitors will still need to come to check-in to turn in their cards and paperwork.

Check-in will be located inside the southwest corner of the Five Points Bank Arena on Friday, August 23 from 4:30 PM-8:00 PM CST. **Note: There is not a check-in option on Saturday.**

Please ensure that the tag is in the ear and tattoo is visible and legible in the ear.

Weigh Cards and Weigh Backs

Weigh cards must be completed and turned in during the designated check-in time and location. The weight listed on the weigh card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for assignment to a class and for weigh-back purposes. Show management will not be conducting an official weigh-in and exhibitors should plan on having their weigh cards completed before arriving to check-in.

Weigh cards will be utilized in the following 4-H shows in 2024:

- Market Swine
 - Crossbred Breeding Gilts
 - Market Lambs
 - Commercial Breeding Ewes
 - Market Goats
 - Commercial Breeding Does
 - Market Beef
 - Feeder Calves
 - Commercial Breeding Beef
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- Weigh cards are found in the exhibitor packet and can be picked up in the Livestock Office (Five Points Bank Arena) if you are missing a card.
 - Two copies will be given for the same animal. Exhibitors will keep one and turn in the rest as directed at check in.

A weigh back will be incorporated for all 1st and 2nd place purples in each market class. A 5% variance from the declared weight at check-in will be allowed.

Beef/Sheep/Goats not meeting the 5% variance above the declared weight at check-in will be lowered one ribbon group and will not be eligible for any champion awards. Swine not meeting the 5% variance above or below the declared weight at check-in will be lowered one ribbon group and will not be eligible for any champion awards.

Market Buyers

In 2024, there will be an option to sell goats and lambs. Exhibitors should plan to sign-up their animal during the respective check-in time. Bid prices will be available on Thursday, August 22.

There will not be an option to sell market hogs in 2024.

4-H market animals that will be required to be harvested are the Champion and Reserve Champion Overall Market winners in Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goat. Note: Grand Champion Market and Reserve Grand Champion Market winners cannot be withdrawn from championship and are automatically consigned for harvest.

Grooming

The 2024 State Fair 4-H Livestock Shows will be Blow & Go. All beef, swine, sheep, and goats (showmanship, market, feeder and breeding) will be shown Blow & Go. Animals may be clipped, blown, brushed, or combed to enhance their appearance. All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. Reference the [Nebraska State Fair Livestock General Rules and Regulations](#) for specific guidelines.

All animals will be subject to visual inspection and/or toweling for the presence of adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. A toweling inspection will be incorporated for all 1st and 2nd place class winners (showmanship, breeding, market). The 3rd place class winner may be requested back if the 1st or 2nd place class winner do not pass inspection. All animals entering the Final Drive/Overall will be subject to a toweling inspection before entering the show ring. Toweling of the animal may include but is not limited to the topline, legs, chest, belly, flank, and cod/udder areas. If, after inspection, the animal is found to have adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products applied it will be disqualified from competition. Any premiums (physical or monetary) will be forfeited, and no refunds will be made.

Retags

Please inform Brandy Schulze bschulze@unl.edu of any retag of any livestock animal, even after entry is completed on August 10.

Registration Papers

To exhibit at the State Fair, original registration papers must be presented at the time of check in. NO PRINTED PAPER COPIES OR SCREENSHOTS ACCEPTED. Original registration papers or electronic documents presented using a tablet or smart phone will be accepted if pulled up from the respective breed website.

For the State Fair, registration papers must show one of the following:

- the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family and is listed with the online nomination in the official online database.
*Immediate family is defined as members of a household including parents, brothers, sisters, and youth in the care of the head of the household.

Livestream

State Fair we will be livestreaming goats, sheep, cattle and swine shows for 4-H. It will be linked on the website, https://www.statefair.org/live_stream/, through the State Fair Livestock Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/NSFLivestockExhibitors> and through ShowBarn Flix's website, <https://www.showbarnflix.com/>.

Livestock Office

If you have any questions upon arrival at the fairgrounds, you can go to the Livestock Office which is on the west side of the Five Points Bank Arena. The office will be staffed with volunteers during the following hours:

Thursday, August 22: 8 AM - 8 PM CST

Friday, August 23: 8 AM - 8 PM CST

Saturday, August 24: 7 AM - 7 PM CST

Sunday, August 25: 7 AM - 4 PM CST