

4. **BEGINNING AND ENDING TIME** – Herdsmanship begins at the time animals are to be in place and ends when exhibits are released at the end of the Johnson County Fair.
5. **JUDGING TIMES** – Livestock exhibits may be judged for herdsman'ship anytime between 8:00 am (Noon on Sunday) and 8:00 pm.
6. **JUDGING OF DIVISIONS** – Each livestock division: cattle, (beef, bucket calves, and dairy), horses, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine will be judged separately.
7. **DISPLAY OF ANIMALS** – All animals should be in their stalls or pens between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, except for weighing, washing, showing, and designated exercise periods. All pens and stalls should be clearly identified with club and exhibitor's name.
8. **CLEANING STALLS AND PENS** – All stalls and pens should be thoroughly cleaned before 8:00 am. Manure and wet bedding should be collected on an as needed basis throughout the day.
9. **CLUB SIGNS** – Uniform club signs will be permitted.
10. **BASIS OF JUDGING**
 - **Animal – General Appearance** (20 points) – animals clean & groomed, stalled/penned at appropriate times (8:00 am – 8:00 pm)
 - **Stall/Pen Area** (20 points) – bedding (shavings) clean & adequate amount, water container clean & adequate amount, feed container clean & adequate amount.
 - **Tack/Exhibitor Area** (20 points) – tack area clean & neat, exhibitor/gathering area clean & neat, tack & equipment stored in an orderly & safe manner.
 - **Aisle** (20 points) – aisle clean/orderly & free of debris.
 - **Herdsmen/Exhibitor** (10 points) – herdsman/exhibitor courteous.
 - **Other/Enhancement of Club Area** (10 points) – stall cards posted with complete information, equipment (i.e. fans, clippers, pitchforks, rakes, chutes, etc.) properly & safely used.

DEPARTMENT G

DIVISION 1

HERDSMANSHIP

CLASS 910

Herdsmanship

BEEF CATTLE

GENERAL RULES – BEEF CATTLE

1. **GENERAL RULES** - See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS
2. **ENTRY LIMITS** – An exhibitor may show a maximum of:
 - 4 market beef animals
 - 4 breeding beef (the cow-calf entry counts as one event in the breeding beef class)
 - 2 feeder calves (the calf from a cow-calf entry only counts as a separate entry if entered in the feeder calf class)
 Showmanship and Group of Three classes do not count as entry towards an exhibitor's maximum.
3. **IDENTIFICATION** –

MARKET BEEF – In order to show at the Johnson County Fair all market beef must be weighed in at the official Johnson County 4-H Market Beef Weigh In Day (if participating in the Rate of Gain Contest) and ear tagged with the official 4-H ear tag. If an exhibitor is unable to participate in Johnson County Market Beef Weigh-In they must contact the Johnson County Extension Office prior to the date in order to make alternative arrangements. A DNA sample must be taken for any market beef animals to be eligible to be exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben stock show. Market beef DNA collection, weighing, and ear tagging must be completed prior to April 1. All identification for market beef must be documented on a Nebraska 4-H Market Beef Ownership/Identification Affidavit and submitted to the Extension Office. The affidavit will be completed and submitted at the Market Beef Weigh-In Day. Please contact the Johnson County Extension Office for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben stock show entry requirements.

BREEDING BEEF – All breeding beef must be identified with an identification number unique to that animal, acceptable forms of identification for the Johnson County Fair will include tattoos and ear tags. Only official identification tattoos meeting the regulations set forth by the various national beef breed associations will be accepted as fulfilling the requirements for identification to exhibit. Calfhood vaccination tattoos will not be considered an official identification tattoo. All identification of breeding beef must be documented on an Ownership/Identification Affidavit and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on June 15. Heifers must be identified as either market or breeding beef, animals may not be identified under both categories. No individual heifer may show in both market and breeding classes. Breeding heifers carrying a 4-H Market ear tag will not be allowed to show. Please contact the Johnson County Extension Office for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben stock show entry requirements.

FEEDER/BUCKET CALF – All feeder and bucket calves must be tagged using appropriate 4-H tags. All identification of feeder and bucket calves must be documented on a Nebraska 4-H Feeder Calf/Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on June 15. A DNA sample must be taken for any feeder animal to be eligible to be exhibited at the Ak-Sar-Ben stock show. Feeder calf DNA collection and ear tagging must be completed prior to June 15. Please contact the Johnson County Extension Office for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben stock show entry requirements.
4. **PRE-ENTRY** - All beef exhibits, including showmanship, must be entered on a Johnson County Fair Large & Small Animal Entry Form to be eligible to show at the Johnson County Fair. This form must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on July 15. All beef exhibitors must complete and submit a Johnson County Fair Stall Request Form indicating the number of exhibits being brought to the fair. Stall request forms must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on the Wednesday before Fair Clean Up Day.
5. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS
6. **DRESS CODE** – See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS
7. **QUALITY ASSURANCE** – See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS
8. **GROOMING RULES** – See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

BEEF CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP RULES

See GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES

DEPARTMENT G

DIVISION 10

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUM

Purple \$4.00

Blue \$3.00

Red \$2.00

White \$1.00

CLASS 910

Senior Division

14 years of age and older

CLASS 920

Intermediate Division

11 to 13 years of age

CLASS 930

Junior Division

8 to 10 years of age

MARKET BEEF RULES

1. **GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL RULES – BEEF CATTLE
2. **ELIGIBILITY** – Steers and heifers (purebreds and crossbreds) born after January 1st of the preceding year are eligible to show in the market beef class.
3. **BUCKET CALF PLUS ONE** – Animals shown in the Bucket Calf Plus One class must have been shown by the exhibitor in the 4-H Bucket Calf class at the Johnson County Fair in the preceding year. Animals must retain their original 4-H ear tag until Johnson County Market Beef Weigh-

In when the animal will be tagged with an official 4-H ear tag and weighed in. Steers and heifers and will be shown together and if needed class breaks will be determined by weight.

4. **SELECTION OF GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS** – A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the following divisions (see below). Heifers in the British breed, and miniature/heritage breed classes and steers in the Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, and miniature/heritage breed classes must exhibit breed characteristics typical of a purebred animal of the breed in which they are entered. Animals receiving first and second purple places from each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of the division. A Market Beef Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the division champions.

Market Heifers

- British Breeds
- Crossbred
- Miniature/Heritage Breeds

Bucket Calf Plus One

- Heifers & Steers

Market Steers

- Angus
- Shorthorn
- Hereford
- Crossbred
- Miniature/Heritage Breeds

5. **CLASS BREAKS** - Will be determined by weight. Classes with less than five entries may be combined into groups of at least 5 head at the discretion of the Beef Superintendent.
6. **CLUB GROUP OF THREE MARKET BEEF** – Group of three market steers and/or market heifers with ownership by more than one exhibitor enrolled in the same 4-H club.
7. **PREMIUM SALE** – The minimum weight for British Breed and Crossbred (Steers & Heifers) to be eligible for the 4-H Premium Sale is 950 lbs. The minimum weight for Miniature/Heritage Breed and Bucket Calf Plus One (Steers & Heifers) to be eligible for the 4-H Premium Sale is 600 lbs. (See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES & REQUIREMENTS)

DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 11			MARKET BEEF
PREMIUM	Purple \$8.00	Blue \$6.00	Red \$4.00	White \$2.00	
CLASS 910	Market Heifers – British Breeds				
CLASS 920	Market Heifers – Crossbred				
CLASS 940	Market Heifers – Miniature/Heritage Breeds				
CLASS 950	Bucket Calf Plus One				
CLASS 10	Market Steers – Angus				
CLASS 20	Market Steers – Shorthorn				
CLASS 30	Market Steers – Hereford				
CLASS 40	Market Steers – Crossbred				
CLASS 970	Market Steers – Miniature/Heritage Breeds				
CLASS 980	Club Group of Market Beef				

BREEDING BEEF RULES

1. **GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL RULES – BEEF CATTLE
2. **BREEDING HEIFER CLASSIFICATION** – Crossbred breeding heifers will be shown in the commercial heifer division and purebred heifers will be shown in the appropriate breed division. Heifers in the breed divisions must exhibit breed characteristics typical of a purebred animal of the breed in which they are exhibited.
3. **CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION** – A Champion and Reserve Champion from each breed division will be selected. A Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer will be selected from division champions. Animals receiving first and second purple places from each division will be eligible to compete for Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer and Supreme Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer. Aged cows, cow/calf pairs, and stocker feeder female champions are not eligible for this selection.
4. **CLASSES** - Each breed of heifer will show separately. Any breed having less than five head checked in may be allowed only one class for all heifers at the discretion of the beef superintendent. Animals will enter the ring at the same time in order of age and be placed in ribbon groups according to their individual merit.
5. **SHOW ORDER** - Breeding females will be shown from youngest to oldest for the complete breed. Breeds will be shown in alphabetical order beginning with Black Angus.

DEPARTMENT G		DIVISIONS 12 – 29			BREEDING BEEF
DIVISION 12	Black Angus	DIVISION 26	Limflex		
DIVISION 13	Charolais	DIVISION 19	Maine Anjou		
DIVISION 24	Composite Charolais	DIVISION 27	Mainetainer		
DIVISION 14	Chianina	DIVISION 20	Red Angus		
DIVISION 15	Commercial	DIVISION 21	Shorthorn		
DIVISION 16	Gelbvieh	DIVISION 28	Shorthorn Plus		
DIVISION 25	Balancer	DIVISION 22	Simmental		
DIVISION 17	Hereford & Polled Hereford	DIVISION 29	Foundation Simmental		
DIVISION 18	Limousin	DIVISION 23	All Other Breeds		

BREEDING BEEF CLASSES (Each breed will show separately, from youngest to oldest)

PREMIUM	Purple \$8.00	Blue \$6.00	Red \$4.00	White \$2.00
CLASS 910	Senior Yearling Heifer	July – December, 2 years ago		
CLASS 10	Junior Yearling Heifer	January – February, last year		
CLASS 20	Spring Yearling Heifer	March – April, last year		
CLASS 30	Summer Yearling Heifer	May – June, last year		
CLASS 40	Fall Heifer Calves	July – August, last year		
CLASS 50	Fall Heifer Calves	September – October, last year		
CLASS 60	Fall Heifer Calves	November – December, last year		
CLASS 920	Cow-Calf			
CLASS 930	Aged Cow	Born on or before July 1, 2 years ago		

FEEDER CALF RULES

1. **GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL RULES – BEEF CATTLE
2. **ELIGIBILITY** - Any beef breed calf born between January 1 and June 1 of the current year. Feeder calves are not eligible for the premium sale.
3. **UNWEANED CALVES** - Unweaned calves may be brought to the fair and taken home on the day of the show if not accompanied by its mother.
4. **CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION** - A champion and reserve champion calf will be selected from each of the classes.

- CLASS BREAKS** - Will be determined by age. Classes will be shown from youngest to oldest. Any class having less than five head checked in may be allowed only one class at the discretion of the superintendent.
- SHOW ORDER** - Animals will enter the ring at the same time in order of age and be placed in ribbon groups on their individual merit.

DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 27		FEEDER CALVES	
PREMIUM	Purple \$5.00	Blue \$4.00	Red \$3.00	White \$2.00	
CLASS 901	British Breed Feeder Calf	Female			
CLASS 902	British Breed Feeder Calf	Male			
CLASS 903	Cross/Other Breed Feeder Calf	Female			
CLASS 904	Cross/Other Breed Feeder Calf	Male			

RATE OF GAIN RULES

- PREMIUMS** – Premiums will be paid on only the first five places in each class.
- ELIGIBILITY** – All market beef animals weighed in at the official Johnson County 4-H Market Beef Weigh-In Day are eligible.
- CALCULATING** – The average daily gain will be determined using the Market Beef Weigh-In Day weight and date plus the County Fair weight and date.

DEPARTMENT G			DIVISION 11		RATE OF GAIN	
PREMIUM	1 st \$35	2 nd \$30	3 rd \$25	4 th \$20	5 th \$15	
CLASS 990	Rate of Gain	Steer				
CLASS 995	Rate of Gain	Heifer				

BEEF FITTING CONTEST

- TEAMS** – Each team will consist of two 4-H members who are enrolled in the Johnson County 4-H program. Participants do not need to be enrolled in the beef project but must have received Quality Assurance training or passed the appropriate test through UNL Extension prior to participating in the Beef Fitting Contest at Johnson County Fair. Training must be completed by June 15.
- DIVISIONS** – There will be three divisions a Junior Division (ages 8 – 13 years old), a Senior Division (ages 14 – 18 years old), and a Mixed Division. If team is comprised of a 4-H member who is a Junior (8 – 13 years old) and a 4-H member who is Senior (14 -18 years old) the team will compete in the Mixed Division.
- EQUIPMENT** – Teams must provide their own equipment. Each team will be allowed: one blocking chute, one blower, one set of clippers, and other needed fitting and showing accessories. Once the contest time begins, no team member may leave the area and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area.
- ANIMALS** – Each team will select a market steer, market heifer, or breeding heifer that either belongs to one of the team members or is borrowed from another 4-H exhibitor. The animal must be identified on the appropriate Ownership Affidavit and be entered as an exhibit in the Johnson County Fair 4-H Beef Show. All cattle must report to the contest area dry, clipped, and completely free of any artificial substances. Each animal will be lightly misted to confirm the animal is unfitted.
- METHODS** – Contestants may not use inappropriate fitting methods. These may include but are not limited to: any altering of the natural color of the animal by the use of dyes, paints, hair coloring conditions, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders or other substances; the addition of any hair or hair like substances (including twine), false tailheads, false polls, and false tail switches.
- TIME** – There will be a 30-minute time limit. Once time has been called all teams must cease working on their animals. If fitting is continued after time is called, the team will be automatically disqualified. Periodic time announcements will be made throughout the contest.
- PRESENTATION** – After the 30-minute fitting time limit, one team member will hold the entry in the designated area. All other team members must be beside the animal, but are not allowed to continue fitting the animal after time is called.
- AUDIENCE** – All audience members must remain out of the area designated as the contest space and is not allowed to communicate with the participants in any fashion.
- JUDGING** – Judging will be based on the completion and final appearance of the animal and judge’s questions for the team members (these will be related to their animal, products, or fitting methods).
- PRE-ENTRY** – Teams must be entered on a Johnson County Fair Large & Small Animal Entry Form to be eligible to participate at the Johnson County Fair. This form must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on July 15.

DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 99		FITTING CONTEST	
PREMIUM	Purple \$5.00	Blue \$4.00	Red \$3.00	White \$2.00	
CLASS 901	Fitting Contest – Junior Division				
CLASS 902	Fitting Contest – Senior Division				
CLASS 903	Fitting Contest – Mixed Division				

BUCKET CALF

GENERAL RULES – BUCKET CALF

- GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS
- ENTRY LIMIT** - An exhibitor may show only one bucket calf. Calves shown in the bucket calf class and bucket calf showmanship class will not be allowed to show in any cattle (beef and dairy) classes during the current year’s Johnson County Fair. This includes the beef and dairy showmanship classes.
- IDENTIFICATION** - Bucket calves must be tagged with a 4-H ear tag available from the Extension Office. Identification of bucket calves must be documented on a Nebraska 4-H Feeder Calf/Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit and submitted to the Johnson County Extension Office by close on June 15.
- PRE-ENTRY** – All bucket calf exhibits must be entered on a Johnson County Fair Large & Small Animal Entry Form to be eligible to show at the Johnson County Fair. This form must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on July 15. All bucket calf exhibitors must complete and submit a Johnson County Fair Stall Request Form indicating the number of exhibits being brought to the fair. Stall request forms must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on the Wednesday before Fair Clean Up Day.
- DRESS CODE** - See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS
- QUALITY ASSURANCE** - See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS
- ELIGIBILITY** –
Exhibitors: 4-H members can show in the bucket calf class for a total of three years up to age 13 (The Clover Kid Pet Show will not count against this limit). 4-H members may be over 13 if it is their first year in the beef project, but they may only show one year.
Calves: Calves shown in the Bucket Calf division shall be born between January 1 and June 1 of the current year. Bucket calves are not eligible for the Premium Sale.
- CLASS BREAKS** - The show will be divided on prior experience in the bucket calf project. The Clover Kid Pet Show will not count as prior experience exhibiting bucket calves.