

- Hard-soled shoes or boots are considered safe and appropriate. Boots with waffle-type tread greater than or equal to 1/8 inch will not be allowed in riding classes.
- A 4-H armband is required at the Johnson County Fair 4-H horse show. Armband is to be worn on the left arm above the elbow.
- Spurs are permissible but must be dull and rowels must be free moving.
- Exhibitor numbers will be assigned to all exhibitors and must be worn in the ring during the show.

LARGE & SMALL ANIMAL (Beef, bucket calf, dairy cattle & goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine)

- An approved 4-H t-shirt must be worn (State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben shirts will not be allowed).
- Dark blue jeans are required and a belt is recommended. Excessive embellishments are not permitted.
- White pants are allowed instead of dark blue jeans for dairy cattle and goat exhibitors.
- Shoes or boots must provide adequate protection and comfort for the exhibitor. Exhibitors showing in the beef, bucket calf, and dairy divisions are required to wear hard soled shoes or boots.
- No hats, caps, or other types of headgear are allowed to be worn in the show ring (accommodations will be made for an individual's religious beliefs.)
- Exhibitor numbers will be assigned to all exhibitors and must be worn in the ring during the show.

20. **ARRIVAL DEADLINE** – Arrival and entry deadlines for all animals are listed on the Johnson County Fair 4-H Schedule of Events. Division superintendents may make exceptions for certain situations provided arrangements are made in advance and approved by the overall livestock superintendent.

21. **REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION** – Any animal entry must be awarded first or second purple in a class to be eligible to compete for champion or reserve champion.

22. **4-H PREMIUM SALE** – 4-H market livestock, must be shown at the Johnson County Fair in the appropriate 4-H show to be eligible for the 4-H Premium Sale and must meet the Premium Sale weight requirements for a market animal. The sale is a "premium only" auction in which change of ownership is never the intent. Each 4-H member is limited to selling a total of 2 market animals. They may sell 2 market beef, 2 market swine, 2 market sheep, 2 market meat goats, 2 market rabbits, a pen of three market broilers (considered one unit), or a combination such as: 1 beef and 1 swine, 1 swine and 1 sheep, 1 meat goat and 1 pen of broilers, etc. Exhibitors must indicate their intentions in regards to premium sale participation when animals are entered and weighed-in. Appropriate 4-H attire must be worn for the 4-H premium sale (see DRESS CODE). Substitute showmen will be allowed for 4-H members who need to leave early to travel to college. If a 4-H exhibitor needs to utilize a substitute showman they must notify the Extension Office prior to the beginning of the Premium Sale.

PREMIUM SALE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

SPECIES		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Beef	British Breed, Crossbred & Other Breeds (Steers & Heifers)	950 lbs.	None
	Miniature/Heritage Breeds & Bucket Calf +1 (Steers & Heifers)	600 lbs.	None
Dairy	Dairy Steers	850 lbs.	None
Goat	Market Meat Goat	50 lbs.	None
Poultry	Market Broiler Pen of 3*	3.75 lbs. average for pen	None
Rabbit	Fryer	3 lbs.	5 lbs.
	Roaster	8 lbs.	None
Sheep	Market Sheep	80 lbs.	None
Swine	Market Swine	200 lbs.	300 lbs.

* Market Broiler Exhibitors must participate in the Interview (Q&A), Record Book, and Pen of Three portions of the project to be eligible for the 4-H Premium Sale.

23. **FAIR CLEAN UP (DAILY AND AT CLOSE)** – Exhibitors failing to clean their stalls, alleys, and assigned areas each day of the fair and at the close of the fair will forfeit all of their premium money.

24. **AUTHORITY** – Each division superintendent with the approval of the overall livestock superintendent shall have the authority to make all decisions within their respective area of responsibility in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in the Johnson County Fair 4-H Fair Book and the policies put in place by University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development program and the Johnson County 4-H Council.

GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS** - All 4-H members, who are exhibiting their own animals in beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine divisions are automatically entered as participants in the showmanship division and are strongly encouraged to participate.
2. **ELIGIBILITY** – An exhibitor may only show animals in showmanship that are identified on the proper affidavit and entered under their name; one or more member of the same family may not use the same animal.
3. **DIVISIONS** – 4-H exhibitors will be divided into three divisions according to their age as of December 31st of the preceding year.
 - Senior Division – 14 years of age and older
 - Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years of age
 - Junior Division – 8 to 10 years of age
 Winners of these divisions will not compete against each other for selection of an overall showman.
4. **BASIS FOR JUDGING** – Showmanship judging is based on preparation of the animal for show, their apparent training, and the appearance and behavior of the showman. Primarily, the showmanship division evaluates the skill of the exhibitor presenting the animal before the judge, not the animal's individual excellence.
5. **DISQUALIFICATION** – The division and/or overall livestock superintendents may disqualify any 4-H exhibitor from showmanship for any violation of rules or unsportsmanlike conduct during the Johnson County Fair.

HERDSMANSHIP

GENERAL RULES – HERDSMANSHIP

1. **PURPOSE** - Animal exhibitors are expected to keep their pens and exhibit area clean, neat, and attractive as possible. The entire area in the case of club exhibits must also be clean and presented in an attractive manner to the public at all times.
2. **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** – Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the 4-H members, **NOT** leaders and parents.
3. **CLUB RESPONSIBILITY** – It is the 4-H member's responsibility to assist their club with feeding and general care of animals, cleaning of pens and walkways, and presenting their 4-H exhibit to the public. The 4-H members shall show proper courtesy and conduct at all times. All poultry and rabbits require food and water at all times. The 4-H member or a member of their club is responsible for their care. The area superintendent and/or overall superintendent reserves the right to release 4-H exhibits that are not properly cared for and have not followed the herdsmanship rules.

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-