

AKSARBEN FOUNDATION  
is proud to present the



2017

4-H Horse Show  
September 23 – 24, 2017  
Thompson Arena  
Grand Island, Nebraska

4-H Stock Show  
September 28 – October 1, 2017  
Fonner Park/Nebraska State Fairgrounds  
Grand Island, Nebraska



Celebrating 90 Years of Dedication to 4-H Youth of the Heartland

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## **AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show 2017 Schedule of Events**

**All Dates and Times are Tentative**

### **Saturday, September 23 – Horse Show at Fonner Park/Nebraska State Fairgrounds, Grand Island,**

#### **NE**

10am	Stalls Available (Horse Barn R)
1pm – 2:30pm	Horse Check-in
1:30pm – 3pm	Arena open for warm-up and practice (Thompson Arena)
3:30pm	Horse Show (Thompson Arena) Jr. Reining Sr. Reining Jr. Pole Bending Sr. Pole Bending Jr. Barrel Racing Sr. Barrel Racing
4pm – 8pm	Premier Exhibitor Activities

### **Sunday, September 24 – Horse Show at Fonner Park/Nebraska State Fairgrounds, Grand Island,**

#### **NE**

All Day	Stalls Available (Horse Barn R)
7am – 8am	Arena open for warm-up and practice (Thompson Arena)
7:30am	Horse Check-in if needed
8am	Horse Show (Thompson Arena) Jr. English Showmanship Sr. English Showmanship Jr. English Equitation Sr. English Equitation Jr. English Pleasure Sr. English Pleasure Hunter Hack Junior Western Showmanship Senior Western Showmanship
11:30am	Estimated Lunch Break Two-Year Old Snaffle Bit Three-Year Old Snaffle Bit Jr. & Sr. Pony Pleasure (combined) Jr. Western Pleasure Sr. Western Pleasure Jr. Western Horsemanship Sr. Western Horsemanship Jr. Ranch Horse Pleasure Sr. Ranch Horse Pleasure

**Thursday, September 28 – Fonner Park/Nebraska State Fairgrounds, Grand Island, NE**

Noon Barns Open

**Friday, September 29**

10am – 1pm Market Beef Check-in  
1:30pm Beef Premier Exhibitor (Schedule TBA)  
10am – 2:30pm Market Sheep Check-in  
12pm Calf and Lamb Challenge Record Books due in the Livestock Office  
1pm Purina Fitting Challenge (Five Points Arena)  
3pm Sheep Premier Exhibitor (Schedule TBA)  
2pm – 4pm Feeder Calf Check-in

**Saturday, September 30 – Fonner Park/Nebraska State Fairgrounds, Grand Island, NE**

8am Feeder Calf Show followed by Showmanship (Five Points Arena – Ring 1)  
8am Market Lamb Show followed by Showmanship (Five Points Arena – Ring 2)  
8am AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl followed by Social Hour (Tentatively Bosselman Conference Center)  
8am Beef Premier Exhibitor (Schedule TBA)  
8am – 12pm Market Swine Check-in  
9am – 12pm Breeding Beef Check-in  
9:30am or immediately Following selection of Champion  
Div. 1 Lamb Lamb Challenge Program (Five Points Arena – Ring 2)  
10am National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl followed by Social Hour (Tentatively Bosselman Conference Center)  
10am Broiler Check-in  
10am – 12pm Meat Goat Check-in  
10am or immediately Following FC Show  
11am – 12pm Calf Challenge Program (Five Points Arena – Ring 1)  
11:30am Dairy Check-in  
Market Beef Show followed by Showmanship (Five Points Arena – Ring 1)  
1pm Broiler Show (Broiler Arena)  
1pm Swine, Goat & Dairy Premier Exhibitor (Schedule TBA)  
3pm Market Swine Showmanship (Swine Arena)  
6:30pm Dairy Show (Five Points Arena – whichever Ring finishes first)

**Sunday, October 1 – Fonner Park/Nebraska State Fairgrounds, Grand Island, NE**

7:30am Livestock Judging Contest for Collegiate and 4-H Judging Teams (Thompson Arena for evaluation and TBA for reasons)  
8am Breeding Beef Show followed by Showmanship (Five Points Arena – Ring1)  
1. Gelbvieh  
2. Balancer  
3. Simmental  
4. SimGenetics  
5. Commercial  
6. Maine-Anjou  
7. Mainetainer  
8. Limousin  
9. LimFlex  
10. Shorthorn  
11. Shorthorn Plus  
11. Optimizer  
12. Angus  
13. Charolais  
14. Charolais Composite  
15. Chianina  
16. Salers  
17. Red Angus  
18. Horned Hereford/Polled Hereford  
19. AOB  
20. Top Five Heifer Selection  
8am Meat Goat Show followed by Showmanship (Five Points Arena – Ring 2)  
8am Market Swine Show (Swine Arena)  
8am Calf Challenge Skillathon  
5pm Tentative Auction

**Schedule and Times are Subject to Change**

## Rules and Regulations

### RESPONSIBILITY

The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show endorses and supports the Code of Ethics adopted by the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association. All exhibitors and their families agree to abide by this Code of Ethics and all rules and regulations printed in this book. Each exhibitor and their family are responsible for becoming familiar with those sections of the premium book that pertain to the area of their competition and abide by those rules at all times. The objectives listed shall encourage all exhibitors and their families to maintain a high standard of ethics while competing at the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show. Violation of rules will lead to penalties for exhibitors and their families. If a violation of rules occurs the exhibitor will be lowered one ribbon placing and may be subject to disqualification, barring from future shows, removal of awards and reporting the infraction to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Association.

### LIABILITY

It is understood that all persons participating in the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, acting on behalf of themselves, their principals, their agents or employees, agree to make no claim against the AKSARBEN Foundation, any official of the Stock Show or anyone acting by, for or through them or any of them, for loss, damage or injury to any property, animal or person resulting from any cause. All animals, exhibitors, grounds and buildings shall be under the entire control and management of AKSARBEN but neither AKSARBEN nor any of its officers or employees will in any case be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to any livestock being exhibited, exhibitor equipment or personal items. All livestock exhibited shall be at the sole risk of the exhibitor.

### ADMINISTRATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show reserves to its Executive Committee and Staff the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine.

### AUTHORITY

The Division Superintendent shall have authority to make all decisions within their respective Divisions in accordance with these Rules and Regulations. All protests and complaints should be lodged with the appropriate Division Superintendent in writing and signed. In the event any person feels aggrieved by a decision of the Division Superintendent, he/she may appeal that decision to the 4-H Stock Show Coordinator and General Superintendent. **This appeal shall be lodged as soon as practical but, in all events, prior to the completion of judging in the Class or Division involved.** All decisions by the 4-H Stock Show Coordinator and General Superintendent are subject to final review by the Executive Committee and Staff.

### ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS

- To be eligible to exhibit at the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show the 4-H member must be at least 10 years of age by January 1 of the current year, and must meet the requirement for exhibition as set by 4-H offices for state and interstate shows in the state of 4-H membership.
- 4-H members having completed their membership eligibility in a state are ineligible to enter the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show as a member of another state.
- Horse exhibitors must be 12 years of age by January 1 of the current year.
- Only 4-H exhibitors from the following ten states are eligible: Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.
- There will be no discrimination at the show because of race, color or national origin.
- No exhibitor shall be eligible to compete, or having competed, be eligible to win a premium, if he/she has been disqualified from competition in a show belonging to the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers' Association, or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation involving misrepresentation, fraud of deception, practiced or attempted.
- **TO SAFEGUARD EXHIBITORS, LIVESTOCK AND THE PUBLIC, THE STATE OF NEBRASKA RULES ON ALCOHOL USE AND ABUSE WILL BE ENFORCED.**
- **GIVEN THIS IS A JUNIOR 4-H EVENT, USE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS (except for medical purposes) BY ANY EXHIBITOR ON THE STOCK SHOW GROUNDS**

**WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EXPULTION FROM THE GROUNDS AND THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THAT EXHIBITORS ENTRY/ENTRIES.**

**ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS**

- Exhibits must have been fed and continuously owned by a 4-H Club member under the rules of Cooperative Extension of their state, and meet the Rules and Regulations of the Show.
- A market animal that has been declared Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at a major state or interstate 4-H or FFA show is ineligible to show at AKSARBEN. This includes Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.
- An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable during the show may be declared ineligible by the Division Superintendent.
- Any animal that is not shown by either its owner or an approved substitute showman is not eligible to be entered in the auction and must forfeit any premiums earned.

**ENTRIES**

**AKSARBEN RESERVES THE ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO REJECT ENTIRELY OR ACCEPT CONDITIONALLY ANY ENTRY OR APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OR TO WITHDRAW CLASSIFICATION AND PRIZES IN ANY DEPARTMENT UPON THE CLOSING OF ENTRIES WHENEVER IT, IN ITS SOLE JUDGMENT, DETERMINES THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF AKSARBEN OR THE AKSARBEN 4-H STOCK SHOW. (SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS PRINTED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTION)**

**MAKING ENTRY**

The responsibility for making proper entry rests upon the exhibitor. **All entries must be submitted online through the online process via aksarbenstockshow.com by August 10.** When there is joint ownership of an animal, the exhibitor who shows the animal must be named on the DNA nomination envelope, and the appropriate 4-H Livestock Identification forms. All correspondence shall be sent to AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, 7101 Mercy Rd, Suite 320, Omaha, NE 68106.

Exhibitors from the states of Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming must have identification sheets mailed to the 4-H Stock Show Coordinator by July 1 to be eligible for all species other than market beef. Exhibitors from Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota and Nebraska must follow their individual states' deadlines for identification to be eligible in all species other than Market Beef, which has a due date of April 15. In addition, all Market Beef, Market Lambs, Meat Goats, Market Swine and Feeder Calves need to have a DNA sample on file with AKSARBEN. Iowa exhibitors of Market Beef, Market Lamb and Market Goat must have retinal images on file according to Iowa 4-H deadlines. Market Swine and Feeder Calves must have DNA on file with AKSARBEN.

**LATE ENTRIES.**

Entries must be submitted online through the online process via aksarbenstockshow.com on or before August 31. Entries submitted between September 1 and September 7, that meet the nomination rules for the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show will automatically be charged a late fee which will be two (2) times the original entry fee. Any entries submitted between September 8 and September 14, that meet the nomination rules will automatically be charged a late fee of three (3) times the original entry fee. Entries submitted after September 14 will not be accepted.

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES**

An individual 4-H member may enter in the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show not more than:

- Three individual Market Beef. Calf Challenge exhibitors may enter four head.
- Three individual Breeding Heifers.
- Three individual Feeder Calves.
- Three individual Market Lambs. Lamb Challenge exhibitors may enter four head.
- Six individual Dairy Cattle and one Junior Herd.
- Three individual Market Swine.
- Two pens of Market Broilers.
- Three individual Meat Goats.

## **ENTRY FEES**

**LIVESTOCK ENTRY FEES:** For 4-H Exhibitors the fee will be \$30 per head for Market Beef, Breeding Beef and Feeder Calves; \$25 per head for Dairy; \$10 per Horse class; \$20 per head for Meat Goat, Market Lambs and Market Swine. Broilers (pen of three) will be \$12, max 2 pens. Entry fee only for Junior Dairy Herds-\$8. These will be non-refundable Entry Fees and do include bedding for Beef, Dairy, Meat Goats, Market Lambs and Market Swine.

**BLOCKING CHUTE FEE:** A fee of \$35 will be charged for all preregistered blocking chutes. **Any exhibitors who do not pre-register a chute will not be allowed to have a chute. BLOCKING CHUTES MUST BE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED FOR BEEF FITTING.** Any exhibitor using a blocking chute without a permit or found not abiding by these rules is subject to disqualification.

**TIE-OUT FEE:** Tie-outs will be available for \$10 per head. Stalls will be assigned as entries are received on a first come-first serve basis. Bedding will be provided as a base. Any additional bedding used in the tie-outs must be provided by the exhibitor.

**TRAILER PARKING (excludes horse exhibitors):** All trailers must be parked in the designated trailer parking lot. **No animals will be allowed in the trailer parking lot.**

## **REJECTION OF ENTRY/DISQUALIFICATION OVERRIDING RULE**

- Exhibitors, by submission of an entry or application, expressly acknowledge that there is no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete in the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.
- Exhibitors, by submission of an entry or application, expressly acknowledge that all procedures and remedies set forth in this Premium Book applicable to decisions to reject entries or disqualify exhibitors are the sole and exclusive procedures and remedies available to the exhibitor.
- Exhibitors, by submission of an entry or application, expressly acknowledge that submission of an entry to the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show will be treated as consent to the following:
- AKSARBEN reserves the absolute right and discretion to submit the name of a disqualified exhibitor to whomever it chooses, including, but not limited to, the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Rule Infraction Database (the "database"), any appropriate governmental agencies or authorities, and representatives from any other livestock show, exposition or fair.
- AKSARBEN reserves the absolute right and discretion to use any means deemed necessary to obtain information from the database and/or any other livestock show, exposition or fair regarding any exhibitor submitting an entry to the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show. Information requested may include, but is not limited to, decisions to disqualify or withhold a premium from the exhibitor in a prior livestock show.
- AKSARBEN reserves the absolute right and discretion to reject an entry submitted by or disqualify an exhibitor from competition if he or she has been disqualified from competition in any other livestock show, exposition or fair, or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn by any other livestock show, exposition or fair, for any reason, including, but not limited to, rules infraction, misrepresentation or fraud.

## **REJECTED ENTRIES**

- The responsibility for making proper entry rests upon the exhibitor. **All entries must be submitted online through the online process via [aksarbenstockshow.com](http://aksarbenstockshow.com) by the August 10 deadline.** When there is joint ownership of an animal, the exhibitor who shows the animal must be named on the DNA nomination envelope, on the appropriate 4-H Livestock Identification form and on the entry form. Entries will be submitted to the AKSARBEN Foundation by online forms through the online entry process provided by the Stock Show. Address inquiries and all correspondence to AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, 7101 Mercy Rd, Suite 320, Omaha, NE 68106. Applications for entry must be on forms provided by AKSARBEN and filled out in accordance with the instructions contained on the same.
- Any rejected entries will be returned to the exhibitor with a written explanation regarding reasons for rejection.
- If the exhibitor believes additional information may warrant reconsideration of the decision to reject an entry, the exhibitor must submit a written request for reconsideration, to include a detailed explanation of why the entry should be reconsidered, and, where appropriate, documentation supporting the

explanation. The request for reconsideration must be received by the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show office at 7101 Mercy Rd, Suite 320, Omaha, NE 68106, within 10 days of the post-marked date of mailing of the rejection of entry notification from AKSARBEN. **DECISIONS REGARDING RECONSIDERATION WILL BE MADE IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE AKSARBEN 4-H STOCK SHOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SHALL BE FINAL.** The exhibitor will be promptly notified in writing of the Executive Committee's final determination.

#### **DISQUALIFICATION**

- Exhibitors and their families who fail to comply with any and all rules in this Premium Book will be lowered one ribbon placing in their respective shows and are subject to premium cancellation, disqualification from current and future participation in the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, and potential submission of the violation to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Rule Infraction Database and/or other third parties, including governmental authorities where appropriate.
- Following a determination that an exhibitor has been disqualified and/or a premium has been withheld from the exhibitor for a rules infraction, that exhibitor shall receive written notification of the determination to include an explanation of the reasons for the determination and any resulting disciplinary action.
- If the exhibitor believes additional information may warrant re-examination of the decision, he or she may submit a request for reconsideration. The request for reconsideration shall be in writing, and must include a detailed explanation of why the decision should be reviewed, and, where appropriate, documentation supporting the explanation. All reconsideration requests must be received by the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, 7101 Mercy Rd, Suite 320, Omaha, NE 68106 within 10 days of the exhibitor's receipt of the notification of disqualification or withholding of premiums. **DECISIONS REGARDING RECONSIDERATION REQUESTS WILL BE MADE IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE AKSARBEN 4-H STOCK SHOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SHALL BE FINAL.** The exhibitor will be promptly notified in writing of the Executive Committee's final determination.
- Any exhibitor premium withheld as a result of disqualification will be retained by AKSARBEN until the request for reconsideration has been resolved. If the Executive Committee determines, upon receipt of a properly filed request for reconsideration, that a disqualification or premium cancellation decision should be reversed, the premium will be disbursed to the exhibitor within a reasonable period of time.

#### **REINSTATEMENT**

- Exhibitors who have been disqualified from exhibiting at the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show but have completed the previously determined disqualification period may request reinstatement to exhibit at the Stock Show.
- The family of the disqualified exhibitor will be required to submit a written request for exhibition for any future AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Shows. The letter must be received by the AKSARBEN Foundation on or before December 31 of the year the disqualification terms were satisfied.
- Decisions regarding Reinstatement requests will be made in the sole discretion of the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show Executive Committee and shall be final. The exhibitor will be promptly notified in writing of the Executive Committee's final determination.

#### **FRAUD**

The management reserves the right to withhold the premiums awarded in any case in which it shall appear that the regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been practiced or attempted. Payment for 4-H Market Beef, Meat Goats, Market Lambs and Market Swine sold in the Auction to local packing plants will not be made until carcasses have been inspected in the coolers. Any carcass showing evidence of ante mortem tampering, will be paid for in accordance with their market worth, regardless of auction price of the live animal. Ribbons, medals and prizes awarded on such animals will be forfeited.

#### **FORCE MAJEURE AND GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION**

In view of the fact that the AKSARBEN Foundation d.b.a. AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show ("The Show") is a non-profit corporation depending to a great degree upon the contributions and services of a substantial number of donors and volunteers, as well as the benefits provided by the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show to the general public through education and related services as set forth in the Preamble to these General Rules and Regulations, The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show deems it appropriate and prudent to be excused from liability, as set forth below in this paragraph, in the event of early cancellation of its events, operations



and activities by reason of force majeure and/or governmental regulation. Accordingly, the following shall apply to the operations and activities conducted by the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.

#### **FORCE MAJEURE**

The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show and which delays or prevents performance by the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show otherwise required by this Agreement, including but not limited to any (i) breakage or accident to equipment, machinery or facilities; (ii) any strikes, lock-outs or other labor difficulties ; (iii) statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders or rules issued by governmental authorities; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) acts of God; (vi) animal diseases and/or quarantines; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; (viii) civil disobediences, public demonstrations or sabotage; (ix) fires, floods, explosions or inclement weather; (x) inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities or transportation; (xi) depressions, recessions or other economic downturns; (xii) embargoes or energy shortages; or (xiii) other causes beyond the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show's reasonable control.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION**

The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show's good faith compliance with applicable governmental statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, rules or other directives, including but not limited to compliance with governmental directives concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response (including animal quarantine and/or destruction) and protection of the environment.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY SYSTEM WARNING STATEMENT**

Evacuation of Livestock/Equine: During such times as deemed necessary by local, state or federal authorities, the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, and/or its officials may, temporarily or permanently evacuate Fonner Park under the authority of the Homeland Security Act. Incidents such as, but not limited to, bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, etc., will be acted upon in accordance and cooperation with local, state and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life, then livestock and/or equine. In such cases, exhibitors and/or contestants will turn over the care of their livestock or equine to the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At which time the evacuation notice is lifted. Then exhibitors/contestants will be allowed to re-enter Fonner Park and claim their livestock or equine. By making entry into the Show exhibitors authorize the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show and its officials to detain their livestock/equine on these premises. Furthermore, exhibitors agree to hold harmless and without liability the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, its officials, directors, officers, volunteers and staff for those animals under the reasonable care of the Show.

## **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

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 honesty and dignity in 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 local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth 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. 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 competitions 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: **(Please read and be familiar with the following)**

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 federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on 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 animals 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 to the hooves 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 the 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 this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of 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 of 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.

#### **ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**

The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting shall be deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal or marketability of animal carcasses. Animals showing, in the opinion of the judge, signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified. As a condition for participation in the stock show, every exhibitor and their family must agree to submit any animal entered by them to inspection by a Veterinarian appointed by the management, and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the Veterinarian and Show Management, and agrees that the conclusion reached by the veterinarian as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final, without recourse against the Stock Show or any of its officers.

#### **ANIMAL TESTING**

The showing of any animal that has been administered any quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication or drug, or that has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs is prohibited. Unapproved is deemed to mean not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for that species. As a condition for participation in the Show, every exhibitor and their family must agree to submit any animal entered by an exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management, and agrees to have such animals submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian. The Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian, as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the Stock Show or any of its officers. An exhibitor and their family or an animal producing an analysis with any quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or any other unapproved medication or drugs will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Stock Show. In addition, the show specifically reserves the right to have DNA sample(s) (hair) and/or retinal images withdrawn and analyzed on any animal entered for competition at any time.

### **ATTENTION: USE OF DRUGS**

The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show has the right to test any animal at any time. The use by non-veterinarians\* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of Federal Law. Exhibitors and exhibitors' parents and/or guardians agree that:

- They are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, including the time while they are at the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show;
- The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor and their family whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians and family are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug;
- The drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians and family. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor and their family.

\* Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

**All exhibitors and parents will complete and sign an affidavit and statement of disclosure related to animal health care products used prior to exhibition. These will be collected at the time the exhibitor picks up their Exhibitor Packet at the Livestock Office and reviewed by show veterinarians.**

**Animals required to be harvested after the Show and receiving treatments before, during or after the exhibition which will not allow immediate harvest will be quarantined at a location determined by the show management and state veterinarian. All expenses will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and their family including transportation to harvest.**

### **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING (COOL)**

The 2002 and 2008 Farm Bills amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require retailers to notify their customers of the country of origin of muscle cut and ground meats including beef, veal, lamb, pork, chicken, and goat meat. Any person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer, whether directly or indirectly (i.e., including, but not limited to, growers, distributors, packers, and processors), must make information available to the buyer about the country(ies) of origin of the covered commodities. Records that identify the immediate previous source (if applicable) and immediate subsequent recipient must be maintained for 1 year from the date of the transaction. Packers and processors rely upon producers to provide country of origin information to initiate country of origin designations.

**Country of Origin (COOL) forms will be required for all animals going to Harvest. The Stock Show will provide the proper forms for Exhibitors to complete.**

### **INSURANCE**

All market beef, market lambs, meat goats and market swine will be insured through a policy with Hartford, our livestock insurance company. AKSARBEN will deduct \$2.00 per head for cattle, \$1.50 per head for hogs and \$1.00 per head for market lambs and meat goats. Market livestock will be covered from the time they arrive at AKSARBEN until unloaded at cooperating packers or loaded by the exhibitor at the Stock Show to take home, for their market value only.

## EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

### SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN

- Fitting and exhibiting of project livestock is an important objective of the 4-H project plan. Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H work. Hence, the management does not approve the use of substitute showmen except in extreme cases.
- If a 4-H member is injured or is seriously ill at the time of the show or shall have been called for active duty in the Armed Forces after having started a project, the project may be continued and the animal may be exhibited in the name of the original club member.
- **The substitute showman must be a 4-H member entered at the current year's show and approved in advance of the show by the exhibitor's State 4-H Department representative or the AKSARBEN Executive Committee.**
- **Forms for the approval of substitute showmen may be obtained from the Livestock Office. These forms should be filled out completely and approved in advance before showing. If the request is approved, the form should be handed to the clerk checking the class into the show ring.**
- An exhibitor who has more than one animal being exhibited in a particular class or is participating in the Judging Contest or Quiz Bowl, need not secure approval for another eligible showman to exhibit one of his animals.

### DRESS CODE

- A Special AKSARBEN T-shirt will be furnished at no charge to each exhibitor after check-in at the Show, and is the only shirt to be worn by the 4-Her while exhibiting their stock. Additional T-shirts may be purchased at the Livestock Office.
- For dairy exhibitors, white pants are preferred. For beef, market lamb, meat goat and market swine exhibitors, dark blue jeans are preferred. Any garment with sleeves or collars extending beyond the T-shirt cannot be worn. **Exhibitor T-shirts must be completely tucked in. All exhibitors are required to wear their 4-H uniform during the auction sales. Jewelry shall be kept to a minimum while exhibiting livestock projects.**
- Showmanship judges will expect exhibitors to wear appropriate clothing and foot wear when showing their animals and proper dress will be included in their selection decisions.
- No head gear, including head bands, will be worn in the show ring. Special apparel rules apply to the 4-H Horse Division.
- It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to keep his/her wearing apparel clean and presentable.
- Exhibitors shall not display local, county, commercial or other identification, except official 4-H and such identification as the show may require, while showing their animals for official judging.
- Exhibitor numbers must be pinned to the back of the exhibitors' T-shirts. Show harness exhibitor number holders or belt clips will not be permitted.

### HOUSING INFORMATION

- Campgrounds are available on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. For more information, please call Fonner Park Staff at (308) 382-1620.

## LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

### ANIMAL CARE STATEMENT

The AKSARBEN Stock Show supports animal welfare principles which seek to improve the treatment and well-being of animals. Supporting animal welfare means believing humans have the right to use animals. Along with that right comes the responsibility to provide proper and humane care and treatment. Every animal participating in the activities of our events shall at all times be provided proper care and management. The care, custody and control of the animals brought to the AKSARBEN Stock Show are the responsibility of the exhibitor and their family. To ensure this policy, the Animal Care and Use Committee shall monitor and document any animal Health and Welfare issues of concern on the grounds of Fonner Park during the show, with emphasis on proper care and treatment.

### NOTE

Promptly upon arrival, exhibitors or individuals in charge should report to the Livestock Office where stalls and pens will be assigned.

### QUARTERS FOR ANIMALS

- If the owner does not accompany the animals, someone in authority must be with animals on arrival to identify exhibits. The management will use diligence to insure the safety of animals or articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will they be responsible for any loss, injury or damage.
- Only animals entered in The Show shall be allowed to unload at the show barns.
- All animals are expected to be in stalls from 7 am - 6 pm unless released from show. Barn hours are Noon - Midnight on Thursday and 5 am - Midnight on Friday-Sunday. Dairy exhibitors may request a milking pass.
- No nurse cows or dams of feeder calves will be allowed on the stock show grounds.
- Animals not eligible for the Show and those that have been requested to be removed from the grounds by the show veterinarian will be released immediately. Release forms must be requested at the Livestock Office.
- Uniform signs will be provided by the management and no other signs or decorations will be permitted.
- **No dogs allowed on stock show grounds.**
- No scales are allowed on show grounds. A test scale is provided in the barn by AKSARBEN.

### BEDDING AVAILABLE

- All bedding in the livestock building is furnished. Carpet is allowed in market lamb and meat goat pens.
- **NO STRAW ALLOWED IN THE BARN!** Straw is only allowed in the tie-out area.

### FANS, GENERATORS & MISTERS

- Portable generators, power washers and misters will not be allowed in the stock show building.
- Free standing fans will not be allowed. Hanging fans will only be allowed when attached to the tie rails or to supports attached to the tie rails. No fans will be allowed to blow from behind an animal regardless of attachment or location. This includes all species of animals.

### WEIGHING

The weight classes in which market animals are placed will be determined by show officials. No reweighs will be allowed on market animals. Check scales will be available in the stalling areas. No additional scales are allowed on the grounds.

### WEIGHBACK OF MARKET ANIMALS

Show management reserves the right to reweigh first, second and third place animals and/or division winners. A 5% variance from weigh-in weight will be allowed. Animals not meeting the 5% variance either above or below the weigh-in weight will be lowered one ribbon group and will not be eligible for any champion awards.

## **GENERAL GROOMING RULES**

Grooming other than clipping, trimming or blocking may be done by exhibitors and immediate members of an exhibitors' own family. Clipping, trimming or blocking (all species) by anyone other than exhibitors, except for parental guidance, will not be permitted. No clipping or shearing is allowed at the show on market lambs, meat goats and market swine.

- Upon violation of any grooming rules the exhibitor will be automatically lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- No change of the major color pattern of animals by painting or dyeing will be allowed. No paint is allowed on market lambs or meat goats. On market beef, breeding beef, and feeder calves paint is allowed on hooves. Upon violation of this rule the exhibitor will be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animals will not be allowed at the show. Violators will be dropped one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the live show. Animals may still be shipped to harvest from AKSARBEN.
- Any equipment on an exhibitor or an animal judged by the Division Superintendent to be detracting from the appearance of the show shall be removed upon request.
- No power washers are allowed by order of the State Fire Marshall.
- The act of artificially filling of animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method (by mouth or esophagus), is prohibited.
- Muzzles or similar devices will not be permitted on any livestock at AKSARBEN.

## **RIBBON AWARDS**

The exhibits of livestock will be divided into groups according to merit. Purple Award will denote superior quality; Blue Award will denote an excellent exhibit; Red Award will denote a good exhibit; White Award will denote a merit exhibit of less acceptable quality. Only animals of Purple Ribbon quality are eligible for Champion Honors and related awards.

## RULES OF AUCTION

The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show has established auction caps and guarantees for the junior market animals that qualify for the Sale of Champions. All market beef, market lambs, market swine, meat goats and market broilers that qualify for the Purple Ribbon Auction will become the property of the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show in return for a guaranteed premium. All animals sold will go to the cooperating processors and payment made to the AKSARBEN Foundation. Exhibitors will receive no less than the guarantee and no more than the cap for animals sold in the auction.

### SALE AND PAYMENT OF MARKET ANIMALS IN THE AUCTION

- A Grand Champion and Purple Ribbon Sale will be held at 6:00 p.m. Sunday in the Five Points Arena. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef, Division and Reserve Division Champions (**six head**), top **three** overall Calf Challenge winners, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine, Division and Reserve Division Champions (**six head**), Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb, Division and Reserve Division Champions (**eight head**), top **three** overall winners in Lamb Challenge, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat, Division and Reserve Division Champions (**six head**), and Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Broilers (**two pens**) must sell in the Auction. **All division champions and reserves will be selected from the top two animals per class and the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected from the Division Champions and Reserves.** Each owner is responsible for an exhibitor to be present to drive or lead their livestock through the Purple Ribbon Sale. Market Beef sold in the auction will be tied in the area designated by show management.
- Exhibitors should tie calves with a halter in the designated area, and the exhibitor is responsible for loading cattle to packer Monday morning.
- Each owner will be responsible for having an exhibitor accompany each market lamb, market hog and meat goat when they are moved and sent to the Auction ring or loaded to the packer. If an exhibitor is not with the market lamb, market hog or meat goat when moved, at the discretion of the superintendent or staff, their sale and premium money may be withheld.
- Charges will be assessed by AKSARBEN to cover transportation, check processing, postage, etc. for all animals sold through the auction or direct to processing plant.

### SCHOLARSHIPS & Awards

All 4-H youths participating in the Purple Ribbon Auction will receive a scholarship/award with 50% being a monetary award and 50% being an educational scholarship. The 4-H youth can use the educational scholarship when he or she chooses a post-secondary education upon graduating from high school.

### CAPS, GUARANTEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

	Cap		Guarantee	
	50%\$	50%Ed.	50%\$	50%Ed.
<b>Market Beef (six head)</b>				
Champion Market. Beef	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Res. Champion Mrkt. Beef	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Div. Champions	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$3,000
Res. Div. Champions	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000

<b>Calf Challenge (three head)</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>
Champion Calf Challenge	\$5,000
Reserve Champion Calf Challenge	\$4000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Calf Challenge	\$3000

	Cap		Guarantee	
	50%\$	50%Ed.	50%\$	50%Ed.
<b>Market Swine (six head)</b>				
Champion Market. Swine	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Res. Champ Mrkt. Swine	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Division Champions	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,500
Res. Div. Champions	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$1,000

	Cap		Guarantee	
	50%\$	50%Ed.	50%\$	50%Ed.
<b>Market Lamb (eight head)</b>				
Champion Mrkt. Lamb	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$3,000



Res. Champ. Mrkt. Lamb	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Division Champions	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,500
Res. Division Champions	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$1,000

<b>Lamb Challenge (three head)</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>
Champion Lamb Challenge	\$2,250
Reserve Champion Lamb Challenge	\$1,750
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Lamb Challenge	\$1,500

	<b>Cap</b>		<b>Guarantee</b>	
<b>Meat Goats (six head)</b>	<b>50%\$</b>	<b>50%Ed.</b>	<b>50%\$</b>	<b>50%Ed.</b>
Champion Meat Goat	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Res. Champ. Meat Goat	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Division Champions	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$1,000
Res. Division Champions	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$750	\$750

	<b>Cap</b>		<b>Guarantee</b>	
<b>Broilers</b>	<b>50%\$</b>	<b>50%Ed.</b>	<b>50%\$</b>	<b>50%Ed.</b>
Grand Champion	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Res. Grand Champion	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$750	\$750

**Exhibitors of animals in the auction will not receive a carcass check.  
Sale money will be mailed to exhibitors no later than December 1st.**

**SALE OF NON-AUCTION ANIMALS**

- All market swine must be sold and none are excused from harvest. Market beef, market lambs and meat goats may be sold for harvest after the show. **The decision to sell market beef, market lambs and meat goats must be made immediately at the scale following weigh-in of each calf, lamb or goat. All decisions are final and no additions or removals will be allowed from the official list accumulated during weigh-in.** This allows for adequate trucking arrangements to be made and timely payment made to exhibitors. The official weigh-in weight will be sale weight on market beef, market lambs, meat goats and market swine. Market beef, market lambs and meat goats will be sold on a bid basis with information posted in the Livestock Office.
- Because of the show size and the amount of data collected, payments for the market beef, market lambs, meat goats and market swine may be delayed as much as 21 business days following the date of sale.
- Beef exhibitors must sign an affidavit from the packing plant at this time. All market lambs will be shipped for harvest Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. or at the completion of the Market Lamb Show and load-out will cease when all lambs designated for sale have been loaded. Meat goats will be shipped for harvest Sunday afternoon following the Meat Goat Show.
- The base price for market swine will be the market on the day of harvest. All swine will be sold in the consignees' names on a carcass grade and yield basis to the cooperating packer.
- All market price information following the show will be included with the payment for the livestock.

## 2017 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Nebraska Department of Agriculture – State Veterinarian's Office  
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4787  
Phone: (402) 471-2351

**If Vesicular Stomatitis (VSV) is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.**

The Nebraska State Veterinarian has been assigned as the official veterinarian for the AKSARBEN Stock Show. Veterinarians and inspectors (assigned staff) will be checking in exhibited animals. For animal health information, call Animal and Plant Health Protection at (402) 471-2351.

Livestock disease control is vital for the livestock industry in Nebraska and the nation. Biosecurity is a key component of controlling diseases. Anytime animals are comingled, the chance of spreading disease is multiplied and so is the need for heightened biosecurity. Recent outbreaks of Equine Herpes Virus 1 (EHV-1) at equine exhibition events in the U.S., requires attention to proper biosecurity. To help prevent the spread of disease in the swine industry, it is the recommendation of the State Veterinarian that the non-terminal exhibition swine not be in contact with terminal exhibition swine. To that end, it is recommended non-terminal and terminal swine be exhibited on separate days and separate areas.

### **General Health Requirements for all Animals**

Under no circumstance may animals under quarantine be exhibited.

Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show.

All animals entering the AKSARBEN Stock Show (Fonner Park) will be subject to examination by an AKSARBEN Veterinarian or a representative of the State Veterinarian's Office upon arrival and/or during the show. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease may be immediately withdrawn from the Show and held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered or properly released to return to owner's premises following treatment.

Policy on Ringworm, Warts, and Abscesses:

- Animals that have active ringworm visible warts, or abscesses, will not be allowed entry into AKSARBEN for exhibition.
- The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun re-growth in the area and is so stated on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
- Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

### **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**

All animals (**excluding poultry**), exhibited must be accompanied by a CVI and shall have official identification listed on the CVI. Reading official identification without proper restraint can be a safety concern to exhibitors, AKSARBEN staff and assigned staff of the State Veterinarian. **Accessory ID devices (4-H tags, etc.) are more easily read, but need to be listed and correlated to official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or RFID tags) on the CVI.**

### **ANIMALS MUST BE INSPECTED AND CVI'S MUST BE ISSUED, BOTH WITHIN 30 DAYS OF EXHIBITION. SHEEP AND GOATS MUST HAVE CVI'S ISSUED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF EXHIBITION.**

Each CVI must:

- a) Be issued and signed by an accredited licensed veterinarian.
- b) Show name and address of owner or exhibitor (consignor).
- c) Show all required tests and results for that species.
- d) Show AKSARBEN Stock Show as consignee and destination only. CVI's re-consigned from other exhibitions are prohibited.
- e) List official identification (steel tags, individual animal breed registry tattoos, or RFID tags) **and** accessory ID devices (4-H tags, etc.) which are correlated to official identification on the CVI (and accompanying certification where necessary).

f) It is unlawful to remove official identification from any animal. Official identification shall not be removed from any animal entered into the AKSARBEN Stock Show.

**IMPORTANT: Swine exhibitors must have the following statement added to their CVI by the issuing veterinarian: "To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not been exposed to, infected with or originated from premises known to be infected by Swine Enteric Corona Disease (SECD) or Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) in the last 30 days."**

### Nebraska Animals

**Beef and Dairy Cattle:** All cattle must be individually identified on the CVI. Accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) will be checked. The number must be listed on the CVI and if the animal has a permanent type of identification the tag number needs to be correlated to the permanent identification on the CVI. **Individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.**

- Tuberculosis - No test required to exhibit. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- Brucellosis - No test required to exhibit. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD) – It is recommended that all cattle be tested for BVD. Starting in 2018 the AKSARBEN Stock Show will require all cattle be tested negative for BVD prior to entry.

**Sheep and Goats:** All sheep and goats, except wethers, must be individually identified with USDA Official Scrapie ID. For safety concerns, accessory identification (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) are recommended and can also be applied, but CVI's must list Official Scrapie ID and accessory identification tags which are correlated to the Official Scrapie ID. **Under no circumstances, may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from Scrapie-infected flocks. A CVI must be issued within 15 days for sheep and goats.**

**Poultry:** No CVI is required for poultry exhibits. All birds must be exhibited with hatchery implemented wing bands in place.

**Swine:** All swine must be individually identified on the CVI. If accessory identification (4-H tags, EID tags, ear notches, etc.) are used, CVI's must list these devices. **Each Swine CVI must contain the following statement: "To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not been exposed to, infected with or originated from premises known to be infected by Swine Enteric Corona Disease (SECD) or Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) in the last thirty (30) days."**

**Horses:** CVI required. No EIA (Coggins) test required for Nebraska horses. Nebraska horses will require a negative Coggins test in 2018.

### Out of State Animals

**Beef and Dairy Cattle:** All cattle must be individually identified on the CVI. For safety of exhibitors, AKSARBEN staff, and assigned staff of the State Veterinarian, accessory ID devices (4-H tags, etc.) can be applied, but need to be listed and correlated to official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or RFID tags) on the CVI. Dairy cattle require an import permit from the State Veterinarian's office (contact information listed at the beginning of these Health Requirements). The permit number must also be listed on the CVI. **Individual animal breed registry tattoos must be accompanied by breed registry certification papers.**

#### **Tuberculosis:**

Accredited Free or Modified Accredited Advanced States or Zones:

Beef cattle—no testing required.

Dairy cattle—all sexually intact dairy cattle two months of age or older shall:

1. Be tested and found negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry; or
2. Originate from a TB accredited free herd.

Modified Accredited State or Zone:

1. **Under no circumstances, may cattle be exhibited which originate from a Tuberculosis infected herd.**
2. Beef and dairy cattle which originate from a herd not under quarantine for tuberculosis shall:

- A. Originate from a TB accredited free herd, with the accredited herd number listed on the CVI.
  1. Be individually identified with the identification number listed on the CVI.
  2. Have tested negative to an official tuberculin test within sixty (60) days prior to entry, or
- B. Originate from a herd which has tested negative to an official whole herd tuberculin test within 365 days prior to entry
  1. Be individually identified with the identification listed on the CVI.
  2. Have tested negative to an official tuberculin test within sixty (60) days prior to entry.

**Brucellosis:** Class-Free states: no testing required. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.

**Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD):** It is recommended that all cattle be tested for BVD. Starting in 2018, the AKSARBEN Stock Show will require all cattle be tested negative for BVD.

**Trichomaniasis:** Cattle entering Nebraska for exhibition purposes and returning to their origin, are exempt from requirements for Trichomaniasis.

**Sheep and Goats:** All sheep and goats, except wethers, must be individually identified with USDA Official Scrapie ID. For safety concerns, accessory identification (4-H tags, etc.) are recommended and can also be applied, but CVI's must list Official Scrapie ID and accessory identification tags which are correlated to the Official Scrapie ID. **Under no circumstances, may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from Scrapie-infected flocks. A CVI must be issued within 15 days of exhibition.**

**Swine:** All swine must be individually identified on the CVI. If accessory identification (4-H tags, EID tags, ear notches, etc.) are used, CVI's must list these devices. **Each Swine CVI must contain the following statement: "To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not been exposed to, infected with or originated from premises known to be infected by Swine Enteric Corona Disease (SECD) or Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) in the last thirty (30) days.**

**Horses:** CVI required. **ALL non-Nebraska horses must be tested and found negative for EIA (Coggins test) within the previous 365 days. Date of test, testing laboratory, and results must be listed on the CVI.**

**Poultry:** All birds must be exhibited with the hatchery implemented wing band in place.

- Note to all poultry exhibitors; if you purchased your poultry from a NPIP participating flock, and they have not been exposed to other poultry since you purchased them, Nebraska will recognize their NPIP status for the current exhibition season.

## MARKET BEEF SHOW

**ARRIVAL TIME:** No livestock can arrive before Noon on Thursday, September 28. Market beef must arrive and be in assigned stalls by Friday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Market beef check-in and weighing will be on Friday, September 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**SHOW TIME:** Market beef will be shown on Saturday, September 30 at approximately 11:30 a.m. or immediately following the Calf Challenge Program in Five Points Arena – Ring 1.

**RELEASE TIME:** Market beef will be released at the conclusion of the Market Beef Show.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All beef animals are required to have a CVI issued within 30 days of exhibition. See Health Requirements section for more information.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- To be eligible for exhibition, the eligible 4-H club members must have owned and cared for the market beef since April 15 (January 31 for Iowa and February 15 for Minnesota) of the current year.
- Exhibitors may show up to three market beef. Market beef can be steers or heifers. Market beef MAY NOT be listed on more than one entry form. Therefore, family members MAY NOT list any one market beef on more than one entry form.
- Exhibitors participating in the Calf Challenge Program may exhibit up to four market beef.
- All market beef, except those in the auction, will have the opportunity to be released from harvest. Decisions to sell market beef must be made in the check-in line after the calf has been weighed. All decisions are final and no additions or removals will be allowed from the official list accumulated during weigh-in. Agreements on harvest numbers with the buyer and trucking arrangements are made based on the list of sale cattle. Cattle not going to harvest or in the auction and underweight animals will be released to go home at the designated release time. Exhibitors who sign up to ship a calf to harvest and then leave the grounds with the calf will forfeit any premiums won at the Show and may be disqualified. **(Please refer to the General Rules section of the Premium Book and read the “Disqualification” paragraph).**
- Positive identification is required on all market beef entries. All animals must be tagged and registered with their respective county and state 4-H by the state designated deadline. Positive DNA identification is achieved by submitting DNA hair samples or retinal images from all market beef that are being considered for exhibition and then those calves must be listed on the nomination forms.
- After entry, exhibitors may substitute animals for the show providing that DNA hair samples and/or retinal images from market beef being considered for substitution appear on the nomination forms on file with AKSARBEN officials. *Example: Calves 1, 2, 3 and 4 are listed on the nomination form and the exhibitor provides the DNA or retinal image sample from those same calves at the time of nomination. Calves 1 and 2 are entered into the show by the entry deadline. Calves 3 and 4 may be substituted for calves 1 and 2 at the time of entry check-in because their DNA hair samples or retinal images were submitted with the nomination form and are on file with AKSARBEN officials.*

### CHECK-IN AND WEIGHING

- Stalls for market beef will be assigned by county. Exhibitors are expected to cooperate with the stalling of their calves and the provided spaces for common tack areas.
- Exhibitors and calves will be called to the weigh-in chute on the basis of an order number issued at the Livestock Office beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. Specific instructions will be announced over the public address system at that time.
- The minimum weight for market steers is 1000 pounds with no maximum weight limit. The minimum weight for market heifers is 950 pounds with no maximum weight limit. Steers weighing less than 1000 pounds and heifers weighing less than 950 pounds will be tagged and eligible to show, however, they will automatically be awarded a red ribbon. These calves MAY still be sold to harvest. Calves must be dry and clean at the time of check-in. No reweighs will be allowed on market animals.

- Market beef will be divided into three divisions. One division of heifers and two divisions of steers will be divided into classes determined by Show officials based on the number of animals and check-in weights. Market beef will be exhibited from light to heavy within each division.
- Show management reserves the right to reweigh first, second and third place animals and/or division winners. A 5% variance from the weigh-in weight will be allowed. Animals not meeting the 5% variance either above or below the weigh-in weight will be lowered one ribbon group and will not be eligible for any champion awards.
- The top two animals from each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion will compete for Grand Champion Market Beef and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef. The Champion Calf Challenge "Live" Calf will compete for Grand Champion Market Beef.
- Six market beef will be selected for sale in the Purple Ribbon Auction (**six head**). They include Grand Champion Market Beef, Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef and all other Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions. All beef selected for the Purple Ribbon Auction must go to harvest.
- An exhibit not presented promptly on call of class will be ruled out and barred from competition. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked exhibits will be considered.

### GROOMING

- Grooming other than clipping, trimming or blocking may be done by exhibitors and immediate members of an exhibitor's own family. Clipping, trimming or blocking by anyone other than exhibitors, except for parental guidance, will not be permitted. Upon violation of this rule the exhibitor will automatically be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- The use of artificial tail fins or the addition of any hair or hair-like substance to the animal's body, excluding false tails, will not be permitted.
- No change of the major color pattern of the animal will be allowed. Paint may be used on hooves. Upon violation of this rule the exhibitor will be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animals will not be allowed at the Show. Animals can be wiped in the check-in area. If color is present, the animal will be checked again as it leaves the show ring. Violators will be dropped one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring. Animals may still be shipped to harvest by AKSARBEN.
- All beef animals must be stalled in the assigned stalls inside the Cattle Barn.
- All calves must be fitted in the Cattle Barn only. Grooming will not be allowed in other areas or outside the barn.
- Any equipment on an exhibitor or an animal judged by the Division Superintendent to be detracting from the appearance of the Show shall be removed upon request.
- No power washers are allowed by order of the State Fire Marshal.
- The act of artificially filling of animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method (by mouth or esophagus) is prohibited.
- During exhibition, 4-H'ers may use the traditional 4-H calf show halter with a smooth chain (**spiked chains are not allowed**), show sticks and appropriate combs. **Throat straps, nose leads and nose rings will not be permitted.** If a beef animal gets away from an exhibitor more than three times in the show ring, they will be dismissed from the class.
- Inappropriate management practices of livestock, as determined by show management, by exhibitors, family members or others will result in disqualification of entries and/or exhibitors.

### SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship for market beef will take place immediately following the Market Beef Show on Saturday, September 30. Exhibitors wishing to take part in Showmanship must fill out the Showmanship Entry Form included in the Exhibitor Packet received at the Livestock Office. This form is to be turned in at the table during check-in. There is no entry fee for this class. Exhibitors will be randomly assigned to showmanship groups of equal numbers for preliminary judging with semifinalists selected to compete for Champion Market Beef Showman.

**CLASS**

Class #1 – Market Steer

Class #2 – Market Heifer

Cash premiums awarded: Purple - \$20. Blue - \$18. Red - \$16.

**LOADOUT**

Loadout for market beef will commence on Monday, October 2. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that beef designated for harvest at check-in are put in the designated area to be loaded onto the trucks Monday morning. Exhibitors are responsible for making arrangements to get cattle fed and watered from release time on Saturday to loadout time on Monday. Those lightweight beef ineligible for show but on the official list to sell from weigh-in will also be loaded at this time. Failure to comply with loadout procedures will result in the withholding of premium monies and the exhibitor may be disqualified. **(Please refer to the General Rules section of the Premium Book to read the “Disqualification” paragraph).**

## FEEDER CALVES

**ARRIVAL TIME:** No livestock can arrive before Noon on Thursday, September 28. Feeder calves must arrive and be in assigned stalls by Friday, September 29 at 2:00 p.m.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Feeder calf check-in will be on Friday, September 29 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**SHOW TIME:** Feeder calves will be shown on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Five Points Arena – Ring 1.

**RELEASE TIME:** Feeder calves will be released at the conclusion of the Feeder Calf Show.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All beef animals are required to have a CVI issued within 30 days of exhibition. See Health Requirements section for more information.

### ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for exhibition, the eligible 4-H club members must have owned and cared for the feeder calf since June 15.
- Exhibitors may show up to three feeder calves. Feeder calves can be heifers or steers. Feeder calves MAY NOT be listed on more than one entry form. Therefore, family members MAY NOT list any one feeder calf on more than one entry form.
- Heifer calves and steer calves born during the current year, after January 1 and before June 1 (or earlier as determined by the respective state's 4-H livestock regulations) are eligible to be nominated. Iowa feeder calves must be born after January 1 and before May 15.
- No bulls will be allowed to show. If there is any evidence of testicular development by manual palpation of the scrotum, the animal will be disqualified.
- It is preferred that all feeder calves be dehorned.
- Heifer calves identified or enrolled in a breeding beef project are not eligible for the Feeder Calf Show. Iowa exhibitors will have their feeder calves listed at the bottom of their Breeding Beef Identification Form under the Cow/Calf section.
- Positive identification is required on all feeder calf entries. All animals must be tagged and registered with their respective county and state 4-H by the designated deadline. Positive DNA identification is achieved by submitting DNA hair samples from all feeder calves that are being considered for exhibition and then those calves must be listed on the nomination forms.
- After entry, exhibitors may substitute animals for the show providing that DNA hair samples from feeder calves being considered for substitution appear on the nomination forms on file with AKSARBEN officials. *Example: Calves 1, 2, 3 and 4 are listed on the nomination form and the exhibitor provides the DNA from those same calves at the time of nomination. Calves 1 and 2 are entered into the show by the entry deadline. Calves 3 and 4 may be substituted for calves 1 and 2 at the time of entry check-in because their DNA hair samples were submitted with the nomination form and are on file with AKSARBEN officials.*

### CHECK-IN

- Stalls for feeder calves will be assigned by county. Exhibitors are expected to cooperate with the stalling of their calves and the provided spaces for common tack areas.
- Feeder calf check-in will be done on a first come-first serve basis.
- Feeder calves will be measured by shoulder height with classes divided accordingly. No animals will be re-measured.
- Feeder calves will be divided into two divisions. One division of heifer calves and one division of steer calves will be divided into classes determined by Show officials on the number of animals and check-in shoulder heights. Feeder calves will be exhibited from shortest to tallest within each division. No animals will be re-measured.



- The top two animals from each heifer class will compete for Grand Champion Feeder Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Feeder Heifer. The top two animals from each steer class will compete for Grand Champion Feeder Steer and Reserve Grand Champion Feeder Steer.
- An exhibit not presented promptly on call of class will be ruled out and barred from competition. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked exhibits will be considered.

## GROOMING

- Grooming other than clipping, trimming or blocking may be done by exhibitors and immediate members of an exhibitor's own family. Clipping, trimming or blocking by anyone other than exhibitors, except for parental guidance, will not be permitted. Upon violation of this rule the exhibitor will automatically be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- The use of artificial tail fins or the addition of any hair or hair-like substance to the animal's body, excluding false tails, will not be permitted.
- No change of the major color pattern of the animal will be allowed. Paint may be used on hooves. Upon violation of this rule the exhibitor will be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animals will not be allowed at the Show. Animals can be wiped in the check-in area. If color is present, the animal will be checked again as it leaves the show ring. Violators will be dropped one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- All beef animals must be stalled in the assigned stalls inside the Cattle Barn.
- All calves must be fitted in the Cattle Barn only. Grooming will not be allowed in other areas or outside the barn.
- Any equipment on an exhibitor or an animal judged by the Division Superintendent to be detracting from the appearance of the Show shall be removed upon request.
- No power washers are allowed by order of the State Fire Marshal.
- The act of artificially filling of animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method (by mouth or esophagus) is prohibited.
- During exhibition, 4-H'ers may use the traditional 4-H calf show halter with a smooth chain (**spiked chains are not allowed**), show sticks and appropriate combs. **Throat straps, nose leads and nose rings will not be permitted.** If a beef animal gets away from an exhibitor more than three times in the show ring, they will be dismissed from the class.
- Inappropriate management practices of livestock, as determined by show management, by exhibitors, family members and others will result in disqualification of entries and/or exhibitors.

## SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship for feeder calves will take place immediately following the Feeder Calf Show on Saturday, September 30. Exhibitors wishing to take part in Showmanship must fill out the Showmanship Entry Form included in the Exhibitor Packet received at the Livestock Office. This form is to be turned in at the table during check-in. There is no entry fee for this class. Exhibitors will be randomly assigned to showmanship groups of equal numbers for preliminary judging with semifinalists selected to compete for Champion Feeder Calf Showman.

## CLASS

Class #41 – Feeder Steers

Class #46 – Feeder Heifers

Cash premiums awarded: Purple - \$20. Blue - \$17. Red - \$14.

## BREEDING HEIFERS

**ARRIVAL TIME:** No livestock can arrive before Noon on Thursday, September 28. Breeding heifers must arrive and be in assigned stalls by Saturday, September 30 at 9:00 a.m.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Breeding heifer check-in will be on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

**SHOW TIME:** Breeding heifers will be shown on Sunday, October 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Five Points Arena – Ring 1.

**RELEASE TIME:** Breeding heifers will be released at the conclusion of the Breeding Heifer Show.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All beef animals are required to have a CVI issued within 30 days of exhibition. See Health Requirements section for more information.

### ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for exhibition, breeding heifers must be registered by the official breed association in the name of the 4-H member or immediate family member or in partnership with a parent or guardian, family or farm name, and must be totally owned by the exhibitor prior to June 15 (May 15 for Iowa and Minnesota) of the current year.
- All breeding heifers must be identified by a legible tattoo (and brand where required by the breed association) to affirm ownership. No Bangs tattoos will be accepted for identification.
- Registration and transfer papers must be approved by the Division Superintendent before Noon on Saturday, September 30. Registration papers should be presented at the check-in chute. Animals whose registration papers are not approved will show in the commercial class and not the AOB class since they do not meet registration requirements.
- Young heifers that have been identified on a Feeder Calf ID sheet must have been identified with a tattoo and must indicate a registration number or that registration is pending with the breed association. Registration papers for these young heifers must be completed and available by breeding heifer check-in. Ear tags alone are not an acceptable identification for Junior or Spring Heifer calves. Heifers entered in the Feeder Calf Show are not eligible for the Breeding Heifer Show.
- Only breeding heifers recognized as registered and eligible to show by their respective breed associations will be allowed to compete in the breed classes. Maine-Anjou heifers must be  $\frac{3}{4}$  blood, and above and heifers registered Chi-Maine are not acceptable. In the Shorthorn breed, heifers must be  $\frac{15}{16}$  registered purebreds. In the Saler breed, heifers must be  $\frac{1}{2}$  blood or above. Simmental heifers must be  $\frac{7}{8}$  blood and above. If there is less than five head of any specific breed as determined by the National Breed Registry, they will be classified and allowed to show in the AOB class. This will be determined at the conclusion of breeding heifer check-in.
- To be eligible for the commercial breeding heifer class, each heifer must have a known birthdate and be identified by an ear tattoo and recorded with their respective county and state 4-H by June 15 (May 15 for Iowa and Minnesota) of the current year. No Bangs tattoos or herd tags will be an acceptable form of identification. Heifers owned in an approved state 4-H Heifer Lease Program may be entered and shown as a commercial heifer.
- Exhibitors may substitute different breeding heifers at check-in time as long as the substituted animals are properly enrolled and identified on the appropriate State 4-H Identification and Enrollment Form. HOWEVER, changes of entered animals among or between family members will not be allowed after the official entry deadline. Exhibitor changes of an animal from a breed class to the commercial class will not be allowed after the official entry deadline.

### CHECK-IN

- Stalls for breeding heifers will be assigned by county. Exhibitors are expected to cooperate with the stalling of their calves and providing spaces for common tack areas.
- Breeding heifer check-in will be done on a first come-first serve basis.

- Classes in the Breeding Heifer Show will be divided by breeds and then by age within the breed. Class sizes will be determined by Show officials base on the number of animals at check-in. Any breed division with fewer than five head will be included in the All Other Breeds (AOB) Division.
- Any registered heifers not meeting breed requirements or other eligibility rules will go into the Commercial class.
- Breeds with less than ten (10) head may all show in one class. They will enter the ring by age and be placed in ribbon merit accordingly. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.
- The top two animals from each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion of their respective breed. Each breed's Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion will compete for Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer. Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer thru 5<sup>th</sup> Place Breeding Heifer will also be chosen.
- An exhibit not presented promptly on call of class will be ruled out and barred from competition. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked exhibits will be considered.

### GROOMING

- Grooming other than clipping, trimming or blocking may be done by exhibitors and immediate members of an exhibitor's own family. Clipping, trimming or blocking by anyone other than exhibitors, except for parental guidance, will not be permitted. Upon violation of this rule the exhibitor will automatically be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- The use of artificial tail fins or the addition of any hair or hair-like substance to the animal's body, excluding false tails, will not be permitted.
- No change of the major color pattern of the animal will be allowed. Paint may be used on hooves. Upon violation of this rule the exhibitor will be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animals will not be allowed at the Show. Animals can be wiped in the check-in area. If color is present, the animal will be checked again as it leaves the show ring. Violators will be dropped one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- All beef animals must be stalled in the assigned stalls inside the Cattle Barn.
- All calves must be fitted in the Cattle Barn only. Grooming will not be allowed in other areas or outside the barn.
- Any equipment on an exhibitor or an animal judged by the Division Superintendent to be detracting from the appearance of the Show shall be removed upon request.
- No power washers are allowed by order of the State Fire Marshal.
- The act of artificially filling of animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method (by mouth or esophagus) is prohibited.
- During exhibition, 4-H'ers may use the traditional 4-H calf show halter with a smooth chain (**spiked chains are not allowed**), show sticks and appropriate combs. **Throat straps, nose leads and nose rings will not be permitted.** If a beef animal gets away from an exhibitor more than three times in the show ring, they will be dismissed from the class.
- Inappropriate management practices of livestock, as determined by show management, by exhibitors, family members or others will result in disqualification of entries and/or exhibitors.

### SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship for breeding heifers will take place immediately following the Breeding Beef Show on Sunday, October 1. Exhibitors wishing to take part in Showmanship must fill out the Showmanship Entry Form included in the Exhibitor Packet received at the Livestock Office. This form is to be turned in at the table during check-in. There is no entry fee for this class. Exhibitors will be randomly assigned to showmanship groups of equal numbers for preliminary judging with semifinalists selected to compete for Champion Breeding Heifer Showman.

**CLASS**

Class #50 – Angus  
Class #60 – Charolais  
Class #60A – Composite Charolais  
Class #70 – Horned Hereford/Polled Hereford  
Class #90 – Shorthorn  
Class #90A – Shorthorn Plus  
Class #100 – Chianina  
Class #110 – Commercial  
Class #120 – Gelbvieh  
Class #120A – Balancer  
Class #130 – Limousin  
Class #130A – LimFlex  
Class #140 – Maine-Anjou  
Class #140A – Mainetainer  
Class #150 – Saler  
Class #150A – Optimizer  
Class #160 – Simmental  
Class #160A – SimGenetics  
Class #180 – Red Angus

Cash premiums awarded: Purple - \$24. Blue - \$19. Red - \$12. Each Breed Champion will receive \$50 and each Reserve Breed Champion will receive \$35. Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer will receive \$500.

**AGE CLASSIFICATIONS**

Spring Heifer Calves – Calved March 1, 2017 to April 30, 2017  
Junior Heifer Calves – Calved January 1, 2017 to February 28, 2017  
Late Senior Heifer Calves – Calved November 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016  
Early Senior Heifer Calves – Calved September 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016  
Late Summer Yearling Heifers – Calved July 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016  
Early Summer Yearling Heifers – Calved May 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016  
Late Junior Yearling Heifers – Calved March 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016  
Junior Yearling Heifers – Calved January 1, 2016 to February 28, 2016

## CALF CHALLENGE

**ARRIVAL TIME:** No livestock can arrive before Noon on Thursday, September 28. Calf Challenge calves must arrive and be in assigned stalls by Friday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Calf Challenge check-in and weighing will be on Friday, September 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Calf Challenge Record Books are due in the Livestock Office by Noon on Friday, September 29.**

**SHOW TIME:** The Calf Challenge Program will take place at approximately 10:00 a.m. or immediately following Feeder Calf Showmanship on Saturday, September 30 in Five Points Arena – Ring 1.

**RELEASE TIME:** Calf Challenge calves will be released at the conclusion of the Market Beef Show. All Calf Challenge calves must go to harvest.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All beef animals are required to have a CVI issued within 30 days of exhibition. See Health Requirements section for more information.**

The purpose of the Calf Challenge Program is to provide a one year educational, interesting and competitive feature for 4-Hers at the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show. There are two phases to the Calf Challenge Program, the Skillathon Phase and the Production Phase. The Production Phase of the program will provide competition and demonstrated ability by the Calf Challenge exhibitors.

### SKILLATHON PHASE

#### Eligibility

- The 4-H member must be at least 13 years of age but no older than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
- The 4-H member must have exhibited at a previous AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.
- The 4-H member must be entered at the current AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.
- The 4-H member must be eligible to compete at the next AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.
- **Previous Calf Challenge participants are eligible to re-apply as long as they have not been selected to participate in the Purple Ribbon Auction with a previous Calf Challenge calf.**

#### Entry

To apply for the Calf Challenge Program, eligible 4-H members will make entry on a special Calf Challenge Application Form provided online at [aksarbenstockshow.com](http://aksarbenstockshow.com). These applications can be submitted up until the start of the Skillathon contest which begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, October 1 at the AKSARBEN Stock Show. However, applicants can pre-register by sending their application to: AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, 7101 Mercy Rd, Suite 320, Omaha, NE 68106 before the October 1<sup>st</sup> contest.

#### Notes

- Top contestants in the Skillathon, which will be conducted on Sunday, October 1 at 8:00 a.m., will qualify for a calf.
- Should more than 25 contestants enter, the contestants will be screened with the oldest being selected. Those selected will be announced by November 1.
- The Skillathon can be completed between classes being shown on Sunday.
- The Skillathon will focus on basic beef project skills and should be an enjoyable and a learning experience for all entrants.
- For a complete list of resources for the Skillathon phase please visit the website at: [www.aksarbenstockshow.com](http://www.aksarbenstockshow.com).
- Each contestant that is selected will receive a calf at a later date, but will pay back to the AKSARBEN Calf Challenge Program approximately 33% of the sale price of the Production Phase calf to perpetuate the program.

## **PRODUCTION PHASE**

### **Eligibility**

- The exhibitor must have successfully qualified for a calf in the previous AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show's Skillathon.

### **Entry**

- Use regular AKSARBEN Market Beef Entry Form.
- Enter Class #29
- Entries are due at the same time as other entries.

<u>Scoring Category</u>	<u>Points</u>
Sponsor Reports (5)	10
Record Book	30
Rate of Gain	20
Live Placing	15
Showmanship	<u>25</u>
	100 Points Total

In case of a tie, the following tie breakers will be used: 1) showmanship; 2) average daily gain; 3) record book score; 4) sponsor reports; 5) live placing

### **Additional Rules**

- All Production Phase Calf Challenge Calves must enter and exhibit unless previously excused by AKSARBEN.
- All Calf Challenge Calves will be weighed prior to the show. A 5% variance from the weigh-in weight will be allowed. Animals not within the 5% variance either above or below the weigh-in weight will be ranked as a contemporary group at the bottom of the class with points, if any, assigned according to placing.
- The AKSARBEN substitute showman rule will be enforced.
- Calf Challenge calves are not eligible to compete in Market Beef Showmanship.
- All Market Beef grooming rules will be enforced.
- Live animal premiums will be paid according to stated Market Beef Show premiums.
- The Champion Overall Calf Challenge, Reserve Overall Calf Challenge and Third Place Overall Calf Challenge calves will be sold in the Purple Ribbon Auction.
- The Fourth Place Overall Calf Challenge will receive \$350 and the Fifth Place Overall Calf Challenge will receive \$225.
- All Calf Challenge calves must go to harvest. Carcass data may be figured separately and compared with the regular market beef carcass data.

### **ATTENTION CATTLE PRODUCERS**

Cattle producers in the trade territory of the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show who have raised 100 or more late spring born steer calves and would like to have their calves considered for participation in the Calf Challenge Program Production Phase should write to Calf Challenge Superintendent, c/o AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, 7101 Mercy Rd, Suite 320, Omaha, NE 68106.

## MARKET SWINE SHOW

**ARRIVAL TIME:** No livestock can arrive before Noon on Thursday, September 28. Market swine must arrive and be in assigned pens by Saturday, September 30 at 8:00 a.m.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Market swine check-in and weighing will be on Saturday, September 30 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

**SHOW TIME:** Swine Showmanship will be on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Swine Arena. Market swine will be shown on Sunday, October 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Swine Arena.

**RELEASE TIME:** Market swine will go directly from the show ring to a designated area to be loaded onto trucks for harvest delivery. The exception to this is the show winners that will be sold in the Purple Ribbon Auction.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Swine exhibitors must have the following statement added to their CVI by the issuing veterinarian: **“To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not been exposed to, infected with or originated from premises known to be infected by Swine Enteric Corona Disease (SECD) or Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) in the last 30 days.”** See Health Requirements section for more information.

### PORK QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION

It is mandatory that all swine exhibitors complete Quality Assurance Training (or have certification valid this calendar year) in either PQATM Level III/PQA PlusTM or Youth PQATM/Youth PQA PlusTM certification program. Hogs must be raised in accordance with the ten Good Production Practices outlined in these programs. States whose youth training programs are recognized by the National Pork Board as equivalent to PQA Plus are accepted; certification must be current. PQA number should be included on the “Exhibitor Swine Affidavit” which you will receive at entry time. An exhibitor’s PQA number is required on the entry form and will not be accepted without it. **Livestock Premise Identification from their appropriate state is MANDATORY for any market swine exhibitor sending an animal to harvest.** Premise ID is being required by the harvest facility.

### ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for exhibition, the eligible 4-H club members must have owned and cared for the market swine since June 15 (May 15 for Minnesota) of the current year.
- Exhibitors may show up to three market swine. Market swine MAY NOT be listed on more than one entry form. Therefore, family members MAY NOT list any one market swine on more than one entry form.
- Market gilts and market barrows are eligible to be nominated. The universal ear notch system will be used to read all notches. Be sure notches are on the health papers. EID tags will be accepted as an alternative identification method.
- All swine exhibited must go to harvest and will be loaded as they leave the ring with the exception of class winners needed to compete for the champion drives.
- Positive identification is required on all market swine entries. All animals must be tagged and registered with their respective county and state 4-H by the state designated deadline. Positive DNA identification is achieved by submitting DNA hair samples from all swine that are being considered for exhibition and then those swine must be listed on the nomination forms. Swine identified only with an Iowa 4-H DNA “tag” will not be eligible for AKSARBEN.
- After entry, exhibitors may substitute animals for the show providing that DNA hair samples from hogs being considered for substitution appear on the nomination forms on file with AKSARBEN officials. *Example: Hogs 1, 2, 3 and 4 are listed on the nomination form and the exhibitor provides the DNA hair samples from those same hogs at the time of nomination. Hogs 1 and 2 are entered into the show by the entry deadline. Hogs 3 and 4 may be substituted for hogs 1 and 2 at the time of entry check-in because their DNA hair samples were submitted with the nomination form and are on file with AKSARBEN officials.*

## CHECK-IN AND WEIGHING

- Pens for market swine will be assigned by county. Exhibitors are expected to cooperate with the penning of their swine and the provided spaces for common tack areas.
- Market swine check in and weighing will be done on a first come-first serve basis.
- The minimum weight for market swine will be 230 pounds with a 305-pound maximum weight limit. Swine weighing less than 230 pounds and more than 305 pounds will be tagged and eligible to show, however, they will automatically be awarded a red ribbon. **These swine will still be required to go to harvest but may experience packer discounts.** No reweighs will be allowed on market animals.
- The official show weight will be the sale weight. Swine must be clean and dry prior to check-in. All swine will be tattooed with an AKSARBEN number.
- Market swine will be divided into three divisions. One division of gilts and two divisions of barrows will be divided into classes determined by Show officials based on the number of animals and check-in weights. Hogs will be exhibited from light to heavy within each division.
- Show management reserves the right to reweigh first, second and third place animals and/or division winners. A 5% variance from the weigh-in weight will be allowed. Animals not meeting the 5% variance either above or below the weigh-in weight will be lowered one ribbon group and will not be eligible for any champion awards.
- The top two animals from each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion will compete for Grand Champion Market Swine and Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine.
- Six market swine will be selected for sale in the Purple Ribbon Auction (**six head**). They include Grand Champion Market Swine, Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine and all other Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions. All swine selected for the Purple Ribbon Auction must go to harvest.
- An exhibit not presented promptly on call of class will be ruled out and barred from competition. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked exhibits will be considered.

## GROOMING

- Grooming other than clipping, trimming or blocking may be done by exhibitors and immediate members of an exhibitor's own family. Clipping, trimming or blocking by anyone other than exhibitors, except for parental guidance, will not be permitted. Upon violation of this rule the exhibitor will automatically be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- No clipping of swine will be allowed at the show for health and safety reasons.
- All swine must be penned in the assigned pens inside the Swine Barn.
- All swine must be fitted in the Swine Barn only. Grooming will not be allowed in other species areas or outside the barn.
- No change of the major color pattern of the animal will be allowed. No painting or dyeing is allowed on market swine. Violators will be dropped one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring. Animals will still be shipped to harvest by AKSARBEN.
- Any equipment on an exhibitor or an animal judged by the Division Superintendent to be detracting from the appearance of the Show shall be removed upon request.
- The only acceptable material allowed on market swine is soap and unaltered water. Any oil, powder or other coat dressing compounds are not allowed. Violators will automatically be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring. Swine will still be shipped to harvest by AKSARBEN.
- No power washers are allowed by order of the State Fire Marshal.
- The act of artificially filling of animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method (by mouth or esophagus) is prohibited.
- Inappropriate management practices of livestock, as determined by show management, by exhibitors, family members or others will result in disqualification of entries and/or exhibitors.

## SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship for market swine will take place on Saturday, September 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the Swine Arena. Exhibitors wishing to take part in Showmanship must fill out the Showmanship Entry Form included in the Exhibitor Packet received at the Livestock Office. This form is to be turned in at the table during check-in. There is no entry fee for this class. Exhibitors will be randomly assigned to showmanship groups of equal



numbers for preliminary judging with semifinalists selected to compete for Champion Market Swine Showman.

**CLASS**

Class #190 – Market Gilts

Class #220 – Market Barrows

Cash premiums awarded: Purple - \$16. Blue - \$14. Red - \$12.

**LOADOUT**

Loadout for market swine will commence as the animals leave the show ring with the exception of the class winners needed to compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion and those that are selected for the Purple Ribbon Auction. Exhibitors shall have responsibility for their swine while they are at the show or until they lose control of them. (Control is lost when an auctioned hog is declared sold by the auctioneer and all other swine when they pass the wash rack to be loaded to harvest). Failure to comply with loadout procedures will result in the withholding of premium monies and the exhibitor may be disqualified. **(Please refer to the General Rules section of the Premium book to read the “Disqualification” paragraph).**

## MARKET LAMB SHOW

**ARRIVAL TIME:** No livestock can arrive before Noon on Thursday, September 28. Market lambs must arrive and be in assigned pens by Friday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Market lamb check-in and weighing will be on Friday, September 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**SHOW TIME:** Market lambs will be shown on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Five Points Arena – Ring 2.

**RELEASE TIME:** Market lambs will be released at the conclusion of the Market Lamb Show.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All lambs are required to have a CVI issued within 15 days of exhibition. See Health Requirements section for more information.

### ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for exhibition, the eligible 4-H club members must have owned and cared for the market lambs since June 15 (May 15 for Minnesota) of the current year.
- Exhibitors may show up to three market lambs. Market lambs MAY NOT be listed on more than one entry form. Therefore, family members MAY NOT list any one market lamb(s) on more than one entry form.
- Exhibitors participating in the Lamb Challenge Program may exhibit up to four market lambs.
- Ewe lambs and wether lambs are eligible to be nominated. Ewe lambs must have scrapie tags. Cryptorchid market lambs are not eligible to be nominated for the Show.
- All market lambs, except those in the auction, will have the opportunity to be released from harvest. Decisions to sell market lambs must be made in the check-in line after the lamb has been weighed. All decisions are final and no additions or removals will be allowed from the official list accumulated during weigh-in. Agreements on harvest numbers with the buyer and trucking arrangements are made based on the list of sale lambs. Lambs not going to harvest or in the auction and underweight lambs will be released to go home at the designated release time. Exhibitors who sign up to ship a lamb to harvest and then leave the grounds with the lamb will forfeit any premiums won at the Show and may be disqualified. **(Please refer to the General Rules section of the Premium Book and read the “Disqualification” paragraph).**
- Positive identification is required on all market lamb entries. All animals must be tagged and registered with their respective county and state 4-H by the state designated deadline. Positive DNA identification is achieved by submitting DNA hair samples or retinal images from all lambs that are being considered for exhibition and then those lambs must be listed on the nomination forms.
- After entry, exhibitors may substitute animals for the show providing that DNA hair samples and/or retinal images from lambs being considered for substitution appear on the nomination forms on file with AKSARBEN officials. *Example: Lambs 1, 2, 3 and 4 are listed on the nomination form and the exhibitor provides the DNA hair samples or retinal imaging sample from those same lambs at the time of nomination. Lambs 1 and 2 are entered into the show by the entry deadline. Lambs 3 and 4 may be substituted for lambs 1 and 2 at the time of entry check-in because their DNA hair samples or retinal images were submitted with the nomination form and are on file with AKSARBEN officials.*

### CHECK-IN AND WEIGHING

- Pens for market lambs will be assigned by county. Exhibitors are expected to cooperate with the penning of their lambs and the provided spaces for common tack areas.
- Market lamb check in and weighing will be done on a first come-first serve basis.
- The minimum weight for market lambs will be 115 pounds with no maximum weight limit. Lambs weighing less than 115 pounds will be tagged and eligible to show, however, they will automatically be awarded a red ribbon. These lambs MAY still be sold to harvest. Lambs must be dry and clean with all blankets pulled at the time of check-in. No reweighs will be allowed on market animals.

- Market lambs will be divided into four divisions. One division of ewes and three divisions of wethers will be divided into classes determined by Show officials based on the number of animals and check-in weights. Lambs will be exhibited from light to heavy within each division.
- Show management reserves the right to reweigh first, second and third place animals and/or division winners. A 5% variance from the weigh-in weight will be allowed. Animals not meeting the 5% variance either above or below the weigh-in weight will be lowered one ribbon group and will not be eligible for any champion awards.
- The top two animals from each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion will compete for Grand Champion Market Lamb and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb. The Champion Lamb Challenge “Live” Lamb will compete for Grand Champion Market Lamb.
- Eight market lambs will be selected for sale in the Purple Ribbon Auction (**eight head**). They include; Grand Champion Market Lamb, Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb and all other Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions. All lambs selected for the Purple Ribbon Auction must go to harvest.
- An exhibit not presented promptly on call of class will be ruled out and barred from competition. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked exhibits will be considered.

### GROOMING

- Grooming other than clipping, trimming or blocking may be done by exhibitors and immediate members of an exhibitor’s own family. Clipping, trimming or blocking by anyone other than exhibitors, except for parental guidance, will not be permitted. Upon violation of this rule the exhibitor will automatically be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- **All lambs must be completely slick shorn including belly and sheath within ¼ inch prior to arrival at the Show. Wool may be left on the legs only below the knees and hocks. If show officials deem that wool is too high on the knees and/or hocks the exhibitor will cut off the excess with a hand scissors provided by AKSARBEN with an official observing the process prior to check-in. If the exhibitor chooses not to do this the animal will be disqualified from the show.**
- No clipping, fitting/blocking stands or blowers will be allowed at the Show.
- All lambs must be penned in the assigned pens inside the Sheep Barn.
- All lambs must be fitted in the Sheep Barn only. Grooming will not be allowed in other species areas or outside the barn.
- No change of the major color pattern of the animal will be allowed. No painting or dyeing is allowed on market lambs. Violators will be dropped one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring. Animals may still be shipped to harvest by AKSARBEN.
- Any equipment on an exhibitor or an animal judged by the Division Superintendent to be detracting from the appearance of the show shall be removed upon request.
- The only acceptable material allowed on market lambs is soap and unaltered water. Icing is not allowed. Any other sprays or adhesives used during the fitting of lambs will result in the lamb being automatically lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring. These lambs will still be expected to load onto the truck for shipment to harvest.
- No power washers are allowed by order of the State Fire Marshal.
- The act of artificially filling of animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method (by mouth or esophagus) is prohibited.
- During the exhibition of entries in the market lamb classes and during the showmanship competition, lifting a lamb’s feet off the ground in order to brace the lamb, or placing feet on support by altering the show ring surface to change the support of a lamb’s feet (i.e., building a mound for the front feet or placing front feet on the exhibitor’s feet) will not be allowed by the show ring stewards or show officials. Lambs’ feet may be lifted and **immediately** set back down in order to set up and brace the lamb. Slapping of animals is not allowed.
- Inappropriate management practices of livestock, as determined by show management, by the exhibitors, family members or others will result in disqualification of entries and/or exhibitors.

## **SHOWMANSHIP**

Showmanship for market lambs will take place immediately following the Market Lamb Show on Saturday, September 30. Exhibitors wishing to take part in Showmanship must fill out the Showmanship Entry Form included in the Exhibitor Packet received at the Livestock Office. This form is to be turned in at the table during check-in. There is no entry fee for this class. Exhibitors will be randomly assigned to showmanship groups of equal numbers for preliminary judging with semifinalists selected to compete for Champion Market Lamb Showman.

## **CLASS**

Class #250 – Ewe Lambs

Class #260 – Wether Lambs

Cash premiums awarded: Purple - \$16. Blue - \$14. Red - \$12.

## **LOADOUT**

Loadout for market lambs will commence at the conclusion of the Market Lamb Show. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that lambs designated for harvest at check-in are put in the designated holding area to be loaded onto the trucks. Those lightweight lambs ineligible for show but on the official list to sell from weigh-in will also be loaded at this time. Failure to comply with load out procedures will result in the withholding of premium monies and the exhibitor may be disqualified. **(Please refer to the General Rules section of the Premium Book to read the “Disqualification” paragraph).**

## LAMB CHALLENGE

**ARRIVAL TIME:** No livestock can arrive before Noon on Thursday, September 28. Lamb Challenge lambs just arrive and be in assigned pens by Friday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Lamb Challenge check-in and weighing will be on Friday, September 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Lamb Challenge Record Books are due in the Livestock Office by Noon on Friday, September 29.**

**SHOW TIME:** The Lamb Challenge Program will take place at approximately 9:30 a.m. or immediately following the selection of Division 1 Champion Lamb on Saturday, September 30 in Five Points Arena – Ring 2.

**RELEASE TIME:** Lamb Challenge lambs will be released at the conclusion of the Market Lamb Show. All Lamb Challenge lambs must go to harvest.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All lambs are required to have a CVI issued within 15 days of exhibition. See Health Requirements section for more information.**

The purpose of the Lamb Challenge Program is to provide a one year educational, interesting and competitive feature for 4-Hers at the AKSARBEN Stock Show. There are two phases to the program: the Application Phase and the Production Phase. The Production Phase of the program will provide competition and demonstrated ability by the Lamb Challenge exhibitors.

### APPLICATION PHASE:

#### Eligibility

- The 4-H member must be at least 13 years of age but no older than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
- The 4-H member must have exhibited at a previous AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.
- The 4-H member must have lambs entered at the current AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.
- The 4-H member must be eligible to compete at the next AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.
- Previous Lamb Challenge participants are eligible to re-apply as long as they have not been selected to participate in the Purple Ribbon Auction with a previous Lamb Challenge Lamb.

#### Entry

To apply for the Lamb Challenge Program, eligible 4-H members will make entry on a special Lamb Challenge Application Form provided online at aksarbenstockshow.com. The application will need to include a signature from the County Extension Office. Applications must be submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year to be eligible for the program in the current year (2018 deadline: December 1, 2017).

#### Notes

- Each contestant that is accepted will receive a lamb at a later date, but will pay back to the AKSARBEN Lamb Challenge Program approximately 33% of the sale price of the Production Phase lamb to perpetuate the program.
- Contestants will be screened and selected based on their essay question answers on their applications. These questions will be evaluated by AKSARBEN personnel.
- The total number of contestants selected will be no more than twenty-five. Those selected will be announced by March 1.
- Applications must be submitted to AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, 7101 Mercy Rd, Suite 320, Omaha, NE 68106 by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. (2018 application deadline: December 1, 2017).

### PRODUCTION PHASE

#### Eligibility

- The exhibitor must have been selected from an application process at the previous AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.

**Entry**

- Use regular AKSARBEN Market Lamb Entry Form.
- Enter Class #290.
- Entries are due at the same time as other entries.

<u>Scoring Category</u>	<u>Points</u>
Sponsor Reports (5)	15
Record Book	40
Showmanship	25
Average Daily Gain	5
Live Placing	<u>15</u>
	100 Points Total

In case of a tie, the following breakers will be used: 1) showmanship; 2) record book score; 3) sponsor reports; and 4) live placing.

**Additional Rules**

- All Production Phase Lamb Challenge lambs must enter and exhibit unless previously excused by AKSARBEN.
- All Lamb Challenge lambs will be weighed prior to the show. A 5% variance from the weigh-in weight will be allowed. Animals not within the 5% variance either above or below the weigh-in weight will be ranked as a contemporary group at the bottom of the class with points, if any, assigned according to placing.
- The AKSARBEN substitute showman rule will be enforced.
- Lamb Challenge lambs are not eligible to show in Market Lamb Showmanship.
- All Market Lamb Grooming Rules will be enforced.
- Live animal premiums will be paid according to stated market lamb show premiums.
- The Champion Overall Lamb Challenge, Reserve Champion Overall Lamb Challenge and Third Place Overall Lamb Challenge will be sold in the Purple Ribbon Auction.
- The Fourth Place Overall Lamb Challenge will receive \$250 and the Fifth Place Overall Lamb Challenge will receive \$125.
- All Lamb Challenge lambs must go to harvest. Carcass data may be figured separately and compared with the regular market lamb carcass data.

**ATTENTION SHEEP PRODUCERS**

Sheep producers in the trade territory of the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show who would like to have their lambs considered for participation in the Lamb Challenge Program Production Phase should write to:  
AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, 7101 Mercy Rd, Suite 320, Omaha, NE 68106.

## MEAT GOAT SHOW

**ARRIVAL TIME:** No livestock can arrive before Noon on Thursday, September 28. Meat goats must arrive and be in pens by Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Meat goat check-in and weighing will be on Saturday, September 30 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

**SHOW TIME:** Meat goats will be shown on Sunday, October 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Five Points Arena – Ring 2.

**RELEASE TIME:** Meat goats will be released at the conclusion of the Meat Goat Show.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All goats are required to have a CVI issued within 15 days of exhibition. See Health Requirements section for more information.

### ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for exhibition, the eligible 4-H club members must have owned and cared for the meat goats since June 15 (May 15 for Minnesota) of the current year.
- All meat goats must be born after January 1 of the current year. Goats are to have milk teeth but there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth. Goats may be mouthed at the show.
- Exhibitors may show up to three meat goats. Meat goats may be doe or wether kids. Meat goats MAY NOT be listed on more than one entry form. Therefore, family members MAY NOT list any one meat goat(s) on more than one entry form.
- All meat goats, except those in the auction, will have the opportunity to be released from harvest. Decisions to sell meat goats must be made in the check-in line after the goat has been weighed. All decisions are final and no additions or removals will be allowed from the official list accumulated during weigh-in. Agreements on harvest numbers with the buyer and trucking arrangements are made based on the list of sale goats. Goats not going to harvest or in the auction and goats not going to harvest or in the auction and underweight or overweight will be released to go home at the designated release time. Exhibitors who sign up to ship a goat to harvest and then leave the grounds with the goat will forfeit any premiums won at the Show and may be disqualified. **(Please refer to the General Rules section of the Premium Book and read the “Disqualification” paragraph).**
- Positive identification is required on all meat goat entries. All animals must be tagged and registered with their respective county and state 4-H by the state designated deadline. Positive DNA identification is achieved by submitting DNA hair samples or retinal images from all goats that are being considered for exhibition and then those goats must be listed on the nomination forms.
- After entry, exhibitors may substitute animals for the show providing that DNA hair samples from goats being considered for substitution appear on the nomination forms on file with AKSARBEN officials. *Example: Goats 1,2,3 and 4 are listed on the nomination form and the exhibitor provides the DNA hair samples and/or retinal imaging sample from those same goats at the time of nomination. Goats 1 and 2 are entered into the show by the entry deadline. Goats 3 and 4 may be substituted for goats 1 and 2 at the time of entry check-in because their DNA hair samples or retinal images were submitted with the nomination form and are on file with AKSARBEN officials.*

### CHECK-IN AND WEIGHING

- Pens for meat goats will be assigned by county. Exhibitors are expected to cooperate with the penning of their goats and the provided spaces for common tack areas.
- Meat goat check-in and weighing will be done on a first come first-serve basis.
- The minimum weight for goats will be 50 pounds with no maximum weight limit. Goats weighing less than 50 pounds will be tagged and still eligible to show, however, they will automatically be awarded a red ribbon. These goats MAY still be sold to harvest. Goats must be dry and clean with all blankets pulled at the time of check-in. No reweighs will be allowed on market animals.

- Meat goats will be divided into three divisions. One division of does and two divisions of wethers will be divided into classes determined by Show officials based on the number of animals and check-in weights. Goats will be exhibited from light to heavy within each division.
- Show management reserves the right to reweigh first, second and third place animals and/or division winners. A 5% variance from weigh-in weight will be allowed. Animals not meeting the 5% variance either above or below the weigh-in weight will be lowered one ribbon group and will not be eligible for any champion awards.
- The top two animals from each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion will compete for Grand Champion Meat Goat and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat.
- Six meat goats will be selected for sale in the Purple Ribbon Auction (**six head**). They include Grand Champion Meat Goat, Reserve Champion Meat Goat and all other Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions. All goats selected for the Purple Ribbon Auction must go to harvest.
- An exhibit not presented promptly on call of class will be ruled out and barred from competition. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked exhibits will be considered.

### GROOMING

- Grooming other than clipping, trimming or blocking may be done by exhibitors and immediate members of an exhibitor's own family. Clipping, trimming or blocking by anyone other than exhibitors, except for parental guidance, will not be permitted. Upon violation of this rule the exhibitor will automatically be lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring.
- **All meat goats must have all hair above the knees and hocks slick shorn prior to arrival, hair deemed too long on any part of the goat by show officials will be cut off by the exhibitor using a hand scissors provided by AKSARBEN with an official observing the process prior to check-in. If the exhibitor chooses not to do this the animal will be disqualified from the show.**
- No clipping, fitting/blocking stands or blowers will be allowed at the Show.
- Meat goats must be penned in the assigned pens inside the Sheep Barn.
- Meat goats must be fitted in the Meat Goat area of the Sheep Barn only. Grooming will not be allowed in other species areas or outside the barn.
- No change of the major color pattern of the animal will be allowed. No painting or dyeing is allowed on meat goats. Violators will be dropped one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring. Animals may still be shipped to harvest from AKSARBEN.
- If meat goats are horned, the horns must be tipped. Dehorned meat goats are preferred.
- Any equipment on an exhibitor or an animal judged by the Division Superintendent to be detracting from the appearance of the Show shall be removed upon request.
- The only acceptable material allowed on meat goats is soap and unaltered water. Icing is not allowed. Any other sprays or adhesives used during the fitting of goats will result in the exhibitor being lowered one ribbon placing from the ribbon awarded in the show ring. If on the official list for harvest these goats will still be expected to load onto the truck for shipment to harvest.
- No power washers are allowed by order of the State Fire Marshal.
- The act of artificially filling of animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method (by mouth or esophagus) is prohibited.
- During the exhibition of entries in the meat goat classes and during the showmanship competition, lifting a goat's feet off the ground in order to brace the goat, or placing feet on support by altering the show ring surface to change the support of a goat's feet (i.e., building a mound for the front feet or placing front feet on the exhibitor's feet) will not be allowed by the show ring stewards or show officials. Goats' feet may be lifted and **immediately** set back down in order to set up and brace the goat. Slapping of animals is not allowed.
- Exhibitors are allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring. Collars may be leather or smooth chain. Rough or goat training chains or collars are not allowed. Collars should be loose around the neck at all times.
- Inappropriate management practices of livestock, as determined by show management, by the exhibitors, family members or others will result in disqualification of entries and/or exhibitors.



## **SHOWMANSHIP**

Showmanship for meat goats will take place immediately following the Meat Goat Show on Sunday, October 1. Exhibitors wishing to take part in Showmanship must fill out the Showmanship Entry Form included in the Exhibitor Packet received at the Livestock Office. This form is to be turned in at the table during check-in. There is no entry fee for this class. Exhibitors will be randomly assigned to showmanship groups of equal numbers for preliminary judging with semifinalists selected to compete for Champion Meat Goat Showman.

## **CLASS**

Class #325 – Meat Goat Doe

Class #326 – Meat Goat Wether

Cash premiums awarded: Purple - \$16. Blue - \$14. Red - \$12.

## **LOADOUT**

Loadout for meat goats will commence at the conclusion of the Meat Goat Show on Sunday. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that goats designated for harvest during check-in are put in the designated holding area to be loaded onto the truck. Those lightweight and/or heavyweight goats ineligible for show but on the official list to sell from weigh-in will also be loaded at this time. Failure to comply with load out procedures will result in the withholding of premium monies and the exhibitor may be disqualified. **(Please refer to the General Rules section of the Premium Book to read the “Disqualification” paragraph).**

## MARKET BROILER SHOW

**ARRIVAL TIME:** No livestock can arrive before Noon on Thursday, September 28. Market broilers must arrive and be in assigned coops by 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 30.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Market broiler check-in will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 30. The scale will close at 11:45 a.m.

**SHOW TIME:** Market broilers will be shown on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Broiler Arena located in the Sheep Barn.

**RELEASE TIME:** Market broilers will be released at the conclusion of the Market Broiler Show.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No CVI required for poultry exhibits. All birds must be exhibited with hatchery implemented wing bands in place.**

### ELIGIBILITY

- A Market Broiler Request Form/Entry Form must be filled out and sent to AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, 7101 Mercy Rd, Suite 320, Omaha, NE 68106 prior to July 8. These forms are available at the County Extension Offices or online at [www.askarbenstockshow.com](http://www.askarbenstockshow.com).
- The minimum order is 50 birds at a cost of \$83.50. Family members or club members may share the 50 birds. Exhibitors are limited to 50 birds. The fees cover the cost of the birds, postage and handling.
- Broiler entries are limited to two entries (pens) per exhibitor. Each pen consisting of three birds must weigh no more than 24 pounds to be eligible to compete for ribbons and awards. There is a \$12 per pen entry fee that must be paid when the birds are ordered. (Please double check with your County Extension Office to make sure your birds have been properly entered.)
- All birds will come from Welps Hatchery in Bancroft, Iowa. They will be shipped to exhibitors on or near August 18. Exhibitors who receive birds without wing bands should notify Stock Show Management within 48 hours of receiving birds.

### CHECK-IN AND WEIGHING

- Broiler exhibits must be on the show grounds and in assigned coops by Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m. Broilers will be stalled in the Broiler area of the Sheep Barn.
- A scale will be provided for exhibitors wishing to pre-weigh their birds at the show. The scale will close at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 30. The show order will be numerical by coop number.
- Exhibitors must be present during judging.
- Birds selected for the Top 8 competition will be taken to the scale to be weighed. Birds weighing more than 24 pounds or with wing bands not assigned to them, will be sent back to their coop (not eligible for Auction). The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Broilers will be sold at the Purple Ribbon Auction. Third, fourth and fifth place pens will receive AKSARBEN awards.
- Any exhibitor wishing to sell their birds at the conclusion of the show must contact the Division Superintendents by stalling time. If a buyer can be procured an option to sell may be available.

### CLASS

Class #700 – Market Broilers

Cash premiums awarded: Purple - \$6. Blue - \$5. Red - \$4.

## DAIRY SHOW

**ARRIVAL TIME:** No livestock can arrive before Noon on Thursday, September 28. Dairy Cattle must arrive and be in assigned stalls by Saturday, September 30 at 11:00 a.m.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Dairy cattle check-in will be on Saturday, September 30 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon.

**SHOW TIME:** Dairy cattle will be shown on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 6:30 p.m. or immediately following the conclusion of the Market Lamb Showmanship or Market Beef Showmanship in the Five Points Arena.

**RELEASE TIME:** Dairy cattle will be released at the conclusion of the Dairy Cattle Show.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All dairy cattle are required to have a CVI issued within 30 days of exhibition. All out of state dairy cattle will require a negative Tuberculosis test. See Health Requirements section for more information.

### Eligibility

Any eligible 4-H Dairy project member from all 10 states is eligible for the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show and may enter up to six (6) individual animals and one Junior Herd. Animals must be identified on official state identification forms by June 15 or date set by the exhibitor's County Extension Office. Entry fee must be paid on Junior Herds to be eligible to show (\$8.00 per Junior Herd entry). Individual entry for dairy is \$25.00 per head.

No power washers are allowed by order of the State Fire Marshal.

### CHAMPIONS AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS

In each breed the first and second place purple award winners from the heifer classes (301-307) will compete for Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion. First and second place purple award winners from the cow classes (308-312) will compete for Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion.

Junior and Senior Champions and Reserve Junior and Senior Champions of each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of their respective breeds. Animals must have been awarded a purple ribbon to compete for championships.

### DAIRY HERD REQUIREMENTS

A 4-H Dairy Herd will consist of three animals that meet the following requirements:

- All three animals have been officially identified by the same 4-H member;
- All three animals have been entered and exhibited (at the current show) by the same 4-H member;
- All three animals must be the same dairy breed;
- All three animals may be grade or registered, or any combination of grade and registered; and at least one of the three animals must be a cow that has freshened long enough to have a 305 2X ME record in progress. Show management will verify the production records at the time of check-in.

### DAIRY PRODUCTION AWARD

A special award will be presented for each cow in the milking class that meets the production requirements below.:

	<u>MILK</u>	<u>PROTEIN</u>
Ayrshire	17,757	568
Brown Swiss	20,235	695
Guernsey	17,070	583
Holstein	24,909	768
Jersey	17,466	641
Milking Shorthorn	17,168	539
Red & White	21,441	685

Crossbreds – TOO MANY VARIABLES TO BE ACCURATE.

Production requirements are based on top 30% of herds in annual DHIA Summary of Herd Averages Report.

## **GUIDELINES TO VERIFY PRODUCTION AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL COW AND HERD AWARDS**

1. Awards will be presented on the basis of 305 2X ME records in progress for cows in milk and on the basis of the most recently completed 305 2X ME record for dry cows. Animals may qualify with either milk or protein.
2. The animal shall have been carried as a project throughout her lactation, entered and shown in her respective class at the AKSARBEN Stock Show.
3. Exhibitors should provide DHIA herd identification and DHIA cow identification on entry form. Exhibitors must furnish the show management with production information at the time animals are checked in. The show management will verify the production information on the entry form and clerk sheets at time of check-in.
4. To verify status of herd and individual cow records, exhibitors must:
  - a) Be testing at intervals less than 75 days.
  - b) Present test sheets within 90 days of the show date.
  - c) Produce most recent 203,303,330 or document entitled individual cow page.

## **CLASSES**

Animals born after April 30, 2017 are not eligible to show in the individual classes or in dairy herds.

### **REGISTERED AND GRADES WILL SHOW TOGETHER**

301	Spring Heifer Calf	3/1/17 to 4/30/17
302	Winter Heifer Calf	12/1/16 to 2/29/17
303	Fall Heifer Calf	9/1/16 to 11/30/16
304	Summer Yearling Heifer	6/1/16 to 8/31/16
305	Spring Yearling Heifer	3/1/16 to 5/31/16
306	Winter Yearling Heifer	12/1/15 to 2/28/16
307	Fall Yearling Heifer	9/1/15 to 11/30/15
308	Dry Cow	Any Age
309	Two Year Old Cow	9/1/14 to 2/28/15
310	Three Year Old Cow	9/1/13 to 8/31/14
311	Four Year Old Cow	9/1/12 to 8/31/13
312	Five Year Old Cow	Prior to 9/1/12
313	Junior Herds	
	Ayrshire —	301A to 313A
	Brown Swiss —	301B to 313B
	Crossbred	301CB to 313CB
	Guernsey —	301G to 313G
	Holstein —	301H to 313H
	Jersey —	301J to 313J
	Milking Shorthorn —	301MS to 313MS

NOTE: Yearlings that have calved, freshening prior to show, must be shown as two-year-olds in class 309.

### **CLASS ORDER PER BREED**

- Classes 301-307 Selection of Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion
- Classes 308-312 Selection of Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion
- Selection of Breed Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Herds

Cash premium awards:

Individual: Purple - \$25. Blue - \$18. Red - \$12.

Dairy Herd: Purple - \$25. Blue - \$18. Red - \$12.

## HORSE SHOW

**ARRIVAL TIME:** Horses can arrive beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 23. Stalls will be available for horse exhibitors. All stalls must be reserved and paid for prior to arrival.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** Horse check-in will be on Saturday, September 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Sunday, September 24 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**SHOW TIME:** Horses will be shown on Saturday, September 23 beginning at 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday, September 24 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**RELEASE TIME:** Horses will be released at the conclusion of the Horse Show.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All horses are required to have a CVI issued within 30 days of exhibition. All out of state horses will require a negative Coggins test within the last 365 days. See Health Requirements section for more information.

### **IMPORTANT**

District Qualifying shows are no longer required in order to enter the AKSARBEN 4-H Horse Show. Exhibitors must meet all "Eligibility of Exhibitor" rules located on page 5. An exhibitor may enter as many classes as they wish. However, an exhibitor and/or a horse may be entered in a particular class only once. See example below.

Showmanship, No Advancement Level is required. Advanced Pleasure, Horsemanship and Equitation classes have been dropped due to low participation.

### **ADDITIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- A showman and/or horse may be entered in a particular class only once. For instance, a person and horse can only enter one Horsemanship (Equitation) class regardless of whether it is a pony or horse, English or Western, junior or senior. To further explain entry restrictions, letters follow class numbers. An exhibitor or horse may not enter two classes with the same letter.
- Iowa 4-H horse project members must have passed level III to enter 600 level classes.
- Nebraska 4-H horse project members must have passed level II of the Nebraska 4-H Horse Advancement Levels to enter the 400 and 500 classes except showmanship. Members may enter 600 classes if they have passed level III.
- Kansas 4-H Horse project members ages 12-13 as of January 1, must pass level I and members 14-18 years of age must pass all three sections of level II to enter 400 and 500 level classes except showmanship. Members may enter 600 level classes if they have passed level IV of the 4-H Horse Advancement level program.
- Minnesota 4-H horse project members selected to fill state 4-H show quotas are eligible to enter AKSARBEN 400 and 500 level classes. Minnesota 4-H members certified as having completed step 5 of the Minnesota 4-H horse training or achievement program and having been selected to fill the state show quota may enter 600 level classes. Any member old enough may enter showmanship.
- Colorado 4-H Horse project members must have passed Level II of the Colorado 4-H Horse project examination to enter 400 or 500 classes except showmanship. Colorado 4-H Horse project members may enter 600 classes if they have passed level III of the Colorado Horse project examination.
- Missouri exhibitors are not eligible for 600 level classes. Any member old enough may enter showmanship.
- South Dakota exhibitors are not eligible for 600 level classes. Any member old enough may enter showmanship.

### **Two and Three-Year-Old Western Pleasure**

Since there have been and continue to be reported and confirmed eligibility problems with a limited number of horses entered in the 2 and 3-Year-Old Western Pleasure Classes across the state, the Nebraska 4-H Horse Advisory Committee has placed these two classes on "Ethical Probation". They have voted on a set of expanded and clarified NEW rules for these two classes. These rules are effective IMMEDIATELY. All involved are responsible for knowing the eligibility rules for this class.

ALL RIDING MUST BE DONE BY THE 4-H member. (i.e., no one else at any time may ride the horse other than the 4-H member, including prior to the 4-H member purchasing the horse).

The 3-year old horse ridden in the 3-year old Western Pleasure Class must have been registered in the 4-H Program by the SAME exhibitor as a 2-year old to be eligible for the class.

Violation of these rules will disqualify the 4-H member and the horse from ALL competition at the current AKSARBEN 4-H Horse Show.

Exhibitors may enter the two-year-old and/or three-year-old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure in addition to another Pleasure Class. However, the horse ridden in the two-year-old Snaffle Bit Pleasure may not be ridden in any other classes. Three-year old snaffle bit horses may not be ridden in another pleasure class, but may be shown in other non-pleasure classes.

### **Year 2 for Ranch Riding Class**

- This class is for horses three years of age and older and will be available for Junior and Senior age exhibitors. No horse may cross enter, a western pleasure and ranch riding class at the same show regardless of division. See complete rules for this class in the “Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide”.
- No horse shall be entered that has not been properly identified through the county Extension office in the county in which the exhibitor is enrolled in club work by that state’s identification deadline. Identification reports for each horse must accompany each entry.
- The exhibitors will be divided into two classes, ages 12 to 14 for juniors; and 15 and over for seniors. Age is determined as of January 1 of current year.

#### **Junior Division**

401A – Western Pony Pleasure	406C – Reining
402A – Hunter Under Saddle	407D – Pole Bending
403A – Western Pleasure	408E – Clover Leaf Barrel Racing
404B – Hunt Seat Equitation	409F – Showmanship – Western
405B – Western Horsemanship	410F – Showmanship – English
411G – Ranch Riding	

#### **Senior Division**

501A – Western Pony Pleasure	506C – Reining
502A – Hunter Under Saddle	507D – Pole Bending
503A – Western Pleasure	508E – Clover Leaf Barrel Racing
504B – Hunt Seat Equitation	509F – Showmanship – Western
505B – Western Horsemanship	510F – Showmanship – English
511G – Ranch Riding	

#### **Junior or Senior Division**

601G – 2 Year Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure
602H – 3 Year Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure
603I – Hunter Hack

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOWING**

- Horses in Western Pony Pleasure must be 14.2 hands or under. Horses in all other classes may be any height.
- Classes shall be judged according to the procedure outlined in the standard score sheets in 4-H 373, “Nebraska 4-H Horse Shows and Judging Guide.” (revised in 2009). Classes with less than five entries may be combined with another similar class.
- All decisions of the judge will be final. The judge will make a reasonable effort to give reasons for the final placings in each class.
- Exhibitors must be ready and waiting to enter the ring promptly when their class is called. When the judges have started to work, no exhibitor who is late will be admitted to the ring.
- The exhibitor will compete for ribbons and trophies only. An entry fee of \$10.00 per horse will be charged. (See page 13 for further information on entry fee).
- No headgear will be required in the 4-H Horse timed events. In other horse show classes appropriate headgear will be worn. Helmets may be worn in any class. White shirts with convertible collars are to be worn with blue jeans by both boys and girls exhibiting in western equipment. No tuxedo or stand-up collars. Exhibitors riding saddle or hunt seat should wear appropriate attire. A 4-H arm band is required. Arm band is to be worn on left arm above the elbow. Hard-soled boots and shoes are considered safe and appropriate. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy will dismiss the rider from further competition

for the entire show. Training and/or riding of 4-H horses on the grounds by persons other than the exhibitor may lead to disqualification.

### **HORSE STALLS**

Rental fee is \$25 per stall. Stall rental fees are set by Fonner Park for this event. Stalls are pre-bedded. No outside bedding is allowed. All stalls must be reserved and paid for at entry time in August. If you rent a stall the grounds fee is included in the \$25 rental fee. Stall fees are non-refundable and must be collected at entry time in August!

### **AWARDS**

The AKSARBEN Foundation will sponsor Champion and Reserve Champion plaques to the first and second place winners in each class.

## SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Information relative to the basis for judging dairy showmanship is found in the "Uniform Scorecard for Judging Junior Dairy Fitting & Showmanship Contests" published by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association. Information on livestock showmanship contests is found in 4-H 357 "Guide for Evaluating Livestock Showmanship Contest" available from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska. Information on Meat Goat Showmanship can be found in 2263 "Market Goat Showmanship" available from Mississippi State University at <http://msucares.com/pubs/publications/p2263.pdf>.

### CLASS

- Breeding Beef Showmanship
- Dairy Showmanship
- Lamb Showmanship
- Swine Showmanship
- Market Beef Showmanship
- Feeder Calf Showmanship
- Meat Goat Showmanship

### SHOWMANSHIP ENTRIES

Entry forms for Showmanship classes will be included in the Exhibitor Packet that exhibitors pick up at the Livestock Office when they arrive at the Show. If you want to participate in Showmanship you must fill out the Showmanship Entry Form and turn it in at the check-in line for your species. You are not required to enter Showmanship on your AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show Entry Form.

### ELIGIBILITY

**Only exhibitors showing their own animals that are entered will be considered in the Showmanship Contest. Exhibitors may not show a sibling's animal in the showmanship contest. Previous first place winners in the same AKSARBEN Showmanship division are ineligible to compete.**

### BASIS FOR JUDGING

Judging is based on preparation of animals for the show, their apparent training and the appearance and behavior of the showman. Minor technical points are not to be over-emphasized, nor do minor infractions disqualify. Primarily it is the skill of the showman in presenting their animal before the judge that counts while the individual excellence of the animal does not.

Each Showmanship Judge may or may not give oral or written tests on production in the finals.

### PROCEDURE

Showmanship for Market Beef, Feeder Calves, Breeding Beef, Market Lambs, Meat Goats and Dairy will be conducted immediately following the conclusion of the show. Showmanship for Market Swine will be conducted at the scheduled time. Any exhibitor who filled out the Showmanship Entry Form and turned it in at the check-in line is eligible to enter the contest when their animals are officially checked in at the AKSARBEN show. Entered Exhibitors will be randomly assigned to showmanship groups of equal numbers for preliminary judging with semi-finalists being selected at that time.

Showmen will select one of their animals entered in the division when participating in the showmanship contest. If an exhibitor violates a grooming rule, that member is not eligible to participate in showmanship activities. The Division Superintendent may disqualify any exhibitor from the showmanship contest if they display unsportsmanlike conduct anywhere on the Show grounds.

All exhibitor numbers will be attached to the exhibitor's back with safety pins.

Showmanship judges will select 1<sup>st</sup> place thru 5<sup>th</sup> place winners in each species.

### SHOWMANSHIP SPECIALS

#### AKSARBEN Foundation

The AKSARBEN Foundation will present \$150 to the Champion Showman, \$100 to the Reserve Champion Showman and \$50 to the Third Place Showman. Medals will be presented to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place exhibitors.

#### Ted Aegerter Memorial Showmanship Award

The Champion Breeding Beef showman will receive a special award sponsored by the Ted Aegerter family.



## PREMIER EXHIBITOR

The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for 4-H exhibitors to demonstrate their project production and management knowledge, strengthen decision making and communication, and recognize excellence in the demonstration of project knowledge.

A premier exhibitor in the following divisions will be selected: Dairy, Breeding Beef/Feeder Calf/Market Beef (one division), Horse, Market Lamb, Meat Goat and Market Swine.

The following rules will apply for entry:

1. Only 4-H members in good standing who are 14 years of age or older on January 1 of the current year are eligible.
2. Members may only compete in one division and are required to have animal entries in that division.
3. Candidates will be evaluated on the following basis:
  - 30% Interview: (pre-scheduled) A panel of judges will ask questions on at least two issues pertinent to the species and/or youth show.
  - 35% Skillathon Station: Species specific production and management tasks. Examples include equipment identification, quality assurance problems, feed identification, ration formulation, meat cut identification, breed characteristics, reading ear notches, calculating carcass value based on a grid, scoring dairy cows based on the United Score Card, determining frame score. Study materials for some of these areas may be found at <http://www.ca.uky.edu/agripedia/Agmania/>
  - 25% Production and Management Quiz: A written exam focusing on practical application of skills. A list of resources from which questions will be asked is available at [www.aksarbenstockshow](http://www.aksarbenstockshow.com).
  - 10% Showmanship Placing: Points will be awarded on the highest ribbon received in the showmanship division of competition.
4. Entry forms will be available online and must be completed with a \$10 entry fee no later than August 10, 2017.
5. Winners will be announced during the division shows when possible. Ribbons will be awarded based on the point scale below. Money generated from entry fees will be distributed on a sliding scale to participants in each species division. Points from all sections (interview, skillathon, test and showmanship) will be added to determine the total score.

Total points possible: 100

Purple: 80 to 100 Points

Blue: 70 to 79 Points

Red: 60 to 69 Points

White: < 60 Points

The two highest scoring individuals in each species will be recognized with Champion and Reserve Champion plaques, respectively. Individuals must be in the purple ribbon category to receive a plaque and be recognized as Champion or Reserve Champion.

6. The Champion from each species division will receive \$250 and be eligible during the following year to compete for the Jim and Cindy Schaben Premier Exhibitor Award, a \$1,000 educational scholarship. Individuals must be in the purple ribbon category to compete for the scholarship.

7. Previous species winners are not eligible to compete again in that specie, but may compete in a different species if eligible. Scholarship winners are not eligible for further competition.

8. Days of competition are:

Saturday, September 23 – Horse

Friday, September 29 – Market Beef and Market Sheep

Saturday, September 30 – Market Beef, Market Swine, Meat Goat and Dairy

Participants will be contacted prior to the Show with their scheduled time of competition in the interview, skillathon and quiz.

## 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTESTS

The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show will be hosting the AKSARBEN Livestock Judging Contests. Divisions will be available for Senior College, Junior College and 4-H members.

Each state may send up to three (3) 4-H teams. The determination for which 4-H team in a state is eligible to attend is determined by each state's 4-H program.

4-H members exhibiting animals in the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show may be asked to use their animal for a class for the judging contest.

### **Deadline:**

Entries must be completed online via the AKSARBEN Stock Show website by September 1, 2017. Late entries may be accepted with approval from Stock Show Management.

**For a complete listing of rules, regulations, schedule & hotel information, please visit [www.aksarbenstockshow/Events/Stock Show/Competitive Events](http://www.aksarbenstockshow/Events/Stock%20Show/Competitive%20Events)**

## AKSARBEN 4-H LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

### **OUTCOMES**

- Youth develop positive interests and attitudes about animal science and related careers.
- Youth gain a base of knowledge of the animal science projects.
- Youth will utilize skills and abilities to solve everyday situations.
- Participants will process information, analyze complex problems and make informed decisions regarding current agricultural, environmental and livestock industry issues.
- An increased number of participants seek out higher education opportunities and careers related to animal science.

Youth participating in livestock quiz bowl have demonstrated decision making, problem solving, critical thinking, self-confidence and teamwork skills in preparing and competition.

### **TEAM AND CONTEST ELIGIBILITY**

- Each state in the U.S. is invited to enter any number of teams, of up to four contestants per team. Entry forms must be completed online, with a \$100.00 entry fee per team, by September 1, 2017.
- Contestant must already have reached his or her 10th birthday, and may not have reached his or her 19th birthday, as of January 1 of the year in which the AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest is held. An individual may compete in this contest more than once, but may not enter in both the AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest and the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest in the same year. Individuals who have participated in the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest are not eligible to participate in the AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest.
- Contestants must not have completed post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the 4-H competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the 4-H competition.
- All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest is held.
- The contestant(s) or team(s) of contestants must be certified as an official 4-H entry by the local county Extension office.
- Entries can be completed online through the online process via the AKSARBEN Stock Show website. Online entries are due by September 1, 2017.

**For complete list of Rules and Regulations, please visit [www.aksarbenstockshow.com](http://www.aksarbenstockshow.com).**

## NATIONAL 4-H LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

### OUTCOMES

- Youth develop positive interests and attitudes about animal science and related careers;
- Youth gain a base of knowledge of the animal science projects.
- Youth will utilize skills and abilities to solve everyday situations.
- Participants will process information, analyze complex problems and make informed decisions regarding current agricultural, environmental and livestock industry issues.
- An increased number of participants seek out higher education opportunities and careers related to animal science.
- Youth participating in livestock quiz bowl have demonstrated decision making, problem solving, critical thinking, self-confidence and teamwork skills in preparing and competition.

### TEAM AND CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

- Each state in the U. S. is invited to enter one team of up to four contestants. Entry forms must be completed online, with a \$125.00 entry fee per team, by September 1, 2017.
- Contestant must already have reached his or her 14th birthday, and may not have reached his or her 19th birthday, before January 1 of the year in which the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest is held. However, the state 4-H Leader may grant a special authorization to compete, for youth with developmental disabilities who exceed the upper age limit.
- An individual may enter the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest only once. Participating members of a team entry (even if they are designated alternate by low score) are ineligible to enter the same event again as a part of another team.
- Contestants must not have completed post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the National 4-H Quiz Bowl Contest, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest.
- All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl event is held.
- The contestant(s) or team(s) of contestants must be certified as the official state entry by the state 4-H Leader or by a person designated by the state 4-H Leader.
- Entries can be completed online through the online process via the AKSARBEN Stock Show website. Online entries are due by September 1, 2017.

For complete list of Rules and Regulations, please visit [www.aksarbenstockshow.com](http://www.aksarbenstockshow.com).

## **HONOR SHOW CHOW FITTING CHALLENGE SPONSORED BY PURINA ANIMAL NUTRITION**

PRELIMINARY GROOMING HEATS  
TBA

ENTRY DEADLINE: August 10, 2017  
Entry Fee: \$60 per team  
Entry Drop Deadline: September 1, 2017

### **CONTEST REGULATIONS**

1. Team entries: The contest may be open to more than one team per county. Counties may initially send in two teams: a primary team and an alternate team. Total number of teams entered will determine if an additional county team or a wild card team will compete. Selection of the alternate teams for competition will be done by the luck of the draw. Each county will be responsible for establishing their county team selection. Teams must have an alternate member listed. All alternates will be eligible for the Wild Card Draft. All teams must consist of three 4-H members, all from the same county, with one of the exhibitors having an eligible beef entry at the 2017 AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show. All team members must meet the AKSARBEN age eligibility requirement (page 6). Each team must have either one member of the team 13 years of age or younger or have at least one member of the opposite gender, (two males/one female or two females/one male). Previous first place winners are not eligible to enter the contest.

Individuals may make entry in this contest if their home county does not have enough members to enter a team or if the home county enters one team but has another exhibitor that would like to compete. Individual entries must be accompanied by a \$20.00 entry fee and the member will be placed in the Wild Card Draft. Individuals must have submitted an entry form with their AKSARBEN cattle entries in order to be eligible for the Wild Card Draft. Contest personnel in this Division will assign teams from the Wild Card Draft by drawing names. All Wild Card contestants must be present at 7:00 a.m. Friday morning at the check-in area to be drawn for a position on a Wild Card team which will be Luck of the Draw. If the allowable slots in the contest are limited, county teams entered by the August 10, 2017 deadline will have priority for slots over wild card teams.

### **CONTEST RULES**

1. Teams will compete in preliminary heats at a time that is TBA.
2. Each heat will be thirty minutes in length. A ten-minute warning will be given. At the end of the 30-minute allotted time, clippers down and work stops.
3. All grooming rules of the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show will be strictly enforced.
4. All teams must provide their own animal. Either a breeding heifer, market steer, market heifer or feeder calf. The animal must be an eligible entry at the 2017 AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.
5. Each animal must be completely clean and dry.
6. Exhibitors will be judged based upon the following criteria:
  - A. Quality of workmanship
  - B. Team Skills – Compatibility and Organization
  - C. Compatibility of the use of various types of clippers
7. Exhibits will be evaluated based upon a three judge system. Neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration. All contestants must wear an official Honor Show Chow Fitting Challenge shirt.

### **FITTING CHALLENGE FINALS**

TBA

All contest rules will apply to the finals plus the additional criteria listed below.

1. Five (5) teams from the preliminary grooming heats will be selected to compete in the Contest Finals.
2. All teams must provide their own animal. Either a breeding heifer, market steer, market heifer or feeder calf. The animal must be an eligible entry at the 2017 AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show. The animal used in the finals cannot be the same animal that was used in the preliminary heat.

3. Contestants will be judged based upon the following criteria:
  - Quality of workmanship
  - Team Skills – Compatibility and Organization
  - Compatibility of the use of various types of clippers.
  - The finals competition will include a showmanship element. Each animal will be presented to the judges (by one team member) at the completion of the allotted time. Neatness of individuals and area will be considered. Honor Show Chow will provide shirts for everyone to wear to the Finals.

## **HERDSMANSHIP**

Herdsmanship, which insures a safe and healthy environment for 4-H livestock projects, is an important part of the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show experience. Although maintaining the environment may take some work, it is worth the effort. It demonstrates the 4-H member's dedication to his or her livestock and represents a positive image of the livestock industry to the public. Assigned county livestock stalling and pen areas for beef, dairy, market lamb, meat goat and swine exhibits will be observed several times daily during the period that animals are required to be housed on the show grounds. Each county will receive a daily average score in each species and awards will be given based on the final accumulated score average for feeder calf, market beef, breeding beef, dairy, meat goat, market lamb and swine exhibit areas.

Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitors rather than leaders and parents.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All 4-H Herdsmanship award ribbons must be picked up at the livestock office on the day you exhibit following the announcement and presentation of the Champion Herdsmanship plaque. They will not be mailed out.

### **BASIS OF RATING**

1. Animals clean at all times with stalls and pens showing evidence of having been tended to during the day (4 points)
2. Animals adequately cared for with proper feeding, and proper amount of bedding and adequate feeding equipment. (4 points)
  - Beef animals securely tied with 18-20 inches of lead rope.
  - Stalls and pens must be cleaned before 7:00 a.m. to enable barn crews to remove refuse from the barn.
  - Equipment, grooming, alley, and feed area clean and neatly arranged. (4 points).
  - Cords and grooming equipment are not cluttering alley.
  - Fork, broom, show boxes, feed and watering equipment are neatly stored when not in use.
3. County signs and exhibitor stall cards in place (4 points)
  - County signs in place clearly identifying pens or stall area
  - 4-H exhibitor stall cards attached over stalls and pens or on wire above swine pens
4. Courtesy, Responsibility and Conduct (4 points)
  - Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors while interacting with the public and other exhibitors at all times and in all places.
  - 4-H exhibitors, not adults, are doing the Herdsmanship.

**TOTAL - 20 POINTS**

Nonessential equipment or material is permissible if complying with general show rules but is not encouraged nor will it be considered in the Herdsmanship rating.

4-H Herdsmanship begins at the time that your livestock must be in the stalling areas or pens and ends when the livestock are released from the show grounds. The barns may be checked any time between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Results will be posted each evening on the wall opposite the AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock Office.

## AWARDS

A championship plaque will be presented to the top scoring county in each species: Meat Goat, Market Lamb, Market Swine, Dairy and in the three Beef divisions, Feeder Calf, Market Beef and Breeding Beef. Scores will be averaged over the judging time slots for the time that the animals are required to be on the grounds and posted each evening on the display board near the 4-H Livestock Office. Final scores will be an average of all scores received and will determine overall 4-H AKSARBEN Herdsmanship plaque winner for each species and beef divisions, and ribbon placings for the county 4-H exhibitors.

16-20 points = Purple Ribbon Final Score- Ribbon to each exhibitor.

13-15 points = Blue Ribbon Final Score- Ribbon to each exhibitor.

12 points and below = Red Ribbon Final Score - Ribbon to each exhibitor.

Following posting of Herdsmanship Final Score Results for a species or beef division on the Herdsmanship display board, **4-H Exhibitors MUST pick up their Herdsmanship ribbons** for their county exhibitors from the 4-H Livestock Office. They will not be mailed to the counties.

### **Here are a few suggestions to help:**

- Make sure you put your animals in your assigned stalling area or pens so judges will give you credit for your hard work.
- Make sure there is a county sign above your pens for meat goats, market lambs and swine and posted on the front of your stalling area for beef and dairy. If a sign is not posted, contact the AKSARBEN Herdsmanship staff by leaving a message in the 4-H Livestock Office.
- Stall cards for all of your exhibits in each species are provided in your check-in packet. (If you are exhibiting in more than one species, ex: Beef and Swine, all of your stall cards for your exhibits will be in your check-in packet). Tape these on the front of your stalls or on the wire provided above your pens.
- Keep alleys in front of your stalls or pens clean and not cluttered with tack, electrical cords or equipment.
- Remove manure promptly.



# AKSARBEN STOCK SHOW

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