

2026 4-H & FFA Premium Book



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4-H and FFA PAY CATEGORIES

Pay Category	Purple	Blue	Red	White
1	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
2	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00
3	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
4	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
5	\$1.00			
6	\$10.00			
7	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2

4-H Premiums not picked up immediately following the fair, are available for pick up at the Butler County Extension Office through August 15.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL 4-H & FFA MEMBERS

ELIGIBILITY

Youth may join a 4-H club if they are 5 by January 1 of the current year, they can stay involved through their final year of eligibility – the year they are 18 on January 1. Voc. Ag & FFA exhibitors must be currently enrolled in a Butler County High School FFA program. All exhibits must be the work performed as part of the current year's 4-H or FFA program, with the exception of Department G-Fall Harvested Crops. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H program by the June 15 deadline.

FFA Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to exhibit:

1. Enrolled in 4-H or a certified FFA program located within Butler County (FFA Enrollment may begin in 7th grade).
2. Are 19 years of age or younger at the time of the show (May have only been graduated from high school for a maximum of one year and have maintained active membership with their local FFA chapter)
3. Completing their fair project under supervision of the Agricultural education instructor of the school.
4. All animals must have been identified in the Butler County Extension Office according to 4-H procedures by June 15th. Call 402-367-7410 for a complete set of requirements.
5. Exhibitors may show in 4-H and/or FFA but cannot use the same projects in both. No project may be shown in 4-H or FFA at another county fair.

Animal Exhibits and Participation

1. An animal (beef, sheep, swine, market goat, dairy, dairy goat, or rabbit) may be identified in 4-H in only one county.
2. An animal (beef, sheep, swine, market goat, dairy, dairy goat, rabbit, poultry, dog, or cat) cannot be exhibited in 4-H or FFA in more than one county fair.
3. Youth are encouraged to be active members of both 4-H and FFA. For State Fair, any beef, sheep, swine and goat projects nominated by the appropriate deadline of June 15, will be eligible for exhibition in either 4-H or FFA. The designation can be determined at check-in during the State Fair. This option does not allow an animal to be shown in both 4-H and FFA at State Fair. This guideline also includes rabbit and poultry exhibits.

WHAT ENTRIES MAY BE MADE?

Only articles mentioned in the premium list will be given a placing. An exhibitor who is found to have tampered with or entered any exhibit that is not HIS or HER own work will forfeit any premium, ribbon and cash won. All exhibits are entered at exhibitor's own risk. The Ag Society or University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Butler County will **NOT** be responsible for lost or damaged items.

HOW TO MAKE ENTRIES

All clothing, sewing, style revue, livestock and exhibit hall entries must be pre-entered to the Extension Office prior to June 15 via on-line entry. However, an exhibitor may enter up to an additional 5 exhibits (static exhibits only – NO animals) on entry day. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the project area corresponding to the additional exhibits.

PROCEDURE ON MAKING ENTRIES

All entries – livestock and static – must be entered on-line. Entry cards for static exhibits will be printed by the Extension Office staff and will be available for pick-up by the 4-H'er on Monday of fair week. Only one entry per person per class number may be made except in beef, sheep, goat, swine, dairy, rabbit and poultry classes.

Auxiliary Vehicles

No motorized utility vehicles or auxiliary vehicles will be allowed for operation at the Butler County Fairgrounds. This includes but is not limited to golf carts, service carts, four/three wheelers, ATV's & UTV's.

All Butler County Ag Society vehicles will be marked with an appropriate badge.

Only Butler County Ag Society members are allowed to drive authorized vehicles.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES IN LIVESTOCK/SMALL ANIMALS

A 4-H/FFA exhibitor may exhibit up to six (6) beef per exhibitor; no more than four (4) market beef and (2) breeding categories; two (2) breeding gilts; four (4) market hogs; two (2) breeding ewes; four (4) market lambs; two (2) breeding goats; and four (4) meat goats; eight (8) poultry; and five (5) rabbits. The numbers represented here are a **combined** total, if showing both 4-H and FFA livestock.

NOTICE TO 4-H/FFA EXHIBITORS AND LEADERS

All State 4-H Rules will be followed unless otherwise stated. However, final decisions will be made by department superintendents and Extension/FFA personnel.

Late entry policy (4-H enrollment, livestock ID, or fair entry):

Exhibits will be dropped one color ribbon placing.

All 4-H/FFA premium money will be given during the fair. Livestock monies will be awarded at the livestock shows; exhibit hall premiums will be available at a specified time during the fair in the Event Center. Exhibitors who exhibit in open class must also pick up their premium money at the same location.

Additional monetary awards, other than premiums, will only be awarded if donations are received for that specific category.

Early removal of static or livestock exhibits is not allowed. ALL EXHIBITS must be removed, or arrangements made for removal between 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm on Sunday or may be picked up on the Monday immediately following the fair at the Butler County Extension Office. STALLS AND PENS must be left clean after livestock leaves the fair.

STATE FAIR 4-H RULES will be followed if this book does not cover the situation.

STATE FAIR ELIGIBILITY

A static entry must receive a purple ribbon to be considered for a State Fair exhibit and/or awards at the Butler County Fair. An entry with an asterisk (*) preceding the entry number is a county only entry, it is not eligible for State Fair competition. State Fair selection postcard will be attached to selected exhibits.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs (except for medical purposes) by an exhibitor who is participating in 4-H/FFA at the Butler County Fair will result in the immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entries.

DISCLAIMER – CARE OF EXHIBITS

APPEALS/PROTESTS

Any person who feels that a violation of the rules or regulations of the Butler County Fair 4-H/FFA competitions has occurred, must go through a protest/appeals process. This appeals process covers all 4-H contests, static exhibits, and livestock exhibits/shows.

The respective superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the 4-H/FFA Premium Book. When needed, the protest committee (consisting of Ag Society representatives, 4-H Council representatives, FFA instructor and Extension Educator) will meet to act upon concerns. The FFA instructor will be asked to be present only when the situation involves FFA livestock or static entries. **Protests for pre-fair contests/competitions must be submitted no later than 7 days after the contest/competition. Protests for fair exhibits/shows will not be accepted after the exhibit release time.**

All protests must be submitted in writing and signed by the filing party in the time specified. The written protest must be submitted to the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator and must include:

1. Name of person(s) involved.
2. Nature of concern
3. Situation and documentation
4. Recommendations for corrections
5. Specific action, rule, etc. in question
6. Additional person(s) committee may contact for further clarification
7. Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission of protest to the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator and/or FFA Advisor.

The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with the affected persons and show/contest/exhibit officials/superintendents, including the Extension Educator-Unit Leader. Recommendations will be developed, followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or the individual(s) affected.

In cases of protest, the exhibitor(s) may be allowed to exhibit/show/compete, but results of exhibiting/showing/competing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process, allowing for the smooth operation of the shows/competitions and facilitates appropriate processing.

The management reserves the right to withhold premiums and/or awards. The exhibitor(s) may also be excluded from the show/exhibit hall/contest if action warrants. **Protests related to the judges' integrity, decisions, placings or other evaluations will NOT be accepted.**

4-H Youth/Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

The primary goal of the 4-H Program is to help youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections to their community and sound character. Actions by persons (Parents, and 4-Her's) involved with the 4-H Program will be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and citizenship. As a 4-H Participant/Parent/Guardian I will:

Treat all people and property with respect, courtesy, consideration and compassion. Avoid and prevent put-downs, insults, name calling, swearing and other language or nonverbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.

- Keep informed about 4-H program policies and projects and read materials pertaining to the county 4-H program.
- Teach and model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all people have skills and talents which can be used to help others and improve the community. Teach and foster teamwork and discourage selfishness.
- Practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions and opinions of others. I will make all reasonable efforts to assure equal access to participation for all youth and adults regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or disability. Decisions will be made fairly and treat all individuals and families with impartiality.
- Obey laws and rules as an obligation of being a good citizen. I accept responsibility for the proper treatment and care for other youth and adults, the program facilities and/or equipment.
- Demonstrate the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
- Not use alcohol or illegal substances (or be under the influence) while working with or participating in any part of the 4-H Program.
- Provide a safe environment for all parties involved in 4-H. I will protect those involved from sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful behaviors.

Youth Participants/Parents/Guardians who do not abide by the above Code of Conduct will be subject to the following consequences:

- Be asked to explain actions to the 4-H Educator.
- Be dismissed from an event at own expense.
- Further disciplinary action determined in cooperation with the local Extension Educator, the District 4-H Coordinator, the State 4-H Program Administrator, and as warranted, the Dean of Extension and IANR Administration. Disciplinary action may include:
 - becoming ineligible to participate in specific 4-H activities.
 - becoming ineligible to participate in the Nebraska 4-H program.
- Reimburse the proper entity for any property damage or for liability resulting from inappropriate actions. In the case of vandalism, guilty party may be required to reimburse 4-H and/or the facility.

Multiple violations of the code of conduct may result in:

- Suspension for a period of time.
- Becoming ineligible for 4-H participation in their county.

Parent/Guardian violations may also result in:

- Restriction from contacting 4-H families, volunteers, donors, and/or sponsors pertaining to any 4-H matter.

***By entering an exhibit at Butler County Fair, FFA members and their parents/guardians agree to the 4-H Code of Conduct and understand the consequences for violating the agreement.**

DEPARTMENT A – Heritage

An exhibit of items, pictures, maps, charts, slides/tapes, drawing, illustrations, writings or displays that depict the heritage of the member's family or community or 4-H history. **Please note:** Exhibits are entered at 4-H's own risk. Nebraska Extension in Butler County along with the Butler County Ag Society will not be responsible for loss or damage to family heirloom items or any items in this division. Displays should not be larger than 22" x 28" wide. If the size needs to be a different size because the historical item is larger than 22"x28" please contact the Extension office for approval. Display collections securely in an attractive container no larger than 22" x 28". If the size needs to be a different size because the historical item is larger than 22"x 28" please contact the Extension office for approval. Exhibits must include NAME – COUNTY- AGE-PAST EXPERIENCE –years in Explore Your Heritage, on back of exhibit. All entries must have documentation included. Examples of documentation: birth dates, death dates, marriage dates, identification of individuals included in the exhibit, or stories related to the subject of the exhibit. SF71.

Resources URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/47.

Division 101, Level I: Beginning (1-4 years in project)

Pay Category #4

- A-101-001 **Heritage Poster or Flat Exhibit** – Entries may be pictures, posters, items that depict family heritage. Exhibits must be supported by written explanation. (SF71)
- A-101-002 **Family Genealogy/History Notebook** – Include pedigree charts/family group sheets, with documentation for two-three generations of one family line, expanding each year. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work. (SF71)
- A-101-003 **Local History Scrapbook/Notebook** – Scrapbook or notebook that depicts history of local community or Nebraska that helps youth appreciate their heritage. (SF71)
- A-101-004 **Framed Family Groupings** (or individual) of pictures showing family history. Pictures must be supported by a written explanation.
- A-101-005 **Other Exhibits Depicting the Heritage of the Member's Family or Community** – Exhibit must be supported by a written explanation. May include biographical album of themselves or another family member, family cookbooks, etc. (SF71)

- A-101-006 **4-H History Scrapbook** – A scrapbook relating to 4-H history of local club or county. Must be work of individual 4-H'er – no club project. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work. (SF71)
- A-101-007 **4-H History Poster** – Poster relating 4-H history of local club or county or individual. (SF71)
- A-101-008 **Story or Illustration** about a historical event. (SF71)
- A-101-009 **Book Review** about local, Nebraska or regional history. (SF71)
- A-101-010 **Other Historical Exhibits** – Attach an explanation of historical importance. (SF71)
- A-101-011 **Family Traditions Book** – Exhibitor scrapbook depicting family traditions of the past. (SF71)
- A-101-012 **Family Traditions Exhibit** – Story or illustration of a family tradition or event. Exhibits must be supported by a written explanation. (SF71)
- A-101-013 **4-H Club/County Scrapbook** – Scrapbook relating 4-H history of local club or county compiled by club historian. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work. (SF71)
- A-101-014 **4-H Member Scrapbook** – Scrapbook relating to individual 4-H members' 4-H history. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work. (SF71)
- A-101-015 **Special Events Scrapbook** – A scrapbook relating to a 4-H special event, such as Congress or CWF or a personal of family special event, such as a trip, family reunion, etc. (SF71)

Division 102, Level II: Advanced (over 4 years in project)

Pay Category #4

- A-102-001 **Heritage Poster or Flat Exhibit** – Entries may be pictures, posters, items that depict family heritage. Exhibits must be supported by a written explanation. (SF71)
- A-102-002 **Family Genealogy/History Notebook** – Include pedigree charts/family group sheets, with documentation for two-three generations of one family line, expanding each year. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work. (SF71)
- A-102-003 **Local History Scrapbook/Notebook** – Scrapbook or notebook that depicts history of local community or Nebraska that helps youth appreciate their heritage. (SF71)
- A-102-004 **Framed Family Photos** (or individual) of pictures showing family history. Pictures must be supported by a written explanation. (SF71)
- A-102-005 **Other exhibits depicting the heritage of the member's family or community** – Exhibit must be supported by a written explanation. May include biographical album of themselves or another family member, family cookbooks, etc. (SF71)
- A-102-006 **4-H History Scrapbook** – A scrapbook relating to 4-H history of local club or county. Must be work of individual 4-H'er – no club project. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work. (SF71)
- A-102-007 **4-H History Poster** – Poster relating 4-H history of local club or county or individual. (SF71)
- A-102-008 **Story or Illustration** about a historical event. (SF71)
- A-102-009 **Book Review** about local, Nebraska or regional history. (SF71)
- A-102-010 **Other Historical Exhibits** – Attach an explanation of historical importance. (SF71)
- A-102-011 **Exhibit Depicting the Importance of a Community** or Nebraska historic landmark. (SF71)
- A-102-012 **Community Report** documenting something of historical significance from past to present. (SF71)
- A-102-013 **Historic Collection** (displayed securely and attractively in a container no larger than 22" x 28"). (SF71)
- A-102-014 **Video Documentary** of a family or a community event. Must be produced and edited by 4-H member. Video is to be uploaded to a streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.
- A-102-015 **4-H Club/County Scrapbook** – Scrapbook relating 4-H history of local club or county compiled by club historian. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work. (SF71)
- A-102-016 **4-H Member Scrapbook** – Scrapbook relating to individual 4-H member's 4-H history. If multiple books included in exhibit, only bring book with most current year's work. (SF71)
- A-102-017 **Special Events Scrapbook** – A scrapbook relating to a 4-H special event, such as Congress or CWF or a personal or family special event, such as a trip, family reunion, etc. (SF71)

DEPARTMENT A – Citizenship

Division 120, Citizenship

Pay Category #4

Purpose: The purpose of these Citizenship exhibits is to foster civic responsibility and action within the diverse areas of citizenship including community service, service learning, government and policy making.

Display: Not larger than 22" x 28". Display collections securely in an attractive container no larger than 22" x 28".

Multi-media Presentations: Upload to a video streaming application and 4-H members must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.

Supporting Material: All entries must include the following:

- What did you learn about citizenship while creating this exhibit? References - All 4-H members should reference material sources or supporting information if outside sources were used to create exhibits (i.e., if questions from a game were taken from an outside source, they must be referenced).
- Identification - All entries should be labeled with the members' name, club, and county.

Project Manuals: The official reference for the citizenship projects is Citizenship Public Adventures Kit (MI 7329), Citizen Guide's Handbook (BU 7330), and Seeing i2i (4H6511DL). Other helpful citizenship references include We the People

Scoring: Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials and additional resources at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hcitizenship>.

Entries: Each exhibitor is limited to one item per class number. All static exhibits must have received a purple ribbon at county fair to advance to State Fair.

Resources URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/92

- A-120-001 **Care Package Display** – This exhibit is a display about the PROCESS of creating and giving a care package, not the actual care package. You may use a poster, PowerPoint or another multi-media program to tell about the PROCESS of developing and giving a care package to a service organization. Multi-media Presentations are to be upload to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.
- Answer the following questions in your exhibit. How did you select the organization? What items did you include in your care package? Why did you select those items? How did it feel to present your care pack to the organization? What did you learn from this experience? Other information that you feel is important about the care package or organization. Examples include: Backpack for school supplies, litter pan for animal shelter items, suitcase for abuse shelter or homeless shelter, etc. (SF182)
- A-120-002 **Citizenship Game** – Design a game which could include but is not limited to symbol flash cards, question and answer board or simulation with props. Clear game instructions and objectives must be included. (SF182)
- A-120-003 **Patriotic or Cultural Fine Arts** can be made of any art media but should tie in the relevance of the artwork to citizenship using any media. (SF182)
- A-120-004 **Public Adventure Scrapbook** Describe a 4-H member's Public Adventure or service learning activity. Scrapbooks must measure no more than 16 inches x 16 inches. (SF182)
- A-120-005 **Public Adventure Poster** should describe a 4-H member's Public Adventure or service learning activity. Display posters must be stiff enough to stand when supported from behind and below. Length and width must be no more than 24 inches x 28 inches. (SF182)
- A-120-006 **Written or Recorded Stakeholder Interview** should follow the outline found in the Public Adventures curriculum. It may be written or recorded. Upload to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.
- A-120-007 **Written Citizenship Essay** is designed to promote good citizenship and patriotism. This essay is open to all age groups. All essays should be 300-400 typewritten words. (SF182)
- A-120-008 **For 9-12 Graders Only: Oral Citizenship Essay** addressing the theme "Freedom's Obligations" should be 3-5 minutes. No background music, singing or other enhancement allowed. Upload to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing. Voice tone should be normal and conversational. Attach a copy of the written essay (SF182)
- A-120-009 **Service Items** - non-perishable item created for donation. Examples include but aren't limited to lap quilt, Quilt of Valor and homemade toys. Attach an explanation of who the recipient was and how the service project was made and used. The service item could be part of a larger community service effort. (SF182)
- A-120-010 **4-H Club Exhibit** -depict what a 4-H club has done in the area of community service. This item could include, but is not limited to, a service item, poster, scrapbook, and cultural or creative arts item or care package, Quilt of Valor. (SF182)

Division 130 – Seeing i2i

- A-130-001 **Cultural Fine Arts**- design a piece of art that reflects and symbolizes a culture's unique identity, using the medium of your choice. (SF183)
- A-130-002 **How are We Different?** Interview should follow the interview guide in the participant manual on page 3 and should reflect on the differences and similarities between you and the person you are interviewing. (SF183)
- A-130-003 **Name Art**- design a piece of art that symbolizes or explains where your name came from and what it means, using the media of your choice. (SF183)
- A-130-004 **Family History**- create a depiction that highlights a 4-H member's family cultural history or the ethnic composition of your community. Include details about the first settlers, their origins and evidence of their cultural background that still exists today-such as community or family celebrations, museum exhibits or educational displays, historical markers. (SF183)
- A-130-005 **Cultural Food Story or Essay**- Share the story of a cultural food that's meaningful to your family. Our entry can be written as a story or essay. (SF183)
- A-130-006 **"This is Who I Am" Poem**- written by the 4-Her that reflects who they are. (SF183)
- A-130-007 **Poster**- poster that depicts what you have learned through the i2i Project. (SF183)
- A-130-008 **Biography**- written about a historical figure that has made a positive impact on our society or who have made a difference in the lives of others. (SF183)
- A-130-009 **Play Script**- written respectfully about a different culture. (SF183)

DEPARTMENT B – COMMUNICATIONS & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Department B – Special Exhibits

Division 150 – Banners & Special Exhibits

Pay Category #3

Guidelines:

- Each banner should illustrate a phase of 4-H work or promote 4-H generally. Copyrighted materials cannot be used.
- When using the official 4-H Emblem (clover with the H's on each leaf), it must follow approved guidelines, which can be viewed at. <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/name-emblem-guidelines/>.
- Banners are a two dimensional display, depicting one idea. See Posters for exhibit guidelines.
- Banners must be hung on at least a ½" dowel or a rod strong enough to support the banner. The dowel should be at least 2 inches longer than the banner.
- Banners should be made of materials that permit the banner to be folded or rolled without damaging the display. Three dimensional objects should not be attached to the front of the banner.
- Attach a club label and the current entry tag to the front lower left-hand (as your face it) corner of the banner.

Division 150 – Club Exhibit

Pay Category #6

This is an exhibit that will be displayed on the fairgrounds. Exhibits must have a 4-H or "fair theme". Examples of this exhibit are decorated hay bales, decorated and planted flower barrels, decorated trash barrels, club poster etc. All supplies will be furnished by the exhibitors. Each club is allowed one exhibit. **Fair Theme, Special: Melding History and Art; or club's choice theme.**

*B-150-001 **Club Banner**

*B-150-002 **Club Exhibit**

Division 150 – Special Theme Exhibits

Pay Category #3

*B-150-003 **Bone Creek Museum Theme Exhibit**-Items are designed and constructed at the summer Bone Creek workshop event. The exhibits are part of a special Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art display at Butler County Fair, no ribbon is assigned. A participation premium is awarded to all contributors.

*B-150-004 **Special Fair Theme Exhibit**-all age levels. Entries may be pictures, posters, stories, poems, or similar items. The 4-H member will determine the exhibit which will relate to the current Fair's theme. Exhibits will be judged and premiums will be awarded.

*B-150-005 **4-H Fun Day Exhibit**-Entry will be item made at summer 4-H Fun Day Camp.

*B-150-006 **Second 4-H Fun Day Exhibit**-Entry will be made at summer 4-H Fun Day Camp.

*B-150-007 **4-H Workshop Exhibit**-Entry will be item made at any 4-H (Butler County) Workshop

Department B – Photography

General Photography Rules

1. 4-H members are allowed to exhibit in only one photography level.

2. 4-H members may enter one exhibit per class.

3. An image may only be used on one exhibit with the exception of Portfolios, which may include images entered in other classes.

4. **Cameras:** Photos may be taken with any type of film or digital camera, including phones, tablets, and drones.

5. Photos must be shot by 4-H member during the current project year with the exception of Portfolios, which may include images captured and/or exhibited in previous years.

6. Securely attach photos, mats, backing, and data tags. Exhibits that are poorly attached may be disqualified. Do not use photo corners, borders, or place coverings over the exhibits.

7. **Portfolios:** All portfolios must include the following information: 1) 1-page max bio, 2) table of contents, 3) year each photo was taken, 4) title for each image, 5) device make and model used to capture each image, and 6) reflections for each photo. When writing reflections, 4-H members should focus on what new photography techniques or skills they were practicing when they took the photo, what makes the image successful, and what could have been done to improve the image. Portfolios may be presented in either print or digital formats:

A. Printed portfolios should be presented in a 8.5"x11" three-ring binder or similar book format. Recommended photo size is 8"x10". Matting is not necessary.

B. Digital portfolios may be presented online and must be exhibited along with a single 8.5x11 flyer. Flyers must include a link, URL, or QR code that takes users (judges and fairgoers) to their online portfolio.

8. **Display Exhibits:** Display exhibits are only accepted in Level II. Displays consist of three 4"x6" photos mounted on a single horizontal 11"x14" black or white poster or mat board. Incorrect sizes will not be accepted. No foam board backing should be used. Each photo in the display must be numbered using a pencil. Numbers should be readable but not distract from the overall display. No titles, captions, or stick-on numbers will be allowed. Photos may be mounted vertically or horizontally. Appropriate Data Tags are required (see rule regarding Data Tags).

9. **Print Exhibits:** Print exhibits must be 8"x10" printed mounted in 11"x14" (outside size) cut matting with a sandwich mat board backing. Incorrect sizes will not be accepted. No foam board should be used for matting or backing. Mat openings may be rectangular or oval. Photos may be horizontal or vertical. No frames are allowed. Appropriate data tags are required (see rule regarding Data Tags).

10. **Entry Tags:** Entry tags should be securely attached to the upper right-hand corner of the exhibit.

11. **Data Tags:** Data Tags are required on all print and display exhibits. Data tags are not required for portfolios. Each exhibit must have the appropriate number and level of data tags as outlined below. Data tags should be securely attached to the back of the exhibit. Current data tags and a help sheet are available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4h-photography>.

Level 2 Prints: All Level 2 prints must have a Level 2 Data Tag.

Level 2 Displays: Each photo of the display must include a separate Level 2 Data Tag. Data Tags should be numbered with the corresponding photo's number.

Level 3 Prints: All Level 3 prints must have a Level 3 Data Tag.

Division 183- Butler County: Open to All Experience Levels

Pay Category #3

Photos must be taken by the 4-H'er during the current year in Butler County. Photos need to be at least a 4"x6" and must be mounted on black (preferred) or white poster board or matting board. Use Photography Data Tag 1 for Butler County classes.

*B-183-001 **Butler County Architecture**

*B-183-002 **Butler County Animals**

*B-183-003 **Butler County People**

*B-183-004 **Butler County Landscapes**

*B-183-005 **Butler County Events**

*B-183-006 **Butler County Other**

Special County Photography Exhibits

- *B-183-007 **Favorite Photo of My Choice:** exhibitor may enter one photo of their choice that displays basic photography skills. Exhibits may be of any size up to 8 by 10 inches but must still be mounted onto black or white poster board. A short explanation that describes the picture and skills utilized to take it should be attached to the back of the picture.
- *B-183-008 **Photography Career Exhibit:** Create or enter a unique photography tool with a provided explanation of how it was built and/or how it is utilized in the photography career field.

Division 180 – Level 1

Pay Category #3

Guidelines

- A. Level 1 Picture Displays:**
- Three 4" x 6" photos mounted on a single horizontal **11" x 14"** black (preferred) or white poster or matting board.
 - Every photo on picture display must be **pencil** numbered (no. 2 lead pencil) below (for judge's reference only). Numbers should be readable but not detract from display.
 - No titles, captions, or stick-on numbers will be allowed.
 - Photos must be mounted vertically or horizontally.
 - Data Tags (Part A is required (see General Rule 11).
- B. Level 1 Photo Journal:**
- Choose project area 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the Level 1 project manual titled "Focus on Photography".
 - Complete the pages associated with the project area of your choice (project 1, 2, 3 or 4) or recreate and print the pages (still using actual photos).
 - Place pages in an 8 ½ x 11 black or white 3 ring binder.
 - Data tag (See General Rule 11). For your journal, complete Part A and include this as page one of your journal.
- *B-180-001 **Picture Display** – Entry will consist of **3 pictures from 3 different categories**. Categories to be selected from include: 1) animal; 2) building; 3) people; 4) landscape; 5) special effects; 6) still life; 7) sports.
- *B-180-002 **Photogram** – An entry will consist of **one photogram** developed on 8" x 10" black and white photographic paper, mounted in 11" x 14" cut matting with sandwich backing. Entry will be judged on creativity, use of shape, texture, black to white color variance, correct exposure and comparison.
- *B-180-003 **Panorama Exhibit**- Entry will consist of an arrangement of **3-5 pictures connected** to show a wide angle of a subject. Panorama displays must be mounted on a horizontal 14" x 22" poster board. Pictures may have some overlap. Unwanted excess can be cropped (cut).
- *B180-004 **Lighting Display** – Entry will consist of **3 pictures of 3 different photography techniques**. Categories to be selected from include: 1) back lighting; 2) diffuse lighting; 3) front lighting; 4) side lighting; 5) flash (artificial light).
- *B180-005 **Building/Landscape Picture Display** – An entry will consist of **3 pictures of 3 different subjects** which will include buildings and landscape.
- *B-180-006 **People/Animals Picture Display** – An entry will consist of **3 pictures of 3 different subjects** which will include people and animals.
- *B-180-007 **Photo Journal** – Entry will consist of a single completed and bound section of project 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the level 1 project manual titled "Focus on Photography".
- *B-180-008 **Photo Story Display** – Entry will consist of a display of **3 pictures** that tell the beginning, middle and end of a story.
- *B-180-009 **Fun With Shadows Display** – Entry will consist of **3 pictures of 3 different subjects** that capture the image of the shadow.
- *B-180-010 **Magic and Tricks Display** – Entry will consist of a display of **3 pictures of 3 different subjects** that us a "special effect" to create interesting photos.
- *B-180-011 **Still Life, or Sports Picture Display** – An entry will consist of **3 pictures of 3 different subjects** showing still life and /or sports in any combination.
- *B-180-012 **My Favorite Other Picture** – Any other favorite photo. Exhibit may range in size from 3" x 5" to 8" x 10" mounted in appropriate size cut matting (no frames) with a sandwich backing.
- *B-180-013 **Digital Photography Display** – Entry will consist of **3 different pictures** taken with a digital camera.

Division 181 - Level 2 Next Level

Pay Category #3

- B-181-010 **Level 2 Portfolio:** Level 2 portfolios should represent the photographer's best work and must include 5-7 different images from the 4-H member's photography career. At least 2 images must have been taken during the current year. The remaining images may have been taken at any time during the member's 4-H experience and may have been previously exhibited. Portfolios may include photos which are exhibited in other Level 2 classes during the same year. Portfolios must include: 1) 1-page max bio, 2) table of contents, 3) year each photo was taken, 4) title for each image, 5) device make and model used to capture each image, and 6) reflections for each image. When writing reflections, youth should focus on what new photography techniques they were practicing when they took the photo, what makes the image successful, and what could have been done to improve the image. SF88
- B-181-020 **Creative Techniques & Lighting Display or Print:** Photos should capture a creative use of lighting, such as diffused lighting, backlighting, or hard lighting, reflections, or another lighting technique covered in Book 2 Next Level Photography (Activity 3, 4, 5). SF87
- B-181-030 **Creative Composition Display or Print:** Photos should capture a creative composition using the Rule of Thirds, Golden Triangle, Golden Rectangle, or another composition technique covered in Book 2 Next Level Photography. (Activity 6, 7, 8, 9). SF87
- B-181-040 **Abstract Photography Display or Print:** Photos should be abstract or capture a small piece of a larger subject. Abstract photos may not look like anything in particular but should be able to capture a viewer's attention. (Activity 11). SF87
- B-181-050 **Candid Photography Display of Print:** Candid photos should capture a special moment or meaningful interaction. Photos should be un-posed. (Activity 10.) SF87
- B-181-060 **Expression through Color Display or Print:** Photos should capture a creative use of color or a color scheme, such as complimentary, contrasting, monochromatic, warm, cool, primary, secondary, or tertiary. (Activity 13). SF87
- B-181-070 **Black & White Photo:** A photo should be a black and white photograph that demonstrates strong use of composition, lighting, and contrast. Photos may be taken with any camera type (digital or film) but must be printed in black and white. SF87

- B-181-080 **Creative and Experimental Photography Exhibit:** Using original photos a 4-H member has captured, create an exhibit in black and white or color demonstrating the use of creative or experimental technology or techniques. Alterations to the exhibit must be apparent. Examples of methods to use may include using artificial intelligence or software tools to edit or replace the original pixels of the image.
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used when creating this exhibit, with adult care-giver permission. Any artificial intelligence work must be referenced. The 4-H member's original work must be the majority of exhibit. Using photos and other work found online is not acceptable. Must include a 4 inch x 6 inch copy of each original image on the back of the matted exhibit, describe how the image(s) were altered and the equipment or software used. SF86

Division 182 - Level 3 Mastering Photography

Pay Category #3

- B-182-010 **Level 3 Portfolio:** Level 3 portfolios should represent the photographer's best work. Level 3 portfolios must include 9-11 images from the 4-H member's photography career. At least 3 images should be from the current year. The remaining images may have been taken at any time during the member's 4-H experience and may have been previously exhibited. Portfolios may include photos which are exhibited in other Level 3 classes during the same year. Portfolios must include: 1) 1-page max bio, 2) table of contents, 3) year each photo was taken, 4) title for each image, 5) device make and model used to capture each image, and 6) reflections for each image. When writing reflections, youth should focus on what new photography techniques or skills they were practicing when they took the photo, what makes the image successful, and what could have been done to improve the image. SF88
- B-182-020 **Advanced Techniques & Lighting Print:** Photos should show an experimentation or exploration of advanced lighting, such as low-light or silhouette photography or another advanced photography technique, such as astrophotography, underwater photography, or infrared photography. (Activity 3, 4, 5, or 12). SF89
- B-182-030 **Advanced Composition Print:** Photos should show advanced compositions, such as using diagonal, horizontal, or vertical lines or repeating shapes to frame a subject or lead the viewers eye through a scene; breaking the rule of thirds to compose a discordant image; or another advanced composition technique covered in Book 3 Mastering Photography (Activity 6, 7). SF89
- B-182-040 **Portrait Print:** A great portrait captures not only a person's physical image, but also something of the person's character or personality. Photos may be either formal or informal, but must be of one or more human subjects. (Activity 9). SF89
- B-182-050 **Still Life Print:** Photos should capture non-moving objects that have been arranged in an interesting way. Photos should demonstrate advanced control over lighting and composition. (Activity 8). SF89
- B-182-060 **Freeze/Blur the Moment Print:** Photos should capture a subject in motion. Photographers should adjust shutter speed to either freeze or blur the movement. (Activity 11). SF89
- B-182-070 **Black & White Photo:** Photo demonstrates advanced black and white photograph with strong technical ability and creative expression. Photo demonstrates intentional use of contrast, lighting, and composition to create visual impact. *Advanced editing is allowed as appropriate for black and white imagery.* SF89
- B-182-080 **Creative and Experimental Photography Exhibit:** Using original photos a 4-H member has captured, create an exhibit in black and white or color demonstrating the use of creative or experimental technology or techniques. Alterations to the exhibit must be apparent and advanced techniques used. Examples of methods to use may include using artificial intelligence or software tools to edit or replace the original pixels of the image or other advanced techniques. Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used when creating this exhibit, with adult care-giver permission. Any artificial intelligence work must be referenced. The 4-H member's original work must be the majority of exhibit. Using photos and other work found online is not acceptable. Must include a 4 inch x 6 inch copy of each original image on the back of the matted exhibit, describe how the image(s) were altered and the equipment or software used. SF 86

CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCE

Department C - Human Development

Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hhumandevlopment>.

Information Sheets - Each exhibit in classes 1-6 & class 8: Final ribbon placing of the exhibit will include the completeness and accuracy of this information sheet.

Information sheets for Classes 1-6 should include:

- 1) Where did I get the idea for this exhibit?
- 2) What decisions did I make to be sure exhibit is safe for child to use?
- 3) What age is this toy, game or activity appropriate for and why? (Infant, Birth-18 mos.: Toddlers, 18 mos.-3 yrs or Middle Childhood, 6 yrs.) 4-H'ers must give at least two examples that help in understanding the appropriateness of this exhibit for the age of the child (see project manuals).
- 4) How is the toy, game or activity intended to be used by this child?

Information sheet for Class 8 should include:

- 1) State which ONE age group (infant, toddler, preschooler, middle childhood) the kit was prepared for.
- 2) What are children this age like? Give 2 examples to show how the kit would be appropriate for children this age.
- 3) What will the child learn or what skills will they gain by using the kit?
- 4) What item(s) were made by the 4-H'er. 4-H'er should make one or more items in the kit, but purchased items are also allowed. (It is highly suggested that an inventory list of items in the kit be included).

1. Exhibitors in the Human Development project area will be asked to focus on designing toys/games/activities that meet the different needs of children.
2. Categories are based on the Early Learning Guidelines in Nebraska which identify the important areas in which our children should grow and develop. Use the Nebraska Department of Education website and the resources around the Early Learning Guidelines to help understand the six areas and the skills children need to develop to create your exhibit, in conjunction with your project manual.
<https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/early-learning-guidelines>

- C-200-001 **Social Emotional Development** (SF30)
 C-200-002 **Language and Literacy Development** (SF30)
 C-200-003 **Science** (SF30)
 C-200-004 **Health and Physical Development** (SF30)
 C-200-005 **Math** (SF30)
 C-200-006 **Creative Arts** (SF30)
 C-200-007 **Activity with a Younger Child**-Poster or scrapbook showing 4-H'er working with a child ages 0 to 8 years. May show making something with the child, or childcare or interactions. May include photos, captions, story or essay. Size of exhibit is your choice. Other people may take photos so 4-H'er can be in the photos. 4-H'er must make scrapbook or poster. No information sheet needed for class 7. SF115
 C-200-008 **Babysitting Kit**-Purpose of the kit is for the 4-H'er to take this with them when they babysit in someone else's home. Do not make kit for combination of ages or for your own family to use. 4-H'er must make one or more items in the kit, but purchased items are also allowed. A list of items in the kit is suggested to be included. Display in box or bag suitable for what it contains. Approximate size not larger than 12"x15"x10". All items in kit must be safe for child to handle. Information sheet required or exhibit will be dropped a ribbon placing for class 8. SF85

Information sheet for Class C200008 should include:

1. State which ONE age group (infant, toddler, preschooler, middle childhood) the kit was prepared for.
2. What are children this age like? Give 2 two examples to show how the kit would be appropriate for children this age.
3. What will the child learn or what skills will they gain by using the kit?
4. Which kit item(s) were made by the 4-H member?

4-H'ers taking any projects in Department C-200 may enter:

- C-200-009 **Family Involvement Entry**. Scrapbook, poster or story describing an activity the family did together. It might include making something such as a doll house or feedbunk. Items may be exhibited if desired. Other possibilities include a house or farm cleanup project, a family reunion, a celebration of a family milestone, a trip or vacation, moving, a community service project. Photographs are encouraged. Visuals should show family participation. Participation by all family members is important. Include a list of family members and what each person did to participate in the event. SF115

4-H'ers taking Growing All Together (2 or 3) may enter:

- C-200-010 **Growing With Others. Scrapbook or poster**. How to decide if it's time you can be home alone, and related activities. How responsibilities and privileges are related. Friendships. Working with others. Understanding rules and boundaries. A family tree. A family rules chart. A family meal plan, with pictures of a special family meal. A home safety checklist. Being street smart (safety). A school scrapbook showing yourself and your school activities, memories and special interests. SF115
 C-200-011 **Growing in Communities. Scrapbook or poster**. Examples: A career study. A photo story about your own growth and development, not only physically but emotionally, socially, spiritually, mentally. A television evaluation (see project manual). How you have overcome obstacles. Friendships. A community profile. A community service project. Working with parents. Teaching experiences. Understanding discipline. Playground safety check. SF115

Department C - Clothing & Sewing

All clothing exhibits will be judged on Wednesday, July 16 at the Butler County Fairgrounds. Items must be preregistered at the extension office by June 15. Interview judging and modeling will be first come, first served. **Modeling judging is at the Fashion Show, July 8th.**

- A. **Number of Entries Per Individual** - Each individual is limited to one exhibit per class number.
- B. **Entry Tags** - Every clothing exhibit must be described on the appropriate entry tag accompanying it (for example: dark blue wool skirt and jacket, red and white figured blouse). Entry tag placement: as you look at the garment place the entry tag on the right side of the garment and the hook of the hanger to the left.
- C. **Identification Labels** - Each item entered as a clothing, knitting or crochet exhibit must have a label attached stating: County, Exhibitor's name and age, project name and class in which garment is entered, and the number of years enrolled in the project exhibited. Wool entries must have the fiber content listed on the identification label. Attach a label on every component of the outfit using safety pins or by basting. Not responsible for unlabeled items.
- D. **Preparation of Exhibits** - Please bring all wearable exhibits on wire hangers or hangers with a swivel hook ONLY. All exhibits not suitable for hanging should be entered in a self-sealing plastic bag. Wool garments and garments with narrow straps hang better on other hangers, i.e., wooden or notched plastic hangers. As you look at the garment place the hooks of the hanger to the left. Use safety pins to fasten skirts, shorts, and pants to hangers. Each piece should be entered on its own hanger. If more than one hanger is used for an entry, fasten hangers belonging to one exhibit together with twist ties or rubber bands. **All items need to be in clear garment bags.**
- E. A Design Data Card must be included with all Beyond the Needle Classes C221003-C221008 and STEAM 2 and 3 upcycled exhibits. The data card is available at [Clothing | Nebraska 4-H | Nebraska](#). If the data card is not included, the exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. The data card is only required for the classes above.

- F. **General** - Garments as listed may be made for self (4-H member) or another person. 4-H'ers enrolled in clothing projects should continue their skill development. Once you have exhibited in a higher level, you are not eligible to exhibit in a lower level. Ex. Once you exhibit in STEAM Clothing 3, you are not eligible to exhibit in STEAM Clothing 2.
- G. **Criteria for Judging** - Refer to [Clothing | Nebraska 4-H | Nebraska](#).

Division 900 – STEAM Clothing 1

Pay Category # 4

Exhibits will be simple articles requiring minimal skills. Follow suggested skills in project manual. May exhibit one item per class number. 4-H'ers who have enrolled in or completed STEAM Clothing 2 project are not eligible to exhibit in STEAM Clothing 1.

- *C-900-001 **Clothing Portfolio** – Complete at least three different samples/activities from Chapter 2 OR Chapter 3 of the project manual. The Portfolio should be placed in an 8 ½ x 11, 3 ring binder. Include an appropriate cover, dividers, and table of contents. (Additional pages can be added each year but should be dated.) See pages 9-10 for portfolio formatting.
- *C-900-002 **Sewing Kit** – Include a list of sewing notions and purpose for each included. (pg. 12-17 in project manual)
- *C-900-003 **Fabric Textile Scrapbook** – Must include at least 5 different textile samples. Use Textile Information Cards template on page 41 in project manual to identify fabric swatches. Completed textile cards should be placed in an 8 ½ x 11, 3 ring binder. Include an appropriate cover. See project manual for fabric suggestions.
- *C-900-004 **What's The Difference** – 4-H members enrolled in STEAM Clothing 1 may enter an exhibit (not to exceed 22" X 30") a notebook, poster, small display sharing a project comparison and price point. See project manual, "What's the Difference?" page 118-119. Exhibits should include pictures, NO actual pillows.
- *C-900-005 **Clothing Service Project** – Can include pillows or pillowcases but are not limited to these items. Exhibit (not to exceed 22" x 30") a notebook, poster, small display sharing information you generated in the project activity "Serving A Purpose" page 124 and 125.

Beginning Sewing Exhibits: Exhibits must be made from medium weight woven fabrics that will sew and press smoothly, flannel/fleece is acceptable. Solid color fabrics or those having an overall print are acceptable. NO PLAIDS, STRIPES, NAPPED OR JERSEY KNIT. Patterns should be simple without darts, set-in sleeves, and collars. Raglan and kimono sleeves are acceptable.

- *C-900-006 **Pincushion**
- *C-900-007 **Pillowcase**
- *C-900-008 **Simple Pillow** – No larger than 18" x 18".
- *C-900-009 **Bag/Purse** - No zippers or buttonholes
- *C-900-010 **Simple Top**
- *C-900-011 **Simple Bottom** – pants, shorts, or skirt
- *C-900-012 **Simple Dress**
- *C-900-013 **Other** – Using skills learned in project manual. (apron, vest, etc.)
- *C-900-014 **Upcycled Simple Garment** – The original used item must be redesigned (not just decorated) in some way to create a new wearable piece of clothing. A "before" picture and a description of the redesign process must accompany the entry or it will be disqualified.
- *C-900-015 **Upcycled Accessory** – A wearable accessory made from a used item. The item used must be changed in some way in the "redesign" process. A "before" picture and a description of the redesign process must accompany the entry or it will be disqualified.

Division 220 – General Clothing

Pay Category #4

- C-220-001 **Clothing Portfolio** – SF20 - Complete at least four different samples/activities from Chapters 2, 3, or 4 of the project manual. The Portfolio should be placed in an 8 ½ x 11, 3 ring binder. Include an appropriate cover. Portfolio should build upon itself each year (additional pages can be added each year but should be dated.) See pages 9-11 STEAM Clothing 2. Simply Sewing project manual for portfolio formatting.
- C-220-002 **Textile Science Scrapbook** – SF20 – Must include at least 10 different textile samples. Use Textile Information Cards template on page 39 in STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing project manual to identify fabric swatches. **Completed textile cards should be placed in an 8 ½ x 11, 3 ring binder.** Include an appropriate cover. Portfolio should build upon itself each year (additional pages can be added each year but should be dated.) See project manual for fabric suggestions.
- C-220-003 **Sewing for Profit** – SF – Using page 161-167 in the STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing project manual, display what products you posted online and analyze the cost of goods purchased to determine the appropriate selling price for your project. The Exhibit may be a notebook, poster, or small display. Exhibits should not exceed 22" x 30".

Division 221 – Beyond the Needle

Pay Category #4

4-H members must show their own original creativity.

- *C-221-901 **Beginning Embellished Garment** – Create a garment using beginning techniques as defined in the project manual. Designs are the original idea of the 4-H'er using the elements and principles of design to make an original statement.
- *C-221-902 **Beginning Textile Clothing Accessory** – Accessory is constructed and/or decorated using techniques as defined in the project manual. Entry examples include: hats, bags, scarves, gloves, apron, etc.
- C-221-001 **Design Portfolio** – A portfolio consisting of at least three design samples or activities. Refer to the Beyond the Needle project manual for activity ideas. The Portfolio should be placed in an 8.5 inch x 11 inch, three ring binder. Include an appropriate cover. (Additional pages can be added each year but should be dated.) See pages 14-16 in the Beyond the Needle project manual for portfolio formatting. SF20
- C-221-002 **Color Wheel** – Create your own color wheel, complimentary color bar or color scheme using pages 27-39 in the Beyond the Needle project manual. The exhibit may be a notebook, poster, or small display. Exhibits should not exceed 22" x 30". SF20

- C-221-003 **Embellished Garment with Original Design** – Create a garment using techniques as defined in the project manual. Designs are the original idea of the 4-H'er using the elements and principles of design to make an original statement. Scoresheet SF26
A Design Data Card must be included with this project. The data card is available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. If additional information is not included, exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. SF26
- C-221-004 **Original Designed Fabric Yardage** - Fabric yardage is designed using techniques such as those found in the manual. Other embellishments may be added. Exhibit consists of at least one yard of finished fabric. Scoresheet SF26
A Design Data Card must be included with this project. The data card is available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. If additional information is not included, exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing.
- C-221-005 **Item (garment or non-clothing item) Constructed from Original Designed Fabric.** – Fabric yardage is designed first, then a garment is constructed from that fabric. Other embellishments may be added. SF26
A Design Data Card must be included with this project. The data card is available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. If additional information is not included, exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing.
- C-221-006 **Textile Arts Garment or Accessory** – A garment or accessory constructed using new unconventional materials. Examples: rubber bands, plastic, duct tape. A description of the design process must accompany the entry. If additional information is not included, exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. Scoresheet SF26
A Design Data Card must be included with this project. The data card is available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. If additional information is not included, exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing.
- C-221-007 **Fashion Accessory** - (Not eligible for State Fair Fashion Show) - (SF26) - An accessory designed and/or constructed using elements and principles of design; can be textile or non-textile based. Example: shoes, strung bracelet/necklace, wire wrapping, scarves, flip flops, design on tennis shoes, etc. A Design Data Card must be included with this project. The data card is available at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. If additional information is not included, exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing.
- C-221-008 **Wearable Technology Garment – Technology is integrated into the garment in some way** (For example: LEDs, charging capabilities, sensors, and etc.). A Design Data Card must be included with this project. The data card is available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. If additional information is not included, exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. SF26

Division 222, UNIT 2 – STEAM Clothing 2 – Simply Sewing

Pay Category #4

Exhibits entered in this project must reflect at least one new skill learned from this manual. (See project manual skill-level list)

Garments as listed below may be made from any woven or knit fabric appropriate to the garment's design and should demonstrate sewing skills beyond STEAM Clothing 1.

- C-222-001 **Design Basics, Understanding Design Principles** - 4-H member's exhibit sharing a learning experience from pages 17-20 in the project manual. Include answers to questions found on page 20 of the manual. The Exhibit may be a notebook, poster, or small display. Exhibits should not exceed 22" x 30". SF20
- C-222-002 **Pressing Matters** – 4-H Members may enter a ham or sleeve roll from pages 21-25 "A Pressing Matter" in the STEAM Clothing 2 project manual. Exhibit should include answers to lesson questions that are most appropriate to include. SF20
- C-222-003 **Upcycled Garment** – (Eligible for State Fair Fashion Show.) Create a garment from used textile based items. The original used item must be redesigned using skills learned in STEAM Clothing 2 (not just decorated) in some way to create a new wearable piece of clothing. The finished garment must reflect at least one skill learned in this project. A Design Data Card must be included with this project including a "before" picture no larger than 4.25" x 5.5". If additional information is not included, exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. SF28
- C-222-004 **Upcycled Garment Accessory** - (Not State Fair Fashion Show eligible.) A wearable accessory made from a used item. The original used item must be redesigned using skills learned in STEAM Clothing 2 (not just decorated) in some way to create a new wearable accessory. The finished garment must reflect at least one skill learned in this project. A Design Data Card must be included with this project including a "before" picture no larger than 4.25" x 5.5". If additional information is not included, exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. A list of skills by project and the Design Data Card are available at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. SF28.
- C-222-005 **Textile Clothing Accessory** - (Not State Fair Fashion Show eligible.) Textile accessory is constructed using at least one skill learned in this project from materials appropriate for STEAM 2. A list of skills by project is available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. Entry examples include: hats, bags, scarves, gloves. No metal, plastic, paper or rubber base items allowed (i.e. barrettes, headbands, flip flops, duct tape, etc.) SF28

Scoresheet SF28 for all classes

- C-222-006 **Top** - (vest acceptable) (SF28)
- C-222-007 **Bottom** - (pants or shorts) (SF28)
- C-222-008 **Skirt** (SF28)
- C-222-009 **Lined or Unlined Jacket** (SF28)
- C-222-010 **Dress** - (not formal wear) (SF28)
- C-222-011 **Romper or Jumpsuit** (SF28)
- C-222-012 **Two-Piece Outfit** (SF28)
- C-222-013 **Alter Your Pattern** – Garment constructed from a significantly altered pattern. Entry must include both the constructed garment and the altered pattern. Include information sheet that describes: 1) how the pattern was altered or changed, 2) why the changes were needed/wanted. Appropriate skills for altering/designing a pattern in Steam 2 include: moving darts, merging two patterns together, alternating a pattern for a women or kit material, adding a lining)
- C-222-014 **Garment Constructed from Sustainable or Unconventional Fiber** – Fabric/Fibers used in this garment have to be manufactured/purchased, for example: bamboo, banana, corn husk, and recycled fibers. Garments that are constructed out of unconventional items themselves should be exhibited under Beyond the Needle.

Division 223 – STEAM Clothing 3 – A Stitch Further**Pay Category #3**

Exhibits entered in this project must reflect at least one new skill learned from this manual. (See project manual skill-level list) Garments as listed may be made from any pattern or any fabric and should demonstrate sewing skills beyond STEAM Clothing 2. Entry consists of complete constructed garments only. **Wool entries must have the fiber content listed on the identification label.**

- C-223-001 **Upcycled Garment** - Create a garment from used textile based items. The original used item must be redesigned (not just decorated) in some way to create a new wearable piece of clothing. The finished garment must reflect at least one skill learned in this project. A list of skills by project is available at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. A Design Data Card must be included with this project including a “before” picture no larger than 4.25” x 6”. The data card is available at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. SF 28
- C-223-002 **Upcycled Clothing Accessory** - A wearable accessory made from a used item. The item used must be changed in some way in the redesign process. The finished accessory must reflect at least one skill learned in this project. A list of skills by project is available at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. A Design Data Card must be included with this project including a “before” picture no larger than 4.25” x 6”. The data card is available at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. SF 28
- C-223-003 **Textile Clothing Accessory** - is constructed using at least one skill learned in this project from materials appropriate for STEAM 3. Entry examples include: hats, bags, scarves, gloves. No metal, plastic, paper or rubber base items allowed (i.e. barrettes, headbands, flip flops, duct tape, etc.) A list of skills by project is available at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. SF 28
- C-223-004 **Dress or Formal** SF28
- C-223-005 **Skirted Combination** (skirt with shirt, vest or jacket OR jumper and shirt) SF28
- C-223-006 **Pants or Shorts Combination** (pants or shorts with shirt, vest or jacket) SF28
- C-223-007 **Romper or Jumpsuit** SF28
- C-223-008 **Specialty Wear** - (includes: swim wear, costumes, hunting gear, or chaps) SF28
- C-223-009 **Lined or Unlined Jacket** (non-tailored) SF28
- C-223-010 **Coat, Blazer, Suit Jacket or Outerwear** - Scoresheet 29 A tailored blazer or suit jacket or coat. **Wool entries must have the fiber content listed on the identification label to be considered for the *Make It With Wool* Award.** SF29
- C-223-011 **Alter/Design Your Pattern**- Garment constructed from a significantly altered pattern. Entry must include both the constructed garment and the altered pattern. Include information sheet that describes: 1) how the pattern was altered or changed, 2) why the changes were needed/wanted. Appropriate skills for altering/designing a pattern in STEAM 3 include: moving darts, adding a zipper, merging two patterns together, altering a pattern for a woven or knit material, adding a lining, designing your own pattern). SF28
- C-223-012 **Garment Constructed from Sustainable or Unconventional (natural or synthetic Fibers** – Fabric/Fibers used in this garment have to be the type of garment constructed i.e. Dress, Romper or Jumpsuit, or Two-piece Outfit) (SF28) - Fabric/Fibers used in this garment have to be manufactured/purchased, for example: bamboo, banana, corn husk, and recycled fibers. Garments that are constructed out of the unconventional items themselves should be exhibited under Beyond the Needle.

Department C - Fiber Arts - Knitting and Crocheting

Division 225 – Knitting**Pay Category #4**

INFORMATION SHEET FOR KNITTING. Scoresheet SF60 for all classes. Additional resources at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hknitting-crocheting>.

Each knitted exhibit must include the following information on the fiber arts data card with the entry tag or exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. A Fiber Arts knitting data card is available at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>.

1. Why did you choose to create this exhibit?
2. What steps did you take as you created your exhibit?
3. What were the most important things you learned?
4. Gauge- Number of rows per inch; number of stitches per inch.
5. Size of needles, finger knitted, arm knitted, loom or machine knitted
6. Kind of yarn – weight and fiber content.
7. Names of stitches used.

- *C-225-901 **Level 1 Knitted Clothing Item** - Knitted items using stitches such as the knit stitch, purl stitch, garter stitch, or stockinette stitch.
- *C-225-902 **Level 1 Home Design & Restoration Item** - Knitted garment using Level 1 stitches (see above).
- *C-225-903 **Level 1 Other Knitted Item** - Knitted garment using Level 1 stitches (see above).
- C-225-001 **Level 2 Knitted Clothing Item** - Knitted item or garment using pattern stitches such as diamond, block, twist or seed/moss stitches. Basis stitches (including: Knit (K), Purl (P), Slip Knit Pass Over (SKPO), Knit Two Together (K2tog), Yarn Over (yo)) to form patterns.
- C-225-002 **Level 2 Knitted Non-Wearable Item** - Knitted item or garment using pattern stitches (including: Knit (K), Purl (P), Slip Knit Pass Over (SKPO), Knit Two Together (K2tog), Yarn Over (yo)) to form patterns.
- C-225-003 **Arm or Finger Knitted Item** (Clothing or Home Design & Restoration Item)
- C-225-004 **Loom Knitted Item** (Clothing or Home Design & Restoration Item)
- C-225-005 **Level 3 Knitted Clothing Item**-Knitted item made from advanced knitting stitches such as pass slip stitch over, double-pointed needle knitting, cable, Turkish, tamerna, plait, germaine, feather and fan or knitting with one or more patterns such as Aran or Fair Isle, made by using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to circular knitting, double pointed needle knitting, knitting with multiple pattern stitches, and changing colors throughout the garment such as argyle knitting and chart knitting.
- C-225-006 **Level 3 Knitted-Non Wearable Item**-Knitted item made by using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to circular knitting, double pointed needle knitting, knitting with multiple pattern stitches, and changing colors throughout the garment such as argyle knitting and chart knitting.
- C-225-007 **Level 3 Machine Knitting**

Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hknitting-crocheting>

Information sheet for Crochet. Scoresheet SF60 for all classes. Each crocheted exhibit must include the following information on the fiber arts data card with the entry tag or exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. A Fiber Arts crochet data form is available at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hclothing>. Scoresheet SF68 for all classes.

1. Why did you choose to create this exhibit? What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?
2. What steps did you take as you created your exhibit?
3. What were the most important things you learned?
4. Gauge and size of hook or type of crocheting tool.
5. Kind of yarn – weight and fiber content or other material used.
6. Names of stitches used.

*C-226-901 **Level 1 Crochet Clothing** using basic stitches such as chain stitch, single crochet and double crochet.

*C-226-902 **Level 1 Crochet Home Design & Restoration Item** using beginning crochet stitches (see above).

*C-226-903 **Level 1 Other Crochet Item** using beginning crochet stitches (see above).

C-226-001 **Level 2 Crocheted Clothing** – Crochet garment using basis stitches (including: chain, single, double, half-double, treble) to form patterns.

C-226-002 **Level 2 Crocheted Home Design & Restoration Item** – Crocheted item using basis stitches (including: chain, single, double, half-double, treble) to form patterns.

C-226-003 **Level 3 Crocheted Clothing** – Crocheted item or garment using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to use afghan stitch, broomstick, hairpin lace, design motifs and multiple pattern stitches.

C-226-004 **Level 3 Crocheted Home Design & Restoration Item** – Crocheted item or garment using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to use afghan stitch, broomstick, hairpin lace, design motifs or pattern stitches.

*C-227-001 **Woven Garment Beginner**-using a plain or balanced weave using rigid heddle loom. Such as a Scarf, Shawl, Belt.

*C-227-002 **Woven Garment Level 2**-using basic weaving techniques and threading patterns with a four-harness loom.

*C-227-003 **Woven Advanced**-using advanced weaving techniques and threading patterns with any loom. Such as lace, overshot, tapestry.

Department C - Consumer Management

Division 240 - Shopping in Style

Pay Category #4

General Information for Shopping in Style

If the exhibit is a poster, it should be on a 14 inches x 22 inches poster board, If a three-ring binder is used it should be 8.5 inches x 11 inches.

Folders with or without fasteners would NOT be used and entries will be lowered a ribbon placing. Video exhibits should be less than five minutes in length. Mult-media presentations and exhibits are to be uploaded to a video streaming application, and 4-H members must provide a hard copy OR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or links on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.

Do NOT include the Shopping in Style Fashion Show Written Report with the Narration Form SF184 in any exhibits.

C-240-001 **Best Buy for Your Buck** – (Ages 8-13 before Jan. 1 of the current year.) Provide details of the best buy you made for your buck this year. Consider building the ultimate wardrobe by adding to this entry each year by dividing it into Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, etc. Put the story in a binder or video, no posters. In your binder include: a conclusion or summary statement(s) stating your final comments on why you selected your “best buy for your buck”. Do not include the Shopping in Style Show Information Sheet in your entry. SF 84 Provide details about wardrobe inventory which indicates the following:

- Why you selected the garment you did-
- Clothing budget
- Cost of garment
- Conclusion or summary statement(s) stating your final comments on why you selected your "best buy for your buck."
- Provide 3 color photos of you wearing the garment - front view - side view - back view

C-240-002 **Best Buy for Your Buck** – (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1 of the current year.) Provide details of the best buy you made for your buck this year. Consider building the ultimate wardrobe by adding to this entry each year by dividing it into Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, etc. Put the story in a three-ring binder or video, no posters please (see general information above). **Do NOT** include the Shopping In Style Fashion Show Written Report with Narration Form SF184 in your entry. Although both entries do share some information, there are differences in content and format for this class.

Provide details listed for those ages 8-13 plus include the following additions:

- Body shape discussion
- Construction quality details
- Design features that affected your selection
- Cost per wearing
- Care of garment
- Conclusion or summary statement(s) stating your final comments on why you selected your “best buy for your buck.”
- Provide 3 color photos of you wearing the garment - front view - side view - back view

- C-240-003 **Revive Your Wardrobe** - Take at least two items in your wardrobe that still fit but that you don't wear anymore and pair them with new garment(s) to make them wearable once again. Create a photo story which includes before and after photos and a description of what was done. Put in a binder, poster, or video (see general information). SF 88
- C-240-004 **Show Me Your Colors** - Select 6-8 color photos of you wearing different colors. Half should be what you consider to be good personal color choices and half should be poor personal color choices. Write a brief explanation with each photo describing your selections. Refer to the manual page 23 for more information. Entry should be a poster (see general information). SF 89
- C-240-005 **Clothing 1st Aid Kit** - Refer to page 73 of the manual and complete a clothing first aid kit. Include a list of items in the kit and brief discussion of why each was included. Put in appropriately sized box or tote with a lid. No larger than a shoe box. SF 64
- C-240-006 **Mix, Match, & Multiply** - Using this concept from page 32 of the manual take at least 5 pieces of clothing and create new outfits. Use your imagination to show various looks (i.e. on a clothesline, in a tree, on a mannequin). Include a brief discussion of each outfit which demonstrates what you have learned by completing this entry. Entry can be a binder, poster, or video (see general information). SF 90

Division 244 - Attention Shoppers

Pay Category #4

Ages under 12

- *C-244-001 **Clothing Wardrobe Inventory**. List five items in your clothing wardrobe. What one garment would you add to your wardrobe that would help you to mix and match what you already have to extend your wardrobe? Explain what you need to think about and consider when you select this item. Consider creativity and style in your story. Your wardrobe inventory entry may be a picture poster, a video style show with explanation, a written story, an audio tape, etc.
- *C-244-002 **Clothing Interview**. A) Interview an older person and talk about the fads and fashion of the time when they were young. Or B) Interview a person from another culture and find out how their dress and fashions may differ at school, special occasions (such as weddings, graduations, birthdays, religious events, etc.) How do those items differ or are they the same as what you wear? or C) Interview a person who wears special types of clothing for their job. Find out how these clothes differ from the ones they wear away from the job, what makes them different, why are they necessary to wear, etc. Consider creativity and style in your story. Include a picture of the person you interviewed in their special type of clothing. Your interview entry may be a picture poster, a written story, audio tape, video tape with explanation.
- *C-244-003 **Buymanship** - Experience buying a complete wearable outfit for less than \$75. Your entry must include the hang tags (if available), information from fiber content and care labels and a story about what you considered when you purchased the outfit. Consider creativity and style in explaining your story. Do not include the clothing as part of your entry. Your buying experience may be a picture poster, a video tape, a written story or an audio tape, etc.
- *C-244-004 **You Be the Teacher** - Suggested ideas include: Sort before you wash, clothing first aid, fad or fashion, etc.

Division 247 – My Financial Future

Pay Category #4

General Information: Entries should be typed and then attached to a piece of colored card stock or colored poster board (limit the size of the poster board or card stock to 14" x 22" or smaller). You may use the front and back of the poster board.

Beginning Level:

- C-247-001 **Write 3 SMART financial goals** for yourself (one should be short term, one intermediate, and one long term.) Explain how you intend to reach each goal you set.
- C-247-002 **Income Inventory**—Using page 13 as a guideline, list sources and amounts of income you earn/receive over a six month period. Answer the following questions: What were your income sources? Were there any steady income sources? What did you do with the income you received? Include your income inventory in the exhibit.
- C-247-003 **Tracking Expenses**—Use an app or chart like the one on page 17 to track your spending over 2 months. Answer the following questions: What did you spend most of your money on? What did you learn about your spending habits? Will you make any changes in your spending based upon what you learned? Why or why not? Include your chart in your exhibit.
- C-247-004 **Money Personality Profile**—Complete the money personality profile found on pages 21-22. Answer the following questions: What is your money personality? How does your money personality affect the way you spend/save money? Have a friend or family member complete the money personality profile. Compare and contrast (how are you alike how are you different) your money personality profile with theirs.
- C-247-005 **Complete Activity 8** "What Does It Really Cost?" on pages 39-40.
- C-247-006 **My Work; My Future** – Interview three adults in your life about their careers or jobs using the questions on page 51 and record these answers. In addition, answer the following questions on your display. What did you find most interesting about these jobs? Were there any positions you might want to pursue as your career? Why/Why not? What careers interest you at this point in your life? What are three steps you need to take now to prepare for this career?

Intermediate Level:

- C-247-007 **Interview** someone who is paid a salary; someone who is paid a commission; and someone who is paid an hourly wage. Have them answer the following questions plus any additional questions you may have.
- *What are some benefits of receiving your pay the way you do (salary, commission, or hourly wage)?
 - *What are some negative outcomes for getting paid the way you do?
 - *Does your pay keep pace with inflation? Why do you think this?
- Summarize: Based upon your interviews which payment method would suit you the best? Discuss your answer.
- C-247-008 **The Cost of Not Banking**—Type your answers to the questions about Elliot on page 50.
- C-247-009 **Evaluating Investment Alternatives**— complete the case study of Jorge on page 64. Answer all three questions found at the bottom of the page.
- C-247-010 **Understanding Credit Scores**—Watch the video and read the resource listed on page 71.
- Answer the following questions.
- *Name 3 prudent actions that can reduce a credit card balance.

*What are the main factors that drive the cost of credit?

*List one personal financial goal that you could use credit or collateral to purchase. Discuss possible consequences that might happen with improper use of credit for your purchase.

C-247-011 **You Be the Teacher** – Create an activity, story board, game or display that would teach another youth about “Key Terms” listed on page 62. Activity/display must include at least five of the terms.

Department C – Fashion Show

Department C, Division 410 - Fashion Show

Pay Category #3

All fashion show exhibits will be judged on Tuesday, July 7th, at Butler County Fairgrounds.

All entries must be pre-registered online by June 15. Exhibitor may model a maximum of three outfits. Limit of one entry per class number. Extra garments cannot be modeled. Only complete outfits can be modeled, except in Beginning Sewing/Clothing Level 1.

Garments being modeled must be entered for construction judging. An outfit in middle or advanced units is a complete, wearable outfit.

The judges will choose two Grand Champions, one from the beginning unit, and one from the middle and advanced units; and select state fair representatives and their alternates, who must be 8 years of age before January 1 of the current year. All judge’s decisions are FINAL. SF117

Division 410 – Beyond the Needle - Fashion Show Classes

4-H members must show their own original creativity. The exhibit must be a purchased, constructed, original design, or recycled garment to which surface embellishment has been applied or a garment in which the design is created through the structure such as color blocks, fabric strips, texturizing fabric pieces, etc.

*C-410-001 **Embellished Garment**

*C-410-002 **Embellished Garment with Original Design**

C-410-010 **Embellished Garment(s) with an Original Design** – Garment is created using intermediate or advanced techniques as defined in the project manual. Designs are the original idea of the 4-H’er using the elements and principles of design to make an original statement.

C-410-015 **Modeled Beyond the Needle Garment Constructed from Original Designed Fabric** – Fabric yardage is designed first, then a garment is constructed from that fabric. Other embellishments may be added.

C-410-020 **Modeled Beyond the Needle Textile Arts Garment(s)** – Garment is constructed using new unconventional materials. Examples: rubber bands, plastic, duct tape.

C-410-025 **Beyond the Needle Wearable Technology Garment** - Garment has integrated technology into its design.

Division 410 – Steam Level 1

*C-410-011 **Item from beginning level sewing project list**

Division 410 – Steam Level 2

C-410-030 **Modeled Constructed Steam Level 2 Garment(s)** - Possible types of garments include Dress; Romper or Jumpsuit; OR two-piece outfit (skirt with shirt, vest or jacket); jumper and shirt; pants or shorts Outfit (pants or shorts with shirt, vest or jacket). **Or** a purchased top can be worn to complete a vest or lined/unlined jacket outfit with a constructed bottom. Upcycled Outfit Combination - must contain a complete constructed outfit (examples: if the top is upcycled, must include a constructed bottom, upcycled dress).

Division 410 – Steam Level 3

C-410-040 **Modeled Constructed Steam Level 3 (Garment(s))** – Possible types of garments include: Dress or formal; Skirted Outfit (skirt with shirt, vest, or jacket OR jumper and shirt); Pants or Shorts Outfit (pants or shorts with shirt, vest, or jacket); Specialty Wear (swim wear, costumes, western wear-chaps, chinks, riding attire or hunting gear.); OR Jacket (non-tailored). -Tailored Coat, Blazer, Suit Jacket, or Outerwear. Additional pieces with coat, blazer, jacket or outerwear may be either constructed or purchased. Upcycled Outfit Combination-must contain a complete constructed outfit (examples: if the top is upcycled, must include a constructed bottom, upcycled dress).

C-410-050 **Modeled Knitted or Crocheted Clothing (Level 2 or 3)**

Knitted garment using pattern stitches such as diamond, block, twist or seed/moss stitches or advanced knitting stitches such as pass slip stitch over, double-pointed needle knitting, cable, Turkish, tamerna, plait, germaine, feather and fan or knitting with one or more patterns such as Aran or Fair Isle.

Crocheted garment using pattern stitches such as texture, shell, cluster or mesh stitches or advance crochet stitches such as afghan, broomstick, hairpin lace, design motifs or pattern stitches.

Garment needs to be a complete outfit as in a dress, coat, or two piece ensemble (bottom and top).

Division 410 - Attention Shoppers Fashion Show

*C-410-901 **Modeled Attention Shoppers Purchased Garment and Written Report.** Designed for youth ages 8-9 for introductory consumer skills when purchasing clothing.

Division 410 – Modeled Shopping in Style Purchased Outfit and Written Report

C-410-060 Participants must be enrolled in the Shopping In Style 4-H Project to enter. This curriculum is developed and designed for youth ages 8 and older to help them strengthen their consumer skills when purchasing clothing. Participants must model a complete outfit – all pieces of the garment must be purchased. Purchase of accessories is optional. SF184.

Department C – Home Design & Restoration

A. HOME DESIGN & RESTORATION EXHIBITS are evaluated by these criteria:

1. Items must be designed to be used for home decorating, home furnishing or home management (no clothing, purses, note cards, scrapbooks/photo albums, etc.).
 2. Accessories should be of high quality (as compared to quick, simple crafts), suitable for use in the home for several months throughout the year. Holiday specific items are discouraged. Exhibits from kits are also discouraged as kits limit design making in the design process.
 3. Items should show creativity and originality, along with the application of design principles and elements. Ask yourself: How have I shown creativity and applied the design principles and elements in this accessory? 4-H members are required to include the design elements and principles they used along with simple directions for how they designed their project with their exhibit. Information on the elements and principles of design may be found in the Design Decisions manual, as well as Portfolio Pathways and Sketchbook Crossroads.
 4. Entered in correct class: What medium was changed or manipulated? What medium is the majority of your exhibit made from?
 5. Items should be ready for display in the home (pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.). No single mat board or artist canvas panels are allowed. Wrapped canvas (if staples not visible on edge) is accepted without framing. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips are not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
 6. All static exhibits must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to advance to state fair. For State Fair, no taller than 7 feet and no wider than 6 feet and must be easily lifted by two 4-H staff.
- B. Items should *not* be ones made for beginning level or other projects (ex: simple (10 minute) table runners or woodworking). Exhibits from the beginning level project, such as Design My Place, are county only and not state fair eligible.
- C. ENTRY TAGS - An entry tag which includes a clear description of the entry must be securely attached to each exhibit. Use color names or pattern/picture descriptions to aid in identification. No straight pins.
- D. IDENTIFICATION-In addition to the entry tag, a label with the exhibitor's name and county should be attached to each separate piece of the exhibit.
- E. SUPPORTING INFORMATION - Supporting information is required for all home environment exhibits. Information must also include the elements and principles of design used and steps taken to complete project. Tag templates can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hhomedesignrestoration>. Exhibits without supporting information will be dropped a ribbon placing.

Division 250 - Recycling

Pay Category #4

Many items in the fairbook could be made of reduced, reused or recycled products. For each exhibit, include index card indicating plans, costs and what you learned.

*C-250-001 **Item showing reduction**

*C-250-003 **Item showing recycled product**

*C-250-002 **Item showing reuse**

Division 251 – Design My Space

Pay Category #4

*C-251-001 **Needlework Item**, made with yarn or floss.

*C-251-002 **Simple fabric accessory**, like a pillow, laundry bag, pillowcase, table runner, etc.

*C-251-003 **Accessory made with original batik or tie dye**

*C-251-004 **Simple accessory made using wood**

*C-251-005 **Simple accessory made using plastic**

*C-251-006 **Simple accessory made with glass**

*C-251-007 **Simple accessory made with clay**

*C-251-008 **Simple accessory made with paper**

*C-251-009 **Simple accessory made using metal tooling or metal punch**

*C-251-010 **Storage item made or recycled**

*C-251-011 **Bulletin or message board**

*C-251-012 **Problem solved:** Use a creative method to show you solved a problem (air quality, water, sound, temperature, lighting, fire escape plan, etc.)

Division 256 – Home & Family Restoration

Pay Category #3

This project area is for items with historic, sentimental or antique value that are restored, repurposed or refinished to keep their original look and value. It is not for "recycled" items. For example, a bench would be considered an heirloom if the original finish is restored, but if decorated by painting it would be considered recycled. Entering highly valuable items (especially small ones) is discouraged, as exhibits are not displayed in closed cases. Note: new resources to support this project area are on the 4-H website.

Attach information:

- List of steps taken to complete your project. Before and after pictures encouraged.
- Keepsakes documentation: how you acquired the item and the history of the item – may be written, pictures, audio or video tape of interview with family member, etc.

C-256-001 **Trunks**, including doll-sized trunks or wardrobes SF206

C-256-002 **An Article** - either a repurposed "treasure" (accessory) from an old item or an old "treasure" (accessory) refinished or renovated. May include a display of a collection or collectibles, being careful not to destroy value of the collection. SF205

C-256-003 **Furniture** - either a repurposed "treasure" from an old item or an old "treasure" refinished or renovated. May include doll-sized furniture. SF205

C-256-004 **Cleaned and Restored Heirloom Accessory or Furniture** - A reconditioned and cleaned old piece of furniture or accessory that is functional for use or display. Item might be cleaned and waxed, and simple repairs made. Item would not be refinished or repainted, but reconditioned to restore it to its original look or to prevent it from further damage as a valuable heirloom. Consult extension publication Care and Conservation of Heirloom Textiles for information on textiles. This publication can be found in the Digital

Commons at: <https://go.unl.edu/gcnh> (Refinished items go in classes 2 – 3.) This class is for situations where it may be best to do very little to the item to maintain its antique value. Item or article should be of complexity suited to an advanced project.

- *C-256-005 **Family Keepsakes Documentation** - exhibit should show how 4-H'er has documented family keepsakes. May include notebook with photo, description and history of items, videotape, photo album, audio tape of family relative discussion the item, written interview with family member, keepsake inventory.
- *C-256-006 **Portfolio** – Collection of pictures, drawings, samples, worksheets and ideas for a room or home, an exploration of career possibilities (ex. A preservationist), or another application of your project learning put to use. Non-competitive.
- *C-256-007 **A Second Refinished or Renovated "Treasure"**

Division 257 - Design Decisions

Pay Category #3

Attach information to explain steps taken. Information must also include element or principle of design used.

- C-257-001 **Design Board for a Room** - Include: color scheme, wall treatment, floor treatment, etc. OR floor plan for a room. Posters, 22 inches" x 28" inches. Show what you learned with before and after pictures or diagrams, samples, story, cost comparisons, optional arrangements, etc. SF201
- C-257-002 **Problem Solved, Energy Savers, OR Career Exploration** – Identify a problem (as problem windows, storage needs, inconvenient room arrangement, cost comparison, energy conservation, waste management, etc.) OR, explore a career related to home environment. (What would it be, what education is needed, what would you do, etc.) Using poster, notebook, or other method, describe the problem and how it was solved OR your career exploration. (p. 74-93) SF201
- C-257-003 **Solar, Wind, or Other Energy Alternatives for the Home** – Can be models, either an original creation or an adaptation of kit. If kit, label and explain what was learned and how the item could be used in or on exterior of home. (p. 74-93) SF201
- C-257-004 **Technology in Design**- Incorporate technology into a project related to home environment for example, using conductive thread to create a circuit that enhances a wall hanging or create the design with a 3D printer. SF200
- C-257-006 **Window Covering** – May include curtains, draperies, shades, shutters, etc. SF200
- C-257-007 **Floor Covering** - May be woven, braided, painted floor cloth, etc. May be exhibited as a poster.
- C-257-008 **Bedcover** – May include quilt, comforter, bedspread, dust ruffle, canopy, etc. For quilts, state who did the quilting. (No tied fleece exhibits.) (p. 50-53) SF200
- C-257-009 **Accessory** – Framed Original Needlework/Stitchery. SF200
- C-257-010 **Accessory – Textile – 2D** (tablecloth or runner, dresser scarf, wall hanging, etc. No tied fleece blankets or 10 minute table runners.) SF200
- C-257-011 **Accessory – Textile – 3D** (pillows, fabric bowls, etc. No fleece tied exhibits, SF200
- C-257-012 **Accessory – 2D** SF200
- C-257-013 **Accessory – 3D** (string art, wreaths, etc.) SF200
- C-257-014 **Accessory** – Original Floral Design. SF200
- C-257-015 **Accessory** – Original made from **Wood** – burn, cut, shape or otherwise manipulate. SF200
- C-257-016 **Accessory** – Original made from **Glass** – etch, mosaic, stain, molten or otherwise manipulate. SF200
- C-257-017 **Accessory** – Original made from **Metal** – cut, shape, punch, sculpt, reassemble or otherwise manipulate. SF200
- C-257-018 **Accessory** – Original made from **Ceramic or Tile** – treatment to exhibit must go through process that permanently alters the medium. Painting alone is not sufficient. SF200
- C-257-019 **Accessory – Recycled/Upcycled** Item for the home – reuse a common object or material in a creative way. Include description of what was done to recycle or reuse item in your attached information. SF207
- C-257-020 **Furniture – Recycled/Remade**, made or finished by using a common object or material in a creative way. Include description of what was done to recycle or reuse item in your attached information. SF207
- C-257-021 **Furniture – Wood Opaque finish** such as paint or enamel. SF203
- C-257-022 **Furniture – Wood Clear finish** showing wood grain. SF203
- C-257-023 **Furniture – Fabric Covered** - May include stool, chair seat, slip-covers, headboard, etc. SF200
- C-257-024 **Furniture – Outdoor Living** - Furniture made/refurbished by 4-H member suitable for outdoor use. (NOTE: Will be displayed outside). Include description of what was done to recycle or reuse item in your attached information. SF200
- C-257-025 **Accessory – Outdoor Living** – Accessory made/refurbished by 4-H member suitable for outdoor use. Include description of what was done to recycle or reuse item in your attached information. Note: May be displayed outside. SF200

Department C – Visual Arts

With an emphasis on originality, the purpose of the 4-H Visual Arts projects is to practice using design elements and principles while exploring and experimenting with various mediums and techniques. In addition, youth should practice self-expression and work to communicate their personal voice through their work.

1. **Original Work** - Items must be the original work of the 4-H member and should show creativity and originality. No copyrighted images or master studies.
2. **Ready for Professional Display** - All exhibits must be presented appropriately for the medium(s) used and ready to be professionally displayed. 2-dimensional pieces on paper should be framed behind glass/plexiglass. Canvas boards should be framed but glass/plexiglass is not necessary. Stretched canvases do not need frames as long as staples are not visible on the edges. All 2-dimensional pieces should be ready to hang using a sawtooth or wire hanger.
3. **Entry Descriptions**: Entry tags should include a visual description of the exhibit, including size, dominant color, and subject to aid in identification.
4. **Supporting Information**: Supporting information is required for all Visual Arts exhibits. Information must include responses to all questions and steps taken to complete the project. Supporting information must be securely attached to the back of the piece.

Division 260 – Visual Art Mediums— SF200

Pay Category #4

- C-260-001 **Original Acrylic Painting**
- C-260-002 **Original Oil Painting**
- C-260-003 **Original Water Color Painting**
- C-260-004 **Original Pencil Drawing**
- C-260-005 **Original Charcoal Drawing**
- C-260-006 **Original Ink Drawing**
- C-260-007 **Original Fiber Art**- Could include weaved art, dyed fabric, felted wool, cotton linter, batik, etc
- C-260-008 **Original Sculpture** - Could include Styrofoam, wood, cardboard, paper, metal, wire, etc.
- C-260-009 **Original Ceramic Pottery** - No purchased ceramic pottery. Must be glazed and fired. May be any hand-built technique or wheel thrown. May be functional or non-functional. Could include slab built, pinch pots, coil built, wheel thrown, etc.
- C-260-010 **Original Painting on Purchased Ceramic Surface** - No hand-built or wheel thrown pottery. May be functional or non-functional. Could include figurines, cups, bowls, etc.
- C-260-011 **Original Single Media Not Listed** - Could include digital art, leathercrafting, printmaking, stained glass, pastels, scratchboard, sand painting, encaustic painting, chalk, etc.
- C-260-012 **Original Mixed Media** (SF200) - Could include any combination of two or more other mediums or materials.

Division 261 – Visual Art Themes – SF200

Pay Category #4

Exhibits may utilize any medium or combination of mediums on any surface. All exhibits must be appropriately presented and ready to be professionally displayed. Artwork should depict the artist's own interpretation of the theme. All exhibits should include an explanation of how the piece reflects the theme and what ideas or thoughts the artist was attempting to express or communicate.

- C-261-001 **Original Art Inspired by Plants or Animals** - could involve but is not limited to domestic animals, pets, agriculture, wild animals, wildlife conservation, house plants, fruit, vegetables, flowers, native plants, trees, etc.
- C-261-002 **Original Art Inspired by Landscapes** - could involve but is not limited to rural landscapes, natural environments, man-made environments, urban landscapes, extraterrestrial landscapes, oceanic scenes, buildings, fantasy landscapes, agricultural landscapes, etc.
- C-261-003 **Original Art Inspired by People** (SF200) - could involve but is not limited to cultural art, modern society, portraits, daily life, careers, families, emotions, etc.
- C-261-004 **Original Art Inspired by Artist's Choice** (SF200) - could involve but is not limited to food, cars, fantasy worlds, imaginary characters, science-fiction, history, etc.

Department C - Quilt Quest

Division 229 - Quilt Quest

Pay Category #3

In Quilt Quest, 4-H'ers learn skills as they progress through the project. The least experienced 4-H exhibitor will select fabric, cut, and sew together only squares or rectangles in making the quilt top. They may have additional guidance in piecing the quilt block and layering together the quilt top, inner batting and the quilt bottom. Another person can do the quilting for them. If someone else does binding, the quilt must be entered in the intergenerational class.

In the Premier class, the 4-H'er has developed skills to be able to do all of the work by himself/herself. This includes pattern and fabric selection, cutting and sewing individual pieces, layering the quilt top/batting/backing together, and quilting. Quilting may be done by hand, by sewing machine or by a commercial-grade quilting machine. After quilting, the 4-H'er must finish the quilt by "squaring it up," put binding on the edge, and placing a label on the quilt which provides details about the quilt making process for historical purposes.

All entry cards and support information must be attached using a safety pin. **No straight pins.**

When judging Quilt Quest exhibits, the judges consider SF209 "Standards for Judging Quilts and Quilted Items."

For all classes, 4-H'ers can choose fabrics for the quilt by selecting fabric from fabric bolts. 4-H'ers may also use "fabric collections" offered by manufacturers in a particular designer or fabric line. Examples of fabric collections include:

- **Jelly Rolls** are made of (up to) 40 different strips of 2 ½" wide fabric laying on top of one another and rolled up to look like a jelly roll. The fabric is created by one designer or fabric line and compliments each other. In many cases, less skilled 4-H'ers find it difficult to cut narrow strips with a rotary cutter and ruler, so this fabric selection may make it easier as they learn.
- **Honey Buns** are made like the Jelly Rolls with 1 ½" strips of fabrics.
- **Layer Cakes** are 10" squares of fabric from a manufactured designer or fabric line with different pieces of fabric "layered" on top of one another to look like a piece of cake.
- **Charm Packs** are made of 5" squares of coordinating fabric and may be tied up with a string or scrap of fabric.
- **Turnover** is a collection of coordinating fabrics that are cut into 6" triangles.
- **Fat Quarters** are ½ yard cuts of fabric which are cut in half to make a rectangle that is approximately 18" x 21". (One half yard of fabric yields 2 fat quarters). The "fat quarter" can be more economical to purchase for a smaller quilt because the purchaser does not have to buy the entire yardage width.
- **Fabric Kit** is a collection of fabrics cut in large pieces to accommodate the requirements of a particular quilt pattern. The 4-H'er must cut out all of the smaller squares, rectangles, etc. to make the quilt top according to the pattern directions.

After fabric selection, youth can use a variety of tools for cutting the fabric and completing the quilt. Cutting into pattern pieces may include hand roller die cutting machines that cut particular shapes which can be applied to fabric. This is allowed in the construction of the quilt.

A quilted exhibit is made up of at least 3 layers. Quilts or quilted items must be quilted or tied through all layers. Fleece blankets are not eligible in this division. Quilts must have a permanent label on the back in the bottom-right corner with quilter's name and date of completion.

- C-229-010 **Exploring Quilts** - Illustrate some aspect of quilts or quilt making. Examples include, but are not limited to, language arts, quilts of different cultures, chemistry, design, preservation, history, construction, math-conversion of quilt patterns, textiles/fabrics, computerization, and entrepreneurship. History may include history of an old quilt or history/research of a particular style of quilt such as Baltimore album quilts or Amish quilts. Exhibit may be a 14 x 22 inch poster, three-ring notebook that is 8.5 inches x 11 inches. All items in an exhibit must be attached together and labeled. NO quilted items should be entered in this class.. SF208C
- C-229-020 **Quilt Designs Other Than Fabric** - Two or three dimensional item with quilt design made using medium other than fabric, such as stained glass, paper, etc.. SF208B
- C-229-021 **Barn Quilt** created that is less than 4'x4'. Supporting information is required. Must include elements of design used and steps taken to complete project. Supporting information is required for this exhibit. On a half sheet of 8.5 inch x 11 inch paper, include an explanation answering the following questions: A) How and why did you select the design? B) How and why did you select the color choice(s)? C) Explain what you did and what you learned by doing this project. Exhibits without supporting information will be dropped.
- C-229-022 **Barn Quilt** created that is 4'x4' or larger. Supporting information is required. Must include elements of design used and steps taken to complete project. On a half sheet of 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, include an explanation answering the following questions: A) How did you select the design? B) Why did you select the materials and what materials did you use? C) Explains what you did and what was done by others? D) What did you learn you can use on your next project? Exhibits without supporting documentation will be lowered one ribbon placing. SF208A
- C-229-030 **Computer Exploration** - Poster (14 x 22 inches) or notebook (8.5 X 11 inches) with a minimum of six computer generated quilt designs or color variations on a quilt design. Include information of type of program used, process used to generate designs, or how you used color to create different quilt designs. SF208C
- C-229-040 **Wearable Art** - Quilted clothing or accessory which must have a recognizable amount of quilting and may include fabric manipulation. Quilting must be done by 4-H member. On a half sheet of 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, tell how you selected the design and fabrics including whether or not you used a kit, jelly roll, charm squares, etc.
- C-229-041 **Inter-Generational Quilt** - A quilt made by a 4-H member and family members or friends of different generations. On a half-sheet of 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, include an answering the following questions: A) How was the quilt planned and who did what in the construction of the quilt? B) How did you select the design and fabrics including whether or not you used a kit, jelly roll, charm squares, etc.? SF208E
- C-229-042 **Service Project Quilt** - A quilt constructed by a 4-H member or group to be donated to a worthy cause. On a half sheet of 8.5 inch x 11 inch paper, include an explanation answering the following questions: A) Why was the quilt constructed and who will receive the donated quilt? B) How did you select the design and fabrics used including whether or not you used a kit, jelly roll, charm squares, etc.? C) What did you do and what was done by others? D) What did you learn that you can use on your next project? SF208D

Guidelines for entries in classes 50-83 Quilted Exhibits

- Please note the description of classes. They denote degree of difficulty in construction and not the number of years in the project.
- A quilted exhibit consists of 3 or more layers.
- All quilted exhibits must be quilted (machine or hand) or tied.
- All quilt piecing and finishing must be the sole work of the 4-H member. Quilting, whether machine or hand quilted, may be done by another individual except for the Premier Quilt class.
- No pre-quilted fabric may be used.
- Wall quilts must have a hanging sleeve on the back of the quilt or some method for hanging. All quilted exhibits must be clean and finished for intended purpose.

Sizes of Quilted Exhibits:

- Small –length + width = less than 60". This size includes miniature quilts, wall hangings, table runners, placemats (4), and pillows. All items must be quilted. Pillows must have a quilted top, not just pieced patchwork.
- Medium - length + width = from 61" to 120"
- Large - length + width = over 120"

Level I quilted exhibits - Pieced quilts made up of squares and/or rectangles.

C-229-050	Small	C-229-051	Medium	C-229-052	Large
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Level II quilted exhibits - In addition to squares and/or rectangles, quilts may have triangles, and/or may be embroidered.

C-229-060	Small	C-229-061	Medium	C-229-062	Large
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Level III quilted exhibits - In addition to any of the methods in classes 50-62, quilts may have curved piecing, applique, Celtic style, stained glass style, paper piecing, art quilt style (An art quilt is an original exploration of a concept or idea rather than the handing down of a "pattern". It experiments with textile manipulation, color, texture and/or a diversity of mixed media. An Art Quilt often pushes quilt world boundaries), or other non-traditional styles.

C-229-070	Small	C-229-071	Medium	C-229-072	Large
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Premiere Quilt - Entire quilt is the sole work of the 4-H member, including quilting (hand or machine). Tied quilts are not eligible for this class.

C-229-080	Hand quilted	C-229-082	Long arm quilted – non computerized/hand-guided
C-229-081	Sewing machine quilted	C-229-083	Long arm quilted –computerized

DEPARTMENT D - ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/EARTH SCIENCES

Department D – Conservation & Wildlife

General Information

- A. NO FIREARMS, ITEMS WITH A BLADE (broad heads, knives, saws, etc.) or related items of any other kind, may be exhibited. This applies to actual items, replicated items and item parts. Photos are a suitable substitution for actual items.
- B. SHOW WHAT YOU DID & LEARNED - All exhibitors must show evidence of their personal field experiences, study or observations that relate to their exhibit. This helps judges understand what the 4-H'er did and learned in the process that led to the exhibit.
- C. PROPER CREDIT - Show proper credit by listing the sources of plans or other supporting information used in exhibits.

Example to attach to your exhibit
Name: Chris Clover
County: Clover County
Age: 10
Field Experience, Study, or Observations:
I attended a 4-H workshop where we put out a food plot, and then made turkey calls. We played a game about attracting turkeys. Sometimes we acted like a female to draw in a tom turkey. Sometimes we acted like a lost baby turkey to call in a whole flock. I was able to use my turkey call and play the game successfully. While I never turkey hunted in person, I went on-line to research more turkey calls. I hope to turkey hunt someday, and I want to use a box call to hunt fall turkeys.
Credits/Source:
Information was obtained from Nebraska Game & Parks website

- D. WHO'S EXHIBIT? - The exhibitor's name, county, age and address must be on the back or bottom of all displays.
- E. WILDLIFE & WILDLIFE LAWS - "Animal" or "wildlife" in the following classes includes wild fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or mammals. Please make sure you follow all wildlife laws. Domestic animal (i.e. domestic livestock or house pets) and insect exhibits are not appropriate for this area. 4-H members must comply with current state and federal laws. It is illegal to possess threatened, endangered, or protected wildlife, or the feathers, nests, or eggs of non-game birds. These items cannot be part of an exhibit. Game birds and game animals taken legally during an open season may be used.
- F. PROJECT MATERIALS - Related project booklets include Exploring Your Environment Series, 4-H Shooting Sports, Amphibians, Bird Behavior (EC 59381), Fishing for Adventure Project Manuals, Wildlife Conservation (4-H 125), Geology, and Outdoor Adventure. Other resources include: Outdoor Skills: Learning Science in the Outdoors series (Science Signature Outcome Program) outdoornebraska.gov/afterschool/ and www.whep.org.
- G. BOARD AND POSTER EXHIBITS - Mount all board exhibits on ¼" plywood, Masonite, or similar panel no larger than 24" high by 24" wide. Poster exhibits should be on regular poster sheets, no larger than standard size (22 by 28 inches) but half size, 22 by 14 inches, is recommended.
- H. **Exhibit Size:** Exhibits other than poster/display board should not exceed 48 inches x 48 inches and be able to be moved by two people.
- I. Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hconservation-wildlife-shooting>.

Division 340 - Wildlife and How They Live (Classes 1-4)

Pay Category #4

- D-340-001 **Mammal Display:** Choose one mammal from the wild and share on your display about the mammal. Examples include life history, behavior, habitat or other interesting facts. SF157A
- D-340-002 **Bird Display:** Choose one bird from the wild and share on your display about the bird. Examples include life history, behavior, habitat or other interesting facts. SF157A
- D-340-003 **Fish Display:** Choose one fish from the wild and share on your display about the fish. Examples include life history, behavior, habitat or other interesting facts. SF157A
- D-340-004 **Reptile or Amphibian Display:** Choose one reptile or amphibian and share on your display about the reptile or amphibian. Examples include life history, behavior, habitat or other interesting facts. SF157A

Wildlife and How They Live - Classes 1-4 are board or poster exhibits. Display may show any aspect of wildlife, wildlife habitat, or related conservation. No domestic livestock, pets, or insects allowed. For more ideas, refer to project booklets. Remember to look at General Rules for this area.

- D-340-005 **Wildlife Connections:** - Board or poster exhibit. The purpose of this display is to show interconnections and related aspects among animals, plants, and other habitat components. All displays should show two or more interactions (connections) that occur between/among animals or between animals and their habitat. Displays might show how animals interact with other animals, with people, or with their habitat. Examples: Food chain display. Use pictures, drawings, or other items to illustrate the source of food energy and where it goes - who eats whom or what. Use arrows to show the direction of the energy (food) flow; Show the role of predators, scavengers, insect eaters, or others in nature; Show how wildlife numbers (populations) change through the year; Show predation, competition, or other behavioral interactions of wildlife; Choose one kind of wildlife and make observations through a season or year, keep notes of interactions, then make a display of what you saw. SF157A
- D-340-006 **Wildlife Tracks:** - Board or diorama-type box exhibit. Make a display of animal tracks using casting plaster. . There are 3 options. For

all options, include a brief description of your experiences in making the tracks so the judges better understand what you did and learned. Positive casts (impressions as they would be in nature) are preferred. - Option 1 should show plaster tracks of five or more kinds of wildlife along with a picture or illustration of each kind of animal. (OR) - Option 2 should show two or more plaster tracks of one specific kind of wildlife and should include a picture or illustration of the animal, what the animal may eat, and what may eat the animal. (OR) - Option 3 should show two tracks and include the animal's habitat needs including preferred food, shelter, water, and space in addition to picture or illustration of the animal. SF158A

- D-340-007 **Wildlife Knowledge Check** - Use electrical circuits, pictures, or other methods of teaching wildlife identification or other wildlife conservation or shooting sports related knowledge. Plan size and shape to fit transportation and display; maximum size 24 inches x 24 inches. SF157A
- D-340-008 **Wildlife Diorama** - Exhibit must be no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches. The exhibit might show a grassland, prairie, agricultural, woodland, riparian (stream or river corridor), wetland, and/or other area with wildlife habitat. Example: show an area interspersed with several habitats such as windbreaks, farm fields, woods, waste areas, ditches, and pastures for edge-adapted species such as White-tailed deer, Northern Bobwhite, Mourning Doves, Cottontail Rabbits, fox, squirrels, Northern Cardinals, or Bluejays. Label the habitats displayed and show at least five kinds of wildlife in their proper habitats. Remember to include supporting information about the wildlife and habitat that is on display. SF160A
- D-340-009 **Wildlife Essay** - Learn how to share educational information by writing. Choose a conservation or wildlife topic that interests you and write an essay about it. For example, write about a particular species of wildlife that you have observed or about the values of wildlife. You might write about wildlife on a farm, in town, in a backyard, at a backyard feeder, or at other places. You might write about ethics, proper behavior in the outdoors, hunting, or fishing. The essay is between 100 and 1000 words long and typed, double spaced on 8.5 inch ½ x 11 inch paper. You might use books, magazines, or personal interviews as resources, but you must give credit to all sources by listing them. SF161A
- D-340-010 **Wildlife Values Scrapbook** - Make a scrapbook about a value of wildlife. Value could include aesthetic, scientific, commercial, game, genetic, and/or ecological topics. SF162A
- D-340-011 **Wildlife Arts** -The purpose of this class is to allow artistic exhibits that contain educational information about conservation and wildlife. Examples might include paintings, photographs, wood carvings, painted duck decoys, or songs or poems written by the 4-H member. Entries must be appropriate for fair display and no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches. For example, paintings or photographs should be displayed in notebook format or mounted on a sturdy display panel. All entries must include a title and brief explanation of the purpose or message (what is the exhibit meant to show). SF163A

Division 342 - Wildlife Habitat

Pay Category #4

- D-342-001 **Houses** - Make a house for wildlife. Examples: bird house (bluebird, purple martin, wood duck, kestrel, barn owl, etc.) or bat house; no insect houses. Make the house functional so that dimensions, hole-size etc. are appropriate to fit the intended species' needs. Include the following information: 1) the kinds of animal(s) for which the house is intended, 2) where and how the house should be located for best use, 3) any seasonal maintenance needed, and 4) any evidence of your personal observations or experiences. Tips: check NebGuide on bird houses and shelves. SF165
- D-342-002 **Feeders/Waterers** - Make a bird bath or feeder. Examples: seed, suet, or nectar feeders. Squirrel feeder okay; no insect feeders. Include the following information: 1) the kinds of animal(s) for which the house is intended, 2) where and how the house should be located for best use, 3) any seasonal maintenance needed, and 4) any evidence of your personal observations or experiences. Tips: check NebGuide on bird houses and shelves. SF166
- D-342-003 **Wildlife Habitat Design** - Board or poster exhibit. Choose a backyard, acreage, or farm, and design a habitat plan to meet the food, water, shelter, and space needs of at least three kinds of animals you would like to attract. Draw an outline of the area and show what plants or other habitat will be provided. Indicate how the various parts of your plan provide the desired habitat needs. You might include an aerial photo of the area if you have one. SF167

Division 343 - Harvesting Equipment

Pay Category #4

- D-343-001 **Fish Harvesting Equipment** - Board exhibit. Display of equipment used in fish harvesting. Examples: fishing knots, hooks (with corks over ends for safety), and lures. Label all items displayed. Include in your exhibit the following information: SF168
1. the purpose of each item,
 2. when or where each item is used
 3. any personal experiences you've had with the item(s).
- D-343-002 **Build a Fishing Rod** - Rod building kits with instructions are available for this purpose. A fishing rod educational exhibit may not exceed 96 inches length. Exhibit must be mounted on a board. SF169
- Include with the exhibit:
- Explanation of cost of materials/components
 - Where materials/components were purchased
 - How it was made
 - Number of hours required for construction.
- Label all parts. Necessary components which must be included are grip, line guides (based on manufacturers specifications), guide wraps, and hook keeper. Reel seat needs to be aligned with guides, and guides aligned accurately down rod. Guide wraps of size A to D, nylon or silk thread.
- Exhibit will be judged on: workmanship, labeling of parts information, and neatness.
- D-343-003 **Casting Target** - Make a casting target for exhibit and use, following guidelines on the reference sheet. Target must be under 48" x 48". The bullseyes must be a 2 feet, outer band must be 1 foot in diameter and can have up to 3 rings. The exhibit must be easy to store, durable and weather resistant. Include the purpose and rules of using your casting target. SF170

- D-343-004 **Wildlife Harvesting Equipment** - Board exhibit. Display of equipment used in harvesting wildlife. Examples: expended ammunition casings (no live ammunition permitted), steel traps, hide stretchers, fleshers, etc. For displays of shotguns, rifles, or bows, use drawings or pictures. Label all items displayed: SF171
- the purpose of each item,
 - when or where it is used,, and
 - any personal experiences you've had with the item(s).
- D-343-005 **Inventing Wildlife/Fish Harvesting Equipment, Aid, or Accessory**
Use engineering principles to invent or adapt equipment that helps you harvest fish or wildlife. This could include wildlife calls, adapted fishing poles for shallow water, a blind, decoys, etc. Share your drawing (or adapted plans), how the equipment works, how you tested it, and the results of testing your prototype and any adjustments you made. SF168
- Division 346 – Taxidermy** **Pay Category #4**
- D-346-001 **Tanned Hides** - Exhibit of a wild animal hide properly processed by the member. No requirement as to mounting but must meet the size requirement listed under General Rules. Include the animal's name and the following: information about the exhibitor's personal field experiences, study, OR observations that relate to the exhibit. SF172A
- D-346-002 **Taxidermy** Any legal fish, bird, or other wild animal properly processed by the member. No requirement as to mounting but must meet the size requirement listed under General Rules. Include the animal's name and the following: information about the exhibitor's personal field experiences, study, OR observations that relate to the exhibit .SF172A
- Division 341 – Outdoor Adventure-Level 2** **Pay Category #4**
- D341001 **Poster** - Topics may include, but not limited to one or more of the following; how to pitch a tent, knot tying, cooking over a campfire, how to start a campfire, wildlife and plants identified while camping, how to set up emergency shelter, dealing with weather, collection of photos from camping trips, “Leave No Trace” and how that was followed while camping, plan a camping trip, camping essentials, environmental issues/protecting natural resources, park or trail clean up, sanitation/hygiene while outdoors or use of GPS. SF281
- D341002 **Journal/Binder** - Written report of virtual or actual camping/hiking trips with observations OR field journal (notes of actual experiences, sights, sounds, smells, etc.), OR camping or hiking trip diary. Explain growth in project, leading the hikes, planning the camping trip, now being able to identify the wildlife and nature around you and how identified (sight/sound/shape/smell/color). Feathers/leaf/flower pressings must be securely attached, if included. Photos of drawing of observations encouraged. Exhibits measure no larger than 16” X 16”. SF281
- D341003 **Camping/Hiking Safety** - Must include explanation of use of item and why selected/purpose, how it fits hiking/camping needs. May include, but are not limited to, one of the following: travel sized poisonous plants guide, camping first aid kit, weather/water safety or hand hygiene kit. SF281
- D341004 **Digital Media** - Use digital media to show video/slideshow/presentation of setting up a tent (include why site is chosen) or protecting natural resources or environmental issues or computer video camping/hiking game. Submit a USB drive or DVD inside a report cover or notebook. If using a slideshow, include printed slides inside report cover or notebook. SF281
- D341005 **Other Camping Items** - Must include what inspired the creation of the item, and its purpose. May include, but are not limited to one of the following; nature art, nature haiku poem, spider web sketches or knot display.
- Outdoor Adventures Level 3** **Pay Category 4**
- D341006 **Poster** -Topics may include but not limited to one of the following; Topographic map, backpacking trip plan, camp layout, plan an expedition (can be dreamed or lived), collection of photos from your expedition, trails hiked, cost comparison of rental vs purchase or using GPS/compass. SF281
- D341007 **Journal/Binder** - Written report of actual, virtual or imagined expeditions/camping/hiking, OR field journal (notes of actual experiences, sights, sounds, smells, etc.). Explain growth in project, challenges in leading a group, teaching others about wildlife and nature identification and “Leave No Trace.” Exhibits measure no larger than 16” X 16”. SF281
- D341008 **Expedition Safety** - Must include an explanation of use of items, why selected/purpose of item, how it meets hiking/camping/expedition needs. May include, but are not limited to; travel sized edible plants, creepy crawly guide, tent repair kit, travel first aid kit or weather/water safety.
- D341009 **Digital Media** - Use digital media to show video/slideshow/presentation of one of the following, but not limited to; building a non-tent shelter (include why needed), packing your backpack/equipment and getting it onto you, teaching others about environmental issues or a computer video backpacking expedition game. Submit a USB drive or DVD inside a report cover or notebook. If using a slideshow, include printed slides inside report cover or notebook. SF281
- D341010 **Other Expedition Items** -Must include what inspired the creation of the item, and the purpose of the item. May include, but are not limited to; nature art, nature cinquain poem, backpacking food recipes, hiking/expedition conditioning plan, charcoal etching, dehydrated meal or snack (at least 1 cup displayed in a re-sealable plastic bag with ingredients, instructions, and nutritional facts included). Exhibits measure no larger than 18” X 24” SF281
- Division 347 – Shooting Sports** **Pay Category #4**
- 4-H Shooting Sports requires youth to be under the direct leadership of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader in either shotgun, rifle (bb gun), archery, pistol, blackpowder/muzzleloader, and/or hunting skills. No firearms can be entered as an exhibit, nor live ammunition; however information can be shared through pictures. Classes 004-009 can be entered by anyone in the conservation and wildlife area. Check General Rules for this area.
- D-347-001 **Shooting Aid or Accessory** – Any item which helps the shooter/hunter better perform their sport, examples: rifle sling, kneeling roll, arm guard, shotgun vest, target boxes, shooting stick, etc. Include design or plans you adapted, what the item is and used for.SF253A

- D-347-002 **Storage Case** – An item with the purpose to safely hold a firearm, bow, ammunition, and/or arrows, examples: soft sided shotgun case, quivers, firearm safe. Include your design, or plans you adapted. Explain how the storage case is used. SF254A
- D-347-003 **Practice Game or Activity** – Invent or adapt an activity to practice or teach a project skill, include pictures of youth playing the game, testimonials for 4-H members who played the game, what skill is being worked on, and directions for the game. Explain how you came up with the game or adapted it to fit the needs of your group members. SF255A
- D-347-004 **Science, Engineering, Technology Advancements of Shooting Sports Essay or Display** – Choose a specific area of shooting sports and share how it has advanced, include a timeline and photos or illustrations. Keep your topic narrow and manageable. Essays are limited to 1000 words and should be on 8 ½ x 11 paper. SF256A
- D-347-005 **Healthy Lifestyles Plan** – Include a shooter's diet and exercise plan, and how the 4-H member will benefit or improve from following the plan. Ideally, the 4-H member would follow the plan and include some journal entries about adaptations or improvements made while following the plan. SF257A
- D-347-006 **Citizenship/Leadership Project** – Share a display on a citizenship project or leadership project the 4-H member took on individually or with a group to improve some aspect related to 4-H Shooting Sports, Conservation or Wildlife. Examples could be range development, conservation planting to attract wildlife, a camp, 4-H recruitment event. Include who benefitted, what the 4-H member's role was, and any results. SF258A
- D-347-007 **Career Development/College Essay, Interview or Display** – Research opportunities for careers related to this area or opportunities for college majors or college activities to help discover using project skills beyond a person's 4-H career. Essays are limited to 1000 words and should be on 8 ½ x 11 paper. Interviews need to include a picture of the interviewee in their work setting, questions asked, and a transcript of answers. SF252A
- D-347-008 **Community Vitality Display** – Explore the difference shooting sports and hunting make in keeping Nebraska vibrant especially in rural areas. Present facts and research in an interesting way for the public to learn from. SF251A
- D-347-009 **Ag Literacy-Value Added Agriculture Interview or Research Project** – Explore how traditional ag producers are adding value to their production agriculture operations through conservation efforts, hunting, raising pheasants, shooting sports related tourism, etc. Present finding in an interesting way for the public to learn from. SF250A
- D-347-010 **Shooting Sports Educational Exhibit or Display** – Create an educational exhibit or display relating to a topic about Shooting Sports. Displays involving firearms or bows may be exhibited as a photographic display on a poster or in a notebook. Handmade items must include information explaining how the item was made and its intended use. Photos are encouraged. SF254A

Division 361 - Other Natural Resources

Pay Category #4

- D-361-001 **Design Your Own Exhibit** in Natural Resources, Conservation, Geology or Ecology - This class is for educational exhibits about natural resources, conservation, wildlife, or ecology ONLY!. Entries must be appropriate for fair display and no larger than 24" x 24". All entries must include a title and should be clear (a brief explanation or other method) about the intended purpose or message – what the exhibit is meant to show. Think about accuracy, creativity, educational value for viewers, and evidence of exhibitors personal experiences and learning. SF164

Department D – Forestry

Environmental Education & Earth Sciences

General Information

The official reference for all forestry projects is the Tree Identification Manual (4-H 332), which was recently revised and is available for purchase from UNL Marketplace (<http://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/tree-identification-manual-691.html>). Other helpful forestry references include Trees of Nebraska (EC 92-1774-X), Leafing Out (4-H431) and Plant a Tree (EC 17-11-80).

Display "boards" must be made from wood or wood composite, e.g. plywood, fiberboard, or Masonite, 1/4" to ½" thick and no larger than 24" x 24". Display boards may be coated, e.g., painted or varnished, on both sides to prevent warping.

Display "posters" must be made from a material, e.g. foam board or poster board that will stand upright without buckling and be no larger than 24" x 24".

Display "books" must measure no more than 16" x 16".

At least 5 of the 10 samples in Class 2, 3, 4, and 5 must be from the list of 60 species described in 4-H 332. Samples must be from 10 different tree species. For example, Emerald Queen Maple and Crimson King Maple are both varieties of the same species (Norway Maple), and thus have the same genus and species name, i.e. Acer platanoides. All samples must be from trees. NO shrubs. If more than 10 samples are included in the display, only the first 10 samples from the current year will be judged.

Due to the lifting of the quarantine restrictions in the state of Nebraska for all true ash species regarding the threat of Emerald Ash Borer, specimens such as Green Ash and White Ash will be accepted for all collections. Collections containing true ash species will NOT be disqualified from county or state judging.

Remember that other general labeling standards apply. For example, scientific names are always italicized or underlined. Also, the first letter of a Genus name is always capitalized. The first letter of a species name is always lower case. When required, always indicate complete scientific names (Genus and species) and common names, (e.g. Norway Maple) even when "variety names" are included. For example, the scientific name of Emerald Queen Maple is Acer platanoides and the common name is Norway maple. "Emerald Queen" may be included as the variety name, but variety names are not required.

Another important judging factor is how well the exhibitor follows the written directions.

Classes:

Division 320- FORESTRY

Pay Category #4

- D-320-001 **Design-Your-Own Exhibit** – Prepare an educational exhibit about some aspect of trees, forests, or forestry that is of special interest to you. Possible topics include paper recycling, grafting fruit or nut trees, proper pruning techniques, forest how wildlife are impacted by forests, history about a local arboretum, information about a historical tree in Nebraska, the history of planting windbreaks in Nebraska, etc.. The display must be no larger than 24 inches (H) x 24 inches (W) x 24 inches (D). ORIGINAL Photographs, drawings,

samples, charts, posters, etc. can be used, but include enough information to adequately explain the topic that is being showcased. . This exhibit will need to be substantially different from the other exhibit classes. SF31

- D-320-002 **Leaf Display** – The leaf display must include samples of “complete leaves” from at least 10 different tree species. At least 5 of the 10 samples must be from a tree on the 2026 Nebraska Tree List. The display must include at least two samples of simple leaves, compound leaves, and conifer leaves. Leaves should be pressed, dried and mounted. SF32

Collection: Whenever possible, collect leaves from mature trees. Collect leaves any time after they have reached full size, usually beginning in early summer. Leaf samples should be in good condition and representative of the average leaves on the tree. Keep in mind that shaded leaves often are much larger than normal. Carefully remove leaves from the twig with the entire petiole or rachis (if compound) intact. After collection, fresh leaf samples can be temporarily stored within the pages of an old magazine, but they should be properly pressed and dried for display. Be sure to record pertinent information during collection. All collection must be done by the exhibitor.

Mounting: Leaves may be displayed in a notebook or on a display board. Any method may be used to mount leaves, e.g. wire, glue, tape, staples, plastic bags, but be sure all their features can be clearly identified.

Labeling: The label for each sample must include:

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| 1. Common Name | 6. Collector’s Name |
| 2. Scientific Name | 7. Collection Date |
| 3. Leaf Type | 8. Collection Location (be specific, state and county at a minimum) |
| 4. Leaf Arrangement | |
| 5. Leaf Composition (for broadleaf trees) | |

If a twig is included with a sample, indicate “twig included” on the label. For example, the twig may be included with an Eastern red cedar sample because the leaves are very small and difficult to remove from the twig. Supplemental information, e.g. general uses, common products, fall color, etc., may be included with the display to enhance its educational value.

- D-320-003 **Twig Display** – The twig display must include twig samples from at least 10 different tree species. At least 5 of the 10 samples must be from a tree on the 2026 Nebraska Tree List. The display must include at least two samples of opposite and alternate leaf arrangements from broadleaf trees. SF33

Collection: Twig samples should be collected during the dormant season (November-March) when the buds are mature but before spring budbreak. Be sure to collect healthy twigs, not diseased or dead twigs. Twig samples must be at least 6 inches long and exhibit buds. Leaves of deciduous trees should be removed. Leaves of evergreen trees should be retained but be sure the buds are visible. Side branches must be trimmed to less than 1 inch in length. Any twig collection must be done by the 4-H member.

Mounting: Twigs must be mounted on a display board. Any method, e.g. wire, glue, tape, staples, plastic bags, may be used to mount twigs, but be sure all features can be clearly identified. The non-terminal end must be cut at a slant so the pith can be seen.

Labeling: The label for each sample must include:

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| 1. Common Name | 5. Collection Date |
| 2. Scientific Name | 6. Collection Location (be specific, state and county at a minimum) |
| 3. Leaf arrangement (for broadleaf trees) | |
| 4. Collector’s Name | |

Supplemental information: This may include general uses, common products, fall color, etc. to enhance educational value. These are important factors in judging and should not exceed three printed pages including citation of sources.

- D-320-004 **Seed Display** – The seed display must include seed samples from at least 10 different tree species. At least 5 of the 10 samples must be from a tree on the 2026 Nebraska Tree List. SF34

Collection: Tree seeds should be collected at the time of year when they mature, which varies widely depending upon tree species. For example, Silver maple seeds mature in May while Norway maple mature in September or October. Seed samples should be free of insect or disease symptoms. The focus of this display is seeds; however, species identification by seeds is often greatly aided by including the fruit, since some seeds are very difficult to separate from the fruit. Use the following guidelines when preparing this display:

- If the fruit is displayed along with the seeds, clearly label each.
- Seeds enclosed in a dry, papery fruit (such as maple, ash and elm) should be left within the fruit to aid in identification.
- Seeds enclosed in large fleshy fruits (such as apple, mulberry, pawpaw) should be removed from the fruit and displayed without the fruit. Small fleshy fruits that can be dried (such as hackberry) may be displayed, but some seed should also be removed from the fruit and displayed alongside the dried fruit.
- Acorns (oaks) should be left intact to aid in identification.
- Seeds easily removed from the fruit, such as seeds within husk (walnuts, hickory, buckeye, etc.) a pod (honey locust, Kentucky coffee tree, etc.), or a capsule (poplar, sweetgum, etc.) should be removed from the fruit for display. The fruit may be displayed in addition to the seed.

All collection must be done by the 4-H member.

Mounting: Seeds may be displayed in a variety of ways, e.g. mounted on a display board, displayed in jars in a rack, etc., but they must be securely mounted and easily viewed.

Labeling: The label for each sample must include:

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| 1. Common Name | 4. Collector’s Name |
| 2. Scientific Name | 5. Collection Date |
| 3. Type of fruit, if known (e.g.-samara, pod, nut, legume, etc.) | 6. Collection Location (be specific, state and county at a minimum) |

Supplemental information: This may include general uses, common products, fall color, etc. to enhance educational value. These are important factors in judging, and should not exceed three printed pages including citation of sources.

D-320-005 **Wood Display** – The wood display must include wood samples from at least 10 different tree species. At least 5 of the 10 samples must be from a tree on the 2026 Nebraska Tree List. SF36

Preparation: Samples may be of any shape, e.g. sections from a board, wood cylinders turned on a lathe, horizontal or vertical cross sections of a small log with bark attached, etc., but all samples should be the same shape, e.g. all wood cylinders or all sections of a board. Each sample can be no larger than 4"x4"x4". Cut surfaces should be sanded to show the grain. Treating samples with a clear finish (no stain) is optional. When power tools are used for collecting, preparing, and mounting samples, assistance from an adult is a must and proper personal protection equipment needs to be utilized by both the adult and the 4-H Member. Safety always comes first. All collection must be done by the 4-H member.

Mounting: Samples may be displayed in a variety of ways but they must be securely mounted and easily viewed. For example, wood samples may be mounted on a display board or displayed in a box or rack. Be as creative as you like.

Labeling: The label for each sample must include:

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| 1. Common Name | 5. Collection Date |
| 2. Scientific Name | 6. Collection Location (be specific, state and county at a minimum) |
| 3. Wood Type (softwood or hardwood) | |
| 4. Collector's Name | |

Supplemental information: This may include general uses, common products, fall color, etc. to enhance educational value. These are important factors in judging and should not exceed three printed pages including citation of sources.

D-320-006 **Cross Section**- Display a disc cut from a tree species on the 2026 Nebraska Tree List. The sample must be collected, by the 4-H member, within one year of the state fair judging day. When power tools are used for collecting and preparing the cross section, assistance from an adult is a must and proper personal protection equipment needs to be utilized by both the adult and the 4-H Member. Safety always comes first. The disc must measure 6 to 12 inches in diameter and 1 to 3 inches thick. The bark should be firmly attached, which may be difficult if the tree was dead when the disc was cut. Sand at least one side of the disc so the grain can be easily seen. If the disc is treated with a clear finish, both sides must be treated to minimize warping. Some cracking or checking can be expected and is allowed. SF38

Labeling: The following parts must be clearly and accurately labeled on the cross section with pins, paper tags, or some other form of identification.

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| A. Pith | C. Sapwood | E. Cambium |
| B. Heartwood | D. One growth ring (begin & end) | F. Bark |

A separate label attached to the back of the disc must include:

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| 1. Common Name | 5. Collector's Name |
| 2. Scientific Name | 6. Collection Date |
| 3. Tree Classification (softwood or hardwood) | 7. Collection Location (state and county at a minimum) |
| 4. Age (of the cross section) | |

D-320-007 **Parts of a Tree** – This project is only for ages 8-11. Prepare a poster, no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches that clearly identifies the main external parts of any tree. SF39

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| a) Trunk | e) Flowers |
| b) Crown | f) Fruit |
| c) Roots | g) Buds |
| d) Leaves | h) Bark |

Identifying other internal parts, e.g. phloem, xylem, cambium, annual, ring, pith, etc., is optional. Attach a separate label on the back of the poster that includes the 4-H member's name and age.

D-320-008 **Living Tree** - Display a living tree seedling grown by the exhibitor from seed in the display container. The seed must be from a tree on the 2026 Nebraska Tree List. The seedling must be 60 days to 1 year old (on State Fair judging day). The display container must contain at least 8 inches of soil (potting mix or suitable natural soil); have drainage hole(s), and a drain pan to catch drainage water. For this display, the 4-H member does not have to be the one to collect the seed, but they will need to plan the seed themselves. SF40

Labeling: A waterproof label must be attached and include:

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| 1. Common Name | 4. Planting Date |
| 2. Scientific Name | 5. Emergence Date |
| 3. Seed Treatments (if any) | 6. Exhibitor's Name |

Supplemental information about the tree, e.g. where the seed was collected, growth measurements, uses for that species, etc., may be included in an attached notebook, poster, etc. Supplemental information will be an important factor in judging. Supplemental information needs to be attached to the pot or to a take stake in the soil of the pot. Do NOT attach the information to the living tree. Do not exceed three printed pages and cite sources of information.

D320009 **Forest Product Display** - Prepare a visual display and/or collection tracing the origin of one non-lumber product that comes from trees and/or forests. The display must be no larger than 24 inches by 24 inches by 24 inches. Photographs, drawings, samples, charts, posters, etc. can be used. Posters submitted may be no larger than 24" x 24" and may be either vertical or horizontal. The contestant must identify what species of tree the product is derived from and where the product is harvested, grown, or otherwise collected. The product listed must be partially or fully derived from trees, if partial the approximate percentage should be articulated in the display.

- The goal of this exhibit is for students to learn that many products come from trees and forests and to explore one of these products through in-depth study.
 - Information about the tree or forest product: e.g. information about harvesting, processing, industry information, and environmental or other benefits may be included to enhance educational value. Supplemental information will be an important factor in judging but should not exceed three printed pages of text. Cite sources of information.
 - Personal interviews with industry professionals are encouraged as a source of information.
- D320010 **Forest Health Display** - Prepare a visual display outlining a specific forest health issue such as a tree disease, insect pest, animal- or human-caused damage, or an abiotic issue such as weather damage. The display must be no larger than 24 inches by 24 inches by 24 inches. Original photographs, drawings, samples, charts, posters, etc. can be used. Actual specimens are strongly encouraged but must be properly preserved, i.e. insects pinned or placed in vials of alcohol, leaves pressed and dried. Posters submitted may be no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches. Explain through the display what species of trees the health issue affects, diagnostic features of the issue (symptoms in trees, identifying features of the pest, etc.), and management options.
- Include common and scientific names of trees and pests.
 - Supplemental information about the tree or forest health issue: e.g. origin, proliferation in Nebraska/United States, and physiological effects on the tree may be included to enhance educational value. Supplemental information will be an important factor in judging but should not exceed three printed pages of text. Cite sources of information.
 - Attach a separate label on the back of the display that includes the 4-H member's name and age.
- D320011 **Wildfire Prevention Poster** - Prepare a poster, no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches that promotes wildfire prevention strategies. Strategies articulated in the poster can include personal and/or land management actions. Attach a separate label on the back of the poster that includes the 4-H member's name and age.
- Supplemental information about wildfire prevention should be attached to the poster: e.g. frequency of wildfires in Nebraska/United States, financial costs of wildfires, environmental factors that contribute to wildfires, etc. to enhance educational value. Supplemental information will be an important factor in judging but should not exceed three printed pages of text. Cite sources of information
- D320012 **Tree Planting Project Display** – Plant a tree in your community. Prepare a visual display where the student articulates proper tree planting techniques, why the individual tree species was chosen, as well as steps taken to continue care for the tree after initial planting. The display must be no larger than 24 inches by 24 inches by 24 inches. Photographs, drawings, samples, charts, posters, etc. can be used. Posters submitted may be no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches. The tree must have been planted 60 days to 1 year before State Fair judging day. Students must obtain permission from necessary authorities and property owners before planting any trees, including Diggers Hotline.
- Labeling: the following information about the tree must be included in the display: 1. common name 2. scientific name 3. planting location 4. planting date 5. tree source 6. planter's name 7. proper tree planting steps 8. tree care (after planting)
 - Supplemental information about the tree: e.g. why the species was chosen, growth measurements, uses for that species, etc., may be included in an attached notebook, poster, etc. to enhance educational value. Supplemental information will be an important factor in judging but should not exceed three printed pages of text. Cite sources of information.

DEPARTMENT E – NUTRITION, FOODS & FOOD PRESERVATION

RULES:

- A. **GENERAL** - Members may exhibit only in the project in which enrolled. Products should be baked the day before entry day.
- B. **ENTRIES PER INDIVIDUAL** - One entry per exhibitor per class.
- C. **LABELS** - For ALL FOOD PRODUCTS -Each exhibit must include the recipe. Recipe may be handwritten, photocopied or typed. Place the food on the appropriate size plate. Put exhibit in a self-sealing bag. Attach entry tag and recipe at the corner of the bag on the outside. FOR NON-FOOD ENTRIES-Please attach the entry tag to the upper right-hand corner of the entry. GENERAL LABELING INFORMATION-All additional information pieces (recipes, special items) must be labeled with exhibitor's name and county.
- D. **CRITERIA FOR JUDGING** - Exhibits will be judged according to score sheets available at the extension office. Make sure to follow all entry instructions required for your exhibit. Incomplete exhibits will be lowered a ribbon placing. **Commercially prepared mixes are allowed in Cooking 201 Creative Mix Class.** Prepared baking mixes, biscuit mixes, commercially prepared seasoning mixes for food preservation and other pre-made mixes entered in other categories will be lowered a ribbon placing.
- E. **ENTER FOOD EXHIBITS** in disposable materials, i.e., paper plate and plastic self-sealing bag. The Butler County Fair is not responsible for lost bread boards, China or glassware.
- F. **Ingredients that the 4-H member cannot legally purchase, such as beer, whiskey, rum, etc. may not be used in any recipe or foods exhibit.** Exhibits that include alcohol in the recipe will be disqualified. This includes menu and recipe file exhibits. **Sourdough** is categorized differently than standard yeast breads due to its unique leavening agent and fermentation process and may ONLY be entered in Cooking 201 Baking with Whole Grains, Cooking 401 Family Food Traditions, or Cooking 401 Ethnic Food Exhibit.
- G. **Food Safety, EXHIBITS ARE ON DISPLAY FOR SEVERAL DAYS.** Please limit exhibits to products which hold up well. Items that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed. Food products must be unquestionably safe to eat when they are entered, whether tasted or not. Egg glazes on yeast products before baking are allowed. Glazes, frostings and other sugar-based toppings are also considered safe due to the high sugar content. Eggs incorporated into baked goods or crusts and cheeses mixed into bread doughs are considered safe. All fruit fillings must be cooked. Uncooked fruit is not allowed in any exhibit due to spoilage (i.e. fresh fruit tart). Cream cheese fillings and/or frostings are not allowed. Meat, dried meat, meat substitute pieces (bacon bits, pepperoni, etc.), or melted cheese toppings are not allowed in food exhibits. Uncooked fruit toppings (i.e., fresh fruit tart) are considered unsafe for fair exhibits and will be disqualified.

Any bread item prepared or baked using a bread machine should be entered under the Cooking 201 Non-Traditional Baked Product. All exhibits made in the Cooking 301 or Cooking 401 projects must have been prepared without the assistance of a bread machine for mixing, raising, or baking of the food item.

Department E - Foods and Nutrition

Division 401 – Cooking 101 Include entry tag and recipe with food items-see labels under Rules section above.

Pay Category #4

- *E-401-901 **Cookies** (any recipe)-Four on a paper plate.
- *E-401-902 **Muffins** (any recipe)-Four on a paper plate.
- *E-401-903 **No Bake Cookie** (any recipe) – Four on a paper plate.
- *E-401-904 **Cereal Bar Cookie** (any cereal based recipe made in pan and cut into bars for squares for serving.)-Four bars on paper plate.
- *E-401-905 **Granola Bar** (any recipe)-Four on a paper plate.
- *E-401-906 **Brownies** (any recipe)-Four on a paper plate.
- *E-401-907 **Snack Mix** (any recipe)-One cup in self-sealing plastic bag.

Division 350-General

- E-350-001 **Food Science Explorations**
Show the connection between food and science as it relates to food preparation, food safety, food preservation or food production. Exhibit may be a poster or foam core board (not to exceed 22" by 30"), computer-based presentation printed off with notes pages, if needed, and displayed in binder, an exhibit display, and a written report in portfolio or notebook. Consider neatness and creativity. (Sourdough is an acceptable exploration in this class.) SF152.
- E-350-002 **Food and Nutrition Poster, Scrapbook or Photo Display**
The project should involve a physical activity or explore a career-related to physical activity or health (personal trainer, sports coach, physical therapist, etc.). This might contain pictures, captions, and/or a report to highlight the concept. Exhibit may be a poster or a foam core board (not to exceed 22 inches x 30 inches), a computer-based presentation printed off with notes pages, if needed, and displayed in a binder no larger than 8.5 inches x 11 inches, an exhibit display, or a written report in a portfolio. Consider neatness and creativity. SF122.
- E-350-003 **Physical Activity and Health Poster, Scrapbook or Photo Display**
The project should involve a physical activity or explore a career-related to physical activity or health (personal trainer, sports coach, physical therapist, etc.). This might contain pictures, captions and/or a report to highlight the concept. Exhibit may be a poster or a foam core board (not to exceed 22 inches by 30 inches), a computer-based presentation printed off with notes pages, if needed, and displayed in a binder, an exhibit display, or a written report in a portfolio or notebook. Consider neatness and creativity. SF122.
- E-350-004 **Cooking Basics Recipe File**
A collection of 10 recipes from any source. Each recipe must accompany a complete menu in which the recipe is used. An additional 10 recipes may be added each year the 4-H'er is in the project, with year marked on recipes. Display in a recipe file or binder no larger than 8.5"x11". Be sure to include the number of servings or yield of the recipe. This may be a continued recipe file project from the previously used 4-H curriculum before 2018. Exhibits that include recipes with alcohol (wine, beer, rum, etc.) will be disqualified. SF251

Division 410 – Cooking 201

Pay Category #4

- E-410-001 **Loaf Quick Bread** – any recipe, at least ¾ of a standard loaf displayed on a paper plate. Quick bread is any bread that does not require kneading or rising time and does NOT include yeast. A standard quick bread loaf measures approximately 8 ½" x 4 ½" or 9" x 5". If mini-loaf pans are used for exhibit, two loaves must be presented for judging. Scoresheet SF123
- E-410-002 **Creative Mixes** - any recipe, at least 3/4 of baked product or 4 muffins or cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. Baked item made from a mix (commercial or homemade mixes acceptable). Food product must have been modified to make a new or different baked item. Examples include poppyseed quick bread from a cake mix, cake mix cookies, sweet rolls made from readymade bread dough, monkey breads from biscuit dough, streusel coffee cake from a cake mix, etc. Supplemental information required for this class: Write what you learned about making this product using a mix instead of a homemade recipe or recipe "from scratch." Does it make it better or easier to use a convenience product or mix? Why or why not? SF142
- E-410-003 **Biscuits or Scones**- Four biscuits or scones on a small paper plate. This may be any type of biscuit or scone-rolled, dropped, any recipe. Recipe must be a non-yeast product baked from scratch. SF136
- E-410-004 **Healthy Baked Product** – any recipe, at least ¾ of baked product or 4 muffins or cookies on a paper plate or a disposable pan Recipe must contain a fruit or a vegetable as part of the ingredients. ex. banana bars, cantaloupe quick bread, zucchini muffins, etc.. SF124
- E-410-005 **Coffee Cake** – any recipe or shape, non-yeast product – at least ¾ of baked product on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. SF129
- E-410-006 **Baking with Whole Grain**- any recipe, at least ¾ of baked product or 4 muffins/cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. Recipe must contain whole grains as part of the ingredients. (Ex. whole wheat applesauce bread, sourdough, peanut butter oatmeal cookies, etc.) SF134
- E-410-007 **Non-Traditional Baked Product**- exhibit must include a food product prepared using a non-traditional method (i.e. bread machine, cake baked in an air fryer, baked item made in microwave, etc.) Entry must be at least ¾ baked product, or 4 muffins or cookies on a paper plate or disposable pan. Entry must include supporting information that discusses alternative preparation method and how it compares with traditional method. SF133

Division 411 – Cooking 301

Pay Category #4

Any bread item prepared or baked, using a bread machine should be entered under Cooking 201, Non-Traditional Baked Product. All exhibits made in Cooking 301 or 401 projects must have been prepared without the assistance of a bread machine for mixing, raising, or baking of the food item.

- E-411-001 **White Bread** (any yeast recipe) - At least 3/4 of a standard loaf displayed on a paper plate. Scoresheet SF138
- E-411-002 **Whole Wheat or Mixed Grain Bread** (any yeast recipe) - At least 3/4 of a standard loaf displayed on a paper plate. Scoresheet SF138
- E-411-003 **Specialty Rolls** – (any yeast recipe) 4 rolls on a paper plate. May be sweet rolls, English muffins, kolaches, bagels, or any other similar recipe that makes individual portions. SF138
- E-411-004 **Dinner Rolls** – (any yeast recipe) 4 rolls on a paper plate. May be clover leaf, crescent, knot, bun, bread sticks, or any other type of dinner roll. SF138

E-411-005 **Specialty Bread** - (any recipe made with yeast) - Tea rings, braids, or any other full sized specialty bread products. Must exhibit at least ¾ of a full-sized baked product. SF141

E-411-006 **Shortened Cake** Must exhibit at least ¾ of the cake (recipe must not be from a cake mix). Shortened cakes use fat for flavor and texture and recipes usually begin by beating fat with sugar by creaming and include leavening agents in the recipe. Cake may be frosted with a non-perishable frosting (no cream cheese or egg white based frosting allowed). SF137

Division 413 – Cooking 401

Pay Category #4

Any bread item prepared or baked, using a bread machine should be entered under Cooking 201, Non-Traditional Baked Product. All exhibits made in Cooking 301 or 401 projects must have been prepared without the assistance of a bread machine for mixing, raising, or baking of the food item.

E-412-001 **Double Crust Fruit Pie** - Made with homemade fruit filling. No egg pastries or cream fillings. No canned fillings of premade pie crusts. May be a double crust, crumb, cut-out or lattice topping. Using an 8- or 9-inch disposable pie pan is recommended. Scoresheet SF144

E-412-002 **Family Food Traditions** – (any recipe, at least ¾ of baked product or 4 muffins or cookies on a paper plate. May be baked in a disposable pan.) Any baked item associated with family tradition and heritage. Entry must include (A) recipe, (B) tradition or heritage associated with preparing, serving the food, (C) where or who the traditional recipe came from. Sourdough is acceptable in this class. SF2012-002.

E-412-003 **Ethnic Food Exhibit** – (any recipe, at least ¾ of baked product or 4 muffins or cookies on a paper plate. May be baked in a disposable pan.) The name of the country, culture or region should be included as part of the supporting information with the recipe, as well as background information about the country or culture the food item is representing. Sourdough is acceptable in this class. SF146

E-412-004 **Candy** – any recipe, 4 pieces on a paper plate or ½ cup. No items containing cream cheese will be accepted (Example: cream cheese mints). Candy may be cooked or no-cook; dipped, molded, made in the microwave or other methods of candy preparation. Recipe must be included. SF147

E-412-005 **Foam Cake** – original recipe (no mixes) of at least ¾ of the cake. Foam cakes are cakes that have a high ratio of eggs to flour and fall into three categories: angel food cakes or meringues: sponge or jelly roll cakes; and chiffon cakes. Cake may be frosted with a non-perishable frosting (no cream cheese or egg white based frostings allowed). SF134

E-412-006 **Specialty Pastry**- any recipe, at least ¾ of baked product or 4 on a paper plate or baked in a disposable pan. Baked items such as pie tarts, puff pastry, phyllo doughs, scones, biscotti, choux, croissants, Danish, strudels. Phyllo dough may be pre-made or made from scratch. Pastries made with cream or egg-based fillings will be disqualified. SF143

Department E - Confectionaries

Division 406 - Decorated Items

Pay Category # 3

Exhibit by an individual enrolled in the cake decorating project. Cakes may be flat, cut up or layered. Following are the division designations:

***Beginning Division** - decorating for first year ***Middle Division** - decorating for 2-4 yrs. ***Advanced Division** - decorating for five plus yrs.

*E-406-001 **Decorated Cake with Confections** - Beginning Division

*E-406-001A **Decorated Cake with Buttercream** – Beginning Division

*E-406-002 **Decorated Box, Bowl, Block, etc. with Confections** -Beginning Division

*E-406-002A **Decorated Box, Bowl, Block, etc. with Buttercream** -Beginning Division

*E-406-003 **Decorated Cake with Buttercream (May use borders)** - Middle Division

*E-406-003A **Decorated Cake with Fondant (May use borders)** - Middle Division

*E-406-004 **Decorated Box, Bowl, Block, etc. with Buttercream (May use borders)** - Middle Division

*E-406-004A **Decorated Box, Bowl, Block, etc. with Fondant (May use borders)** - Middle Division

*E-406-005 **Decorated Cake with Buttercream (Must use borders)** - Advanced Division

*E-406-005A **Decorated Cake with Fondant (Borders optional)** - Advanced Division

*E-406-006 **Decorated Box, Bowl, Block, etc. with Buttercream (Must use borders)** - Advanced Division

*E-406-006A **Decorated Box, Bowl, Block, etc. with Fondant (Borders optional)** - Advanced Division

*E-406-007 **Decorated Cake with the county fair theme** – ALL Divisions

*E-406-008 **Set of Four Different Buttercream Borders**- This is a companion entry for classes 003 through 006A. Borders cannot be entered without a decorated cake or “box”. Piped in color with #16, #17 or #18 tip. Use same tip on all four borders. Use a 6" x 8" covered cardboard and allow 1 inch space around outside for handling, piping borders on the 4" x 6" center area of cardboard.

*E-406-009 **Decorated Cupcakes**-must be four to a plate.

*E-406-010 **Decorated tier cake with one or more borders** – Middle or Advanced Divisions only.

*E-406-011 **Other Decorated Item** - such as donuts, cookies, or sugar Easter eggs, etc. on a base no larger than 15" x 15".

Division 430 –Candies

Pay Category # 4

4-H members taking the “Confectionaries” project may enter each class. Include the recipe. **Recipes in which the egg/egg white is not cooked cannot be used.**

*E-430-001 **No-Cook Candies** - must be four to a plate.

*E-430-002 **Dipped Candies** - must be four to a plate.

*E-430-003 **Molded Candies** - must be four to a plate.

*E-430-004 **Cooked Candies** - must be four to a plate.

*E-430-005 **Microwave Candies** - must be four to a plate.

*E-430-006 **Candy - Other** (does not fit in above categories) must be four to a plate

Department E - Food Preservation

Food Preservation Rules

- A. ENTRIES PER INDIVIDUAL - One entry per exhibitor per class.
- B. PROCESSING METHODS - Current USDA processing methods and altitude adjustments must be followed for all food preservation. Jam, preserves and marmalades, fruit, tomatoes and pickled products must be processed in a boiling water bath. Tomatoes may be processed in a pressure canner. All non-acid vegetables and meats must be processed in a pressure canner. Spoiled or unsealed container disqualifies entry.
- C. Jars and Lids-Do not need to be the same brand. Half pint jars may be used for jellies and preserves. The jars are not to be decorated by the exhibitor in any way. Canning jars must be used - others will be disqualified. No one-fourth pint jars allowed. Leave jar rings on for fair display, it helps protect the seal. Two-piece lids consisting of a flat metal disk and a ring should be used. No zinc lids or one-piece lids.
- D. CURRENT PROJECT-Exhibits must have been preserved since the member's previous year's county fair, and not been exhibited at the previous State Fair.
- E. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING-Exhibits will be judged according to score sheets available at your local Extension office or the State Fairbook at <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/rules>. Incomplete exhibits will be lowered a ribbon class. Canned food items not processed according to altitude in the county will be lowered one class ribbon. Check with your local extension office or this site <https://food.unl.edu/canning#elevation> for your county's altitude and how that affects food processing times and pounds of pressure.
- F. LABELING: Jars should be labeled with the name of the food item, name of the 4-H'er, county, and date of processing on the bottom of each jar. Exhibits containing multiple jars such as a "3 jar exhibit" should be placed in a container to keep jars together. Each bag containing dried foods should also be labeled with the name of the food item, the name of the 4-H'er, county and drying date. Multiple dried food exhibits should be secured by a rubber band or "twisty" to keep exhibit containing the 3 self-sealing bags together.

RECIPE/Supporting Information-Recipe must be included, may be handwritten, photocopied or typed. Commercially prepared mixes are not allowed. Current USDA guidelines for food preservation methods must be followed. Suggested resources include:

- 4-H Food Preservation Manuals (Freezing, Drying, Boiling water Bath Canning, Pressure Canning)
- USDA Guide to Home Canning: https://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html
- Nebraska Extension's Food Website: <https://food.unl.edu/food-preservation>
- Ball Blue Book (published after 2009)

All exhibits must include the 4-H Food Preservation Card attached to the project as the required supporting information or include the following information with exhibit:

1. Name of product
2. Date preserved
3. Method of preservation (pressure canner, water bath canner or dried)
4. Type of pack (raw pack or hot pack)
5. Altitude (and altitude adjustment, if needed)
6. Processing time
7. Number of pounds of pressure (if pressure canner used)
8. Drying method and drying time (for dried food exhibits)
9. Recipe and source of recipe (if a publication, include name and date).

Classes:

Division 406 – Freezing

Pay Category #4

Unit 2-Drying Project Manual

- E-406-001 **Baked Item made with Frozen Produce**-any recipe, at least ¾ of baked product or four muffins or cookies on a paper plate or in a disposable pan. Recipe MUST include a food item preserved by the freezing method by the 4-H'er. EX. Peach pie, blueberry muffins, zucchini bread, etc. Supporting information must include both the recipe for the produce that was frozen as part of this project AND the baked food item. SF155

Division 407 - Food Preservation

Pay Category #4

Unit 2-Drying Project Manual

- E-407-001 **Dried Fruit**-Exhibit 3 different examples of dried fruit. Place each dried fruit food (6-10 pieces of fruit, minimum 1/4 cup) in separate self-sealing bags. Use a rubber band or "twisty" to keep exhibit together. SF147
- E-407-002 **Fruit Leather**-Exhibit 3 different examples of 3 different fruit leathers. Place a 3-4" sample of each fruit together in separate self-sealing bags. Use a rubber band or "twisty" to keep exhibit together. SF147
- E-407-003 **Vegetable Leather**-Exhibit 3 different samples of three different vegetable or vegetable/fruit leather combo. Place a 3-4" sample of each leather together in self-sealing bags. Use a rubber band or "twisty" to keep exhibit together. SF154
- E-407-004 **Dried Vegetables**-Exhibit 3 different samples of 3 different dried vegetables. Place each food (1/4 cup of each vegetable) in a separate self-sealing bag. Use a rubber band or "twisty" to keep exhibit together. SF149
- E-407-005 **Dried Herbs**-Exhibit 3 different samples of dried herbs. Place each food (1/4 cup of each herb) in a separate self-sealing bag. Use a "twisty" to keep exhibit together. SF149
- E-407-006 **Baked Item with Dried Produce/Herbs**-any recipe, at least ¾ of baked product or 4 muffins or cookies on a paper plate. May be baked in a disposable pan. Recipe MUST include a dried produce/herb item made by the 4-H'er. Ex. Granola bar made with dried fruits, dried cranberry cookies, Italian herb bread, lemon thyme cookies. Supporting information must include both the recipe for the dried produce/herb AND the baked food item.

Unit 3-Boiling Water Canning Manual

- E-408-001 **1 Jar Fruit Exhibit**-One jar of a canned fruit. Entry must be processed in the boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations. SF150

- E-408-002 **3 Jar Fruit Exhibit**-Exhibit 3 jars of different canned fruits. May be three different techniques for same type of product, ex. Applesauce, canned apples, apple pie filling, etc. Entry must be processed in the boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations. SF150
- E-408-003 **1 Jar Tomato Exhibit**-One jar of a canned tomato product. Entry must be processed in the boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations. SF150
- E-408-004 **3 Jar Tomato Exhibit** - Exhibit 3 jars of different canned tomato products (salsa, sauces without meats, juice, stewed, etc.) Entry must be processed in the boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations. SF150
- E-408-005 **1 Jar Pickled Exhibit** - One jar of a pickled and/or fermented product. Entry must be processed in the boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations. SF150
- E-408-006 **3 Jar Pickled Exhibit** - Three jars of different kinds of canned pickled and/or fermented products. Entry must be processed in the boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations. SF150
- E-408-007 **1 Jar Jelled Exhibit** - One jar of a jam, jelly or marmalade. Entry must be processed in the boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations. SF153
- E-408-08 **3 Jar Jelled Exhibit** - Three different kinds of jelled products. Entry may be made up of either pints or half pints. Entry must be processed in the boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations. SF153
- Unit 4 Pressure Canning Project Manual
- E-414-001 **1 Jar Vegetable or Meat Exhibit** - One jar of a canned vegetable or meat. Include only vegetables and meat canned in a pressure canner. Entry must be processed in the boiling water bath according to current USDA recommendations. SF150
- E-414-002 **3 Jar Vegetable Exhibit** - Three jars of different kinds of canned vegetables. Include only vegetables canned in a pressure canner according to current USDA recommendations. SF150
- E-414-003 **3 Jar Meat Exhibit** - Three jars of different kinds of canned meats. Include only meats canned in a pressure canner according to current USDA recommendations. SF150
- E-414-004 **Quick Dinner** - Exhibit a minimum of 3 jars to a maximum of 5 jars (all the same size) plus menu. Meal should include 3 canned foods that can be prepared within an hour. List complete menu on a 3" X 5" file card and attach to one of the jars. Entry must be processed according to current USDA recommendations. SF151
- E-414-005 **1 Jar Tomato Exhibit**-One jar of a canned tomato product. Entry must be processed in a pressure canner according to current USDA recommendations. SF150
- E-414-006 **3 Jar Tomato Exhibit** - Exhibit 3 jars of different canned tomato products (salsa, sauces without meats, juice, stewed, etc.) Entry must be processed in a pressure canner according to current USDA recommendations. SF150

Department E – Disaster Response, Preparedness and Safety

Division 440 – Disaster Recovery and Response

Pay Category #4

- E-440-003 **Disaster Kit: (Emergency Preparedness)** - (SF111) Disaster kits must contain the materials to prepare a person or family for emergency conditions caused by a natural or man-made incident. Selection of materials is left to the exhibitor. Family or group kits must have enough material or items for each person. A description of the kit's purpose, the number of people supported, and a list of contents is required. 4-H members are encouraged to test their kit by challenging their family to try to survive using only the included materials for the designated time. If tested, share that experience in kit documentation. Please include an explanation of drinking water needs for your disaster kit. Do not bring actual water to the fair in the kit.
- E-440-007 **Disaster Preparedness Learning Experience** – Create a poster, scrapbook or multi-media presentation promoting a preparedness training or a recovery message or response to a weather-related or man-made disaster. Examples could include a first aid or first responder training, a farm safety day camp, babysitting workshop or similar events; scientific experiment related to safety, a weather-related disaster; or the youth's response to an emergency situation in that disaster event. Documentation should include evidence of your family's or communities' preparedness, response or recovery for the disaster topic or training experience.
- E-440-008 **Care Package Display** – This exhibit is a display about the PROCESS of creating and giving a care page, not the actual care package. You may use a poster (22 inches x 28 inches) or multi-media program to tell about the PROCESS of developing and giving a care package to a recipient who has experienced a weather or man-made disaster. Multi-media presentations are to be uploaded to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing. Answer the following question in your exhibit. How did you select the organization? What items did you include in your care package? Why did you select those items? How did it feel to present your care package to the recipient? What did you learn from this experience? Other information that you feel is important about the care package or recipient. Examples of care packages are replacement of toys lost in a disaster for the children, personal hygiene kits for individuals displaced after a disaster, soup in a jar, etc. SF182
- E-440-009 **Telling a Story Display** – Exhibit will include three photos to tell a story. Photos should capture the beginning, middle, and end of a single story, project, or event showcasing a weather-related event, or man-made disaster. Display will consist of three 4 inch x 6 inch photos mounted on a single horizontal 11 inch x 14th or white poster or mat board, Include a caption of a few sentences to explain the story the photos are telling.

Division 440 - Safety

- E-440-001 **General Purpose First Aid Kit:** (SF110) - A first aid kit is a good way to organize supplies in an emergency. The kit should be assembled in a container appropriate for use in a home. A description of where the kit will be stored and examples of specific emergencies the kit is designed for should be included in the exhibit. The kit should include a written inventory and purpose statement for included items. Consider items needed to cover the following areas of first aid: airway and breathing, bleeding control, burn treatment, infectious disease protection, fracture care and miscellaneous supplies. Use Citizen Safety manual, 4-H 425, pages 6 & 7 for guidance. No purchased first aid kits allowed. Kits containing any of the following will be automatically disqualified:

- Prescription medications. (If the kit's purpose is to provide medication for someone with special needs, explain in the written description and inventory, but remove the medication.)
 - Materials with expiration dates on or before the judging date. (This includes sterile items, non-prescription medications, ointments, salves, etc. Articles dated month and year only are considered expired on the last day of that month.)
 - Any controlled substance.
- E-440-002 **Specific Purpose First Aid Kit** –(SF192) A first aid kit is a good way to organize supplies in an emergency in a variety situations and locations. The kit should be assembled in a container appropriate for the kit's intended purpose. Examples could include a kit for a vehicle, recreational vehicle, boat, livestock building, camping etc. A description of where the kit will be stored and examples of specific emergencies expected for that location should be included in the exhibit. The kit should include a written inventory and purpose statement for included items. Items included should be relevant to the kit's intended purpose. Consider items needed to cover the following areas of first aid: airway and breathing, bleeding control, burn treatment, infectious disease protection, fracture care and miscellaneous supplies. Use Citizen Safety manual, 4-H 425, pages 6 and 7 for guidance. No purchased first aid kits allowed. Kits containing any of the following will be automatically disqualified:
- Prescription medications. (If the kit's purpose is to provide medication for someone with special needs, explain in the written description and inventory, but remove the medication.)
 - Materials with expiration dates on or before the judging date. (This includes sterile items, non-prescription medications, ointments, salves, etc. Articles dated month and year only are considered expired on the last day of that month.)
 - Any controlled substance.
- *E-440-004 **Safety Scrapbook** - (SF292) - The scrapbook must contain 15 news articles from print and/or internet sources about various incident types. Mount each clipping on a separate page accompanied by a description of events leading to the incident and any measures that might have prevented it. The Scrapbook should be bound in a standard size hardcover binder or notebook for 8.5 inches X 11 inches size paper. Correct sentence structure, readability and thorough explanations are an important part of judging.
- E-440-005 **Safety Experience Poster or Scrapbook**-(SF 190) The exhibit should share a learning experience the youth had related to safety. Or incident types. Examples could be participating in a first aid or first responder training, a farm safety day camp, babysitting workshop or similar event; scientific experiment related to safety; or the youth's response to an emergency situation. Include a detailed description of the experience, the 4-H member's role, some evidence of the member's leadership in the situation and a summary of the learning that took place. Exhibits may be presented in a poster with supplemental documentation, a notebook including up to ten pages of narrative and pictures, or a multimedia presentation lasting up to five minutes.
- E-440-006 **Careers In Safety** - (SF191) The exhibit should identify a specific career area in the safety field and include education and certification requirements for available positions, salary information, demand for the field and a summary of the 4-H member's interest in the field. Examples of careers include firefighters, paramedics, emergency management personnel, military assignments, law enforcement officers, emergency room medical personnel, fire investigators and more. It is recommended 4-H members interview a professional in the field in their research. Additional research sources might include books, articles, career web sites, job-related government web sites or interviews with career placement or guidance counselors. Exhibits may be presented in a poster with supplemental documentation, a notebook including up to ten pages of narrative and pictures, or a multimedia presentation lasting up to five minutes.

Division 450 - Fire Safety

Pay Category #4

Classes:

- E-450-001 **Fire Safety Poster** - This is a home floor plan drawn to scale showing primary and secondary escape routes and where fire extinguishers and smoke detectors are located. Draw every room, including all doors and windows. Use **black or blue** arrows showing **primary** escape routes from each room. Use **red** arrows showing **secondary** routes to use if the primary routes are blocked. Primary and secondary escape routes must lead outside to an assembly location. Documentation should include evidence the escape plan has been practiced at least four times. Posters must be constructed of poster board at least 11 inches x 14 inches but not larger than 22 inches x 28 inches. SF269
- E-450-002 **Fire Prevention Poster of Scrapbook** – Poster or Scrapbook promoting a fire prevention message and be appropriate to display during National Fire Prevention Week or to promote fire safety at specific times of the year (Halloween, 4th of July, etc.). Originality, clarity and artistic impression will all be judged. Do not include live fireworks, matches or other flammable/explosive/hazardous materials. Any entry containing this material will be disqualified .SF268

DEPARTMENT F – ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ESI: EntrepreneurShip Investigation

General Information:

Entrepreneurship exhibits help participants develop an entrepreneurial mindset. An entrepreneurial mindset is needed to tackle social issues as well as explore new business opportunities.

Exhibit Guidelines:

The 4-H member's name, age, town and county must be listed on the back of the exhibit. Entry cards should be stapled (not paper-clipped or taped) to the upper right-hand corner of the posters. If exhibit is a poster it must be 14" x 22" and may be arranged either horizontally or vertically. Poster may not use copyrighted materials, such as cartoon characters or commercial product names. Exhibits which do not conform to size or content guidelines will be lowered one ribbon placing. Posters may include photographs, charts or examples as well as a written explanation.

Pay Category #4

Division 531 –SF181. For class 3, follow guidelines for posters.

- F-531-001 **Interview an Entrepreneur:** Share what you learned from the person about having an entrepreneurial mindset. How have they applied that mindset? Have they started a business? Are they tackling a social issue? How do they deliver excellent customer

service? How will what you have learned through this interview change your future plans or ways of thinking about entrepreneurship? The summary of the interview should be typed and with a maximum length of two pages (12 pt. font). Enter exhibit in a folder with fasteners (no slide bars).

- F-531-002 **Social Entrepreneurship Presentation:** Prepare a five slide power point presentation about a social entrepreneurship venture to benefit a group or individual in your community. Social entrepreneurs are people who are in business to help others. Submit a print out of the note pages which show each slide and include an explanation of each slide. Enter exhibit in a folder with fasteners (no slide bars).
- F-531-003 **Marketing Package** - (mounted on a 14" x 22" poster) must include at least three items (examples) developed by the 4-H'er from the following list: business card, brochure, advertisement, business promotional piece, printout of an internet home page, packaging design, signs, logo design, direct mail piece, etc. The marketing package should be for an original business developed by the 4-H'er and not an existing business.
- F-531-004 **Sample of an Original Product** with an information sheet (8 ½" x 11") answering the following questions:
1. What did you enjoy the most about making the product?
 2. What challenges did you have when making the product? Would you do anything different next time? If so, what?
 3. Would you do anything different next time? If so, what?
 4. What is the suggested retail price of the product? How did you decide on the price?
 5. Market analysis of the community – data gathered through a survey of potential customers. Survey at least 10 people in your community about your product.
 6. How much would you earn per hour? Show how you determined this figure.
 7. What is unique about this product?
- F-531-005 **Photos of an Original Product** - (14" x 22" poster) must include three photos of developed product and mounted 8.5" x 11" information sheet answering these questions. ***If exhibiting in bother class F-531-004 and F-531-005, products must be entirely different products.***
1. What did you enjoy the most about making the product?
 2. What challenges did you have when making the product?
 3. Would you do anything different the next time? If so, what?
 4. What is the suggested retail price of the product?
 5. How did you decide on the price?
 6. Market analysis of the community – data gathered through a survey of potential customers.
 - o Survey at least 10 people in your community about your product.
 7. How much would you earn per hour? Show how you determined this figure.
 8. What is unique about this product?
- F-531-006 **Entrepreneurship Challenge** –Take on the entrepreneurship challenge. Entrepreneurship Challenge is open to 4-H members enrolled in any of the three units of ESI. Complete five (5) or more of the challenges from the following list. The exhibit will include highlights from these five (5) challenges. Consider labeling each challenge so the viewer will understand what the challenge was. Enter a poster, video (or other digital presentation), report, or scrapbook related to the learning from the challenge. Use your creativity to show and share what you learned. – Multi-media presentations and exhibits are to be uploaded to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.

DEPARTMENT F – Personal Development

Culinary Challenge Contest

4-H'ers enrolled in any foods project are eligible to enter the Culinary Challenge Contest. Enter either individually or as a team. Choose a theme and design a table setting. Create a menu. Prepare and incorporate the challenge ingredient into one food item and bring that food item to the contest. Be creative! The 2026 challenge ingredient is POTATOES. It may be used in any form. Participate in a live interview with a judge and incorporate technology into your table presentation interview in the Intermediate and Advanced Foods classes.

Classes:

- *F-500-096 **Beginning Table Toppers Contest** (8-10 years old) Choose a theme, design a table setting, create a menu, prepare food item with challenge ingredient and interview with the judge.

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- *F-500-097 **Intermediate-Beginning Foods** (8-13 years old)

- *F-500-098 **Advanced Foods** (14 years & up)

Pay Category #3

Livestock Judging Contests

Livestock Judging (held in May)

- F-500-101 **Junior Division** (ages 8-11)

- F-500-102 **Intermediate Division** (ages 12-13)

- F-500-103 **Senior Division** (ages 14 and older)

Pay Category #3

Miscellaneous Contests (held in June)

- F-500-104 **Weed ID**

- F-500-105 **Horticulture ID**

- F-500-106 **Tree ID**

Pay Category #3

- F-500-107 **Insect ID**

- F-500-108 **Other** contest not listed.

DEPARTMENT G - PLANTS & ANIMALS

Department G - Agronomy (Crops & Range)

Including projects related to Field Crops & Range

The purpose of these exhibits is to demonstrate to the public the benefits from the study and application of crop, weed, range and soil sciences to solving problems in management, conservation, sustainability, and environmental protection. For guidelines on specific projects, refer to appropriate project manuals.

Department G, Division 750 Field Crops

Pay Category #4

Grain or Plant Exhibits - Classes 1-5: :

- A completed Crop Production Worksheet (available at <https://go.unl.edu/cropworksheet>) must accompany grain and plant exhibits or it will automatically be deducted one ribbon placing. The worksheet must include the exhibitors name and address, county, plant hybrid or variety, plant population, whether crop production was irrigated or dryland, and general information including farm cropping history, soil type and weather effects.
- The worksheet also must include an economic analysis of the project, listing individual expenses and income, on a per acre basis. Other topics to discuss are the selection of variety or hybrid, impacts of tillage and conservation practices, inputs (fuel, fertilizer, irrigation, labor, pesticides, etc.), any observations made during the growing season and what you learned from your crops project. The worksheet counts as 50% of the total when judged.
- Worksheet must be the original work of the individual exhibitor or it will be deducted one ribbon placing.
- Attach the worksheet to the entry in a clear plastic cover such that it can be read without removing it from the cover. In addition to the worksheet, grain and plant exhibits will be judged on condition, appearance (i.e. disease and insect damage, grain fill), uniformity (size, shape, color, maturity), and quality of exhibit. Refer to Scoresheet SF264. Grain exhibits must be one gallon per sample. Grain exhibits harvested in the fall (e.g., corn or soybeans) may be from the previous year's project. Display containers will be furnished.
- Plant exhibits, with the exception of ears of corn, must be the result of the current year's project. - Corn - 10 ears or 3 stalks (cut at ground level with no roots or soil and bound together)
- Grain Sorghum - 4 stalks (cut at ground level and bound together)
- Soybeans - 6 stalks (cut at ground level and bound together)
- Small grains (oats, barley, wheat, triticale) - sheaf of heads 2 inches in diameter at top tie with stems about 24" long.
- Other crops (alfalfa, millet, etc.) - sheaf of stems 3 inches in diameter at top tied with stems cut at ground level or half size small square bale.

Classes:

- G-750-001 **Corn** (includes yellow, white, pop, waxy, or any other type) SF264
G-750-002 **Soybeans** SF264
G-750-003 **Oats** SF264
G-750-004 **Wheat** SF264
G-750-005 **Any Other Crop** (includes grain sorghum, alfalfa, millets, barley, rye, triticale, amaranth, dry beans, sugar beet, mung bean, canola, forage sorghum, safflower, etc. SF264

Displays – Classes 6-10

- Displays: The purpose of the display is to tell an educational story to those that view the display.
- The display is a visual representation (pictures, charts, graphs) no larger than 28" wide by 28" tall on plywood or poster board.
- The display should be neatly titled. Make sure to label display with exhibitor's name, address, and county on back side. Explain pictures and graphs clearly and concisely.
- Consider creativity and neatness. Refer to Scoresheet SF259 Each display must have a one-page essay (minimum) explaining why the exhibitor chose the area of display and what they learned from their project. Include any references used.
- The essay should be in a clear plastic cover with the exhibitor's name outside.
- If a display does not have an essay, it will automatically be deducted one ribbon placing.

- G-750-006 **Crop Production Display** - The purpose of this class is to allow original and creative exhibits that contain educational information about crop production aspects, such as crop scouting, alternative crops, pest management, etc. SF259
G-750-007 **Crop Technology Display** - Display information about aspects of technology used in crop production, such as genetic engineering, crop breeding, GPS, yield mapping, computers, etc. SF259
G-750-008 **Crop End Use Display** - Display information about the uses for a crop, such as food, feed, fuel, or other products. SF259
G-750-009 **Water or Soil Display** - Display information about water or soils, such as how soils are being used for crop production, range, conservation, wildlife, or wetland use, or ways to protect or conserve water and soil resources. SF259
G-750-010 **Career Interview Display** – The purpose of this class is to allow youth to investigate a career in agronomy. Youth should interview 1 person that works with crops about such topics as what parts of their job do they enjoy or dislike, why did they choose that career, what was their education, etc. Include a picture of the person interviewed. SF259
G750-011 **Special Agronomy Project** - Educational Exhibit Educational exhibit based on what was learned from the project. Present information on no larger than 28 inches wide by 28 inches tall on plywood or poster board. The 4-H member's name, age, and county

- must be on the back of the poster or report cover. Refer to Scoresheet SF259. Each display must have a 1/2-page essay (minimum) explaining why the 4-H member exhibitor chose the area of display and what they learned from their project. Include references used.
- G750-012 **Special Agronomy Project -Video Presentation** - 4-H exhibitor designs a multimedia presentation related to the crop. This could include narration of the growing process, presenting facts about the crop or any other innovative multimedia practices. The presentation should be at least 2 minutes in length and no more than 5 minutes in length, appropriate graphics, sound and either a video clip, animation or voice over and/or original video clip. Presentations are to be loaded to a video streaming application and 4-H member must provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or link on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.
- G750-013 **Special Agronomy Project** (Freshly Harvested Crop) Plant exhibits must be the result of the current year's project. Depending on the type of crop selected for the current year:
- Popcorn – 2 ears or 2 plants-these can be the same variety or one of each.
 - Corn - 10 ears or 3 stalks (cut at ground level with no roots or soil and bound together)
 - Grain Sorghum - 4 stalks (cut at ground level and bound together)
 - Soybeans - 6 stalks (cut at ground level and bound together)
 - Small grains (oats, barley, wheat, triticale) - sheaf of heads 2 inches in diameter at top tie with stems about 24" long.
 - Other crops (alfalfa, millet, etc.) - sheaf of stems 3 inches in diameter at top tied with stems cut at ground level.

Supporting documentation (½ to 1-page in length) should include the following:

Economic Analysis and/or research that supports feasibility of this crop in Nebraska or how the crop has evolved over time.

Other topics to discuss are past/current commercial production of this crop. This includes: the selection of variety or hybrid, impacts of tillage and conservation practices, inputs (fuel, fertilizer, irrigation, labor, pesticides, etc.), any observations made during the growing season about this crop and what you learned from your crops project. This ½ to 1-page summary counts as 50% of the total when judged.

In addition to the summary, grain and plant exhibits will be judged on condition, appearance (i.e. disease and insect damage, grain fill), uniformity (size, shape, color, maturity), and quality of exhibit.

The crop of the year for 2026 is POPCORN.

Department D - Range

- A. Each exhibit must be properly identified with Unit and Class.
- B. All plant displays and display covers must be the result of the current year's work.
- C. Plant identification and lists of appropriate plants in each category (grasses, forbs, shrubs, and grass-like plants) can be found in the Range Judging Handbook and Contest Guide (EC150, Revised July 2024), Common Grasses of Nebraska (EC170), and Common Forbs and Shrubs of Nebraska (EC118).

Division 330 – Books

Pay Category #4

- A. For books, plants must be mounted on sheets that are no larger than 14" wide by 14" high. Plants should be glued rather than taped and the mounts should be protected with a clear cover. Proper plant mount should include root as well as stem and leaf tissue.
- B. Exhibits will be judged based on completeness of plant mount, accuracy of identification, labeling, neatness and conformation to project requirements. Refer to SF260.
- C. Each completed mount must have the following information (see example below) in the lower right corner of the mounting sheet: 1. Scientific Name (in italic or underlined), with authority. 2. Common Name. 3. County of Collection. 4. Collection Date 5. Collector's Name. 6. Personal collection number, indicating order that plants were collected in your personal collection. 7. Other information, depending on class selected, i.e., value and importance, life span, growth season, origin, major types of range plants. This information should be typed or printed neatly.

Scientific name:	<i>Schizachryium scoparium</i> (Michx.) Nash
Common name:	Little Bluestem
County of collection:	Butler County
Collection date:	6 August 2017
Collector's name:	Joe Smith
Personal collection number:	7
Value and Importance:	
Livestock Forage:	High
Wildlife Habitat:	High
Wildlife Food:	Medium
OR Life Span: Perennial OR Season of Growth: Warm Season OR Origin: Native	

Division 330

Pay Category #4

- D-330-001 **Value and Importance for Livestock Forage and Wildlife Habitat and Food Book** – A collection of 12 different plant mounts, with 4 classified as high value, 4 as medium value, and 4 as low value for livestock forage, wildlife habitat, or wildlife food. Value and importance classifications can be found in the Range Judging Handbook and Contest Guide (EC150, Revised July 2024) starting on page 42. Plants can consist of any combination of grasses, grasslike plants, forbs, or shrubs. Assemble plant mounts in order of high, medium, and low value and importance. Label each plant mount with its value and importance classifications for each of the three areas: Livestock Forage, Wildlife Habitat, and Wildlife Food. SF260

- D-330-002 **Life Span Book** – A collection of 6 perennial plants and 6 annual plant mounts and 6 warm-season grass mounts selected from grasses or forbs. SF260
- D-330-003 **Growth Season Book** – A collection of 6 cool-season grass mounts and 6 warm-season grass mounts. SF260
- D-330-004 **Origin Book** – A collection of plant mounts of 6 native range grasses and 6 introduced grasses. Introduced grasses are not from North America and often used to seed pastures. SF260
- D-330-005 **Major Types of Range Plants Book** – A collection of plant mounts of 3 grasses, 3 forbs, 3 grass-like, and 3 shrubs. SF260
- D-330-006 **Range Plant Collection Book** – A collection of 12 range plant mounts with something in common (i.e. poisonous to cattle or historically used as food by Native Americans, or dye plants, or favorite antelope forage, etc.) Include a short paragraph in the front of the book which describes what the plants have in common and why you have chosen to collect them. SF260

Division 330 – Displays - The purpose of the display is to tell an educational story to those that view the display. The display is a visual representation (pictures, charts, graphs) no larger than 28" by 28" on plywood or poster board. The display should be neatly titled. Make sure to label display with exhibitor's name, address, and county on back side. Refer to SF259.

- D-330-007 **Parts of a Range Plant Poster** – Mount a range plant on a poster board. Label the key plant parts useful for ID & correct for that plant species such as root, branch, cotyledon, petiole, midrib, stem, node, leaf, leaflet, spikelet, collar, ligule, sheath, internode, culm, crown, flower, etc. Include the plant label in the lower right corner, including the scientific and common name of the plant. 4-H member name and

Division 330 – Boards

Pay Category #4

Boards should be no larger than 30" wide by 36" tall. Boards should be adequately labeled. Refer to SF260.

- D-330-008 **Special Study Board** – A display of the results of a clipping study, a degree of use study, range site study, etc. A short essay must accompany the display to explain the reason for the study, what was learned, and study results. This should be placed in a sheet cover attached to the board.
- D-330-009 **Junior Rancher Board** – This exhibit should include a ranch map with a record book or an appropriate educational display on some phase of rangeland or livestock management. A short essay must accompany the display to explain the purpose of the rancher board, what was learned, etc.

Department D - Division 990 - Eco-Wonders

Pay Category # 4

Level 1 Eco-Wonders

- *D-990-001 **Build Your Own Ecosystem** - Follow directions and diagram on page 11 of Level 1 manual.
- *D-990-002 **Food Web** - Make a poster illustrating a food web for the ecosystem found in your backyard. Follow guidelines for posters listed on page 22.
- *D-990-003 **Weather Instrument or Weather Log** - Make a rain gauge or pinwheel to determine direction of the wind. Follow directions for these on pages 19 and 20 of Level 1 Manual

Level 2 Eco-Wonders

Pay Category # 4

- *D-990-004 **Identify Flower Parts** - Make a poster illustrating all of the parts of a flower. Follow guidelines for posters listed on page 22.
- *D-990-005 **Groundwater Model** - using diagram on page 27 of Level II manual, construct a groundwater model of your area using colored clay or play dough. Include key to describe colors. Use poster board for the base no larger than 12" x 12".
- *D-990-006 **Soil Profile Poster** - Dig a hole approximately 1 foot deep. Illustrate different soil types using crayons or colored pencils. Use page 15 in Level II manual for reference.

Level 3 Eco-Wonders

Pay Category # 4

- *D-990-007 **Global Positioning System Chart** - Using a GPS choose 5 landmarks and chart locations. For Example: your house, make sure to include street address along with GPS Description.
- *D-990-008 **Biotechnology - Inventory** items found in your refrigerator. Explain how biotechnology is used to create these products and its benefits in an essay no longer than 2 pages typewritten.

Department G - Weed Science

Weed Science

- A. At least 15 of specimens must represent this year's work. For assistance identifying plants, participants can use Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Weeds of Nebraska and the Great Plains Book.

Division 751 – Books

Pay Category #4

- Plants must be mounted on sheets that are no larger than 14" wide by 14" high. Proper plant mount should include root as well as stem and leaf tissue. Plants should be glued rather than taped and the mounts should be protected with a clear clover.
- Exhibits will be judged based on completeness of plant mount, accuracy of identification, label, neatness, and conformity to exhibit requirements. Refer to SF261.
- Each completed mount must have the following information (see example below) in the lower right corner of the mounting sheet: 1) Scientific name (in italic or underlined), with authority, 2) Common name, 3) County of collection, 4) Collection date, 5) Collector's name, 6) Personal collection number, including the order that plants were collected, in your personal collection, 7) Other information depending on class selected, i.e., noxious, life form. This information should be typed or printed neatly.

Scientific name:	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i> Medik
Common name:	Velvetleaf
County of collection:	Butler County
Collection date:	6 July 2017
Collector's name:	Dan D. Lion
Personal collection number:	3
Life Cycle:	Annual

- G-751-001 **Weed Identification Book** – A collection of a minimum of 15 plant mounts including at least two of the following prohibited noxious weeds (Canada thistle, musk thistle, plumeless thistle, salt cedar, leafy spurge, purple loosestrife, diffuse knapweed, spotted knapweed, Japanese knotweed, bohemian knotweed, giant knotweed, sericea lespedeza or phragmites), and at least five weeds that are a problem primarily in lawns. SF261
- G-751-002 **Life Span Book** – A collection of 7 perennials, 1 biennial, and 7 annual weeds. SF261

Division 751 – Displays

Pay Category #4

- A. The purpose of the display is to tell an educational story to those that view the display. The display is a visual representation (pictures, charts, graphs) no larger than 28" by 28" on plywood or poster board. The display should be neatly titled. Make sure to label display with exhibitor's name, address, and county on back side. Explain pictures and graphs clearly and concisely. Refer to SF259.
- B. **Each display must have a one page essay explaining why the exhibitor chose the area of display and what they learned from their project.** Include any references used. The essay should be in a clear plastic cover with the exhibitor's name outside.

Classes:

- G-751-003 **Weed Display** - The purpose of this class is to allow original and creative exhibits that contain educational information about weeds, such as interesting information about a weed species, the effects of weed control, herbicide resistant weeds, what makes a weed a weed, or uses for weeds. SF259
- *G-751-004 **Weed Seeds Display**

Department G - Horticulture

Floriculture

Pay Category #4

Exhibitors are limited to 6 entries in floriculture classes 1-45.

The cultivar or variety name must be included on all entry cards. Failure to identify the cultivar or variety will drop the entry one ribbon placing. Proper identification is the responsibility of the exhibitor not the Extension staff or office personnel. For Floriculture, punch hole in the top center of entry tag, use a rubber band to securely attach entry tag to containers.

Exhibits containing an incorrect number of stems will be dropped one ribbon placing. A perennial is defined as a plant of which the crown overwinters. An annual is a plant that grows from seed each season, whether self-seeded or planted by the gardener. A biennial is a plant that germinates, grows and overwinters as a crown, blooms the following year and dies. Foliage will be considered when exhibit is judged.

All 3 or 5 stems of cut flowers should be the same cultivar and color, do not mix cultivars and colors. Containers will not be judged; however, they should be CLEAR GLASS CONTAINERS that won't tip over and of adequate size to display blooms. Containers will not be returned at State Fair. Score Sheet SF106.

Follow the guidelines in 4-H "Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibits" [4-H Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibits 4H227](#) when preparing fair entries.

Division 770

Annuals and biennials - 5 stems of a single variety (cultivar) unless otherwise noted in parenthesis.

G-770-001	Aster	G-770-014	Marigold
G-770-002	Bachelor Buttons	G-770-015	Pansy
G-770-003	Bells of Ireland	G-770-016	Petunia
G-770-004	Browallia	G-770-017	Salvia
G-770-005	Calendula	G-770-018	Snapdragon
G-770-006	Celosia (crested or plume) (3 stems)	G-770-019	Statice
G-770-007	Cosmos	G-770-020	Sunflower (under 3" diameter-5 stems, 3" or more in diameter-3 stems)
G-770-008	Dahlia	G-770-021	Vinca
G-770-009	Dianthus	G-770-022	Zinnia
G-770-010	Foxglove	G-770-023	Any other annual or biennial (under 3" diameter - 5 stems, 3" or more in diameter - 3 stems) No duplicates of classes 1 -22.
G-770-011	Gladiolus (3 stems)		
G-770-012	Gomphrena		
G-770-013	Hollyhock (3 stems)		

Perennials - 5 stems of a single variety (cultivar) unless otherwise noted in parenthesis.

G-770-030	Achillea/Yarrow	G-770-037	Hydrangea (3 stems)
G-770-031	Chrysanthemum	G-770-038	Liatris (3 stems)
G-770-032	Coneflower	G-770-039	Lilies (3 stems) (not Daylilies)
G-770-033	Coreopsis	G-770-040	Platycodon
G-770-034	Daisy	G-770-041	Rose (3 stems)
G-770-035	Gaillardia	G-770-042	Rudbeckia/Black-eyed Susan
G-770-036	Helianthus	G-770-043	Sedum

- G-770-046 **4-H Flower Garden Collection** of 5 different cut flowers. Flowers are to be cut not potted. Each flower in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 1-45. Display in a box or other holder not more than 18" in any dimension. Boxes may not be returned at State Fair. Each flower in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 1-45. Do not duplicate entries in classes 1-45 with any in the group collection.
- *G-770-047 **Floral Arrangement** – Arrangement of cut flowers in vase or other container. Identify all components (flowers, greenery, etc) in the arrangement. Not state fair eligible.

Educational Exhibits

- G-770-050 **Flower Notebook** - Exhibit a notebook containing pictures of flowers grown in Nebraska. There must be at least 10 different species of annuals and/or biennials and 10 different species of perennials hardy to Nebraska. Bulbs may be included in a separate section. 4-H'ers may show more than one cultivar of the same species, but they will only count as one species. The notebook must be the result of the current year's work. Pictures from garden catalogs, hand drawn pictures, or photographs may be used. Each species/cultivar must be labeled with the correct common name and scientific name; the height and spread of the plant and the growing conditions (for example: needs full sun and dry sandy soil) the species prefers. In addition to this information, bulbs should also be labeled as spring or summer flowering. Give proper credit by listing the sources of pictures and information used. The 4-H member's name, age, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the notebook. Score Sheet SF100.
- G-770-051 **Flower Garden Promotion Poster** - Individual poster promoting flower gardening, size 14" x 22" either vertical or horizontal arrangement. Poster may be in any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, etc. as long as it is not 3-dimensional. Posters using copyrighted material will not be accepted. Entry card must be stapled to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. SF103.
- G-770-052 **Educational Flower Garden Poster** - Prepare a poster 14" x 22" x 2" (3-dimensional if needed) either vertical or horizontal arrangement illustrating a skill or project you have done or learned about in a 4-H flowers or houseplant project. One might show a special technique used or equipment incorporated in the garden. Refer to 4-H horticulture project manuals, but use your own creativity. Entry card must be stapled to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. SF104.
- G-770-053 **Flower Gardening History Interview** - Neatly handwritten or typed account of a gardening history interview whose flower garden has inspired you. Maximum of 4 pages of text and 2 pages of pictures (include 1 picture of the person you interviewed) of their flower garden if the individual is still gardening. Protect with a clear report cover. The 4-H member's name, age, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover. SF105.

Houseplants

Container Grown Houseplants: The choice of container and soil quality will be considered in judging. Each houseplant must be identified by listing the names on the entry tag or on a card attached to the container. Houseplants should be grown in the display container for a minimum of six weeks. Plants grown as houseplants must be used. NebGuide G2205 "Guide to Growing Houseplants" (<http://extensionpublications.unl.edu/assets/html/g2205/build/g2205.htm>) and NebGuide G837 "Guide to Selecting Houseplants" (<http://extensionpublications.unl.edu/assets/html/g837/build/g837.htm>) includes a listing of common houseplants. Containers of annual flowers or annual plants (*i.e.* petunias, geraniums, impatiens) will be disqualified and will not be judged. Entries in Classes 60-66 must have been designed and planted by the 4-H member. Container grown houseplants must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to be exhibited at the State Fair.

Any container plant, (flowering or foliage potted houseplants, dish gardens, fairy or miniature gardens, desert gardens, or terrariums) shall be in containers no larger than 12 inches (use inside opening measurement) in any dimension of length or width. No combination of pots may be used. All potted plants are to be in a one pot container. Any container grown plant in Classes 60-66 that does not follow these guidelines will be dropped one ribbon placing.

Classes 60-65 exhibitors must have and provide a saucer to catch drainage water. The 4-H members name, age, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the bottom or back of the container and saucer. SF107.

- G-770-060 **Flowering Potted Houseplant(s)** that are blooming for exhibition. Container may have one or more houseplants in container. Label name of each plant. Non-blooming plants will be disqualified.
- G-770-061 **Foliage Potted Houseplant** one variety of tropical or cacti or succulent plant.
- G-770-062 **Hanging Basket** of flowering and/or foliage houseplants. Container may have one or more houseplants in container. Label name for each plant.
- G-770-063 **Dish Garden** - an open/shallow container featuring a variety of houseplants excluding cacti and succulents.
- G-770-064 **Fairy or Miniature Garden** – A miniature "scene" contained in an open container and featuring miniature or small, slow growing houseplants. The garden needs to have an imaginative theme and miniature accessories, *i.e.* bench, fence made from tiny twigs, small shell for a bath tub, etc.
- G-770-065 **Desert Garden** - an open/shallow container featuring cacti and/or succulents grown as houseplants.
- G-770-066 **Terrarium** - a transparent container, partially or completely enclosed; sealed or unsealed.
- *G-770-067 **Outdoor hanging basket** of flowering and/or foliage outdoor plants.
- *G-770-068 **Outdoor potted plant(s)**- A potted container of flowering and/or foliage outdoor plants.

Division 773 - Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits & Educational Exhibits

Pay Category #4

Exhibitors are limited to 6 exhibits in horticulture classes 201-252.

The cultivar or variety name must be included on all entry cards. Failure to identify the cultivar or variety will drop the entry one ribbon placing. Proper identification is the responsibility of the exhibitor, not the Extension staff or office personnel. Exhibits entered under an incorrect class number or containing an incorrect number of vegetables will be dropped one ribbon placing. In classes 252, 255, 268, 269, 285 and 286 do not duplicate entries from any of the other classes or entry will be dropped one ribbon placing. For example: 4-H's with two cultivars or varieties of red tomatoes can only enter the red tomatoes class and cannot enter the other cultivar or variety in any other vegetable class. SF108.

Classes:

Division 773

Class	Vegetable	# to Exhibit			
G-773-201	Lima Beans	12	G-773-227	Russet Potatoes	5
G-773-202	Snap Beans	12	G-773-228	Other Potatoes	5
G-773-203	Wax Beans	12	G-773-229	Pumpkin	2
G-773-204	Beets	5	G-773-230	Miniature Pumpkins	
G-773-205	Broccoli	2		(Jack Be Little type)	5
G-773-206	Brussels Sprouts	12	G-773-231	Radish	5
G-773-207	Green Cabbage	2	G-773-232	Rhubarb	5
G-773-208	Red Cabbage	2	G-773-233	Rutabaga	2
G-773-209	Carrots	5	G-773-234	Green Summer Squash	2
G-773-210	Cauliflower	2	G-773-235	Yellow Summer Squash	2
G-773-211	Slicing Cucumbers	2	G-773-236	White Summer Squash	2
G-773-212	Pickling Cucumbers	5	G-773-237	Acorn Squash	2
G-773-213	Eggplant	2	G-773-238	Butternut Squash	2
G-773-214	Kohlrabi	5	G-773-239	Buttercup Squash	2
G-773-215	Muskmelon/Cantaloupe	2	G-773-240	Other Winter Squash	2
G-773-216	Okra	5	G-773-241	Sweet Corn (in husks)	5
G-773-217	Yellow Onions	5	G-773-242	Swiss Chard	5
G-773-218	Red Onions	5	G-773-243	Red Tomatoes > 2" diameter	5
G-773-219	White Onions	5	G-773-244	Roma or Sauce-type tomatoes	5
G-773-220	Parsnips	5	G-773-245	Salad Tomatoes < 2" diameter	12
G-773-221	Bell Peppers	5	G-773-246	Yellow Tomatoes > 2" diameter	5
G-773-222	Sweet (Non-Bell) Peppers	5	G-773-247	Turnips	5
G-773-223	Jalapeño Peppers	5	G-773-248	Watermelon	2
G-773-224	Hot (Non-Jalapeno) Peppers	5	G-773-249	Dry Edible Beans	1 pint
G-773-225	White Potatoes	5	G-773-250	Gourds, mixed types	5
G-773-226	Red Potatoes	5	G-773-251	Gourds, single variety	5
			G-773-295	Peas	12

G-773-252 **Any other vegetable** 2, 5 or 12 (do not duplicate entries in classes 201-251) that doesn't fit in any other class

G-773-255 **4-H Vegetable Garden Collection** of five kinds of vegetables. Display Garden Collection in a box not more than 24" in any dimension. Boxes may not be returned from State Fair. Showmanship will be considered in judging, but plastic grass, cotton, figurines, etc. should not be used in exhibit boxes. Each vegetable in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for individual class (201-252). Do not duplicate entries in classes 201-252 with any in the group collection.

G-773-256 **4-H Cultivar Vegetable Collection.** Vegetables entered in the collection are 5 cultivars from a single exhibit; for example, 5 cultivars of all types of peppers or squash or onions or tomatoes, etc. Display in a box not more than 24" in any dimension. Boxes may not be returned from State Fair. Showmanship will be considered in judging; but plastic grass, cotton figurines, etc. should not be used in exhibit boxes. Each vegetable in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for individual class (201-252).

Herbs

Herbs will be judged using the same general criteria used for vegetables. Those grown mainly for their seed, such as dill and caraway, should be exhibited on a plate. Those grown for their leaves such as basil, parsley, etc. should be exhibited in a glass container of water. Containers may not be returned from State Fair. Potted herb plants will be disqualified and will not be judged. SF108.

Class	Herb	# to Exhibit			
G-773-260	Basil	5	G-773-265	Parsley	5
G-773-261	Dill (dry)	5	G-773-266	Sage	5
G-773-262	Garlic (bulbs)	5	G-773-267	Thyme	5
G-773-263	Mint	5	G-773-268	Any other herb	5
G-773-264	Oregano	5		(do not duplicate entries in classes 260-267)	

G-773-269 **4-H Herb Garden Display of 5 different herbs.** Displayed in a box or other holder not more than 18" in any dimension. Boxes may not be returned from State Fair. Each herb in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 260-268. Do not duplicate entries in classes 260-268 with any in the group collection.

Fruits

Fruits will be judged using the same general criteria used for vegetables. Fruit will be judged for the stage of maturity normal for that season and growing location. Emphasis will be placed on how well fruit approaches market quality. Score Sheet SF108.

Class	Fruit	# to Exhibit			
G-773-280	Strawberries (everbearers)	1 pint	G-773-281	Grapes	2 bunches
			G-773-282	Apples	5

G-773-283	Pears	5	G-773-286	Other fruits OR nuts	5
G-773-284	Wild Plums	1 pint		(do not duplicate entries in classes 280-284)	
G-773-285	Other small fruit or berries	1 pint			
	(do not duplicate entries in classes 280-284)				

Educational Exhibits

- G-773-290 **Garden Promotion Poster** - Individual poster promoting vegetable or herb gardening, size 14" x 22" either vertical or horizontal arrangement. Poster may be in any medium so long as it is not 3-dimensional. Posters using copyrighted material will not be accepted. Entry card must be attached to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. SF103.
- G-773-291 **Educational Vegetable or Herb Garden Poster** - Prepare a poster 14" x 22" x 2" (3-dimensional if needed) either vertical or horizontal arrangement illustrating a skill or project the 4-H'er has done or learned about in a 4-H vegetable gardening project. One might show a special technique used or equipment incorporated in the garden (e.g., drip irrigation system, composting, or special techniques learned). Refer to 4-H horticulture project manuals, but use your own creativity. Entry card must be attached to the upper right hand corner. The 4-H member's name, age, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the poster. SF104.
- G-773-292 **Vegetable and/or Herb Gardening History Interview** - Neatly handwritten or typed account of a gardening history interview of someone whose vegetable or herb garden has inspired you. Maximum of 4 pages of text and 2 pages of pictures (include 1 picture of the person you interviewed) of their garden if the individual is still gardening. Protect with a clear report cover. The 4-H member's name, age, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover. SF105.
- G-773-293 **Vegetable Seed Display** - Each display must include seeds representing the following families: Cucurbit, Brassica (cabbage), Solanaceous (nightshade), and Legume (pea) families, plus representatives from 5 other families. Group the seeds by family and type. Glue seeds or otherwise fasten clear containers of seeds to a board or poster mat board no larger than 22" x 24". Label each group and each individual vegetable type with the common and scientific names. Use only one variety or cultivar of each vegetable, except for beans where several examples of beans may be shown. Attach a card to the back of the display explaining why and how it is important to know which vegetables are related, and cite references on where the scientific name information was found. The 4-H member's name, age, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the display. Information on vegetable family members can be obtained from your extension office. SF101.
- G-773-294 **World of Vegetables Notebook** - Choose a favorite foreign cuisine and learn what vegetables and/or herbs are common to it (e.g. Mexican, African, Chinese, Italian, etc.). Include a report telling about a minimum of 5 vegetables and/or herbs from each country chosen. Include the scientific and common names; pictures of the plants from your garden or seed catalogs; tell how they are grown; and how the foods are used. Also list a source for buying the seed or plants. Favorite recipes using some or all of the vegetables described may be included. Give proper credit by listing the source of pictures and information used. Protect in a clear report cover or 3-ring notebook. The 4-H member's name, age, county, and years in the project(s) must be on the back of the report cover or notebook. SF102.

Division 775 - Special Garden Project

Youth must be enrolled in the current year's Special Garden Project to exhibit. Fresh cut flowers or harvested vegetables should be entered in the appropriate class listed above. The Special Garden Project changes annually. The 2026 special garden project is the Alumia Vanilla Cream Marigold. More information may be found at [4-H Special Garden Project](#)

- G-775-001 **Special Garden Project** - Educational exhibit based on what was learned from the project. Present information on a poster 14"x22" either vertical or horizontal arrangement or in a clear plastic report cover. The 4-H member's name, age, and county must be on the back of the poster or report cover. SF109
- G-775-002 **Special Garden Project Fresh Cut Flowers, Herbs or Harvested Vegetable** - The current years' Special Garden Project fresh cut flowers, herbs or harvested vegetables should be entered in this class. Refer to classes 1-45 for quantity to exhibit if Special Gardening Project is a fresh cut flower (SF106). Refer to classes 201-252 for quantity to exhibit if Special Gardening Project is a vegetable (SF108). Flowers and herbs must be cut not potted.

DEPARTMENT G - ANIMALS

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions)

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 honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to all 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 the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more that 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 competition 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:

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 volatile 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 the federal, state, provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report of 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 animal 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 hoofs 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 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 the code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by any 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 or 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.

LIVESTOCK RULES

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS: All youth enrolled in beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine projects must complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) or testing through a Nebraska Extension program prior to the fair, by the June 15 deadline. Program attendance or completion of a test in the county extension office is required. Trainings are held in-person or can be completed online. Certificates of completion must be turned in to the Extension Office by June 15. Completion of training will be certified by county extension staff.

ANIMAL WELFARE: Please ensure that ethical drenching through the use of a drench gun for hydration is taking place in livestock barns, and/or away from spectators whenever possible.

DRESS CODE:

Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, dogs, cats, pets, goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits are required to wear the official 4-H (club t-shirts are acceptable) or FFA t-shirt, long, dark blue jeans, and hard-soled shoes. If there is no official 4-H t-shirt, exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached. NO hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring.

STATEMENT FOR GROOMING:

Grooming, clipping, or blocking of animals shall be done by the exhibitor or their family (including brothers, sisters, or parents) or another person acting in a mentoring, and teaching capacity.

Butler County exhibitors may help each other. **Professional groomers are NOT allowed. We will follow the State Fair Blow and Go rules.**

GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK: Preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of the Butler County Fair exhibitor; however, assistance may be provided by immediate family members or another person acting in a mentoring, and teaching capacity.

1. Animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.

2. Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. These products include but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Ultra White Touch-Up, Black Touch-Up, Black Finisher and black show foam.
3. Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water- or alcohol-based products with no adhesive or glue qualities or artificial colorings are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom and white show foam. Paint will be allowed on the hooves and dewclaws only.

NO Butt Fans or Portable Generators will be allowed in or around 4-H livestock buildings. Any of these items may be removed at the discretion of the superintendents or fair personnel.

NOTICE TO LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

The following dates are given as deadlines for identifying animals to be shown at the Butler County Fair and State Fair. FFA exhibitors must also abide by these deadlines in order to show at the Butler County Fair. All information on the identification papers must be complete and turned in to the Extension Office. Late animal I.D.s at county level will be accepted. **However, entries will be lowered one complete ribbon color placing and** will not be eligible for final championship drives at the Butler County Fair. Failure to meet these deadlines will forfeit any and all chances of exhibiting at the Nebraska State Fair. Any transfer of ownership or new purchase of animals needs to be recorded on the appropriate ID forms and filed with the County Extension Office prior to these dates. Any transactions after these dates will be considered a late ID and will be subject to that penalty. Animals can only be identified in one county.

MARKET BEEF - Must be ear tagged and identified prior to June 15. Animals must also be DNA tested and online nomination completed if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit at State Fair by the identification deadline.

BREEDING BEEF - Must be identified by ear tattoo prior to June 15. If offspring will be shown as a feeder calf, the cow/calf pair must be enrolled by June 15. Registration papers are required in the registered breeding heifer divisions. Animals must also be DNA tested and online nomination completed if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit at State Fair by the identification deadline.

FEEDER CALF - Must be identified with an official 4-H ear tag by June 15. Feeder calf released after show. All calves must be born between January 1 and April 30 of the current year. Animals must also be DNA tested and online nomination completed if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit at State Fair by the identification deadline.

BUCKET CALF - Must be identified with a 4-H ear tag and identified by June 15.

GOATS – Market and Breeding Goats must be ear tagged and identified by June 15. Market and Breeding must be DNA tested and online nomination completed if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit at State Fair by the identification deadline.

SHEEP – Market and Breeding Sheep must be ear tagged and identified by June 15. Exhibitors in registered breeding classes must present proof of registration to the superintendent at the time of check-in. Market and Breeding must be DNA tested and online nomination completed if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit them at State Fair by the identification deadline.

MARKET SWINE - Must be ear tagged by June 15. Must be DNA tested and online nomination completed if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit at State Fair by the identification deadline.

BREEDING GILT - Must be ear tagged and identified prior to June 15. Registration papers are required to show in the purebred breeding gilt divisions. Animals must also be DNA tested if 4-H'er wishes to exhibit at State Fair by the identification deadline

POULTRY – Poultry DO NOT need to be identified prior to county fair. The BROILER Class (birds are obtained through the Butler County Extension Office and exhibited as a pen of three (3) market broilers, shown at the Butler County Fair. Birds will be between 6-9 weeks old at the time of the fair. Please see the Poultry section for more information.

HORSE – Must be identified by June 15 on the proper ID sheet provided by the Extension Office for Butler County Fair.

Only 4-H or FFA members may show livestock. A member with more than one entry in a class must another exhibitor to show the other animal. Substitute showmen must be members of 4-H or an FFA chapter in Butler County. No parent is to be in the ring with their child unless called for by the superintendent in charge. ***Diseased animals will not be accepted.***

CLOVER KID LIVESTOCK (4-H Policy Handbook)

Animals and animal subject matter can contribute to Clover Kids objectives. However, for safety, liability, and competitive reasons often associated with livestock shows, some restrictions are necessary to maintain Clover Kids program objectives. The Clover Kids program will be developmentally appropriate and involve the following components:

Encourage involvement of parent or significant adult.

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

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

Children eight and under often lack the mental and physical skills for controlling and understanding the strength of large animals (Livestock Conservation Institute, 1994).

Young children may lack the strength, balance, and attention span to adequately manage large animals (American Medical Equestrian Association, 1993).

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

- Exhibition includes discussions with youth based on their knowledge of the care and raising of the animal.

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

HERDSMANSHIP Butler County Fair

Livestock exhibitors at the Butler County Fair are expected to keep their quarters orderly, neat, and as attractive as possible. The total area will be inspected two or three times each day. Each club will be rated on its herdsmanship. Final herdsmanship placings for each club will be based on herdsmanship rating of all beef, sheep, swine, goat, and horses exhibited at the Butler County Fair. Remember that parents should assist in herdsmanship only when absolutely necessary. Herdsmanship will be judged on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (morning only). The Herdsmanship Award will be presented on Sunday during the subsidy auction.

Herdsmanship will be judged daily, for each specie, on the basis of:

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| 1. Stall Cards in Place. Ribbon stickers on after the show. | 10 pts. |
| 2. Aisles clean and free of manure, straw, equipment, etc.; Wet straw & Manure placed in appropriate receptacle. | 30 pts. |
| 3. Animals well bedded, clean and properly cared for. Tack area neat. | 35 pts. |
| 4. Exhibitors courteous at all times. Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitor – parents, leaders, or other family members should only be available to assist the younger 4-H members or to supervise. | 25 pts. |
| Total per day, per specie | 100 pts. |

*Accumulative fair total possible, 2000 points.

*Additional points will be awarded for participation in the county fair exhibit hall set-up and/or fairgrounds clean-up days. The number of club members who attend will be taken into a percentage compared to the total number of members in the club. 100 pts.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

The grand champion senior showmen in Beef, Swine, Horse, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits and Poultry are eligible to compete for the round robin showmanship championship. An individual is eligible to show in only one species. If qualified in more than one, he/she must choose which one species to show. The reserve champion showman, if also a purple winner, is the only alternate. Winner will be eligible for future species showmanship contests, but not the round robin.

Exhibitors will bring their own animal to the contest; their entry signifies permission for the other champions to show that animal in this contest. Exhibitors will be judged on their knowledge of each species shown and the specific showmanship skills required as well as their presentation of each species. They will be judged on the appearance or fitting of their own animal only.

There is no premium money for this contest. The grand and reserve champions will receive a special award.

BEEF CATTLE – A 4-H or FFA exhibitor may show six (6) beef entries, no more than four (4) market animals, and two (2) breeding categories.

BUCKET CALF - FIRST YEAR: Bucket Calves are to be born between January 1 and June 1 of 2026.

RETURNING MARKET BUCKET CALVES: Bucket Calves are calves that were exhibited at the Butler County Fair during the previous year by the same exhibitor and qualify by virtue of the First Year Bucket Calf guidelines.

ENTRY LIMIT: An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting ONE FIRST YEAR and ONE RETURNING bucket calf per year.

NOTE: Final decision as to combining the classes will rest with the superintendent.

You may win Champion Bucket Calf in each division only once. You can compete in the bucket calf division as long as you meet the age requirements.

FEEDER CALF – The purpose of this division is to allow members to select calves that will be shown as market animals the following year. All breeds will be shown together. To be eligible to show in the feeder calf class, the calf must be born between January 2026 and April 2026. Heifers and steers are eligible.

MARKET STEERS AND HEIFERS – Market steers or heifers are to be born on or after September 1 of the previous year. There is a minimum weight of 900 lbs. for Market Heifers and 1000 lbs. for Market Steers. If a market heifer is under 900 lbs. or market steer is under 1000 lbs., they will be placed in a production heifer or steer class and be eligible for a purple, but not champion selection. In order to show an animal in the British Breeds Steers class, exhibitors must present certificate of registration or proof of registration to show in that class. If registration papers aren't presented, the steer will show in the market steer class.

BREEDING HEIFERS – Exhibitors of breeding heifers must present certificate of registration or proof of registration to show in a registered breed class. The papers must be up to date in the name of the exhibitor, family or farm name, and meet breed industry standards for breed type, color and confirmation. Any breeding heifer that is registered to a breed association not listed in the fair book will show in the Other Registered Breeding Heifer class. If registration papers aren't presented, the heifer will show in the commercial class.

Department G, Division 9 - Bucket Calf

(Project Record Form & interview required at judging).

Pay Category #1

FIRST YEAR BUCKET CALF

G-9-001 Novice Showman-Bucket Calf Exhibitor ages 8 – 14 years old on Jan 1. NO prior experience exhibiting bucket calves.

G-9-002 Expert Showman-Bucket Calf Exhibitor ages 9 – 14 years old on Jan 1. Previously have exhibited a bucket calf.

Department G, Division 9 - Feeder Calf

Pay Category #1

G-9-004 Heifers-born Jan. 2025 – April 2026

G-9-005 Steers-born Jan. 2025 – April 2026

Department G, Division 10 - Beef Showmanship

Pay Category #7

G-10-011 Senior Showmanship (15 years +)

G-10-009 Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)

G-10-010 Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)

G-10-008 Clover Kid Showmanship (ages 5-7)

Department G, Division 10 - Market Beef

Pay Category #1

G-10-901 Market Steers

G-10-904 Returning Market Bucket Calf

G-10-902 Market Heifers

The animal must have been exhibited a year prior as Bucket Calf.

G-10-903 British Breed Steers

Department G, Division 3 - Registered Breeding Heifers

Pay Category #1

All breed classes will be split based on the following State Fair age groupings:

- Senior Yearling Heifers- Calved Aug- Dec 2024 (should be bred but not calved prior to show)
- Junior Yearling Heifers-Calved Jan. and Feb. 2025
- Spring Yearling Heifers-Calved Mar. and Apr. 2025
- Summer/Intermediate Summer or Intermediate Summer or Intermediate Summer/Intermediate Yearling Heifers-Calved May and June 2025
- Summer or Intermediate Yearling Heifers-Calved July and Aug. 2025
- Fall Heifer Calves-Calved Sept. and Oct. 2025
- Fall Heifer Calves-Calved Nov. and Dec. 2025
- Junior Breeding Heifer-Calved Jan-April 2026

G-3-901 Angus

G-3-908 Shorthorn

G-3-902 Charolais

G-3-909 Simmental

G-3-903 Chianina

G-3-910 Red Angus

G-3-904 Gelbvieh

G-3-911 Commercial

G-3-905 Hereford

G-3-912 Other Registered Breeding Heifers

G-3-906 Limousin

G-3-907 Maine Anjou

Cow/Calf Pairs

Pay Category #1

All calves must be born during the current year. Cows/Calves must be halter broke and will show in the arena.

G-3-012 Cow/Calf Pair

SHEEP - A 4-H or FFA exhibitor may show no more than two breeding ewes and four market lambs. Scrapie tags are required in all sheep shown. The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping and exhibiting the lamb with its front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. Lifting the lamb in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable.

MARKET LAMBS – Market lambs are required to be born on or after December 1 of the previous year (2025). The minimum weight for market lambs is 100 lbs. If a market lamb is under 100 lbs., they will be placed in a production lamb class and be eligible for a purple, but not champion selection. Short scrotum, cryptorcid or ram lambs are not eligible for market lambs.

BREEDING LAMBS – Sheep born on or after September 1, 2025 are classified as ewe lambs. Sheep born between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025 are classified and yearling ewe lambs. Exhibitors of breeding sheep must present certificate of registration or proof of registration to show in a registered breed class. The papers must be up to date in the name of the exhibitor, family or farm name, and meet breed industry standards for breed type, color and confirmation.

Department G, Division 30-Sheep Showmanship**Pay Category #7**

G-30-011	Senior Showmanship (15 + years)	G-30-009	Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)
G-30-010	Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)	G-30-008	Clover Kid Showmanship (5-7 years)

Department G, Division 30-Market Sheep**Pay Category #2**

G-30-001	Market Sheep by weight divisions (wethers and ewes will be split if numbers allow)
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Department G, Division 30-Breeding Sheep**Pay Category #2**

G-30-020	Commercial Yearling Ewe	G-30-060	Hampshire Yearling	G-30-110	Other Registered Yearling
G-30-030	Commercial Ewe Lamb	G-30-070	Hampshire Ewe Lamb	G-30-120	Other Registered Ewe Lamb
G-30-040	Dorset Yearling	G-30-090	Suffolk Yearling		
G-30-050	Dorset Ewe Lamb	G-30-100	Suffolk Ewe Lamb		

DEPARTMENT G, Division 58 - MARKET & BREEDING GOATS

GOAT - A 4-H or FFA exhibitor may show no more than two breeding does and four market goats. Scrapie tags are required in all goats shown. All goats are to be shown with halter, smooth neck chain or smooth collar only. The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping and exhibiting the goat with its front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. Lifting the goat in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable. Goat's horns must be blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.

MARKET GOATS – Market goats are required to be born on or after December 1, 2025. The minimum weight for market goats is 40 lbs. If a market goat is under 40 lbs., they will be placed in a production goat class and be eligible for a purple, but not champion selection. Short scrotum, cryptorcid or buck kids are not eligible for market goats.

BREEDING DOES – Goats born between Sept. 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026 are classified as doe kids. Goats born between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025 are classified as yearling does.

Department G, Division 58 – Goat Showmanship**Pay Category #7**

G-58-009	Senior Showmanship (ages 15 & up)	G-58-007	Junior Showmanship (ages 8-11)
G-58-008	Intermediate Showmanship (ages 12-14)	G-58-006	Clover Kid Showmanship (5-7 years)

Market and Breeding Classes**Pay Category #2**

G-58-010	Market Goats (NEW in 2024: wethers & does will show together.)		
G-58-030	Yearling Does	G-58-040	Doe Kids

SWINE – A 4-H or FFA member may not show more than four market swine and two breeding gilts.

MARKET SWINE - Swine born on or after December 1, 2025 are eligible to show. The minimum weight for market swine is 210 lbs. If a market swine is under 210 lbs., they will be placed in a production swine class and be eligible for purple, but not champion selection. Under no circumstances will swine originating from a quarantined herd be allowed to exhibit.

BREEDING SWINE – Exhibitors of breeding gilts must present certificate of registration or proof registration to show in a purebred breed class. The papers must be up to date in the name of the exhibitor, family or farm name, and meet breed industry standards for breed type, color and confirmation. Any breeding gilt that is registered to a breed association not listed in the fair book will show in the Other Purebred Breeding Gilt class. If registration papers aren't presented, the gilt will show in the crossbred class.

Classes:

Berkshire	Hereford	Other Pure Bred
Chester White	Poland China	Crossbred
Duroc	Spotted	
Hampshire	Yorkshire	

Department G, Division 35 – Swine Showmanship, Market and Breeding Classes**Pay Category #7**

G-35-009	Senior Showmanship (15 + years)	G-35-007	Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)
G-35-008	Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)	G-35-006	Clover Kid Showmanship (5-7 years)

G-35-010	Gilts	G-35-011	Barrows	Pay Category #2
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Breeding Gilts**Pay Category #2**

G-35-012	Berkshire	G-35-017	Poland China
G-35-013	Chester White	G-35-018	Spotted
G-35-014	Duroc	G-35-019	Yorkshire
G-35-015	Hampshire	G-35-020	Other Purebred Breeding Gilts
G-35-016	Hereford	G-35-030	Crossbreed

HORSE – State rules will be followed for the Butler County Fair Horse Show. However, all final decisions will be made by the 4-H Youth Development Extension Staff and Horse Superintendent. See the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide (4H373) for horse project rules. Horse exhibitors can enter as many classes as desired. Except: Junior Walk-Trot riders may enter only one pleasure and one horsemanship class. Other pleasure and horsemanship riders may ride in two of each class. An exhibitor may only enter one animal per class. Two family members cannot ride the same horse in the same class and age group. NO chaps allowed (including associate member classes). Exhibitors must wear boots or hard-soled shoes. A western, white button-up shirt with the official 4-H armband is required. NO t-shirts allowed. Open classes for pre-4-H age will run prior to

the start of the 4-H Horse Show. These classes are listed in the Butler County Fair Open Class Fairbook. Show will begin promptly at 8:00 am. **In case of inclement weather, the horse show will be DELAYED or RESCHEDULED. The show will not be moved to a different location.**

High Point Horse Exhibitor will be selected in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. This is a cumulative total of exhibitor's scores from riding and games classes including: Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Keyhole, Pole Bending, Flag Race, Barrels and Egg Race. Scores are awarded based on ribbon color in the respective classes. Champion and Reserve Champion awards in these classes also get bonus points. In the event of a tie, the exhibitor's showmanship score is used to determine the winner.

Department G, Division 60, Horse Showmanship

Pay Category #7

G-60-009	Senior Showmanship (ages 15 + years)	G-60-011	Junior Showmanship (ages 8-11)
G-60-010	Intermediate Showmanship (ages 12 -14)		

Department G, Division 61, Halter

Pay Category #8

G-61-001	Yearling Fillies	G-61-006	Two Year Old Geldings
G-61-002	Two Year Old Mares	G-61-007	Three Year Old Geldings
G-61-003	Three Year Old Mares	G-61-008	Four Years and Older Geldings
G-61-004	Four Years and Older Mares	G-61-009	Weanling Fillies and Weanling Colts
G-61-005	Yearling Geldings and Stud Colts		
G-61-010	Mare and foal (Mare with one foal to be shown. Foal must have been foaled in the calendar year of the show.)		

Ages for Pleasure, Horsemanship and Reining: Junior-14 years and below, Senior-15 years and above.

Western Pleasure/Western Horsemanship

G-62-005	Walk Trot Pleasure - 8 to 11 Year Olds	G-62-009	Western Horsemanship - Jr. Division
G-62-006	Walk Trot Horsemanship - 8 to 11 Year Olds	G-62-010	Western Pleasure (14 hands & over) - Sr. Division
G-62-007	Pony Pleasure (14 hands & under) - Jr. Division	G-62-011	Western Horsemanship - Sr. Division
G-62-008	Western Pleasure (14 hands & over) - Jr. Division	G-62-012	Pony Pleasure (14 hands & under) Sr. Division

Reining

G-62-014	Reining - Jr. Division	G-62-015	Reining - Sr. Division
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Games: Junior- 8-11 yrs. Intermediate- 12-14 yrs. Senior- 15-18 yrs.

G-62-016	Keyhole Race - Jr. Division	G-62-021	Pole Bending - Sr. Division	G-62-026	Barrels - Int. Division
G-62-017	Keyhole Race - Int. Division	G-62-022	Flag Race - Jr. Division	G-62-027	Barrels - Sr. Division
G-62-018	Keyhole Race - Sr. Division	G-62-023	Flag Race - Int. Division	G-62-028	Egg Race - Jr. Division
G-62-019	Pole Bending - Jr. Division	G-62-024	Flag Race - Sr. Division	G-62-029	Egg Race - Int. Division
G-62-020	Pole Bending - Int. Division	G-62-025	Barrels - Jr. Division	G-62-030	Egg Race - Sr. Division

POULTRY – A 4-H or FFA exhibitor may enter no more than eight poultry classes. The Nebraska Poultry Disease Act requires that poultry entering exhibition be Pullorum-Typhoid free. The Nebraska Health Department will be checking for the disease and any infected bird will be removed. To be eligible for exhibition, cockerel or pullet entry must be a fair representative of the breed as listed in the American Standard of Perfection. **Pen of 3 Broilers** –To participate in this project, exhibitors **MUST** order their birds through the Extension Office.

Department G, Division 71-Poultry Showmanship (Showmanship will be limited to 5 minute presentations per person.)

Pay Category #7

G-71-027	Senior Showmanship (15+ years)	G-71-025	Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)
G-71-026	Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)	G-71-024	Clover Kid Showmanship (5-7 years)

Division 70-Poultry

Pay Category #4

G-70-900	Young Cock Pigeon	G-70-902	Young Cock Guinea
G-70-901	Young Hen Pigeon	G-70-903	Young Hen Guinea

Division 70-Poultry Breed Classes

G-70-002	American (Plymouth Rock, Jersey Giant, Wyandotte, New Hampshire Red, Rhode Island Red)
G-70-003	Asiatic (Cochin, Brahma, Langshan)
G-70-004	English (Cornish, Orpington, Australorps, Sussex, Dorkings)
G-70-005	Mediterranean (Leghorn, Buttercup, Minorca)
G-70-006	Continental (Polish, Hamburg, Campines, Faverolles, Houdan)
G-70-007	All other breeds (Naked Neck, Game, Sumatra, Araucanas, Ameracanas)
G-70-008	Game Bantam (Modern and Old English)
G-70-009	Single Comb Clean Legged Bantam (Plymouth Rock, Leghorn, Japanese, Rhode Island Red, Orpington, New Hampshire)
G-70-010	Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam (Rosecomb, Wyandotte, Sebright, Leghorn, Belgian Bearded D'Anver)
G-70-011	All other Comb Clean Legged Bantam (Polish, Cornish, Houdan, Sumatra)
G-70-012	Feather Legged Bantam (Silkie, Cochin, Brahma, Belgian Bearded D'Uccle, Langshan)
G-70-013	Heavy Duck (Pekin, Rouen, Alyesbury, Muscovy)
G-70-014	Medium Duck (Swedish, Buff, Crested, Cayuga)
G-70-015	Light Duck (Runner, Khaki, Campbell, Magpie)
G-70-016	Bantam Ducks (Call, Mallard, East Indie, Wood Ducks and Mandarins)

G-70-017	Geese (All weight classes)
G-70-018	Turkeys
G-70-019	Egg Production Trios
G-70-020	One dozen white eggs
G-70-021	One dozen brown eggs
G-70-022	One dozen other colored eggs
G-70-030	Pen of Broilers (3 Birds)

RABBIT – A 4-H or FFA exhibitor may enter no more than five rabbits. No exhibits with very young babies (under two months of age) will be permitted. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits. If exhibitor neglects the care of their animal, they shall be asked to take them home and forfeit their premium.

Department, G Division 80-Rabbit Showmanship and Classes

Pay Category #7

G-80-069	Senior Showmanship (15 + years)	G-80-071	Junior (8-11 years)
G-80-070	Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)	G-80-072	Clover Kid Showmanship (5-7 years)

G-80-901	Posters	G-80-903	Tattoo Boxes	Pay Category #4
G-80-902	Nest Boxes	G-80-904	Carriers	
		G-80-905	Rabbit First Aid Kit	

Fancy Breed Rabbit

A. Fancy breed rabbits will be divided into the following age divisions:

- a. Junior – Six months old and younger b. Senior – Over six months old

NOTE: A Fancy Breed Rabbit that is exactly six months old on show day will be shown as a Junior Division rabbit. A Fancy Breed rabbit that is six months plus one day old on show day will be shown as a Senior Division Rabbit.

B. Age will be the age of the rabbit on show date.

C. Division breakdown will be by the age of the rabbit and not by the weight of the rabbit.

G-80-005	American Fuzzy Lop	G-80-016	French Angora	G-80-027	Polish
G-80-006	American Sable	G-80-017	Harlequin	G-80-028	Rex
G-80-007	Belgian Hare	G-80-018	Havana	G-80-029	Rhineland
G-80-008	Blue Holicer	G-80-019	Himalayan	G-80-030	Satin Angora
G-80-009	Britannia Petite	G-80-020	Jersey Woolie	G-80-031	Silver
G-80-010	Dutch	G-80-021	Lilac	G-80-032	Silver Marten
G-80-011	Dwarf Hotot	G-80-022	Holland Lop	G-80-033	Standard Chinchilla
G-80-012	Dwarf Papillion	G-80-023	Mini Lop	G-80-034	Tan
G-80-013	English Angora	G-80-024	Mini Rex	G-80-035	Thrianta
G-80-014	English Spot	G-80-025	Mini Satin	G-80-036	Lionhead
G-80-015	Florida White	G-80-026	Netherland Dwarf		

Commercial Breed Rabbit

A. Commercial breed rabbits will be divided into the following three age divisions:

1. Junior – Six months old and younger
2. Intermediate – Six months old to eight months old
3. Senior – Over eight months old

NOTE: A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is exactly six months old on show day will be shown as a Junior Division rabbit. A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is six months plus one day old on show day to eight months old will be shown as an Intermediate Division Rabbit. A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is exactly eight months old on show day will be shown as an Intermediate Division Rabbit. A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is eight months plus one day old on show day will be shown as a Senior Division Rabbit.

B. Age will be the age of the rabbit on show date.

C. Division breakdown will be by the age of the rabbit and not by the weight of the rabbit.

G-80-050	American	G-80-057	Checkered Giant	G-80-064	Giant Chinchilla
G-80-051	American Chinchilla	G-80-058	Cinnamon	G-80-065	New Zealand
G-80-052	Argente Brun	G-80-059	Crème D'Argent	G-80-066	Palomino
G-80-053	Beveren	G-80-060	English Lop	G-80-067	Satin
G-80-054	Blanc d Hotot	G-80-061	Flemish Giant	G-80-068	Silver Fox
G-80-055	Californian	G-80-062	French Lop		
G-80-056	Champagne D'Argent	G-80-063	Giant Angora		

Market Rabbits

Pay Category #4

G-80-001	Single Fryer – Not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3.5 pounds. Maximum weight of 5.5 pounds.	G-80-003	Roaster – Must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight 5.5 pounds.
G-80-002	Meat Pen – Age limit 10 weeks. Minimum weight 3.5 pounds each. Maximum weight 5.5 pounds each.	G-80-004	Stewers-Must be 6 months of age and over. Minimum weigh over 8 pounds.

COMPANION ANIMAL – All small animal/pets need to have appropriate health papers showing current vaccinations and health status. **Animals without these papers CANNOT be shown.** Any animal showing signs of sickness, disease or parasite infestation will be eliminated from the show

and must be removed from the fairgrounds. All animals must be weaned prior to the show. **Minimum age of animals to be shown:** Chinchillas – 7 weeks; Ferrets – 12 weeks; Guinea Pigs – 4 weeks; Gerbils, Hamsters, Mice, Rats – 4 weeks; Hedge Hogs – 5 weeks; Rabbit – 9 weeks.

CATS – Cats should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, worms and other infectious diseases. Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of rabies, distemper and a 4 in 1 shot (panleucopenia, rhino tracheitis, calici virus and feline leukemia). Proof of vaccinations must be available at entry time. Participants should have their veterinarian fill out and sign the *Nebraska State Fair Cat Vaccination Record Form*. Exhibitors will not be allowed to show without a signed vaccination record form.

FERRETS – Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and have a completed health form signed by a veterinarian submitted at show time.

DOGS – All dogs must be vaccinated for distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. The *Nebraska State Fair Dog Vaccination Form* must be filled out and signed by a veterinarian and brought to the fair the day of show.

Division 100-Companion Animal Showmanship and Classes

G-100-015 Senior Showmanship (15 + years)

G-100-020 Intermediate Showmanship (12-14 years)

G-100-025 Junior Showmanship (8-11 years)

G-100-030 Clover Kid Showmanship (5-7 years)

Pay Category #7

Pay Category #4

G-100-001 Cat

G-100-002 Rabbit

G-100-003 Ferret

G-100-004 Chinchilla

G-100-005 Guinea Pig

G-100-006 Gerbil

G-100-007 Hamster

G-100-008 Mouse

G-100-009 Rat

G-100-010 Hedgehog

G-100-011 Dog

G-100-012 Poster

G-100-013 Other

Educational Display for Animal Entries

Pay Category #3

4-H'ers are invited to create a poster highlighting an educational aspect of their animal project. The poster could focus on a current livestock issue, animal industry career, animal care or health, economic impacts of the livestock industry, within the species of dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, and rabbit. Posters will be displayed in the entrance of the livestock buildings as a way to increase the educational experiences of both the 4-H member and the general public increasing agricultural literacy and promoting good will at the Nebraska State Fair. During the time when the corresponding animal is not stalled on the fairgrounds, the poster will be displayed in the 4-H Exhibit Building. In order to be eligible for the State Fair, posters must have been exhibited at the county fair and received a purple ribbon. Because posters may have been exhibited at the county fair in outside conditions, it is understood that they may be re-done prior to Nebraska State Fair but the content and design should be similar

A. State Fair Eligible Entries are limited to those that reference species that stall on the fairgrounds during the Nebraska State Fair.

Species include dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry and rabbit. (Horse, small animal and dog posters are judged for County display only.)

B. State Fair selected entries will be registered by county office staff and entered during the static entry day at the Nebraska State Fair.

C. Posters will be judged on static entry day of the State Fair when other static exhibits are judged.

D. Posters will be displayed in the respective barns based on the focus of the exhibit. Educational display superintendents will display posters and they will be in place throughout the weekend of their respective exhibition at the Nebraska State Fair.

E. Poster display should be sturdy enough to last through the fair and no larger than 22 x 28 inches. Only standard poster board will be accepted. Foam Board or cardboard posters are discouraged. NOTE: Please take into consideration that these exhibits will be displayed inside the barns and may not be returned to the exhibitor in the original condition at the time of entry.

G. All entries must match the specie of livestock they have entered at EITHER the county fair OR in the Nebraska State Fair. For example, if a 4-H'er is exhibiting beef, their entry must be about beef and not another species. Also a 4-H'er is NOT required to exhibit their livestock/animal entry at the State Fair. The entry just needs to match the species that was exhibited at the county level.

H. Posters will be judged. Refer to scoresheet for this exhibit.

G-090-100 **Educational Display:** Includes beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry and rabbit. State Fair Eligible.

*G-090-101 **Educational Display County Only:** Includes horse, small animal and dog posters.

DEPARTMENT H - STEM

This department gives 4-H members an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills gained relating to computers, drones, electricity, energy, geospatial, robots, rockets, drones, welding and woodworking. Through participation in this department, 4-H members will present their knowledge in these areas as they relate to STEM.

1. The name and county of each 4-H should appear separately on the back of each board, poster or article and on the front cover of the notebooks so owner of the exhibit may be identified if the entry tag is separated from the exhibit.

2. Demonstration boards should include an overall title for the display, plus other necessary labeling.

3. Reports should be written using the scientific method whenever possible: 1. Hypothesis 2. Research 3. Experiment 4. Measure 5. Report or Redefine Hypothesis. All reports should be computer generated and enclosed in a clear plastic cover. The reports should be attached securely to the display.

4. Reports should be written using the scientific method whenever possible (Background, the Question or hypothesis, what you plan to do and what you did, Method used and observations. Results: What you learned. All reports should be computer generated and enclosed in a clear, plastic cover. The reports should be attached securely to the display.

5. Please refer to the General Rules for the policy regarding firearms, items with a blade, and other related items.

6. Please refer to the General Rules for the policy regarding use of copywritten images.

7. Premier 4-H Science Award is available in this area.

8. Team Entries: To qualify for entry at the Nebraska State Fair for any team exhibit, the exhibit and all supporting information must clearly be the work of a team instead of an individual, and must have at least 50% of all team members enrolled in 4-H. Additionally, all enrolled 4-H members on the team should

complete and attach an entry tag to the materials. A supplemental page documenting the individual contributions to the project should be included. The entry will be judged as a team, with all team members receiving the same ribbon placing.

9. State Fair qualified videos, presentations and other electronic exhibits should be submitted to <https://go.unl.edu/2025nesfstem> by August 15th, 2025. Videos can be uploaded to a video streaming application and exhibitors MUST provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. 4-H members are encouraged to test their codes or links on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing

10. Posters in this department can be any size up to 28 inches by 22 inches when ready for display. Example: trifold poster boards are not 28 inches by 22 inches when fully open for display.

11. Several classes require a display board which should be a height of 24 inches and not to exceed 1/4-inch thickness. A height of 24 7/8 inches is acceptable to allow for the saw kerf (width) if two 24-inch boards are cut from one end of a 4 foot by 8-foot sheet of plywood. Nothing should be mounted within 3/4 inch of the top or bottom of the board. (Example: Woodworking & Electricity.)

- Fabricated boards such as plywood, composition board, or particle-type lumber may be used for demonstration displays.
- Demonstration boards should be sanded and finished to improve their appearance. The finish on a demonstration board will be judged as a woodworking exhibit.
- Demonstration boards should include an overall title for the display, plus other necessary labeling.
- Reports should be written using the scientific method whenever possible (background, the question or hypothesis, what you plan to do and what you did, method used and observations, results: what you learned. All reports should be computer generated and enclosed in a clear plastic cover. The reports should be attached securely to the display.

12. If the project (i.e. picnic tables, wishing wells, swings, chairs, bridges, doghouses, etc.) is designed to be used outside, it will be displayed outside. (State Fair)

13. All outside projects MUST have entry tag and supporting information placed in a protective bag to prevent damage from weather events such as rain and be ATTACHED to projects with string, zip ties, etc. (State Fair)

Department H, Division 850 -STEM Aerospace – Rockets & Drones

Pay Category #4

H-850-001 **Rocket:** Any Skill Level Rocket with wooden fins and cardboard body tubes painted by hand or air brush. SF92.

H-850-002 **Aerospace Display:** Poser or display board that displays or exemplifies one of the principles learned in the Lift Off project. Examples include: display of rocket parts and purpose, explaining the parts of a NASA rocket or shuttle, interview of someone in the aerospace field, or kite terminology. Include notebook containing terminology (definition), and what was learned. Display can be any size up to 22" by 28".SF93.

H-850-003 **Rocket:** Any Skill Level Rocket with wooden fins and cardboard body tubes painted using commercial application example commercial spray paint.SF92.

H-850-004 **Self-Designed Rocket:** Self-designed rocket with wooden fins and wooden fins and cardboard body tubes.SF92

H-850-005 **Drone Poster:** Exhibit must be designed to educate yourself and others on one or more of the following topics: drone technologies, uses of drones, the different types of drones, types of training needed to operate drones, and the laws and regulations users must follow. Posters can be any size up to 22" by 28". SF93

H-850-006 **Drone Video:** Exhibit must demonstrate how the drone interacts with the outside world. Examples include field scouting, surveying damage from natural disasters, drones used in commercial applications and settings, drones used for structural engineering. Video should not exceed 5 minutes. SF93

*H-850-900 **Diamond Kite** - include a picture of the kite in flight, and a description of the flight.

*H-850-901 **Educational Display** - exhibit could be a poster, scrapbook, notebook or three-dimensional display on a topic related to aerospace such as: four forces of flight, types of aircraft, weather and flight, parts of a hot air balloon, or parts of an airplane.

Department H, Division 851-ATV

Pay Category #4

*H-851-001 **Safety Poster-** six photos of yourself demonstrating safety measure necessary for ATV operation.

*H-851-002 **Demonstration Display-** show some part or system of an ATV, worn or broken part, step-by-step repair procedure, etc. Include a brief description. Display on a board 24" high x 32" wide and 1/4" thick.

*H-851-003 **You Be the Teacher-** Educational notebook, display, collection of materials that relate to project. Include 8 ½ x 11" page describing exhibit and summary of learning.

Department H, Division 895-4 Wheelin'

Pay Category #4

H-895-001 **Poster** – Poster should exemplify one of the lessons learned in the 4-Wheelin' project. Posters can be any size up to 28" x 22".

*H-895-002 **Complete 4 Wheelin' project book.**

Department H-Division 860 – STEM Computer Science

Pay Category #4

Computer Mysteries-Unit 1

*H-860-900 **Greeting Card** made on Computer

*H-860-901 **Sign** - 8 ½" x 11" paper, mounted on poster board

*H-860-902 **Story** - type a story using a word processing program

*H-860-903 **Other** - business card, letterhead, etc. created on computer

Computer Science

Pay Category #4

H-860-001 **Computer Application Notebook** – (SF277) 4-H exhibitor should use computer application to create a graphic notebook utilizing computer technology. This exhibit consists of a 8.5 inch x 11 inch notebook which should include two parts:

1. A detailed report describing:
 - a. the task to be completed
 - b. the computer application software required to complete the task
 - c. specific features of the computer application software necessary for completing the task

2. Print out of your project. Project may be in color or black and white. 4-H member may create any of the following:

- greeting card (five different cards such as a birthday, wedding, anniversary, sympathy get well or other)
- business card (three cards for three different individuals and businesses)
- menu (minimum of two pages including short description of foods and pricing); book layout (I-book)
- promotional flyer (three flyers promoting three different events)
- newsletter (minimum two pages)
- other: examples such as precision farming or family business logo etc.

- H-860-002 **Produce a Computer Slideshow Presentation** –(SF276) Using presentation software a 4-H Exhibitor designs a multimedia computer presentation on one topic related to youth. A 8.5 inch x 11 inch three ring notebook with a printout of all the slides should be submitted. Slideshow should include a minimum of 10 slides and not more than 25. Incorporate appropriate slide layouts, graphics, animations, and audio (music or voice and transition sounds do not count). Each slide should include notes for a presentation. All digital exhibits must be uploaded according to the guidelines and by the deadline listed in the department rules.
- H-860-003 **Produce an Audio/video Computer Presentation** – (SF276) Using presentation software a 4-H exhibitor designs a multimedia computer presentation on one topic related to youth, including audio and/or video elements. A notebook with a printout of all the slides should be submitted. The presentation should be at least two minutes in length and no more than five minutes in length, appropriate graphics, sound and either a video clip, animation, or voice over and/or original video clip. All digital exhibits must be uploaded according to the guidelines and by the deadline listed in the department rules.
- H-860-004 **How to STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** - (SF276) Youth design a fully automated two to five minute 4-H “how to” video. Submissions should incorporate a picture or video of the 4-H member as well as their name (first name only), age (as of January 1 of the current year), years in 4-H, and their personal interests or hobbies. All digital exhibits must be uploaded according to the guidelines and by the deadline listed in the department rules.
- H-860-005 **Virtual Platform Presentation** – (SF276) Youth design a fully automated educational presentation using any multimedia platform such as Tik Tok, YouTube, Canva, Canvas, etc.. Submissions may include a notebook, poster, etc., explaining the process, experience, and/or presentation. All digital exhibits must be uploaded according to the guidelines and by the deadline listed in the department rules.
- H-860-006 **Create a Website/Blog or App** – (SF275) Design a simple website, blog, or app for providing information about a topic related to youth. Include an explanation of why the entry was created. Any current website, blog, or app development platform is accepted such as Google Sites, iBuildApp, Wix, etc. All digital exhibits must be uploaded according to the guidelines and by the deadline listed in the department rules.
- H-860-007 **3D Printing:** (SF1050) – 3D printing uses plastic or other materials to build a three-dimensional (3D) object from a digital design (including 3D Pen Creation). 4-H may use original designs or someone else’s they have redesigned in a unique way. Exhibits will be judged based on the motivation and/or problem identified. For example, 3D objects printed as part of the design process for robot or other engineering project. Must include design notebook that addresses the following questions:
1. What was the motivation for your design or the problem you were solving with your design? i.e. Is your item a functional or decorative piece?
 2. Please include a picture of original design, citation of designer/website OR if design is completely original (you created it using CAD software), then state that it’s original. If item was not completely original, indicate what you did to the original design to modify it to better meet the design problem stated in #1 above. Its design was modified multiple times, please indicate what change was made with each modification, and what prompted the need for the change. i.e. I printed it and the design was too fragile, so I resliced the print to make thicker external walls, or to have a denser infill.
 3. Define your process for designing/printing. What software and/or hardware was used (indicate type of 3D printer or if item was created with 3D pen)?
 4. What materials were selected for your project?
 5. If your final design has any moving parts, define how you determined appropriate allowance in your design.
 6. Identify any changes that you would make to improve your design.
- H-860-008 **Maker Space/Digital Fabrication** – (SF1051) This project is a computer generated projected created using a laser cutter, vinyl cutter, heat press or CNC router. Vector or 3D based software such as Corel Draw or Fusion 360 would be an example of an appropriate software used to create your finished project. Project should include a 8.5 inch x 11 inch three ring notebook with the following:
1. What motivated you to create this project
 2. Software and equipment used
 3. Directions on how to create the project
 4. Prototype of plans
 5. Cost of creating project
 6. Iterations or modifications made to original plans
 7. Changes you would make if you remade the project

Team Entry Option: To qualify for entry at the Nebraska State Fair team materials entered in H860008 – Maker Space/Digital Fabrication must clearly be the work of a team instead of an individual, and must have at least 50% of all team members enrolled in 4-H. Additionally, all enrolled 4-H members on the team should complete and attach an entry tag to the materials. A supplemental page documenting the individual contributions to the project should be included. The entry will be judged as a team, with all team members receiving the same ribbon placing.

Department H, Division 861 - STEM Robotics

Pay Category #4

- H-861-001 **Robotics Poster-** (SF236) Create a poster (28 inches X 22 inches) communicating a robotics theme such as “Robot or Not”, “Pseudocode”, “Real World Robots”, “Careers in Robots”, “Autonomous Robotics”, “Precision Agriculture” or a robotic topic of interest to the 4-H member.

- H-861-002 **Robotics Notebook-** (SF237) Explore a robotics topic in-depth and present your findings in a notebook. Documentation should include any designs, research, notes, pseudocode, data tables or other evidence of the 4-H members learning experience. The 8.5 inch x 11 inches notebook should contain at least three pages. Topics could include a programming challenge, programming skills, calibration, sensor exploration, or any of the topics suggested in Class 1.
- H-861-004 **Robotics /Careers Interview** - (SF239) Interview someone who is working in the field of robotics and research the career in robotics. Interviews can either be written or in a multimedia format (CD/DVD) such as a short video uploaded to a cloud sharing service. Include a QR code with your project to allow for judging access. Multimedia reports should be between three to five minutes in length. All digital exhibits must be uploaded according to the guidelines and by the deadline listed in the department rules. Written interviews should be in a 8.5 inch x 11 inch notebook. Written reports should be three to five pages, double spaced, 12-point font, and 1" margins.
- H-861-005 **Robotics Sensor Notebook** - (SF241) Write scratch code which includes at least three sensor activity. Include the code written and explain the code function. Codes can be submitted as a multimedia format uploaded to a cloud sharing service. Include a QR code with your project to allow judging access. Multimedia presentations should be three to five minutes in length. State Fair qualified digital exhibits must be uploaded according to the guidelines and by the deadline listed in the department rules.
- H-861-007 **Kit Labeled Robot (cannot be free programmed.) and Notebook-** (SF243) – This class is intended for explorations of robotic components such as arms or vehicles OR educational kits marketed as robots that do not have the ability to be programmed to “sense, plan and act.” The exhibit should include a notebook with the robot the youth has constructed. Included in the notebook should include:
1. a description of what the robot does
 2. pictures of programs the robot can perform
 3. why they chose to build this particular form
 4. how the problem solved any issues they might have had during building and programming.
- A picture story of assembly is recommended. If a robot is more than 15 inches wide and 20 inches tall it may not be displayed in locked cases at the Nebraska State Fair. If the robot is too large, we recommend you create a video of how your robot works. We recommend that you submit the project under class H861003 – Robotics Video in the Robotics Showcase.
- H-861-008 **3D Printed Robotics Parts** - (SF244) - This class is intended for 4-H members to create parts through 3D printing, that help create their robot or aid the robot in completing a coded function. Project should include a notebook describing the process used to create the project, the success of your designed piece (did it work), and intended use of the product and the modifications made to the item.

Department H, Division 870 –STEM Electricity

Pay Category #4

Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4helectricity> .

- *H-870-900 **Flashlight:** Made to specifications in Magic of Electricity manual.
- *H-870-901 **Switch:** Made to specifications in Magic of Electricity manual.
- *H-870-902 **Circuit:** Make a circuit with a switch and a light bulb that can be used to test different household items for their ability to act as an insulator or conductor. Make a table that shows the results of finding five items that are conductors and five items that are insulators.
- *H-870-903 **Parallel or Series Circuit:** Using a D cell battery, battery holder, insulated wire, bulb holder and a 2 or 2.5 volt light bulb construct a parallel or series circuit.
- *H-870-906 **Switching Circuit:** Made to specifications in Investigating Electricity manual.
- *H-870-907 **Short Essay or Poster** illustrating how three way switches function.
- *H-870-908 **Rocket Launcher:** Made to specifications in Investigating Electricity manual.
- *H-870-909 **Poster** showing step by step process of building rocket launcher.
- *H-870-910 **Alarm:** Made to specifications in Investigating Electricity manual.
- *H-870-911 **Poster** showing step by step process of building an alarm.
- H-870-001 **Electrical Tool/Supply Kit** - Create an electrical supply kit to be used for basic electrical repair around the house. Include a brief description of each item and its use. Container should be appropriate to hold items. SF224
- H-870-002 **Lighting Comparison** – Display studying the efficiency of various lighting (incandescent, fluorescent, halogen, Light Emitting Diodes, etc.). Exhibit could be a poster display, or an actual item. SF225
- H-870-003 **Electrical Display/Item** – Show an application of one of the concepts learned in the Wired for Power project. Examples include: re-wiring or building a lamp, re-wiring or making a heavy-duty extension cord or developing an electrical diagram of a house. Exhibit could be a poster display, or an actual item. SF226
- H-870-004 **Poster** – Poster should exemplify one of the lessons learned in the Wired for Power Project. SF227
- H-870-005 **Electrical/Electronic Part Identification** - H870005 - (SF228) - Display different parts used for electrical/electronic work. The exhibit should show the part (either picture or actual item) and give a brief description, including a symbol of each part and its function. Display should include a minimum of 10 different parts.
- H-870-006 **Electronic Display** - (SF229) - Show an application of one of the concepts learned in the Entering Electronics project. Examples include: components of an electronic device (refer to p. 35 of the Entering Electronics manual).
- H-870-007 **Electronic Project** - (SF230) - Exhibit an electronic item designed by the 4-H'er or from a manufactured kit that shows the electronic expertise of the 4-H'er. Examples include: a radio, a computer, or a voltmeter.
- H-870-008 **Poster** - H870008 - Poster - (SF231) - Poster should exemplify one of the lessons learned in the Entering Electronics Project. Posters can be any size up to 22 inches by 28 inches.

Division H, Division 880 – STEM Geospatial

Pay Category #4

- H-880-001 **Poster:** (SF299) Create a poster communicating a GPS theme such as How GPS or GIS works, Careers that use GPS or GIS, How to use GPS, What is GIS, GPS or GIS in Agriculture, Precision Agriculture, or a geospatial topic of interest. 14 inches x 22 inches.

- H-880-002 **4-H Favorite Places or Historical Site Poster:** (SF299) The 4-H member identifies a favorite place or historical site (including grave sites) in Nebraska. Exhibit should include latitude and longitude, digital picture, and local area map. Poster size should not exceed 14 inches x 22 inches.
- H-880-003 **GPS Notebook:** (SF300) Keep a log of at least five places visited using a GPS enabled device. At least one site should be from a community other than where you live. For each site, record the latitude, longitude and elevation. Also include a description of the site, a paragraph explaining what was interesting about the site or finding it. Photos of each site and/or cache are optional but encouraged.
- H-880-004 **Geocache** - (SF301) Assemble a themed geocache (physical geocache is REQUIRED with exhibit). Each geocache should be a water-tight container. It should include a logbook and pencil for finders to log their visits and may include small trinket, geo-coins, etc. for the finders to trade. Documentation should include a title, teaser description and the geographic coordinates of intended placement. The entry may include a photograph of the cache in its intended hiding place. Register the site at geocaching.com following the Nebraska State Fair.
- H-880-005 **Agriculture Precision Mapping** – (SF302) 4-H members will assemble a 8.5 inches x 11 inches three-ring notebook that will include a minimum of two digital copies of various data layers that can be used in precision agriculture to identify spatial patterns and/or correlations (printed copies of websites were applications can be purchased is acceptable) A report of how the analysis of the various data will be used to make a management decision.
- H-880-007 **GIS Thematic Map** - H880007 - GIS Thematic Map (SF302) – Using any GIS software, create a thematic map. Thematic maps can utilize any subject of interest to the 4-H members. Example map would be Amelia Earhart's or Sir Francis Drake's voyage, population density maps, water usage maps or 4-H project in Nebraska. Create GIS Map using data from books and/or internet. Use reliable data, (U.S. Center or U.S. Census Bureau etc.) Map any size from 8.5 inches x 11 inches up to 36 inches x 24 inches, which should include Title, Base Map, Neat Line, North Arrow, and Legend. Identify the source of your information on the back of the map.
- H-880-008 **Virtual Geocache** - (SF300) Keep a log of at least five places visited using a virtual geocache platform. At least one site should be from a community other than where you live. For each site, record the latitude, longitude and elevation. Also include a description of the site, a paragraph explaining what was interesting about the site or finding it. Photos of each site and/or cache are optional but encouraged.

Department H, Division 890 - Small Engines

Pay Category #3

Crank it Up - Unit 1

- *H-890-900 **Small Engine Display/Item:** Show an application or one of the concepts learned in the Crank It Up project. Examples include: comparison and/or identification of hand tools used to maintain/fix small engines, spark plug maintenance, importance of air filters, function of oil, classifying sources of power and safety.

Warm it Up - Unit 2

- *H-890-901 **Small Engine Display/Item:** Show an application of one of the concepts learned in the Warm It Up project. Examples include: comparison of engine oil types, transmissions, or safety related to engines. Exhibit could be a poster display, or an actual item. SF222

Tune it Up - Unit 3

- *H-890-902 **Engine Display/Item:** Display/Item should exemplify one of the lessons learned in the Tune It Up Project. Examples include: diagnostic tools, fuel systems, ignition systems. If a complete engine is exhibited it will not be started. However, display needs to report process of building/rebuilding engine and how/where engine will be utilized (i.e. lawn mower, weed eater, snow blower, etc.). SF222.

Department H, Division 900 – STEM Energy

Pay Category #3

- H-900-001 **Create and Compare Energy Resources Poster** - (SF307) Poster should explore two alternative/renewable energy resources. Compare and contrast the two resources including two of the following information: amount of energy created, costs of production, usability of the energy, pros/cons of environmental impacts, etc. Posters can be any size up to 28 inches by 22 inches.
- H-900-002 **Experiment Workbook-** (SF305) - Notebook will explore the scientific method involving alternative/renewable energy sources. Information required. 1. Hypothesis 2. Research 3. Experiment 4. Measure 5. Report or Redefine Hypothesis.
- H-900-003 **Solar as Energy Display/Poster** – (SF308) Item should be the original design of the 4-H member. Include the item, or a picture if item is in excess of 6 feet tall or 2 feet x 2 feet. Include a notebook of why the item was designed and how it harnesses the power of the sun. Examples include solar ovens, solar panels, etc.
- H-900-004 **Water as Energy Display/Poster** - (SF308) Item should be the original design of the 4-H member. Include the item, or a picture if item is in excess of 6 feet tall or 2 feet x 2 feet. Include a notebook of why the item was designed and how it harnesses the power of water.
- H-900-005 **Wind as Energy Display/Poster** - (SF308) - Item should be the original design of the 4-H member. Include the item, or a picture if item is in excess of 6 feet tall or 2 feet x 2 feet. Include a notebook of why the item was designed and how it harnesses the power of wind.
- H-900-006 **Other Nebraska Alternative Energy** – (SF306) Notebook should explore Nebraskan alternative energy source besides wind, water, and solar power. Include information on type of power chosen, infrastructure for distribution, what resources are needed to create this alternative resource, cost of production, and potential uses of bio-products. Examples include geothermal, biomass, ethanol, bio-diesel, methane reactors, etc.

Department H, Division 911 – STEM Woodworking

Pay Category #3

Requirements: All articles exhibited must include a plan (with drawings or sketch or blueprints) stating dimensions and other critical instructions a builder would need to know how to build the project and 4-H members name and county.

Plans may include narrative instructions in addition to the dimension drawings and include any alterations to the original plan. Part of the score depends on how well the project matches the plans. If plans are modified, the changes from the original need to be noted on the plans. All plans used for making the article must be securely attached and protected by a clear plastic cover. Include a copy of the plans even if using plans from the manual.

All projects must have appropriate finish. If the project (i.e. picnic tables, wishing wells, swings, chairs, bridges, doghouses, etc.) is designed to be used outside, it will be displayed outside at State Fair. All outside projects MUST have entry tag and supporting information placed in a protective bag to prevent damage from weather events such as rain and be ATTACHED to projects with string, zip ties, etc.

- *H-911-900 **Article Made With Hand Tools (Manual):** Select from these Level 1 manual items: flower box, napkin or letter holder or frame.
- *H-911-901 **Article Made With Hand Tools (Not in Manual):** Item comparable to those in Level 1 manual, but not listed in class 900.
- *H-911-902 **Article In Level 2 Manual or Comparable item:** Item using power hand tools, electric jig saw, power drill and/or oscillating sander.
- *H-911-903 **Comparable Article:** Item fitting criteria similar to those in Level 2 Woodworking manual.
- *H-911-904 **Additional Woodworking Item**

- H-911-001 **Woodworking Article:** (SF91) Item should be made using either joints, hinges, dowels, or a dado joining made using skills learned in the Nailing It Together manual. Item is required to be appropriately finished. Examples include: bookcase, coffee table or end table.
- H-911-003 **Recycled Woodworking Display:** (SF95) Article made from recycled, reclaimed or composite wood. Article must be appropriately finished and/or sealed and utilized one or more woodworking techniques from page two of the Unit 3 manual. Exhibit must include the woodworking plan and a minimum one-page report of how the engineering design process was used to develop the woodworking plan. Engineering Design Process:
 1. State the problem (Why did you need this item?)
 2. Generate possible solutions (How have others solved the problem? What other alternatives or designs were considered?)
 3. Select a solution (How does your solution compare on the basis of cost, availability, and functionality?)
 4. Build the item (What was your woodworking plan, and what processes did you use to build your item?)
 5. Reason for article finish (What type of finish, how did you finish or why you choose this finish?)
 6. Evaluate (How does your item solve the original need?)
 7. Present results (How would you do this better next time?)
- H-911-004 **Composite Wood Project** (SF96) 60% of the project must be wood and 40% made from other materials such as metal, rubber, resin, etc. All plans and plan alterations must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. If a project is designed to be outside it is required to have an appropriate outdoor finish because project may be displayed outside.
- H-911-005 **Outdoor Wood Project made with Treated Wood:** (SF97) Treated wood projects DO NOT have to have a finished coating. All plans and plan alterations must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. If the project is designed to be outside. Examples include: picnic tables, planters, outdoor furniture, etc.
- H-911-006 **Wood Projects created on a Turning Lathe:** (SF 98) - Article is the object created from spinning wood on a turning lathe. Article must be appropriately finished and/or sealed. Exhibit must include plans detailing design and process of completion, any changes made to the design, details of finishing techniques, and other relevant information about the article. Must include a description of tools used.
- H-911-007 **Woodworking Article –** (SF91) Item made using skills learned in the Finishing It Up Project. Examples include: dovetailing, making a pen using lathe, overlays, using a router, etc. Item is required to be appropriately finished.
- H-911-008 **Recycled Woodworking Display -** (SF91) Article made from recycled, reclaimed or composite wood. Article must be appropriately finished and/or sealed and utilized one or more woodworking techniques from page 2 of the Unit 4 manual. Exhibit must include the woodworking plan and a minimum one-page report of how the design and engineering process was used to develop the woodworking plan. Engineering Design Process:
 1. State the problem (Why did you need this item?)
 2. Generate possible solutions (How have others solved the problem? What other alternatives or designs were considered?)
 3. Select a solution (How does your solution compare on the basis of cost, availability, and functionality?)
 4. Reason for article finish (What type of finish, how did you finish or why you choose this finish?)
 5. Build the item (What was your woodworking plan, and what processes did you use to build your item?)
 6. Evaluate (How does your item solve the original need?)
 7. Present results (How would you do this better next time?)

Department H, Division 920 – STEM Welding

Pay Category #3

- H-920-001 **Welding Joints –** (SF281) display of one butt, one lap and one fillet weld
 1. All welds should be made with the same electrode/wire/rod size and number.
 2. Welds should be made only on one side of metal so penetration can be judged.
 3. Welds should be cleaned with a chipping hammer and wire brush. Apply a coat of light oil (penetrating oil) to the metal to prevent rusting. Wipe off excess oil.
 4. It is suggested that all welds be of the same size and thickness as metal. These pieces, referred to as coupons, should be 1 ½ to 2 inches wide and 3 ½ to 4 inches long. A good way to get this size is to buy a new cold rolled strap iron and cut it to length. The extra width is needed to provide enough metal to absorb the heat from the welding process and prevent the coupons from becoming too hot before the bead is completed. Narrower coupons will become very hot, making an average welder setting too cold at the bead start, just about right in the middle, and too hot at the end. The correct way to weld narrow strips is to make short beads and allow time to cool, however this project requires a full-length bead.
 5. Stick welding: Suggested coupon thickness - ¼ inch if using 1/8 inch rod. Suggested rod-AC and DC straight or reverse polarity- first E-7014, second E-6013
 6. MIG welding: Suggested coupon thickness - ¼ inch if using .035 wire and 1/8 inch if using .023 wire
 7. Oxy-Acetylene: Suggested coupon thickness –1/8-inch. Suggested rod 1/8-inch mild steel rod
- H-920-002 **Position Welds -** (SF281) - display showing three beads welded in the vertical down, horizontal and overhead positions.
 1. It is suggested that all welds be of the same size and thickness of metal. These pieces are referred to as coupons. The welds can be on one coupon that is about 4 inches x 4 inches or on individual coupons that are about 2 inches x 4 inches and ¼ inch thick. Suggested rods for this class of position welds for AC and DC straight or reverse polarity is, first E-6013, second E-7014 and E-6010 for DC reverse polarity only.

2. Welds should be cleaned with a chipping hammer and wire brush. Apply a coat of light oil (penetrating oil) to the metal to prevent rusting. Wipe off excess oil.

3. 4-H Welding Project Tips and Suggestions: Class 3 & 4 1. All welds should be cleaned and protected from rust with paint or light oil.

Plans are to be complete enough that if they were given to a welding shop, the item could be made without further instructions. Bill of materials should include a cost for all items used including steel, electrodes, paint, wheels, etc.

- H-920-003 **Welding Art** - (SF283) any art created using tack welds to hold the metal pieces together (examples include horseshoe projects). Type of welder, welder settings, all plans, plan alternations, and a bill for material must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. If project is designed to be outside, it is required to have an appropriate outdoor finish.
- H920-004 **Welding Article** - (SF281) any shop article where welding is used in construction. 60% of the item must be completed by 4-H member and notes regarding laser welding or machine welding must be included. Type of welder, welder settings, all plans, plan alternations, and a bill for material must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. If a project is designed to be outside, it is required to have an appropriate outdoor finish because the project may be displayed outside.
- H-920-005 **Welding Furniture** – (SF282) – any furniture with 75% welding is used in the construction. 60% of the item must be completed by 4-H member and notes regarding laser welding or machine welding must be included. Type of welder, welder settings, all plans, plan alternations, and a bill for material must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. If a project is designed to be outside, it is required to have an appropriate outdoor finish because project may be displayed outside.
- H-920-006 **Plasma Cutter/Welder Design** - (SF279) Plasma cutters/welders allowed for detailed design(s) to butt cut into metal. 4-H members will create a notebook describing the design process to create the "artwork" to butt cut into metal. In the notebook include:
- A photo (front and back) of the finished project.
 - Instructions on how the design was created (include software used), this allows for replication of the project.
 - Lessons learned or improvements to the project.
 - Steps to finish project.
- H-920-007 **Composite Weld Project** - (SF280) 60% of the project must be welded and 40% made from other materials such as wood, rubber, etc. Type of welder, welder settings, all plans, plan alternations, and a bill for material must be attached to the article. Protect plans with a cover. If project is designed to be outside, it is required to have an appropriate outdoor finish because project may be displayed outside-State Fair).

Department H - ENTOMOLOGY

Department H, Division 800 - Entomology

Pay Category #3

General Information

Entomology exhibits give 4-H members the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge about insects and insect displays. This category has multiple projects that allow 4-H members to progress over numerous years.

1. Specimens in display collections should be mounted properly and labeled with location, date of collection, name of collector, and order name. Follow mounting and labeling instructions in the Nebraska 4-H Entomology Manual. Boxes are preferred to be 12 inches high x 18 inches wide, and landscape orientation, so they fit in display racks. Purchase of commercially made boxes is allowed. All specimens are to be pinned and labeled by the exhibitor. No purchased specimens allowed.

2. No projects over 50 pounds allowed.

Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hentomology>.

An explanation of projects and curriculum resources can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/projects/>.

- H-800-001 **Entomology Display, First-Year Project** – (SF186) Collection to consist of 25 or more different kinds (species) of insects representing at least 6 orders. Limit of one box.
- H-800-002 **Entomology Display, Second-Year Project** - (SF186) Collection to consist of a minimum of 50 kinds (species) of insects representing at least eight orders. Replace damaged or poorly mounted specimens. At least 25 species must be present and dated after July 1 of the previous year. Limit two boxes.
- H-800-003 **Entomology Display, Third-Year or More Project** - (SF186) Collection to consist of a minimum of 75 kinds (species) of insects representing at least 10 orders. Replace damaged or poorly mounted specimens. At least 25 species must be present and dated after July 1 of previous year. Limit of three boxes.
- H-800-004 **Special Interest Display or Advanced Insect Display** - (SF187) - Educational display developed according to personal interests and/or advanced identification capability. This is also an opportunity to highlight favorite insects in a creative arrangement. Insects should conform to pinning and mounting standards as in Classes 1-3 and be protected in an insect box. Each specialty display should include names of the insects, interesting information about them, and why the display was made. Advanced identification collections should have insects grouped with labels that correspond with identification level (e.g. family, genus, species). A specialty collection may consist of insects by taxonomic group (e.g. butterflies, grasshoppers, dragonflies, scarab beetles) or by host, subject, or habitat (e.g. insect pests of corn, aquatic insect mimicry, insects galls, insect from goldenrod, insect pollinators. etc.).
- H-800-005 **Insect Habitats** - (SF188) - Habitats consist of any hand-crafted objects, made of natural or artificial materials, to be placed outdoors, which promote or conserve insects in the environment. Insects may include bee pollinators, butterflies, beneficial insects, etc. A one-page report describing activities must accompany the exhibit. Report should include placement, target insect, why materials were chosen, functional design, and indicators of success. See the following resources for reports:
- Nebraska Extension NebGuide: Creating a Solitary Bee Hotel (G2256)
 - University of Minnesota: Wild Bees and Building Wild Bee Houses
 - National Wildlife Federation: How to Provide Water in Monarch Gardens
- H-800-006 **Macrophotography** - (SF189) Subjects should be insects, spiders or other arthropods, or any nests, webs or constructions they make. All exhibit prints should be either 8 inches x 10 inches or 8.5 inches x 11 inches and mounted on rigid, black 11 inches X 14 inches poster or mat board. Either orientation is acceptable. No frames or mat board framing is allowed. A caption of a few sentences should explain the subject and be printed on white paper and glued below the print on the poster board.

- H-800-007 **Insect Poster/Display** - (SF190) Exhibits can be posters or three-dimensional displays, and artistic creativity is encouraged. Posters should be no larger than 22 inches x 28 inches. They should be instructional and can be attractive and have pictures, drawings, charts, or graphs. Posters and displays may show any aspect of insect life, habitat, or related conservation or management. Examples include life history and other facts about an insect; insect anatomy; how to manage insects in a farm, home, lawn, or garden setting; experiences rearing one kind of insect; survey of an important insect; insect behavior (ex. nesting, finding food, mobility, defenses, etc.); habitats (e.g. forests, grasslands, wetlands, rivers, or lakes) and what insects are found there, etc. Three-dimensional displays, such as dioramas, sculptures, models or decorative boxes should have a page of explanatory information accompanying them and fit within a 22 inches x 28 inches area.
- H-800-008 **Reports or Journals** – (SF 191) Reports and journals should be in a 3-ring binder. A report may be informational, that is, an original article about a favorite insect, a history of insect outbreaks, diseases caused by insects, insects as food, etc. Or, it may be a research report about an investigation or experiment done in a scientific manner. It then should have a basic introduction of the insect studied, methods used, observations, and results of the project. Tables, graphs and images are helpful to include. A journal is an observational study over a period of time with personal impressions. It may cover watching changes in kinds of butterflies over the summer, rearing a specific insect from egg to adult, managing a beehive, observations of insects in a specific habitat, accounts of insect behavior in a forest or flower garden, etc.

Department H – Veterinary Science

Pay Category #4

The purpose of a Veterinary Science exhibit is to inform the public about the common health problems of animals, a veterinary science principle or public health/zoonotic diseases.

1. **A Veterinary Science exhibit** may consist of a poster, notebook or a display. The exhibit may represent material from any of the Veterinary Science projects including entry level exhibits from Unit I.
2. If photographs are to be part of the exhibit, remember that they will be viewed by the public. Make sure that the photographs are in good taste and will not be offensive to anyone. Graphic photographs of excessive bleeding, trauma or painful procedures are not appropriate. For exhibits related to veterinary surgical procedures, aseptic techniques need to be shown, for example, use of drapes, use of sterile procedures, wearing of gloves and other appropriate veterinary medical practices.
3. **First-Aid Kits:** Because of public safety concerns and risk of theft of first-aid kit contents (veterinary drugs/equipment) with perceived potential for drug abuse, animal first aid kits containing any drugs or medications will be immediately disqualified and not displayed. First Aid kits wishing to include medication information should instead utilize written descriptions, photographs, drawings, computer generated print-outs or empty packaging of pharmaceuticals.
4. **Veterinary Science Posters** - This exhibit presents the viewer with a design that is simple and direct, unlike a display that usually presents more information. A poster should not exceed 22 inches x 28 inches and may be either vertical or horizontal.
5. **Veterinary Science Displays** - A display may include but is not limited to: a three-dimensional exhibit, a scale model, the actual product (for example: skeleton; teeth; samples of leather, fur, or dried skin damaged by disease or parasites) or a notebook. A display is not a poster. A display may be mounted on poster board not to exceed 22 inches x 28 inches or on 1/4 inch plywood or equivalent that does not exceed 24 inches high or 32 inches wide or in a three-ring binder or another bound notebook format.

H-840-001 **Large Animal Poster, Notebook, or Display** (SF119)

H-840-002 **Small Animal/Pet Poster, Notebook, or Display** (SF119)

1. Appropriate Veterinary Science Topics:

- Maintaining health
- Specific disease information
- Photographic display of normal and abnormal characteristics of animals
- Animal health or safety
- Public health or safety
- Proper animal management to ensure food safety & quality
- Efficient and safe livestock working facilities
- Or a topic of the exhibitors choosing related to veterinary medicine or veterinary science

2. Remember, since these are science displays, all references and information need to be properly cited. Proper sources include but are not limited to: Professional journals and publications, professional AVMA accredited websites, interviews with Veterinarians and excerpts from Veterinary Educational Literature. Plagiarism will result in disqualification. Please study your topic and present the information to your audience in your own words.

DEPARTMENT I - CLOVER KIDS

Ages 5-7 (4-H ages, as of January 1 of the current year). Must be enrolled in Clover Kids Program. All entries are to be accompanied by completed entry cards. Only one exhibit per class. Limit 12 entries. All entries will receive a special ribbon. Be creative! These items are not eligible for State Fair competition.

Department I, Division 10 – Outside Discovery

I-10-001	Treasure Hunt Collage	I-10-006	Insect Model - Create your very own insect using non-edible media and include all the parts of an insect: 6 legs, one pair of antennae and three body sections.
I-10-002	Plant Grown From Seed		
I-10-003	Seed Mosaic		
I-10-004	Bird Feeder —Any homemade bird feeder using recycled products	I-10-007	Float Your Boat (reference page 36 of project manual)- Design and build a boat.
I-10-005	Bird House -Any homemade bird house	I-10-008	Leaf Rubbing
		I-10-009	Plaster Cast of Nature
		I-10-010	Design Your Own Exhibit

Department I, Division 20 – Aerospace 1

- I-20-001 **Rocket** made from food. Must be non-perishable. See directions in project manual.
- I-20-002 **Spacey Suit.** See directions in project manual.
- I-20-003 **Paper Flyers** - Make your favorite kind of paper flyer. This can be a kite, helicopter, airplane, rocket or any other flying machine.
- I-20-004 **4-H Aerospace Manual** - Enter your manual showing what activities you have completed.
- I-20-005 **“Go Green In Space”**- Create a flying machine (airplane, helicopter, rocket, space-buggy, etc.) out of recycled materials.
- I-20-006 **Windsock/Windchime**
- I-20-007 **Design Your Own Exhibit**

Department I, Division 30 - Family Celebrations from Around the World

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| I-30-001 | Family Traditions - photograph and description of a family celebration - 8 ½ x 11" poster board. | I-30-005 | China Dolls |
| I-30-002 | Name Rhyme - write a rhyme about your name and what it means. | I-30-006 | Carp Kite |
| I-30-003 | Mexican Piñata | I-30-007 | Mother's/Father's/Grandparent's Day Poster |
| I-30-004 | Japanese Hat | I-30-008 | 4th of July - U.S. Flag |
| | | I-30-009 | Design Your Own Exhibit |

Department I, Division 40 - Exploring Farm Animal

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| I-40-001 | Create a Critter | I-40-005 | “Gate to Plate” -Show what products or by-products we get from animals. Maximum exhibit size 14"x22". |
| I-40-002 | Animal Care Collage | I-40-006 | Parts of a Farm Animal - Exhibit may focus on one species or show multiple species. Maximum exhibit size 14"x22". |
| I-40-003 | Animal Story - Handwritten, no more than 3 photos or 3 paragraphs. Ex.: Animal Care | I-40-007 | Know Your Breed - Create an exhibit that shows what you have learned about the breed of any farm animal |
| I-40-004 | Animal Sculpture - any type of medium, i.e. clay, play dough, bread dough clay, etc. | 1-40-008 | Design Your Own Exhibit |

Department I, Division 50 – Making Food For Me

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| I-50-001 | Making Food for Me Place Mat – Colored and decorated. Lamination or protection with clear contact paper advised. | I-50-005 | Protein Collage – Neatly cut and pasted pictures of protein sources and food displayed on collage. |
| I-50-002 | Food Cards – Neatly cut and colored Food Cards, in self-sealing plastic bag or other secure container. | I-50-006 | Healthy Snack – Four cookies, bars, muffins, etc., on a paper plate or at least 1 cup of mix. (examples: snack mix made from a cereal base, no-bake or simple cookie or granola bar.) |
| I-50-003 | Grain Collage – Neatly cut and pasted pictures of grains cut out and displayed on collage. | I-50-007 | Decorated Cupcake or Cookie -Four on a paper plate. Decorated with frosting, candies and/or edible items. |
| 1-50-004 | Dairy Tasting Party – Completed Dairy Tasting Party form from Project Book (Page 17). May be copied or cut from manual. | 1-50-008 | Design Your Own Exhibit |

Department I, Division 60 - Theater Art

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| I-60-001 | Sock Puppet | I-60-005 | Theater Arts Manual - with completed activities |
| I-60-002 | Spoon Puppet | I-60-006 | Strike up the Band - create a musical instrument |
| I-60-003 | Other Puppet | 1-60-007 | Design Your Own Exhibit |
| I-60-004 | Picture Story - See page 28 of manual | | |

Department I, Division 70 – A Space for Me

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| I-70-001 | Storage Container | I-70-004 | Recycling Item |
| I-70-002 | Getting a Feel for Texture | I-70-005 | You Create It “Color It, Paint It, Create It” |
| I-70-003 | Wall Hanging | I-70-006 | Other Home Environment Item |
| | | 1-70-007 | Design Your Own Exhibit |

Department I, Division 80 - Bicycle Adventures

- I-80-001 **Bicycle Helmet Story** - On 8 ½" x 11" paper tell why bicycle helmets are important.
- I-80-002 **Hand Signals Poster** - On 8 ½" x 11" poster draw and label three hand signals.
- I-80-003 **Safe Riding Poster** - On 8 ½" x 11" poster draw three safe riding practices.
- I-80-004 **Design Your Own Exhibit**

Department I, Division 90 - Textiles

- I-90-001 **Decorate a t-shirt** - any method, without using an iron or sewing machine.
- I-90-002 **Decorate an accessory** - any method, without using an iron or sewing machine.
- I-90-003 **An item constructed from fleece** - without using the sewing machine. Does not need to be decorated.
- I-90-004 **Design Your Own Exhibit**

Department I, Division 100 – Caring for ME

I-100-001	Home Safety Poster	I-100-005	Caring for Your Teeth Poster
I-100-002	First Aid Kit - Use zipper-lock bag	I-100-006	Rules of the Road Poster
I-100-003	Food Guide Poster	I-100-007	Design Your Own Exhibit
I-100-004	This Is Me Poster		

Department I, Division 110 – Clover Kid Fun Event

I-110-001	Clover Kid Fun Day Activity Exhibit – Any item made during a Clover Kid Fun Event.
I-110-002	Second Clover Kid Fun Day Activity Exhibit – Additional item made during a Clover Kid Fun Event.

Department I, Division 111 – Clover Kid Workshop Projects

I-111-001	Clover Kid Workshop Exhibit – Any item made during a Clover Kid Fun Event.
I-111-002	Second Clover Kid Workshop Exhibit – Additional item made during a Clover Kid Fun Event.

DEPARTMENT K – FFA Agricultural Mechanics**Future Farmers of America Organization, Dept. of Vocational Agriculture**

All items entered in this department must be made by all-day students of Vocational Agriculture during the school year. Each article entered shall be neatly labeled with the name of student and cost of construction. Shop projects will be judged on construction, workmanship, utility design and material finish.

Pay Category #3**Department 76, Ag Mech: Utility**

6000	Large Item-Wagons, trailers
6010	Medium Item-Carts, welding tables, presses, engine hoist, engine stands
6020	Small Item-Splash blocks, tool boxes, foot scrapers, stools, car ramps, jack stands

Department 77, Ag Mech: Production

6100	Large Item-Loading chute, bale carrier, hog carrier
6110	Medium Item-Stock panels, sheep blocker
6120	Small Item-Post driver, post puller, troughs

Department 78, Ag Mech: Power

6200	Large Item-Large sprayers
6210	Medium Item-Log splitter
6220	Small Item-Small sprayer

Department 79, Ag Mech: Horticulture

6300	Large Item-Grills, smokers, planers, mini-sprayers
6310	Medium Item-Picnic tables, patio seats, patio table
6320	Small Item-Plant stands, planter boxes, signs

Department 80, Refurbishing (tractors)

6400	Large Refurbishing (Tractors)
6410	Medium Refurbishing (Lawn mowers, tillers, power garden items)
6420	Small Refurbishing (Antique farm tools)

Department 81, Ag Mech: Display

6500	Welding-Arch
6510	Welding-MIG/TIG
6520	Welding/Gas Welding/Brazing
6530	Electrical-1 switch, 2 types of splices, light fixture, receptacle.
6540	Plumbing-3 types of pipe, soldering, flare fitting, glued joints, steel threaded joint.
6550	Advanced Electrical or Plumbing, includes controls, valves, timers,

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