2026 Responsibilities of 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Members

Large Livestock & Small Animal Entries must be made **prior to Midnight, WEDNESDAY, July 29** for online entries. *Entries (Livestock only) received after the deadline will be assessed $100 per family late fee to enter into fair. Contact the Show Coordinator or one of the two Livestock Fair Board members to pay late fee. (Must show some entry in ShoWorks to waive fee). Online entry link:* http://lincolncountyfair.info*. Click on Online Entries Tab. (See the Livestock Online Entry Procedure section for instructions). Do Not print tags for animal entries.*

Rules/Regulations – All Exhibitors are cautioned to carefully READ the fair book's rules and regulations as well as each division rules, they will be strictly enforced!

Improper Conduct - An exhibitor and/or parents may be asked to leave the fairgrounds for improper conduct.

Forms Needed before Weigh-In is Allowed – 4-H and FFA members must complete the following forms and turn in the forms to the forms table before weigh-in to be eligible to sell their animals at the auction.

- 4-H/FFA Responsibilities form and have it signed and dated by parent/guardian and member. (Form also found online at lincolncountyfair.info).
- Consignment form
- Brand inspection (Form A) or bill of sale. For Beef & Sheep Project members -You will need to meet with the brand inspector, show your papers to him and sign his sheet as owner of the animal. Swine & Goat Project members will need to show their bill of sale at the forms table.
- Current (within 30 days) written health inspection, market beef heifers must be verified open by a certified vet, (PLEASE HAVE THIS COMPLETED BEFORE ARRIVING ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AND MUST BE SIGNED BY A VET) required in hand. No animal will be allowed to exhibit or compete without a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, or meeting species requirements as outlined. The professional judgment of the Lincoln County Fair Veterinarian will be the final deciding factor on all animals.
- Proof of Entry – You will need to provide proof that you entered online into the Lincoln County Fair.

Time for Forms Table – someone will be at the forms table Monday afternoon at 1 – 4 pm. A receipt from the forms table will be required to weigh-in animal. **Both Parent & Participant must be at the table**.

Animals in Place & Weigh in/Check in: All large livestock are to be in assigned stalls by 3 pm on Monday of Fair. If not in place, animals stay in trailers and weigh in last. A current (within 30 days) written health inspection (PLEASE HAVE THIS COMPLETED BEFORE ARRIVING ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AND MUST BE SIGNED BY A VET) and is required in hand. Health Certificate, Brand Inspection, proof of entry into the Lincoln Co. Fair, and forms table receipt are required before you are allowed to weigh-in animal. Weigh-in for your animal at the fairgrounds is Monday of Fair – **Swine (4 pm in Pig Barn), Beef (4 pm at scales) & Sheep/Goat (4 pm at Sheep Barn).** Scales will be open for 30 minutes after last animal has weighed in. **Rabbits/Poultry –** need to be checked-in Monday from 4:30-6:30 pm. **Dairy Goats –** need to be vet checked on Tuesday at 2:30 pm.

Shows/Sale Dress Code – white shirt (long or short sleeve) and dark jeans for 4-H members, appropriate uniform for FFA members, and appropriate footwear (no open-toed shoes or sandals at any time). **4-H members are required to wear white shirts for all contests & shows. If you show up without a white shirt, you will be given a participation ribbon.**

Showmanship - Sign up for classes by deadline above. No entries will be allowed the day of the show.

Livestock Fee - There will be a $20 per animal (one-time) large livestock fee. This is the class fee associated with the market class. It will automatically be assessed during entry. The fee needs to be paid online by the deadline stated above.

Barn Aisles - ALL BARN AISLES MUST BE KEPT CLEAR; no blocking of the aisles is allowed. Grooming, cleaning, storing of equipment, etc. that blocks the passage will not be allowed. This is a safety issue and will not be tolerated.

Market Animal Quality – Animals deemed by the judge as not properly conditioned will receive a **white** ribbon and will not be eligible for the sale.

Back Tags – A back tag number will be assigned to each livestock exhibitor to be used through all livestock events that the exhibitor has entered (except the sale). The back tag number must be returned to the table after their last show.

County Tail Docking Rule - "No extreme docked lamb will be tagged for the Lincoln County Fair. Lambs that have been redocked after they have been tagged will be disqualified. Any qualifying fair exhibitor who wants to go to State Fair will have to follow the State Fair Tail Docking Rule."

Resale

- ***Lambs –*** Any lambs that won't be accepted by the resale buyer because of short tails will be returned to the sale participant at the expense of the sale participant. The sale participant will have the market price deducted from his/her sale check.
- ***Resale Buy Back –*** The sale participant/owner of the animal can purchase only their animal back from the resale contractor. The sale participant will have to make all the arrangements with the resale contractor.
- ***Resale Animals –*** Resale animals can leave the fairgrounds only when the "resale" trailer leaves. All other large and small animals (includes poultry and rabbits) cannot leave the grounds until 5 pm.
- ***During the Sale each animal sold only once –*** Each market animal may only be sold once at the sale unless pre-sale arrangements have been approved by the livestock committee.

Premium Eligibility - To be eligible to receive a premium, animals must be displayed on the fairgrounds for the week of fair. The exception would be dogs, cats, pocket pets, horses, and breeding livestock. All buckles, awards, and premiums must be claimed within the same fair year as they were won. Premiums will only be available Wednesday-Saturday (11 am to 6 pm) of fair at the payout window by the fair board office.

Show/Sale Decisions - The fair committee for each livestock division will be the Fair Board Chairperson, the Fair Board livestock members, FFA Advisor, Extension Educator, and the Livestock Show Coordinator.

Stall Information

a. Stalls will be assigned, and the stall cards will be in place by 2 pm on the Thursday before the fair. A (within 30 days) written health inspection (PLEASE HAVE THIS COMPLETED BEFORE ARRIVING ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AND MUST BE SIGNED BY A VET) is required in hand, if animals are brought to the fairgrounds before 2 pm on Monday of the fair. There will be NO modifications of pens/stalls.
b. Breeding Sheep & Goats may be brought the day of the show & taken home after, if there are no stalls available. The breeding animals must still have a vet check (See Schedule of Judging for day & time).
c. Exhibitors alone are responsible for the cleanliness of the stalls and pens. 4-H/FFA members must provide their own hoses.
d. Stall Cleaning – If the (livestock/horse) stall is not cleaned after fair and the sale, exhibitor/sale participant will not be assigned a stall for the next year's fair.
e. Alleyways must be kept free of trash and manure.

Stalls must be kept clean during the fair and must be completely cleaned after the sale when your animals leave the fairgrounds.

Friday Public Meet & Greet – On the Friday of Fair from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, all 4-H/FFA members with market projects must be in the barn to meet the public and tell them about your animal project.

Sale– Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell only one animal of any species. Check sale order; be ready when it's your turn. Animals that sell at the livestock sale will be assessed a 2% commission fee of the sale price.

Sale Animal – If by the last market show, the Livestock Committee has not been informed of which animal you

want sold; the committee will pick your highest placing animal and that animal will sell in the sale. Remember that Grand and Reserve Champion animals must sell at the sale.

Fitting - A 4-H or FFA member is expected to fit his own animal at fair. However, in the interest of safety, a 4-H or FFA member may be assisted by others (i.e., member, parent, or another adult). Assistance is defined as a learning situation where the teacher (helper) is teaching the 4-H or FFA member a technique in fitting or showing. The teacher-adult is allowed only to show how; the member is expected to perform the majority of each technique and/or skill required. There will be absolutely no altering market animals' natural physical build by means such as tubing, drenching, airing, injections, or insertion of foreign material under the skin. If an animal is deemed in need of medical intervention by tubing, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the livestock coordinator and arrange for their personal veterinarian to come to the fairgrounds, observe the animal, prescribe treatment, and treat the animal. There will be no tubing or drenching allowed for cosmetic purposes or to add weight to the animal. All concerns for animal's health must be brought before a member of the Livestock Coordinator before action is taken.

Shows - check show schedule and be on time for your class. Please follow directions of show superintendent. Any animal can be shown ONLY IN ONE (1) CLASS (either market or breeding – NOT both).

Picture – The Fair Board <u>will not</u> be taking pictures of the kids! A card stock "thank you" form can be picked up from the Fair Board Office or payout window. A picture backdrop will be provided.

Thank you letters - send letters to ALL your buyers **(mandatory)**. Mail them and let Jill Hubbard, the Extension Secretary, know you have mailed the buyer thank you. We <u>strongly encourage</u> that you also send a "thank you" to the add-on buyers. You can get a list of your buyers and add-ons from the Extension Office a few weeks after the fair.

Processing Information Sheet – The buyer will choose how to process their meat: either by having a wait period or letting the animal get on the processing trailer. **<u>Pick up a copy of your (green) processing information sheet before you leave the sale</u>**. It has the name and phone number of your buyer and processor information. It is <u>your responsibility to contact your buyer</u> and make sure the buyer's instructions are followed to process your animal. Please call the Extension Office if your processor information changes.

(4-H Record Book Deadline) - Record books are to be downloaded, printed out, and given the Extension Office or to your leader by **Monday, Sept. 14, 2026**.

(FFA Record Book Deadline) – The record book is due **one week after state fair** to the FFA Advisor.

Checks – Livestock sale checks are usually release at 4-H Awards Night after October 1. Livestock sale checks must be cashed before 60 days after the check issue date. If not, the participant must attend a fair board meeting to ask for the check to be re-issued. A re-issue fee of $50 will be charged.

By my signature, I am stating I am a Lincoln County resident and/or attend a Lincoln County school. I hereby have read and understand the preceding rules and information. I agree to adhere to and abide by all the rules in the fair book and information given me.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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4-H/FFA Member Signature Date