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BC Horse Show FairEntry: <http://brookingscountyhorseshow.fairentry.com>
SD 4-H State Fair FairEntry: <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18363>
SDSU Extension: extension.sdstate.edu
South Dakota State Fair: www.sdstatefair.com

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HORSE SHOW



The County Horse Show will be held **June 10** at the Dacotah Bank Center arena. The Horse Show FairEntry registration **opens May 12** and **closes on June 2 at 11:59 p.m.** **Health papers are required the day of the show.** The Horse Show will begin with showmanship, then equitation/performance will follow, with timed events to finish. Ribbons and awards will be presented after the events.

Horse members must complete the following requirements by June 1.

- Upload their animal information (including photographs), and lease forms [if applicable] in 4-HOnline.
- Complete a [Youth Horse Literacy](#) event - No certificate upload needed, but must alert the office.

State Horse Show registrations are due in Fair Entry by 11:59 p.m. on **June 27**. The State 4-H Horse Show will be held at the SD State Fairgrounds in Huron, **July 8-10**. The [Horse Show Contestant packet](#) and the [SD 4-H Horse Project Show Guide](#) are available online and in the office.



DOG SHOW

The County Dog Show will be held **July 21** at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center. Pre-registration for the county show is due by **June 26** to Kristie Thompson. **Health papers are required by the day of the show.** The Bordetella has been added as a required vaccine.

Show dress will be the Brookings County 4-H t-shirt provided at no cost to 4-H members but must be reserved online by June 4: <https://form.jotform.com/221535821423146>

4-H members must update their dog information in 4-H Online and upload a proof of vaccination from your veterinarian that shows current Bordetella, Rabies and DHLPP vaccines by June 1. The [SD 4-H Dog Project Show Guide](#) is available in the office and online.

South Dakota 4-H will host the 2025 State 4-H Dog Shows at three sites—Lennox, Mitchell, and Rapid City. The **registration deadline** for the Eastern Regional Championship is July 9, Central Regional Dog Championship is August 6 and Western Regional Dog Championship is September 10 via the SD State Dog Show [FairEntry](#).

YOUTH-IN-ACTION

SPECIAL FOODS

Brookings County Special Foods contest is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 16**. The contest will be held in Volga at the Sioux Valley High School FACS Room #322. Special Foods pre-registration is due in [FairEntry](#) by 11:59 p.m. on **July 7**. Please submit Special Foods paperwork to the office by 5:00 p.m. on **July 7**. Contestants will be notified of shift schedule via email.

Contestants will have 90 minutes to complete the contest, which includes: preparing a recipe, setting the table and completing the nutrition interview. Please bring an extra recipe card to work from the day of the contest.

State Fair Special Foods registrations are due in Fair Entry by 11:59 p.m. on **August 12**. Paperwork must be submitted to the office by 5:00 pm **August 12**.



PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Brookings County Public Presentations contest will be held **Thursday, July 24 @ 11:00 a.m.** at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center. Pre-registration for the contest is due in [FairEntry](#) by **July 15**.

Exhibitors present to the judges, receive their ribbons (purple, blue, red, white, or Cloverbud), and have their picture taken. Audiences are welcome to attend.

State Public Presentation registrations are due in Fair Entry by 11:59 p.m. on **August 12**.



FASHION REVUE

Brookings County Fashion Revue will be held **Tuesday, July 22** at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center. Registration for the contest is due in [FairEntry](#) by **July 15**.

Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 2 outfits. The Fashion Revue Public Style Show will be held during Achievement Days on **Thursday, July 31 at 5:30 pm**.

Senior division members will incorporate a short oral presentation (1 - 2 minutes) including information about the garment being modeled, learning experiences or activities related to the project area, future project/personal plans, and any other information related to their 4-H career.



State Fashion Revue registrations are due in Fair Entry by 11:59 p.m. on **August 12**.



DISPLAY EXHIBITS

July 28 | 9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

*Reserve your
time slot now!*

Display Exhibit Judging will take place on July 28 at the Dacotah Bank Center. Exhibitors can begin exhibit registration starting June 1 in [FairEntry](#).

Members must follow-up with selecting a judging time on sign-up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CADAB22A20-56516048-2025>.

Members must arrive at the beginning of the shift they select.

Registrations for Achievement Days projects are due in FairEntry by July 15.



INTERVIEW JUDGING

Interview judging of your 4-H projects is a process that greatly enhances your 4-H evaluation experience. The process involves a caring judge interviewing you about your project. Interview judging gives you a sense of personal involvement and helps to make project work more educational.

Evaluation of the exhibit is done by you and the judge together. Basing a decision on your project goals and the general exhibit standards, the judge decides how much progress has been made and what ribbon you will receive. You can explain your own starting point, take note of the progress you have made, lessons you learned and explain your future plans.

Benefits to interview judging are improved communication skills, recognizing your personal success and progress, encouragement to try new ideas and learning from the experience of the judge. The benefits to the judge are to help you feel good about your project and find out what you want to achieve while providing a learning experience.

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS DISPLAY EXHIBIT ENTRIES

Exhibitors may enter unlimited display exhibits with a maximum of 4 per class. Select 1 time-slot for each member and all of their projects unless instructed otherwise. Display exhibit entry forms are not required at the county level.

Interview judging for all project areas will be done in scheduled time slots on July 28 and exhibits must then be left for public display. Exhibits will be displayed by club. Volunteers from each club are responsible for setting up their respective display areas. Ann Vostad, the Display Exhibit Coordinator, will be available for questions during set-up.

Display exhibit check-out will happen on Thursday, July 31 at 7:00 pm. Items will not be brought back to the Extension Office! If you are unable to pick-up your items, you are responsible for making arrangements for someone to pick them up for you.

DISPLAY EXHIBITS CONTINUED

DISPLAY EXHIBIT JUDGING

Interview Judging for Display Exhibits: (including Food, Food Preservation, and Horticulture) **Monday, July 28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

The interview judging schedule will be determined based on the selections made through SignUp Genius available on page 4.



Eggs: Tuesday, July 29, 12:00 p.m.

- Eggs may be taken home once judged but should not be brought in prior to **July 29** as refrigeration will not be available. After judging, please be sure that the **PINK** Display Entry Card is removed from the exhibit.

4-H FARMER'S MARKET

Food and horticulture entries, will be available for public sale after judging on Monday, July 28 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

To help with the 4-H food and horticulture sale, call the office at 693-8280.



DISPLAY EXHIBIT ENTRY FORMS

When bringing a display exhibit make sure that you have the proper entry form for your registered class. Project specific entry forms can be found under the State Fair Display Exhibit section on the SDSU Extension website: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>

FOOD & HORTICULTURE EXHIBIT PREPARATION

- **Food exhibits** should come in a zip-lock bag with the entry cards, display exhibit entry form, and recipe attached to the bag.
- **Food Preservation** exhibits should have the entry cards and appropriate "food preservation" form attached.
- **Horticulture exhibits** should have the entry cards and a display exhibit entry form attached to the plate. Be sure to list on the display exhibit entry form the *specimen variety*.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

- Photos must be mounted on a **10" x 14" piece of foam-core, poster board, or matte board that is 1/4" or thinner**. Only black or white foam core is acceptable and color should enhance the photo. You can purchase 10"x 14" Foam-core boards from the County 4-H Office for \$1.00 each.
- *Entry cards need to be securely attached to the upper left corner of the front of the board.*
- All photography exhibits must have a [Photography Exhibit Label](https://extension.sdstate.edu/) (available on <https://extension.sdstate.edu/>) completed and attached to the back upper left corner of the exhibit. Labels may also be picked up at the County 4-H Office.
- Review the [2025 State Fair book](#) for additional photography mounting guidelines.

DISPLAY EXHIBITS CONTINUED

COUNTY DISPLAY EXHIBITS MUST BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED WITH:

- **Entry Cards** - We will continue to use a 2 card system. Each exhibit will have a pink card and a green card. These cards contain identical information and are for scanning purposes only. The **pink card should be on top** and will be removed by the judges assistant once the exhibit has been judged. When the exhibit is placed in the club booth, **only the green card will remain**. The two card system will help to ensure that all exhibits are electronically recorded and allows exhibitors to take their judged exhibit immediately to their respective club booth for display. Exhibit results will be scanned following judging.

Display Exhibit Entry Card Example:

Static Entry Card	
Exhibitor Name	Exhibitor #
	203
Age Division: Beginner	4-H Age: 9
Club:	Grade: 3
Class	
Landscape/Nature Display Exhibit	
Division	
Display Exhibits / Photography	
Entry Description	
Cool clouds	
Top Card	
Entry #: 772	County: Brookings
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- **Display Exhibit - Entry Form** (<https://extension.sdstate.edu/>) is not required for **Achievement Days**.
- **Additional Exhibit Information** - If exhibits require paperwork other than the Display Exhibit Entry Form, that should be attached for judging. **Check the State Fair book or the SDSU Extension State Fair Display Exhibits page for additional paperwork requirements for your specific project area:** <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>

A "Display Exhibits – Entry Form" is required for State Fair display exhibits unless the State Fair book specifies a different form for the project area which replaces it.

DISPLAY EXHIBITS

Check-in, Set-up & Check-out



CLUB DISPLAY EXHIBIT BOOTHS

4-H Clubs will arrange and showcase display exhibits entered by their members in club booths. Display fixtures (tables, shelves, racks, etc) will be provided. Club members and leaders will provide the display creativity. Club decorations are welcome.

Ann Vostad, Display Exhibit Booth Coordinator, will be available to assist with questions during the set-up process. Once exhibits are judged, members (or a family member) will deliver items to the designated club space for display. Clubs are responsible for assembling their own booths or assigning a club display committee.

Clubs may want to consider scheduling their interview judging time together or close together for display convenience. This will also assist in exhibit check-out as individuals/families will find all their exhibits in one area. Club volunteers (1 or 2) will be expected to assist with check-out on **Thursday, July 31**.

RELEASE TIME/CHECK OUT

All display exhibits will be released from the club booths at 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 31. Exhibits must be taken home! If you can't be present on July 31, you are responsible for making prior arrangements for exhibit pick-up. **Exhibits cannot be left at the conclusion of Achievement Days and will not be transported from the Dacotah Bank Center to the County 4-H Office.**

We ask that no one walk their exhibits around the arena or out the overhead door prior to the end of all the evening events! Due to active events still taking place in the arena during check-out, we are instructing members to exit discreetly with their display exhibits either out the South exit through the box office hall or the North exit, Lobby B, using the hall behind the audience stands. Please be respectful of other people's property when removing exhibits; be patient and wait for volunteers to help get exhibits.

Susan Vander Wal, Display Exhibit Check-out Coordinator, will be available to assist with questions during the process.

DISPLAY EXHIBIT FIXTURE LOAD OUT

On **Thursday, July 31, 7:00 pm** all of the display units must be loaded into the storage trailer and will require the assistance of many volunteers. **All non-livestock members and their families should assist with load out during the display exhibit check-out.**

STATE FAIR DISPLAY EXHIBITS

Non-perishable state fair display exhibits may be brought to the office beginning **Wednesday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m. and ending Friday, August 15 at 1:30 p.m.** Exhibit tags will be available at the office to pick up on Wednesday or you can attach them during drop-off. **Food and horticulture entries, must be dropped off by noon on Monday, August 25.**

PERFORMANCE TESTS

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Performance tests are one way to recognize 4-H members who exemplify knowledge and good production practices for their chosen market animal species. Each test will consist of general knowledge questions relating to different aspects of animal agriculture, including breed characteristics, reproduction, bodily anatomy, and rate of gain. Winners are determined based on the animals rate of gain, ribbon placing, and the score of the written quiz. **Tests are available for market beef, market swine, and market sheep.** Study materials are available from the office and Brookings County 4-H website.

Participants will be required to schedule a time complete their proctored tests at the Brookings County Extension Office by **July 18**. Be watching The Green Tea newsletter for testing opportunities.



LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Youth Livestock Literacy & Integrity Pledge

Animal shows will be held at the Dacotah Bank Center **July 28 - July 31**. There is no limit to the total number of animals an exhibitor may have at Achievement Days; however only 4 entries per lot are allowed. All exhibitors wanting to participate in showmanship must be registered in Fair Entry by **July 15**.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK LITERACY (YLL)

Livestock exhibitors must complete a YLL Approved Event by **July 1** to be eligible to show at the County and State Fair. Members who complete an event in another county are responsible for providing the Brookings County 4-H Office with proof of completion.

LIVESTOCK INTEGRITY PLEDGE

Exhibitors must complete their annual [Livestock Integrity Pledge](#) agreements by **July 15** to be eligible to exhibit: **beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, poultry, or rabbits.**

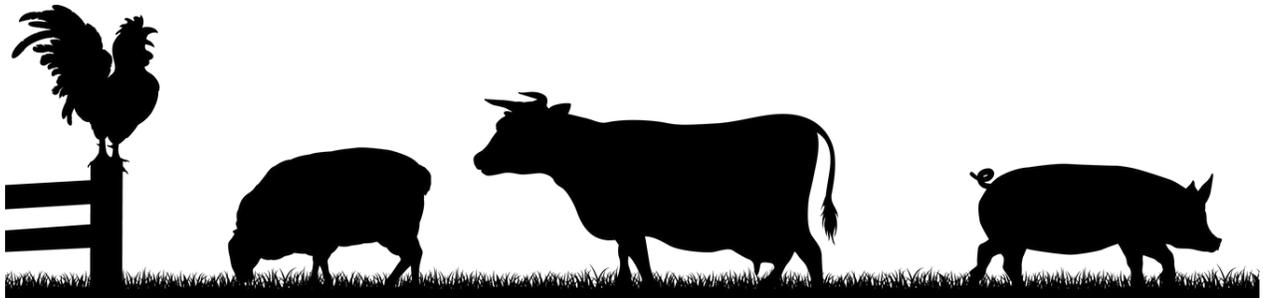
ANIMAL REGISTRATION

PUREBRED REGISTRATION

To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family member's name) to their entry **in FairEntry by August 12**. *Registration papers must reflect ownership as of June 1, if purchased.*

If leasing a purebred animal, an animal lease form must be submitted by **June 1** and registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded to their entry on FairEntry by August 12.

- If leasing, the same animal owner name listed on the [South Dakota 4-H Lease Form](#) must appear on the registration paper.
- Animals without proof of eligibility for purebred classes will be shown as commercial.



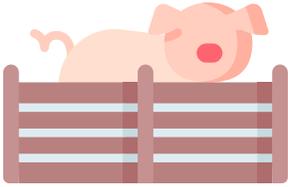
MARKET ANIMALS

4-H MARKET ANIMAL SELF-IDENTIFYING & DNA REQUIREMENT

Self-Identifying will be used for market animals. You must collect DNA on ALL market animals to be State Fair eligible. The DNA envelopes are available from the Extension Office (\$1 each). Each market animal must have an identifying tag number. [Submit market animal weights by June 1 to be eligible for the County Performance Award](#) (exhibit a market animal, participate in rate of gain, complete the species performance test - watch The Green Tea newsletter for test dates).

DEADLINE is June 1st.

- Market beef can be identified by an official green NUES tag # or a Bangs tag #
- Market swine will be identified with an official green NUES tag #
- Market sheep & goats will be identified with a USDA Official Scrapie ID



ANIMAL SHOWS

Check-in & Set-up

Set-Up & Clean Up: Every 4-H member exhibiting livestock must help with both set-up and tear down. Achievement Days set-up will take place on **Wednesday, July 23 at 9 am and will consist of set-up in the holding barn and arena for all livestock and display exhibit booths.** Clean up will be on **Thursday, July 31** following Round Robin & graduation. **All livestock members and their families are asked to assist with set-up and clean-up for Achievement Days.**

Stalling: Large Animals will check-in **Tuesday morning from 7:30-10:00 a.m.** and are allowed to **check-out Thursday evening at the conclusion of Round Robin.** Pens and panels will be provided for all animals for the duration of the event.

Check-In:

- Confirm exhibitor and animals attendance at the table by the small animal scale
- Inform staff of any scratches
- Provide all species health papers. Exhibitor packets will be given out and will include: back-tag numbers and scale cards.

The following animals will weighed on **Tuesday, July 29** for the purpose of sorting weight related classes appropriately.

**All Market Animals
Wether Dams**

**Commercial/Haired Breeding Does
All Breeding Gilts**

Show Orders: Breeding Show orders will be put together prior to check-in. Any changes that need to be made should be reported to the extension staff by noon on **Wednesday, July 23.** Market Show orders will be finalized following weigh-in.

Please respect all deadlines provided and have all information in by the specified date.

STATE FAIR ANIMAL REPLACEMENT RULE!

Infrequently, animals that are registered for the State Fair become unavailable by fair time due to herd health preferences, severe animal illness/injury, or premature death. Animal substitutions will be allowed through the species check-in at State Fair.

- **Replacement animals must be identified in the 4-H Online account by June 1.**
- **Families are allowed to identify up to 2 animals per species in FairEntry under the Substitution Department by August 12th.** Animals that are not submitted as a substitute entry in FairEntry will not be allowed to substitute.
- Except for Breeding Sheep, replacements are allowed on a species basis. Breeding sheep are only allowed to substitute a ram for a ram and a ewe for a ewe.
- Due to stalling limitations, substitute animals will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.

ANIMAL SHOWS

Small Animals

Register for all animal entries as well as showmanship time slots in Fair Entry by **July 15**. Time slots for showmanship will fill up so make sure to register early to be able to secure the time you want.

Rabbit & Poultry: Rabbits will check-in and show by classes at the judge's table. Poultry will be penned by show order.

Companion Animal: Companion animals and exhibitors will be stationed in the arena of the Dacotah Bank Center. There will be no overnight stalling for companion animals. See designated check-in time below.

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS SMALL ANIMAL SHOW SCHEDULE:

See page 10 for small animal set-up.

MONDAY, JULY 28:

3:00-5:30 p.m. Rabbit Check-in & stalling

3:00-3:30 p.m. Companion Animal Check-in

4:00 p.m. Companion Animal Show

5:00 p.m. Rabbit Showmanship Begins

7:00 p.m. Rabbit Show

TUESDAY, JULY 29:

7:30-10:00 a.m. Animal Check-In

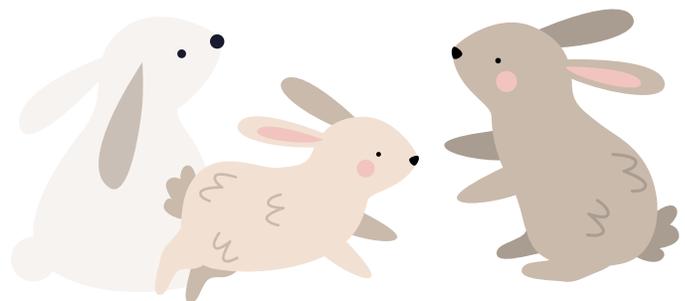
12:00 p.m. Poultry Showmanship

1:00 p.m. Poultry Show

THURSDAY, JULY 31:

7:30 p.m. Small Animal Round Robin Winner & Large Animal Round Robin

8:30 p.m. Achievement Day Clean-Up following Round Robin



ANIMAL SHOWS

Large Animals

Animal check-in for large species will be held Tuesday, July 29, 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The baby beef show is county only. Any 4-H member enrolled in the beef project may show 2 calves born between January 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025. Males may be shown as a steer or bull calf. Classes are broken down by age and number present before the show. Baby Beef may be used for showmanship. This show will also require registration through Fair Entry by **July 15**.

Showmanship for large animals will be at the end of each show.
Exhibitors must pre-register for showmanship by **July 15** through [FairEntry](#).

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS LARGE ANIMAL SHOW SCHEDULE:

See page 10 for large animal set-up.

All livestock exhibitor families are expected to help with set-up and clean-up.

Sale of Champion Group Photos will be taken at the end of the Breeding and Market Shows this year.

Tuesday, July 29

7:30-10:00 a.m. Animal Check-In
4:00 p.m. Sheep Show (breeding followed by market)

Wednesday, July 30

8:30 a.m. Dairy Goat Show followed by Dairy Cattle Show
2:30 p.m. Beef Fitting Contest
4:00 p.m. Beef Show

Thursday, July 31

8:30 a.m. Swine Show (breeding followed by market)
1:00 p.m. Meat Goat Show
7:00 p.m. Sale of Champions
7:30 p.m. Large Animal Round Robin
Announcement of Small Animal Round Robin Winner
8:30 p.m. Achievement Day Clean-Up & Check-out (or following Round Robin)



BEEF FITTING CONTEST

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The beef fitting contest will take place on Wednesday, July 30 starting at 2:30 p.m. in the Holding Barn. The contest will be similar to that of the 'U Fit It' contest held at the State Fair.

- There will be two divisions available: Junior (8-13) and Senior (14-18).
- 30 minutes will be allowed for fitting.
- Contestants must use their own animal.
- Contestants will work alone, adults may be present for safety purposes but coaching will not be allowed.
- Participants may use clippers and blowers; no paint.
- Participants may be given a cloth test before the contest begins to ensure there is no existing oil or paint.

Following the fitting, cattle will be paraded in the show ring for final evaluation.

Winners will be announced after judging. There will be one winner in each division.

The senior champion will be ineligible for competition in the following years of 4-H.

The 4-H Beef Show will immediately follow.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Do you know someone, youth or adult that exemplifies the traits of a good neighbor, a person of good will and good deeds? If so, please consider nominating them for the 2025 Good Neighbor Award. **Nominations are due July 15.** This award will be presented at Achievement Days during Round Robin.

Complete the online nomination form (<https://form.jotform.com/230866074840156>) or submit the nominee's name, contact information (if available) and a brief statement listing the neighborly deeds and good will that the nominee has done in support of Brookings 4-H.

DEB FORD BEEF AWARD

The West Sioux II 4-H Club will be sponsoring this award in memory of Deb and her commitment to the 4-H beef project. There will be one award given at the beginner, junior and senior levels to qualified individuals. Winners will be beef exhibitors that are Bringing, Effort & Enthusiasm Forward. They will participate in the showmanship and skill-a-thon as well as submitting their record book that includes the information on their beef project.

West Sioux II parents and members will also be on the watch during Achievement Days for those exhibitors who are practicing good sportsmanship toward both their animals and other exhibitors as well as maintaining high herdsmanhip standards. Awards will be presented at the annual recognition event.



ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

4-H ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

All beef, sheep, dairy cattle, swine, goats, rabbits, and companion animals must present a valid health certificate obtained within 30 days prior to the show from a licensed veterinarian before they are allowed to unload at Achievement Days. Animals must be free of signs of communicable and infectious disease at the time of entry.

Staff will collect health certificates at the time of check-in, prior to unloading.

Poultry must come from a certified Pullorum-Typhoid free source, or have a test done to prove that they are Pullorum-Typhoid free. If you purchase your chicks from a farm store or hatchery, request a certificate proving this and keep your receipt. If you do not have the paperwork proving that your birds are Pullorum-Typhoid free, you'll need to have them tested by a certified tester. The veterinarian will need to see the certificate to issue a CVI.

All male and female sheep and goats, regardless of age, must be identified with a USDA Scrapie ear tag before they can be exhibited at the county level and/or the State Fair. If your animals are not already tagged with a Scrapie tag, ear tags can be ordered free of charge from the South Dakota APHIS Veterinary Service at 1-866-873-2824. Tags are not available from the County 4-H Office. The 2025 State Fair book has the updated health certificate requirement for each live animal exhibit.

For the 2025 SD State Fair, exhibitors must have a separate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for each species of animal exhibited. CVIs must be presented when animals enter the fairgrounds then turned in after stalling/penning/caging with animals' location listed. (Page 17 of the State Fair Book outlines the required information for a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection under Health Regulations.)



ANIMAL EXHIBITOR SHOW DRESS

DRESS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR & LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP

All livestock exhibitors are **required** to wear their free 2025 Brookings County 4-H t-shirt (<https://form.jotform.com/221535821423146> **shirt sizes must be confirmed online by June 4**) or a Brookings County 4-H exhibitor shirt from a previous year accompanied by dark colored jeans or pants and closed-toe shoes that encase the entire foot up to or beyond the ankle when exhibiting livestock. No clothing or equipment with commercial advertising is allowed, except in cases where shirts are sponsored and/or provided to the exhibitor for dress code purposes.

- Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt or blouse under their 4-H exhibitor t-shirt
- Dairy exhibitors have the option to wear a white shirt or blouse or their 4-H exhibitor t-shirt. Dairy exhibitors are also required to wear white or black pants and hard-soled shoes with a closed toe.
- Companion Animal exhibitors must wear either the 4-H t-shirt or a white shirt or blouse with either short or long sleeves.

Failure to comply with Showmanship dress code will disqualify you from the Showmanship Competition.

LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP NUMBERS

The livestock show numbers (back tags) will be distributed at check-in. Members are to use this for their show number at Achievement Days. Remember, this ID number is unique to each 4-H member – **do not give an unused number to someone else.** New back tags will be issued for the State Fair and delivered through the mail prior to the fair.

HERDSMANSHIP

Part of Achievement Days is keeping your animals and pens clean. Cleanliness is also part of animal welfare. Keep your animals and their areas CLEAN and safe.

ROUND ROBIN CONTEST

Large Animal



Round Robin will be held **Thursday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m.** in the show ring.

All participants are required to comply with the following the guidelines of this contest:

LARGE ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN GUIDELINES

- The top individuals in senior showmanship will be chosen by the species judge in beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, horse, and meat goat show. The top two will compete in Round Robin. If for some reasons he/she is unable to compete (i.e. qualified in another species,) the next place individual shall compete in Round Robin.
- The Champion Round Robin showman will not be able to compete in future Round Robin Showmanship contests. The Reserve Champion showman can compete in future Round Robin Showmanship contests. In future years, the Champion Round Robin showman will not be allowed to compete in the showmanship classes of species in which they did qualify for Round Robin. Reserve Champions may still compete.
- Judges for the Round Robin contest shall not be the same judges as for the species judges for Achievement Days.
- Contestants will be required to switch animals and show both animals in their species during the contest.
- Fitting is not required but please have animals show ready.
- Contestants are REQUIRED to bring the same animal to the Round Robin contest that they qualified with at Achievement Days or Horse Show. Swine and horses may come from the same farm to ensure the safety of our youth.
- Champions (or first representatives) from the species will rotate clockwise. Reserve champions will rotate counter-clockwise.
- Contestants will have five minutes per species.
- Judges of each species will ask one question related to showmanship ONLY. Total correct questions will be used as a tie-breaker.
- Contestants will be scored on a 1-14 point scale; 1 being the most desired. The lowest overall score is the winner.
- Champion and Reserve showmanship will be selected on the basis of total points from all seven species. Number of correct questions will be used as a tie-breaker.
- Dress for the Round Robin Showmanship competition includes a white shirt and dark pants.

ROUND ROBIN CONTEST

Small Animal

The Small Animal Round Robin contest will run as part of the small animal shows during Achievement Days, with the winner being announced at the conclusion of the Large Animal Round Robin contest on **Thursday, July 31**.

SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN GUIDELINES

The top individuals (grand and reserve champion) in senior showmanship will be chosen by the species judge in companion animal, rabbit, and poultry. Seniors will be placed through 5th place to accommodate situations like qualifying in another species or failing to complete all 3 contest components.

Senior 4-H members interested in participating must complete all three (3) of the contest components:

1. Companion Animal test.
 - a. This test will be proctored at **2:30 pm on Monday, July 28**, prior to the companion animal and rabbit shows.
2. Rabbit Showmanship
3. Poultry Showmanship

Participants may borrow a rabbit or poultry exhibit for use in the respective showmanship contests if they do not have their own animal. If the grand or reserve champion in any of the 3 small animal species fail to complete any of the three components, they forfeit their spot to the next in line from their respective species (ex. The reserve champion poultry winner did not complete the companion animal test, the 3rd place senior showman will move into the small animal round robin contest assuming they have completed all 3 components).

The Small Animal Round Robin Grand Champion will be determined based on the average of their 3 scores:

- Companion Animal Test (50 points)
- Poultry Showmanship Score (100 points)
- Rabbit Showmanship Score (100 points)

ROUND ROBIN CONTEST

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If members qualify, they may participate in both the Small Animal and Large Animal Round Robin contests within the same year.

The champion Small Animal Round Robin showman will be ineligible to compete in future Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship contests (but would still be eligible to participate in Large Animal Round Robin). The reserve champion showman can compete in future Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship contests.

The Small Animal Round Robin Champion and Reserve Champion will be announced on Thursday prior to the announcement of Round Robin Large Animal Champion and Reserve Champion.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS



The following species are included in the Ribbon Auction:

- Grand Champion Market Beef
- Grand Champion Breeding Heifer
- Grand Champion Dairy Cow
- Grand Champion Dairy Heifer
- Grand Champion Dairy Goat
- Grand Champion Breeding Goat
- Grand Champion Market Goat
- Grand Champion Breeding Gilt
- Grand Champion Market Swine
- Grand Champion Market Lamb
- Grand Champion Breeding Sheep

Every species show will require the judge to pick a top five in each of the included auction divisions. Exhibitors who have more than one grand champion must choose which animal to receive the ribbon premium from, as members are only eligible for one. The next top eligible exhibitor will be chosen as the alternate to be represented in the ring.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS

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At auction, the exhibitor will offer the top eligible ribbon for the animal in their respective division. All other exhibitors within the species should be present in the ring during the auction of the animal that represents their 4-H livestock projects.

Groups photos of all the show participants will be taken after the selection of champions for their show. ie. All breeding beef exhibitors will take a group picture once champions have been announced, and before the market show begins.

Funds will be distributed in the following manner:

The Brookings County 4-H Sale of Champions Ribbon Auction will procure 25% of the proceeds to supplement opportunities for Brookings County 4-H members to grow their personal life skills, such as: judging schools/camps, trip expenses and other expenditures related to livestock project areas and additional avenues, if needed.

The exhibitor of the champion will receive 20% of the sale price.

The remaining 55% of the sale price will be distributed evenly to all exhibitors in the species.

For example, if the champion steer sells for \$1,000.

- The Brookings County 4-H Sale of Champions Ribbon Auction receives \$250.
- The exhibitor receives a \$200 premium check upon completion of the requirements.
- Assuming there are 10 beef exhibitors, a \$55 premium check is awarded to each beef exhibitor upon completion of the requirements

Funding will be solicited from businesses and private donations in the county, but not limited to county sponsorships. If all *requirements are met, payment to 4-H members from the Sale of Champions will take place at the conclusion of the annual Brookings County 4-H Recognition Event in November.

*See requirements on the following page.



SALE OF CHAMPIONS

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In order to receive a Brookings County 4-H Sale of Champions Ribbon Auction premium check, participants must:

- Turn in a completed and personalized thank you card to the office for the buyer(s). Cards should be addressed and include postage.

****Upon notification of the respective buyers, thank you notes are due to the Brookings County 4-H Office within two weeks.***

- Turn in a completed 4-H record book by the deadline.

A complete record book includes the following:

4-H Member's Record (Cumulative)

- i. Brookings County 4-H Member's Record Cover Page*
- i. Signature Page
2. Meetings*
3. Project Area Summary
4. Project Area Report
- 4.1 Animal Project Financial Record*
5. Individual Participation Summary
6. Awards
7. 4-H Story*
8. Year in Review*



*Denotes sections that will be added annually. Other sections to be updated each year throughout your 4-H career. Add additional pages as necessary.

- Be present the night of the 4-H recognition event. Absences require approval prior to the event. Request for absence must be submitted in writing to the Brookings County Extension Office one week prior.

Food Vendor Schedule

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Monday

Shorty's Hot Box 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Tuesday

Little Prairie Coffee Company 8:00am-6:00pm

Mortland's Burgers & More 12:00pm-7:00pm

Monkey Business 12:00pm-7:00pm

Karma's Korn 1:00pm-4:00pm

Wednesday

The Little Prairie Coffee Company 8:00am-6:00pm

Farm Bureau Beef Sandwich Meal begins 12:00pm

Monkey Business 12:00pm-7:00pm

Mr. B's Mobile Café 4:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday

The Little Prairie Coffee Company 8:00am-6:00pm

Midwest Fresh 8:00am-2:00pm

4-H Fundraiser BBQ 5:00pm-7:00pm

BBQ MEALS ARE AVAILABLE WITH A FREE WILL DONATION TO BROOKINGS COUNTY 4-H. A MEAL INCLUDES A PORK SANDWICH, CHIPS, ICE CREAM & A DRINK. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, & NEIGHBORS TO COME OUT FOR SUPPER AND THE 4-H EVENTS!



Achievement Days

BROOKINGS COUNTY 4-H

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Monday

9 AM - 12:30 PM Display exhibit judging
9 AM - Done Club display exhibit set-up
2:30 PM Companion Animal Test
(for Small Animal Round Robin eligibility)
3 - 5:30 PM Rabbit check-in
3 - 3:30 PM Companion Animal check-in
4 PM Companion Animal Show
4 - 7 PM Shorty's Hot Box Food Truck Open
5 PM Rabbit Showmanship
7 PM Rabbit Show
9 PM Exhibits Close

Tuesday

7:30 - 10 AM Animal Check-in
8 - 6 PM Little Prairie Coffee Co. Open
12 - 7 PM Mortland's Food Truck Open
12 - 7 PM Monkey Business Truck Open
1 - 4 PM Karma's Korn Open
12 PM Exhibits Open to the Public
12 PM Poultry Showmanship
1 PM Poultry Show
4 PM Sheep Show
8 PM Exhibits Close
Showing Cinema (After sheep show)

Wednesday

8 AM - 6 PM Little Prairie Coffee Co. Open
8:30 AM Exhibits Open to the Public
8:30 AM Dairy Goat Show followed by
the Dairy Cattle Show
9 AM - 2 PM Farmers Union Ag Day Camp
1 - 2 PM Barnyard Olympics
12 PM Brookings County Farm Bureau
Beef Sandwich Meal
12 PM - 7 PM Monkey Business Truck Open
2:30 PM Beef Fitting Contest
4 PM Beef Show
4 PM - 7 PM Mr. B's Mobile Café Open
8 PM Exhibits Close

Thursday

8 AM - 6 PM Little Prairie Coffee Co. Open
8 AM - 2 PM Midwest Fresh Truck Open
8:30 AM Exhibits Open to the Public
8:30 AM Swine Show
11 AM Fashion Revue Practice
1 PM Meat Goat Show & Goat Costume
Contest (to immediately follow the goat show)
5 - 7 PM 4-H BBQ Supper
5:30 PM Fashion Revue Show & Good
Neighbor Awards Ceremony
7 PM Sale of Champions
7 PM Display Exhibit Check-out
7:30 PM Round Robin, Small Animal RR
Winner, & 4-H Graduation
8:30 PM Livestock check-out/clean-up

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