

## General Livestock Rules & Regulations 2021

1. Entries must be made online at [nemo.fair.net](http://nemo.fair.net) by July 6, 2021.
2. Entries are open to 4-H and FFA members in the State of Missouri. The NEMO Fair Association states that a Season Pass or Day Pass is required for admittance onto the fairgrounds.
3. All 4-H and FFA classes at the NEMO Fair will follow guidelines set forth by the Missouri 4-H Youth Development Program. For a complete listing of all rules and regulations please see the 4-H and FFA section in the 2021 Missouri State Fair Catalog. Some rules may be superseded by rules in this book.
4. Articles or animals will not be placed on exhibition unless entered in the Superintendent's Book and entry tag (if required) attached.
5. All entries are to be in place at times and dates specified in schedule.
6. The superintendent in each department will be responsible for assigning space and arranging exhibits, and their directions must be followed. If you are in the wrong area/pen you must move and must clean the pen.
7. Exhibitors must accompany their animal/exhibit to the Fair, care for them, and exhibit them. If this regulation cannot be followed, a letter of circumstance must be submitted to the 4-H July Council Meeting. Superintendents may permit another 4-H/ FFA member to show an animal in case of illness or physical handicap.
8. Uncontrollable animals or animals which the exhibitor cannot handle alone may be disqualified by the Superintendent and required to leave the ring and/or grounds.
9. In cases where a member has more than one animal in a class another 4-H/FFA exhibitor must show the second animal.
10. Minimal assistance is allowed by another 4-H/FFA exhibitor at the discretion of the Superintendent.
11. Showmanship classes will run oldest age category to youngest. There will be no master showmanship classes; exhibitors will not be required to advance to next age category after winning in their category. (ages as of 1/1/2021; 14 and over, 11-13, and 8-10 for beef, sheep, swine, poultry and goat)
12. Unless otherwise stated, no exhibitor will be allowed more than two (2) entries in an individual class and one (1) entry in a pen class in the beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit, bucket calf, goat departments. Each exhibitor will be limited to four steers regardless of breed.
13. Each exhibit shall be owned by the exhibitor and shall represent work accomplished in a project in which the exhibitor was enrolled during the past year. A written statement by the leader, stating that the exhibit is bona fide work, must accompany each exhibit, if requested by the Superintendent.
14. No red ribbon entries for championship.
15. An Adair County 4-H & FFA Show will be held as well as a NEMO Fair 4-H & FFA Show.
16. Believing it is in the best interest of all 4-H/FFA exhibitors to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image, 4-H and FFA members are expected to conduct themselves according to the best traditions of their respective organizations. Inappropriate conduct, drinking, stealing, vandalism, and indiscreet behavior) WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Any violation of this rule will be grounds for disqualifying the exhibitor and/or livestock involved. Further, any premium monies earned will be forfeited.

17. All non-exhibitors will be expected to vacate barns by 12 midnight each evening.
18. State Health Regulations will apply to all livestock entries, unless specified otherwise.
19. Exhibitors are not permitted to show the same breed in both 4-H and FFA. For example, if an exhibitor shows Chester White hogs in 4-H, he/ she cannot show Chester White hogs in FFA, or if an exhibitor shows market steers in FFA, he/ she cannot show market steers in 4-H. Animals are designated (4-H or FFA) at the time of entry and may not be switched to another division after entries have been received prior to the Fair.
20. The Adair County Fair states that any exhibitor (4-H/FFA) may only show in one county fair as "in County" in one calendar year. If violated, the exhibitor will accept the punishment set forth by the Joint Fair Committee.
21. 4-H members may exhibit only in projects in which they are enrolled in the current 4-H year.
22. All exhibitors must clean their pens before they will be released by Superintendent. If pens are not cleaned, NO MONITORY awards will be given until the pen is clean and superintendents can deny entry into the fair the following year.
23. Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance (MSMQA): By June 1, 2021, all 4-H exhibitors enrolled in food animal projects including beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, meat and dairy goats, rabbits, and poultry must complete the appropriate level of MSMQA certification to be considered an exhibitor in good standing in that project.
24. If the fairgrounds office doesn't have a copy of your SMQA card you are not allowed to show.
25. Treatment of animals (livestock): Failure to properly care for livestock will be grounds for dismissal at superintendent's discretion. No medication can be administered unless by veterinarian. Sick animals will be asked to leave.
26. If you are in the same immediate family and you only have 1 animal per child you will be assigned same pen as sex of animal allows.
27. NO FITTERS RULE: All animals are to be groomed by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor with assistance from immediate family or other 4-H or FFA exhibitors only. (Immediate family is defined as father, mother, brothers, sisters, step-parents, step-siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and legal guardians of the exhibitor.) All animals will be groomed in the barns or immediately adjacent to the barns. If a Fitter or a person other than specified in above statement helps prepare the animal for the show ring in any manner, the child's animal and the child will be DISQUALIFIED and asked to leave. Fitter will be asked to leave.
29. All Exhibitors must display a stall card that includes exhibitor name and club name.

**Judging** - Competent judges have been secured for all departments.

1. No one shall act as judge for any class in which he or she is exhibiting.
2. A judge, at his/her discretion may withhold any or all awards if an article or animal in his/her judgement is not worthy of award.
3. Decision of judges shall be final subject only to protest for good reason and under the procedure hereinafter described under the heading "Protest".

4. Anyone attempting to interfere with the judges during the adjudication, or publicly expressing disapproval in the area or grounds of decision of the judges, shall forfeit any or all awards and be excluded from further competition.

Protest - ALL PROTESTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING to the Joint Review Board. The protest should include the reason for the alleged ineligibility and the rule governing the case must be noted. All protests must be signed. Such protest must be filed with a Joint Review Committee by or before 8 a.m. the day following the date the award is made.

#### **Liabilities of Exhibitors**

1. In no event shall University of Missouri Extension, Adair County University Extension Council, University Extension Staff or Adair County 4-H Council, its officers, directors or members be held responsible for any loss or damage to the property of person or exhibitor or other persons while on the fairgrounds whether said loss or damage shall arise from accident or any cause whatsoever.

2. Entry form will serve as agreement that you understand and accept responsibility for following all guidelines and understand that failure to do so will result in dismissal from event or activity.

**Release of Exhibits** - With the consent of the division superintendent, exhibits may be released only in the event of an extreme emergency, or for the purpose of attending a conflicting show by showing the proper papers. Failure to comply will mean automatic forfeiture of all awards due to exhibitor.

**\*\*\*NO TACK PENS\*\*\***

ABSOLUTELY NO STRAW. WOOD CHIP BEDDING ONLY.

ALL PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER SHOW.

ONLY EXHIBITORS AND AUTHORIZED SHOW PERSONNEL ALLOWED IN SHOW RING DURING ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS. NO EXCEPTIONS. SUPERINTENDENTS WILL ENFORCE.

Believing in the best interest of all exhibitors to maintain a reputation of integrity and to represent a wholesome and progressive image, all participants (adult and youth) must observe the following guidelines for conduct:

1. Participate fully in all sessions.
2. Show respect for property and facilities used during the activity.
3. Observe the established schedule.
4. Appropriate and courteous behavior is expected. Swearing and obscene gestures are not permitted. Smoking by minors is prohibited; smoking by adults is discouraged, and prohibited in the livestock arena/barns. All other participants, guests, and visitors should be treated with respect and common courtesy.
5. This event should bring out a "natural high". No alcohol, stimulants, or non-prescription drugs will be allowed.