

## 2012 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show Enhancements

Each year the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show is reviewed and comments are received from exhibitors, exhibitor's families, Stock Show Superintendents, The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Board and others. These comments and suggestions are discussed at the November Superintendent's meeting and recommendations are made for the coming year. The Executive Committee and staff look at the recommendations and make the final decisions on new additions and changes.

The Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show Premium Book is available at [www.rivercityrodeo.com](http://www.rivercityrodeo.com).

The following is a list of the enhancements you will see for the 2012 Show:

### Health Guidelines:

- Please review the updated Guidelines from the Nebraska State Veterinarian's Office that are listed in the back section of the Premium Book.

### Horse Show

- Dates are September 15 & 16, 2012, at the Lancaster Event Center, held in conjunction with the Silver Classic.

### Market Beef

- Criteria for the various ribbon placings in the Carcass Contest have been updated.
- A new Performance award with cash prizes to the top ten (10) rate-of-gain market animals.
- Minimum weight gain requirement for market steers and market heifers has been removed.
- Showmanship will take place on Friday afternoon at the completion of the Feeder Calf Showmanship contest. It will be a "Blow and Go" contest. Market Beef exhibitors wishing to show in the showmanship class must sign up when they enter in August and check the list at the check-in line Friday morning to be sure they are entered.

### Feeder Calf

- The Feeder Calf show will begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday afternoon.

### Breeding Beef

- All breed classes will show from youngest to oldest as listed in the premium book.
- Be sure to check the show order for breeds listed in the schedule for the Breeding Beef show.

### Market Swine

- Check-in will take place on Saturday morning only, starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Showmanship Contest will begin at 5:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

### Market Lamb

- Showmanship will take place on Friday afternoon at the conclusion of the Meat Goat showmanship contest. Market Lamb exhibitors wishing to show in the showmanship class must sign up when they enter in August and then check the list at the check-in line Friday morning to be sure they are entered.
- Please refer to the Premium Book for updated rules concerning icing and ice in cold water practices.
- Load-out time for lambs is 5:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

### Meat Goats

- Check-in will begin at 1:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon and close at 4:00 p.m.
- Meat Goats will show in two divisions with division champions and reserve champions competing for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.
- The Meat Goat show will begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday.
- Bracing is allowed but no suspending of the front feet, which must be set on the ground, especially while bracing. Refer to the Premium Book for the full rule.

- Soap and water above the hocks is the only acceptable material that can be used on Meat Goats. Please refer to the Premium Book for the full rule.
- Load-out time for Meat Goats is 5:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

#### Broilers

- The purchase cost for 50 birds (minimum order) is \$68.00, which covers cost of birds, postage and handling.
- Exhibitors may bring their own feed. Feed will be available at the show.

#### Rabbits

- Rules for the show are the same as Nebraska State Fair 4-H Rabbit Show.
- Premium money will be offered. Please refer to the Premium Book for details.

#### Dairy

- Dairy Exhibits must be in place by 10:00 a.m. Saturday.
- Check-in for Dairy and Dairy Market Steers will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday.
- The Dairy Market Steer show will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon with the Dairy Cattle Show to follow.
- Release time for Dairy exhibitors is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- Entry fees for Dairy entries will be \$15.00 per head.
- Dairy premiums will be \$17.00 for purple, \$12.00 for blue and \$8.00 for Red ribbons.

#### Showmanship

- Market Beef, Market Lamb, Meat Goat and Market Swine exhibitors must sign up in August on the entry form with their livestock entries and review the list at the check-in line to verify their entry the respective Showmanship classes.
- Depending on the number of entries, a random sort will determine the preliminary class breakdown.
- Ak-Sar-Ben Showmanship buttons will be presented to all exhibitors selected for the Showmanship Finals in their species.
- Please include the Showmanship Class Number for your species as you complete your entry form if you are interested in entering the showmanship class for the 2012 show.

#### Premiere Exhibitor

- Scheduling is tentative.
- Superintendents will provide exhibitors who enter this class with the time they are scheduled to be judged.
- Meat Goat exhibitors are eligible to participate in Premiere Exhibitor competition this year.

#### Fitting Contest

- Preliminary round of the Fitting Contest will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning in the arena.
- Final round for the Fitting Contest will begin at 4:00 p.m. or at the completion the Market Beef show.

#### Livestock Auction

- 4-H members participating in the Purple Ribbon Auction should check the premium book for the monetary Cap and Guarantee offered for the 2012 auction.
- The monetary scholarship will decrease by 10% from 2011 while the educational scholarship will increase by 10% from 2011.
- This shift will continue through the 2013 show when the cap and guarantee for all species will be 50% monetary and 50% scholarship.

#### Carcass Contest

- Additional educational materials will be uploaded to the Carcass Section of the Premium Book on the website.