



# Webster County 4-H News



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## .....STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH

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First I would like to thank everyone who has given me the opportunity to serve this county for almost 45 years as either an Ag Education Instructor/FFA Advisor and/or as your Webster County Extension Educator. The time certainly has gone by fast, but my time in this endeavor is about over. I have decided to hang up my spurs and ride off into the sunset. I will not be in the office much the next two months as I have to use up some vacation time and sick days that I have not used. There will be a little get together at the Webster County Fairgrounds to celebrate my retirement on March 25 and of course our 4-H and FFA families are invited to attend. I will no longer be officially employed by UNL come the middle of May. This has been a tough decision for me because I have come to love this county and the people within it and across our borders. I am so proud of this county and especially our 4-H and FFA members – young and old! It has been a labor of love for me and I appreciate all the support over the years. It has been a good ride and I will always appreciate all the memories that I take with me. I am certain I will bump into a lot of you – but until then Adios Amigos!

**Now on to the newsletter:** It doesn't seem possible that basketball is about over and spring is just around the corner – but I for one welcome the upcoming time frame. With the weather change, it means that we need to think about county fair and of course - what is in between. There is a lot going on and a lot of information to pass on, so here goes.

### **YOUTH LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE:**

We now live in an “online” world and through the course online we are striving to make Quality Assurance something youth can learn about anywhere, anytime, any pace, and any place. An on-line course has been divided into three levels, Junior (4-H Youth Ages 8-10), Intermediate (4-H Youth Ages 11-14), and Senior (4-H Youth Ages 15-18). Each year youth will be required to complete three modules within their age level each year. Youth can no longer work ahead so that they will be done with the YLQA requirements until they reach the next age level.

**How do we do this?** It is already March 1 and the new system that we will have to work through so far is not up and running. It was supposed to be up by March 1, but is not. This is what we know so far:

**A:** The new system should be ready to do the full launch in mid-March. The exact date will be passed along as soon as the developers are ready. The LQA site will continue to function until the YQCA site is fully functional. So if you start right away you can still slide under the old system until the new system goes into place. You will need to go to last month's newsletter to follow those directions. After mid-March you will no longer have that option!

**B:** After the launch date for YQCA 4-Hers will no longer be able to enroll in the LQA site. Those 4-Hers that have started their LQA modules will be able to complete their three modules and print their certificate of completion. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

**C:** Nebraska is part of a national team introducing a new QA Curriculum called Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The YQCA course will be available online 24X7 and we anticipate that the new course will be available on or about March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**D:** Face to Face training for 2017 will use the Quality Assurance Power Point program from 2016 since the YQCA face to face material will not be available until 2018. At the point when the new YQCA course comes online (March 1), the old LQA course **will not** accept new 2017 participants. Instead, youth will enroll in the new YQCA. The cost of the new YQCA course will be **\$12.00** for the online course and will be accessed through 4-H online.

### **What if I prefer attending a free 4-H class or will get instruction in my Ag Ed Classes?**

Please note that if you are an FFA member, you can qualify for YLQA through your Ag Ed/FFA Advisor. You will need to have your ag ed teacher contact our office indicating that you have completed the requirements. Steve Landon will be conducting two face to face meetings. They are: **March 19:** YQLA Class, Webster County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall, 3:00 pm, Bladen, NE **May 17:** YQCA, Webster County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall, 6:30 pm, Bladen, NE



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## BEEF EXHIBITORS:

### MARKET BEEF EXHIBITORS

**Market Beef Data Reminder** –Please keep records of any treatment that you give your animals as most of our bidder/buyers like to have the information to add to the **age and source verification, and EID** designation – all ways to expand the bid on your cattle. If you have a Livestock Premise ID # from the Nebraska Dept. Agriculture for your farm, that would be perfect! In fact if you are going to take any market animals to the Nebraska State Fair they must have a Premise ID attached to them.

I do know that it is possible that some of you may want to replace a beef or add to your show string. If that is the case with you, please note that you can make arrangements with me to individually weigh in that calf. I have also received questions about second year bucket calves. Yes, they need to be weighed in and an EID tag put in as well. That is particularly true if it is destined for the market beef show and to be sold at the auction or put on the truck. When in doubt call me! All market beef must be on an affidavit and weighed in with EID before April 15, 2017.

**Webster County Breed Steer Rule:** As you put together your entry form for market beef please remember that if you are planning on exhibiting a “Breed” steer (ie. Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn, Maine Anjou, Simmental, etc.) you will need to obtain a “**Purebred Steer Certificate**” from our UNL Extension office or your local FFA Advisor that needs to have the bloodlines, registration numbers or the parents, its tattoo number and then a signature of the breeder, date of ownership as well as your signature. This is not a registration paper and we are not asking for that for our fair, however registration papers are required if you plan to take the steer on to the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. A question has come up on Continental or Exotic Breeds. We have not had enough “paper-able” steers in the Maine, Simmental, etc. to have a class; however, we would do so if we had enough entries. If you have a steer that fits this mode enter the steer by its breed and fill out the “Purebred Steer Certificate” just like the British breeds. We will follow the State Fair guidelines for breed percentages. You can obtain a copy of this document from our office or your FFA Advisor or on the web at <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/webster/>

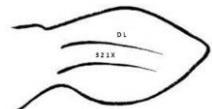
**Rate of Gain Requirements for Webster County Fair:** Last year we also told you that the Nebraska State Fair already decided to do away with the 2.2 and 2.0 ROG requirement for placement of market beef, our Webster County Youth Council also decided to discontinue Rate of Gain requirement for beef ribbon placement at our county fair. **However** we did decide to keep our ROG Contest as we have some exhibitors that use that as their main goal! That means we will continue to weigh in our calves as per usual.

What is cool is that the Council decided to give a **Champion and Reserve Champion Production Market Beef award**. This would be competitive with four items counting towards the championship. Points would be awarded for 1) Rate of Gain 2) Carcass Scan Placing 3) Live Placing and 4) Require that the exhibitor turn in a record book such as the 4-H Market Beef Record Book or an app that we highlighted in last month’s newsletter.

### BREEDING HEIFERS

**Breeding Heifer Tattoos:** Remember that for county fair, state fair and Ak-Sar-Ben please note that **ALL breeding heifers** need to have tattoos in their ears. Only purebred or registered heifers required this before. **Now, all commercial breeding heifers also need to sport a tattoo.** This can be a herd number or a number that corresponds with the 4-H tag - it is up to you, but it must be tattooed. If you buy a heifer from a breeder make sure it has a tattoo – even if they say there is one there. This does not just apply to heifers you buy, but to those you raise.

If you raise your own it always good thing to tattoo, it is a good management and identification tool. Purebred or percentage breed heifers must also have a certified pedigree registration paper. The main thing if you plan to exhibit your breeding heifer at any progress show, county fair and/or Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben be sure you have a legible tattoo that matches the registration paper and/or the breeding beef affidavit. **NOTE – NEW THIS YEAR.** Families will be required to submit a Breeding Nomination Card for all breeding animals showing at State Fair. They are available from our office.



**Home Bred and Raised Heifer Show at County Fair:** All breeding beef exhibitors must have their animals identified and put on the breeding beef affidavit and that **they will be due before April 15, the same time as the other breeding heifer affidavits.** Exhibitors must remember **however that they will need to turn in two affidavits for the heifer.** One for the regular breeding heifer class and a second one specifically for the Home Bred and Raised Breeding Heifer class. The special breeding beef jackpot class will once again be on the same day as the beef showmanship. It will directly follow the beef showmanship event. The class will be



judged as a “blow and go” class. They will be shown in their respective classes during the regular breeding beef show. In order to be eligible for this additional class the qualifications are very similar to the rules for Market Steer “Bred and Fed” classes. **“The exhibitor or exhibitor’s immediate family owned the female, which is the mother of the breeding beef project, at the time of the conception, (natural service or artificial insemination) and that it was born, fed and raised on the exhibitor’s home farm or place of project care”.**

**Long Yearling Heifer Class:** Because of fall calving considerations our Council decided a couple of years ago to create this class. It allows those individuals who do fall calving to be able to show their heifers. Always before, the earliest class of yearling heifers was those born January 1 or after of the previous year, in other words, if they were born between January 1 of 2016 and June 1 of 2016. We also have a class for heifers born between September 1 and December 31 of the year prior (2015). They will be able to compete against the other classes for championship.

**Stocker Feeders at County Fair:** Here is a clarification on the Stocker-Feeder classes. The stocker feeder male may be a steer **or** a bull and **may be shown** with a cow in the Cow/Calf class and/or Junior Beef Herd. We will split the steers and bulls in the Stocker-Feeder Male Class. So there will be a class of stocker feeder steers and a bull calf class. The stocker feeder heifer will stay as is.

**Junior Beef Herd:** Don’t forget that if an exhibitor has a Cow/Calf Pair and another heifer identified for the Webster County Fair that they can compete in a special class called Junior Beef Herd. It gives an exhibitor to put together the **exhibit along with a special record book** to show to the judge for another class and foundation money. If an exhibitor has a Junior Beef Herd entry they are allowed to bring one extra breeding beef entry that can only be shown in that class. Be sure to talk to your leader or stop by the Webster County Extension Office for a Junior Herd Record Book.

**Blow and Go at Nebraska State Fair:** You may wish to note that the Nebraska State Fair 4-H and FFA Beef Shows will be Blow and Show for both breeding and market beef shows, as well as the showmanship events. All 2017 beef shows will be Blow and Go, which primarily affects the way exhibitors prepare their beef animals. The State Fair rationalized the following: *“We certainly understand and respect those folks who are passionate about fitting their animals, the added level of competition it presents and the added level of skill and learning required to fit an animal successfully. But here is some context as to why this decision was made. As many of you know, the beef barn is always a challenge for space and safety, particularly having enough space for blocking chutes and fitting. The last few years, we have been able to manage these challenges using space on the west end of the swine barn for fitting and blocking chutes. However, that space will not be available moving forward. The barn only has stalling space for 1220 head, not to mention tack, feed and other supplies. So we are physically maxed out on space. Ultimately, we came down to two options in terms of how to better manage the available space. We either substantially reduce entry limits and exhibitors' opportunities to participate in the beef show, or we limit the equipment exhibitors bring to the fair. We ultimately decided to go with the second option and therefore a no fit show. This is not a plan to eliminate blocking chutes for beef altogether. The number of chute tags given out will be more limited than in past years, but the need for the chutes will also be less than in past years. Some families, chapters or counties may choose not bring blocking chutes, but for safety reasons, we do want that tool to be available.”*

**Blow and Show at Webster County Fair:** We asked for input from our exhibitors and family in the last two newsletters concerning our county following the lead of the Nebraska State Fair on Blow and Go for both the live show and showmanship at our fair and we will be discussing this issue at the next **Webster County Youth Council meeting that will be held March 7 at the Webster County Fairgrounds, starting at 8:00 p.m. If you have an opinion you need to contact us immediately or we will go with what the Council or survey has told us thus far!!!**

## **SHEEP & GOAT EXHIBITORS:**

**Adopt a Lamb for Fair:** The Webster County Youth Foundation will once again sponsor an “Adopt a Lamb Project” program this year. Any 4-H or FFA youth who is interested in trying the market lamb project can contact the extension

office to make application for up to three lambs. I suggest that you get more than one lamb, since sheep are gregarious animals and need to be in a flock (3), or at least a pair. If it is going to be put with other lambs with another exhibitor, then one would be acceptable. The Webster County Youth Foundation will buy the lambs, and then provide those lambs on a loan basis to interested youth. The exhibitor will feed and care for the lambs, either on their own place, or at another location, which could include another sheep exhibitor or a family willing to help them out. The new sheep exhibitor would then show the lamb(s) at the Webster County Fair, and then reimburse the Foundation for the original cost of lambs, after the lambs are sold at the livestock premium auction. For any questions, or for more information, please contact our office at 402-746-3417.

**Weigh-in/Tag Day for Sheep & Goats:** We will have a tag/weigh-in day for all sheep and goats that will be shown at county fair, State Fair, or Ak-Sar-Ben. It will not be mandatory if the sheep or goats are only going to our county fair. We will once again have a sheep rate of gain contest much like the beef, as well as a market goat rate of gain contest. In order to compete, you must **weigh in at the Webster County Fairgrounds on May 23 from 5:00-7:00 pm**. Or you may



make arrangements with our office before June 12<sup>th</sup> for other considerations. You may take up to 10 head of sheep to the Webster County Fair. This allows for breeding classes as well as up to two pens of three market lambs per exhibitor.

**NOTE –Rule for Sheep and Goats:** Sheep and goats are required to have two forms of identification. A 4-H or FFA tag plus, either a scrapies tag, and the official State Fair EID tag for those market animals that may go on to Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. Currently only female and intact males need scrapies tags, but now all sheep and goats will need a second form of identification. Any ewe and/or intact ram of the ovine species (sheep) and any doe of the caprine species (meat goat) must have a “scrapies” tag in its ear and be identified with this unique tag number in addition to the 4-H tag or 840 EID tag on the 4-H/FFA entry form. This scrapies tag counts as one of the two tags required. They will have to be put in the animals by a leader, extension educator, or FFA Advisor, and no sheep or beef entries will be weighed without a 4-H and/or FFA tag. The exhibitor must make arrangements with the proper authorities if they need to tag outside of the official weigh-in times. Don’t forget Junior Sheep Breeder’s Flock. Request your flock book now. Remember if you are planning to take a market sheep to the Nebraska State Fair you must have a Premise Identification number attached to that animal’s records/affidavit.

**Market Goat Show:** Please note that you can take up to 10 head of goats allowing for breeding classes and up to two pens of three market goats. Remember if you are planning to take a market goat to the Nebraska State Fair you must have a Premise Identification number attached to that animals records/affidavit. Any market goats that may go on to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben must have a Nebraska 840 EID tag. Remember that this is a “market goat” breeding female class. Don’t forget that we have a market goat breeding female show to go along with the normal market meat goat show. We have entry forms, manuals and other information for you in our office. They need to be tagged with the same tags we tag the breeding ewes with.



I suggest that you try to find a goat that has at least half “Boer” goat genetics. There are several breeders that you can consult for project animals. Only female market goats will be allowed to show in this class and classes will be divided on the number of animals entered. Of course we will still have the traditional Market Goat classes as in the past.

## SWINE EXHIBITORS:

**Swine Identification:** Now is a good time to be thinking about looking for project pigs. We are about 135 days away from fair and the pigs that you might want to use for county fair are piglets right now. Remember that swine exhibitors may bring a maximum of 10 head to allow for breeding gilts, plus the potential of 2 pens of 3 market hogs per exhibitor. Please note that 4-H or FFA tags are required at Webster County and universal notches must be in the respective pig’s ears if they are going on to State Fair and both need to be on the **identification sheet prior to June 15**. Remember that all market swine that are going to the Nebraska State Fair must have an 840 DNA tag and must have a Premise Identification number attached with them on your affidavit. Request your tags early. Remember that it is a requirement that **any market swine that may end up at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben will have to be DNA typed**. The cost to the exhibitor for the DNA test is \$6 per hog. Market swine will also need an 840 EID tag number to be put on the DNA envelope!

**NOTE:** If you elect to take your pigs at the state fair please read: “The following guidelines are required by Hormel for purchase of show pigs from the Nebraska State Fair. All exhibitors shipping animals to Hormel must: **1.** Be PQA+ trained by a certified PQA+ Youth trainer and assigned a PQA+ number which will be requested when state fair pre-entries are completed. **2.** Record the PQA+ number on the Hormel Swine Affidavit which is sent to Hormel at the time of shipping. **3.** Provide a Premise ID number when completing pre-entries. **4.** Complete all sections of the official Hormel Swine Affidavit and send it to Hormel at the time of shipping.” We have copies of the Hormel Swine Affidavit and Treatment Record in our office. **If you don’t have your PQA number you need to get that done in the next couple of months!**

**Pick-A-Pig Program:** This program gives prospective swine exhibitors the potential of receiving up to three feeder pigs for market and two for breeding gilt classes. If interested in the program please call the Webster County Extension Office at 402-746-3417 and we will send you a form to fill out or if you prefer email to: [cumke2@unl.edu](mailto:cumke2@unl.edu). We will need to have any applications for this project in our hands **no later than March 17**. Basically here is how it works:



1. 4-H and/or FFA youth would request to be included in this Pick-A-Pig program.
2. If we get enough interest, 4-H and FFA leaders will find a swine producer that will have quality feeder pigs that will be market ready by the Webster County Fair.
3. We suggest that you put in for more than one feeder pig (3 suggested) as they are gregarious animals and need company. Individuals may also apply for breeding gilts, but they will not be allowed to go through the auction.
4. The Foundation would purchase the pigs and tag them with 4-H tags. Those pig's tag numbers would then be put into a lottery system and those pigs would be assigned to potential swine exhibitors by drawn numbers. The pigs may be gilts and/or barrows depending on the provider. The pigs will be delivered to the Webster County Fairgrounds or

- directly to the youth on a particular day (when the pigs are ready for feeding and training).
5. The youth would then take their new show-pig enterprise to a ready-made facility at their farm or other place to keep them. If more than one youth want to go together for facilities and care that would be encouraged and welcomed. Help and suggestions for feed and/or care will be made available if needed from volunteers, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors or the Extension office.
  6. The youth and/or families would then be responsible for the care and feeding up through when they would compete at the County Fair, and are ultimately taken through the premium auction ring, or are marketed as fat hogs. They are responsible for all of the feed, care and facility costs during the time they have them.
  7. The youth would then pay the Foundation back for ALL of the pigs that they committed to after the County Fair or State Fair - should they decide to go on. If they should elect to keep any gilts back for a potential breeding project for the following year it is permissible, but the exhibitor will need to still pay the purchase price. All premiums and premium auction proceeds would go to the exhibitor.

## **POULTRY EXHIBITORS:**

**Market Broilers** – orders are due in our office by **Monday, May 1!** The chicks should arrive in our office by the first part of June. We order chicks in lots of 25, you can order all 25 or more or find someone to split an order with. If you are new to this project please call our office for manuals and more information on the poultry program and showing Poultry at the county fair. You do not have to order chicks in order to show poultry at the fair. You can get your own. Please refer to the Webster County 4-H & FFA County Fair Book for the different classes in poultry.

## **HORSE EXHIBITORS:**

**Horse ID's, District, State & Ak-Sar-Ben Shows:** Please note that all horse Id's and entries for District and State Horse Shows are due to our office by **Monday, May 8** with no exceptions. Anyone wishing to exhibit a horse at County Fair, Districts, State or Ak-Sar-Ben must turn in a completed 4-H Horse Id form. District and State entries are due also. The entry form for District and State Horse Shows are available in our office or website or from the UNL extension website at <http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H.html>

**Remember, all required Level Testing must be completed before your county fair entries can be processed. This includes both District and State Shows.** Webster County has similar level testing requirements so please make note of where you are in relationship to your equine project. \***PLEASE NOTE!!** All Level testing required for District and/or State Horse Show entry **MUST** be completed by the time entries are submitted to the County office. Therefore, for youth entering District and/or State 4-H Horse Shows must complete all required Level tests no later than **May 8**.

## **HORSE EXHIBITORS:**

**4-H Horse Stampede:** The 2017 4-H Horse Stampede has been scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017 and entries due to our office by Friday, March 10, 2017. For more information on the 4-H Horse Stampede please go to <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-4-h-and-youth#tab4> to find a schedule, entry forms and contest rules. The following events are scheduled for 4-Hers interested in Equine projects:



**Public Speaking Contest** :- Public Speaking Contest topics must be related to Nebraska 4-H Strategic Plan topics (include information related to at least one of the 5 Significant Outcomes: 4-H Strategic Plan Outcomes - - 4-H Science, Agricultural Literacy, Career Development/College Readiness, Citizenship and Leadership, and Healthy Living.

*Demonstration Contest, Art Contest, and Horse Bowl Contest (Junior and Senior Divisions)*

**2017 District Horse Shows:** Remember that 4-H'ers must have passed Horsemanship Advancement Level II by May 12, 2017 in order to participate at a district show. District classes are held as qualifiers for corresponding classes at the State 4-H Horse Expo. District show classes include: Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Barrels, and Poles. The **District Horse Show sites have been set.** This year they will be held at the following locations: June 12: Dawson County Fairgrounds - Lexington, NE; June 13: Loup County Fairgrounds, Taylor, NE; June 14: Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wayne, NE; June 19: Box Butte County Fairgrounds, Hemingford, NE; and June 20: Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln, NE. For entry forms and more information go on the web at: <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-4-h-and-youth> Horse ID sheets must be completed by May 12.

**2017 State Horse Exposition:** Good news for our county horse exhibitors. The dates for the 2016 Fonner Park - State Horse Show this year will not be on top of our County Fair. The dates for this year are **July 16-20, 2017**. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event. <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-4-h-and-youth>

## **OTHER COMMENTS AND NEWS FOR THE GOOD OF OUR 4-H MEMBERS.....**

**PASE - Premier Animal Science Events- The 2017 Life Challenge and PASE Contest dates are June 26-27 at UNL, East Campus.** Please mark your calendars for this event and please think about working towards being on one of the teams on Livestock Quiz Bowl, Skill-A-Thon, Livestock Judging, Meats Judging etc. Please let us know if you are interested by June 1. We will be putting teams together in the next two months. Teams in the following areas: **4-H Livestock Judging Contest (Intermediate and Senior teams), 4-H Meats Judging Contest team, 4-H or FFA Poultry Judging Contest team, 4-H General Livestock Quiz Bowl team and of course the Livestock Skill-A-Thon.**

Here is a chance to compete on the state level and perhaps qualify to represent Nebraska at Louisville, KT or Denver, CO, American Royal at Kansas City or other national contests – don't miss out! More information on each area is available on the web at: <http://pase.unl.edu/> I have put together some good resources that you can use on the computer on all of the PASE events. Please contact our office if you want this information.

**Companion Animal Challenge:** The 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will be held on April 1, 2017 at the Animal Science Complex on UNL's East Campus. It provides youth a chance to participate in a variety of contests that do not require animals, but allow youth to learn more about their dog or other companion animals. **Entries are due by March 10.** More information available at: <http://go.unl.edu/4hcac> or please contact Lisa Karr-Lilienthal via email at [lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu](mailto:lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu) if you have questions. Contests include:

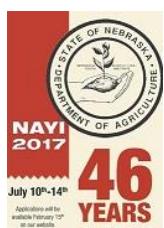
- Demonstrations (a presentation where youth demonstrate how to complete a task or related to the care of their companion animal)
- Photography and art contests (open to all companion animal projects)
- Dog Skill-a-thon
- Dog quiz bowl

**South Central Livestock Clinic & Judging Contest in Bladen:** The Webster County Fairgrounds in Bladen will be the site of the South Central Nebraska Livestock Clinic and Judging Contest that will be held on **Thursday, June 1.** This is a chance for Webster County 4-H and FFA youth to have a major judging contest and clinic right at our doorstep! We have flyers and registration forms in our office. You will also be able to get them at <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/webster/>. You can enter as an individual or better yet put together a team and compete for team awards. We have some good livestock judges in Webster County, utilize this clinic and contest to sharpen your eye and it will help you get ready for other 4-H and FFA judging events. **HELP!** We need some help in finding some animals or groups of animals to make up the judging classes of breeding and market sheep, breeding and market beef, swine, and market goats. If you, or if you know anyone that is willing to help us line up animals for the clinic and judging contest, please give us a call. We will need some individual animals that can be used for the judging contest (4 in a class).



**South Central Nebraska Livestock Exposition:** The Webster County 4-H Junior Leaders will be sponsor a progress show for sheep, goats and beef. There is a nice purse available to exhibitors. There are discounted entry fees for exhibitors from Webster County. The **"South Central Livestock Exposition" will be held at the Webster County Fairgrounds at Bladen on Saturday, June 3.** This is an excellent way to get your livestock project ready for the fair, acclimated to the arena and barns and to see how you are doing in reaching the proper show weight and if they are properly broken or halter trained for show. Please contact and Webster County 4-H Junior Leaders or our office for more information. We have flyers and registration forms in our office. You will also be able to get them off our website at <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/webster/>

**NAYI (Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute)** – NAYI is an outstanding four-day program that Leadership development, critical thinking, and decision making skills, along with the opportunity to interact with other youth interested in the future of agriculture, are key elements of the event. I highly recommend that any junior or senior in high school apply for this outstanding opportunity. The Institute **takes place on July 10-14** at the University of Nebraska. All meals, lodging and activities are sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. This is a wonderful experience and one that does not cost you more than just a few days from home. Delegates are selected based on leadership skills, interest and involvement in agriculture. All expenses, except transportation to and from Lincoln, are paid by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and sponsors. Applications are available from our office or your local FFA advisor, or if you wish, you can go to: <http://www.agr.ne.gov/nayi/>. The applications are due by **April 15**.



**Pioneer Farm and Heritage Farm Awards:** This year marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> year the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation along with the Nebraska Farm Bureau and Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will recognize Nebraska farm families with the Pioneer Farm Award. New this year, they will also recognize Nebraska farm families who have consecutively held

ownership of land within the same family for 150 years with the Heritage Farm Award. The deadline to submit applications for either award is May 1, 2017 and you can find the applications online at <http://www.aksarben.org> or you can also contact the Extension Office and we can print the forms for you.

**FAIR DATES:** The dates for the 2017 Webster County Fair have been set for **July 22-29 with the rodeo and Carnival on the July 27-29**. We will follow the same schedule as was implemented last year with a small change on the opening day BBQ and County Fair Church Services. We will be updating the website as we get more information – [www.webstercountycountyfair.org](http://www.webstercountycountyfair.org)

**Calendar of Events & 4-H/FFA Animal Identification Guide:** I have attached a Calendar of Events that may affect our 4-H and FFA families. If anyone knows of other events that should be included, please email them to me at [dlienemann2@unl.edu](mailto:dlienemann2@unl.edu) and we will add them. There is also attached an updated Animal ID guide. Well, that's enough from the "old hoss"---let's see what else is in the 4-H news and what Carol and Liz have for you! But first – one last, very important thing. I want to thank both of these fine ladies, and those before them, for putting up with me and making our Webster County Nebraska Extension THE BEST! I will miss all of this and all of my associations, but it is time to go. Let me leave you with this. "Moving on is simple. It's what we leave behind that is hard!" Once again - Thank You!!



**DON'T MISS IT!! WEBSTER COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS WILL BE SPONSORING A SOUP SUPPER ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5:00 TO 7:30  
(Directly following the Quality Assurance Class)!**



**Speech & Presentation Contest:** Through the 4-H Public Speaking & Presentation Contest, youth have an opportunity to write a Speech or a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that incorporates the topic of 4-H and deliver it to an audience.

The 4-H Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence.

This year's Webster County Speech/Presentation Contest will be held on Sunday April 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Deadline to register is March 17<sup>th</sup>!

**As an extra incentive Green Cover Seeds of Bladen has graciously offered to sponsor added bonuses! They will award a \$100.00 savings bond to the Champion Senior Division winner, a \$50.00 savings bond to the Reserve Champion Senior Division winner, a \$50.00 savings bond to the Champion Intermediate and Junior Division winners and a \$25.00 savings bond to the Reserve Champion Intermediate and Junior Division winners! The deadline to register for this years' contest is March 17<sup>th</sup>!**

## **"AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS!"**

Our 4-H Afterschool programs have been a huge success! We offer them at three locations this year from 4 to 5 pm! All youth grades 2-6 are invited to attend! We will be teaching the same curriculum at each location. Programs include: Ag Literacy, Plant Science and Design Decisions. Each program will be tied to 4-H projects so the youth can have a project ready to take to the fair!

### Blue Hill—Public Library

Mar 6, Apr 3 & May 1

### Bladen—Webster County Fairgrounds

Mar 13, Apr 10 & May 8

### Auld Library-Red Cloud

Mar 20, Apr 24, May 15

## “Workshops”



**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** at the fairgrounds. Participants will learn how to incorporate LED lights in their sewing projects! The only sewing skill requirement is to know how to do a running stitch! Taught by UNL Educator, Dagen Valentine. Time TBA. Look for our emails!

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** 2:00-4:00 p.m. Participants will learn how to make projects using your fair ribbons/banners! Taught by Pam Johnson, FCS teacher in Minden!



### **4-H Clover Chase: A Nebraska 150 Event Starts March 1**

Nebraska 4-H, in partnership with the [Nebraska 4-H Foundation](#), is celebrating the [Nebraska Statehood 150](#) with the 4-H Clover Chase!

Between March 1 - August 15, 2017, Nebraska 4-H will be hosting a photo scavenger hunt for all 4-H members. Using an app, participants will complete challenges and submit photo entries on social media using #NE4HChase. After submitting photos and earning 150 points, participants will be eligible to receive a commemorative water bottle from their local Nebraska Extension Office and will be entered into a drawing to win a drone with video capability. The Nebraska Extension Office with the highest percentage of participation wins a free National Youth Science Day kit!

Complete details about the 4-H Clover Chase can be found at <http://4h.unl.edu/clover-chase>. Celebrate Nebraska's Statehood, and Nebraska 4-H, by participating in this fun-filled opportunity with your friends, club, or family!



### **Innovative Youth Corn Challenge**

- Can you improve corn yields to meet the growing global demand?
  - Open to 4-H & FFA members
  - Over \$2,000 in cash prizes awarded!
  - Network with agronomic professionals!
  - Access to valuable corn resource materials!

Deadline to enter the contest: March 15<sup>th</sup>! Download entry forms at <http://cropwarch.unl.edu/youth>



## **PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR “DEWEY LIENEMANN”**

**Saturday, March 25th**

Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen  
Public Open House 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**BBQ & Dance for  
Webster County Past & Present 4-H'ers/FFA  
Members and Families/Friends 5:00 p.m. to ???**

**(we are asking all current 4-H/FFA families to furnish a dessert for the BBQ)!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mar. 3: 104th Annual KSU Cattlemen's Day, Weber Arena, KSU Campus, Manhattan, KS [lschrein@ksu.edu](mailto:lschrein@ksu.edu)
- Mar. 4: K-State Sheep Producer Day, 8:15 am, K-State Sheep & Goat Center, 2117 Denison Ave, Manhattan, KS [www.kssheep.com](http://www.kssheep.com)
- Mar. 4: Big Red Beef Show, NE State Fair Grounds, Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE [helms17@outlook.com](mailto:helms17@outlook.com)
- Mar. 6: Blue Hill After-School Program, Blue Hill Library, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Ag Literacy), [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- Mar. 7: Webster County Extension Board Meeting, Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 7: Webster County Youth Council Meeting, Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 11: 2017 Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day, Weber Hall, KSU Campus, Manhattan, KS [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu)
- Mar. 13: Bladen After-School Program, Webster Co Fairgrounds, 4-5:00 pm, Bladen, NE [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- Mar. 14: Burwell FFA Chapter Livestock Judging Contest, 6:00 pm, Burwell Livestock Market, Burwell, NE 308-346-4150
- Mar. 15: S C Cattlemen Beef Profitability Workshops, 1:30-4:30 pm, Nelson Comm Center, Nelson, NE [caldwell.cattle@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwell.cattle@hotmail.com)
- Mar. 16-17: Webster County Barn Quilt Workshop, Webster County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall, Bladen, NE [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- Mar. 18: Mid-Nebraska Spring Beef Show, Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney, NE [khotnem@amherstbroncos.org](mailto:khotnem@amherstbroncos.org)
- Mar. 19: Youth Quality Assurance Training at Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 3:00 p.m., [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- Mar. 19: Webster County Junior Leaders Soup Supper, 5-7:00 pm at 4-H & FFA Exhibit Hall, Webster Co. Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE
- Mar. 20: Red Cloud After-School Program, Auld Library, 4- 5:00 pm, Red Cloud, NE (Ag Literacy), [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- Mar. 21-22: Midwest Cow-Calf Symposium, 1 pm, A-FAN, Coco Keys Resort Hotel, Omaha, NE [www.midwestcowcalf.eventbrite.com](http://www.midwestcowcalf.eventbrite.com)
- Mar. 25: Dewey Lienemann Retirement Event, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, BBQ and Dance 5:00 pm - ??? Webster Co Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE
- Mar. 25: Wauneta-Palisade FFA Livestock Judging, Bear Mountain Angus Ranch, NE Rod Gaston [rgaston@WPBRONCOS.NET](mailto:rgaston@WPBRONCOS.NET)
- Mar. 25: 4-H Spring Rabbit Show, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/rabbit/RabbitShowSpring17.pdf>
- Mar. 25: 2017 Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day, Weber Arena, KSU Campus, Manhattan, KS [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu)
- Mar. 25: KSU Wildcat Lamb & Goat Sale, Stanley Stout Livestock Marketing Center, KSU, Manhattan, KS [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu)
- Apr. 1: 2017 Spring Tour - Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Assoc., Ravenna, NE [www.nebraskasheepandgoat.org/2017-spring-tour](http://www.nebraskasheepandgoat.org/2017-spring-tour)
- Apr. 1: Burt County Beef Preview, Burt County Fairgrounds, Oakland, NE Michael Nissen 402-380-2772, [mtnissen@live.com](mailto:mtnissen@live.com)
- Apr. 1: 4-H Horse Stampede, UNL East Campus, Ani Sci Building, Lincoln, NE <http://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>
- Apr. 2: Webster County 4-H/FFA Speech Contest, Webster Co Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 3:00 pm, [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- Apr. 3: Blue Hill After-School Program, Blue Hill Library, 4- 5:00 pm, Blue Hill, NE (Plant Science), [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- Apr. 5-7: Nebraska State FFA Convention, Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln, NE
- Apr. 8: Seward Calf Classic, Seward Co. Fairgrounds, Seward, NE Shelby Blecha 402-641-4889, [sblecha@hotmail.com](mailto:sblecha@hotmail.com)
- Apr. 9: 4-H & FFA Sullivan Supply Stock Show University, 4M Angus, Blue Hill, NE Details TBA [bkmeyer@gtmc.net](mailto:bkmeyer@gtmc.net)
- Apr. 10: Bladen After-School Program, Webster Co Fairgrounds, 4-5:00 pm, Bladen, NE (Plant Science), [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- Apr. 13 Webster County Agriculture Association Meeting, 8:00 pm Webster County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, Bladen, NE
- Apr. 15: Due date for Premises ID for Market Beef that will be going to Nebraska State Fair to local Extension office
- Apr. 15: Saunders Co Progress Beef Show, Saunders Co. Fairgrounds, Wahoo, NE 402-525-6262 [blackcowscountry@hotmail.com](mailto:blackcowscountry@hotmail.com)
- Apr. 16-17: Northern Exposure Steer & Heifer Show, NCK Free Fairgrounds, Belleville, KS [www.northernexposureshow.com](http://www.northernexposureshow.com)
- Apr. 17: Webster County 4-H Enrollment Deadline <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/webster/>
- Apr. 17: Webster County Market and Breeding Beef Affidavits & all DNA due into office. <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/webster/>
- Apr. 20: Red Cloud FFA Banquet, Red Cloud Public Schools, Red Cloud, NE
- Apr. 22: UNL Extension Horse Judging School, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, UNL Ani Sci Complex, East Campus, UNL <http://go.unl.edu/hyjc>
- Apr. 24: Red Cloud After-School Program, Auld Library, 4-5:00 pm, Red Cloud, NE (Plant Science), [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- Apr. 27-28: Cattlemen's Boot Camp, UNL & American Angus Assn, Ani Sci Complex, East Campus, UNL [www.angusonline.org/](http://www.angusonline.org/)
- May. 1: Blue Hill After School Program, Blue Hill Library, 4-5:00 pm, Blue Hill, NE (Design Decisions), [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- May 2: Silver Lake FFA Banquet, Silver Lake High School, Roseland, NE
- May 5: Blue Hill FFA Banquet, Blue Hill Community Schools, Blue Hill, NE
- May 8: Silver Lake After-School Program, Fairgrounds, 4-5:00 pm, Bladen, NE (Design Decisions), [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- May 11: Webster County Ag Association Meeting, Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 8:00 pm
- May 15: Red Cloud After-School Program, Auld Library, 4-5:00 pm Red Cloud, NE (Design Decisions), [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- May 17: Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Class, Webster County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 6:30 pm, Bladen, NE
- May 21: The Custer County Challenge, Custer Co. Fairgrounds, Broken Bow, NE Bonnie Winters 308-870-3666 [stlbmr@aol.com](mailto:stlbmr@aol.com)
- May 23: Webster County Sheep and Goat Weigh-in. 5-7:00 pm, Webster County Fairgrounds Sheep Building, Bladen, NE
- May 31: 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Pitzer Ranch Arena, Ericson, NE Steve Niemeyer 308-346-4200
- June 1: South Central NE Livestock Judging Contest, Webster Co Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- June 3: Webster Co Jr. Leaders Livestock Exposition (Beef, Sheep & Goat), Webster Co Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- June 7: Webster, Adams & Clay County 4-H Camp, Crystal Lake, Ayr, NE [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- June 8: Webster County Ag Association Meeting, Webster Co. Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 8:00 pm
- June 10: Webster Co Wranglers Horse Show, Webster Co Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE [Sylvia\\_Fink@hotmail.com](mailto:Sylvia_Fink@hotmail.com)
- June 10-17: National American Boer Goat Assoc Show, NE State Fairgrounds, Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE <http://abga.org/>
- June 12: Nebraska 4-H District Horse Show, Dawson County Fairgrounds, Lexington, NE
- June 13: Regional ID Contests for tree, weed/grass, insect and horticulture judging TBA
- June 15: Webster County 4-H Final Entry Day! [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- June 18-23: National Junior Charolais Show, NE State Fairgrounds, Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE
- June 26-27: Premier Animal Science Event (PASE), UNL East Campus Ani Sci Building, Lincoln, NE
- June 26-30: National Junior Gelbvieh Show, NE State Fairgrounds, Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE
- June 29: Webster County Culinary Challenge, Webster Co Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 7:00 pm, [ckumke2@unl.edu](mailto:ckumke2@unl.edu)
- July 1-7: National Junior Limousin Show, NE State Fairgrounds, Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE
- July 10-14: Nebraska Ag Youth Institute, Lincoln, NE <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/navi/>

# ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES – 2017

ID sheets for County Fair livestock entries can be found at <http://4h.unl.edu/animalscienceprogrammanagement>. Read identification instructions under each species.

<b>Project Area</b>	<b>Nomination Process*</b>			<b>DNA Collectors and Breeding Nomination Cards**</b>			<b>Pre-Entry Deadline***</b>		
	<b>County Fair <u>ONLY</u></b>	<b>Nebraska State Fair</b>	<b>AKSARBEN</b>				<b>County Fair</b>	<b>Nebraska State Fair</b>	<b>AKSARBEN</b>
<b>BEEF</b>				<b>Due to County:</b>	<b>State 4-H Deadline:</b>	<b>Due to AK:</b>			
Market	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Premise ID	EID Tag & DNA & Premise ID	April 15	April 15	April 21	June 15	August 10	August 10
Breeding	Tattoo	Tattoo & BNC	Tattoo & BNC	June 15	June 15	June 20	June 15	August 10	August 10
Feeder Calves	4-H Ear Tag or Tattoo	<i>FFA Only</i>	No Class	June 15	June 15	June 20	June 15	-----	August 10
Bucket Calves	Bucket Calf Tag & Record Book	No Class	No Class	June 15	NA	NA	June 15	-----	-----
<b>DAIRY</b>									
Cattle	ID Sheet Drawing	ID Sheet Drawing	ID Sheet Drawing	June 15	June 22		June 15	August 10	August 10
Goat	Drawing	No Class	No Class	June 15	NA	NA	June 15	-----	-----
<b>GOAT</b>									
Breeding	Ear Tag or Tattoo	Scrapie Tag & BNC	No Class	June 15	June 15	NA	June 15	August 10	-----
Market	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Premise ID	EID Tag, DNA & Premise ID	June 15	June 15	June 20	June 15	August 10	August 10
<b>HORSE</b>	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	ID Sheet Drawing	ID Sheet Drawing	May 9	May 13		June 15		
<b>SWINE</b>									
Market	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Premise ID	Ear Notches, DNA & Premise ID	June 15	June 15	June 20	June 15	August 10	August 10
Breeding	4-H Ear Tag	<i>FFA Only- Universal Ear Notches</i>	No Class				June 15		
<b>SHEEP</b>									
Breeding	Scrapie Tag, & 4-H Tag/ Regis. Tag	Scrapie Tag & BNC	No Class	June 15	June 15	NA	June 15	August 10	-----
Market	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA	EID Tag & DNA	June 15	June 15	June 20	June 15	August 10	August 10

\* County offices can accept paper ID sheets for their own record keeping but **will not** be accepted as a form of identification for State Fair. Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, as follows: Market Beef (10), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20).

\*\* BNC = Breeding Nomination Card. Animals are nominated (formerly known as identified) by the dates above.

\*\*\* Entries must be in by the dates dictated by each individual show to be eligible for exhibition at these events. In the case of State Fair, the August 10<sup>th</sup> deadline will serve as the declaration for a nominated animal to be shown in either 4-H or FFA. If an animal is entered to be shown in FFA at State Fair, it is no longer eligible for AKSARBEN. If an animal is entered in FFA, but isn't exhibited, that animal is not eligible to be exhibited at AKSARBEN. If an animal is entered in 4-H at State Fair, but is not exhibited, that animal is eligible for AKSARBEN. AKSARBEN is a 4-H livestock show.

#### County Staff Responsibilities:

1. Submit an EID tag order for State Fair/AKSARBEN livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat) entries.
2. Submit a regular tag order for county only livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat) entries and submit an EID tag order for county only livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat) entries.
3. Request DNA collectors and breeding nomination cards.
4. Distribute and collect DNA collectors and breeding nomination cards to families.
5. Collect market beef DNA collectors by April 15. Copy each market beef DNA collectors for county records and mail all completed DNA collectors to the AKSARBEN office by April 20. Make sure all market animal premise ID's are put into ShoWorks.
6. Collect market swine, market lamb, and market goat DNA collectors by June 15. Collect breeding beef, breeding sheep and breeding doe nomination cards by June 15. Copy each DNA collector and breeding nomination card for county records and mail all completed DNA collectors and breeding nomination cards to the AKSARBEN office by June 20.
7. Review and validate all livestock entries for each exhibitor based off the recorded copy of the DNA collector and/or breeding nomination card in their office.
8. Send all edits to AKSARBEN for any changes needed for their families' livestock entries. **Once all edits have been received and AKSARBEN perfects the database, no further edits will be allowed.**
9. Inform families that all nominations have been uploaded and is available on ShoWorks for State Fair pre-entries.

#### Family Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors showing market animals at State Fair or AKSARBEN must have a signed and sealed official DNA collector with hair samples for DNA verification turned into their county office by the appropriate deadline listed in the table. Must have a Premise ID for all Market Animals going to State Fair or Aksarben.
2. Exhibitors showing breeding beef, breeding sheep and breeding does at State Fair will be nominated with a breeding nomination card. The breeding nomination card will contain all information necessary for State Fair eligibility. Families will need to have completed breeding nomination cards turned in to their county office by the June 15 nomination deadline.
3. Exhibitors will select which animal entries they have chosen to show at State Fair in a dropdown menu in ShoWorks. All nominated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for pre-entry registration.
4. 4-H and FFA youth participants will declare which youth organization they will show their animal projects by August 10 in ShoWorks.