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UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- March 3: After School 4-H, K-2, Exeter, 2:20-3:30
- March 14: After School 4-H K-2, Geneva, 4:00-5:00
- March 15: Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Entry due
- March 17: After School 4-H, K-2, Shickley, 2:30-3:30
- March 21: After School 4-H 3-6, Geneva, 4:00-5:00
- March 24: After School 4-H 3-6, Shickley, 2:30-3:30
- March 25: UNL Chick Days, see page 5
- March 26: Animal Science Day, 1:30 p.m. Fairgrounds, YQCA at 3:00 p.m.
- March 31: After School 4-H 3-6, Exeter, 2:20-3:30

April

- April 10: Babysitting Clinic, Geneva, 9-3
- April 10: YQCA Training, Clay Center, 10:30
- April 10: Agronomy 101 Workshop, Clay Center, 1-2:30 pm

May

- May 23: Market Sheep Weigh-In, 4-6pm
- May 25: Ag Safety Day, 8:30-1:30 pm, Fairgrounds

2023 STATE FAIR UPDATES



• STATE 4H COMPETITION AGE CHANGE

New this year! All members who are at least **9 years** of age on January 1st will be eligible to participate in 4-H in-person events (live animal shows, fashion shows, and contests) at the Nebraska State Fair. This does NOT apply to horse events.

• NEW LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Starting in 2023, all livestock in contention to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair will be required to submit a DNA nomination. This includes all 4-H and FFA breeding livestock, market livestock, and feeder calves. Any DNA nomination submitted through Show Stock Manager will also be eligible for exhibition at the Aksarben Stock Show. DNA nominations will be \$7.00 per animal. All animals will automatically be eligible for both breeding and market—no additional fees or double payments will be required. DNA nominations for the Nebraska State Fair are due on June 15, 2023.



Save the Date!

Speech, Presentation, and PSA contests will be held Monday, May 22 at 6 p.m.
More information coming soon!



March To Do's:

- Enroll in 4-H Online
- Start thinking of projects and areas to learn about to showcase at fair



Ag Safety Day

Youth currently in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in Ag Safety Day held May 25th at the Fillmore Co. Fairgrounds from 8:30-1:30 p.m.
Registration will be open soon!



4-H ENROLLMENT OPEN

V2.4HONLINE.COM

4-H Enrollment is open for 2023. All youth involved in 4-H must be enrolled by June 15th in order to participate in the County and State Fair this summer. There is an enrollment fee of \$10.00 per youth, \$20.00 per family. Re-enrolling families will use the same username (email) and password as before. For new families, go to the website and create a new profile.

For help enrolling go to fillmore.unl.edu and under the Fillmore County 4-H tab click on 4-H Enrollment. It will guide you to the University's step by step picture guide. For further information and help, call or stop by the office. 402-759-3712

2023 FAIR DATES:

JULY 5TH-10TH

Wednesday July 5:

Clean-up day, Static Check-in

Thursday July 6:

Livestock Entry, Poultry and Rabbit Show

Friday July 7:

Pancake Breakfast, Sheep/Goat Show, Fashion Show, Culinary Challenge

Saturday July 8:

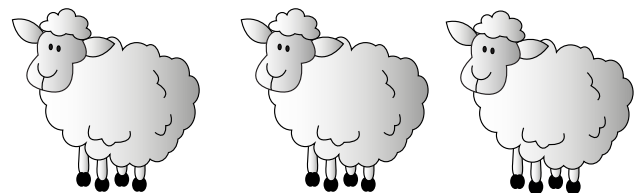
Horse Show, Swine Show, Talent Show, Fashion Review, Awards Night, Cake Auction

Sunday July 9:

Beef Show, Companion Animal Show

Monday July 10:

Release of exhibits, Round Robin, Picnic, Auction, Clean-up



Sheep Weigh-in

Annual market sheep weigh-in will be Tuesday, May 23rd from 4-6:00 p.m. at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. Reminder: Sheep and Goats only require scrapie tags. No EID tags will be required for sheep and goats. A DNA sample must be taken from any animal going to State Fair. This info will be entered in and paid for by exhibitors online. All 4-H market sheep showing at county fair must weigh-in at an official weigh-in. DNA envelopes and online nominations for State Fair are due June 15th.

Spring 4-H After School Workshops

Open to ALL Youth

Free to attend

Geneva, Extension Office, 4:00-5:00:

K-2: March 14, April 4

3-6th: March 28, April 18

Shickley, School, 2:30-3:30:

K-2: March 15, April 14

3-6th: March 24, April 28

Exeter, School, 2:20-3:30:

K-2: March 3, April 21

3-6th: March 31

Topics:

March: Healthy Lifestyles

April: All About Gardening

Registration:

Scan QR Code or

Call the Office at 402-759-3712



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. This training is **required** for all food producing animal or livestock project members.

Food producing and livestock projects include beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry and rabbit.

Members will go to www.yqca.org and log in using their 4HOnline login. Members must have an Active status with 4HOnline to be able to log in and complete the courses.

Face to face training that are available:

Animal Science Day March 26th @3:00 -Fillmore County Fairgrounds

YQCA Training April 10th @ 10:30-Clay County Fairgrounds

Last F2F YQCA June 14th-Fillmore County Extension Office

Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

Do you enjoy being outside? Learning new things about crops?

Considering a career involving crops, insects, diseases, soils, water or more? Do you want to help figure out how to feed our world's growing population in a sustainable way?

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the eighth Innovative Youth CornChallenge contest.

This contest, open to 4-H members (age 8 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production.

As a team (2 or more participants), youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge management summary.

Cash prizes and plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place teams. First place will receive \$1,000, second place will receive \$500, and third place will receive \$250.

Sustainability, crop scouting and "extra mile" awards will also be given, each worth \$200. To participate in 2023, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded after January 1st at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities. For more information, contact Brandy.

Babysitting Clinic

Join us on April 10th from 9-3 to learn more about babysitting and childcare from our Early Childhood Educator, Ingrid Lindal. Sign up by April 1!

Cost: \$20, includes manual and babysitting kit



Trying a new project this year? Don't know where to start? Stop by the Extension Office and grab a FREE curriculum guide to get you started!



News from Nebraska 4-H



Horse Opportunities

State Horse Show Information

There will be NO District Horse shows in 2023 for qualification of State Fair. Replacing these shows are workshops and clinics for youth to further their skills in preparation for State Fair. Stay tuned for more information on clinic dates and requirements for entry.



Mark your calendars! Virtual Companion Animal Challenge entries, including essays, art, photography, and demonstrations, are due by Saturday, April 1, and the online dog and cat trivia contest will be available from April 10-16. Learn more at 4h.unl.edu/companion-animal-challenge.



Nebraska 4-H is now accepting nominations for state-level volunteer recognition awards. These awards honor adult and youth volunteers who have provided meaningful contributions to the 4-H programs. Categories include Emerging Adult Volunteer (3 or fewer years of service), Outstanding Adult Volunteer (4 more years of service), Outstanding Youth Volunteer (ages 14-18), and Multi-Generation Family of Volunteers. Learn more and nominate your favorite 4-H volunteers at 4h.unl.edu/volunteer-recognition.

Chick Days!

2023 UNL Chick Days—March 25, 2023

10:00-2:00 pm

Dept. of Animal Sci., Univ. Nebraska

An educational event for small and back-yard poultry producers and youth featuring speakers on the following topics:

9:30 Registration Dept. of Animal Science, University of Nebraska, Student Commons, 3940 Fair St.

Lincoln, NE., 68583-0908

10:00 Presentations

Housing and Predator Protection—Brett Kreifels, UNL Extension educator

Humane Slaughter for Backyard Poultry—Demonstration

Drs. Ruth Woiwode and Gary Sullivan, Dept. of Animal Sci., UNL

Egg Grades and Sell of Home-Raised Eggs—Workshop—Dr. Sheila Purdum

4-H Poultry Showmanship- Do's and Don'ts—Josie Foley, Grad. Student

Competitions: Egg Art – Adult & Youth
Poultry Photography- Adult & Youth
Poultry Quiz Bowl – Adult & Youth Teams
Youth Only Teams
Quiz Bowl will start after lunch

4-H Summer Camp

NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP
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ADVENTURE TOGETHER ACROSS NEBRASKA WITH 4-H CAMP

- Chadron** June 5-9
Experience Nebraska via horseback, hiking, and with a trip down the Super Slide! Then see the prehistoric Agate Fossil Beds for a week of exploring Nebraska's wilderness; both past and present.
- Cozad** June 16-20
Challenge yourself with high ropes, zipline, and a rock wall! Work together with your new friends for a canoeing adventure, and round out your day with gaga and 9 square in the air!
- Ashland** June 26-29
Have an "in-tents" outdoor adventure at Mahoney State Park. Cook by the campfire, explore the tree canopy on the ropes course, and make a splash going down the slide at the pool!
- Burwell** July 16-20
Explore the flora and fauna with a week on the river front! Explore the North Loup River, go geocaching, tracking, and don't forget about playing an epic game of capture the flag!
- Louisville** July 27-30
Close out the summer with an "in-tents" experience at Platte River State Park. Practice your aim at the archery range, investigate the aquatic life at Crowdad Creek, and enjoy s'mores and songs with your new friends!

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Reference Sheet for State Fair Livestock

2023 4-H State Fair Animal Nomination/Identification Requirements

Project Area	Nomination Requirements	Due Date	Show Entry Deadline
Market Beef	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Registered Breeding Beef	Tattoo, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Commercial Breeding Beef	Tattoo OR EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Feeder Calf	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Market Swine	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Breeding Swine	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Market Sheep	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Breeding Sheep	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Market Goats	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Breeding Goats	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Dairy Cattle	ID Sheet Drawing	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Rabbits & Poultry	No nomination required. Rabbits will be required to have an ear tattoo by the show entry deadline.	-----	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Horse	Horse Identification Certification	June 1	June 1 11:59 PM CST

*4-H Bucket Calf and Dairy Goat projects do not have a class option at the Nebraska State Fair

Family Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors will be required to enroll in 4-H and the required projects by the county deadline in 4H Online.
2. Exhibitors showing market and/or breeding beef, feeder calves, market and/or breeding swine, market and/or breeding sheep or market and/or breeding goats at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification. Every animal nomination (this includes all breeding animals and feeder calves) will require a DNA submission. DNA must be turned into their county office and have completed the online nomination with payment in Show Stock Manager by June 15. Any animal carrying an 840 EID tag will require the exhibitor to obtain a Premises ID. Contact the local Extension Office for details. (It is recommended that you make a copy or a photo image of the completed envelope you turn into your county.)
3. Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for the enrolled livestock projects by the August 10.
4. Exhibitors will confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legibility and/or accuracy.
5. Exhibitors will notify the County Extension Staff of any retags that may occur up to time of check-in at the State Fair.
6. Exhibitors will select which animal nominations they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair entry website by August 10. All nominated and validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for entry registration.
7. Exhibitors will be required to bring the breed registration association paperwork to check-in at State Fair for animals wanting to show in a breed class. The registration papers must show the exhibitor's name or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family and is listed with the online nomination in Show Stock Manager.

Animal Science Day

Come and participate in livestock judging, followed by Youth Quality Care Animal (YQCA) training.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING, 1:30 P.M.
(REGISTRATION STARTS AT 1:15 P.M.)

Juniors (8-12 as of Jan. 1)
Seniors (13-18 as of Jan. 1)



YQCA training will start once livestock judging is complete, around 3:00 p.m. It would be helpful to check-in at 2:45 p.m.

Register for YQCA prior to attending at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>.



Fillmore County
Fairgrounds, Geneva, NE

March 26, 2023



Scan this code to book your seat!

Pre-registration is not required, but appreciated so enough supplies are available.