


FILLMORE COUNTY 4-H

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May:

May 22: 4-H Speech/Presentation Contest, 5:00, Ext Office

May 23: Market Sheep Weigh-In, 4-6pm

May 25: Ag Safety Day, 8:30-1:30 pm, Fairgrounds

May 29: Office Closed in honor of Memorial Day

June:

June 1: Entrepreneurship Workshop, 1-3, Ext Office

June 6: Clover Kid Workshop, 1-3, Ext. Office

June 8: Agronomy Workshop, 1-3, Fairgrounds

June 14: Last Chance YQCA, 10:30-12, Ext Office

June 15: Registration and Paperwork Due

June 15: Woodworking Workshop, 1-3, Ext. Office

June 20: Clover Kid Workshop, 1-3, Ext. Office

June 21-22: PASE

June 22: Visual Arts Workshop, 1-3, Ext. Office

June 23: Premier Communication Event

June 29: Outdoor Adventures Workshop, 1-3, Ext. office



Congrats Fillmore County Seniors!
Faith Engle, Grace Probasco, Hannah Miller, Cade Kresak, Jordan Engle



Public Speaking Contest

The Fillmore County Speech, Presentation, and PSA contests will be held Monday, May 22 at 6 p.m. Please reach out to the office with any questions and refer to page 31 in the Fairbook for more details. **Registration deadline is May 15th.** Please call the office at 402-759-3712 or email Holly at holly.ackland@unl.edu



Fairbooks are in and ready to be picked up!



Sheep Weigh-in:

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



4-H ENROLLMENT DUE JUNE 15

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



AG SAFETY DAY

Current 1st through 6th graders are invited to attend Progressive Agriculture Safety Day on **Thursday, May, 25 2023** at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. Youth will participate in a variety of events designed to help them be aware of safety in potentially hazardous situations in and around rural and agriculture settings, including electricity, knife, burn, fire, grain, underground utility line, farm equipment, and bike safety. NE Extension hosts this event in Fillmore County along with Shickley, Fillmore Central, Exeter-Milligan-Friend FFA chapters, 4-H, W.I.F.E, Fortify, and Fillmore County Emergency Management. Early registration forms were due April 27th but you can still sign up with the registration fee being \$10. For more info or to register call the office or email Brandy at brandy.vandewalle.unl.edu

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:

Last F2F YQCA June 14th 10:30-12-Fillmore County Extension Office

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, 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

July 20:

10 a.m. Dog Show
Nuckolls County Fairgrounds

Note:

Horse show date and Contests dates. Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you

Hands-On Learning Opportunities

Poultry Showmanship Workshop

Join us and learn all about poultry showmanship from Brett Kreifels! This will be a hands-on workshop. Youth will be able to practice the new skills that they learn. If you have your showmanship bird picked out, please bring it along! Please RSVP to the Clay County Extension office (402-762-3644) by May 17th if you are coming! This will be held **May 23rd at the Clay County Fairgrounds from 10:00-12:00.**

CLAY COUNTY 4-H POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP

When: Tuesday, May 23rd
Where: Clay County Fairgrounds
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Join us and learn all about poultry showmanship from Brett Kreifels! This will be a hands on workshop. Youth will be able to practice the new skills that they learn. If you have your showmanship bird picked out, please bring it along!

Please RSVP to the Clay County Extension office (402-762-3644) by May 17th if you are coming!



Summer Reading Program

We are partnering with Fillmore County Libraries to provide hands-on activities through these programs! Stay tuned for dates and times when we will be in Geneva, Exeter, Milligan, Fairmont, and Shickley!

Big Green 's 2nd Annual Speed Horse Show



June 25th, Thayer County Fairgrounds- Deshler
Registration at 2:30, Events at 3:00
Events: Barrels, Poles, Flying W, Potato Race, Keyhole, and Ride a Buck
Cost: \$5 per event, \$20 for the day
Age Divisions: 10 and under, 11-16, 17 and over
Contact Makinna Peterson: 402-200-0459

Rabbit & Companion Animal Showmanship Workshop

Join Molly Brandt to learn some tips for rabbit and companion animal showmanship. This will be a hands-on workshop. If youth have their showmanship rabbit picked out, please bring it along! We will do rabbits first, from 1:00- approx. 2:30. We will do companion animal after that. Please RSVP to the Clay County Extension office (402-763-3644) by May 24th if you are planning to come! This will be held **May 31st at the Clay County Fairgrounds**

Clay County 4-H Rabbit/Companion Animal Showmanship Workshop

When: Wednesday, May 31st
Where: Clay County Fairgrounds
Time: 1:00pm-3:30pm
Cost: FREE!

Come join Molly Brandt and learn some tips for rabbit and companion animal showmanship. This will be a hands on workshop. If youth have their showmanship rabbit picked out, please bring it along! We will do rabbits first, from 1:00- approx. 2:30. We will do companion animal after that.

Please RSVP to the Clay County Extension office (402-763-3644) by May 24th if you are planning to come!



4-H Summer Workshops

4-H Age (Ages 8-18)

June 1: Entrepreneurship

Learn about the basics of entrepreneurship from local businesses and get a basic idea of starting your own business.

June 8: Agronomy Workshop (Location: Fairgrounds)



Participate in the 2023 Agriculture Innovators Experience on drones



June 15: Woodworking Workshop

Learn about the basics of woodworking through this hands-on workshop

June 22: Visual Arts Workshop



Have an interest in painting or drawing? Join us for this workshop to put your interest to work



June 29: Outdoor Adventures

Learn more about the great outdoors by participating in this workshop.

Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kmmVd3UHA2>



Scan QR Code or

Call the Office at 402-759-3712 to register

Location: Fillmore County Extension Office*

Time: 1-3 p.m.

*June 8 will be at Fairgrounds

Clover Kid (Ages 5-7)



June 6: Plant Science

Join us for learning more about plants!

June 20: Decorate your Duds

Youth will create a personalized item to add to their summer wardrobe!

Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/UX9Rjxc32B>



Scan QR Code or

Call the Office at 402-759-3712 to register

Free to attend!**

Open to all youth!

Registration is limited to first 15 youth

Youth will complete a project to exhibit at the County Fair



EXTENSION

Fillmore County



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**Thanks to partial funding from the Fillmore County Foundation, these workshops are free!



Contests

SPEECH, PRESENTATIONS, AND PSA

The Fillmore County Speech, Presentation, and PSA contests will be held on May 22 at 5 p.m.

Speech: Create an original speech related to 4-H. Check the fairbook for further rules and time limitations.

Presentations: A 4-H presentation given by 1 or 2 4-Hers with visual aids to tell others how to do something. Check fairbook for other rules and time limitations

Public Service Announcement (PSA): Create and present a 60 second radio ad on a 4-H program. Must include the theme "4-H Grows...". Must also include "Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development program at 4h.unl.edu."

TALENT SHOW

The Fillmore County Talent Show will be on **Saturday, July 8th at 3 p.m. at the Fairgrounds**

Have a talent you are eager to share with others? Sign up for the talent show on your pre-registration form to show off your talent! Talent entries can be individual, group, or inter-generational performances.

FASHION SHOW

The Fillmore County Fashion Show Contest will be held on Friday, July 7th at 2 p.m. The Public Fashion Review will be held Saturday, July 8th at 3 p.m.

The fashion show is an opportunity for youth to showcase their construction and consumer management skills. Check out the fairbook for more information on classes and requirements.



CULLINARY CHALLENGE



The 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety. To showcase these skills, youth will create a menu, prepare a food item, and choose an appropriate theme for their occasion while expressing their food, nutrition, and food safety knowledge during a live interview with a judge at the contest. A challenge ingredient will be selected each year, highlighting a Nebraska commodity food product. **The 2023 challenge ingredient is sunflowers.**

Find more information at

<https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/22>
The Fillmore County Culinary Challenge will take place on Friday, July 7th.

State News



Looking to level up your livestock evaluation and oral reason skills? Make plans to attend this year's UNL Livestock Judging Camp in Lincoln on June 7-9. Registration is \$300 and is due by Monday, May 22. Learn more at go.unl.edu/judging-camp.



At the Youth Leadership Conference, teens will find inspiration and motivation, network with like-minded peers and mentors, and develop the necessary skills so that they can make a difference in their community, their country, and their world. This year's Conference will be held at Camp Comeca in Cozad from June 19-21. All youth—not just 4-H members—ages 14-18 are welcome! Visit 4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference to learn more.



Tractor and farm equipment safety courses are now open for registration! Teens ages 14- 15 who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about tractor and farm equipment safety practices, can register for a safety training course offered at seven locations across Nebraska from May 22 through June 8. Learn more at go.unl.edu/2023tractorsafety.

County Fair Updates

PRE-FAIR ENTRY FORMS

4-H'ers bringing exhibits (including animals) to the fair must fill out and return PRE-FAIR ENTRY FORMS and LIVESTOCK ID sheets to the Extension Office by June 15th! Same as last year, pre-Fair entry forms and livestock ID sheets are available at www.fillmore.unl.edu. Families can pick them up at the office or print off online. Use the 2023 fair book to complete entry forms. An example is included on the form. If you have questions about filling them out, stop by the office or give us a call.

GENERATORS

Generators will be allowed in 2023 because of the lack of electrical output in the west Quonset that is needed for beef blowers and fans. Those who normally groom their cattle in the west Quonset will have the option to bring in a generator to be used in the Quonset. The generator must be an inverter type to reduce the noise competition with arena speakers. Those who want to bring a generator will need to claim a permit from the extension office by July 1. The permit must be attached to the generator and will be checked by Beef Superintendents and 4-H and Extension Staff. There will be 5 permits that are available first come, first serve, limit 1 permit per 4-H family. Generators must be placed outside the Quonset on the north side, between the Quonset and bucket calf / small animal barn.

4-H FOOD STAND

The 4-H Food Stand is a huge fundraiser during County Fair for the 4-H Council and the 4-H program in Fillmore County. Without the money from the food stand, many 4-H activities and events would not be possible.

Please stay posted for when the online sign up form will be open. Time slots are filled on a first come basis! Check for the weekly online newsletters, FaceBook and the June newsletter.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

4-H families are encouraged to nominate someone who goes the extra mile for Fillmore County 4-H for the Outstanding Service Award. To nominate individuals send a letter of recommendation, including years of service and contributions made to the 4-H program. Submit nominations to the Fillmore County Extension Office by June 15th. Multiple letters per nominee will be accepted.

COUNTY FAIR REMINDERS

Swine Ear-Tags

Fillmore 4-H will continue the identification process as a visual tag for county fair. An E-ID is also acceptable, as that is required for State Fair.

To identify your hogs, stop in the office to pick up your tags. They must be in hogs by June 15th. All ear tags not matching ID sheets will NOT be allowed to participate in the 4-H show; they will be allowed to participate in the open class show.

Breeding Gilt

Breeding gilts' birth date should be on ID form turned into Extension Office by June 15th.

Breeding Sheep

Remember that to show in a specific breed class, registration papers are required and must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family.

Home Born and Raised Animals

Remember to declare all animals that are Home Born and Raised on the livestock ID sheets. This must be done with all beef, sheep and swine exhibits if you want your animals recognized as such.

Breeding Beef Tattoos

Remember to have all breeding beef animals properly tattooed by June 15th. Tattoos will be checked at fair check-in. Also, to show in a specific breed class, registration papers are required and must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family. Please make sure livestock pre-entry forms are properly filled out to ensure breeding animals are in correct class.

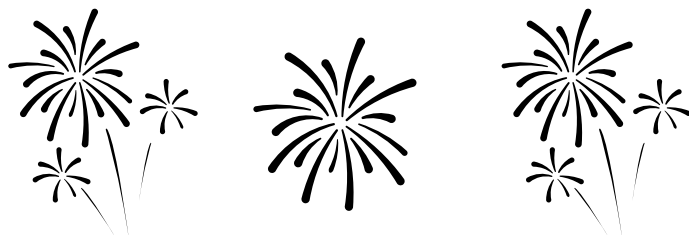
Bucket Calf Record Books.

Youth exhibiting bucket calves at the county fair need to complete a record book and turn it into the Extension Office by July 1st. The books will be judged prior to the fair based on skills and knowledge gained by the 4-H'er. Record books are available at the Extension Office.

Fillmore County Fair

July 5th - 10th

Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights



June 15th Deadline Checklist

- Enrolled and Paid 4-H Member on 4HOnline
- PRE-Fair Entry Form (Static and Livestock) *Stop by the office to pick up forms or print off online*
 - 4-H Static Form
 - 4-H Livestock Pre-Entry Form
 - FFA Livestock Pre-Entry Form
- Livestock ID Sheets *Stop by the office to pick up forms*
 - ID Sheets are required for all species showing at the County Fair
- YQCA Certificate (Livestock). <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
 - Course complete (face to face or online) and copy of certificate on file at the Extension Office
 - Register online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

State Fair

- Livestock Nomination on Show Stock Manager <https://showstockmgr.com/>
 - 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.
More Information: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-id>

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.

