



# Clay County 4-H

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## May 2025

**4-H Enrollment:**

**Enrollment is open!**

**Enrollment deadline is June 15th (Strongly encourage you to have it done prior to this date!)**

**[v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)**

Returning 4-H members- Please log in using the same username and email as you have in the past. If you are new to 4-H, begin with the website [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). You will then create a family profile, and proceed to enroll from there. Please save your password, as you will use this in the future to log in as well.

**\*\* Please make sure to include T-Shirt Size!**

**\*\*\*If you are wanting to add project areas after you have already enrolled, and it is not letting you, contact Cara at the Extension office and she will help you add them.**

**YQCA:**

YQCA is required for ALL 4-H aged youth who are going to show livestock at the county fair. This includes Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, and Dairy exhibitors. You can complete YQCA online ! The link to do so is below. YQCA must be completed, and have the certificate of completion turned in at the Extension office by June 13th.

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

**Show Stock Manager is open:**

State Fair Livestock Exhibitors: For those planning to show at the Nebraska State Fair, livestock nominations for ALL Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats are due by June 15th, in Show Stock Manager. This is a Sunday, so I strongly recommend you have it done prior to June 15th. All animals require DNA. This is just the nomination portion. If you have questions about this, please let the Extension Office know. Online class entries for state fair will be due in August. Website is <https://showstockmgr.com/>

DNA envelopes will be due to the Extension office by Friday, June 13th! **NO Exceptions.** All exhibitors from the family need to sign the envelopes.

**Regional Dairy Show:**

The regional Dairy Show will be held on June 21st at 10:00am at the Clay County fairgrounds. Entry forms can be found on the Clay County Extension website, or at the Extension office. Entry forms will be due June 4th.

**Livestock Auction Rule Change reminder:**

**Livestock Auction is now Premium ONLY! All animals will return home following county fair! There will be NO trucking auction!**

We will also add Roasters and Broilers to the auctions.

### **South Central Livestock Judging contest:**

This will be our County Contest. Please let the Extension office know if you are planning to attend!

When: Thursday May 29th

Where: Bladen

Check in: 9:30am

Start Time: 10:00am

If you need a ride, let us know, and we will see if we can help!

### **Adams County Progress show:**

Adams County will again be holding their progress show. See flier on last page of newsletter. Find entry form and more information at: [adams.unl.edu](http://adams.unl.edu). Or Call the Extension office, and we can help you as well!

### **Summer Horse riding opportunity:**

Our new Horse project superintendent, Lindsey Hinrichs, is planning to ride weekly this summer at the fairgrounds and would like to extend the invite to you as well. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to her for more details. Lindsey is also level test certified, so if you are new and needing to pass your levels, she can help you do that.

She is a great resource for anyone looking for more help with your riding skills and practicing for the county fair!

Lindsey Hinrichs

402-469-7965

### **Fairgrounds clean-up day:**

Fairgrounds clean-up day will be on Sunday May 18th at 2:00pm. Lets clean-up our fairgrounds and get it looking great for the Dairy Show and County Fair! More hands make light work!

### **Speech and Presentations Contest:**

Reminder that there was information in the March and April newsletter about Speech and Presentations contest! There are two new contest. Impromptu speaking and Video Communications. Make sure you are signed up at the Extension office by May 9<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to participate! Call the Extension office if you need more information!

### **Fairbooks!**

Fairbooks will be in within the next week! Stop by the Extension office to pick-up your fairbook! You will need these to fill out your Pre-entry form. The fairbook can also be found on our website:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/clay/4-h/clay-county-4-h-fairbook/>

### **Pre-fair Contest day:**

Our clothing construction judging day and Fashion Revue day will be June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Clay County Christian Church. **ALL CLOTHING PROJECTS NEED TO BE ENTERED TO BE JUDGED THIS DAY.** See timeline when your items need to be entered and what time contest are taking place! Please call the Extension office if you have any questions!

Enter ALL clothing construction projects 8:00 – 10 a.m.

Fashion Revue Check in 8:00am-8:45 am

Fashion Revue Judging begins at 9:00am

Favorite Foods Contest – 1:00 p.m.

Public Show/music contest/ awards- 3:00pm

### **Newsletter Input:**

We are currently re-evaluating how we send out 4-H newsletters. Currently we utilize both mail and email. With the rising cost of postage, we want to determine how many of our readers would be okay with going to only electronic versions. Please fill out the google form using the link or QR code.

<https://go.unl.edu/ccnewsletters>



### **Online Horticulture Contest:**

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available June 10-24, 2025 at: <http://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest>. For more information go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>

## PACE

If you are interested in and or planning to participate in PACE **let Cara know by May 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you need more information on specific contest let Cara know or go to <https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/livestock-program/pase>

### Pop-up Office Hours:

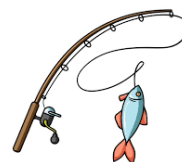
Do you live outside of Clay Center and have questions about 4-H, enrollment, entry paperwork, or want to drop off your pre-entry paperwork without coming to Clay Center? Stop by to say "Hi" to Cara, ask your questions, drop off paperwork, and DNA envelopes. You can also pick-up paperwork, livestock tags, and DNA envelopes at these locations!

These will all happen in the first week of June! Be on the look out for an email and watch our facebook page for more information on specific locations, dates, and times!

# Summer workshops and camps!!

### Fishing Workshop:

Wayne Peshek has graciously offered to host a FREE fishing workshop! Come learn the basics of fishing. Open to any and all youth! The workshop will be May 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at the fairgrounds in the old 4-H building. The same building as Shooting Sports. Let the Extension Office know by May 12<sup>th</sup> if you are going to join him!



CLAY COUNTY 4-H

## SUMMER WORKSHOPS

CLAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



### Pillowcase Workshop

June 2

1:00-3:00

Youth will learn sewing basics by creating a simple pillowcase Ages:

8+ Cost: \$5.00

\*Register by May 19th

### Clover Kid Workshop

June 23rd

9:30-11:30am or

1:00-3:30pm

4-Hers between the ages of 5-7 will explore a variety of 4-H projects including art, cooking, and communication. There are two sessions available for this workshop.

Ages: 5-7 Cost: \$5.00

\*Register by June 9th

### Disaster Preparedness Workshop

May 28th

9:00-11:00

Youth will learn how to prepare for all types of disasters and build their own disaster kit for the fair.

Ages: 9+ No Cost

Maximum of 10 youth.

\*Register by May 14th

### Fabric Baby Blocks

June 17th

9:00-11:00am

Youth will practice their sewing skills and learn about child development by making cloth baby blocks

Ages: 8+ Cost: \$5.00

\*Register by June 6th



## PROJECT PALOOZA!!



**JUNE 5TH  
9-4  
FILLMORE COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS**

**JUNE 6TH  
9-4  
CLAY COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS**

**COST  
\$30**

### Sunprint T-shirt

Create a fun shirt using paints, stencils, and the sun! Youth will need to bring their own white cotton shirt

### Light up Card

Light up your creativity by making a homemade LED light up card for someone special.

**CREATE  
3 FAIR  
EXHIBITS**

### Freezer Meals:

Learn how to prepare meals weeks ahead of time using simple ingredients. Youth will take home a small meal to freeze.

### 3D Shelf

Build your own shelf that you can decorate for each Holiday!

\*youth will need to bring their own lunch.



Pre-registration is required for all workshops

Call the office or register at:  
[go.unl.edu/claysummerworkshops](http://go.unl.edu/claysummerworkshops)



Registration is required by May 15th.  
Maximum of 15 youth per site.

Register at:  
[go.unl.edu/projectpalooza2025](http://go.unl.edu/projectpalooza2025)



### County Day Camp:

When: June 11th

Where: Crystal Lake

Price: \$20.00

Registration is due May 30<sup>th</sup>.

For more information contact Holli at [holli.alley@unl.edu](mailto:holli.alley@unl.edu)

# Time to start to think about County Fair!

## Enrolling in 4-H vs. Pre-entry forms:

Last year we realized that there is some confusion around the difference in enrolling in 4-H and the Pre-entry forms. I will do my best to explain the differences and why **BOTH** need to be completed.

### **4-H Enrollment:**

- This is required by the state to participate in County and State activities, Clover kids included. This is where you pick the broad project areas that you think you would like to participate in.
- This is done annually online at: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)

### **Pre-Entry Forms:**

- These are required on the County level. This is how we know what projects you are bringing to the fair. You will use the fairbook to pick the classes you would like to enter your projects in. It is VERY important that you have these forms completed and turned in on time so that we have time to make sure we have all the entry tags printed, and to you, to attach to your static projects. It also lets us know who is bringing what animals to the county fair. Again, Clover kids are included in this.
- These are hard paper copies, either return them into the office or email them to Cara.

**If you have any questions about anything regarding 4-H enrollment, and pre-entries PLEASE reach out to us at the Extension office! We are here to help you with this! Clay County Extension office phone number: 402-762-3644.**

## Friday June 13th, What's due to the Extension Office by 4:00pm?

- **Pre-entry Forms** can be found in this newsletter, online, or at the Extension office. Clover kids- you will complete this form as well! website: [clay.unl.edu](http://clay.unl.edu)
- **Animal ID Sheets** (can be found online, or at the Extension office) Like last year, if there is more than 1 child per family, please fill out separate ID forms for each child, or clearly identify who's animal is who's. This helps with the Check-in Process.
  - If you need tags for your animals, stop by the Extension office to pick them up!
- **Horse Entry Form and ID Sheet** (can be found online or at the Extension Office)
- **Horticulture sheets** (can be found online, or at the Extension office)
- **Fashion Review sheets** (can be found online, or at the Extension office)
- **YQCA Certificates of completion** (website to complete is: <https://yqcaprogram.org>)
- **DNA envelopes** for state fair livestock exhibitors (pick them up at the Extension Office)
- **IF ANY OF THIS IS NOT COMPLETED, AND APPLIES TO YOU, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY OR STATE FAIR!**

## What is due June 15th? (This is a Sunday, so I encourage you to get this done PRIOR to June 15th!)

- Be enrolled in 4-H! The website to do so is: [V2.4honline.com](http://V2.4honline.com) (**IF THIS IS NOT COMPLETED, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY OR STATE FAIR!**)
- State Fair Livestock exhibitors, make sure your animals are nominated on Show Stock Manager.

## Fairbook Updates:

A few of the bigger changes in the Fairbook. Some were made by the council on a local level, some were made at the state level. Pick up a copy at the Extension office, or view online!

- **Livestock Auction is now Premium ONLY! All animals will return home following county fair!**
- **No limit on number of Horse classes.**
- **More safety kit classes have been added. Be sure to check those out!**
- **Static Entry judging day is now on Tuesday!**





# CONGRADUALTIONS TO ALL OF THE CLAY COUNTY 4-H GRADUATES! Best of luck in your future endeavors!



## SOUTH CENTRAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING

### A GREAT PLAINS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CIRCUIT EVENT

Thursday, May 29, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Webster County Fairgrounds - Bladen, NE

\$10/youth




Lunch Provided on Grounds

8-10 Placing Classes: Classes can consist of any combination of breeding and/or market classes within beef, swine, sheep, and goat species.

Reasons/Questions: Senior contestants will give reasons for 4 classes and answer questions in 2 classes. Intermediates will give reasons in 3 classes and answer questions in 2 classes. Juniors will give reasons in 1 class and answer questions in 2 classes. Questions will be asked in a group format after the completion of all placing classes.

Check in/late registration: 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  
Contest begins at 10:00 a.m.  
Pre-register here by May 22nd: <https://go.unl.edu/scij25>

To register or for questions, please contact:  
Webster County Extension Office: 402-746-3417  
Katie Bolte: [katie.bolte@unl.edu](mailto:katie.bolte@unl.edu)


## SOUTHERN PLAINS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH AT 9 AM

Nuckolls County Fairgrounds  
Nelson, Nebraska  
Cost: \$10/Youth

YQCA SESSION TO FOLLOW  
STARTING AT 1:30PM

Register via the following link or QR code  
<https://forms.office.com/r/HTre9NMEKE>

Lunch Available

2025 Southern Plains Livestock Judging Contest




## SAFETY DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025  
8:30 AM - 1:30 P.M.

Progressive Agriculture

Fillmore County Fairgrounds  
Geneva, NE

A fun-filled day for children in 1st-6th grades (2024-25 school year)

Learning demonstrations and activities include topics such as:

- Drug Dog Demonstration
- Electrical Safety
- Online Safety
- Positive Mental Health
- Ag Literacy: What happens on a farm/ranch?
- Weather Safety
- Lawn Mower Safety
- Sun Safety
- Chemical Look-Alikes

Registration fee of \$5.00 due April 25, includes: lunch, snacks, T-shirt & take-home bag (\$10 after April 26th but can't guarantee a t-shirt)  
\*Discounted scholarship registrations available upon request

Checks payable to UNL, Fillmore Co. Extension 1340 G St., Geneva, NE 68361

A Registration Form MUST be completed for youth to attend!  
Available at Fillmore Co. Extension Office or [fillmore.unl.edu](http://fillmore.unl.edu)

Conducted by: Nebraska Extension, Fillmore Central, Exeter-Milligan-Friend & Shickley FFA, Fillmore Co. WIFE, & Fillmore Co. Emergency Management





## ADAMS COUNTY PROGRESS SHOW

Market Lamb, Market Goat, Poultry, Rabbit Check In  
7am - 8:30am, Show at 9:30am

**Saturday June 21, 2025**

**Market Lamb & Market Goat**  
Adams County Exhibitor: \$20  
Early Bird Registration Exhibitor \$25  
Must be postmarked by June 11, 2025  
Show Day all entries \$30  
Lamb/Goat - Outdoor Livestock arena

**Saturday June 21, 2025**

**Rabbit & Poultry**  
Adams County Exhibitor: \$2  
Early Bird Registration Exhibitor \$3  
Show Day all entries \$4  
Poultry/Rabbit - East End Activities Center

**Day 2**

**Breeding Beef & Market Beef**  
Check-In 7am - 8:30am Show @ 9:30am  
Adams County Exhibitor: \$20  
Early Bird Registration Exhibitor \$25  
Must be postmarked by June 11, 2025  
Show Day all entries \$30  
Outdoor Livestock arena

**Sunday June 22, 2025**

Concessions Available  
Sullivan Trailer on site

Show information and rules:  
[adams.unl.edu](http://adams.unl.edu)  
402-461-7209

Adams County Fairgrounds  
947 S Baltimore Ave  
Hastings NE








**Contact Info:**

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**IMPORTANT COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION ENCLOSED!**