



Here's what to look out for in the upcoming month!

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Office Update:
The Extension office will be closed on October 13th for Columbus Day.

The close of the Nebraska State Fair signals the official end of summer and beginning of the fall season for us - along with Nebraska football and volleyball seasons of course! Hopefully everyone that wanted to attend the State Fair had the opportunity to go take in the sights, sample the foods, and get inspired by some of the amazing shows and exhibits. We really appreciate all the efforts by Colfax County 4-H members and how well they represented our county at the fair! Our Extension office team had a great time helping out at the fair and left with some new insight and ideas to try out. If you saw anything interesting that you'd like to try out as a project, workshop, or activity please let us know! Now as we gear up for school enrichment programs, some of your 4-H'ers might start seeing Miss KateLynn and Miss Erin in their schools so make sure they say Hi!

Upcoming Events:
September 3: State fair entries ready for pickup at Extension Office
September 7: Norfolk Beef Expo, Northeast Community College
September 8: 4-H Council meeting @ Leigh fairgrounds, 7pm
September 9-11: Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island
September 13: Regional Crop Scouting Competition, Iowa State Extension
October 5-11: National 4-H Week



Youth Crop Scouting Competition

On August 5th, 2025 the Nebraska Youth Crop Scouting Competition was held at the Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center (ENREC). Teams were able to talk with Extension staff and scout field plots at the Research Center.

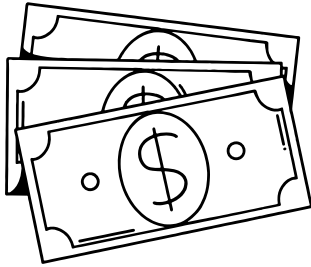
The Colfax County 4-H team was one of four teams that competed and won second place. The team consisted of Justin Eisenmann, Josh Eisenmann, Callen Jedlicka, Cody Jedlicka, and Daphne Jedlicka, with coaches Steve Nelson, Korbin Kudera, Justin Zoucha, and Logan Nelson.

Arlington FFA Team #1 won first place, Johnson County 4-H team won third place, and Arlington FFA Team #2 also competed.

The Colfax County 4-H team earned \$250 and the opportunity to represent Nebraska along with Arlington FFA at the Regional Crop Scouting Competition hosted by Iowa State Extension on September 13th, 2025.

The Nebraska Youth Crop Scouting Competition was sponsored by the Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association and the Nebraska Soybean Board in collaboration with Nebraska Extension. It provides a fun competitive environment where teams can receive hands on learning about all aspects of crop scouting and many different fields of Agriculture.

Congrats to the Colfax County 4-H team and good luck at Regionals!



County Fair Premium Checks

Colfax County Fair premium & award checks were sent out in early August so watch your mail for those.

Once you have received your checks, please cash them as soon as possible. If you have not yet received your checks in the mail please contact the Extension office.



State Fair Exhibits

A reminder to everyone that brought static exhibits for the State Fair: Please stop by to pick up your items from the Extension office as soon as possible. This excludes perishable items such as fresh foods, vegetables, and cut flowers, since they do not get sent back from the fair.

Thank you for all your great entries! We are grateful for another successful fair season and can't wait to see what everyone comes up with next year!



2025 National 4-H Week

Save the Date! National 4-H Week, held **October 5-11**, is a week that will rally, inspire, and connect 6 million 4-H'ers, 3,500 educators, and 35 million alumni! Events in every county and state are celebrating and amplifying the 4-H mission: preparing youth to be Beyond Ready for life and career.

More information about National 4-H Week can be found at <https://4-h.org/events/4-h-week/>

Please plan to wear your 4-H green on Oct. 6th for "Beyond Ready Go Green Day" and share your photos! Be sure to watch our social media page for updates.



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Husker Harvest Days

Husker Harvest Days is the world's largest totally irrigated working farm show held in Grand Island on September 9-11, 2025. Once again, Nebraska Extension will have a presence at Husker Harvest Days. Check out the booths at outdoor lots 824 & 827.

See the website at <https://www.huskerharvestdays.com/en/home.html> for schedule, maps, demonstrations, events, and more! You can obtain a free pass for entry by registering in advance.



How it Started. How It's Going Promotion.

It may have been a while since you were last in 4-H, or you may still be a 4-H'er doing amazing things. We want to know how your 4-H experience started and how it's going. share a photo of yourself from early on and one of you today and a short description of how 4-H has made you Beyond Ready in your life and career. More details at: <https://4-h.org/events/how-it-started-how-it-s-going/> You can email your stories to KateLynn or Erin to be featured. Follow Nebraska 4-H on Facebook to see other stories!

4-H Achievement Application

The Achievement Application will be used at the state level to select winners for 4-H Congress, 4-H Conference, scholarships, and other leadership opportunities that arise statewide, as well as county awards. You can access the Achievement Application at:

<https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/awards-recognition/achievement-application/>

In order to receive your recognition for 2025, please send your completed application to the Extension office by **December 1st**.



NE Youth Beef Leadership Symposium

The 21st annual Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium (NYBLS) will be held at the UNL Animal Science Complex on **November 21-23, 2025**. The symposium is designed to introduce youth to career opportunities and current issues in the beef industry, as well as offer education and practice in the use of leadership skills. Youth currently in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade are eligible to attend. Please note the application deadline of **October 1st**. If an individual is selected to participate, a \$75 registration fee will be collected at that time. Contact araymond2@unl.edu with questions. More details and the application link can be found at: go.unl.edu/nybls.

4-H Diamond Clover Application

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. The program is designed provide 4-H members with a rich and diverse learning experience. To learn more, contact the office at 402-352-3821. Please submit the completed application by **December 1st**.

2025 Nebraska State Fair Results



Special Recognitions & Awards

Congrats to all the Colfax County 4-H members that exhibited or participated at the Nebraska State Fair! The results are in and Colfax County was very successful! We are so proud. Here are the special recognitions for each area, full results can be found online here:

<https://www.nebraska4hresults.com/2025-results>

You can search by name, county, or view each class.

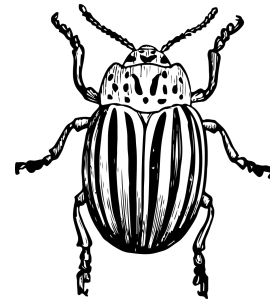
Static Exhibits

- Bela Jedlicka: Special Recognition - Fashion Accessory
- Bela Jedlicka: Design Gallery - Ceramic Accessory
- Josh Eisenmann: Special Recognition - Special Interest or Advanced Insect Display
- Josh Eisenmann: Special Recognition - Barn Quilt
- Justin Eisenmann: Special Recognition - Barn Quilt



Livestock Results

- Addison Vavricek - Champion Market Goat, Champion Division II Market Goat (Wether)
- Brantley Went - 3rd place Division I Market Goat (Wether), 5th place Market Goat, Reserve Champion Commercial Doe, Reserve Champion Breeding Doe
- Aspen Kuester - 1st Place Junior Beef Showmanship, Reserve Champion Other Breeds Market Beef
- Bailey Prinz - Champion Crossbred Steer Division II, 3rd Overall Champion Market Beef
- Hadlee Dostal - Grand Champion Feeder Heifer, Grand Champion Overall Feeder Calf, Reserve Champion Shorthorn Plus
- Brecken Went - Reserve Champion Charolais Heifer
- Lawson Gall - 3rd Champion Other Breeds Reserve Heifer



Contest Results

Colfax County had 4 youth participants in the Insect and Weed & Grass ID contests on August 24th.

- Finn Madden - 1st Purple Insect ID, Junior Division
 - Josh Eisenmann - 2nd Purple Insect ID, Senior Division
 - Justin Eisenmann - 4th Purple Insect ID, Junior Division
 - Kara Eisenmann - 5th Blue Insect ID, Intermediate Division
 - Josh Eisenmann - 2nd Purple Weed and Grass ID, Senior Division
 - Kara Eisenmann - 6th Blue Weed and Grass ID, Intermediate Division
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September 25-28: Aksarben Stock Show

October 1: Deadline to apply for NYBLS

October 5-11: National 4-H Week

October 6: Beyond Ready Go Green Day - wear 4-H green and share photos.

October 9: Beyond Ready 4-H for Good Day - send your club service learning stories to KateLynn or Erin.

October 13: Extension Office closed, Columbus Day

November 10: 4-H Council meeting @ Extension office, 7pm

November 21-23: NE Youth Beef Leadership Symposium, UNL Animal Science Complex

November 27 & 28: Extension Office closed, Thanksgiving holiday

December 1: 4-H Achievement Award and Diamond Clover applications due to Extension Office by 4:30pm

Thank you for reading!

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