



4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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May 2025



65 Days until Fair

Pre-Entry Forms and 2025 Fairbooks are ready for PICK UP at the office!

June 15 County Fair Deadline

Submit all paperwork to the Extension Office by Friday, June 13 or postmarked by June 15 to exhibit at the Madison County Fair!

Drop off locations will be available on Friday, June 13 in Battle Creek and Newman Grove. Submit the following paperwork to the Extension Office at 1305 S. 13th St. Norfolk, NE 68701 by Friday, June 13 by 5:00 p.m. if possible.

We will set out our portable mailbox by our front door all weekend from Friday, June 13-15th for drop off purposes.

*Note: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, our office will be closed on Monday, May 26.

4-H Drop Off Friday, June 13

8:30am to 9:30 a.m. at Battle Creek (White Star Gas Station Parking Lot)
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Newman Grove (Public Library)

Checklist for Fair Paperwork:

(be sure to check fair book for reminders regarding rules and deadlines)



Pre-entry Forms



Fashion Show Pre-Entry Forms for those modeling for the judge and/or public fashion show

For Livestock Exhibitors:

- Livestock ID Sheets
- YQCA: submit certificate of completion if youth completed it online
- (see previous newsletters for more information)
- Cat and Dog Vaccination Forms (available at madison.unl.edu)
- Horse Level Testing for county fair only (schedule your test if you haven't yet)



So, what are Pre-entry forms?

Pre-entry forms are ready and are needed for our data entry system that we use for the county fair. These help us know what projects you are bringing to the county fair. You will use a fair book and complete the form with the projects and classes your 4-H member will be completing for judging. They were emailed to families from Betty (on 4/2/25) where you may fill out a blank form from April's newsletter OR the Excel version!

For example, if they are sewing a patchwork pillow for the fair they would enroll in the following:

- Department C, Division 901, Class 904 - Pillow

Then, if your 4-H member decides to model their pillow for our 4-H Fashion Show, you would also need to include that as well on the form.

- Department C, Division 410, Class 901 - Sewing for Fun Modeling

What are the Fashion Show Pre-entry forms?

These forms are included with your pre-entries if you enrolled in a textiles project. These forms are due back to the office so we can prepare the judges books, narrations, and program order for judging day and for the fashion show.

Please feel free to contact, Sarah, Jayd or Betty with any additional questions you have!



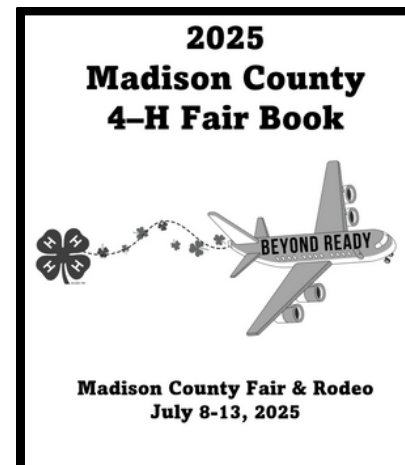
4-H Exhibitor Show T-shirts 2025

*Provided by AKRS Equipment and Farm Credit
Services of America

Thanks to generous sponsorships, each exhibitor
will be receiving a show shirt for the county fair.

**MAKE SURE YOUR T-SHIRT SIZES ARE
CORRECT ON 4-H ONLINE BY JUNE 1!**

**2025 Fair books are available!
One (1) per family please.**



4-H Organizational Club Leaders, We can
bundle books for your families that are also
available for pick up for all your club families.

Can I still join 4-H?

YES!

Deadline for enrollment and re-enrollment is **JUNE 15!** You haven't missed any deadlines yet! June 15 will be the final day to turn in pre-entry forms, animal ID sheets, nominations for State Fair, YQCA certifications, Horse Advancement Level test for the county fair and even enrollment to participate in the 2025 Madison County Fair!

Be sure to get enrolled today at v2.4honline.com.

(NO ENTRIES or ENROLLMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AT THE COUNTY OR STATE FAIR WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 15. NO EXCEPTIONS!)

NEBRASKA 4-H INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY- LINCOLN

UNL students for these roles. They will need to be in Lincoln for the summer. Interns work about 35 hours per week over the summer. The position begins with in-person training on May 27-30.

Interested UNL undergraduate students should go to the [Nebraska 4-H webpage](#) where they can see a description of all the internships currently open. To apply, students must:

1. Complete the [online application](#).
2. Send a resume to sfrerichs3@unl.edu

We are interviewing candidates now and will continue until all positions are filled. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Attention Madison County 4-H Archery Club Members

The 4-H Archery Fair Shoot 2025 is on **Saturday, June 7** at the outdoor range. Please be sure to follow their Facebook page for updates and information.



Join Us!

4-H Council Seeking Members

Want to get more involved with 4-H? Want to influence the 4-H program in Madison County? Here is your chance: 4-H Council is seeking members for the upcoming year! Members are voted in by 4-H members, families, volunteers, and alumni. Voting will take place during the fair. Five youth positions and three adult positions are open. Youth serve for one year; adults serve a three-year term. Meetings are typically held the fourth Monday of the month with eight meetings held throughout the year. Add your name to the ballot by Friday, June 13! Simply email your name to Betty at bbooks2@unl.edu.



EXPLORE

FOOD SCIENCE

SUMMER CAMPS

2025

3 DAY CAMP

JUNE 04-06
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

The STEM in Your Apple

1 DAY CAMPS

MAY 29
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Behind the Scoop: The Science of Ice Cream

JUNE 19
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Pizza, The Rise of the Dough

JULY 22
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Bean to Bar: The Science of Chocolate

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4-H Livestock News

YQCA / Quality Assurance

All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors must complete this certification **before** being able to show at the county and / or state fair.

**Cloverbuds are not required to complete this training.

For help please see:

https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingLTCertification_2024.pdf

Livestock Affidavits/ID Sheet

- required for all livestock and small animals for county fair
- print copies on madison.unl.edu or pick up at Extension Office

***Cloverbuds will need ID Sheets or record books for animals as well**

Bucket Calf Record Books-FREE

- due June 27 - pick up at Extension Office

DNA Samples

- pick up envelopes and return to Extension Office by June 15
- \$7 each to be paid online when you nominate your animal on Show Stock Manager

Livestock Achievement Program

-The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry.

-For more information, including program instructions and additional resources, or to apply, go to:
<https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>

Applications Due **JUNE 15!**

IMPORTANT

Livestock ID Information

Available at Extension Office:

- Ear tags required for county-only beef, sheep, goats, swine, bucket calves
- EID Tags will be required for market, commercial (< or tattoo), feeders, and swine attending the State Fair.

DNA - breeding livestock and feeder calves will now be required to submit DNA sample/envelopes for state fair

- Tattoos required for registered breeding beef or and ID type that is accepted by the breed association attending the State Fair or EID Tags/tattoo for commercial breeding beef attending state fair. Breeding beef only attending the county fair can either have a county ear tag and / or tattoo.

- Registered breeding heifers need their registration papers for check-in at the County and State fair.

- Rabbits are required to be tattooed.

- County-only tags: \$1.00
- EID tags (State Fair): \$1.00

- All sheep and goats require scrapie tags for County and State Fair.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES— 2025 (4-H/FFA Families)

ID sheets for County Fair livestock entries can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/4-h-animals-and-livestock-information/>. Read identification instructions under each specie.

Project Area	Nomination Process		Pre-Entry Deadline		
	**All County Fair Animals will need to complete ID Sheets/Ownership Affidavits. Link found above.				
	County Fair <i>ONLY</i> <i>ALL ANIMALS NEED VISABLE EAR TAG, EID Tag or Scrapies Tag</i>	State Fair*** Any animal that carries EID tag must obtain a Premises ID to show at the Nebraska State Fair! To nominate animals for State Fair visit https://showstockmgr.com/	County Fair Due Date	State Fair Nomination Due Date *Show Stock Manager Site	State Fair Show Entry Deadline 8 pm
BEEF					
Market	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
Registered Breeding	Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag and Registration Papers	Tattoo or ID type that is accepted by the breed association, DNA, Animal Info Submitted Online, Registration Papers	June 15	June 15	August 10
Commercial Breeding	Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag	Tattoo or EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online		June 15	August 10
Feeder Calves	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
Bucket Calf	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	Record Books- June 27	-----	---
Cow/Calf	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	June 15	-----	-----
DAIRY					
Cattle	ID Sheet Drawing and picture	ID Sheet Drawing – only submit at State Fair Check In	June 15		August 10
Goat	ID Sheet Drawing and Scrapies Tag	No Class	June 15	-----	---
GOAT					
Breeding	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
Market	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapies Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
HORSE	ID Sheet Drawing	ID Sheet Drawing	June 15	June 1	June 1
SWINE					
Market	4-H County Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
Breeding	4-H County Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
SHEEP					
Breeding	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
Market	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapies Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
RABBITS					
Breeding & Market	ID Sheet and Tattoo	No ID Required	June 15	June 15	August 10
All Poultry	ID Sheet	No ID Required	June 15	June 15	August 10

Looking for additional information about the 4-H program and our latest initiative? Sarah is available to visit your community to provide insights.

Just give us a call and we will visit you!



Beyond Ready

For over 120 years, 4-H has empowered millions of youth to build their futures and to pave a path forward.

Now, 4-H is inspiring a new generation of youth to be beyond ready.

Ready to lead. Ready to serve. Ready to build. Ready to conquer.

Through dynamic programs that are proven to work, that build skills like leadership, problem-solving, team building, and confidence, 4-H is preparing the next generation to be – Beyond Ready.

Additional Animal Opportunities

Madison County Livestock Judging

As Madison County launches its livestock judging team, we invite anyone interested to a practice meeting on ****Tuesday, May 20, at 6 PM**** at the Extension office in Norfolk. This gathering will provide guidance as we prepare for upcoming summer events. Please RSVP to spolacek2@unl.edu

Exotic Animal Show Interest



Do you have an exotic animal that is not considered companion animal or does not fit in a traditional class? Please fill out this sheet to see if we have enough interest for an exotic showmanship show!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bwy1TX6dHjxboRBw2dIdR_IncM3fbSGX6WOC_vmcBl0/edit?usp=sharing

4-H State Horse Show Entry Deadline is June 1st at 5pm NO LATE ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED!

ALL HORSE ADVANCEMENT LEVEL REQUIREMENTS, IDENTIFICATION PROCESS AND ENTRY PROCESS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON JUNE 1.

Please review the online entries, fees and requirements here: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry>



Showing animals at the Nebraska State Fair?



Nomination Requirements for STATE FAIR

The animal identification deadline for 2025 is JUNE 15th. Link: www.showstockmgr.com

- All market & breeding sheep and goats must have a scrapie tag. All market hogs and market beef must have an 840 EID tag and breeding heifers must have a tattoo and DNA sample.

DNA Envelopes for NE State Fair

- DNA envelopes will be \$7.00 per envelope. All breeding nominations will be \$2.00 per online entry. Exhibitors will be able to dual nominate an animal as breeding and market if selected and paid for in Show Stock Manager. Families will now receive a receipt that they have entered in a breeding nomination.

Submitting Animal Information into Show Stock Manager Livestock Database

- Exhibitors will be responsible for submitting their animal information into the www.showstockmgr.com website prior to the nomination deadlines. Completed DNA forms are due to our office by June 15th. (we will validate and submit these for you) Once the information is in the database and has been validated by the Extension Educator, it will then be available for exhibitors to make State Fair entries. Any animal entry not in the database or have DNA submitted will not be considered nominated and eligible for State Fair.

Please visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/live-animal-exhibitor> for more information regarding the Nebraska State Fair and livestock entries.

MADISON COUNTY 4-H SUMMER WORKSHOPS



Nebraska Extension in
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BEYOND READY

Register for workshops online following the links provided or call 402-370-4040.
Registration is complete when payment is received. All fees are non-refundable.

Make checks payable to "University of Nebraska-Lincoln".

All workshops are open to 4-H and non-4-H members.
Space is limited.

Registration Deadline for the following workshops: *Friday, May 16*



May 27 – Cake Decorating, Getting Started

9:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. - Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Cost: \$25.00

Age: 8 - 10

Limited to 10 participants

Learn how to make frosting, decorate a Styrofoam cake, and practice your cake decorating techniques as the Beginning Cake Decorating class! Supplies will be provided.



May 27 – Cake Decorating, Moving Forward

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Cost: \$25.00

Age: 10+

Limited to 10 participants

Learn more in-depth techniques in the Advanced Cake Decorating class. Must have cake decorating experience. Please bring supplies if you attended a cake decorating class in the past with Madison County 4-H. List of supplies needed will be shared with participants.



June 3 – Cloverbud: Buzzworthy Bugs

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Cost: \$6.00

Age: 5-7

Limited to 12 participants

buzz into the fascinating world of insects and pollinators in the fun and educational workshop.



May 28-30 – Engineering Explorers

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day - Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Cost: \$15.00

Age: 8 - 12

Limited to 10 participants

Do you like inventing? Do you want to challenge yourself to solve problems using everyday materials? Join us to invent, design, and create in this exploration of engineering. During this 3-day workshop, you will use everyday materials and your ingenuity to create a contraption that hovers in a wind tube, build a lock box, invent the ultimate desk organizer, and design helpful tools for a dog.

*This program is part of a University of Nebraska-Lincoln research study exploring how 4-H Educators and youth talk about engineering during 4-H activities. A researcher will be video recording parts of the program. If you and your child would like to help UNL and 4-H learn about and improve engineering education, please go here to learn more:
<https://go.unl.edu/FACETparentconsent>



June 10 – Bee Hotel Workshop

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Live Virtual Training

Cost: \$20.00

Age: 8+

Registration Link: <https://go.unl.edu/4bbeehotel2025>

Get out your hammer and power drill! Construct a habitat for bees by building a structure and then drilling holes in wood blocks for the bee habitat. You will also learn why bees are important to the environment.

Kits will be available for pickup starting Friday, May 30.

Not included in the kit but needed for the workshop are: ·Hammer ·Drill and drill bits ·Safety glasses



June 12 – STEM: Technology Use in Sustainable Agricultural Systems

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Northeast Community College

REGISTER HERE by May 22: https://yns.nebraska.edu/gain-hands-on-experience-in-stem/summer-camps/ag_tech

Cost: FREE

Age: Students entering 6-8th grades

Limited to 40 participants

Join us to explore the role of technology in sustainable agricultural systems! Students will attend hands-on sessions to learn about drones, robots, and the methods to assess soil and water quality. Meet the scientists and experts working with agriculture technology. Lunch provided.

*Sponsored by EPSCoR

Registration Deadline for the following workshops: *Friday, May 30*



June 5 – Old Windows, New Purpose

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Cost: \$15.00

Age: 8+

Limited to 15 participants

Join us for a creative and eco-friendly workshop where we will revamp old windows into having a new life!



June 9 – Acrylic Paint Workshop

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Cost: \$32 (just the painting) OR \$46 (painting + frame)

Age: 8+

Limited to 15 participants

We have partnered with Connie Buskohl with “Let’s Paint Runaway” to provide a 2 hour step-by step acrylic painting.



June 10 – Babysitting Workshop

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Cost: \$25.00

Age: 12+

Limited to 12 participants

Gain the essential skills every great babysitter needs! Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop covering the basics of babysitting, with the option to add CPR and First Aid certification.

Please bring a sack lunch. (CPR takes place June 11).



June 11 – Optional CPR/First Aid certification for babysitters

12 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Cost: \$25.00

Gain essential life-saving skills in this CPR & First Aid Training. **Limited to 2025 Babysitting Workshop participants.** No lunch provided.



June 17 – Insect Collection

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Cost: \$45.00

Age: 8+

Limited to 10 participants

Start your entomology collection or just learn about these tiny creatures that are all around us! Identify, collect, and preserve the basic kinds of insects, as well as learn about insect lifecycles. As part of the workshop, participants will receive insect pins, a display box, labeling materials, and a basic identification guide. Bring a sack lunch and dress appropriately for spending the day outside in the sun. Each participant will need to bring their own strait-sided jar. Pickle jars work well. No canning jars.

*Register
Now*



Register HERE: <https://go.unl.edu/u3cs>



2025 Summer Workshop Fair Classes

Cake Decorating Classes:

- Dept. E, Div. 910 – many options!

Cloverbud Buzzworthy Bugs:

- Dept. M, Div. 999 Class 977 for each project completed at workshop

Engineering Explorers:

- Dept. M, Div. 988, Class 902 4-H Project Day Item
- Dept. M, Div. 994, Class 947 Miscellaneous Exhibit

Bee Hotel:

- Dept. H, Div. 800, Class 5

Old Windows, New Purpose:

- Dept. C, Div. 257, Class 18

Acrylic Paint Workshop:

- Dept. C, Div. 260, Class 1

Babysitting Workshop:

- Dept. C, Div. 200 – many options!

Insect Collection:

- Dept. H, Div. 800, Classes 1-3 *choose what best fits youth

2025 Madison County Fair Pre-entry Form

Due to the Extension Office: JUNE 15, **2025** (NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED)

Mail to: Nebraska Extension in Madison County, 1305 South 13 Street, Norfolk, NE 68701

Email to : bbooks2@unl.edu

Name: _____ 4-H Age (as of January 1): _____

Address: _____ Club: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Projects:

Important: Please refer to the 4-H Fair Book to obtain the correct codes for exhibits you wish to enter:

Department, Division, Class, and Description. Livestock & Small Animal Exhibitors: Enter the number of animals you will bring for stall assignments. Horse Exhibitors: Please list the name of the horses you will bring.

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2025 CALENDAR

Subject to change. More activities and workshops may be added in the future!

May

26- Office Closed - Memorial Day

June

15- County Fair Deadline Day!

15- Fashion Show Entry Deadline

26- 4-H Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- Fair Clean Up Madison County
Fairgrounds,
6-8pm

19-20 - State Premier Communication Event -
Lincoln

27- Bucket Calf Record Books Deadline

July

4- Office Closed- Independence Day

7-13 Madison County Fair!

7- Judging Day (Static Exhibits) 8-noon

8- Judging Day (Foods/Horticulture),
Madison County Fairgrounds, 8am-noon

13-4-H Fashion Show - 2:30pm in Commercial
Bldg.

12-16- State Horse Show,
Fonner Park, Grand Island

26- Wayne County Rodeo 4-H Event

August

11-19- State Fair Drop Off, Extension Office

18 - Extension Office open until 6:30pm for
State Fair Exhibits

19 - 'Til NOON - State Fair Food and
Horticulture Exhibit Deadline

22- State Fair Begins, Grand Island

TBA- 4-H Council Meeting,
Extension Office, 7pm

TBA- 4-H Achievement Ceremony
Nomination and Application Deadline

September

1- State Fair Ends

4- State Fair Projects Ready for families to pick
up from Extension Office

22 - 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

October-National 4-H Month

27- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

November

27-28 - Office Closed - Thanksgiving

December

25-Jan. 2 - Closed - Holiday Shutdown

**will return to office on Monday, Jan. 5



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