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Calendar of Events

July

01 All Livestock nominations for State Fair Due Online – Moved From June 15th

01 Pre-Fashion Show Workshop, 10 a.m., **Via ZOOM**
01 Sign up for Static Interview Judging Open
03 Extension Office Closed/Independence Day
06 Pre-Fair Entries due ONLINE for Buffalo County Fair
07 Fashion Show, 2 p.m.
21-28 Buffalo County Fair
TBD State Fair Entries Open

August

09 Young Leaders Meeting
15 Nebraska Livestock Judging Classic
25 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
28-09/07 Nebraska State Fair
TBD SF livestock/rabbit/poultry/dog/cat/pet and contests entries due
TBD SF Horticulture/Floriculture/Crops cultivar entry forms due
TBD State Fair Static Entries Brought to the Extension Office
TBD State Fair Food and Horticulture Entries Due, 7- 8 a.m. (No entries accepted after 8 a.m.)

September

07 Extension Office Closed/Labor Day
09 State Fair Exhibit Pick-up
13 Young Leaders Meetings
22 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
TBD Project Action Team Meeting, 7 p.m.
TBD Project Action Team (FCS) Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

-Event details listed in newsletter-



Buffalo County Fair

4-H Schedule and Fair Premium Book

The 2020 Buffalo County Fair is Tuesday, July 21st, through Tuesday, July 28th. The 4-H Schedule and 4-H Premium Booklet are available on our website:

extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/

The Premium Book is a great resource when making decisions about summer fair projects. The premium book will **not** be printed, but will be available online at extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/. Or you can stop by the Extension Office and we can print the areas needed.

Fair Schedule Changes

- Dog Check-in at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 23
- Cat Check-in at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 23
- Dairy Show at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 23
- All Lottery Goat showing will take place on Friday, July 24
- All Lottery Swine showing will take place on Sunday, July 26

General Fair Changes

Changes for the 2020 Buffalo County Fair:

- No concession stand will be available
- No shows will be open to the public
- No seating will be available
- All shows will be live streamed

Static Interview Judging Sign-Up Starting July 1st

Starting July 1st, sign-up for interview judging times for static exhibits through the Buffalo County Extension Office. Exhibitors may call the office at 308-236-1235 on or after Wednesday, July 1st, to schedule their times. Each 4-H'er may sign up for a maximum of three time slots. Horticulture interview times are in addition to the three static interview times.

County Fair Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering during the Buffalo County Fair please contact the Buffalo County Extension Office at 308-236-1235.

Dre-Fair Online Entry

ALL exhibits (static, livestock, small animals, horse, etc.) coming to the Buffalo County Fair need to be pre-entered online at <https://buffalo.fairwire.com> by **11:59 p.m. on July 6**. More detailed instructions on how to complete this online can be found at extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/. **THERE WILL BE NO LATE ENTRIES EXCEPTED!**

The schedule for the 2020 Buffalo County Fair can be found at extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/Fair/2020%20Buffalo%20County%20Fair%20Schedule.pdf.

Static Exhibits

All non-animal exhibits are called static exhibits. To exhibit in the 4-H project areas, members **MUST** be enrolled in the respective project. Static exhibits will be pre-registered.

State Fair Nominations



Again, this year, exhibitors interested in showing at state fair will need to do online nominations.

All market animals (beef, swine, sheep, and goats) have until **July 1st at 5 p.m. (with the recent events this was extended from the June 15th deadline)** to turn in their DNA envelopes to the extension office and nominate their animals online at <https://showstockmgr.com>. Payment must be submitted to be eligible to show at state fair.

Anyone interested in showing breeding animals (beef, sheep, goats) will need to turn in breeding nomination cards as well as nominate their animals online at showstockmgr.com by **July 1st at 5 p.m. (with the recent events this was extended from the June 15th deadline)** Payment must be submitted to be eligible to show at state fair.

If you have any questions please contact the extension office at 308-236-1235.

2020 Nebraska State Fair

2020 Nebraska State Fair
Friday, August 28th - Monday, September 7th
Fonner Park, Grand Island, Nebraska
Helpful links listed below:

State Fair Website: statefair.org

2020 State Fair Premium Book: 4h.unl.edu/fairbook

State Fair Exhibit Registration

4-H members who plan to exhibit livestock and complete in in-person events and contest at State Fair must use an online entry system. Instructions and online registration available at: 4h.unl.edu/state-fair/live-animal-exhibitor starting TBD.

Exhibitors and their families are responsible for registering all exhibits online and paying the required registration fees with a credit or debit card, this also includes necessary exhibitor passes, parking passes, and chute passes.

-All STATE FAIR STATIC EXHIBITS will be entered online by Buffalo County Extension Office staff-

(This includes food, horticulture, floriculture, crops cultivar, and all other static exhibits)

Poultry Calendar Photo Contest

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is offering a poultry photo contest this year. They are seeking poultry photos from current 4-H and FFA members to be used in the 2021 poultry calendar. The entry form and contest rules can be found on the NDA's website at

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/avian/2021-photo-contest.pdf>.

Entries must be postmarked by July 15th.

Youth Crop Scouting Competition

Nebraska Extension is pleased to present the 5th annual Crop Scouting Competition for Nebraska youth. Youth interested in crops have the opportunity to learn about crop growth & development and basic crop scouting principles.

Don't know a lot about crops? Ask a local agronomist to assist by providing a short lesson on crop production. You can have the agronomist meet with youth a little during each meeting or outside of the meeting. This is one way to engage those youth interested in crops.

This contest will be held virtually this year on July 28, 2020. Teams of middle school thru high school students (those completing 7-12th grades) from across Nebraska are invited to participate. With the virtual option, there will be a limited space to the first ten teams who register. Teams will compete in a fun, group online game instead of the written individual test. The scouting exercises will enable teams to work together via zoom. They will be given a scenario or task to complete and communicate their answers to the Nebraska Extension judge.

Clubs or other organizations may enter a team composed of three to five participants. An adult team leader must guide students through the process. Team leaders could be FFA advisors, crop consultants, extension staff, coop employees, etc.

Top-scoring teams win prizes: \$500 for first, \$250 for second, \$100 for third place. Teams are expected to know the basics of scouting corn and soybean fields. This includes crop staging; looking for patterns of crop injury; disease, insect and weed seedling identification; etc. Other topics many include but are not limited to, pesticide safety, nutrient disorders, and herbicide injury.

Two New Opportunities For Youth This Year

Free package of study materials will be mailed to each team that registers by the deadline! When teams register, we will send one package to every team sponsor that provides an address. Study materials will include

- Weed, Disease & insect guide
- Corn and soybean field guide
- A magnifier for your phone camera (if funding allows)
- Additional promotional items

We are also providing, "Office hours with an Agronomist". Join us for several office hours with an Agronomist. Starting soon, different Nebraska Extension agronomist/specialists will share some scouting information and answer your questions. The office hours are open to all youth in grades 7-12. No registration required. A link will be posted on this webpage on the day of the office hours that will direct you to a zoom meeting to participate.

More information about the crop scouting competition and instructions on how to register a team are available online at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth. Register at: <https://go.unl.edu/cropscoutingreg>.

Teams must be registered by July 15. This program is sponsored by Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association and Nebraska Extension.

Upcoming Shows & Clinics

- **Stars and Stripes Jackpot Show**
July 4th, 8 a.m. MST Check In
Dawes County Fairgrounds, Chadron
- **Cheyenne County Invitational 4-H Horse Show**
July 11th, 8:30 a.m. Registration
Cheyenne County Fairgrounds, Sidney
- **State Horse Show**
July 12-16th
Virtual
- **2020 State Dog Show**
October 3rd, Entries Due August 10th
UNL Animal Science Complex, Lincoln

All upcoming shows and clinic information, including registration, are listed on our website: buffalo.unl.edu. Flyers are also available in the Extension Office.

Sincerely,



Kerry Elsen, Extension Educator

