



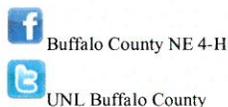
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**Calendar of Events**

**July**

- 01 State Fair Entries Open
- 01 Pre-fair entries due (**\$10 late fee until 7/8 No entries accepted after 5 p.m. 7/8**)
- 01 Lottery Pig Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 02 Clover Kid Culinary Workshop, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., Extension Building
- 04 Extension Office Closed/Independence Day
- 8-12 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI), Lincoln
- 08 Lottery Goat Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- 09 Fashion Show, Judging, Public Show at 7 p.m. at UNK
- 11 Registration Deadline for 22 Fair Shoot
- 14-18 State Horse Show – Fonner Park
- 20 Rabbit/Poultry workday 23-30 Buffalo County Fair
- 30 Free 4-H BBQ at the Extension bldg., 11:30 a.m.
- TBA 22 Rifle Fair Shoot, 5 p.m. @ Fort Kearney Shooting Sports
- TBA 22 Pistol Fair Shoot, 5 p.m. @ Fort Kearney Shooting Sports

**August**

- 23-09/02 Nebraska State Fair
- 10 SF livestock/rabbit/poultry/dog/cat/pet and contests entries due
- 15 SF Horticulture/Floriculture/Crops cultivar entry forms due
- 19 State Fair Static Entries Brought to the Extension Office
- 21 State Fair Food and Horticulture Entries Due, 7- 8 a.m. (No entries accepted after 8 a.m.)
- 27 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

**September**

- 02 Extension Office Closed/Labor Day
- 04 State Fair Exhibit Pick-up
- 10 Project Action Team Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10 Project Action Team (FCS) Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 10-12 Husker Harvest Days
- 24 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

*-Event details listed in newsletter-*

**Congratulations to those that competed in Life Challenge and Premier Animals Science Event (PASE) contests.**

## Buffalo County Fair

### 4-H Schedule and Fair Premium Book

The 2019 Buffalo County Fair is Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, through Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The 4-H Schedule and 4-H Premium Booklet are available on our website:

[extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/](http://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/](http://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

- One day horse show – Wednesday, July 24
  - Speed events & roping will immediately follow performance classes but will not start prior to 5:30 p.m.
- Dog Check-in at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23
- Cat Check-in at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23
- Early stalling of large livestock (beef/sheep/swine/dairy) at 8 p.m.

### Static Interview Judging Sign-Up Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>

Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, to schedule their times. Each 4-H'er may sign up for a maximum of three time slots. Note: You may sign up for horticulture interview times on entry days, as has been done in the past. Horticulture interview times are in addition to the three static interview times.

### County Fair Volunteer Opportunities

4-H Static Exhibit judging would not be possible without the help of numerous dedicated volunteers. Helping with static exhibit entry and judging is a great way to learn about the judges' expectations and discover project ideas for next year. Various shifts are available and are described below.

Contact the Buffalo County Extension Office at 308-236-1235 or Kameran Ulferts at [kam.ulferts@unl.edu](mailto:kam.ulferts@unl.edu).

- **Static Exhibit Entry**
  - Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3-8 P.M.
  - 20 to 25 adults and youth (ages 12 and older)
  - Duties include checking-in and organizing 4-H static exhibits
- **Static Exhibit Entry and Judging 7 a.m.-Whenever Food Entry** Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 A.M. – 8 A.M.
  - 40 to 50 adults and youth (ages 12 and older) at different times throughout the day
  - Duties include checking-in and organize static exhibits, preparing judge score sheets and display exhibits
- **Release Exhibits and Clean-up**
  - Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7 P.M.
  - 10 to 15 adults and youth (ages 12 and older)
  - Duties include grouping exhibits by name and tearing down display pieces

### 4-H Information Booth

Sign-up to work the 4-H Information Booth at the 2019 Buffalo County Fair. This opportunity is used to supervise the static exhibit displays in the Buffalo County Extension Building and provide information about 4-H to the public, who visit the building. It is also fun to have time to see all of the exhibits and get ideas for next year! Two people are needed for each two-hour shift. Please try to fit this into your fair schedule to help protect your exhibits and promote 4-H. Call the Extension Office to claim your slot.

### 4-H Food Stand and Lunch Line

4-H families, independent members, and clubs are asked to do their part to support our 4-H program by working one or more shifts at the 4-H Food Stand in the Ag Pavilion during the Buffalo County Fair, July 24<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>st</sup>. Three adults and three youth are needed for most shifts. Extra help is especially needed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when the lunch line is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign-up for shifts individually or as a whole club by calling the Buffalo County Extension Office, 308-236-1235, emailing [elizabeth.cast@unl.edu](mailto:elizabeth.cast@unl.edu), or stopping into the office. Please remind your club members that they absolutely must have closed toed shoe – no flip-flops. Thanks.

### Lunch Line Dessert Bars

Homemade dessert bars will be served as a part of the lunch lines on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We ask that each club provide 8 dozen dessert bars such as the following: brownies, cereal bars (i.e. Rice



Krispies bar, Special K bar, Lucky Charms bar), Scotch-a-roos, or cookie bars. All items need to be pre-wrapped and should be approximately three inches by three inches in size. Please bring dessert bars to the Food Stand in the Ag Pavilion on or before **Thursday by 10:00 a.m.**

### Annual Pie and Decorated Cake Auction Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30 P.M.

#### Buffalo County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building

The Buffalo County FCS Project Action Team will once again sponsor a Pie and Decorated Cake Auction at the 2019 Buffalo County Fair. The top two junior and senior decorated cakes and pie entries in the "Discovering Pies" and "Cooking 401" project areas will be eligible for auction to the highest bidder.

To be eligible, youth must be an enrolled 2019 Buffalo County Member, 4-H age of 8-18, enrolled in the "Discovering Pies", "Cooking 401" or "Decorated Cake" project areas, and have met all project entry criteria and deadlines. In addition, the pie or cake must be sold by the 4-H owner who entered it. If the 4-H member is not present for the auction, they are not eligible to participate. Only one item per 4-H member is eligible for auction.

One-half of the money raised per pie/cake will go to the pie-owner and the other half will go to the Buffalo County 4-H Council scholarship fund and the FCS Project Action Team in order to fund local FCS programs. To ensure success in selling your pie, talk to businesses, family members or other

interested people. Extend a personal invitation to the auction and explain its importance.

## 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 NOT be pre-registered, but must be physically checked in during Static Exhibit Check-In.

- Static Exhibit Check-In
  - Tuesday, July 23 from 3-8 pm (**Everything**)
  - **ONLY** Foods and Horticulture will be accepted on Wednesday, July 24
    - **Foods** from 7 to 8 am
    - **Horticulture** from 7 to 9:30 am

## County Fair Livestock Class Changes

This year there will be **NO** class changes once **animals have stepped off the scale**. For example: Market Beef animals designated to show as Bred and Fed or in the Market Beef Division will not be allowed to switch divisions.

## Early Stalling Changes



Due to the Horse show condensing to a one day show early stalling of large livestock (beef/sheep/goats/swine/dairy) will start at **8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**. There will be **NO** entry before 8 p.m., this includes decorating of stalls.

## Horse Update



The 2019 Buffalo County Fair will be condensing the Horse Show. It will **ONLY** be on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Speed events and roping will immediately follow performance classes but will not start prior to 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions please contact the extension office at 308-236-1235.

## 2019 Nebraska State Fair

**2019 Nebraska State Fair**  
**Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Fonner Park, Grand Island, Nebraska**

Helpful links listed below:

State Fair Website: [statefair.org](http://statefair.org)

2019 State Fair Premium Book: [4h.unl.edu/fairbook](http://4h.unl.edu/fairbook)

2019 State Fair 4-H Only Schedule:

[4h.unl.edu/documents/StateFair/2019%204-](http://4h.unl.edu/documents/StateFair/2019%204-H%20State%20Fair%20Schedule_Final_6.19.pdf)

[H%20State%20Fair%20Schedule\\_Final\\_6.19.pdf](http://4h.unl.edu/documents/StateFair/2019%204-H%20State%20Fair%20Schedule_Final_6.19.pdf)

**2019 State Fair Livestock Information:** [statefair.org/competitions-and-participate/competitions/livestock-exhibitors](http://statefair.org/competitions-and-participate/competitions/livestock-exhibitors) (link contains the complete 4-H, livestock, and fair schedules)

### 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](http://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/live-animal-exhibitor) starting July 1<sup>st</sup> with a deadline of August 10<sup>th</sup>.

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)*

## State Fair Discount Ticket Changes



New in 2019! 4-H youth exhibiting static exhibits at the Nebraska State Fair can order advance discount tickets directly from the Nebraska State Fair. Discount tickets will not be available through the county offices.

Details on ordering tickets will be available soon. All livestock exhibitors and in-person event exhibitors (contests, fashion show, presentations) will still be able to order discounted tickets when they enter in ShoWorks for State Fair.

## 2019 Photography Theme

The 2019 Nebraska 4-H Photography Theme is "Beautiful Nebraska". Nebraska's state song, Beautiful Nebraska, talks of peaceful prairie land, rivers, hills of sand, dark green valleys, and rainbows reaching to the ground. However, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and everyone has their own idea of what makes Nebraska great. This theme is available to both unit II and unit III photography.

## Poultry and Rabbit Work Day

**July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

This is the day set aside to prepare the barn for fair. Rabbits will be in the east barn and poultry in the west barn. Your help is needed to sweep, wash, and set up the needed amount of cages and tables. Please bring brooms, hoses, sprayer-nozzles and small brushes to clean the wire cages. It will be useful to wear glove and old clothes.

Barn duty schedules will be available to sign-up early and you will be able to select your holding cages for your rabbits and poultry.

## 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 2020 poultry calendar. The entry form and contest rules can be found on the NDA's website at <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/animal/avian/2020-photo-contest.pdf>. Entries must be postmarked by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Agronomy Youth Field Day

**4th Annual Agronomy Youth Field Day**  
NCTA, Curtis, NE  
August 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Nebraska Extension Cropping & Water Systems and 4-H Youth Development Educators along with Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis Agronomy/Ag Mechanics Department professors invite ALL youth to this FREE Field Day to get excited about Science & Agronomy/Irrigation/Mechanized Agricultural careers for producing Nebraska crops!

## Youth Crop Scouting Competition

Nebraska Extension, with support from DuPont Pioneer & the Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association is pleased to bring you the 56<sup>th</sup> annual Crop Scouting Competition for Nebraska youth. Students (those completing grades 5-12) from across Nebraska are invited to compete and showcase their scouting abilities in corn and soybean. The competition will be a one day event with both indoor and outdoor components.

The purpose of this competition is to provide students an opportunity to learn crop scouting and principles of integrated pest management (IPM) for corn and soybean in Nebraska. They will gain knowledge about the scouting, identification, and management strategies for diseases, insects, and weeds common to Nebraska crops. They will develop the ability to gather information and solve problems, demonstrate knowledge of crop scouting and IPM principles in a competitive event. They will also obtain knowledge and skills that will be helpful in future careers related to agriscience and environmental sciences.

Teams will be 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.

The contest will be held at the UNL Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center (ENREC) near Mead, NE on **July 23, 2019**. The ENREC is located at 1071 Co. Rd. G, Ithaca, NE 68033.

Each school, club, or other organization may enter one or more teams composed of three to five participants. FFA team members must all be from the same chapter. Each participant will participate in all phases of the event. Each team is responsible to provide whatever they will need to

conduct field scouting. No scouting tools or supplies will be provided, but teams are welcome to bring the materials they will need to scout a field (i.e., tape measure, pest/disease ID guides).

Teams must register by **July 18, 2019**. To register, please fill out the form found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/CropScoutingFlyer19.pdf>.

Registration and set-up begins at 8:15 a.m. and the contest will end by 2:00 p.m. A detailed agenda will be sent to registered teams before the contest.

This year, we will be asking that teams send in a \$50 deposit payable to UNL; it is refundable if you attend the program to hold your spot. Top-scoring teams win prizes: \$500 for first, \$250 for second, \$100 for third place. Top two teams will be eligible for regional competition in August at Iowa this year.

## Misc. Notes

### Buffalo County Fair T-Shirts

Buffalo County Farm Bureau once again has sponsored a free official Buffalo County 4-H t-shirt to our 4-H Members (excluding Clover Kids). Extra t-shirts are available for purchase for \$10. 4-H members exhibiting livestock, dogs, poultry, rabbits, and small animals at the county fair will be expected to comply with the required t-shirt dress code. The t-shirts may be picked up at the extension office during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Please personally thank Farm Bureau for their support of Buffalo County 4-H!

## Upcoming Shows & Clinics

- **Platte Valley 4 Paws Open Dog Show**  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. Registration  
Lincoln County Fairgrounds, North Platte
- **Custer County Swine Preview**  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Check in on July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Custer County Fairgrounds, Broken Bow
- **Better Ba-C's Sunday Funday**  
July 28<sup>th</sup>, Show start at 8:00 a.m.  
Otoe County Fairgrounds, Syracuse

*All upcoming shows and clinic information, including registration, are listed on our website: [buffalo.unl.edu](http://buffalo.unl.edu). Flyers are also available in the Extension Office.*

Sincerely,



Kerry Elsen, Extension Educator

