

# Butler County 4-H News

June/July 2023

## Dates to Remember

**June 1** - Horse Level Testing  
Deadline

**June 15:** YQCA, 4-H  
Enrollment, Livestock ID,  
County Fair Entry, State Fair  
Nomination Deadlines

**June 21-22:** Premier Animal  
Science Event - Lincoln

**June 29:** Plant Science &  
Entomology Contests -  
Columbus

**June 30:** Livestock  
Showmanship Clinic

**July 6:** Culinary Challenge,  
Fashion Show, EH Set-Up

**July 8:** Fairgrounds Clean-Up

**July 11-16:** Butler County Fair

**July 15-19:** State 4-H Horse  
Show | Grand Island

**August 10 at 8 pm:** Nebraska  
State Fair Contest and  
Livestock Entry Deadline



## 2023 Butler County Fair

**We can't wait to celebrate the 2023 Butler County Fair with you all in July!** Don't forget to get your entries in by **June 15**. You can enter online by visiting <https://butler.fairwire.com/>. You will enter all the projects you plan to complete and exhibit at the fair along with all the livestock classes. Please do your best to only enter what you plan to bring. *Static Exhibitors* - you are allowed to enter **five** additional projects on entry day that are not entered by June 15.

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## Wild and Free in '23

The Online Butler County Fair Entry for animals and static exhibits will go live mid-May please watch for the date! Once the link is live, it will be shared via email blast to all registered members of the Butler County 4-H Program. Make sure you are enrolled!

Use the fairbook to view exhibit information, supporting documentation needed and to find the division and class numbers for each exhibit. Online entry is due June 15.

The 2023 4-H Fairbook can be found online, along with supplemental project information, by visiting [Butler County Fairbook 4-H Entry Forms | Nebraska Extension.](#)



See you at the Butler County Fair!

## 4-H Online Enrollment is Open

Online enrollment is now open to enroll or re-enroll your 4-H'er(s) for 2023. 4-H leaders, along with Council members, are also required to enroll or re-enroll for the new year. The enrollment website is [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com). Google Chrome and Firefox are the recommended web browsers to use when enrolling online. Annual enrollment fee for 2023 will be \$10 per 4-H'er. Payment is required at the end of the enrollment process. If you are re-enrolling in 4-H, please DO NOT create a new enrollment. Use your email address and password from last year to log into and re-enroll. Deadline to enroll is **June 15**.

Juneteenth  
Holiday  
Office Closed  
June 19

Happy  
4<sup>th</sup> of  
July  
Office Closed  
July 4

## 4-H Council T-Shirt Orders

**Online Order Due June 18**

The shirt order is a fundraiser for the 4-H Council Scholarship Fund!  
There are two t-shirt options and sweatshirts!



## 4-H Council T-Shirt Order

Orders are open online to place your 4-H Council T-Shirt Fundraiser order! The money raised goes towards the 4-H Council Scholarship Fund. You will find a few options this year - a 2023 shirt, general Butler County shirt or sweatshirt. When ordering - feel free to select the 'Butler County 4-H' option and we will have them available for you at our office towards the end of June. You can place orders by visiting

[https://stores.middlecreekprinting.com/butlercounty4h/all-items.](https://stores.middlecreekprinting.com/butlercounty4h/all-items)

Wild & Free



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# Wild and Free in '23

## Butler County 4-H Fair Updates and Reminders

### Static Project Department:

- Static project entry cards will be available for pick-up at the Extension Office prior to fair entry days. Please pick them up and have them attached to your project! Any cards left will be brought to entry days.
- Modeling - There will be no judging of modeling on Wednesday during entry days. This will be judged during the Fashion Show on Thursday, July 6 at 2 pm.
- Data cards and supplemental information can be found on our website or picked up at our office. Find them online here: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/butler/butler-county-fairbook-4-h-entry-forms/>.
- Premium Payout and Release
  - Static project release and premium payout begins at **6:00 pm** this year.
  - Exhibitors will receive a premium check instead of cash.

### Clover Kid Project Department:

- The new Clover Kid project limit is **12** - the limit was previously 10.
  - Please work to adhere to this limit due to availability of space in the Exhibit Hall.
- Project Drop Off:
  - Clover Kid projects will use the East door of the Butler County Event Center for project entry on Tuesday, July 11 and Wednesday, July 12.

### Livestock Project Department:

- Beef, Goat, Sheep + Swine:
  - Minimum weights are clearly listed in the fairbook for each specie to align with the Nebraska State Fair 4-H Fairbook.
  - If an animal does not meet the minimum weight, they will be put in a production class. In this class, animals are eligible to receive a purple but NOT eligible for champion selection.
- Hein Building
  - Stall cards, markers, etc. will NOT be located in the Hein Building this year and moving forward.
  - These items will be available in the Northeast corner stall of the Beef Barn. This is a more convenient and an easily accessible location.
  - Show orders will be posted here - as well as - in their respective barns.



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# Wild and Free in '23

Butler County 4-H Fair Updates and Reminders

## Livestock Project Department:

- Herdsmanship
  - A new point opportunity to go into the total herdsmanship score has been added.
  - Participation in the county fair exhibit hall set-up and/or fairgrounds clean-up days. The number of club members who attend will be taken into a percentage compared to the total number of members in the club.
  - The maximum amount of points is 100 - making the total for herdsmanship 200 points.
- Premium Payout and Release
  - Livestock animal release begins at **6:00 pm** this year.
  - Exhibitors will still receive cash in the ring.

## Awards Program:

- Static
  - Champions and Reserve Champions will receive a trophy.
  - Champion pictures will be **Saturday, July 15 at 1:00 pm** during the Award Show.
- Livestock
  - Champions and Reserve Champions will receive a banner.
  - Showmanship winners will receive a rosette and buckle - buckle ceremony will be on **November 8** at the Awards Banquet.
  - Horse awards will remain the same as 2022. A high-point boy and girl buckle will be awarded.
- Round Robin
  - Champion and Reserve Champion will receive a quarter-zip wind breaker jacket - **ordered after the fair.**

## 4-H Staff at the Fair:

- Office:
  - 4-H Staff has the use of the Event Center Office.
  - We are not there very often - but will post a sign on the door when we are in office!
  - Otherwise - we will be out and about on the fairgrounds.
- Suggestion Box:
  - There will be a box by the ticket window in the Event Center AND in the Northeast corner stall of the Beef Barn.
  - The purpose is to bring suggestions regarding the fair to the Butler County 4-H Council and Butler County 4-H Staff for discussion to bring potential changes.





# Around the Barn

## Butler County 4-H Livestock Program Related Updates and Information

### State Fair Livestock Nominations

State Fair Nominations will be online again this year and nominations are now open via [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com). State Fair tags and DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office. The deadline for **ALL** online nominations and DNA envelopes returned to the Extension Office is **June 15**.

### Horse 4-H Program

**NEW:** The speed/game events at the Butler County Fair 4-H Horse Show will be split into three divisions instead of two. Divisions are: Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14) and Senior (15-18).

### Beef and Swine Ear Tags

**NEW:** Beginning this year, beef and swine **county** ear tags will cost \$1/tag to purchase. This change is due to the swine identification process changing. EID tags for State Fair for both beef and swine are \$2.50/tag to purchase.

### Swine Identification and Weigh-In Process

**NEW:** Swine will now be required to have tags in their ear by the **June 15 ID Sheet Deadline**. This is to streamline the weigh-in process during the Butler County Fair Weigh-In. As stated above, tags will be \$1/tag for county tags. **Ear notches will NOT be accepted as a form of identification for swine moving forward.**

### Bucket Calf Program

**NEW:** Bucket calf record books **MUST** be turned into the Extension Office by **Monday, July 10**. This is to make sure the judge can view them prior to the show for the interview portion.

### Livestock Award Program

**NEW:** Champion and Reserve Champions will receive a banner. Showmanship winners will receive a rosette and a buckle. The buckle ceremony will be after the fair on **November 8** at the **Butler County 4-H Awards and Recognition Banquet**. This is due to the cost of the buckles and the uncertainty of having a champion and reserve champion showman in each division. Horse Show awards will remain the same as 2022. There will be a high-point buckle awarded for both boy and girl in the Horse Show. Round Robin Champion and Reserve Champion will receive a quarter-zip wind breaker jacket that will be ordered after the fair.



# 2023 Butler County Fair 4-H Schedule

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## **Thursday, July 6:**

- 10:00 am | Culinary Challenge | Butler County Event Center
- 2:00 pm | 4-H Fashion Show | Butler County Event Center
- 6:00 pm | Exhibit Hall Set-Up

## **Saturday, July 8:**

- 9:00 am | Fairgrounds Clean-Up

## **Tuesday, July 11:**

- 8:00 am | Open Horse Show followed by 4-H Horse Show
- 7:00 pm-9:00 pm | 4-H/FFA/Open Class Static Entry

## **Wednesday, July 12:**

- 8:00 am-12:00 pm | 4-H/FFA/Open Class Static Entry
- 5:00 pm-10:00 pm | 4-H/FFA Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine Arrive on Grounds
- 7:00-8:00 pm | 4-H/FFA Sheep & Goat Check-In/Weigh-In
- 8:00 pm | 4-H/FFA Poultry Broiler Weigh-In
- 8:00-9:00 pm | 4-H/FFA Beef Check-In/Weigh-In

## **Thursday, July 13:**

- 7:00-9:00 am | 4-H/FFA Swine Weigh-In
- 8:00 am | 4-H/FFA Sheep and Goat Show
- 12:00 pm | 4-H Companion Animal Show
- 1:00 pm | 4-H Rabbit Show

## **Friday, July 14:**

- 8:00 am | 4-H Broiler and Poultry Show (Broilers First)
- 9:30 am | 4-H/FFA Swine Show

## **Saturday, July 15:**

- 8:00 am | 4-H/FFA Beef Show
- 1:00 pm | 4-H/FFA Static Exhibit Award Presentation and Pictures

## **Sunday, July 16:**

- 10:00 am | Round Robin Showmanship Contest
- 11:00 am | 4-H/FFA Livestock Subsidy Auction and Awards
- 6:00 pm | Release of Static Exhibits and Livestock

## 2023 Butler County 4-H and FFA Livestock Identification Guidelines

Market Animals	Due Date	County Fair Only	State Fair
Market Beef	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination
Market Swine	June 15	4-H Tag, ID Sheet & Premise ID	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination
Market Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination
Market Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag and DNA & online nomination

**All livestock with an EID tag must have a Premise ID on record at the Extension Office.**

**State Fair:** Animal information must be nominated, paid for and submitted via [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com) by the exhibitor family on or before June 15. NE State Fair entries can be made at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org) on or before August 10 at 8:00 pm. Any market animal submitting a nomination for State Fair must have a Premise ID.

Breeding Animals	Due Date	County Fair Only	State Fair
Breeding Beef – <i>Registered</i>	June 15	Tattoo, Registration Papers & ID Sheet	Tattoo, Registration Papers, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Beef – <i>Commercial</i>	June 15	4-H Tag OR Tattoo & ID Sheet	Tattoo OR EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Swine – <i>State Fair Only</i>	June 15	<b>None</b>	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination

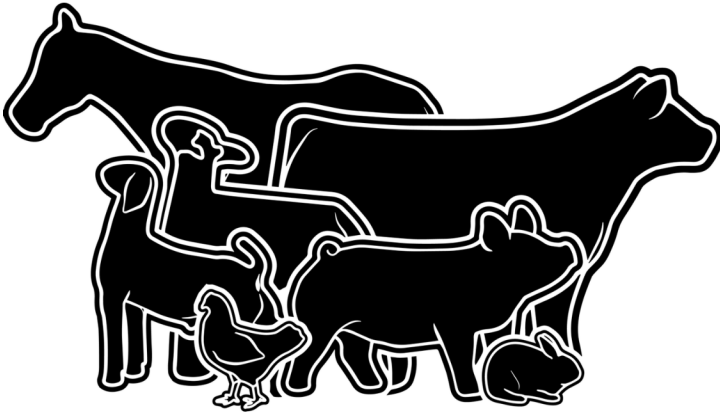
Other	Due Date	County Fair Only	State Fair
Horse	June 1: <b>State</b>		ID Sheets with pictures, left & right <u>sides</u> and head.
Horse	June 15: <b>County Fair</b>	ID Sheet with drawings/pictures.	
Feeder Calf	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online registration
Bucket Calf	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	<b>None</b>
Rabbit	August 10	<b>None</b>	Tattoo by entry Aug. 10





# Butler County 4-H Showmanship Clinic

**Friday, June 30 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
**Butler County Fairgrounds | David City, NE**



## Showmanship Clinic Schedule:

- 9:00 am - Swine
- 10:00 am - Poultry
- 11:00 am - Beef
- 1:00 pm - Sheep
- 2:00 pm - Goat
- 3:00 pm - Rabbit
- 4:00 pm - Horse

*Each session will last approximately  
one hour!*

Plan to attend one or more sessions of this hands-on, multi-species clinic to learn how to show or gain tips on how to improve the showing of your animal at the county fair and beyond!

**Open to 4-H members ages 8-18 in Butler and surrounding counties.** 4-H'ers are encouraged to bring their own animals, but it is not required.

**Cost is FREE.** Registration is to prepare for the number attending.

**Please register by June 23.** When registering - please state if you plan to attend multiple sessions and bring your own animal.

To pre-register and for more information contact:

**Aliesha Meusch | Butler County 4-H**  
**Assistant 402-367-7410 or**  
**[aliesha.meusch@unl.edu](mailto:aliesha.meusch@unl.edu)**



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# Hay Bale Decorating Contest



- Open for all 4-H clubs in Butler County.
- Each 4-H club will come up with a design to decorate a large hay bale to be displayed at the fairgrounds during the Butler County Fair. The design MUST be related to the theme of the fair. 2023 Theme: Wild and Free in '23.
- Your club can request how your hay bale is positioned.

All of the hay bales will be set up around the fairgrounds prior to the fair, so each club will have to coordinate a time together to come and decorate the hay bale. Decorating MUST be completed by 10 pm on Wednesday, July 12. Hay bales will be judged on Thursday morning. After judging, each club will need to display the name of their club next to their bale for all spectators to see and enjoy throughout fair week.

*Each club participating will be sponsored for to be used towards their decorating supplies AND 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded prize money!*

Delivery and disposal of hay bales will be taken care of.

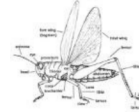
**If your club is wanting to participate or if you have questions, contact Brittany DeWispelare at [bkresha21@hotmail.com](mailto:bkresha21@hotmail.com) or Tiffany Allen at [tiffanyallen8018@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyallen8018@gmail.com).**







## 4-H Plant and Insect Identification Contests



*If you like plants and/or insects, here's an opportunity to build skills and have fun too!*

*Attend to participate in one, two, three or all four contests!*

***Your interest - your choice! Bring a friend too!***

*4-H'ers may earn a trip to a state and/or national contest!*

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

**Agricultural Park Exhibit Hall Club Room, Fairgrounds - 822 15th Street, Columbus NE  
(Entrance to Ag Park is at intersection of 10th Av. and 15th St.)**

Approximate Times after Initial Contest

**12:15 – Welcome and Instructions**

**12:30 PM - Grass and Weed Identification**

**1:30 PM - Entomology (Insect) Identification**

**2:30 PM – BREAK with Refreshments**

**2:45 PM - Horticulture Judging and I.D.**

**3:45 PM - Tree Identification**

**PLEASE BRING A CLIP BOARD TO USE DURING THE CONTEST**

Identify plant/insect samples for each contest. For horticulture, there is also 2 judging classes (vegetables, fruits, flowers, or nursery stock). Informational materials available at [Nebraska 4-H: 2023 Fairbook](#). For questions, contact your local Extension office or Kelly Feehan at [kfeehan2@unl.edu](mailto:kfeehan2@unl.edu) or 402-563-4901.

### 2023 Horticulture / Tree / Insect / Grass & Weed Contests Registration

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of Jan. 1, 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to participate in: (please check **one** division and **all** contests you plan to participate in)

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ FFA \_\_\_\_\_ OPEN

Contest: \_\_\_\_\_ Horticulture \_\_\_\_\_ Tree ID \_\_\_\_\_ Insect ID \_\_\_\_\_ Grass/Weed ID

Age Divisions (age as of Jan. 1, 2023): Clover Kids: 5 - 7, Novice: 8, Intermediate: age 9 - 13, Senior: age 14 - 18