



# Clay County 4-H

Clay County Extension Office (402-762-3644)

[clay.unl.edu](http://clay.unl.edu)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UNLClayCounty>

## June 2024

### 4-H Enrollment:

### 2024 Enrollment is open!

### Enrollment deadline is June 15th

### [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)

#### Fashion Show, Music Contest, and Favorite Foods contest:

Pre-Fair contest will be held June 27th at the Clay Center Christian Church. Clothing entry will begin at 8:30 am. **ALL CLOTHING ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED THIS DAY, (includes knitting and crochet clothing items) regardless if you are modeling or not.** Modeling will begin at 9:00am. Favorite Foods set up will be at 1:00pm and contest will begin at 1:30pm. Fashion Revue Style show and Music/ Performing arts contest will be at 7:30pm.

#### Fairgrounds clean-up day:

Fairgrounds clean-up day will be on Sunday June 9th at 2:00pm. Lets clean-up our fairgrounds and get it looking great for the Dairy Show and County Fair! More hands make light work! 4-H council meeting to follow.

#### Regional Dairy Show:

The Regional Dairy Show will be held on June 22nd at 10:00am at the Clay County fairgrounds. Entry forms can be found on the Clay County Extension website, or at the Extension office. Entry forms will be due June 5th.

#### Show Stock Manager is open:

State Fair Livestock Exhibitors: For those planning to show at the Nebraska State Fair, livestock nominations for ALL Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats are due by June 15th, in Show Stock Manager. This is a Saturday, so I strongly recommend you have it done prior to June 15th. All animals require DNA.

This is just the nomination portion. If you have questions about this, please let the Extension Office know. Online class entries for state fair will be due in August. <https://showstockmgr.com/>

DNA envelopes will be due to the Extension office by Friday, June 14th! **NO Exceptions.** All exhibitors from the family need to sign the envelopes.

### **Adams County Progress Show:**

Adams County is hosting a Livestock Progress Show (Beef, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit, Poultry) on June 22, 2024. Call the office and we can give you more information.

### **Online Horticulture Contest:**

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available June 7-21, 2024 at: <http://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest>

### **Pre-paid food stand cards:**

Pre-paid food stand cards can be purchased anytime now through the fair. You determine the amount of money loaded on the card, and use as needed at the food stand. If there is a balance at the end of fair, you will be reimbursed. Regular debit/credit cards can not be accepted at the food stand. These cards are very handy and convenient to have!

### **I Belong Award:**

4-H Members are encouraged to celebrate the diversity, inclusivity, and self-realization they have found through 4-H projects and expressed in a 4-H exhibit. Youth interested in applying for this award will submit the application along with a picture of the exhibit by completing the information found at the application link. Deadlines for youth to apply are due by the start of their county fair. All youth who participate will receive a Certificate of Achievement. Counties can award this during the county fair or their 4-H Awards program in the fall. State winners will be announced during National 4-H Week. Contact Holli at the Extension office for more information

### **Clover Kids livestock exhibitors:**

New this year, you (Clover Kids) are not required to stall your animals for the duration of fair. If you are not stalling your animal, you will need to check in with the respective superintendent on the morning of the show so we know that you are here! This rule applies to Clover Kids only. **All other 4-H members are still required to stall their animals for the duration of fair.**

### **Youth Crop Scouting Competition:**

Exciting Announcement! The Youth Crop Scouting Competition is coming to the Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center near Mead, Nebraska, on August 7, 2024. Calling all junior high and high school teams (grades 5-12) from across Nebraska! Hurry, as this event is limited to the first ten teams to sign up! Top-scoring teams stand a chance to win cash prizes, and the top two teams will qualify for the regional competition in Minnesota this year.

For more details about the crop scouting competition and instructions on how to register your team, visit [cropwatch.unl.edu/youth](http://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth). Secure your spot now at <https://go.unl.edu/cropscoutingreg>. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

### **Volunteers at the county fair:**

We always appreciate our volunteers at the county fair. If there is anything you are interested in helping with, please let us know!

### **Beef Fitting Contest:**

Get signed up for the beef fitting contest by calling the Extension office, or using this link: <https://forms.gle/bcc93sUKTHxgUQm48>  
Please sign up by June 15th.

## **Enrolling in 4-H vs. Pre-entry forms:**

Last year we realized that there is some confusion around the difference in enrolling in 4-H and the Pre-entry forms. I will do my best to explain the differences and why **BOTH** need to be completed.

### **4-H Enrollment:**

- This is required by the state to participate in County and State activities, Clover Kids included. This is where you pick the broad project areas that you think you would like to participate in.
- This is done annually online at: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)

### **Pre-Entry Forms:**

- These are required on the County level. This is how we know what projects you are bringing to the fair. You will use the fairbook to pick the classes you would like to enter projects in. It is VERY important that you have these forms completed and turned in on time. So we can have time to Print all the entry tags, and to get those to you, to attach to your static projects. It also lets us know who is bringing what animals to the county fair. Again, Clover kids are included in this.
- These are hard paper copies, so either return them into the office or email them to Cara.

**If you have any questions about anything regarding 4-H enrollment, and pre-entries PLEASE reach out to us at the Extension office! We are here to help you with this! Clay County Extension office phone number: 402-762-3644.**

## **Friday June 14th, What's due to the Extension Office by 4:00pm?**

- **Pre-entry Forms** (can be found online, or at the Extension office) Clover kids- you will complete this form as well!  
**website:** [clay.unl.edu](http://clay.unl.edu)
- **Animal ID Sheets** (can be found online, or at the Extension office) Like last year, if there is more than 1 kid per family, please fill out separate ID forms for each kid, or clearly identify who's animal is who's. This helps with the Check-in Process.
  - If you need tags for your animals, stop by the Extension office to pick them up!
- **Horse Entry Form and ID Sheet** (can be found online or at the Extension Office)
- **Horticulture sheets** (can be found online, or at the Extension office)
- **Fashion Review sheets** (can be found online, or at the Extension office)
- **YQCA Certificates of completion** (website to complete is: <https://yqcaprogram.org>)
- **DNA envelopes** for state fair livestock exhibitors (pick them up at the Extension Office)
- **IF ANY OF THIS IS NOT COMPLETED, AND APPLIES TO YOU, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY OR STATE FAIR!**

## **What is due June 15th? (This is a Saturday, so I encourage you to get this done PRIOR to June 15th!)**

- Be enrolled in 4-H! The website to do so is: [V2.4honline.com](http://V2.4honline.com) (**IF THIS IS NOT COMPLETED, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY OR STATE FAIR!**)
- State Fair Livestock exhibitors, make sure your animals are nominated on Show Stock Manager.

## **YQCA:**

YQCA is required for ALL 4-H aged youth who are going to show livestock at the county fair. This includes Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, and Dairy exhibitors. You can complete YQCA online ! The link to do so is below. YQCA must be completed, and have the certificate of completion turned in at the Extension office by June 14th.

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

## **Champion Banners at the county fair:**

The 4-H Council decided they would like to provide banners for all champions to hang at their stall for the duration of fair. If you receive a banner, please hang it up at your stall, then at the end of fair you will return it to extension staff or a 4- H Council member. These banners will be used year after year.

## **POET T-shirts are in:**

POET generously donated T-shirts to youth that are enrolled in Clay County 4-H. Youth are allowed to show in these T-shirts. Please stop by the Extension Office to pick yours up!

**JULY 9-13, 2024**

# *Ridin', Ropin', Rockin' & Rollin'* **at the Clay County Fair**



## **TUESDAY JULY 9**

6-8:30 p.m., Enter 4-H & Open Class Exhibits

## **WEDNESDAY JULY 10**

8-10 a.m., Enter 4-H/Open Class Exhibits

11 a.m., 4-H Rabbit Show

2 p.m., 4-H Poultry Show

5:30 p.m., Bucket Calf Show

7 p.m., EXTREME BULL RIDING

## **THURSDAY JULY 11**

8:30 a.m., 4-H Swine Show

12 p.m., Open/4-H Horse Show

5:30 p.m., Rainbow Classic Pet Show

6-10 p.m., Family Fun Night! Rock It

Inflatable Activities

6:30 p.m., KID'S TRACTOR PULL

## **FRIDAY JULY 12**

8:30 a.m., 4-H Beef Show

1 p.m., 4-H Sheep/Meat Goat Show

6 p.m., Round Robin Contest

6:30 p.m., RANCH RODEO CALCUTTA

## **SATURDAY JULY 13**

9:30 a.m., 4-H Cat/Small Animal Show

10:30 a.m., 4-H Beef Fitting Contest

2:50 p.m., Round Robin Awards

3 p.m., 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
& SOUTH CENTRAL CATTLEMAN BBQ

7-9 p.m., Release 4-H/Open Class Exhibits

6 p.m., FIGURE 8 & TRAILER RACES

## **SUNDAY JULY 14**

9-11 a.m., Second chance to pick-up  
4-H/Open Class Exhibits

**WEDNESDAY**  
July 10 | 7 pm

**Extreme  
Bull  
Riding**

**FRIDAY**  
July 12 | 7 pm

**Ranch  
Rodeo**

SATURDAY, July 13 | 6 pm

**Figure 8 &  
Trailer Races**

*\*Clear bag policy/NO carry-in drinks!\**

**Contact: Jesse VonSpreckelsen, 402-705-0363**

Commercial Booth Space & General Fair Information:  
Lyndsay Schlick, 402-762-5523  
Nebraska Extension Clay County: 402-762-3644

## Upcoming Events:

### June

- 5- Project Palooza Day @ the Fairgrounds at 9:00am
- 9- Fairgrounds Clean-up day @2:00pm
- 10-Day Camp at Crystal Lake
- 12- Tie Dye Mania workshop @ Fairgrounds at 1:00pm
- 14- Pre-entry forms, animal ID sheets, ect. due to the Extension office by 4:00pm
- 15- 4-H enrollment & Livestock Show Stock manager nominations due online.
- 19- Clover Kid Workshop @Fairgrounds at 9:30am or 1:00pm
- 17-18- State Communication Event at UNL East Campus
- 20-21- PASE at UNL East Campus
- 20- Sugar Beet Workshop @ 9:00am at the Fairgrounds
- 22- Regional Dairy show at the fairgrounds at 10:00am
- 24- Muffin Madness Workshop @ the Fairgrounds at 1:00pm
- 27- Clothing & Fashion review day @ Clay Center Christian Church

### July

- 10-13- Clay County Fair!

**More Fair updates, as well as food stand schedule to come in late June newsletter!**

**Nebraska Extension - Clay County**  
**111 W Fairfield**  
**Clay Center NE 68933**