



Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

4-H Newsletter April 2020

Announcements:

Covid-19 Update

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, Nebraska Extension in Colfax County has had to cancel all in person lessons, trainings and meetings. Stay tuned for updates and notices from the Office regarding meetings and trainings.

We know the Covid-19 outbreak has raised many questions and challenges as to what will be happening and what will not happen as we work through the pandemic. We encourage everyone to still get ready to exhibit at the 2020 Colfax County Fair at this time. Decision regarding summer events taking place will be made **1 month** before the events occur. Please take into consideration when buying your animals, that the most important part is what your child/ren learn from having the animal/s, not the cost of the animal or the awards it could receive.

Covid-19 Office Closer

Beginning Friday, March 20th, the Nebraska Extension in Colfax County office has made changes to how we serve our clientele.

Our office is closed to the general public but our staff will still be working and available by phone at 402-352-3821 or by email at Colfax-county@unl.edu.

If you have a need that cannot be resolved via phone or email, please contact the office to schedule an appointment and we will work with you to help you out.

Thank you!

Kyle and I welcomed our first child, Kade, in January after giving it much thought we have decided that it is best for our family that I stay home and care for Kade. It has been a great pleasure working with and getting to know all of the 4-H families in Colfax County for the past two years! I wish you all the best!
Amber Krula

4-H Speech & Presentation Contests

Due to the Covid-19 the 4-H Speech / PSA & 4-H Presentation Contest on April 26th in Columbus has been **postponed**. Please call the Extension Office with any questions.

District Horse Show—Canceled

The 2020 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Shows have been **canceled**. All youth will be allowed to enter the Fonner Park State 4-H Expo without qualifying as long as the appropriate advancement levels have been passed. Entries to the State 4-H Expo are **Due June 15**.



2020 Fairbook

The 2020 Colfax County Fairbook can now be found on line at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/colfax/resources/>.

At Home Learning Opportunities

Nebraska 4-H has a variety of at home learning opportunities to help tackle your boredom! Check out <https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning> for Living Room Learning, Boredom Busters, Virtual Field Trips and MORE to experience right from your homes!

Entomology Box

We have one Entomology Box that has been donated to our office which is looking for a new home! If you are interested in getting started in a new project, let us know!

Email Notice

Please remember the email address your family uses to create your 4Honline account is the email address where all of your 4-H, newsletter, county fair, and state fair information is sent. Please make sure you are using an email address your family regularly checks.

Clover Kids

New in 2020, Clover Kids will be able to participate in livestock shows.



Clover Kid livestock shows will happen as part of the species livestock show (e.g. calves during the beef show on Friday). Livestock superintendents will determine when the Clover Kid show will take place.

Clover Kids are allowed to exhibit ONE animal of each species. Species include: calf (dairy or beef), sheep, swine, goat, poultry, rabbit, cat and small pet. Clover Kid animal exhibits are to be no more than 350 pounds at time of show. (No dogs can be exhibited.)

You can find more information in the 2020 Colfax County fair book. Please call the Extension office with any questions.

4-H Updates:

YQCA April Discount

In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the YQCA Board is announcing a 25% flash sale on web based certification in April! Here is how to take advantage of this opportunity.

- Only offered during the month of April (April 1 – April 30), YQCA will be offering a 25% discount on web-based trainings, making them \$9.
- Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase \$9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. Coupon order forms may be obtained by emailing sales@yqca.org or contacting the Extension Office so we can email you the order form. **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED PRICE.**
- Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days.
- Coupons MUST be used towards a web-based training by April 30, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Youth of the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

State 4-H rules require that all 4-H members ages 8-18, who are enrolled in the following livestock projects (beef, sheep, dairy, swine, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry and rabbits) be certified in Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Each youth wanting to show livestock at county or state fair needs to complete 3 modules. There is a \$12 dollar fee that you must pay. <http://yqca.org/>
Test-out options are only available to youth in the

first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. If passed, youth will not be required to complete the annual training requirements for the remainder of their current age level (Intermediates: 12-14; Seniors: 15-18). Each test consists of 50 randomly selected questions and has a pass rate of 80% or better for certification.

Participants will have only one chance to take the test-out option. If youth fail, they will not be provided another opportunity to test out of that age level. Participants who do not pass will be prompted to take the instructor-led training or web-based training annually.

If the youth passes, payment for the completed test-out course will be required after the completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test.

Test-out costs are:

- Intermediate: \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification)
- Senior: \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification).

Camp Scholarships

4-H Youth are encouraged to apply for a camp scholarship sponsored by the 4-H Council. The 4-H Council would like for you to complete the Application for 4-H Camp Scholarship that is included in this newsletter and return to the Extension office. The 4-H Council will provide 2/3 of the camp cost. Some options are:

- Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center, Gretna
- Nebraska State 4-H Camp, Halsey
- Natural Resources & Leadership Camp, Halsey
- Livestock Judging Conference, Lincoln
- Unicameral Youth Conference, Lincoln
- Big Red Summer Academic Camps

4-H'ers who did not receive a camp scholarship in 2019 will have first priority, but all 4-H'ers are encouraged to apply. Your 4-H leader has a supply of camp brochures or you can pick one up at the Extension Office. The Deadline for camp Scholarships is June 1, 2020.



4-H Diamond Clover Recognition

Colfax County will recognize 4-H'ers through the Diamond Clover program. 4-H'ers will be recognized for their accomplishments and life skill development. This is available to all 4-H'ers, regardless of age. There are six levels of recognition. A short form needs to be completed when you sign up for 4-H this year and the rest of the form will be completed in September. For more information, contact the Extension Office. Club leaders have also received information on the 4-H Diamond Clover Recognition Program.



Livestock:

EID Tags and DNA Testing for State Fair

Any market animal to be shown at the Nebraska State Fair must have an EID tag and hair pulled for DNA samples. This includes market beef, swine, market sheep, and meat goats. DNA samples for market beef were pulled at weigh day along with EID tags. 4-H'ers with swine, sheep, or goats will need to work with the office to get animals tagged with EID tags and the hair samples pulled. EID tags will cost \$2.75. DNA testing costs \$7.00 per animal. So if you have any ideas of showing at the Nebraska State Fair be sure to get EID tags and samples pulled. Deadline to nominate your animals is June 15th at www.showstockmgr.com. Call the Extension office for more information or questions.

Breeding Animal Nomination for State Fair

Any breeding animals that families show at State Fair will need to be identified via an online nomination process at www.showstockmgr.com. Deadline to nominate your animals is June 15th. Breeding beef will continue to use a tattoo in the ear for identification as well as breed papers. Breeding sheep and goats will use the scrapies tag identification number for ID.

County only breeding beef can use a tattoo or a 4-H tag. County only breeding sheep or goats can use a 4-H tag for ID in addition to a scrapies tag.

Livestock Progress Shows Mailing List

All livestock exhibitors are encouraged to attend a Progress Show prior to the County Fair. This serves as good practice for both the exhibitor and their animals.

Contact the Extension office if you want to be on the mailing list for 4-H Livestock Progress Shows. The information about progress shows will be sent only to those notifying us that they want the information.

We do not carry names over from last year's list. So, if you want to receive progress show information, give us a call.

Learning Opportunities:

Youth Crop Scouting Competition

Youth interested in learning more about scouting crops should contact the extension office to learn more about the Youth Crop Scouting Competition. The 2020 Youth Crop Scouting Competition will be held on July 28th at the ENREC near Mead. The Competition consists of both a written test and hands on questions about corn, soybean, or alfalfa plots. Teams consist of 3, 4 or possibly 5 youth member (7th - 12th grade), so once we know who is interested we can set up teams. Aaron is willing to work with interested

youth before the contest to help them learn more about agronomy and crops and prepare them for the competition.

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute Application

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day summer program (July 6-10) for current high school juniors and seniors to learn more about agriculture and the agricultural industry, as well as to discover career opportunities available within the agricultural sector. Generous sponsors allow for the event to be free of charge to the students attending. About 200 youth attended NAYI 2019, making it one of the largest delegate classes in the 48 year history of the program.

The application should be filled out by eligible students and emailed to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture no later than 11:59 pm on April 15th, 2020. Students will need to go online to <https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/nayi.html> to download the application.

Tractor Safety Courses Offered

All youth aged 14-15 and working on a farm or ranch other than their own MUST be certified through a Hazardous Occupations Course. Successful completion of the course will allow trained youth to operate a tractor over 20 horsepower, or to connect or disconnect and implement or any parts to or from a tractor.

The cost of training is \$60. For more information please call the Extension Office. The closest trainings are listed below with the site coordinators number.

- Fairgrounds, Wayne on May 28 & 29 (402-375-3310)
- Fairgrounds, Weeping Water on July 1 & 2 (402-267-2205)

Visit the following to view training site locations and dates, registration and site coordinator contact numbers. <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/kearney/Tractor%20Safety%20Flier%202019.pdf>

Advanced registration and payment is required. Please contact the appropriate coordinator for instruction on where to send the registration with payment or about any specifics about the training. Registration forms can be obtained at the Extension Office.

Upcoming Events

Apr. 15: Application for Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute is Due

Apr. 24: Office Closed for Arbor Day

May 1: Drop / Add project deadline

May 12: Tentative 4-H Council Mtg. 7p.m. Extension Office

May 25: Office Closed for Memorial Day

June 1: Livestock ID Sheets due to Extension Office by 4:30p.m.

County Fair I.D. Tag Requirements

Livestock Division	Form of ID	Deadline
Market Beef	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag & ID Sheet	June 1 (Not eligible for rate of gain after April 15 th)
Feeder Calves & Bucket Calves	4-H Ear Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Market Sheep	4-H Ear Tag and Scrapie Tag or only scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Market Goats	4-H Ear Tag and Scrapie Tag or only scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Breeding Beef	Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Breeding Sheep & Goats	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Dairy Cattle	ID Sheet	June 1
Market Swine	Ear notches & ID Sheet	June 1
Rabbit	Tattoo and ID Sheet	June 1
Poultry	No ID Sheet Required	
Horse	ID Sheet Drawing	June 1

State Fair I.D. Tag Requirements

Livestock Division	I.D. Requirements for Nebraska State Fair	Nomination Deadline
Market Beef	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15
Breeding Beef	Tattoo & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15
Market Swine	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15
Market Sheep	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15
Breeding Sheep	Scrapie Tag & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15
Market Goats	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15
Breeding Goats	Scrapie Tag & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15
Dairy Cattle	ID Sheet Drawing	County Office: June 15
Rabbits & Poultry	No nomination required . Rabbits will be required to have an ear tattoo by the show entry deadline.	
Horse	ID Sheet Drawing	County Office: June 15



APPLICATION
FOR
4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIP
(Deadline to apply June 1, 2020)



Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Years in 4-H _____

4-H Club Name _____

Have you attended 4-H camp before? _____ If so, how many times? _____

What 4-H camp are you planning to attend this year? _____

Where? _____ What is the length of the camp? _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING:

1. Why do you want to attend this camp?

2. What do you hope to learn or experience at camp?

3. How do you plan to share your camp experiences with others?