



Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

4-H Newsletter April 2021

Announcements:

Week of the Volunteer

The Week of the Volunteer is coming up at the end of April, and we're looking forward to celebrating our amazing 4-H volunteers! To celebrate we're hosting daily Lunch & Learn sessions from Monday, April 19 through Thursday, April 22, each from 12:00 -1:00 pm CST. Session topics include: Incorporating Positive Youth Development into Your Work, How to Keep the 4-H Experiences Fresh, Leading a Club that Works, and Confidence in Conflict Resolution. These are great for new and experienced volunteers as well as individuals interested in getting started. Each session will include 30 minutes of content followed by 30 minutes of discussion and networking time. Sign up to join us at go.unl.edu/lunch-learn.

4-H Updates:

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:

- Nebraska State 4-H 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 2020 will have first priority, but all 4-H'ers are encouraged to apply. To see full camp descriptions and to register online go to <https://4h.unl.edu/camp-centers/summer-camp/schedule>. The Deadline for camp Scholarships is June 1, 2021.



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:

Tags & DNA Testing for Market Beef & Swine showing at State Fair

All market beef and market swine animals to be shown at the Nebraska State Fair must have an EID tag installed and hair pulled for DNA samples. DNA samples for market beef were pulled at weigh day. 4-H'ers with swine will need to work with the office to get animals tagged with EID tags and the hair samples pulled. EID tags will cost \$3.00. 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. Call the Extension Office for more information.

Scrapie Tags & DNA Testing for Market Sheep & Goats showing at State Fair

Market sheep and market goats will need scrapie tags and DNA samples pulled in order to be shown at the State Fair. DNA testing costs \$7.00 per animal. So if you have any ideas of showing at the Nebraska State Fair be sure to get samples pulled. Call the Extension Office for more information.

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. There will be a \$2.00 fee for all breeding animal nominations for State Fair.

County only breeding beef can use a tattoo or a 4-H tag.

Market Lamb & Market Goat Tagging

County only market sheep and goats will need a scrapies tag to be eligible to show at the Colfax County Fair.

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. Deadline to complete this training is June 1, 2021. <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 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)

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.

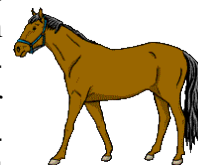
Contests:

4-H Speech & Presentation Contests

Colfax County 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the 4-H Speech/PSA & 4-H Presentation Contest on April 25th in Columbus. The contests will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the West Education Center at Central Community College. Theme for PSA's this year is "Opportunity 4 All". Please pre-register by April 19th by calling the Extension Office.

District Horse Show

The 2021 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Show will be held on June 16th in Columbus for our district. All level testing required for participation in the 2021 District 4-H Horse shows must be completed by May 7, 2021. **NEW THIS YEAR** - Families will submit entries through an online form and pay by credit card. Horse ID sheets are due to the County Extension Office by May 7th.



Livestock Judging Contest

The 2021 Colfax County Livestock Judging Contest will be held on May 27th at the fairgrounds in Leigh. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

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 2021 Youth Crop Scouting Competition will be held in early August 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 members (7th - 12th grade), so once we know who is interested we can set up teams.

Online Horticulture Judging 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 4-21, 2021 at: <https://go.unl.edu/21onlinehortcontest>.

Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts. The first is identification of plant material. Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products.

The second is a knowledge portion, usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz. Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.

The last portion is judging or placings. This is where four different plants, plates of vegetables, or containers flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>

Learning Opportunities:

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute Application

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day summer program (July 12-16) 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.

Applications are available online at nda.nebraska.gov/nayi and must be submitted by April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

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 this training in Nebraska will allow trained youth to operate a tractor over 20 horsepower, and connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from a tractor. Students may complete the driving course in any of the locations after successful online class completion.

The cost of training is \$40. You will need to register to receive a textbook and login information for the online course. This must be followed up by in-person driving.



The closest driving course locations are listed below with the site coordinators number.

- Hall County Extension, 3180 Hwy 34, Grand Island on June 10 (308-385-5088)
- Cass County Fairgrounds, Weeping Water on June 11 (402-267-2205)

Registration forms can be obtained at the Extension Office. For more information please call the Extension Office.

Livestock Clinics & Contests

Please let the Extension Office know if you are interested in receiving information on Livestock Judging Contests and Clinics that will be held in our area this year.

We just received information that the University of Nebraska will continue with the Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit again this year.

If you are interested in any of these, please contact the office.

Upcoming Events

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

Apr. 19: Registration for 4-H Speech & Presentation Contests is Due

Apr. 25: 4-H Speech & Presentation Contests

Apr. 30: Office Closed for Arbor Day

May 7: District Horse Show Deadline

May 18: 4-H Council Mtg. 7 p.m. Howells Library

May 27: Livestock Judging Contest @ Fairgrounds

May 31: Office Closed for Memorial Day

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

June 1: Camp Scholarship Deadline

Nebraska Extension In Colfax County Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30a.m. - 12:00 and 1:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.

Find us Online!

Web: Colfax.unl.edu



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.



APPLICATION
FOR
4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIP
(Deadline to apply June 1, 2021)



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?

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)
Breeding Beef	Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Feeder Calves	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Bucket Calves	4-H Ear Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Market Goats	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Breeding Goats	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Market Sheep	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Breeding Sheep	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Dairy Cattle	ID Sheet	June 1
Market & Breeding Swine	Ear notches or EID Tag & ID Sheet	June 1
Rabbit	Tattoo and ID Sheet	June 1
Poultry	No ID Sheet Required	
Horse	ID Sheet Drawing	June 1
Cats & Small Pets	No ID Sheet Required	

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
Registered Breeding Beef	Tattoo & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15
Commercial Breeding Beef	Tattoo OR EID Tag & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager	June 15
Feeder Calf	EID & 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
Breeding Swine	EID Tag & 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: May 7

* 4-H Bucket Calf and Dairy Goat projects do not have a class option at the Nebraska State Fair