



# 4-H Newsletter

## 4-H Updates

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### Upcoming Events

April 15: Deadline to register for NAYI

April 26: Extension Office Closed for Arbor Day

April 29: Colfax County Agricultural Literacy Day at the Fairgrounds in Leigh

### Office Closed

The Extension Office will be closed Friday, April 26 in observance of Arbor Day, and Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

### 4HOnline Emails

FYI, emails sent from our office through 4HOnline are coming from RegMax. Please do not delete and be sure to read these emails as they contain important 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 a 4-H Camp Scholarship that is included at the end of this newsletter and return it to the Extension Office. The 4-H Council will provide 2/3 of the camp cost. Some options are:

- Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps
- Livestock Judging Camp, Lincoln
- Big Red Summer Academic Camps

4-H'ers who did not receive a camp scholarship in 2023 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/camps-summer>

*Deadline for the camp scholarships is June 1, 2024.*

### **Winners of QC Supply Prize Buckets**

Congratulations to Bently Sindelar and Grayson Coufal who were the winners of the two QC Supply Prize buckets!

### **Livestock Judging Contest**

The 2024 Butler, Colfax, and Platte County Livestock Judging Contest will be held May 23rd at the fairgrounds in Leigh. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.

### **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 skills 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 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 who notify 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.

### **Colfax County 2024 4-H Summer Workshops**

We are so excited for a summer filled with fun learning opportunities! Attached to the newsletter is an advertisement for our Building Better Babysitters workshop that will be held on Monday, June 10. New this year, youth who attend the babysitting workshop will also have the option to participate in the CPR Certification course on Thursday, June 13, and become CPR certified! *(Those who attended last year's babysitting workshop are also eligible to sign up for the \$25 Babysitting CPR Certification workshop to become CPR Certified)*

Please be sure to watch for an informational flier for the rest of our 2024 Summer Workshops through email and Facebook at the end of April. It will also be in the May 4-H Newsletter.



### **Upcoming Fair Changes for 2024**

Please note, that both the show and check in times have changed for **poultry** at the 2024 Colfax County Fair.

Check-in will now be on both Wednesday and Thursday of the fair.

Check-in times for Wednesday, July 17 are from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Check-in times for Thursday, July 18 are from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The show will be held on Saturday, July 20 beginning at 8:00 a.m.



### **Home Environment Changes**

When preparing for the Colfax County Fair in 2024, please note that Home Environment is now Home Design and Restoration. Please be sure to read and pay attention to your fair book when pre-entering exhibits. There are multiple changes, especially in Visual Arts. We are here to help, please email any of us, or call: 402-352-3821 for assistance when preparing exhibits. *A reminder to 4-H Club Leaders, if you would like Stephanie or KateLynn to attend a 4-H Club meeting to help with preparing exhibits for fair, please be sure to reach out to us.*

### **Colfax County Fair Camper Pad Contract**

Anyone interested in having a camper at the Colfax County Fair will need to complete a camping contract and return it to the Colfax County Ag Society between May 1 - June 15. The contract can be found at the end of the newsletter.

## **Livestock Project Information for 2024**

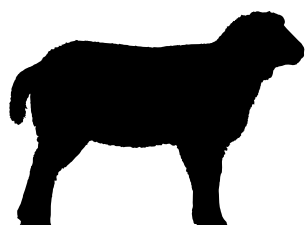


### **State Fair DNA Updates**

All 4-H **Breeding Livestock**, Market Livestock, and **Feeder Calves** are required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible to exhibit at the **Nebraska State Fair**. DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office. Call the Extension Office for more information.

### **Tags & DNA Testing for ALL Beef & Swine showing at State Fair**

All beef and swine animals to be shown at the Nebraska State Fair must have an EID tag installed and hair pulled for DNA samples (registered breeding beef will continue to use a tattoo). DNA samples for market beef were pulled at weigh day along with EID tags. 4-H'ers will need to work with the office to get animals tagged with EID tags and the hair samples pulled. EID tags will cost \$3.75. 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. Call the Extension Office for more information.

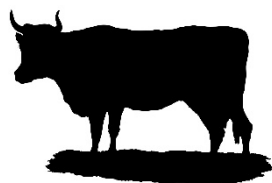


### **Scrapie Tags & DNA Testing for Market and Breeding Sheep & Goats showing at State Fair**

Market and Breeding sheep and 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.

### **Livestock Nomination for State Fair**

Any livestock animals to be shown at State Fair will need to be identified via an online nomination process at [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com).



### **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 Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

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). There is an online and Face-to-Face option for YQCA.

Each youth wanting to show livestock at county or state fair needs to complete 3 modules. The link for this is: [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org). There is a \$12 dollar fee that you must pay if you complete the online modules.

**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.

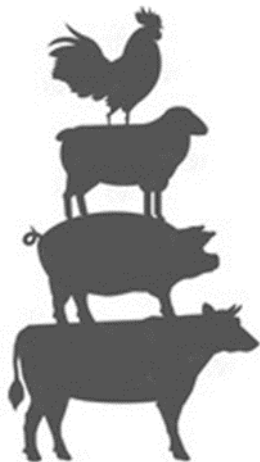
If the youth passes, payment for the completed test-out course will be required after the completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test. Test-out costs are:

Intermediate: \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification)

Senior: \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification).

**New this year, Face-to-Face YQCA trainings** are being offered by Aleisha Meusch in Butler County. Information on these trainings and requirements are in the flier attached to the end of the newsletter. There is a training being offered immediately following the Butler, Colfax, and Platte County Livestock Judging Contest in the 4-H building. ***Please note, there is a pre-test that must be completed prior to the Face-to-Face trainings. The Face-to-Face options are \$3.*** Please refer any questions on the Face-to-Face clinics to Aleisha Meusch by emailing: [aliesha.meusch@unl.edu](mailto:aliesha.meusch@unl.edu)

**The YQCA training completion deadline is May 31.**



## **Nebraska State Fair Age Change**

*As you know, in 2023, Nebraska 4-H lowered the age limit for participation in the Nebraska State Fair for all in-person events to nine years of age. That change increased our participation and provided more youth with the opportunity to have an engaging learning experience. We had many positive comments from legacy families as well as new.*



*This fall, we have had follow-up conversations with many of you as well as the show superintendents and various teams that run these events during State Fair and throughout the year. Based on that feedback and our goal of increasing access, the decision has been made to change the age of eligibility in 2024 to be 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, communications contest). Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO League Challenge robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available. Please contact us if you have questions.*

## **Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI)**

NAYI will be held July 8-12, 2024, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus. Students selected to attend NAYI do so free of charge due to generous donations from numerous agricultural businesses, commodity groups and industry organizations. Current high school juniors and seniors interested in attending have until April 15, 2024, to apply. Applications for NAYI are available at [nda.nebraska.gov/nayi](https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi) and must be submitted online. This year's theme is "Leading Your Legacy."

## **4-H Tech Changemakers**

The 4-H Tech Changemakers workshop for educators will be held on May 28, 2024 at the UNL East Campus Union from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More information on the event can be found by visiting: <https://4h.unl.edu/tech-changemakers>

The 4-H Tech Changemakers team is in search of middle and high school aged youth volunteer leaders to assist with running the Educator Workshop. Please contact Stephanie Bell at: [sbell8@unl.edu](mailto:sbell8@unl.edu) for more information about registering as a volunteer leader.



### **Big Red Academic Camps**

Are you ready to take the next step towards a successful future? Consider being a part of an immersive and empowering college and career ready experience through Big Red Camps 2024! Embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery, skill-building, and preparation for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. These experiential learning opportunities allow you to work alongside UNL faculty and staff as well as business and industry professionals. Incoming freshmen through seniors during the 2024-25 school year are welcome. Whether you're a first-time camper or a returning veteran, there is a guaranteed unforgettable experience filled with learning and fun! Don't delay, reserve your spot today! For more information and to register, visit: [4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps](https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps) or contact: [BigRedCamps@unl.edu](mailto:BigRedCamps@unl.edu).

### **UNL Livestock Judging Camp**

The UNL Livestock Judging Camp will be held June 5-7, 2024 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Registration is due by May 20. For more information please refer to the flier attached to the end of the newsletter, or go to: [go.unl.edu/judging-camp](https://go.unl.edu/judging-camp)

### **Nebraska State 4-H Camps**

Information on the Summer of 2024 Nebraska State 4-H Camp offerings can be found in the flier attached at the end of the newsletter.

## Upcoming Events:

May 6: 4-H Council Meeting at the Clarkson Library-7:00 p.m.

May 20: Deadline to Register for the UNL Livestock Judging Camp

May 23: Butler, Colfax, and Platte County Livestock Judging Contest at the Fairgrounds in Leigh, Nebraska

May 23: Face-to-Face YQCA Training immediately following the Livestock Judging Contest awards

May 27: Extension Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 28: 4-H Tech Changemakers Workshop for Educators

May 31: YQCA Completion Deadline

May 31: Livestock ID Deadline

June 1: Camp Scholarship Deadline

June 5-7: UNL Livestock Judging Camp

June 10: Building Better Babysitters Workshop at Heun Church-10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

June 11: 4-H Council Meeting at the Extension Office-7:00 p.m.

June 13: Building Better Babysitters Optional CPR Certification Workshop at Heun Church-9:00 a.m. to Noon

June 14: Pre-entry deadline for Livestock and Static Exhibits; pre-entry sheets due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

June 19: Extension Office Closed for Juneteenth Day







# GREAT PLAINS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CIRCUIT

## 2024 SCHEDULE

### NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN'S CLASSIC

February 17 | Kearney, NE | [theclassicne@gmail.com](mailto:theclassicne@gmail.com)

### NE STATE FFA

April 5 | Lincoln, NE | [bfrench6@unl.edu](mailto:bfrench6@unl.edu)

### WELD COUNTY (CO)

April 13 | Greeley, CO | [lhooker@co.weld.co.us](mailto:lhooker@co.weld.co.us)

### LOGAN COUNTY (CO)

April 20 | Sterling, CO | [jd.sextonecolostate.edu](mailto:jd.sextonecolostate.edu)

### BUTLER, COLFAX, & PLATTE COUNTY

May 23 | Leigh, NE | [sbell8@unl.edu](mailto:sbell8@unl.edu)  
or [bdolezal2@unl.edu](mailto:bdolezal2@unl.edu)

### THAYER/NUCKOLLS COUNTY

May 24 | Nelson, NE | [amy.brockman@unl.edu](mailto:amy.brockman@unl.edu)

### NORTHERN PANHANDLE JUDGING CONTEST

May 28 | Hemingford, NE | [astevens4@unl.edu](mailto:astevens4@unl.edu)  
or [mmracek2@unl.edu](mailto:mmracek2@unl.edu)

### SOUTH CENTRAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

May 30 | Bladen, NE | [elizabeth.janning@unl.edu](mailto:elizabeth.janning@unl.edu)

### PREMIER ANIMAL SCIENCE EVENT (PASE)

June 21 | Lincoln, NE | [bfrench6@unl.edu](mailto:bfrench6@unl.edu)

Open to Nebraska 4-H and FFA members ages 10-18. For more information, visit [4h.unl.edu/livestock-judging-circuit](http://4h.unl.edu/livestock-judging-circuit).



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# Building Better Babysitters Clinic



## How do you know when someone is ready to babysit?

How about after they complete a class that teaches them about:

- The Business of Babysitting
- Child Development
- First Aid, CPR, and Safety
- Food & Nutrition
- Entertainment
- and more!

Youth ages 11 and up are  
encouraged to attend.

**Monday, June 10**  
**10:00 am – 3:30 pm**  
**CPR: Thursday, June 13 (optional)**

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Heun Church**  
**Schuyler, Nebraska**

**Cost: \$25.00 per day**  
**Bring a sack lunch for June 10**

**Call 402-352-3821 to register**  
**\*due by 4:30 p.m. June 3rd**

For more information contact KateLynn at  
**Nebraska Extension - Colfax County**  
at [kness2@unl.edu](mailto:kness2@unl.edu)



## County Fair I.D. Tag Requirements

Livestock Division	Form of ID	Deadline
Market Beef	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag & ID Sheet	May 31 (Not eligible for rate of gain after April 15 <sup>th</sup> )
Breeding Beef	Tattoo, EID Tag, or 4-H Ear Tag & ID Sheet	May 31
Feeder Calves	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag & ID Sheet	May 31
Bucket Calves	4-H Ear Tag & ID Sheet	May 31
Market Goats	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	May 31
Breeding Goats	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	May 31
Dairy Goats	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	May 31
Market Sheep	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	May 31
Breeding Sheep	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	May 31
Dairy Cattle	ID Sheet	May 31
Market & Breeding Swine	Ear notches or EID Tag & ID Sheet	May 31
Rabbit	Tattoo and ID Sheet	May 31
Poultry	No ID Sheet Required	
Horse	ID Sheet Drawing	May 31
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, DNA Envelope, & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15
Commercial Breeding Beef	Tattoo OR EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15
Feeder Calf	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & 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, 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, DNA Envelope & 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, DNA Envelope & 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	

# Colfax County Fair Camping Contract

PAD # \_\_\_\_\_

Date rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE

JULY 17-21, 2024

This contract is for one camper pad at the Colfax County Fairgrounds, Leigh NE. One camper pad per exhibitor family.

The fee for the camper pad will be **\$75** for the duration of the fair. Submission of this application means you agree to abide by the rules and guidelines of conduct as outlined in the fair book, violations will be reviewed by the Colfax County Ag Society and can result in immediate termination of this contract.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR NAME(S) AND RELATIONSHIP(S) (ONE CAMPER PAD PER FAMILY)

CAMPER LICENSE NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

Applications must be submitted no sooner than May 1<sup>st</sup> until June 15<sup>th</sup>. This application and a check for \$75 must be sent to Colfax County Ag Society, 1773 Road 6, Clarkson, NE 68629. Applications received prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> will be returned. Confirmation will be emailed before July 5<sup>th</sup>. Campers cannot be in place prior to 8 p.m. Monday night of fair clean up without prior approval via vote of the Colfax County Ag Society. By submitting this application, you agree to abide by the conditions and regulations as written in the Colfax County Fair book.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Colfax County Ag Society representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Face-to-Face YQCA Trainings | Butler County 4-H  
Highway 92 Building | 3190 N Rd, David City, NE 68632**

**Saturday, March 9 | 10-11 am**

**Monday, April 1 | 1:30-2:30 pm**

**Colfax County Fairgrounds: Thursday, May 23 | 3:30 pm**

**\*\*or immediately following the conclusion of Livestock Judging Contest\*\***

**Friday, May 31 | 10-11 am**

**\*\*Youth are only required to attend ONE training to earn their certification\*\***

Registering for quality assurance will be online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>, using your YQCA login. If you are new - please create a new account. You can create a family account - with all youth under one account. Face-to-face sessions cost \$3 and online sessions cost \$12. This is paid online when you register. Youth will need to register online prior to coming to the face-to-face session. Face-to-face sessions will last at least one hour. **When registering for YQCA online - youth will need to complete a pre-test prior to attending the training and a post-test in order to access their certificate after training completion.**

Questions? Contact Aliesha at 402-367-7410 or [aliesha.meusch@unl.edu](mailto:aliesha.meusch@unl.edu).



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# UNL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

JUNE 5-7 | LINCOLN, NE

The UNL Livestock Judging Camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members looking to improve their livestock evaluation and oral reason skills. Activities will focus on proper evaluation with an emphasis on reasons format, terminology, and presentation.

Registration is \$300 per person and includes all meals, lodging, and materials. The registration deadline is Monday, May 20.

[GO.UNL.EDU/JUDGING-CAMP](https://go.unl.edu/judging-camp)

Questions? Contact  
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260-229-3607



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# Summer 2024 CAMP

*The power of being  green*

## CHADRON

JUNE 1-5

8-14 YEARS

## COZAD

JUNE 16-20

10-14 YEARS

JULY 1-3

8-10 YEARS

## BURWELL

JULY 17-19

8-10 YEARS

JULY 20-24

10-14 YEARS



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