



Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

4-H Newsletter June & July 2020

4-H Updates:

Hints for Successful Exhibiting

*All exhibits (including Clover Kid exhibits) should be marked with exhibitor name separate from the entry tag. This way if the entry tag becomes separated from the exhibit, the exhibit can still be identified.

*Check the fair book to see if any supporting information is needed. **Supporting information** may include: recipes, woodworking plans, information cards, etc.

*All clothing/sewing items need a clothing label. If there is more than one piece to a clothing exhibit, put a clothing label on all pieces. This clothing label needs to be attached **SEPARATELY** from the entry tag.

*Put all garments on a wire hanger.

*Put a clear plastic bag on all clothing exhibits. This is to protect **YOUR** garment.

*You must be enrolled in the project in order to exhibit in the project.

*The cultivar name needs to be on the entry tag for floriculture and horticulture exhibits. **THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE 4-H MEMBER.** Find out this information **BEFORE** you bring your exhibit to the fair. **DO NOT** wait until entry day to do this.

Entry Tags for 4-H Building

Entry tags will be printed by the Extension office. Tags will be printed based off of pre-entry sheets. This will be for all Exhibits-static **AND** livestock. We will send out an email when tags are ready to be picked up.

Fair Books are Online

You can find the fair book online at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/colfax/resources/> or <http://www.colfaxcountyfair.com/>.

Fair Book Clarification

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Help Needed at County Fair

We will be needing adult and teen volunteers to help at the county fair and judging days this year. A meal and refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office.

County Fair Clean-Up

2020 Fair clean-up will look different this year. Watch your email for updates.

Superintendent's Meeting

A letter will be sent to superintendents about the before fair meeting. Watch your mail for more information.

Exhibit Hall Hours

Please note the 4-H exhibit hall will be open Friday from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. for 4-H families **ONLY** to view the static exhibits.

4-H Project Tips and Notes:

Photography Exhibits

Personal Data Tags for photography changed in 2020. **Do not** use old tags. See the fair book for details. Let us know if you would like us to email you a copy of the Data Tag or stop by the office to pick up a copy. They are also on our website <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/colfax/photography-tags/> under the Colfax County 4-H tab.

Copyright Materials

Remember that the use of copyrighted materials such as cartoon characters or commercial product names is **PROHIBITED** unless it is on purchased fabric. Avoid using decals or stickers and try using your art skills and paint or draw your logos for your fair projects.

County Sewing Project Requirements

Reminder: All entries must include pictures of assembly and/or 4-H member wearing clothing item(s) or holding non-clothing item(s). Items made from new bolt material need pictures of 4-H member wearing or holding the finished product. If item is an upcycled garment, 4-H member must include pictures of the item before deconstruction, during construction and of the final product worn or held by the 4-H member.

Learning Opportunities:

Contests:

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.

Tree, Horticulture, Weed/Grass & Entomology Contests

The 2020 Tree I.D., Horticulture, Weed/Grass and Entomology Contests will be held on June 25th in Columbus beginning at 12:15 p.m.

Contestants will have to ID different plants, including vegetables, perennials, flowers, and trees for the first two contests. The weed and grass contestants will have to ID weeds and grasses from a list of around 60 plants that will be available from the Extension Office. The participants in the Entomology contest will have to identify insects. We have study materials available for those that want information on all of these contests. Youth 10 years and older will be eligible to compete at the state Contests. Registration deadline is Tuesday June, 23rd. Please call the Extension Office to register.

Favorite Foods Revue and Fashion Revue

The Favorite Foods Revue and Fashion Revue will be held on July 8th in the Heun Church Basement. Favorite Foods Revue will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by Fashion Revue from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Pre-entry is required for both of these contests. Please

call the office by July 2nd to register for these contests.

Livestock:

Thanks to Tom Messing for the Chicks!

The Extension Office staff and all 4-H'ers who received free chicks from Tom Messing would like to thank him again for all his time and effort. With some good luck, we will have plenty of chickens to be shown at fair. Thanks again.

Livestock Showmanship Update

Animals shown for showmanship, must be shown in another class. Exhibitors cannot bring an animal just for showmanship.

2020 Swine Show

Swine will not be shipped in 2020. ALL Swine will return home.

Be Sure to Follow the Dress Code at Fair for all Animal Exhibitors!

Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, poultry, small animals, goats, cats, sheep, swine and rabbits are required to wear a Colfax County 4-H t-shirt, plain white shirt (including t-shirt) or blouse with the official 4-H chevron attached, or a national 4-H t-shirt. Club t-shirts are not allowed. Dark blue jeans are required for beef, cat, sheep, swine, goats, small animals, poultry and rabbit exhibitors. Dairy and dairy goat exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants. All animal exhibitors must wear closed toe shoes. No sandals allowed. No hats, cap or other type of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. Exhibitors shall not display commercial or other identification while showing their animals except official 4-H and such identification the show ring may require. Horse exhibitors must have armbands while exhibiting to enter the arena.

Upcoming Events

June 25: 4-H Weed, Tree, Insect and Horticulture ID Contest, Columbus

July 1: Deadline to Nominate Livestock for State Fair and DNA to be returned to Extension Office

July 3: Office Closed in Observation of Independence Day

July 2: Deadline to register for Favorite Foods Revue and Fashion Revue

July 8: Favorite Foods Revue and Fashion Review at Heun Church Basement

July 13-19: Colfax County Fair!!