



Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

4-H Newsletter May 2020

Announcements:

Email Notice

Please remember the email address that 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.

2020 Fair book

The 2020 Colfax County Fair book can now be found on line at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/colfax/resources/>. Major updates to the 2020 fair book are in the Photography & Aerospace areas.

4-H Updates:

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.

Attention Independent Members

For Colfax County 4-H to be successful we need all members, both in clubs and independent members to help out throughout the year, and especially at fair time! Both club and independent members will be asked to help clean the fairgrounds on the Monday of fair week and work at the funnel cake stand this year. Don't be surprised if you are an independent member and you get contacted to help!

4-H ID Requirements for Animals Showing at Colfax County Fair

Animals that will be shown only at the Colfax County Fair will need similar ID as last year as shown in the table on the last page. Animals that will also be shown at the State Fair will use ID requirements for those shows, but will need to turn in an ID sheet by June 1st to the Extension Office.

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.

College Scholarships

The Colfax County 4-H Council sponsors college Scholarships to youth meeting the following criteria.

- 1) Minimum of 5 years 4-H membership
- 2) Must be a 4-H member the Junior and Senior year of high school
- 3) Must be enrolled in either a 4 year college or university, a 2 year college, or a trade School.

Eligible youth have received a letter and the form to complete. If you did not receive a letter, and you think you are eligible, please contact us. Each eligible youth will receive a \$200 scholarship.

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.

Camps and 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

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. The Deadline for camp Scholarship is June 1, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Nebraska 4-H and Nebraska 4-H Camp has had to make changes to programming. All face to face meetings, camps, and events have been cancelled through June 15th. The following camps are what is still scheduled for 2020:

Nebraska State 4-H Camp - Halsey, Nebraska

Residential Overnight Sessions
(Explorer 8-11 Years; Discovery 11-14 Years)
July 19-23 4-H Summer Blast 2 \$460
July 26-30 4-H Summer Blast 3 \$460
Transportation Option for both camps \$50

Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center - Gretna, Nebraska

Residential Overnight Sessions
(Explorer 8-11 Years; Discovery 11-14 Years)
August 2-7 4-H Summer Blast 4 \$550
August 9-14 4-H Summer Blast 5 \$550

Summer Day Camp Sessions (Camp Cloverleaf 6-11 Years)

Day Camp Trip - Louisville State Recreation Area
Pick Up/Drop Off Locations -
Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center
Gretna's Peterson Park Shelter (W Angus & NE HWY 31) *Contingent on Park Being Open*
August 3-7 BLAST Day Camp \$200
August 10-14 BLAST Day Camp \$200

Livestock:

EID Tags and DNA Testing for State Fair

Any beef or swine market 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 along with EID tags. 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 \$2.75. DNA testing costs \$7.00 per animal. So if you have any idea of showing at the Nebraska State Fair be sure to get EID tags and 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. County only breeding sheep or goats will use scrapies tag.

Market Lamb & Market Goat Tagging

All market sheep and goats will need a scrapies tag in order to be shown at the Colfax County Fair and the Nebraska State Fair.

Livestock Showmanship Reminder

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

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 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.

Online Livestock Judging Video Series

Check out the Online Livestock Judging Videos. This is a new video series that will provide youth the chance to evaluate the class, listen to a critique of the class and gain some knowledge regarding terminology for their reasons moving forward.

Each week they will add 1 to 3 classes to the series. You can access these videos at 4h.unl.edu/livestock

Learning Opportunities: Contests:

District Horse Show

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic all District Horse Shows have been cancelled.

Livestock Judging Contest

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Colfax County Livestock Judging Contest has been postponed until August. Stay tuned for more information.

Online Insect Identification Contest

The Nebraska 4-H Online Insect Identification Contest provides an opportunity for participants to put their entomological knowledge to the test. The contest consists of insect identification and multiple-choice questions. Participants will gain knowledge about insects and entomology through this competition. This contest can serve as practice for county contests and the State Fair 4-H Insect Identification Contests.

The contest is open to all youth, as well as adults. Youth do not need to be enrolled 4-H members to participate. The contest will be available from Friday, June 5 through Friday, June 19, 2020 at <https://4h.unl.edu/online-insect-id-contest>.

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 members (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.

2020 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 5-22, 2020 at: <https://go.unl.edu/hortcontest>.

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 container 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 information about the Nebraska State contest along with a list of study materials can be found in the Fair book <http://4h.unl.edu/fairbook/plant-science/horticulture-id>. Here you can find the written study materials for the knowledge portion, follow links to plant pictures for help with identification, and read how judging of plant material is done.

P.A.S.E. & LIFE CHALLENGE

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic PASE has been postponed until September. Stay tuned for more details. Life Challenge has been cancelled for 2020.

Upcoming Events

May 8: Deadline to register for virtual Speech/PSA & Presentation Contest

May 12: 4-H Council Mtg. 7 p.m. via Zoom

May 25: Office Closed for Memorial Day

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

June 1: Camp Scholarship Deadline

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?