



March 2024

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CALENDAR

****Haskell Ag Lab = Haskell or HAL****

March 4.....Deadline for 4-H Horse Stampede
March 10.....Daylight Saving Time Begins – Spring Forward
March 21.....Entry Deadline for All-Contest Day & Shirt Logo Contest
March 25.....4-H Council, 7:00 PM at Haskell
March 23.....4-H Horse Stampede, UNL East Campus
March 31.....Easter
April 1.....Extension Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at HAL
April 1All-Contest Day **Allen Methodist Church
..... 6:30 PM Music Contest, Speaking & Presentation Contests
..... 7:00 PM Favorite Foods Revue
April 21-27National Volunteer Week

Nebraska 4-H Month Proclamation

Delaney Stark, Grace Hansen, and Brooks Stark met with the Dixon County Board of Supervisors on February 13 to have a 4-H proclamation signed during Nebraska 4-H Month. They were able to share their 4-H sparks. Dixon County 4-H says thank you to the Dixon County Board of Supervisors for all their support of the 4-H program during the year.



2024 Dixon County Fair: July 6-10
(Static Entry Day – July 5)



Angela Abts – Extension Educator
(4-H and Youth Development)

Mitiku Mamo – Extension Educator
(Water and Cropping Systems)

Sarah Paulos – Extension Educator
(Early Childhood)

Monica Ebmeier – Office Staff
mebmeier2@unl.edu (402) 584-2234

Haskell Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Fundraiser for Haleigh Victor

daughter of Brandon and Katie Victor

Please come and help support Haleigh and her family through her multi-level dual leg surgery and inpatient therapy



Spaghetti Supper

(take out available)

Silent Auction

Ends at 7

March 9th, 4-7:30 pm

Sacred Heart
601 Main Street
Emerson, NE



For any questions or donations please contact Beth @402-841-6289, Kendra 402-404-0231, or Stacey @712-204-8702

Monetary donations can be sent to Dennis Victor, 601 West Front Street, Emerson, NE 68733.

Starter money donated by Thrivent, and meat donated by Tyson Foods, Ice cream by Hiland-Roberts.

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T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



- Designer must be a 2024 member of Dixon County 4-H.
- Each designer will receive a gift.
- Logo will be placed on the back of T-Shirt and may use up to 2 colors.
- Design must be the artist's original work & be unlicensed.
- Design may be altered to follow National 4-H guidelines.
- Include the artist's name with submission.
- Winner will be announced on Facebook, email, and March newsletter.

**The winning
artist will receive
a gift certificate
for some official
4-H swag!**



**Submission Deadline is Thursday, March 21, 2024,
to the Extension Office by email or printed copy.**

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Dixon County 4-H All-Contest Day

Monday, April 1, 2024

**United Methodist Church
402 Summit Drive, Allen**

**6:30 PM Music Contest and
Communications Contests
7:00 PM Favorite Foods Revue**

Contest areas:

- *Prepared Speech, *Impromptu Speech
- *Radio Public Service Announcements (PSA) Contest
Theme "**4-H is a Feeling**"
- *Illustrated Presentations
- *Video Communication
- Music Contest (county only)
- Favorite Foods Contest (county only)

*Qualifying entries could be chosen
for the Premier Communication Event,
held in Lincoln, June 17-18, 2024

Flyers, contest information, and registration forms were mailed to families mid-February. Entries will be recorded for airing in the Ag Hall during the Dixon County Fair.

Forms are also available online:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/contests/>

Registration deadline March 21, 2024

Digital entries accepted.



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2024 Special Garden Project Princess of India Nasturtium

This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten.

Youth must enroll in Horticulture in 4-H Online. Contact the Extension Office to add individual names to the list and ensure that your family get seeds (one packet per youth). Packets will be mailed to families in March/April.



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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Be watching for special emails, Facebook posts, and the Dixon County Extension website for updated scholarship links. Check back often!
<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/awards-senior-scholarships/>

Dixon County 4-H Council Scholarship:

Applications were mailed directly to this year's high school Seniors. To be eligible, high school Seniors must be:

- enrolled in Dixon County 4-H for the 2024 program year by January 30, 2024. Club members and Independent members are encouraged to apply!
- have participated in the Dixon County 4-H program for at least 4 years prior.
- And if your 4-H Senior is entering the military, they are also eligible for this scholarship. Copies of enlistment papers are required.



DATA DRIVEN 4 - H STATISTICS

What: Data Science and Statistics Field Day and Competition

Who: Teams of four high school students and one adult coach

When: Saturday March 16, 2024, 10 AM - 4 PM

Where: Dinsdale Learning Commons on UNL East Campus

Why: \$500 CASNR Scholarships for Top Scoring Team Members

Additional Information:

- Teams will compete in 5 unique games with a focus on probability, data science, and a little bit of luck.
- Additional rewards include Nebraska swag, time with industry professionals, and more!
- Team Members should be in 10th - 12th grades, with occasional exceptions allowed for exceptional 9th graders; and all members on a team should be from the same or neighboring counties.

BONUS: Registration costs for the first 20 teams is sponsored by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

More information will be available soon on the rules of each game.

Interested in Competing?

Contact Kimberly Stanke, UNL Extension Assistant Professor, at kstanke2@unl.edu to get more information as it becomes available! Coaches or teachers with less than a full team are encouraged to contact Kimberly to be connected with others in your area.



CASNR

4h.unl.edu/data-driven



Summer 2024
CAMP
The power of
being  green



REGISTER TODAY
[4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-REGISTER](https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register)

CHADRON
JUNE 1-5
JUNE 6-8

10-14 YEARS
8-10 YEARS

COZAD
JUNE 16-20
JULY 1-3

10-14 YEARS
8-10 YEARS

BURWELL
JULY 17-19
JULY 20-24

8-10 YEARS
10-14 YEARS



Dixon County 4-H Council 2024 Meeting Schedule

March 25
June 17

May 20
September 16



Meetings are at 7:00 PM, at the Haskell Ag Lab. Zoom will be scheduled as needed. Each club, including Teen Leaders are asked to have at least one representative at each meeting. ANY 4-H MEMBER, including Independent members, and parents are welcome to any meeting.

4-H Leader and Volunteer Training

If you're a new volunteer for 2024, you must be screened for this year. It is an online process, which includes background checks. There is a \$5.00 fee to paid online during the screening process. Information can be found here: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/enrollment-volunteers/>

And HEADS UP!

All counties in Nebraska, are in a 5-year rotation for when ALL volunteers are screened. 2025 is Dixon County's next turn, where ALL volunteers will repeat the process. This includes the volunteers who completed the screening in 2024. Our volunteers will receive a letter when it is time to complete the screening.



4-H Volunteers – You May Be Contacted for the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study! We are excited to share that Nebraska will be participating in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region. A random sample of volunteers of 1000 volunteers from each state will be surveyed. You may be picked!!! If you are, please respond. Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational and public impacts of volunteers involved with 4-H Youth Development Programs in our twelve-state region.

Next Chapter at Nebraska, a partnership between Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development and the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Offices of Admissions, is a college readiness program offered to enrolled 4-H members in their 8th-grade year. Throughout high school, Next Chapter scholars engage in a variety of events, activities, and curriculum where they will participate in career exploration, develop research skills, and experience a variety of learning methods that will help them transition to and succeed in college. Current Eighth grade, Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are invited to attend. We will conduct the program locally or there is also an online option. We are offering Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 for students 8th grade through Seniors.

Next Chapter

Current Eighth Grade, Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are invited to attend.

March 29, 2024

Wayne County Courthouse
510 N Pearl Street, Wayne

All participants are invited to stay or come for lunch.

Chapter 1

9:00 AM Welcome / Ice Breaker
9:15 AM Session 1 – SMART Goals
10:00 AM Session 2 – PSA
Break
10:30 AM Session 3 – Discovering Careers
11:15 AM Session 4 – Community Service
11:45 AM Dismissal
12:00 Noon Lunch

Chapter 2

1:00 PM Welcome / Ice Breaker
1:15 PM Session 1 – Time Management
2:00 PM Session 2 – Communication & Presentation
Break
2:30 PM Session 3 – Study Skills
3:15 PM Session 4 – Procrastination & Motivation
3:45 PM Dismissal



RSVP by calling the Wayne County Extension Office at (402) 375-3310 or emailing wayne-county@unl.edu by 5:00 PM on March 25, 2024.

Chapters 3 and 4 will take place on May 30, 2024 at the Wayne County Courthouse
Chapter 3 (9:00 AM–11:45 AM) | Chapter 4 (1:00 PM–3:45 PM)
RSVP due May 24, 2024



INNOVATIVE YOUTH CORN CHALLENGE

- Can you improve corn yields to meet the growing global demand?
- Open to 4-H & FFA members
- Over \$2,000 in cash prizes awarded!
- Network with agronomic professionals!
- Access to valuable corn resource materials!

Deadline to enter the contest: March 15th
Download entry forms at <http://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth>

start the
innovation

For more info, call 402-759-3712.

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SAVE THE DATE

MAY 29, 2024

NCTA, CURTIS, NE

Animal Science Discover
Day is a hands-on
educational program
designed to engage youth
in Animal Science topics
and Agricultural Careers.

Registration information
will be available after
February 1st.

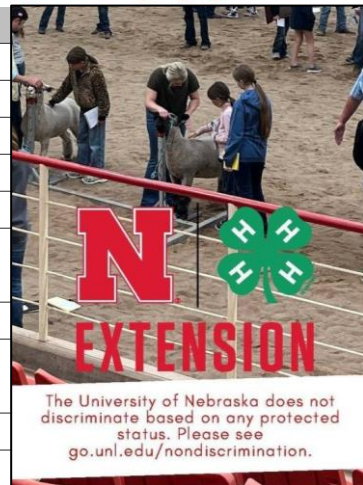


GREAT PLAINS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CIRCUIT

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

2024 SCHEDULE

Date	Contest	Location	Coordinator
February 17	Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic	Kearney, NE	theclassicne@gmail.com
April 5	Nebraska State FFA	Lincoln, NE	bfrench6@unl.edu
April 13	Weld County, Colorado	Greeley, CO	lhooker@co.weld.co.us
April 20	Logan County Colorado	Sterling, CO	jd.sexton@colostate.edu
April 27	The Southwest Classic	Imperial, NE	rgngittlein720@gmail.com
May 23	Butler, Colfax, & Platte County	Leigh, NE	bdolezal2@unl.edu or sbell8@unl.edu
May 24	Thayer-Nuckolls County	Nelson, NE	amy.brockman@unl.edu
May 28	Northern Panhandle Judging Contest	Hemingford, NE	astevens4@unl.edu or mmracek2@unl.edu
May 30	South Central Judging Contest	Bladen, NE	elizabeth.janning@unl.edu
June 21	Premier Animal Science Event (PASE)	Lincoln, NE	bfrench6@unl.edu



8TH ANNUAL AGRONOMY YOUTH FIELD DAY

SAVE THE DATE!!

TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 2024

NCTA, CURTIS, NE



OPEN STATEWIDE TO YOUTH AGES 9-18; PARENTS & ADULTS ARE WELCOME TOO. FREE EVENT! REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON
YOUTH WILL LEARN ABOUT CAREERS IN PRECISION AG, AGRONOMY, WEED SCIENCE & IRRIGATION THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FROM NEBRASKA EXTENSION AND NCTA CROPPING & WATER SYSTEMS EDUCATORS & OTHER CROP SCIENTISTS



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4-H Youth Development

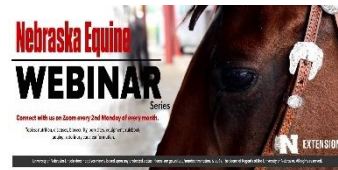
Large Animal Shows and Clinics

The 4-H Horse Stampede, held annually on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus, provides 4-H members an opportunity to showcase and demonstrate their equine knowledge through a variety of 4-H horse contests that do not require live horses, including public speaking, demonstrations, quiz bowl, art and photography contests. This year's event will be held **Saturday, March 23, 2024**. There is a \$10 entry fee per participant and a \$10 office fee per exhibitor. Event shirts are also available for pre-order. All orders, fees, and entry forms must be submitted online by March 4, 2024. <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede>



The State 4-H Horse Expo is an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate their skills and knowledge of horses at state-level shows and contests. The Expo is held annually and hosts the State 4-H Horse Show, State 4-H Hippology Contest, and State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. Will be held July 13-17, 2024, in Grand Island. <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>

The Nebraska Equine Webinar Series is held every second Monday of every month. Topics include: nutrition, disease, biosecurity, parasites, equipment, rulebook, judging, vet care, and confirmation. These webinars will be a great place for 4-H leaders/parents and senior youth to learn about many different areas. Past webinars: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series>



The Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects, including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition, by recognizing youth striving to improve their livestock project knowledge and leadership. <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>

The 2024 Hippology Academy kicks off on February 17. Topics for this year include toxic plants of the northeast, horse evaluation, feeding myths, soil testing and usage, identifying feeds, and fencing. Twice weekly lectures. <https://go.unl.edu/e08z>



Virtual Judging Camp is an online judging camp for anyone thinking about giving horse judging a try! Includes at-home assignments, reasons critique, 4 interactive virtual meetings, quizzes, and certificate of completion! Experts from UNL, Perdue Univ, Oklahoma State Univ, and Middle Tennessee Univ. Cost is \$50. Link to register: <https://go.unl.edu/74wx>

4-H Advancement Level Study Courses

Are you planning on showing your horse in 4-H at the county fair or state horse show? This is a great time to prepare! Reminder, you must have your level 1 completed to show at the Dixon County Fair. Please check out the additional levels needed for classes at the state horse show at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse>

Small Animal Shows and Clinic

UNL 2024 Chick Days is an annual educational event for small and back-yard poultry producers and youth to learn more about the poultry industry. The event is open to both youth (Ages 7-18) and adults (ages 19 and up). This year's event will be held from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, on **March 16, 2024** at the Department of Animal Science, 3940 Fair St., Lincoln, NE. Printable registration: <https://animalscience.unl.edu/chick-days>



The **Lancaster County Extension 4-H Spring Rabbit Show** will be held on **Saturday, March 16, 9:00 AM** at Sandhills Global Event Center, 84th & Havelock – South Hall. Open to all youth ages 8–18, with a Clover Kids class for youth ages 5–7 - regardless of county! This is a great opportunity for youth to talk to other 4-H'ers about where to purchase a good rabbit for a 4-H project, and to learn and practice showmanship. Rabbit Quiz and Breed Identification contests are free for youth to enter! AND - the knowledge contests are open to adults for a minimal fee! More details can be found at: <https://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/stories/92465>



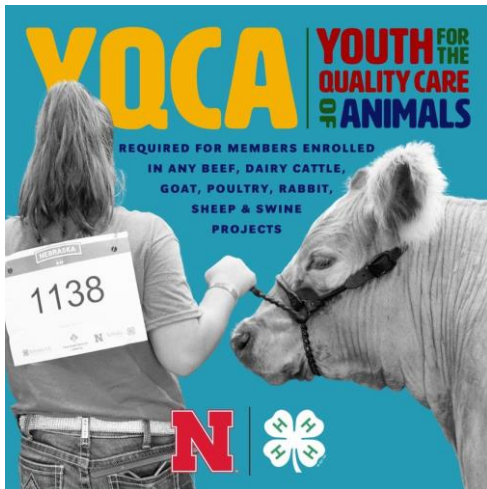
YQCA Certification

<https://yqcaprogram.org>

The downtime of Christmas break would be a great time to knock out your youth's 2024 YQCA requirements! 4-H (ages 8-18) and FFA (under age 19) exhibitors as of January 1, 2024, who exhibit beef, goats, sheep, swine, rabbit & poultry are **REQUIRED to complete YQCA training by June 15, 2024**, to be eligible to participate at the Dixon County Fair and Nebraska State Fair. (*Clover Kids are not required to complete YQCA training*)

Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete an **annual** quality assurance training through the YQCA program.

YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. 4-H members who exhibit beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine must have the YQCA certification completed before fair. 4-H members who exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair will need to have their YQCA training requirements met by the date of entry for those respective shows.



The annual training may be completed by one of the following:

- **Face-to-Face Training with a Certified Instructor: \$3.00 each.**

Registrations for Face-to-Face training are to be completed and paid on the YQCA website.

- **Online Course: \$12.00 each.**

- **Online Test Out:** This option is only available to youth in their first year of Intermediate (age 12) and first year of Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. **Costs are: Intermediate - \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and Senior - \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification).**

If you pass, you will not be required to complete the annual training requirements for the remainder of your current age level (Intermediates: 12-14; and Seniors: 15-18). Each test consists of fifty randomly selected questions and has a pass rate of 80% or better for certification.

- **Help documents** for web-based training, instructor-led training, test-out option, printing/downloading, and hearing disability accommodations, are available on the Dixon County Extension website:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/4-h-animal-science-resources/>

- **Provide printed copies or pdf copies of your certificates.** Photos must be readable. Check before sending.

As of the printing of this newsletter, no In-Person classes have been scheduled in the immediate area.

Premise ID

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>

- This is an identification number that is unique PIN permanently assigned to a location, so that health officials can quickly and precisely identify where animals are located in the event of an animal health or food safety emergency.
- Any animal that carries an 840 EID tag is required to obtain a Premise ID. It does not identify the animal.
- Premise ID information is to be inputted into Show Stock Manager under the parent profile.
- Once the exhibitor establishes the Premise ID for their ranch location, they will not be required to set up another unless the livestock are housed at a different location/address that does not already have an ID through the NDA.
- Complete the registration on the above website. Select "Production Unit". Email/Mail the completed form to the address shown on that page. Questions? Call the Program Manager at 402-471-6865.





2024 Nebraska State Fair: August 23 – September 2



****NEBRASKA STATE FAIR MINIMUM SHOW AGE CHANGING TO 8 FOR 2024****

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 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, contests) 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.

The 4-H State Dog Show will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at the Heartland Event Center, Grand Island. More info to come! <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-dog-exhibitor>



2024 Nebraska State Fair 4-H Livestock

All livestock in contention to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair will be required to submit a DNA nomination. This includes all 4-H and FFA breeding livestock, market livestock, and feeder calves. Any DNA nomination submitted through Show Stock Manager will also be eligible for exhibition at the Aksarben Stock Show. DNA nominations will be \$7.00 per animal. All animals will automatically be eligible for both breeding and market—no additional fees or double payments will be required.



**STATE FAIR
LIVESTOCK
NOMINATIONS
DUE JUNE 15**

DNA nominations for the Nebraska State Fair are due on June 15, 2024.

Any 4-H member planning to exhibit livestock at the [Nebraska State Fair](https://www.statefair.org/) must complete the appropriate livestock identification requirements for each potential animal. This process nominates the animals for the 4-H livestock shows at the Nebraska State Fair and provides evidence that the animals are part of the youth's livestock projects. The process makes an individual animal eligible for entry at the Nebraska State Fair.

Please note that completing the state identification requirements does not automatically enter the animal or exhibitor for the Nebraska State Fair. The exhibitor must still complete the separate online State Fair entry process. Animals that are not identified and nominated using the appropriate state requirements by the deadlines below will not be eligible to be entered or shown at the Nebraska State Fair.

<https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-livestock-id>

Show Stock Manager Online Nomination Website (<https://showstockmgr.com/>)

State Fair Animal Identification & Nomination Handout (2024) (available as a pdf)

Frequently Asked Questions (2024) (<https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-livestock-identification-nomination-faq>)

Dairy Affidavit (2024) (<https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-livestock-id>)

Nebraska State Fair Website (<https://www.statefair.org/>)

Instruction Documents (each available as a pdf)

[Step-by-Step Online Nomination Instructions \(2024\)](#)

[Cattle Hair Sample Collection Instructions](#)

[Sheep & Goat Hair Sample Collection Instructions](#)

[Swine Hair Sample Collection Instructions](#)

These sites can also be accessed through the Dixon County Animal Resources website:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/4-h-animal-science-resources/>

Livestock DNA Envelopes and Online Nominations for State Fair

<https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-livestock-id>

- Exhibitors showing market beef, breeding beef, feeder calves, market swine, breeding swine, breeding sheep, market goats, and breeding goats at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope and hair samples for DNA verification. We have new envelopes at the office. Any envelopes from previous years will not be accepted, and should be thrown away.
- Every animal nomination (market, breeding and feeder) will require a DNA submission.
- DNA must be turned in to the extension office and have completed the online submission with payment to Show Stock Manager **by June 15**.
- \$7.00 per online nomination. DNA envelopes are free.
- All exhibitors will need to sign the DNA envelopes to be eligible to show their market animals.
- All DNA submitted by June 15 for 4-H will also be eligible for the Aksarben Stock Show.
 - If exhibiting only at the Aksarben Stock Show, families will need to order and pay for their envelopes directly to the Aksarben Stock Show. Ordering and submission deadlines are different from the State Fair.
- Exhibitors will be required to provide the breed registration association paperwork for breeding class livestock. Papers must show the exhibitor's name or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family and is listed with the online nomination in Show Stock Manager.



State Fair Livestock Dual Eligibility (Market & Breeding)

- Females may be eligible as both market and breeding, provided a DNA envelope with hair samples has been submitted by the extension office, and the family completed the online nomination with payment includes all required identification information for both a market and breeding animal by June 15.
- Double identification does not allow the animal to be shown in both market and breeding.
- Double identification does not allow an animal to be shown in both 4-H and FFA at the State Fair.

Show Stock Manager (www.showstockmgr.com)

- Opening day was February 1, 2024.
- This is not the system to enter livestock for the State Fair.
- Families are to declare that all information is correct in Show Stock Manager by July 1, 2024.

Be sure to read the online Nebraska State Fair book!

<https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/rules>

Changes have been made from last year.

2024 State Fair Schedule: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-schedule>

2024 DIXON COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR



Dates and Times are subject to change

January						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
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(**Haskell Ag Lab = Haskell or HAL**)	
Jan. 1	New Year's Day (Haskell Closed)
Jan. 2	Business Hours Resume at Haskell
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Haskell Closed)
Jan. 22	4-H Council, 7:00 PM at HAL
Jan. 30	Club Year-End Treasurer Reports Due
** February is Nebraska 4-H Month **	
Feb. 1	4HOnline 2.0 Enrollment First Deadline
Feb. 4	Rescheduled 4-H Achievement Party, 6:00-8:00 PM Norm Wait YMCA, South Sioux City
Feb. 5	Extension Board Meeting, 6:00 PM at HAL
Feb. 10	Beef Weigh-In, 10:00 AM to Noon
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May 27	Memorial Day (Haskell Closed)
May 29	County and State 4-H Horse Deadlines • Horse ID Sheets and Horse Advancement Levels
June 1	Horse Identification Certification
June 3	Extension Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at HAL
June 15	4-H Deadline Day (Late Fee Schedule Begins) • Final 4-HOnline 2.0 Enrollment Deadline (www.v2.4HOnline.com) • YQCA (certification completed, copies submitted to the Ext. Office) • DNA envelopes due to the Ext Office • Livestock Online Nominations Entered & Paid in Show Stock Manager • Livestock Affidavits (tag numbers must match pre-fair entry forms) • Bucket Calf & Return Bucket Calf Record Books • Vaccination papers for Cats and Dogs due • Clothing/Fashion Revue Paperwork and Narrations • Pre-Fair Entry Forms (Horticulture entry forms Due July 2)
June 17	4-H Council, 7:00 PM at HAL
June 18	State 4-H Speaking Contest
June 20-21	PASE – Premier Animal Science Event
June 21	Last Day to Accept Late 4-H Fair Entries & Late Fees
June 29	Fashion Revue, 8:30 AM, Recorded *Open to the Public 4-H Pre-Fair Judging (Clothing & Textiles, Photography) 10:00 AM
June 27	Fairgrounds Clean Up Night and Packet Pickup at 6:30 PM
July 2	Deadline for 4-H Horticulture Entry Forms, 4:30 PM
July 2	4-H Dog, Cat, & Pets Judging (no Open Class) at location TBD
July 4	Independence Day (Haskell Closed)
July 5	4-H Static Judging, Ag Hall on fairgrounds
JULY 6-10	DIXON COUNTY FAIR
July 13-17	State 4-H Horse Expo, Fonner Park
Aug. 12	Extension Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at HAL
Aug. 20	State Fair Static Project Drop off to HAL by Noon
Aug. 23-Sept. 2	NEBRASKA STATE FAIR
Sept. 2	Labor Day (Haskell Closed)
Sept. 16	4-H Council, 7:00 PM at HAL
Oct. 6-12	National 4-H Week
Oct. 7	Extension Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at HAL
Nov. 3	Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall Back
Nov. 18	Deadline for Achievement Applications & Diamond Clover Forms
Nov. 20	4-H Council ADVISORY MEETING, 7:00 PM at HAL
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day (Haskell Closed)
Nov. 29	Haskell Closed
Dec. 2	Extension Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at HAL
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	UNL Holiday Closedown (Haskell Closed)

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3	4 Entry deadline for 4-H Horse Stampede	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward	11	12 Haskell Coffee & Conversation 9:00 AM	13 	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Entry Deadline All-Contest Day & Shirt Logo Contest	22	23 4-H Horse Stampede
24	25 4-H Council 7:00 PM	26	27	28	29 Next Chapter in Wayne	30
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	1 All-Contest Day 6:30 PM Allen Methodist Ch. Ext. Board 7:00 PM	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16 Haskell Coffee & Conversation 9:00 AM	17	18	19	20
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National Volunteer Week - April 21-27						
						Rocket Workshop & Launch (info coming)
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2024 4-H State Fair Animal Nomination/Identification Requirements

Project Area	Nomination Requirements	Due Date	Show Entry Deadline
Market Beef	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Registered Breeding Beef	Tattoo, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Commercial Breeding Beef	Tattoo OR EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Feeder Calf	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Market Swine	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Breeding Swine	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Market Sheep	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Breeding Sheep	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Market Goats	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Breeding Goats	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Dairy Cattle	ID Sheet Drawing	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Rabbits & Poultry	No nomination required. Rabbits will be required to have an ear tattoo by the show entry deadline.	-----	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Horse	Horse Identification Certification	June 1	June 1 11:59 PM CST

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

Review individual fairbooks for registered animal requirements as there may be additional items required to be exhibited in a breed class at State Fair, but not to be nominated.

Family Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors will be required to enroll in 4-H by the county deadline in 4H Online.
2. Exhibitors will review their species fairbooks.
3. Exhibitors showing market and/or breeding beef, feeder calves, market and/or breeding swine, market and/or breeding sheep or market and/or breeding goats at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification. **Every animal nomination (this includes all breeding animals and feeder calves) will require a DNA submission.** DNA must be turned into their county office and have completed the online nomination with payment in *Show Stock Manager* by June 15. Any animal carrying an 840 EID tag will require the exhibitor to obtain a Premises ID. Contact the local Extension Office for details. (It is recommended that you make a copy or a photo image of the completed envelope you turn into your county.)
4. Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for the enrolled livestock projects by the August 10.
5. Exhibitors will confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legibility and/or accuracy.
6. Exhibitors will notify the County Extension Staff of any retags that may occur up to time of check-in at the State Fair.
7. Exhibitors will select which animal nominations they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair entry website by August 10. All nominated and validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for entry registration.
8. Exhibitors will be required to bring the breed registration association paperwork to check-in at State Fair for animals wanting to show in a breed class. **The registration papers must show the exhibitor's name or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family and is listed with the online nomination in Show Stock Manager.**

County Staff Responsibilities:

1. Submit an 840 EID tag order for beef and swine animal projects.
2. Schedule and publish weigh-in and/or tagging dates if offered in your county.
3. Request, distribute and collect DNA collectors for families. 840 EID tags should not be distributed without the premise ID being recorded in 4H Online. It is optional but recommended to record on the DNA envelope.
4. Inform families of the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training options available to them (in person and online).
5. Collect all beef, swine, lamb, and goat DNA envelopes by June 15. Families will submit payment online in *Show Stock Manager*. Copy all DNA envelopes for your county records and mail all completed DNA envelopes to the Aksarben Stock Show office by **June 21**.
6. Remind families to confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legibility and/or accuracy.
7. Collect Premises ID numbers from exhibitors and input those into 4H Online.
8. Review and validate all online livestock nominations in *Show Stock Manager* for each exhibitor by **July 1**.
9. Input nomination edits in to Show Stock Manager for your families. Edits will be corrected by the Show Coordinator. For retags, directly notify Brandy Schulze bschulze@unl.edu and/or input the change in *Show Stock Manager*.
10. Inform families that all nominations have been validated and are available for entry at the Nebraska State Fair entry website <https://www.statefair.org/> when the system is open.

Additional Information

- County offices can accept paper ID sheets for their own record keeping but these **will not be accepted as a form of identification for State Fair.** Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, as follows: Market Beef (20), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20).
- There are entry limits for each of the individual species. Exhibitors cannot exhibit more than the following for each species to State Fair: Beef (5), Swine (6), Sheep (4), Goat (4), Poultry (6), Rabbit (6).