

Views from VanDeWalle

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Are you a good farmer or a great manager?

The difference between a good farmer and a great manager often comes down to knowing the true financial position of a farm. Good records make it possible to track an operation's true financial position. Inaccurate records can lead to misguided management decisions.

"Good Farmer to Great Manager" Record-keeping classes will teach farmers and ranchers to keep accurate records for their operations. These classes will be held at three locations:

- Lincoln, July 18 – 19 at the Lancaster County Extension Office
- Bridgeport, July 25 – 26 at the Prairie Winds Community Center
- Grand Island, July 30 - 31 at the Hall County Extension Office

Each class will run from 1p.m. until 5 p.m. the first day, and 8 a.m. until noon the second day. The course fee is \$50 per participant; class size is limited to 25 people per location. Register online at <https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx...>

Keeping good records is less about using a certain software and more about gathering and organizing information, according to Tina Barret the Executive Director of Nebraska Farm Business Inc. and course instructor. "In this class, you will learn about what information you should have easily available as part of your farm or ranch records. When you have good records, everything from tax preparation, annual loan renewals, and financial analysis become much easier," she said. "More importantly, it will allow you to make financial management decisions that improve your business."

2019 Fillmore County Fair 4-H Schedule

Wednesday, July 10

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| 8:00 a.m. | Horse Show |
| 5-8:00 p.m. | Enter Static Exhibits, Ag Hall |

Thursday, July 11

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| 8:00 a.m. | Swine must be in place. |
| 8-10:00 a.m. | Swine Weigh-In |
| 9-10:00 a.m.
Goat/Sheep | Breeding Meat Goat & Breeding Sheep Check-in, Followed by Market |
| 8-10:00 a.m. | Market Beef Weigh-In |
| 10:00 a.m. | Breeding Beef, Cow/Calf, Bucket Calves Check-In |
| 10:00-11:30 | Rabbits & Poultry Check-In |
| 11:00 a.m. | Judging of Static Exhibits, Ag Hall |

Friday, July 12

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| 8:00 a.m. | FFA/4-H Sheep Show, FFA/4-H Goats following |
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5:30 p.m. 4-H Awards Night (Pre-Fair Contests and Static Exhibits)
Following 4-H Awards: Cake Auction

Saturday, July 13

8:00 a.m. FFA/4-H Swine Show
5:00 p.m. Rabbit & Poultry Show

Sunday, July 14

6:30-8:30 a.m. 4-H Breakfast, Ag Hall
9:15 a.m. FFA/4-H Beef Show
3:00 p.m. Companion Animal (Pet) Show, Ag Hall

Monday, July 15

7:30 a.m. Release of Ag Hall Exhibits
8-10:00 a.m. Round Robin Showmanship
Noon 4-H Picnic - Ag Hall
1:00 p.m. Livestock Auction