



January, 2021

Fillmore County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar

January

- 1 Closed – New Year’s Day!
- 11 4-H Council Scholarships Due
- 16 Beef Weigh-In, Geneva Vet Clinic, 8-10:30 am
- 18 Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day

February

Nebraska 4-H Month – More info to follow.

- 15 Closed – Presidents’ Day

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Market Beef Weigh-In

Saturday, January 16, 2021

Geneva Vet Clinic 8-11 a.m.

We are hoping to still have beef weigh in for the 4-H/FFA market beef exhibitors, but it will not be business as usual as you may have guessed. All market beef to be shown at the county fair must attend an official weigh-in. *All market beef going to State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must be DNA tested at weigh-in.* Cost is \$6/head. For 2021, exhibitors will still be responsible for submitting their animal information into the **Show Stock Manager Livestock Database** prior to the nomination deadline. 4-H & FFA youth will be allowed to declare which animals will show as either 4-H or FFA at county fair weigh-in or check-in. If you are unable to attend this weigh-in, call the Extension Office so other arrangements can be made. **If attending another weigh-in, pick up tags at the Extension Office.** Animals must be weighed in within one month of our weigh-in to be eligible for county fair.

If Fillmore County or Nebraska as a state are in the red on the [DHHS dial](#) on January 9th, 2021, beef weigh in will be postponed. In order to follow DHM’s and limit contact the following measures will be followed:

- Masks will be required
- Pick-up DNA envelopes prior to weigh in (if going to state fair or Ak-sar-ben)
- [Print or pick-up county ID Sheet](#) prior to weigh in
 - Please fill out as much information as you can prior to weigh in including-tag number from feeder calves and bucket calves that will be market animals in 2021
- Please sign up for your time slot to weigh in and honor the time you signed up for- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4EA8AC29A7FC1-2021>
- **Thank you for your cooperation!**

on a new 4-H programming year! All 4-H families will enroll in clubs and projects through 4HOnline at ne.4honline.com

Thayer/Nuckolls County Mkt Beef Weigh-In

February 6, 2021

9:00am – 11:00am

Kile Vet Clinic, Superior NE

New 4-H Council Members

Congratulations to the newest 4-H Council members! **Rebecca Svec, Carri Vavra, Faith Engle, Lilly Srajhans, Seth Stengel and Mackenzie Mumm** were elected by 4-H membership to the 4-H Council and will start their terms this month.

We would also like to thank Reid Richards, Madeline Kamler, Brock Swartzendruber, Kaela Lockhart and Jason Oldehoeft for their service on the 4-H Council.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Fillmore County 4-H Program, please contact any of the 4-H Council Members.

2021 4-H Council Members:

Joe Birky	Madison Girmus
Christina Srajhans	Jami Schmidt
Lisa Stofer	Holly Howell
Rebecca Svec	Carri Vavra

Youth Members:

Lilly Srajhans	Faith Engle
Seth Stengel	Mackenzie Mumm

2021 Fair Theme

Have an awesome idea for the 2021 Fair Theme??
Let us know! Give us a call or shoot us an email and
your idea could be the next Fair Theme!

Upcoming Events



VIRTUAL
COMPANION
ANIMAL
CHALLENGE

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EXTENSION

Entries due: 5:00 p.m., April 2, 2021

FEE: \$5 (for youth ages 10-18)

CONTESTS:
DEMONSTRATION
PHOTOGRAPHY
DOG TRIVIA
CAT TRIVIA
ESSAY
ART

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Grace Kim at grace.kim@unl.edu
or visit <http://go.unl.edu/cb83>.



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Horticulture

Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

Do you enjoy being outside? Learning new things about crops? Considering a career involving crops, insects, diseases, soils, water or more? Do you want to help figure out how to feed our world's growing population in a sustainable way?

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the seventh Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production.

As a team (2 or more participants), youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge management summary.

Cash prizes and plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place teams. First place will receive \$1,000, second place will receive \$500, and third place will receive \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and "extra mile" awards will also be given, each worth \$200.

To participate in 2021, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded after January 1st at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities. For more information, contact Brandy.



2021 Special Garden Project Hakurei Turnip

This year the Special Gardening Project is focused on the unique, **Hakurei Turnip**. These are not your grandmother's turnips. Hakurei is a white salad turnip that is smooth, round and at its best when harvested under 2". The roots can be eaten raw or cooked, and the tops can also be cooked.

The Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables and flowers. The project allows experienced 4-H gardeners to grow something fun, new, and different while letting those new to gardening get their feet wet in this project area.

If interested in this project enroll in the special garden project on 4honline and let the Extension office know. The Extension office has ordered seeds and will be receiving them in March/April.

Agronomy

Announcing in 2021.... Special Agronomy Project

The Nebraska Extension Special Agronomy Project gives 4-H members an opportunity to experience a crop that is grown, was grown or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska. Youth participate by receiving seed and resources to grow the crop, research traits of the crop and determine the viability of that crop in the part of the state they live. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different.

To kick-off the inaugural year of the special agronomy project, youth will explore teosinte. The plant looks and is very similar to corn, in fact it is believed to be the wild ancestor of today's corn! Teosinte produces stalks that produce several small ears with a cob and hard, trapezoidal kernels. Being related to corn, the care is very similar so we will plant and fertilize like corn. Plant the seeds 1-2 inches deep, 8 to 12 inches apart. Teosinte is a tropical grass, so wait till soils are warm before planting. Teosinte can take up to 180 days to mature but we can still admire it's similarities to corn! For more information, go to

<https://cropwatch.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project>.

Contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu or 402.759.3712 or Aaron Nygren at anygren2@unl.edu or 402.352.3821.

Livestock

District and State Horse Shows

The dates and locations for the 2021 District 4-H Horse Shows have been finalized! Show information is located on the UNL Animal Science webpage under <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/district-shows>. Remember for district and state horse shows, ALL level testing required for participation in the 2021 District 4-H Horse Shows MUST be completed by May 7, 2021.

2021 District Dates and Sites Set For:

June 14th - Scottsbluff
June 15th - Burwell
June 16th - Columbus
June 17th - Lincoln
June 18th - McCook

The 2021 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show will take place on **July 10-14, 2021**.

4-H Horse Stampede **March 27, 2021**

The horse stampede is a group of contests for youth interested in horses. These contests do not require youth to have a horse all they need is to have an interest and be willing to learn some information about horses.

The 4-H Horse Stampede will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at the Animal Science Complex. Registration starts at 8:30am (**TIME CHANGE** from previous years- please refer to the webpage for updated information). Contests include: Individual Demonstration Contest (can be done in person or through zoom), Team Demonstration (can be done in person or through zoom), Speech (can be done in person or through zoom), Junior or Senior Horse Bowl (team quiz bowl contest), Art Contest (do not need to be present to participate, you can mail in the entries), and Photography Contest (do not need to be present to participate, you can mail in the entries). It will be held the same day as the 4-H Companion Animal Challenge so that youth can compete in both events if they choose. We will

ensure there are not schedule conflicts. If you would like to have lunch or a t-shirt at the contest please make sure to fill out a lunch or t-shirt order form when registering for contests. Entries are due to the Extension office by **March 5, 2021**. For more information and registration forms: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede> Questions? Contact: Dr. Lena Luck (lena.luck@unl.edu) or Grace Kim (grace.kim@unl.edu)



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For youth ages 10-18
Contest rules & entry forms are available at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>.

4-H Horse STAMPEDE

MARCH 27, 2021 UNL ANIMAL SCIENCE BUILDING

CONTESTS: • Demonstration • Photography • Horse Bowl • Speech • Art

Cost: \$10 Entries due, March 5, to your county office.
For more information, contact Grace Kim at grace.kim@unl.edu.

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Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Judging **Contest**

February 13, 2021

The event is open to 4-H and FFA youth, plus college teams.

This is a BEEF only contest.

Thousands of dollars in awards will be presented.

NEW: Top Senior Individual will receive a \$1,000 UNL Animal Science Scholarship.

Go to cattlemens.org for more information.

Applications are due February 5, 2021.





Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. **This training is required for all food producing animal or livestock project members.** Food producing and livestock projects include beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry and rabbit. This year members will go to www.yqca.org and log in using their 4HOnline login. **Members have to have an Active status with 4HOnline to be able to log in and complete the courses.** We hope to offer face to face training this spring depending on future DHM, more information to come.

State Fair Identification

Nebraska 4-H will continue using visible EID tags and DNA for all **market** beef and **market** swine. **Market** lamb & market meat goats will use Scrapie Tags and DNA to exhibit at state fair. The EID tags will be a matched set so a tag and button must be kept as a pair when tagging the animal. Breeding animals that are to be exhibited at the NE State Fair and will need to be nominated. Breeding heifers will need to have a tattoo number or registration number and breeding sheep & goats will need to have the scrapie tag number on the card.

UNL Campus Corner



Apply for admission to UNL; check out the quick online application at <http://admissions.unl.edu/>.

Scholarship Checklist

Most of NEBRASKA's new freshmen receive scholarships and/or gift aid toward payment of their tuition. In order to be awarded a scholarship, students must complete the following checklist.

- Take the ACT or SAT on or before the December national test dates (entering freshmen only).
- For full scholarship consideration, submit admission materials no later than:
 - Freshmen - January 15
 - Transfers - March 1 (Fall) and October 1 (Spring)
- Freshmen or transfer students who wish to be considered for leadership, service, and diversity scholarships must submit a personal statement by January 15 (also available on the admissions application or through your MyRED account).
- Freshman or transfer students who wish to be considered for need-based scholarships must complete the FAFSA.
- Contact your UNL academic department or college about any additional scholarship requirements.

*****January 15, 2020:** UNL Admission deadline for freshman scholarship consideration

Excited for college?

Red Letter Days are for you to get a sneak peek at college life at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during your senior year of high school.

On your visit to campus, you will have the opportunity to:

- Tour campus and the residence halls
- Visit academic facilities and attend sessions with college representatives
- Pick the brain of your tour guide, a current UNL student
- Learn about student engagement opportunities
- Find out important admissions, scholarships and financial information
- Program Fee: \$10.00 per person.

Red Letter Days – POSTPONED

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln takes the health and safety of our campus community very seriously. **Following local, state and federal health guidance, we have postponed all large prospective student events for the foreseeable future, including Red Letter Days.** You can see all visit and connection options currently available at admissions.unl.edu/visit.

