



KEARNEY COUNTY 4-H

Calendar of Events

February 19th – 4-H Spirit Day—Wear your 4-H Shirt with Pride!!
 February 26th – Sponsor and Donor Appreciation Day
 February 27th – Kearney County Beef Weigh-in 9-11 a.m.
 March 5th—Horse Stampede Entries due
 March 6th – Franklin County Beef Weigh-in-10-11:30 a.m.
 March 8th—YQCA Training, 7 p.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds
 March 9th —YQCA Training 7 p.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds
 March 22nd—YQCA Training 7 p.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds
 March 25th—YQCA Training 7 p.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds

Nebraska 4-H Month

February is Nebraska 4-H Month and we are celebrating 4-H all month long. On February 19th wear your 4-H Shirt with Pride as it is 4-H Spirit Day. So wear it to school or wear it to work and share your 4-H Spirit. February 26th is our Sponsor and Donor Appreciation Day. Show your thanks to our great sponsors on this day! This is also a great time to thank someone who has helped you in 4-H!

Each family will be receiving a 4-H Yard sign in the next couple weeks to proudly display in your yard or window! We hope you know how much we appreciate all of you who make 4-H in Kearney County Great!

Re-enrollment

It's time to re-enroll in Kearney County 4-H. All enrollments must be done on-line. Please call the office if you need help! If you need a step-by-step instruction sheet, please call the office. Please enroll A.S.A.P. You can add or delete projects until June 15, 2021.

Market Beef Weigh Dates

Kearney County Market Beef Weigh-In
 February 27th 9-11 a.m.
 Ft. Kearney Feeders Consolidated North of Minden.

Franklin County Market Beef Weigh-In
 March 6th 10-11:30 a.m.
 South Central Animal Health East of Franklin

All Market Beef must be weighed in at a County Weigh-in. If these dates do not work for you or you have concerns, please call the office. You must attend the weigh-in in your County to be eligible for the Rate of Gain Contest at your Fair.

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March Klover Bags

Don't miss out on the March Klover Bags! If you have not yet signed up for any of the previous month Klover Bags, please think about signing up for March. Flyers will go out the first week in March! Remember you do not have to be in 4-H to participate, so share it with your friends and encourage them to take part. AND remember it is FREE!

COVID-19 Updates

4-H Clubs may now meet in person. Please take precautions that are necessary to protect each other. If you have questions, please call the office!

FACEBOOK Page

Please go the Nebraska Extension in Kearney County on Facebook and like our page. Many announcements will be posted on this page. We will also send emails out as things happen, so please check the email that you signed up for 4-H with. We don't want you to miss out!!

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals-YQCA

Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance certification through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

YQCA certification is required for all 4-H or FFA members enrolled in any of the following projects: Beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef), Goat (breeding meat goat, dairy goat, meat goat), Sheep (breeding sheep, market sheep), Swine. YQCA is required annually. Face-to Face Training In-person YQCA training courses cost \$3 per individual regardless of age. This fee is paid for by the Kearney County 4-H Council.

Face to Face YQCA trainings will be held:

March 8 – 7 p.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds

March 9—7 p.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds

March 22—7 p.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds

March 25 – 7 p.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds

Web-based Training can be found at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>. The online YQCA course costs \$12 per individual regardless of age.

Test-out options are only available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels. Test-out costs are: Intermediate: \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) Senior: \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification).

4-H Horse Stampede

The 4-H Horse Stampede is held annually on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus. This year's 4-H Horse Stampede will be held **Saturday, March 27th, 2021**. This event offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that don't require live horses, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team.

There is a \$10 entry fee per contestant. All contest entry forms, including Speech Entry Forms, Junior Horse Bowl Entry Forms, Senior Horse Bowl Entry Forms, Demonstration Entry Forms, and Art & Photography Entry Forms must be submitted along with entry fees to county Extension offices by March 5th, 2021. Forms and more information can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede> T-shirts are also available and should be pre-ordered via the t-shirt order form. All order forms, fees, and exhibits must be submitted to county Extension offices by March 5, 2021.