



KEARNEY COUNTY 4-H

Calendar of Events

February---Nebraska 4-H Month (see below)
 March 1st --CWF Plant Sales Begin
 March 14--Quality Assurance, 7:00 p.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds
 March 15--Quality Assurance, 7:00 p.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds
 March 29--Quality Assurance, 7:00 p.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds
 March 31--Quality Assurance, 7:00 p.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds

Nebraska 4-H Month

February is Nebraska 4-H Month and we are celebrating 4-H all month long. Check out this great schedule!

NEBRASKA 4-H MONTH

- 4-H SPIRIT DAY
Wed, Feb. 2
- 4-H VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY
Wed, Feb 9
- 4-H SERVICE LEARNING WEEKEND
Sat, Feb 12 - Sun, Feb 13
- 4-H SPONSOR & DONOR APPRECIATION DAY
Wed, Feb 16
- 4-H PROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY
Wed, Feb 23

This is also a great time to put your 4-H Yard signs back out. If you do not have one, please come and get yours. We hope you know how much we appreciate all of you who make 4-H in Kearney County Great!

Re-enrollment

4-H Month is also a great 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, you can find it on our website at kearney.unl.edu under the Kearney County 4-H tab. You can add or delete projects until June 15, 2022.

Market Beef Weigh Dates

We are still waiting for Beef tags to come in! These were ordered back in September, and we are not sure of a time of arrival. If we do not get them by the middle of March, we will not hold a weigh-in we will just hand out tags. We have a few tags available for those who need them for the Classic.

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Klover Bags

Don't miss out on 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!

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 14--Quality Assurance, 7:00 p.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds

March 15--Quality Assurance, 7:00 p.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds

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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).

ATTENTION LEADERS!

February is a great time to start your club back up if you have not already done so. We will be holding a Leaders training to help you get ideas for club projects, activities and working with your 4-H'ers. Watch the mail for information once a date can be solidified. All Leaders must enroll as a leader in Kearney County 4-H. Please enroll today!

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

All livestock exhibitors please look at the enclosed sheet and make sure you are aware of all deadlines to exhibit livestock at County Fair and State Fair. If you have questions, please call the office.

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Now is the time to start thinking about the 4-H Public Speaking Contest to be held on April 18th. Public Speaking is an important skill to learn and 4-H is a great way to experience it. Enclosed is a copy of guidelines and rules. If you need help, please call Rhonda!

4-H Horse Information

4-H Horse Stampede Contest- March 26th- Animal Science Complex UNL. Entries due to County offices March 4th
Sign up at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede>

Intro. to Basic Horse Knowledge & Management- VIRTUAL- 6-7pm Mondays March 2022 (7th, 14th, 21, & 28th) More information to come

Nebraska Judges Workshop – April 30th- Animal Science Complex UNL More information to come

Horse Judging Contest- May 1st - Animal Science Complex UN. More information to come

4-H District Horse Shows – June 6-10th. Entries Due May 3rd

CHANGES occurring on the State Level include: New age group/classes

Elementary Ranch Pleasure (10-11 years old)

Individual work will not be used as a trial basis for the 2022 year (Please

see webpage for district procedure details): <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-district-shows-rules>

Fonner Park 4-H State Horse Show- July 9-13th – Grand Island, NE

Entries Due May 6th Slightly modified show schedule posted! <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>

Another livestock show will be occurring during the same dates as the 2022 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, 4-H families are highly encouraged to book hotel rooms and reserve camper/RV hookups as early as possible. Camper/RV hookups will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis, and reservations can be made by contacting Kathy at 308-382-4515.

KEARNEY COUNTY FAIR DATES – July 28-August 1st --Mark your calendars!