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February 2021 4-H News

Important Dates:

February 1-28	Nebraska 4-H Month
February 15	Office Closed – President’s Day
February 27	Large Beef Weigh-In (9-11 am), Bloomfield
March 1	Governor’s Ag Excellence Award Application Due
March 1	Ag Society Scholarship Due
March 16	4-H Leader Training
March 31	4-H Council Scholarship Due
April 6	4-H Public Speaking Contest, Center
April 12	4-H Council Meeting, Center
April 15	Early 4-H Enrollments and Membership Dues
April 18-24	National Volunteer Week
May 7	District & State Horse Entries/ID’s Due
May 7	Horse Level Testing Completed
May 31	Office Closed – Memorial Day

Welcome to another 4-H year in Knox County! 4-H is education for life that uses a learn-by-doing approach with strong emphasis on life skills, such as problem solving, responsibility, citizenship, and leadership. The office looks forward to working with everyone again this year.

Knox County 4-H information is available on our website at

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/>

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Important Updates in this Issue:

- Large Beef (market beef and second-year bucket calves) will be weighed on Saturday, February 27 from 9-11 am at the Bloomfield Vet Clinic for the 4-H/FFA Rate-of-Gain Contest. Please call by Friday, Feb. 26 if you plan to weigh.
- 4H Online is open for 2021 enrollments. Be sure to get enrolled before any competitive 4-H events this year. Competitive events include all Pre-Fair Contests and Shooting Sports Contests.
- Don’t miss the 4-H Leader Training on March 16, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Center.



2021 Knox County Fair Dates

Mark August 11-15 on your calendars for the 2020 Knox County Fair.



4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

4-H ONLINE is now open!

- Youth can enroll anytime during the year, but all youth, including Clover Kids, must be enrolled with the UNL Extension 4-H Office in Knox County by June 15 or before participating in any competitive 4-H events that year. Competitive events include all Pre-Fair Contests and Shooting Sports Contests.
- **4-H enrollment** is completed in 4H Online at this site <https://ne.4honline.com>.
- **Passwords** – If you have forgotten your password, use the “I forgot my password” option or contact the extension office. **DO NOT** set up a new profile.
- **Clubs and projects** will need to be added back into profiles as they were cleared out at the state level.
- **Emergency Contact** – please list someone other than a parent/guardian (bottom of the Additional Information screen). If a situation arises, we would like to have someone to contact if a parent/guardian cannot be reached.
- **Horse Project Release** – youth and parent/guardian need to complete to participate in the horse project.
- **Shooting Sports Release** – youth and parent/guardian need to complete to participate in any shooting sports project.
- **Codes of Conduct** - When re-enrolling, please review the Volunteer and 4-H Youth/Parent/Guardian Codes of Conduct. Nebraska 4-H and the Knox County 4-H Program follow these codes. Hard copies are available to view at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/youth-enrollment-information/>.
- The following items are available on our website <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/youth-enrollment-information/>:
 - 4H Online Steps to re-enroll or enroll members
 - 2021 Knox County 4-H Project List (enclosed)
 - 2021 4-H Pick Your Project-online selection guide
 - Knox County New Family Handbook
 - Knox County Clover Kids Handbook

MEMBERSHIP DUES: 4-H membership dues must be paid by June 15 and are \$5.00 per member and no cost per Clover Kid. The dues are used for 4-H programming, supplemental insurance and scholarships in the county. Please give your dues to your club leader or send to the extension office. Make checks payable to the Knox County 4-H Council. Membership dues must be paid by June 15 to be eligible to exhibit at the Knox County Fair or any competitive 4-H events that year. Competitive events include all Pre-Fair Contests and Shooting Sports Contests.

4-H MANUALS/RESOURCES – A limited supply of 4-H project manuals or resources is available in the Extension Office. Project manuals/resources that are available for each project are listed in the 2021 4-H Pick-Your-Project, an online project selection guide used to explore over 150 Nebraska 4-H projects and resources, and their related educational programs and opportunities available at <https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/index>. Please contact the office to order 4-H manuals/resources or you can order your own manuals at:

- 4-H Youth Development UNL Marketplace <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/curriculum>
- 4-H Mall <https://shop4-h.org/collections/curriculum>

Volunteer Screening – All new Knox County volunteers who work directly with youth are required to complete the volunteer screening every five years. Our program does not allow us to accept you as a leader until you complete the volunteer screening process. You can complete the screening process when you enroll in 4H Online as a volunteer or you can click directly on this link to complete. <https://ecmp.nebraska.gov/DHHS-CR/CheckRequest/BeginOrgCheck/81102416>.

Another change is that there is now a \$5.00 per person fee that will be paid online during the screening process. The 4-H Council has agreed to reimburse any volunteer for the \$5.00 fee. If you wish to receive reimbursement or have any questions, contact the extension office.



4-H Large Beef Weigh Day February 27, 2021, 9-11 am

Anyone wishing to participate in the Knox County 4-H/FFA Rate-of-

Gain Contest must have their animals weighed and tagged at the official Weigh Day on Saturday, February 27 from 9-11 a.m. at the Bloomfield Vet Clinic. This includes market beef animals and second-year bucket calves.

Animals to be exhibited at State Fair will be tagged with an 840 EID tag and DNA samples will be collected. EID tags will be available at weigh-in. Cost for each DNA sample is \$7.00 and \$1.00 for the EID tag. If you tag your animal with an EID tag, then the county ear tag is not required. County tags will be available for \$1.00 each.

A Premise ID number is required with all 840 EID tags. If you need to get a Premise ID, you need to obtain it through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Contact Ross Baker at 800-831-0550 or 402-471-2351 or visit <https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>

Please call the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26 if you plan to weigh calves. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

If you **do not** plan to participate in the Rate-of-Gain Contest and plan to show only at the County Fair, you only need to have your animal tagged with a county ear tag and the ID form into the Extension Office by June 15. Ear tags are \$1.00 each and available from the Extension Office. ID forms are available from the office or online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/livestock-affidavits/>



2021 Livestock Identification Requirements

County Fair

- Paper ID forms will be required for county animals. (No change from previous years).
- County-only animals will use the 4-H ear tags available at the Extension Office. The animals that are nominated for State Fair will not need county ear tags. The EID or Scrapie tag will be used for identification.
- Clover Kids must follow the identification requirements and have ID forms to the extension office by the June 15 deadline.
- The [2021 Animal Identification Guidelines](https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/2020%20Animal%20ID%20Requirements.pdf) is enclosed that further explains the ID requirements for each animal or it's available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/2020%20Animal%20ID%20Requirements.pdf>.

State Fair - For 2021, there are no changes for animal identification. See the enclosed [2021 Animal Identification Guidelines](#) that further explains the ID requirements for each animal.

- DNA nominations will be \$7.00 per envelope. Any DNA nomination sent in from the Extension Office or FFA Advisor will also be eligible for the AKSARBEN Stock Show.
- All breeding nominations will have a fee of \$2.00 per online entry.
- Exhibitors are responsible for submitting their animal information into the Show Stock Manager Livestock Database prior to the nomination deadline. The County Extension Office/FFA Advisors will continue to mail in the DNA samples to the AKSARBEN office by the respected deadline. The County Extension Office/FFA Advisor will validate the nominations which will then be available for exhibitors to make State Fair entries. **Any animal entry not in the database or that does not have submitted DNA will not be considered nominated and eligible for State Fair.**

Premises Identification Reminder

Exhibitors of 4-H and FFA market animals (beef, swine, sheep and goat) must have a Premises Identification Number to show at the Nebraska State Fair. If an exhibitor does not have a number, you need to obtain it through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Contact Ross Baker at 800-831-0550 or 402-471-2351 or visit <https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>



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 animals, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine must have the YQCA certification completed by Monday, August 2. 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:** 4-H'ers will need to register at <http://yqca.org> and pay the **\$3 fee** prior to the training.
- **Online Course:** Visit the YQCA login page at <http://yqca.org> to begin. Cost of the online course is **\$12.00 each**. See instructions at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca> to register. Please see the [YQCA Login & Course Instructions](#) for more information.
- **Online Test Out:** This option is only available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and 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 50 randomly selected questions and has a pass rate of 80% or better for certification. More information on the Online Test-Out option is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>.

FSA Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to individual young persons, between the ages of 10 and 20 years, to start and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H or FFA. The project being financed with an FSA Youth Loan needs to provide an opportunity for the young person to acquire experience and education in agriculture-related skills.

Contact the FSA Office in Bloomfield at 373-4914 for more information or check out <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index>

4-H Public Speaking Contest Tuesday, April 6, 2021



Mark your calendars for the 4-H Public Speaking

Contest. See the enclosed flier for more information. The resource, *Guide to Making Great Speeches*, is available from the office or on our webpage <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/knox-county-4-h-public-speaking-contest/>

4-H Council Met on February 1, 2021

- Elected Officers for 2021
President – Derek Cunningham
Vice President – Jesse Rader
Secretary – Michaela Jessen
Treasurer – Karlyn Condon
- Approved Agenda.
- Approved November 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes.
- Approved Treasurers Report.
- Approved the 2021 Proposed Budget and Spend-down Plan.
- Annual Ag Society Meeting Report was given.
- Discussed Nebraska 4-H Month and approved the following to the 2021 proposed budget: \$25 per club to promote 4-H during the month; and \$500.00 for an educational workshop or program.
- Change Dues to \$5 per member and no charge for Clover Kids. Approved Guidelines on Deadline and Dues for 2021 4-H Enrollment.
- Approved the 2021 4-H Calendar.
- Approved the 2021 Fair Schedule.
- Complete 4-H Council minutes can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/knox-county-4-h-council/>

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




New for 2021:
 • Citizen scientist project
 • Virtual field trips
 • Ask an Agronomist
 • New award categories

For more info, call 402-759-3712.
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Knox County 4-H Leaders: 4-H Leader Training!

Tuesday, March 16th
 6:30 p.m.
 Extension Office Meeting Room
 Call the Extension Office at 402-288-5611 to
 Register by March 9th

Club Meeting
Idea Sharing


4-H Updates

Human
Development
Activity


Attention High School Seniors

Check the website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/scholarship-information/> for scholarship guidelines and applications. Some upcoming deadlines are:

- [Knox County 4-H/FFA Ag Society Scholarship](#) due March 1.
- [Patefield-Green Memorial Scholarship](#) due March 1 who reside in the Lewis & Clark NRD and intend to pursue an ag-related field.
- [Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship](#) due March 1 for seniors who are in the Cedar/Knox Rural Water area.
- [Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Scholarships](#) due March 15 with an interest in the beef industry.
- [Jarvis Memorial Scholarship](#) due March 15 for female high school seniors who are a member of 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA and plan to attend UNL and reside in Love Memorial Hall.
- [NACEB Scholarship](#) due March 15 for seniors attending UNL CASNR or UNL CEHS
- [Knox County 4-H Council Scholarship](#) (due March 31) **Two** scholarships will be awarded to 4-H members valued at \$25 for each year of a member's 4-H enrollment with a maximum of \$250.00.
- [Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce P.A.Y. Scholarship](#) (due March 31) – will award eight (8) \$3,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the Yankton area (which includes Knox County) who are pursuing post-secondary education in the related fields of agriculture.
- [Farm Credit Services of America Land Grant University Scholarships or Community College Scholarships](#) - multiple scholarships available to students studying agriculture.




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Knox County 4-H Dates to Remember

4-H Enrollments Open Now	Large Beef Weigh In February 27	Leader Training March 16	Public Speaking Contest April 6
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Address Service Requested



A poster for '4-H Leader Training!' with a yellow background and a white border. The text is arranged as follows: 'Knox County 4-H Leaders:' at the top in blue; '4-H Leader Training!' in large white letters; 'Tuesday, March 16th' and '6:30 p.m.' in blue; 'Extension Office Meeting Room' in blue; 'Call the Extension Office at 402-288-5611 to' and 'Register by March 9th' in red. At the bottom, three teal boxes contain the text 'Human Development Activity', '4-H Updates', and 'Club Meeting Idea Sharing'. A green 4-H clover logo and a 'Virtual' icon are also present.