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January 2024 4-H News

Important Dates:

Jan 15 Office Closed-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 31 Club Treasurer Reports Due
Feb 1-29 Nebraska 4-H Month
Feb 19 Office Closed - President's Day
Feb 24 Large Beef Weigh-In (9-11 am)

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.

Important Updates in this Issue:

- Large Beef (market beef and second-year bucket calves) will be weighed on Saturday, February 24 from 9-11 am at the Bloomfield Vet Clinic for the 4-H/FFA Rate-of-Gain Contest. Please call by Friday, February 23 if you plan to weigh.
- 4H Online 2.0 is open for 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.

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

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

Facebook at:

<https://go.unl.edu/knoxcountyfacebook>



2024 UNL Chick Days

March 16, 2024

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
An educational event for small and backyard poultry producers and youth, featuring speakers. More information enclosed.

Attention Club Leaders

The End of the Year Treasurer Report and Inventory Report were mailed out. Please return them to the office by January 31st. If you have any questions, please call or email the office.

2024 Knox County Fair Dates

Mark August 8-11 on your calendars for the 2024 Knox County Fair.



4-H Large Beef Weigh Day
(Market Beef & Second Year Bucket Calves)
February 24, 2024
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 24 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, the county ear tag is not required.

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 at 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 23 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 are available from the Extension Office. ID forms are available from the office or online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/livestock-affidavits/>

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 a 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>

Trophy Sponsors Needed

We are looking for sponsorship for the following trophies and banners. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in sponsoring, please contact the office.

Trophies:

- 4-H Champion Waterfowl (\$13)
- 4-H Champion Novice Walk-Trot Horsemanship (\$11)
- 4-H Reserve Champion Market Gilt (\$13)
- 4-H Reserve Champion Market Barrow (\$13)



Banners:

- 4-H Reserve Champion Senior Rabbit Showman (\$10)
- 4-H Reserve Champion Junior Rabbit Showman (\$10)
- 4-H Reserve Champion Novice Rabbit Showman (\$10)

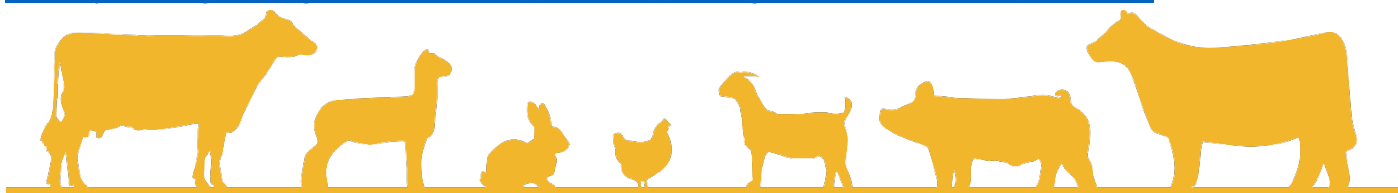




Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete an **annual** quality assurance training through the YQCA program. YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. 4-H members who exhibit beef animals, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine must have the YQCA certification completed before fair. 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: \$3.00 each** – Help document can be found at https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingLTCertification_2023.pdf
- **Online Course: \$12.00 each.** – Help document can be found at https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingWBTCertification_2023.pdf
- **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 fifty 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>. Help document can be found at https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingTestOutCertification_2023.pdf



4-H online is **READY** for families to enroll in 4-H for the 2023-2024 4-H Year!

It is never too early to enroll in 4-H for the year!

- The project listing in 4honline has been narrowed down to approximately 50 youth project areas.
- Some project names have been changed to encompass several similar projects. For example, Home Environment = Home Design & Restoration; Clothing, Knitting, Crochet, Quilts = Textiles, Quilts and Apparel; Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf = Beef.
- Shooting sports projects remain split by discipline due to the detailed data needs these projects require.

With changes in the project selection list in 4-H Online, a 2024 Knox County 4-H Project List is enclosed to help with the Project Selection. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Website to enroll in 4HOnline 2.0 is: <https://v2.4honline.com/>.

- The process only takes a couple minutes per member or volunteer. For returning families, please **DO NOT** create a new account; use your log-in credentials for 4honline used in previous years.

Instructions for Re-Enroll be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/returning-member>

- **NEW** 4-H youth and/or volunteers will need to set up an account. Enrollment instructions for new families can be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/new-member>



2024 Special Garden Project Reserve Your Seeds by February 10, 2024

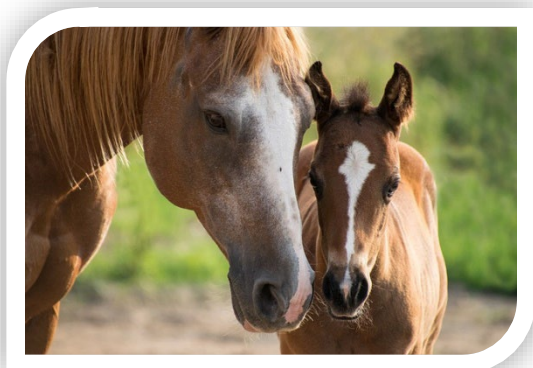
The Special Garden Project is a way to offer Nebraska youth the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens.

The 2024 Special Garden Project will focus on Princess of India Nasturtium. This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten.

This project is open to all youth in 4-H and it will give them the opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, and exhibiting this unique flower. Enroll in the Horticulture Project in 4-H Online. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/special-garden-project> for more information about the Princess of India Nasturtium.

Call the office 402-288-5611 to reserve your seeds by February 10th. This opportunity is sponsored by the Knox County 4-H Council!

4-H Horse Stampede



The Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that do not require live animals, 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.

The 4-H Horse Stampede is held annually at the [UNL Animal Science Complex](https://unl.edu/animal-science) in Lincoln, Nebraska. This year's event will be held **Saturday, March 23, 2024**.

There is a \$10 entry fee per participant and a \$10 office fee per exhibitor. Event shirts are also available for pre-order. All orders, fees, and entry forms must be submitted online by **March 4, 2024**. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede> for additional information.



2024 UNL Chick Days – March 16, 2024

8:30 Registration: Dept. of Animal Science, UNL, Student Commons, 3940 Fair ST.
Lincoln

9:00 p.m. Presentations: Room B101

Talk 1: Pest Control & First Aid for Home Flock

Talk 2: Finding your Favorite Exhibition Birds-Pros & Cons of Different Breeds for Show

10:30 a.m. Workshop – Preparing for 4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Competitions

Contests:

Egg Art – Adult & Youth—Bring single decorated egg of any size for display in a labeled egg carton.

Poultry Photography – Adult & Youth—Bring an 8x10 photo of your favorite bird scene etc.

Poultry Quiz Bowl – Adult & Youth Teams and Youth Only Teams



Thinking About Trying a New-To-You Exhibit? “Tricks & Magic Display” (Photography Level 1) May Be the One!



Photos should capture visual trickery or magic. Trip photography requires creative compositions of objects in space and are intended to trick the person viewing the photo. For example, if someone is standing in front of a flowerpot, the pot might not be visible in the image, making it look as if the flowers are growing out of the person’s head. The display will consist of 3 photos of 3 different subjects.

All it takes is a little imagination to take some photos that have “special effects”. One of the best ways to do this is to play tricks with distance. As you know, when a subject is closer, it looks larger than when it is far away – even though they are the same size. Use this to your advantage and experiment with distance.

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February is Nebraska 4-H Month

Nebraska 4-H Month, held during February each year, is an opportunity to celebrate 4-H locally, invite new members and volunteers, and have fun! In 2024, we will celebrate all the opportunities 4-H offers to help young people find a place where they belong. Dates to celebrate:

- **4-H Spirit Day - Thursday, February 1, 2024**
 - Wear green, the 4-H emblem, or your favorite 4-H T-shirt!
 - Share your 4-H Spirit on social media using #NE4HMonth, #iBelong, and #Opportunity4All
- **4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day - Thursday, February 8, 2024**
 - Send handwritten thank-you notes, treats, or goody bags to your club and project leaders.
 - Shout out your club and project leaders on social media using #NE4HMonth.
 - Nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer for a [Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Recognition Award](https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-recognition) (<https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-recognition>).
- **4-H Sponsor & Appreciation Day - Thursday, February 15, 2024**
 - Ask your local Extension office for the contact information for a 4-H donor and sponsor. Send them a handwritten thank-you note.
- **4-H Give Back to Your Community/Service Day - Thursday, February 22, 2024**
 - Coordinate your own community service project, such as picking up trash, holding a food drive, collecting items for a local shelter, or making care packages. For more inspiration, check out [4-H civic engagement ideas](#). After the project is complete, be sure to [submit your community service project](#) for a chance to see it showcased by Nebraska 4-H. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/civic-engagement> for ideas and submission.
 - Contribute to other groups' community service projects.
 - Volunteer your time with a local non-profit organization.
- **Leap Into 4-H Day - Thursday, February 29, 2024**
 - [Enroll in 4-H](#) for 2024!

4-H Shooting Sports State Calendar of Events

National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

January 15-19, 2024

More information can be found at:

<https://4-hshootingsports.org/quiz-bowl-registration/>

State Indoor 4-H Archery Championships

January 27, 2024

Time: All Day Location: Aurora Cooperative Pavilion,
Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE

4-H & NRA Airgun Sectional

February 3-4, 2024 Time: All Day

Location: Carroll Auditorium, Carroll, NE

Event Information and

Registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDTal6uPBCCY10GW6Za0RxeRvdKDUEF1dsOZw6qiQOVPI-gA/viewform>

Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports Invite

February 24-25, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.
Pierce County Fairgrounds

Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun & Air Rifle Championships

April 20 – 21, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.
Aurora Cooperative Pavilion, Fonner
Park, Grand Island



Attention High School Seniors

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

- [Knox County 4-H/FFA Ag Society Scholarship](#) (due March 1, 2024) Two scholarships will be awarded to one FFA member and one 4-H member for \$1000.00 each.
- [Knox County 4-H Council Scholarship](#) (due March 31, 2024) 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.

8TH ANNUAL AGRONOMY YOUTH FIELD DAY
SAVE THE DATE!!
TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 2024
NCTA, CURTIS, NE

OPEN STATEWIDE TO YOUTH AGES 9-18; PARENTS & ADULTS ARE WELCOME TOO. FREE EVENT! REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON
YOUTH WILL LEARN ABOUT CAREERS IN PRECISION AG, AGRONOMY, WEED SCIENCE & IRRIGATION THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FROM NEBRASKA EXTENSION AND NCTA CROPPING & WATER SYSTEMS EDUCATORS & OTHER CROP SCIENTISTS

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The 4-H Photography Showcase offers a project exhibition opportunity beyond traditional print media. Each month, 4-H'ers are invited to submit their favorite photo through the online [submission form](https://4h.unl.edu/photography-showcase) (<https://4h.unl.edu/photography-showcase>). Submissions are accepted on a continual basis. However, youth may only submit one photo per month. Photos will be selected from submissions and showcase online by Nebraska 4-H, including on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The 4-H Photography Showcase is open to enrolled 4-H members.



Knox County Communication Event 4-H Public Speaking & Presentation Contests Monday, April 1, 2024

Mark your calendars for the 4-H Public Speaking and Presentation Contests. This event is also open to Clover Kids. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

The 4-H Public Speaking resources along with, 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/>

The 4-H Presentation Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating. Through the contest, youth have an opportunity to teach others about the skills they have learned in 4-H by developing and delivering a "show and tell" presentation. Resource to assist in developing a presentation can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/knox-county-4-h-presentation-contest/>

Premier Communication Event

The Nebraska 4-H Premier Communication Event will be held in Lincoln on June 18. It will feature a variety of state-level contests, including prepared speech, impromptu speech, illustrated presentation, radio public service announcement, and video communication. Youth will have chances to explore UNL East Campus, participate in learning sessions and tours, and have fun with friends!

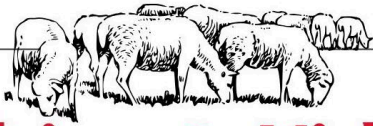


We are excited to announce the fourth year of the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program. This additional opportunity for enrolled livestock project youth, is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership.

The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry.

The program consists of three levels that require 4-H members to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate and project-related accomplishments. For each level, the Livestock Achievement Program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H members choose their goals. Each accomplishment is worth a specific number of points. Junior 8-9 submits pictures, poster, presentation, and other learning activities to receive the distinction of Junior Member of Excellence, no point value, Intermediates, ages 10-13, must complete 100 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Intermediate Member of Excellence. Seniors, ages 14-18, must complete 150 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Senior Member of Excellence. The Plan and Reports, linked on the webpage, show examples of the project related accomplishments they can choose, or they can identify their own with approval of their local educator. Applications/Sign up are due June 15th through the application form link on the website. Plan and Reports, as well as Project Records will be due August 1 via the completion form on the website.

Youth completing the achievement program and receiving member of excellence recognition in the various species will be recognized during the Parade of Champions, 4-H weekend at the Nebraska State Fair. For more information or to apply, go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>



Lambing & Kidding School

Saturday, January 20th, 2023

Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers & Nebraska Extension

Call or email to pre-register by January 17th:

402-335-3669 or WAYDE.PICKINPAUGH@UNL.EDU

Registration Fee:

\$30- Non-Members, \$20- for Members

- **9:45-10:00** Registration-
FuBerry Farms Boer Goats-
29733 SW 7th Rd Beatrice, NE 68310
- **12:00** Lunch & Speakers at Gage County
Extension Office-
1115 W Scott St Beatrice, NE 68310
- **3:00** Pleasant View Farms White Dorpers-
58115 710th Rd Diller, NE 68342



Livestock Judging Contest
February 10, 2024
Valentine
Contact the office for entry form.



Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest

The contest will be held in Kearney on Saturday, February 17th with the entry deadline being February 5th. All details and entry information can be found using the following link <https://nebraskaclassic.org/winter-edition/judging-contest.php>. We look forward to another great contest this year with an outstanding dinner and set of awards to follow.



4-H Companion Animal Opportunities

Companion animals are diverse groups of animals that include dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, companion birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and many more! The Nebraska 4-H companion animal programs offer opportunities for youth to develop life skills and obtain knowledge of companion animals. The focus of the Nebraska 4-H companion animal programs is the total development of the young person. The companion animals contests, shows, and related activities are utilized as a vehicle for human growth and development.

Visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal>





Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort

A Farrowed and Owned Breeding and Market Swine division for youth interested in learning more about the swine industry is available again at the Nebraska State Fair in 2024! The Nebraska 4-H Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort is designed to enhance the traditional 4-H swine project and cultivate the next generation of leaders in the swine industry by providing opportunities focusing on swine production as a goal of the 4-H member's project, along with accurate and complete record-keeping, industry knowledge, and engagement by the 4-H member. In order to participate, youth must be 4-H age 10-18 as of January 1, 2024, complete YQCA, farrowed their project animal(s) and participate in monthly virtual educational meetings.

Youth participating in the Farrowed and Owned Cohort will:

- Network with 4-H members across the state who are also participating in the cohort experience.
- Participate in learning opportunities hosted by Extension Swine Specialist Benny Mote about biosecurity, meat science, economics of raising swine and more.
- The cohort will meet virtually the first Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m. CT, the months of February, March, April, May and June.
- Gain knowledge related to their project and the swine industry as a whole.
- Maintain records related to swine management and basic care.
- Exhibit their Farrowed and Owned project animals at the 2024 Nebraska State Fair with the opportunity for special recognition as a result of participating in the cohort.

Register [here](#) by February 1, 2024!

**Optional special virtual education session on farrowing will be held on January 7th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Register by January 5th to participate!**

After the registration deadline, youth will receive more detailed information via email. For questions, contact Nebraska Extension Swine Specialist Benny Mote at bmote8@unl.edu or 402-310-9878.



**I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,**

for my club, my community, my country and my world.



Summer 2024 CAMP

The power of
being  green



REGISTER TODAY
4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-REGISTER



CHADRON

JUNE 1-5
JUNE 6-8

10-14 YEARS
8-10 YEARS

COZAD

JUNE 16-20
JULY 1-3

10-14 YEARS
8-10 YEARS

BURWELL

JULY 17-19
JULY 20-24

8-10 YEARS
10-14 YEARS

4-H Launches New Volunteer Orientation

Nebraska 4-H has launched a new volunteer orientation. This online training serves as an introduction to the 4-H Youth Development program in Nebraska. As part of the screening process, the orientation covers various foundational and essential topics, including volunteer roles, 4-H operations, and risk management.

Any interested individuals including current and prospective volunteers, are welcome to complete the online orientation. However, all new volunteers working directly with youth, such as club leaders, project leaders, or workshop presenters, must complete the orientation. All volunteers will also be required to complete the training on a regular basis as part of the re-screening process.

The course includes six modules each with a video and knowledge check questions. The entire orientation takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and may be completed over multiple sessions. Upon successful completion, volunteers will receive a confirmation email and their county Extension office will be notified.

To learn more or complete the volunteer orientation, visit 4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation.

State Fair Fairbook Highlights for 2024

- **Age of Eligibility**
 - The age of eligibility in 2024 is now 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person events (livestock, contests, fashion shows)
- **4-H will be awarding a Top 3 (Grand Champion Overall, Reserve Champion Overall, and 3rd Overall)**
- **Showmanship Divisions**
 - Junior (ages 8 to 10 before January 1 of the current year)
 - Intermediate (ages 11 to 13 before January 1 of the current year)
 - Senior (ages 14 to 18 before January 1 of the current year)
- **Entry Limits**
 - Rabbit (6) and Poultry (6)
 - Sheep (4) and Goats (4)
 - Beef (5)
 - Swine (6)
- **4-H Market Goat Show**
 - Market does and market wethers will be shown separately until the Final Drive
- **New Breed Classes**
 - Sheep (Breeding and Market): All Hair Breeds
 - Swine (Breeding and Market): Landrace and Tamworth
 - Rabbit (Fancy): Blue Holicer and Czech Frosty



Livestock DNA Envelopes

4-H/FFA youth planning to exhibit Market Animals, Breeding Animals or Feeder Calves at the 2024 Nebraska State Fair are required to provide a DNA sample for each animal. State Fair is no longer using past year's envelopes. You will need to stop by the office to pick up new ones for 2024!

Nebraska 4-H Lowers Age Limit to Participate at the Nebraska State Fair

As you know, in 2023, Nebraska 4-H lowered the age limit for participation in the Nebraska State Fair for all in-person events to nine years of age. That change increased our participation and provided more youth the opportunity to have an engaging learning experience. We had many positive comments from legacy families as well as new.

*This fall, we have had follow-up conversations with many of you as well as the show superintendents and various teams that run these events during State Fair and throughout the year. Based on that feedback and our goal of increasing access, the decision has been made to change **the age of eligibility in 2024 to be 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows, contests) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, communications contest)**. Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO League Challenge robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.*

Please contact the office if you have questions.

4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

4-H Online 2.0 is now open and ready for 2024 enrollment/re-enrollment.

Visit

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> - the link to the new version of 4-H Online. You should be able to login with your email and password from last year. All of your family's past years information should have transferred over, but we ask that you review and update any information needed. There are also links to guides that may help you enroll if you need assistance, visit

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/youth-enrollment-information/>, or call the extension office.

- 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.
- **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. 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

- 2024 Knox County 4-H Project List (enclosed)
- 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 on the online project selection guide used to explore Nebraska 4-H projects and resources, and their related educational programs and opportunities available at <https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/index>. The project curriculum can be ordered from one of the following websites.

- 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>.

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.



2024 Knox County 4-H Project List

Beef
 Bucket Calf
 Feeder Calf
 Breeding Beef
 Market Beef
 2nd Year Bucket Calf
 Cow/Calf
 Fall Feeder Calf

Sheep
 Breeding Sheep
 Market Sheep
 Bottle Fed Lamb

Swine
 Breeding Swine
 Market Swine

Dairy Cattle

Goat
 Dairy Goat
 Breeding Meat Goat
 Meat Goat
 Pygmy (Companion) Goat

Horse

Cat

Dog

Other Pet or Small Animal

Poultry

Rabbit

Veterinary Science
 Veterinary Science
 The Normal Animal Unit 1
 Animal Disease Unit 2
 Animal Health Unit 3
 Rope

Communications
 Communications 1-3
 Digital Video Pro
 Posters
 Theater Arts 1-3
 Presentations

Photography
 Photography Basics
 Next Level Photography
 Mastering Photography

Heritage

Textile, Quilts & Apparel
 Sewing For Fun
 Beyond The Needle
 STEAM Clothing 1
 STEAM Clothing 2
 STEAM Clothing 3
 Crochet
 Knitting
 Quilt Quest

Consumer Education
 Attention Shoppers
 Shopping in Style
 My Financial Future

Home Design & Restoration
 Design My Place
 Design Decisions
 Preserving Heirlooms

Visual Arts
 Sketchbook Crossroads
 Portfolio Pathways
 Leather

Human Development
 I Have What It Takes To
 Be Your Babysitter
 Kids On the Grow 1-3

Conservation & Wildlife
 Environment 1-3
 Outdoor Skills
 4-H Geology
 Hiking Trails
 Camping Adventures
 Backpacking Expeditions
 Amphibians
 Bird Behavior
 Fishing for Adventure 1-3
 Wildlife Conservation 1-3
 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation
 Taxidermy

Shooting Sports
 Archery
 BB Gun
 Air Rifle
 .22 Rifle
 Air Pistol
 Smallbore (.22) Pistol
 Shotgun (Trap)

Forestry
 Tree Identification

Entomology
 Entomology 1-3
 Insectigator

Healthy Lifestyles
 Bicycle Adventures 1-3

Food & Nutrition
 Cooking 101
 Cooking 201
 Cooking 301
 Cooking 401
 Cake Decorating
 Freezing
 Drying
 Boiling Water Canning
 Pressure Canning
 YOUth in Motion

Safety
 All Terrain Vehicles (ATV)
 Fire Safety
 Safety
 Tractor Safety

Citizenship
 Public Adventures
 Seeing i2i
 Recycled Exhibit
 County Challenge Exhibits

Entrepreneurship
 Blueprint
 Discover the E Scene
 The Case of ME
 Your Business Inspection

Leadership
 Serving as a Junior Leader
 Step Up to Leadership 1-3

Agronomy
 Field Crops 1-3
 Special Agronomy Project

Horticulture
 Annual Flowers
 The World of Flowers
 Houseplants
 Everyone a Gardener
 Grow A Beautiful Space
 Special Garden Project

Range
 Reading the Range
 Using Nebraska Range
 Weed Science

STEM Rockets
 Aerospace Level 2-4

STEM Computers
 Computer 1-3

STEM Electricity
 Electricity 1-4

STEM Robotics
 Gear-Tech-21 Years 1-2
 Junk Drawer Robotics 1-3
 Robotics Platforms

STEM Geospatial
 Geospatial

STEM Physics
 4-Wheelin' Physics Fun
 The Power of Wind

STEM Welding
 Arc Welding

STEM Woodworking
 Woodworking Level 1-4

Clover Kids
 Aerospace 1
 Family Celebrations
 Leap Into Careers
 Making Foods For Me
 A Space For Me
 Just Outside Your Door
 Bicycle Adventures 1
 Theatre Arts 1
 Horticulture
 Bucket Calf
 Bottle Fed Lamb
 Miniature Goat
 Swine
 Cat
 Dog
 Companion Animal (Pet)
 Poultry
 Rabbit
 Dummy Roping



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