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## 2023 June Newsletter

### Important Dates:

June 14 4-H Project Day

**June 15 Deadline for 4-H Enrollments & Membership Dues**

**June 15 All Animal ID Forms DUE**

**June 15 State Fair Animal Nominations DUE**

June 15 YQCA Training – Niobrara

June 16 Pancake Workshop

June 20 Fairy Garden Workshop

June 21-22 Premier Animal Science Event- Lincoln

June 23 Premier Communication Event, Lincoln

June 26 4-H Council Meeting – Center

July 4 Office Closed – Independence Day

July 11 Woodworking Workshop

July 15-19 State 4-H Horse Show - Grand Island

**July 21 Entries DUE for Cook-Off Contest & Food Revue**

**July 21 Entries DUE Shooting Sports Contests**

**July 21 Entries DUE for Talent Contest**

**July 21 Entries DUE for Fashion Show, Clothing & Textiles Exhibits**

July 24 Macramé Clinic

**July 26 Fair Pre-Entry Forms DUE**

**July 27 4-H Cook-Off Contest, Food Revue & Talent Contest**

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

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

### Newsletter Highlights:

- State and County Livestock Identification Requirements – June 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline
- Enrollment Deadline – June 15<sup>th</sup>
- YQCA Trainings
- Ice Cream after Livestock Judging Contest
- Livestock Achievement Program
- Shooting Sports Program
- Horticulture/Floriculture Projects
- County Only Photography Theme
- County Challenge – Lego Creation & Diorama
- Cook-off, Food Revue and Presentation Contests
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- Talent Contest
- State Horticulture Judging Contest
- Crop Scouting Competition
- Agronomy Youth Field Day
- Upcoming Events

To stay up to date with 4-H Events,  
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The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

# 2023 Livestock Identification Requirements June 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline



## County Fair

- Paper ID forms will be required for county animals. (No change from previous years). Forms are available at the office or visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/livestock-affidavits/>.
- 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 2023 Animal Identification Guidelines further explains the ID requirements for each animal or it's available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/animal-resources-id-forms-record-books-yqca/> or in the 4-H Fairbook.



**State Fair** - For 2023, DNA nominations are required for all livestock in contention to exhibit. See the 2023 Animal Identification Guidelines that further explain 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.
- **Exhibitors are responsible for submitting their animal information into the Show Stock Manager Livestock Database (<https://showstockmgr.com>) 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 in the Showworks program.

**Any animal entry not in the database or that does not have submitted DNA will not be considered nominated and eligible for State Fair.**



## 2023 enrollment/re-enrollment MUST be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup> to exhibit at the Knox County Fair or any 4-H Contests.

Visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. You should be able to login with your email and password from last year. Please review your information 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.



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:**

4-H'ers will need to register at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and pay the **\$3 fee** prior to the training. **Each participant MUST complete a pre-test and a post-test.**

**Last Knox County Face-to-Face training:**

- **June 15, 2023 in Niobrara – 10:00 a.m.**

● **Online Course:** Visit the YQCA login page to begin. The cost of the online course is **\$12.00 each**. See instructions at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca> to register. Please visit [https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth\\_parents.php](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth_parents.php) 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>.

## Ice Cream after Livestock Judging Contest



Farm Credit Services of America Yankton Office will be providing ice cream for all following the Livestock Judging Contest and during the Dairy Show! Find them located near the south end of the Harm & Tulley's Building on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> around 1:00 p.m. A huge thank you to them for providing a delicious treat at the Knox County Fair!



**Farm Credit Services of America**



For youth enrolled in a livestock project and looking to earn their Member of Distinction designation, Livestock Achievement Program applications are due by June 15! Learn more and apply at [4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement](https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement).

# Knox County 4-H Shooting Sports Program



The Shooting Sports projects and programs offer opportunities for youth to learn safe gun handling skills and sound fundamentals of shooting under the guidance of caring and knowledgeable adult volunteers. Knox County has certified leaders for the following projects: Archery; Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and BB Gun; Smallbore Rifle and Pistol (.22 caliber); and Shotgun.

**Youth must be enrolled with the Nebraska Extension 4-H Office in Knox County before participating in the Shooting Sports**

## Projects and Contests.

### Knox County 4-H Shooting Sports Contests:

- .22 Pistol Contest – Saturday, August 5, Knox County Fairgrounds
- .22 Rifle & Shotgun Contests – Saturday, August 5, Knox County Fairgrounds
- Archery Contest – Sunday, August 6, Knox County Fairgrounds
- BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contests – Wednesday, August 9, Knox County Fairgrounds

### Archery Practice Dates

Practices will be held every Monday night in June and July. **A parent, grandparent and or guardian needs to be present with shooters under the age of 16.** All practices start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Bloomfield Airport. All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest. If you have questions about Archery Practices, contact Kevin Millikan at 402-640-3322 or Becky Millikan at 402-640-4643.

### BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Practice Dates

Practices will be held on June 19 and 26 and July 10, 17, 24, and 31. There will not be a practice on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Practices will start at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Bloomfield Airport, 54240 880 Rd. All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest.

### .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol Practice Dates

Practices will be held every Thursday night in June, July, and August, **starting June 15<sup>th</sup>** and ending August 3<sup>rd</sup>. All .22 Pistol & .22 Rifle practices will start at 6:30 pm. Both will be held at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield. **All practices will end at 8:30 pm, NO EXCEPTIONS.** All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest. If there is any question about the weather on a given night, call Craig Steffen at 402-358-0642.

### Shotgun Practice Dates

Practices will be held every Thursday night in June and July. All Shotgun practices will start at 6:30 pm and will be held at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield. **All practices will end at 8:30 pm, NO EXCEPTIONS.** All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest. If there is any question about the weather on a given night, visit the Knox County Shooting Sports Group on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/211566702207387/>) for updates.

### Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

August 19-20, 2023 – 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
West Point, NE

October 28-29, 2023 – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. -  
Buffalo County Extension Office

### Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update

August 19, 2023 – 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
West Point, NE

For addition Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Information visit <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>

## Horticulture/Floriculture Projects

As you are planting your seeds this year, please keep track of your variety names. These are needed when you enter your fair exhibits. Keep your seed packets or start a gardening journal with the variety names.

### Vegetable Gardening Beginner Tips

Vegetable gardening is gaining popularity and what a great way to help your kids learn about growing their own food. As with anything, beginners make mistakes. For information on beginner tips visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/vegetable-gardening-beginner-tips/>. Another resource available is the Hort Update, a FREE monthly newsletter from the University of Nebraska Extension, which provides timely information to homeowners. You can subscribe by visiting <https://communityenvironment.unl.edu/hortupdate>.



### 2023 4-H Knox County Photography Theme

#### **Water**

Open to 4-H members enrolled in any level of Photography.

### 2023 Knox County Challenge “Lego Creation” and/or “Make Your Own Diorama.”

Use your imagination and exhibit a “Lego Creation” and/or “Make Your Own Diorama.” No project enrollment is required. Check out Pinterest for ideas. Open to Clover Kids also.  
Lego Creation Exhibit – F510902  
Make Your Own Diorama Exhibit – F510903

6 Pillars of Character



# FAIRNESS



**PLAY BY THE RULES**      **TAKE TURNS & SHARE**

Be Open-minded - Listen to Others

## Cook-Off Contest and Food Revue Contests

Make plans now to take part in the Cook-Off Contest and Food Revue Contest on Thursday, July 27 in Bloomfield. The Cook-Off Contest and Food Revue will begin at 5:30 p.m. Call the Extension Office to pre-register by July 21. Fliers with complete details are enclosed or see pages 46-47 in the Fairbook.

**The Food Revue Contest** is open to all 4-H members including Clover Kids. The Food Revue Contest is a fun way to learn how to properly set a table, plan nutritious meals, express originality and creativity in choosing a theme, and express knowledge of food, nutrition, and food safety.



If your recipe lends itself to be shared, we encourage you to participate in the Public Sample Line following the contest. Contestants share sample sized portions of their food for others to try and answer questions about their exhibit. Please think about how you will serve your samples, small plates and napkins will be provided for those tasting!



**The Cook-Off Contest** is only available to 4-H members (ages 8 and over) and the entry must include at least one pound of beef, pork, or poultry per four servings. You prepare your exhibit at home and bring the entire dish ready to serve, the entire recipe, the menu and a plate to serve a sample to the judge.

If you have questions about the contests or need helping in preparing, resources are available from the office or can be found at

<http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/4-h-pre-fair-contests/>.



### 4-H Fashion Show and Clothing/Textiles Construction Judging Thursday, August 3

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bloomfield**

Registration 1:00 pm; Judging 1:30 pm

Public Fashion Show 7:00 pm

Fliers with complete details are enclosed or see pages 57-73 in the Fairbook.

Pre-entry forms will be mailed out and will be due **July 21**.

### Do-You-Know Contest – August 3

Plan to participate in the Do-You-Know Contest **on Thursday, August 3 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. Participants will test their knowledge in different areas such as: Foods & Nutrition; Child Development; Clothing; and Design. These will be hands-on, simple matching activities to enhance your knowledge in these areas.



### 4-H Talent Contest Thursday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.

**First Trinity Lutheran Church Social Hall, Bloomfield**

Plan to take part in the 4-H Talent Contest and share your talent with others. The evening will showcase the talents of 4-H members. See enclosed flier with complete details in this newsletter or see page 48 in the Fairbook.

The Online Horticulture Judging Contest will be available from 8:00 a.m. CT on Friday, June 2 through 8:00 a.m. CT on Friday, June 16. Learn more about the contest, find study materials, and access the contest link at [4h.unl.edu/ohjc](http://4h.unl.edu/ohjc).



The Youth Crop Scouting Competition allows students to learn about and practice crop scouting through integrated pest management principles and new technologies. The program is open to teams of 4-H and FFA members who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's competition will be held on Wednesday, August 2 at the Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center near Mead. Registration is due July 15. Learn more at [go.unl.edu/crop-scouting](http://go.unl.edu/crop-scouting).

Make plans to join us for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Agronomy Youth Field Day! Youth can learn about the newest agronomy techniques and technology through hands-on activities, such as dissecting a plant or flying a miniature drone! With two age tracts, youth can learn all about precision technology, cover crops, soil health, weeds, herbicide application technology, crop scouting, and more! Register for free by June 20 at [go.unl.edu/agronomy-youth-field-day](http://go.unl.edu/agronomy-youth-field-day).



## Upcoming Events

June 15	Western Livestock Challenge, Hemingford, NE
June 16	Nebraska Livestock Judging Classic, Kearney, NE
June 24	Madison County 4-H Roping Event, Madison
June 24	37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Papio Valley Livestock Show, Springfield, NE
June 25	Big Green's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Speed Show, Deshler



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5 Most Shooting Sports Practices have started or will start mid June

4 State Fair DNA's are due June 15th

3 Last YACA Training is June 15th

2 Animal ID's are Due June 15th

1 4-H Online is Due June 15th

5 4-H Announcements