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2021 4-H Workshops

Important Dates:

May 31	Office Closed – Memorial Day
June 8	YQCA Training - Center
June 9	Clover Kid Day Camp – Center
June 14	4-H Council Meeting, Center
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	District 4-H Horse Show - Burwell
June 16	District 4-H Horse Show – Columbus
June 18	4-H Project Day – Center
June 18	YQCA Training - Center
June 24	YQCA Training - Bloomfield
June 24	Showmanship Clinic
June 29	Horticulture Judging Clinic/Contest
June 30	State-wide Public Speaking Contest
July 2	Office Closed – Floating Holiday
July 5	Office Closed – Independence Day
July 8	4-H Council Meeting, Center
July 10-14	State 4-H Horse Show - Grand Island
July 15	Entries DUE for Cook-Off Contest, Food Revue & Presentation Contest

This newsletter contains information about upcoming workshops. **There are limits on the number of participants, so get signed up early!**

Knox County 4-H information is available on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/>

Megan Hanefeldt, Extension Educator

Newsletter Highlights:

- “What’s in the Big Red Barn?” Clover Kid Camp
- Yeast Bread Workshop
- Grow with 4-H: Horticulture Workshop
- Clover Kid Animal Habitat Exploration Camp
- Entomology Workshop
- 4-H Project Day
- 4-H Showmanship Clinic
- YQCA Trainings
- Livestock Identification Requirements
- Tractor Safety Training
- 4-H Overnight Camps
- 4-H Shooting Sports Program Dates
- Upcoming Animal and Camp Events



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Nebraska Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

2021 Livestock Identification Requirements

County Fair

- Paper ID forms will be required for county animals. (No change from previous years) and are due by June 15. These forms will only be sent if requested or you can access them at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/livestock-affidavits/>
- County-only animals will use the 4-H ear tags available at the Extension Office (cost \$1.00 each). 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](#) was sent out that further explains the ID requirements for each animal or it's available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/2021%20Animal%20ID%20Requirements.pdf>.

State Fair

- **All State Fair Nominations are due by June 15.**
- DNA nominations will be \$7.00 per envelope. Any DNA nominations 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 will be able to dual nominate an animal as breeding and market if selected and paid for in Show Stock Manager. Families will now receive a receipt that they entered in a breeding nomination.
- All market beef and market swine must have an EID tag, cost \$1.00 each.
- Sheep and goats (breeding & market) must have a scrapie tag.
- 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 be not be considered nominated and eligible for State Fair.**

2021 Tractor Safety Training

All youth aged 14 and 15 who work on a farm or ranch other than their own **MUST** be certified through a Hazardous Occupations Course to obtain a Farm Husbandry Permit or "farm permit" without further testing.



Successful completion of this training in Nebraska will allow youth to operate a tractor over 20 horsepower, and connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from a tractor. Students of any age over 13 may complete the driving course in any of the following locations after successful online class completion:

June 7 –O'Neill June 8 –Gering June 9 –North Platte
June 10 –Grand Island June 11 –Weeping Water

Registration form can be found here: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/kearney/Tractor%20Safety%20Flier%202021.pdf>

4-H Camps

<https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp>

- **Nebraska 4-H Camp Registration** - Camp registration is open at <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp/register>.
- **Big Red Summer Academic Camps** – June 13-18, 2021, UNL. Early-bird tuition rates are available before April 5; regular tuition is available April 6 through May 7; and late tuition is May 8 through May 28. Space is limited and fill on a first-come, first-served basis. More information at <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>

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 UNL 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 7, Knox County Fairgrounds
- .22 Rifle & Shotgun Contests – Saturday, August 7, Knox County Fairgrounds
- Archery Contest – Sunday, August 8, Knox County Fairgrounds
- BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contests – Wednesday, August 11, 3:00 pm, Knox County Fairgrounds

Archery Practice Dates

Practices will be held every Monday night in June and July. 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 the Archery Practices, contact Kevin Millikan at 402-640-3322 or Becky Millikan at 402-640-4643.

BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Practice Dates

Tentatively practices will be held every Monday night in June and July. 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 and Shotgun Practice Dates

Tentatively practices will be held every Thursday night in June and July. All Shotgun practices will start at 6:00 pm. 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.

Upcoming Shooting Sports Dates:

<https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>

- **4-H Shotgun Leader Certification** – May 1-2, 2021, Heartland Public Shooting Park, Alda
- **4-H Shooting Sports National Championships** – June 20, Heartland Public Shooting Park
- **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Workshop** – August 7-8, 2021, Wayne County Fairgrounds (more information coming)
- **NE State 4-H Shotgun Championships** – September 11-12, Heartland Public Shooting Park (more details to come)
- **State 4-H Outdoor Archery Championships** – September 18, Heartland Public Shooting Park



UPCOMING EVENTS

(Contact the office for more information on any of the events or visit our webpage at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/4-h-programs-events-local-workshops-livestock-horse-shows/>)

Beef (Sanctioned Shows http://www.showcattlepage.com/jnc/sanc_shows.html)

- Custer County Challenge, Sunday, May 16, Broken Bow

Livestock Clinics/Judging Contests

- Dawes County Round Up Livestock Judging Contest – May 21, Chadron, NE
- Colfax & Platte County Livestock Judging Contest – May 27, Leigh, NE
- South Central Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest – June 3, Bladen, NE
- Sherman County Showdown – June 5, Sherman County Fairgrounds, Loup City, NE
- 22nd Annual Cream of the Crop Dairy Show – June 5, West Point, NE
- UNL Livestock Judging Camp – June 9-11, Lincoln
- Hustler Progress Show – June 13, West Point
- Keith County Beef Progress Show – June 19, Ogallala, NE
- 35th Annual Papio Valley 4-H Livestock Show – June 26, Springfield, NE

Companion Animal

- Frontier County Small Animal Workshop (Rabbits, Poultry & Cats) – May 22, Farnam, NE
- Spring Fling Fun Dog Show – June 5, Mitchell, NE
- **Nebraska 4-H Companion Animal Webinar Series** – This series is a great way for 4-H leaders, parents, and senior aged youth to gain knowledge in various companion animal-related topic areas. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal-webinar-series>
- **4-H Cat Science** - Companion Cat Science is a self-paced learning opportunity offering information about caring for cats. The online course is great for middle-school-aged youth but is open to all youth regardless of age who are looking to learn more about cats and the 4-H cat project. Companion Cat Science is a great resource for anyone interested in caring for or learning about cats in 4-H whether they own one now or not! Check it out at: <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>.

Horse

- Mock Horse Judging Contest – available until May 15, cost \$20 visit <https://catalog.extension.org/product?catalog=HorseJudgingContest&fbclid=IwAR0j5BMSPP4dPiyMv0stDk2l2Bpne6S5qayLHIXtIOiK-Pw0vTzgQa85Ws4>
- 4-H Horse Judging Contest – May 26, Pitzer Ranch Arena, Ericson, NE
- 4-H Invitational Horse Show – June 19, Kearney, NE
- Silver Spurs 4-H Horse Show – June 26, Imperial, NE
- **The Equine Webinar Series** is a great way for 4-H leaders, parents, and senior aged youth to gain knowledge in various equine-related topic areas. The webinars are recorded if you cannot attend in person. Visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series>
- **4-H Horse Judging Contest** – Wednesday, May 26, Pitzer Ranch Arena, Ericson
- **District Horse Show Dates** have been set for 2021. They are: June 14-Scottsbluff; June 15-Burwell; June 16-Columbus; June 17-Lincoln; and June 18-McCook. All level testing required for participation in the 2021 District 4-H Horse Shows must be completed by May 7, 2021.
- **The 2021 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show** will be held July 10-14, 2021.