

MORRILL COUNTY 4-H UPDATE

MAY/JUNE 2020

EVENTS & DEADLINES

May 2 - Sheep/Goat/Swine Weigh-in (**Cancelled**)

May 27-28 - Wilderness Wonders Camp @ Camp Norwesca
(Postponed)

June 3 - Tractor Safety @ (1st day online; 2nd day Gordon)

June 3-4 - LOG N Camp @ Halsey (Postponed)

June 7 - Sheridan County Progress Show

June 11-12 - Design Camp @ Halsey (**Cancelled**)

June 11-12 - Tractor Safety @ North Platte

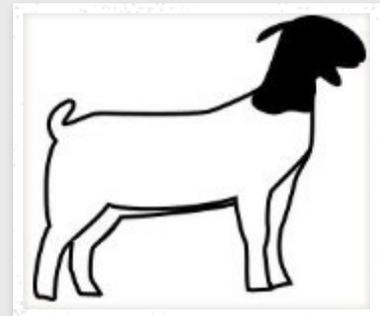
June 11-13 - Fort Robinson Horse Camp (Postponed)

June 15 - ALL DUE!!! All Livestock/Horse I.D.s, 4HOnline Enrollments, & YQCA Cert.

June 20 - Dawes County Progress Show

June 27 - Box Butte County Progress Show

June 29-30 - Tractor Safety @ Gering



OFFICE CLOSURE

We hope you all are staying healthy and sane amidst the craziness going on in our world right now. We would like to let you know that per UNL request, Sarah, Tammie, and Katlyn will be working remotely beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, until further notice. The Morrill County Office will be closed until further notice.



So, what does this mean for you? We are still "open" as far as assisting you in any questions or help you are needing from us as Nebraska Extension. You may continue to call the office number, (308) 262-1022, and your call will be forwarded to Katlyn's personal number. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message and Katlyn will return your call. We will also be available through email, but we are asking you to please be patient with our responses and know that we are doing our best during this time. This is a new experience for all of us and we are navigating through as best as we can. Again, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with

anything you might need in regards to 4-H; Learning Child; Beef; Crops and Water; Food, Nutrition, and Health; and more. Our website is <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/morrill/>, and our 4-H Facebook page is <facebook.com/MorrillCounty4H/>.

Nebraska Extension is open and working to help our communities during this situation. Thank you for being patient with us and supporting Nebraska Extension in Morrill County.

IMPORTANT HORSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The District Horse Show for this year is **cancelled**. Youth will be able to participate in the State Horse Show without pre-qualifying. Horse Level testing will not have to be completed until June 15th.

NOTE ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

During this unknown time, many of you may be wondering about our summer 4-H activities. Currently, we are being directed to make determinations about events around a month out. For now, we are going to continue to plan activities for after June 15th, including Fair. We will continue to keep you posted as things get closer.

For those of you who are not sure about purchasing animals, feel free to wait as long as you need. However, if you want your youth to still have the learning aspect and responsibility of the project, go ahead and purchase the animal. This year would be a great year to work on record keeping of what youth are learning and doing with their projects. The State 4-H Director has said we will have some sort of 4-H celebration event, it just may look different than our traditional fair this year. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

Spring into a Cleaner Pantry!



- ✓ Take food off the shelves.
- ✓ Clean shelves top to bottom with warm soapy water.
- ✓ Discard canned items with leaks or large dents.
- ✓ Check package dates and use those that are approaching expiration first.
- ✓ Wipe off containers, restock with like items together.

For More Information:

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

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LIVESTOCK TAGS

Since we are unable to meet in person, our May tag-ins have been cancelled. We will be either scheduling a time to for families to pick up or we will be mailing out the tags in May. Please fill out this google form to request tags: <https://forms.gle/KKBFeq3gsHbEqakC7>. These will be sent in May.

We are planning to complete all paperwork needed in a digital format to reduce the spread of germs. You can find all of the affidavit forms on the links below. Please complete them and email them back. Please also include a picture of your animal with the ear tag visible. These are to be emailed to krosas2@unl.edu by June 1.

Planning on exhibiting at State Fair? Request DNA Envelopes by going to this google form: <https://forms.gle/kwaWwwaHohh6884T6>. We will send these out with your tags.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to our 4-H staff. Also, feel free to check out Sarah's **Animal Updates** at: <https://www.smores.com/fh7km>. This will be continuously updated, so check back regularly!

BREEDING BEEF AFFIDAVIT

FEEDER CALF AFFIDAVIT

BUCKET CALF AFFIDAVIT

HORSE AFFIDAVIT

MARKET GOAT AFFIDAVIT

BREEDING GOAT AFFIDAVIT

MARKET LAMB AFFIDAVIT

BREEDING SHEEP AFFIDAVIT

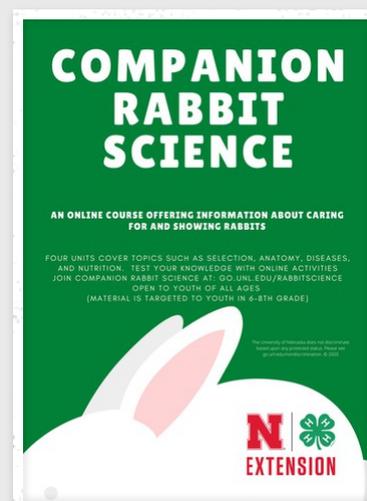
MARKET SWINE AFFIDAVIT

BREEDING SWINE AFFIDAVIT

COMPANION RABBIT SCIENCE ONLINE COURSE

A new Companion Rabbit Science Online Course is now available for 4-H youth. The target age is middle school, but could be done by other ages as well. The course covers anatomy, physiology, health, and nutrition as care of companion rabbits.

Here is a link to the webpage for the class:
<https://4h.unl.edu/companion-rabbit-science>



Sanitizing vs Disinfecting

Sanitizing reduces the number of germs to a safe level

- ✓ Normal, everyday use
- ✓ Use this on surfaces that food touches and hard surfaced toys
- ✓ Once the surface dries, it is safe to put food on the surface to eat

Disinfecting destroys all germs when you follow recommendations

- ✓ If someone is sick, disinfect high touch surfaces



During the COVID-19 outbreak, CDC is recommending that people disinfect high touch surfaces, especially if someone in your household is sick.

For More Information:
<https://go.unl.edu/disinfecting>
Source: CDC

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LIVING ROOM LEARNING

Tune in every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 1 pm MT for Nebraska 4-H's Living Room Learning! Each day, youth will participate in a hands-on virtually guided activity where they will learn about healthy living, science, technology, and more! Each session will focus on a new activity that can be done with materials found at home. Living Room Learning activities are perfect for youth in 3rd-5th grades. Each session will be recorded and made available for on-demand viewing. For a listing of activities and materials visit <https://4h.unl.edu/living-room-learning>.

CLOVER KIDS GRAB & GO LESSON - TESSA HAIN

Clover Kids are 4-H members ages 5-7 years old, and are the future generation of 4-H. To keep those young minds busy and learning try out this activity to introduce them to life skills, hands on learning, and the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)



A House for the Little Pigs

Time Frame: 60 minutes

Book: The Three Little Pigs

Supplies: Flat toothpicks, portable table fan (hair dryer), extension cord, pennies

Groups 2-3

Breakdown of Time Frame:

- 10 minutes to read book
- 5 minutes to explain
- 20 minutes to build and test first house
- 15 minutes to build and test second house
- 10 minutes to discuss and reflect

Situation: Turns out the brick house, although strong and sturdy, is quite cramped. The third little pig got sick of his lazy brothers leaving their slop all around, so he kicked them out. You would think they learned their lesson, but they bumped into the magic bean guy who happened to be selling magic toothpicks. The two pigs, never ones to turn down a great deal, spent their money on the toothpicks, and well, now they need a place to live.

Challenge: Help out the little pigs by building them a house of toothpicks (this is their stick house). You can also have them build a house out of straws (plastic or paper) for the straw house and Legos for the brick house.

Constraints: You may only use toothpicks on your house (No glue or adhesive)

Successful: Your toothpick house should be at least 2.5 inches high. Hold at least 5 nickels and withstand the wind from the fan.

Imagine: Different house designs and shapes. Think of different ways that you can use the toothpicks to build a house.

Create: Every house will be different. We're not cheating if we use the same principles. And always...try, evaluate, adjust, and redesign!

Reflect:

- Think about successes and failures
- Was your latch successful? How could you tell?
- Which designs worked best?
- Why is it important to have designs that fail?
- What was the most challenging?
- Were there any surprises?

Is Your Fridge Frightening?



It's time to tackle!

Toss questionable food.

- ✓ Use hot, soapy water on all shelves, drawers and the interior.
- ✓ Rinse and dry.
- ✓ Still smells? Wipe interior with equal parts vinegar and water or sprinkle baking soda in a shallow container and place it at the bottom of the refrigerator.

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For More Information:
<https://go.unl.edu/foodstorage>



BOREDOM BUSTERS

Tune in every Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 1 pm MT for Nebraska's 4-H's Boredom Buster Challenge! Each week, youth will be given a problem to solve using materials found in

their home. On Monday, youth will be introduced to the challenge, and on Wednesday, they will be introduced to the exciting twists and turns! Through these hands-on virtually guided challenges youth will learn about entrepreneurship, healthy living, science, technology, and more! Boredom Buster Challenges are perfect for youth in 6th-9th grades. Each session will be recorded. To learn more visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/boredom-buster-challenge>.

NEBRASKA GAME & PARKS - ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES



Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is dedicated to educating all Nebraskans about our state's amazing wildlife, plants and natural resources. Knowing how people want to engage with education is as diverse as our natural resources, we have developed a variety of interactive resources.



Online Education - Nebraska Ga...

outdoornebraska.gov

Sanitizing or Disinfecting with Bleach *If a little is good, is a lot better?* **Not with bleach!**

- ✓ **Corrosive in high concentrations**
- ✓ Bleach can be damaging to skin & mucous membranes, do not inhale or touch for prolonged time
- ✓ Small children, elderly, people with respiratory issues and pets are more susceptible to health issues
- ✓ Use in a well-ventilated area
- ✓ Do not ingest

Accidental poisonings are up 29%, bleach accounted for the largest share of the increase (as of April 2020).



For more Information:
<https://go.unl.edu/bleach>

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FORT ROBINSON HORSE CAMP - POSTPONED

Fort Robinson 4-H Horse Camp is June 11th-13th at the Fort Robinson State Park in Crawford, NE. All individuals, ages eight and older, are welcome to attend with activities for junior, intermediate, and senior / adult.

The 4-H code of conduct will be in effect but membership is not mandatory. Training topics include reining, trick trail map, horse massage, training for speed events, horse stretching, jeopardy, mule packing demonstration, safety factors demonstration, and a water bottle holder craft.

The fee for this camp is \$50 for youth and \$40 for adults accompanying youth. Horse Camp Scholarships are available. The registration form and scholarship form are due to the Dawes County Extension Office by May 15th. The registration and scholarship forms can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/fort-robinson-4-h-horse-camp/>.



4-H VIRTUAL CAT CLUB - MELISSA MRACEK

Does your child or club have a passion for felines? The Online Cat Club is a great tool for anyone who is planning to show cats in 4-H, has a cat, or is interested in learning more about cats. It has great resources with activities for youth to learn more about caring for their cats.



The Online Cat Club recently changed formats to an online self-paced portal instead of having to zoom in once a month to the webinars. Youth, families, or clubs can login to any Google Drive account. Once logged into Google Drive, select the nine square dots in the upper right hand corner, called Google apps. Scroll down until the Classroom app is located and click on it. Once selected, click on the + sign in the upper right hand corner, and select join class. Next the youth will need to enter the class code: 1hq89c. Another option is to visit <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>. After entering the code, a message may pop up saying the code is invalid, try a different Google account. Once in the class, select the Classwork at the top bar. The youth will then be able to select a variety of modules from history and breeds to nutrition and cat care. There are three subtopics underneath each lesson. Youth will click on the lesson name to view the material. The youth will watch a couple of entertaining, short videos in each lesson and then complete an online game to test their knowledge. If the youth cannot remember what lesson they ended on, they can click on the View Your Work link at the top to see all the modules they have completed.

These videos can easily be used in club meetings. These short videos would work well with long agendas but the club leader still wants to have an educational component. With some of the games, clubs can even have multiple players playing at once. Club leaders can also take

the information from the videos and create their own games. For the breed's lesson, club leaders can create a matching game for the youth to play.

Another option would be to create a pin the part on a cat relay race. Club members could also create a poster or model about the information they learned in the videos to create a Veterinary Science project. Clover Kid members could create a poster labeling the cat parts or a poster on breeds. For more information about companion animal events and projects, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/>.

Worried About Getting Take-Out Food?

Currently there is no evidence to support the transmission of COVID-19 associated with any food, including takeout.



For more Information:
<https://go.unl.edu/takeoutfood>

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NEBRASKA STATE 4-H EVENT UPDATE

National Events

- **Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) National Contest**, July 19-22 - CANCELED (4/6/20)
- **4-H Shooting Sports National Championships**, June 21-26 - CANCELED (4/6/20)
- **National 4-H Conference**, March 28-April 2 - POSTPONED - Rescheduled for September 26-October 1, 2020 (3/16/20)

Statewide Events - Canceled

- **[Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit: Phelps/Gosper County Contest](#)**, June 6 - CANCELED (4/10/20)
- **[Nebraska 4-H District Horse Shows](#)**, June 15-19 - CANCELED (3/25/20)

Note: For 2020, all eligible youth may participate at the State 4-H Horse Show without qualifying.

- [Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit](#), events scheduled prior to May 9 - CANCELED (3/16/20)

Statewide Events - Postponed

- [Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit: Cuming County](#) - originally scheduled for June 19 - This event has been postponed. A new date has not yet been set. (4/23/20)
- [PASE](#) - originally scheduled for June 22-23 - Tentatively, this event is being rescheduled for September 21-22, 2020. (4/20/20)
- [4-H Companion Animal Challenge](#) - originally scheduled for March 28 - This event will now be held virtually. Dog Skill-a-thon and Cat Skill-a-thon contests will not be offered this year. There will be no entry fees. Entry forms will be completed online and are due April 13. Live demonstrations will be done virtually during the week of April 13. (3/31/20)
- [4-H Horse Stampede](#) - originally scheduled for March 28 - This event has been rescheduled for July 12 at Fonner Park and will be held in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse Expo in Grand Island. Any youth who entered for the March event will need to re-enter. Entries are due June 15. (3/31/20)
- [4-H Chick Days](#) - originally scheduled for March 14 - This event has been rescheduled for June 6th. (3/12/20)

Statewide Events - No Changes

- [State 4-H Public Speaking Contest](#), This event will be held on June 24th as previously scheduled but will be held hosted virtually.
- [Nebraska State 4-H Horse Expo](#), July 12-16
Note: As District 4-H Horse Shows have been canceled, all eligible youth may participate in the 2020 State 4-H Horse Show.
Note: The 4-H Horse Stampede will be held on July 12 in Grand Island in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse Expo.

Updates for the Nebraska 4-H State Events can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/covid-19>.



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