

FOUR CLOVER NEWS

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4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty
My Hands to larger service,
My Health to better living,
For my club, my community, my
country and my world.



2019 4-H FRUIT SALES

Fruit Sales end on Monday, February 11. This is the largest fund-raising effort that the Nemaha County 4-H Council sponsors each year with the 4-H'ers selling fruit. The monies raised through the Fruit Sale provide educational materials, scholarships, and support leadership activities that the 4-H'ers participate in throughout the year. The individual 4-H'ers selling fruit earn Bonus Bucks (\$5.00 in B.B. for every \$50.00 sold) that can be used to pay for camps, trips (CWF), workshops, 4-H t-shirts, and more. **Fruit delivery date will be Saturday, March 2nd, 2019. Be sure to have the delivery date on your calendar. It is very important 4-H members are there to get their orders of fruit and deliver it to their customers.** If you cannot be there, YOU must make arrangements to get it picked up as we will not bring it back to the Extension Office and it cannot be left at the 4-H Building.

- February 11 – Fruit Sales end
- February 12 – Leaders collect summary folders from 4-H'ers
- February 15 – Leaders turn in Fruit Sales summary to Extension Office
- February 19 – Committee tabulates Fruit Sales orders
- March 2 – Fruit Delivery

REFUND FOR BAD FRUIT POLICY

Despite our best efforts, occasionally a customer requests a refund due to bad fruit. In order to receive a refund, the bad fruit must be returned to the office within a week of delivery.

RESOURCES FOR ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

As the new 4-H year begins and you look for ideas for your club members, here is a website with resources just for you, <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/club-leaders>. If you have some specific needs and would like some help, contact the Extension Office, 274-4755.



February is Nebraska 4-H Month, so Nemaha County Extension presents:



4-H Scavenger Hunt

Friday, February 8th – Friday, February 15th

To celebrate Nebraska 4-H Month, we invite youth to participate in a scavenger hunt. Youth must take pictures of themselves with the item/completing the item. Email the images to Elizabeth Thiltges at ethiltges2@unl.edu or bring them into the office by Friday, February 15th at 5:00pm. Prizes will be awarded as follows: 5 items completed = Level 1 prize, 10 items completed = Level 2 prize, 15 items completed = Level 3 prize, and 20 items completed = Level 4 prize. Below is the list of the items. Youth do NOT need to be in 4-H to partake in this.

	Recruit a new donor for the Nemaha County 4-H Program
	Wear your 4-H t-shirt (or green) to school
	Do a random act of service
	Come visit us at the Extension Office
	Take a selfie with the 4-H staff (Elizabeth)
	Draw a picture of a 4-H project
	Share a picture with 4-H staff (Elizabeth) of your club (or an activity they did)
	Bake or cook something green
	Recite the 4-H Pledge to a friend
	Show us how you use skills learned from a 4-H project in your everyday life
	Write a 4-H poem and share it with the 4-H staff (Elizabeth)
	Take a selfie with a 4-H alum
	Tell a friend your favorite thing about the county fair
	Plan to bring a friend to your next 4-H club meeting (photo of you and friend)
	Recruit a friend to join 4-H
	Get the autograph of the 4-H staff, a 4-H leader, or 4-H volunteer
	Selfie with an animal that can be shown in 4-H (cow, sheep, rabbit, etc.)
	Show a talent that could be in a 4-H contest (singing, dancing, etc.)
	Holding a 4 leaf clover (does NOT have to be real)
	Something you love or have interest in!!

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February is Nebraska 4-H Month

4-H Clubs are encouraged to promote 4-H in their communities and have fun celebrating 4-H!

- Have a club membership drive
- Have a pizza party and invite friends that are not in 4-H
- Promote 4-H and have fun!

Clover Kid Camp Planning



Jr. Leaders and adults that would like to help Jr. Riders 4-H Club plan the Clover Kid Day Camp please plan to attend a planning meeting on **Monday, March 25 at 5:15 p.m. at the courthouse.** Please call the office if you plan to attend this meeting so we have enough pizza for everyone!



RE-ENROLLMENT

4-H'ers & Volunteers:

If you have not already done so, please re-enroll for the 2019 4-H year! Go to: <https://ne.4honline.com/> to enroll or reenroll. You must use Google Chrome or Firefox as your browser.

Be sure to enroll in every project you plan to take. **NOTE: This year, 4HOnline does NOT carry projects over from one year to the next. Be sure to add any project in which you want to participate.**

You must be enrolled by June 1 in order to participate in the current year's Nemaha County Fair. If anyone has questions or does not have access to a computer, please contact the Extension Office 402-274-4755.

VOLUNTEERS: When enrolling or reenrolling in 4-H, please be sure to choose a Volunteer Project at the very bottom of the drop down list. It should say "Volunteer" in front of it.

4-H Manuals

Manuals are available for most of the 4-H projects we offer in Nemaha County. The 4-H Council covers the cost of the manuals; there is no charge to 4-H'ers. We have a good supply of manuals here in the office, so stop by the office and pick some up. You can also email Bev at bbeasterfield2@unl.edu or call 402-274-4755 to let us know which ones you want and we can have them ready for you.

About Horse Identification & Level Testing Requirements

Horse Identification Affidavits must be turned into the Extension Office by May 1. The affidavits may be printed on-line from the www.nemaha.unl.edu website or they can be picked up at the Extension Office.

Remember if you plan to show horses at the Nemaha County Fair you must have completed Level 1 Horse Testing by June 1.

Level I and Level II must be successfully completed by May 1 if entering District or State Horse Show or Ak-Sar-Ben competition. Level III and/or Level IV must be successfully completed by May 1 to enter Level III and/or IV classes for the State Horse Show or Ak-Sar-Ben competition.

2019 District Horse Show Dates and Sites

All district horse show entries due to the Nemaha County Extension Office by May 10, 2019.

June 10th – Bloomfield

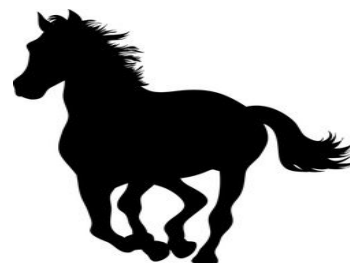
June 11th – Elkhorn

June 12th – Ord

June 13th – Ogallala

June 14th – McCook

2019 Fonner Park State Horse Show July 14-18, 2019



CWF 2020

There is still space available for the 2020 CWF trip. The Citizen Washington Focus trip is an awesome experience for youth. 4-H'ers born from January 1, 2002 through May 31, 2005 are eligible for this trip. (Why not invite a friend to join 4-H and participate in CWF?!) If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator in Richardson County, at 402-245-4324.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NEMAHA COUNTY FAIR JULY 11-14, 2019

2019 Nemaha County 4-H Contest Dates

Life Challenge Contest: Tuesday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m., Nemaha County 4-H Building, Auburn

Food Revue: Wednesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m., Nemaha County 4-H Building, Auburn

2019 Multi County 4-H Contest Dates

Communications Contest (Speech/PSA/Presentations): Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m., Nemaha County 4-H Building, Auburn

Horticulture and Wildlife Contest: Friday, June 7 with Horticulture contest beginning at 9:00 a.m. and Wildlife beginning at 12:30 p.m., Johnson-Brock School, Johnson

Music Contest: Sunday, June 9 at 1:00 p.m., JCC Elementary School, Tecumseh

Cat & Small Animal Show: Tuesday, June 18 at 5:00 p.m., Nemaha County 4-H Building, Auburn

Fashion Show: Sunday, August 4 at 2:00 p.m., JCC Elementary, Tecumseh

The 2019 4-H Public Service Announcement Theme is "**Inspire Kids to Do**". The Multi-County 4-H Communications Contest is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2019. Start creating your PSA's today.



HUNTER SAFETY COURSE OFFERED

This course is scheduled for **Friday, March 8th** (6-9 pm) and **Saturday, March 9th** (8 am-4 pm). (You must attend both days.) All 4-H'ers who plan to participate in the Trap (Shotgun), and/or .22 Rifle (Small-bore) projects will need to have their Hunter Certification in order to participate in these events. Plan to attend this course and be ready for 4-H Shooting Sports Contests. Youth **must be at least 11 years old and must pre-register** for this course (*when it comes available*) at: <https://outdoornebraska.gov/huntereducation/>. At the website click on "Firearm Hunter Education Classroom Courses". Find the date of this session; click on the "Register Now" button. Registration information is entered on a secure website and the last 4 digits of the participant's SSN is required. If you have any questions, please call Kent Volkmer at 274-3794. (Or if you need help with this, call the Extension Office at 402-274-4755.)

PREMIUM CHECKS!

4-H'ers - Please cash your premium checks from 2018. These checks were given to your organizational leader at Achievement Night last November. If you haven't cashed your check, please do so ASAP!

FAIRBOOK CHANGES

The Fairbook will not be reprinted this year, but changes were made at the State Level to some of the projects & classes. We are working to update our Fairbook with those changes and then we will make them available online. Areas where changes have been made will be noted as containing "revised information" and will be highlighted in yellow. The Fairbook with revisions will be available soon at: <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/nemahacofairbook/>.

Bonus Bucks Correction

2018 Fruit Sales Bonus Bucks must be spent by March 31, 2019. Currently, bonus bucks earned from fruit sales are transferable to the 4-H members within your family.

The camp scholarship/ bonus bucks may be transferred to another enrolled 4-H member with the following restriction: A penalty of 50% will be applied to the transferred amount. These bonus bucks must be used by October 31, 2019. Please disregard the Bonus Bucks reminder that was in the January newsletter.

Diamond Clover

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover program encourages 4-H youth to engage in a variety of programs, projects, and activities that will enable youth to acquire skills and abilities that will prepare them for success in the future. The program is designed to reach and recognize all youth engaged in 4-H, from club members and campers to school enrichment, afterschool, and special interest program participants.

The program consists of six levels that require a young person to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. For each level, the Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H youth choose their goals. The accomplishments increase in quantity and difficulty for each level. At the beginning of the 4-H year, participants plan what to accomplish and at the end of the 4-H year, they report on their completed accomplishments. Successful completion of a level's Plan & Report form results in a 4-H youth earning that level of the Diamond Clover program. Here is the link to the site which provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H'ers can choose their goals: <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>

N|150 Events & Activities

- **State Fair Stepping Stone Showcase**
 - 4-H members are invited to show their creativity and University of Nebraska pride by creating a stepping stone that represents the N|150 milestone. Stepping stones will be exhibited at local counties fairs, and one stepping stone from each county will be chosen to be displayed at the Nebraska State Fair at the Raising Nebraska landscape. *See additional resources on the website:* <https://4h.unl.edu/n150>
- **State Fair Photography Class**
 - 4-H members enrolled in Mastering Photography Unit 3 are invited to celebrate N|150 by exhibiting in the Theme Print (Class B182060) at their local counties fairs. The top exhibit(s) from each county will be selected to advance to the Nebraska State Fair. February 15, 2019 marks 150 years of history to appreciate, impact to unpack, and stories to tell. How has the University of Nebraska impacted you, your family, or your community? How can you tell this story through photography?

4-H Council 2019 Standing Committees



The 4-H Council has standing committees and the club representatives selected which committee they wanted to chair at the January 4-H Council meeting. The committee assignments are:

Publicity & Recruitment

- Shooting Sports Club – Travis Kahland

Fund Raising/Fruit Sales

- BU Stockraisers – Shelly Nichols

Achievement Celebration & Leader Recognition

- Timbercreek – Trisha Adams

Financial Management/ Friends of 4-H

- Johnsonites – Denise Bohling

Camps/Activities/Clover Kids

- Jr. Riders – Emily Kent

Code of Conduct Issues

- Adult members of the 4-H Council

Scholarship Committee

- 4-H Council Officers

FRUIT SALES COMMITTEES FOR 2019

Chair – Shelly Nichols / Raynell Able / Penny Gerking (B.U. Stockraisers chair of Fundraising / Fruit Sales committee)

Tabulation of Sales in Extension Office, Tuesday, February 19, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Raynell Able – BU Stockraisers Nancy Baltensperger – Johnsonites
Beth Kerns Krause – BU Stockraisers Monica Baker – volunteer

Committee to get rollers (stored in storage container) and set-up rollers in 4-H Building at 7:15 a.m. prior to truck arriving at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 2

1. Representatives of Chair(s)

Committee to Unload and Sort Fruit, Saturday, March 2, 8:00 a.m.

1. Timber Creek
2. Junior Riders
3. Part of BU Stockraisers

4-H Clubs to come at 9:30 a.m. to check-out fruit to members until 11:00 a.m.

1. BU Stockraisers
2. Part of Johnsonites
3. Shooting Sports Club

4-H Clubs to come at 10:30 a.m. to help finish check-out fruit, clean up, and take extra fruit to the courthouse (need a pickup or van)

1. Johnsonites
2. Anyone else that can help!!

Livestock Information (Read carefully – Very Important)

Livestock ID/Ownership Requirements for showing only at COUNTY FAIR

MARKET BEEF, SUCKLING (FEEDER) & BUCKET CALVES

- Tagged with a 4-H ear tag
- Turn in completed ID form

BREEDING BEEF

- Breeding beef must have a tattoo number as their ID
- Turn in completed ID form

SHEEP, MEAT GOATS

- Tagged with a USDA scrapie tag (breeder supplies these)
- Turn in completed ID form

SWINE

- Tagged with a 4-H ear tag
- Turn in completed ID form

DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOATS & PGYMY GOATS

- Turn in completed ID form for your species

RABBITS

- Permanent tattoo in left ear
- Turn in completed ID form

Livestock ID/Ownership Requirements for showing at STATE FAIR OR AKSARBEN

MARKET BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, MEAT GOATS & FEEDER CALVES

- Market beef, swine and feeder calves tagged with an EID tag
- Market sheep and meat goats use USDA scrapie tag number for ID (breeder supplies these)
- Submit DNA sample to the Extension Office
- Submit animal information and payment (\$7 per animal) into online AKSARBEN livestock database

- Obtain Premise ID from Nebraska Department of Ag and submit it to the Extension Office

BREEDING BEEF, SHEEP, & MEAT GOATS

- Breeding beef must have tattoo as their ID
- Breeding sheep and meat goats use USDA scrapie tag number for ID (breeder supplies these)
- Submit animal information into online AKSARBEN livestock database

DAIRY CATTLE

- Turn in completed ID form

RABBITS

- All rabbits except fryers must have permanent ID numbers or names tattooed in their ear with a pin tattoo pliers and tattoo ink. Permanent marker numbers written in the ears of the rabbits are NOT permanent ID numbers.

ADDITIONAL STATE FAIR & AKSARBEN INFORMATION

- Families will need to make State Fair entries online as in the past.
- **Once an animal is tagged with an EID tag it cannot be cut out. This is illegal.**
- **Exhibitors of 4-H & FFA market animals** (beef, swine, sheep, and goat) at the State Fair **will be required to obtain a Premises ID number** through the NE Department of Agriculture at no cost to the exhibitor. Exhibitors without a Premises Identification number will not be allowed to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. A brochure with more information is available on the Nemaha County 4-H webpage: <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/4h/>
- **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.

ADDITIONAL COUNTY INFORMATION

- County fair livestock will need to fill out an "Ownership Affidavit" (ID sheet). Deadlines are:
 - Market Beef.....April 1
 - Horse.....May 1
 - Beef (breeding, bucket calf, suckling calf, feeder calf), Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Swine...June 1
 - Rabbits, Poultry, Pigeons...June 1
- Animal ID forms can be found at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/entryforms/>
- **NO tagging dates for sheep and goats.**
- Scrapie tags will be used as ID for SHEEP & GOATS (both market & breeding).
- 4-H families will tag their own swine, bucket calves, suckling calves, and feeder calves by June 1. Tags must be picked up at the Extension Office.
- **All swine tags will need to be verified** no later than May 24, 2019. Elizabeth Thiltges will travel to your livestock location to verify that all tags are in place. To make an appointment for this to happen, please call Elizabeth at 402-274-4755. All appointments need to be scheduled by May 10.

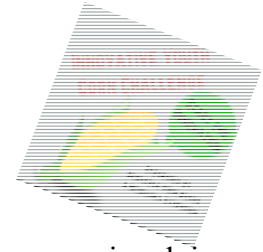
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

4-H members who plan to enroll in any of the following projects – swine, beef, sheep, dairy, meat goat, dairy goat, rabbits and/or poultry will need to have completed Quality Assurance Certification on or before June 1, 2019.

Certification will be done via YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) online course. It is found at yqca.learn-grow.io.

The 4-H council has purchased coupons for 4-H members to use. You will **not** need to use a personal credit card and carry the expense until you are reimbursed in your premium check. You will need to get coupon codes by calling or emailing the Nemaha County Extension Office.

Crop Programming Opportunities



8th Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

Do you enjoy being outside? Learning new things about crops? Considering a career involving crops, insects, diseases, soils, water or more? Do you want to help figure out how to feed our world's growing population in a sustainable way?

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the 8th Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production.

As a team (2 or more participants), youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge management summary.

Cash prizes and plaques are given. First place receives \$1,000, second place receives \$500, and third place receives \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and "extra mile" awards are also given as cash awards.

To participate in 2019, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded after January 1st at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities. For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.



4-H Companion Animal Challenge:



The Companion Animal Challenge is a set of contests for youth interested in companion animals. These contests are animal-less and test youths knowledge about companion animals. New this year to the contest are a Cat Skillathon and an essay contest. 4-H youth ages 10-18 are invited to participate.

- The 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will be held Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Animal Science Complex.
- Contests include: Demonstration Contest, Dog Skillathon Contest, Cat Skillathon Contest, Essay Contest, Art Contest, and Photography Contest.
- This event allows youth to apply their companion animal knowledge, but does not require them to have an animal.
- Entries are due by **March 8, 2019**.
- For more information and registration forms: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge>
- Questions? Contact: Dr. Lisa Karr (lisa.karr@unl.edu)

Adventure Day at 4-H Camp

Introduce your camper to just how fun 4-H Camp can be! This camp lets you indulge in your adventurous side! Wildlife experts join us with a live animal demonstration where we will get up close and personal with some cool wild animals. Then we will head to Schramm Park where you will get a choice between exploring the NEW Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium's interactive exhibits or try your hand at canoeing and fishing on the ponds. After a YUMMY Lunch- make sure you pack your swimsuit because in the afternoon you will be making a splash during our water party and taking trips down our GIANT Waterside!

DATE: Saturday, June 15, 2019

TIME: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

AGES: 6-12 years old

COST: \$35.00 (1 adult meal included/adult chaperones are encouraged but not required)

To register go to: [Nebraska 4-H Camps & Centers Adventure Day Camp Registration Webpage](https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=381&campCode=4hc&idSession=220249) at <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=381&campCode=4hc&idSession=220249>



Nebraska 4-H Camp

4-H Summer Camps & Trips for ages 5-18, open to all youth.

- Explorer Camps - Ages 8-11
- Discover Camps - Ages 11-15
- Camp Cloverleaf Day Camp - Ages 6-11
- Teen Adventure Challenge (TAC) Day Camp - Ages 11-15

Register at [4H.unl.edu/camp](https://4h.unl.edu/camp).

For more information, visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/4-h-clinics-workshops/> and download the brochure: [2019 Nebraska 4-H Camp Brochure](#)

Early Bird Camp Registrations

Don't forget April 15th is the deadline to register for 4-H Camp and receive the early bird discount. If 4-H'ers wish to use Bonus Bucks to attend camp, contact the Extension Office for details on how to use those as you register online.



February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nebraska 4-H Month "Make a Lasting Impact!"					1	2
3 4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. 6:00pm 4-H Building	4	5	6	7	8 Market Beef DNA Samples Signatures Due	9 Love Grows Workshop 9:00-10:30 am 4-H Building
10	11 Fruit Sales End Jr. Riders Mtg. 5:30pm 4-H Bldg.	12 Leaders Collect Fruit Sale Summary Folders	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Leaders Turn In Fruit Sales Orders	16
17	18 President's Day (courthouse Closed) BU Stockraisers Mtg. 7:00pm 4-H Bldg.	19 Tabulate Fruit Sale 9:30 am Courthouse	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you cannot attend fruit delivery make sure to have arrangements with someone to pick-up your fruit for you. Complete Quality Assurance Testing Online. 	



March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Fruit Delivery 4-H Building
3 4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. 6:00pm 4-H Building	4	5 Water	6 Celebration Pern	7	8 Hunter Ed 6:00-9:00 pm 4-H	9 Safety Course 8:00 am-4:00 pm Building
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)	11 Jr. Riders Mtg. 5:30pm 4-H Bldg.	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 BU Stockraisers Mtg. 7:00pm	19	20	21	22	23 Home Tweet Home Workshop 9:00 am-12:00 pm 4-H Building
24	25 Clover Kid Camp Meeting 5:13pm Courthouse 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm	26 Spring Fairgrounds Clean-up 6:00pm	27	28	29	30
31 Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contests 1:00 pm						

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Vice President: Shelly Nichols
Secretary: Trisha Adams
Treasurer: Travis Kahland

Current Nemaha County 4-H Council Representatives:

BU Stockraisers: Shelly Nichols
Olivia Nichols
Johnsonites: Denise Bohling
Emily Bohling
Junior Riders: Emily Kent
Anna Kent
NC4-HSS: Travis Kahland
Skylar Witte
Timbercreek: Trisha Adams
Elizabeth Hodges

If there are any 4-H policies or rules that you believe need to be discussed/changed, please share them with your club's representative, listed above. They will bring your suggestions to the council, the governing body for Nemaha County 4-H, for discussion/vote.

