

# FOUR CLOVER NEWS

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**N** EXTENSION  
4-H Youth Development



## 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

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February is Nebraska 4-H Month!  
Wear your 4-H shirt to school on  
Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> and invite your  
friends to enroll in 4-H!

## 4-H MONTH

4-H SPIRIT DAY  
THURSDAY, February 1

4-H VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY  
THURSDAY, February 8

4-H SUPPORTER APPRECIATION DAY  
THURSDAY, February 15

GIVE BACK DAY  
THURSDAY, February 22

LEAP INTO 4-H - GET ENROLLED IN 4-H  
THURSDAY, February 29



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 4<sup>th</sup>: Air Pistol & Rifle Practice
  - o 3:00 – 6:00 PM, 4-H Building
- February 11<sup>th</sup>: Air Pistol & Rifle Practice
  - o 3:00 – 6:00 PM, 4-H Building
- February 12<sup>th</sup>: Fruit Sales End
- February 12<sup>th</sup>: Special Garden Project
  - o Seed Order Deadline
- February 18<sup>th</sup>: Air Pistol & Rifle Competition
  - o 1:00 PM, 4-H Building
- February 19<sup>th</sup>: President's Day
  - o Office Closed
- March 2<sup>rd</sup>: 4-H Fruit Sales delivery
  - o 4-H building

## Newsletter Delivery Changes

Starting with our May newsletter we will no longer be mailing the newsletter, but only emailing it. If you receive a newsletter in the mail please let us know your email address so you can be sure to still receive it. We want to make sure everyone still has this **need to know** information.



Email

Extension is a division of the Institution of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United State 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.

# Fruit Sales

Fruit Sales end on Monday, February 12. 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 2, 2024. 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 12 – Fruit Sales end – After this date you will no longer be able to enter orders online.
- February 13 – Leaders collect summary folders from 4-H'ers
- February 15 – Leaders turn in Fruit Sales summary folders to Extension Office BY NOON
- March 2 – Fruit Delivery (Pick up fruit at the 4-H Building from 8:45 to 10:00 am)

**REFUND POLICY:** We will not be sorting the mixed boxes again this year, so bad fruit may end up in our customers' hands. We will be happy to exchange it for good fruit. Customers are responsible for bringing the bad fruit to the office by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, if they want to exchange it. **We encourage families to check their own orders before leaving the building. We will have replacement fruit on site if needed.**

**NOTE:** The office will print delivery tickets/receipts for ALL orders (online & paper sales). We will attach a note to each receipt that includes thanks, storage suggestions, and the refund policy.

## **FRUIT SALES COMMITTEES FOR 2024**

**Committee to get rollers (stored in storage container) and set-up rollers in 4-H Building at 7:30 a.m. prior to truck arriving at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 2**

1. Representatives of BU Stockraisers

**Committee to Unload and Sort Fruit, Saturday, March 2, 7:45 a.m.**

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

**4-H Clubs to come at 8:45 a.m. to check-out fruit to members until 10:00 a.m. All fruit should be picked up by 10:00 a.m. so we can clean up and be done in a timely manner.**

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

**4-H Clubs to come at 9:30 a.m. to help check-out fruit, clean up, and take extra fruit to the courthouse (need a pickup or van).**

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



### **Reminder:**

2023 Fruit Sales Bonus Bucks must be spent by **March 31, 2024**. These bonus bucks are fully transferable to 4-H members within your family. The camp scholarship Bonus Bucks must be used by October 31, 2024. Camp scholarship bonus bucks are transferable to family members at 50% (i.e. \$150 in Bonus Bucks transfers as \$75.)

# Shooting Sports

## 2024 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Schedule

### Practices:

- Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> - 3:00-6:00 PM (If needed we will add a 3<sup>rd</sup> flight from 1:30-3:00 PM)
- Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> - 3:00-6:00 PM (If needed we will add a 3<sup>rd</sup> flight from 1:30-3:00 PM)

### Competition:

- Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – Starting at 1:00 PM

Sign-up for a flight for our first practices at the following address:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92AA2FBC07-46120735-airpistolair>



All participants must be enrolled in 4-H at v2.4honline.com with the air pistol and air rifle project selected if they want to participate in both or just choose one or the other. Enrollment includes a waiver for parents to sign that must be completed before participation is allowed. This year again we will be shooting in the 4-H building. How many flights we have will depend on how many kids sign-up. We can have 10 kids on the firing line at a time, but we only have so many firearms. If you have your own air rifle or air pistol and eye protection, please bring them. Participation in 3 practices is required to be able to compete in the competition. These practices will also transfer if you want to compete in the .22 or BB Gun competitions later in the year.

**HUNTER SAFETY COURSE:** This course is scheduled for **Thursday, March 14 (6-9 pm), Friday, March 15 (6-9) and Saturday, March 16 (8 am-2 pm) at the Auburn Senior Center.** (Youth must attend all 3 days.)  
This training is for Firearm and Archery Safety. Youth should be 11 years of age to attend.

All 4-Hers who plan to participate in the Trap (Shotgun), and/or .22 Rifle (Smallbore) projects will need to have their Hunter Certification to participate in these events. Please go ahead and plan to attend this course and be ready for 4-H Shooting Sports Contests. You **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.)

# Miscellaneous

## 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 Fair Entry Date on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Certification will be done via YQCA online course. It is found at <https://yqcaprogram.org>.

**REMEMBER:** The 4-H Council purchases coupons for 4-H members to use! You can receive a code by calling or emailing the Nemaha County Extension Office. If you choose not to use a coupon, the expense will NOT be covered by the Council. You will cover the fee yourself.





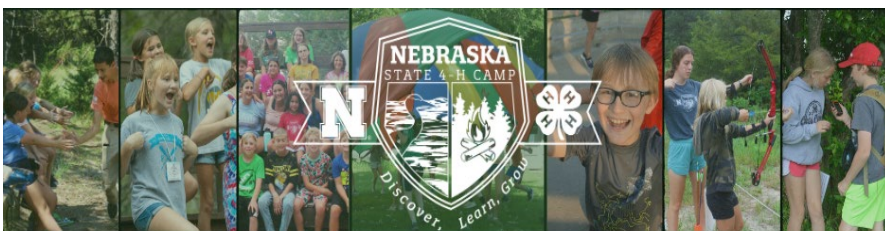
## 4-H Enrollment

It's time to enroll or reenroll in 4-H. Please enroll online at <https://v2.4honline.com> to participate in 4-H. Youth wanting to participate in shooting sports or the horse project must select those projects to participate in practices, contests, and shows.

A BIG Thank You to all our 4-H volunteers! Your support is so important to 4-H and we thank you for your time and dedication to the program! With Nebraska 4-H, there are two types of volunteers, direct and indirect. Direct Volunteers **MUST** enroll online at: <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Indirect Volunteers can enroll online or contact the office.

### New Volunteer Orientation

The Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Orientation serves as an introduction to the 4-H Youth Development program in Nebraska. As part of the screening process, the orientation covers a variety of foundational and essential topics. Any interested individuals including current or prospective volunteers, are welcome to complete the orientation. However, all new volunteers serving in direct roles, such as club leader, project leader, or workshop presenter, are required to complete the orientation. Volunteers are also required to complete the orientation as part of the re-screening process. If you'd like to participate in the orientation go to [Volunteer Orientation | Nebraska 4-H \(unl.edu\)](#)



### Fair Premium Sale Weight Requirements:

Each livestock division will have weight requirements for premium sale eligibility. Livestock not meeting min or max weight requirements will not be eligible for the premium sale.

**Beef: Market Steers:** 1000 lbs;  
**Market Heifers:** 900 lbs

**Broilers:** 4 lbs for females and 5 lbs for males

**Meat Goats:** 50 lbs

**Rabbit: Single Fryer:** 3.5 lbs min & 5.5 lbs max; **Roaster:** 5.5 lbs min & 9 lbs max;

**Stewers:** 8 lbs min

**Wool Sheep:** 100 lbs;

**Hair Sheep:** 70 lbs.

**Swine:** 230 lbs min & 320 lbs max

Summer 2024  
**CAMP**

The power of  
being  green

**CHADRON**  
JUNE 1-5 10-14 YEARS  
JUNE 6-8 8-10 YEARS

**COZAD**  
JUNE 16-20 10-14 YEARS  
JULY 1-3 8-10 YEARS

**BURWELL**  
JULY 17-19 8-10 YEARS  
JULY 20-24 10-14 YEARS



REGISTER TODAY  
[4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-REGISTER](https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register)





# SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT

»» 2024 ««



## PRINCESS OF INDIA NASTURTIIUM

### WHAT IS THE SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT?

This project is open to all youth of 4-H age and it will give them the opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, and exhibiting this unique flower.

The Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables, flowers, and herbs. The project allows experienced 4-H gardeners to grow something fun, new, and different while letting those new to gardening get their feet wet in this project area.

The focus of the 2024 project is the 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.

2024  
SPECIAL  
GARDEN  
PROJECT

**Please contact the office by February 12<sup>th</sup> to order seeds for the Special Garden Project. If you do not let us know we will not have a seed packet for you.**



# SPECIAL AGRONOMY PROJECT

[go.unl.edu/specialagronomy](http://go.unl.edu/specialagronomy)



**Enroll by contacting your  
local extension office.**

**2024: Sugarbeets**

The Nebraska Extension Special Agronomy Project gives 4-H members an opportunity to experience a crop that is grown, was grown or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska. Youth participate by receiving seed and resources to grow the crop, research traits of the crop and determine the viability of that crop in the part of the state they live. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different. This year, we honor a crop grown in the panhandle!

In the fourth year of the special agronomy project, youth will explore sugar beets! Sugar beets are a major contributor to the U.S. sweetener industry and occur in a vast range of different food products. Be eligible to enter an exhibit at both the County and/or State Fair in the agronomy project area.

**Please contact the office by February 23<sup>rd</sup> to order seeds for the Special Agronomy Project. If you do not let us know we will not have a seed packet for you.**





## NEMAHA COUNTY – TENTATIVE 2024 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENT

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK BACK EACH MONTH FOR CHANGES

### JANUARY

1 Office Closed for New Year's Day  
 7 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Practice, 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
 8 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building  
 8 4-H Council Budget meeting –6:00 p.m.  
 14 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Practice, 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
 15 Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
 15 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 15 **4-H Council Scholarship Due**  
 19 Leaders Pick-up Fruit Sales Packet  
 21 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Practice, 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
 21 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library  
 22 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse  
 23 **Fruit Sales Begin**  
 27 Beef Weigh-In, Auburn Vet Clinic, 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
 28 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library  
 28 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Practice, 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
 31 **Year End Treasurer's Report Due**

### FEBRUARY (Nebraska 4-H Month)

4 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Practice, 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
 4 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 11 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Practice, 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
 12 **Special Garden Project Seed Order Deadline**  
 12 **Fruit Sales End**  
 12 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building  
 13 **Leaders Collect Fruit Sale Summary Folders**  
 15 **Leaders Turn in Fruit Sale Orders**  
 18 **4-H Air Pistol & Air Rifle Contest, 4-H Building**  
 18 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library  
 19 Office Closed for President's Day  
 19 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 25 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library

### MARCH

2 **Fruit Delivery, 4-H Building**  
 3 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 11 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building  
 17 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library  
 18 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 25 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library  
 25 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Courthouse  
 26 **Spring Fairground Clean-up, 6:00 p.m.**

### APRIL

TBD **4-H Multi-County Comm Contest**  
 7 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 4-H Building  
 8 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building

15 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 21 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library  
 28 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library  
 26 Office Closed for Arbor Day

### MAY

TBD **4-H Multi-County Music Contest**  
 5 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 13 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building  
 19 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library  
 20 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 23 **Clover Kid Camp Registration Due**  
 27 Office Closed for Memorial Day  
 28 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse

### JUNE

1 Horse Level testing and ID due for State Shows  
 2 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 5 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 6:00 p.m.  
 7 **Clover Kid Camp, 4-H Building, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**  
 9 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 2:00 p.m.  
 10 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building  
 11 **Horticulture and Wildlife Contest, 9:00 a.m.**  
 12 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 6:00 p.m.  
 16 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library  
 17-18 **Premier Communications Event – Lincoln**  
 17 **ALL ANIMAL ID & ENTRY FORMS DUE**  
 17 **YQCA CERTIFICATES DUE & COUNTY HORSE LEVEL TESTING COMPLETED**  
 17 **SHOOTING SPORTS ENTRIES DUE**  
 17 **ALL CONTEST ENTRIES DUE**  
 17 **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE**  
 17 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 19 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 6:00 p.m.  
 23 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 2:00 p.m.  
 23 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library  
 26 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 6:00 p.m.  
 30 **.22 Rifle & Pistol Competition, 2:00 p.m.**

### JULY

1 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 4 Office Closed for Independence Day  
 8 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building  
 8 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse  
 10 **4-H Food Revue, 4-H Building, 6:00 p.m.**  
 10 Archery Practice, 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds  
 13 Archery Practice, 9:00 a.m. Fairgrounds



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