



4-H Family Newsletter
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Reminder Important Dates:

- Horse ID Sheets, Horsemanship Advancement Level requirements, entry process for State Horse Show **Due - 5:00 p.m. on June 1**
- Nebraska State Fair Nomination Due - **June 15th**
- DNA Envelopes & Livestock (Horse, Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, & Rabbit) ID Sheets **Due at Extension Office before - June 15th**
- Clothing Judging day is **Friday, July 19th**
- Fair Grounds Clean Up day is **Monday, July 22nd**
- Pierce County Fair is **July 24th - July 28th**

Reminders:

- Now is a good time to complete the written tests for Horse Levels. Written Test horse levels must be done **before July 15th** for Pierce County 4-Hers. Please call the office to setup a time, so a test can be ready for you.
- All 4-H/FFA **BREEDING livestock, MARKET livestock and FEEDER CALVES** are required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. Stop by the office to get your **NEW DNA envelopes**.
- Families the planning on taking livestock to Nebraska State Fair need to put their animal information into the Showstock Manager database <https://showstockmgr.com> and pay the nomination fee by **June 15**.

Pierce County Premium Fair Books:

Pierce County Fair Premium Books will be ready on Middle of May for families that have already enrolled on 4-H Online. One Premium book will be given per family. Paper Fair entry and Livestock Entry Form will be due on July 3rd at the Pierce County Extension Office. You can find the Entry Forms on <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/pierce-county-fair-information/>.



Enrollment Deadline

4-H Online

Go to <https://v2.4HONLINE.com>

Any youth planning to participate in a county fair or the **Nebraska State**

Fair must be enrolled by June 15!



Please do not create a new profile if you have previously enrolled in 4-H, even a different county or state.

ALL Youth and Volunteers/Club leaders must be enrolled by **June 15th, 2024**.

Please make sure to include youth T-shirts size in case we have T-shirts donated.

This year there are changes to the project selection when enrolling. The project selection is now optional with the EXCEPTION of HORSE and SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECTS due to the parental consent required for participation.

Find instructions for returning families can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/returning-member>

For new families, find instructions here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/new-member>

For volunteers/Club leaders, find instructions here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/returning-club-leader>

Before your enrollment can be accepted, dues must be paid. You can either pay the Extension Office with cash or check or pay online with credit card.

*Enrollment Fees: 4-Hers and Clover Kids will continue to pay an fee of \$5.00 per 4-Her and Clover kid.

Contact Brittany for help enrolling by calling 402-329-4821



4-H Livestock News

Livestock Quality Assurance 2024



There's much more to 4-H livestock projects than simply showing animals at the fair. That's why all Nebraska 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects must complete annual quality assurance training. Through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program, members learn about food safety and animal well-being. Youth enrolled in beef, dairy cattle, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine projects may complete online training courses or attend in-person training workshops held by their county Extension office. Learn more at 4h.unl.edu/yqca.

Face-to-Face Training

Face-to-Face trainings are scheduled for May 29th (1 p.m. and 6 p.m.) at the Wayne County Fairgrounds and June 11th (1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.) at the Pierce County Fairgrounds. To register for this Face to Face training you will need go to the YQCA website is yqcaprogram.org. Log on and select "Pierce County YQCA" and the time that you want (either 1 pm or 6 pm). After you have selected your time will have to pay a \$3 fee per youth. This fee has to be paid online and not in the office. Pierce County 4-Hers - if you attend the in person training at the Wayne County YQCA or the Pierce County YQCA, we will be reimbursing you the \$3 at the event for coming to the in person training.



Livestock Identification & Nomination Deadline

Any 4-H member planning to exhibit livestock at the Nebraska State Fair must complete the appropriate livestock identification and nomination requirements by **June 15**. This process makes an individual animal eligible for entry at the State Fair. Learn more at <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-id>.



Premier Animal Science Event

The Premier Animal Science Event, held June 20-21 in Lincoln, features our state-level Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Poultry Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl Contests. Registration is open now through May 30th at (Noon CST) and must be completed through local Extension offices. Learn more at <https://4h.unl.edu/pase>.

4-H Horse



Fort Robinson 4-H Horse Camp:

- The 50th annual Ft. Robinson 4-H Horse Camp will be held June 6-8, 2024 at the Ft. Robinson State Park in Crawford, NE. Brochure and registration forms will be available March 22nd. For more information reach out to the Dawes County Extension Office at 308-432-3373.

Horsemanship Clinic with Rebekah Irish:

- Rebekah Irish is an Instructor of Equestrian Science at Black Hawk College and Coaches the Western and Hunt Seat Show Team. Rebekah's wealth of knowledge in coaching horsemanship, experience as a national competitor and excellence as a clinician will help you become a more competent and stronger rider. Saturday June 22nd at Lexington at Stevens indoor arena and June 23rd Lincoln at Sandhills Global Event Center. Registration due buy 15th go to <https://go.unl.hsclinic2024>. \$40 per 4-H members or \$50 per non 4-H members.

4-H State Horse Show:

- July 13-17, 2024 at Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE
- Online entry deadline June 1, 2024 (Includes hippology and horse judging entries), Horses ID forms and Advancement level deadlines to hand into county offices also due June 1, 2024. <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>

Livestock & Small Animal Events

Boone County Arama Shows:

Boone County is hosting Swine, Beef, Sheep, and Goat Arama Shows in Albion, NE. Youth must be 8 (by January 1) and not have passed their 21st birthday by January 1, 2024, except for Swine exhibitors who can be 5 years old by January 1. Swine will show on Friday, May 24, Beef will show on Saturday, May 25, and Sheep and Goats will show on Sunday, May 26. For more detailed information please contact the Boone County Extension Office at 402-395-2158.

Platte County Showmanship Clinic:

Platte County is hosting a Showmanship Clinic on Saturday, June 22, from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM at the Ag Park in Columbus, NE. This clinic is open to all 4-H members ages 8-18 and is \$5 per youth. The schedule of events includes swine, sheep, goat, rabbit, poultry, and beef showmanship. Please register by June 18th by contacting Blake Wert at 402-563-4901 or bwert@unl.edu.

Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit:

The Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit is a lineup of contests held throughout the state giving youth the opportunity to perfect their skills in preparation for the Nebraska 4-H Premier Animal Science Event (PASE). Qualifying youth must attend a minimum of two contests in addition to the PASE livestock judging contest in order to be eligible for awards and scholarships. The schedule can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/great-plains-livestock-judging-circuit>.

For more Livestock & Small Events:

There are many livestock & small animal events that are happening starting April. If you would like to see all the horse, livestock, & small animal events that are happening in Nebraska please go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/4-h-2024-spring-summer-horse-livestock-small-animal-events/>. The list is updated when we get a new event sent to us.

Animal News

ID Information:

All animals (except dogs, cats, small animals, and poultry) shown at the county fair must be identified on a 4-H identification form (affidavit). Make sure forms are filled out completely. Completed forms can be emailed, mailed, or dropped off at the Pierce County Extension Office.

Animal affidavits are available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/4-h-animal-information-0/> and at the Pierce County Extension Office.

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Horse	
State Horse Show	June 1st
Pierce County Fair	June 15th
Breeding Beef, Market Beef, Bucket Calf, Cow/Calf Pairs, Feeder Calf, Dairy Cattle, Breeding Goat, Market Goat, Breeding Ewe, Market Sheep, Market Swine, Rabbits	June 15th
State Fair	
DNA samples for all Livestock	June 15th
Online Market Nominations for Beef, Goats, Sheep, and Swine	June 15th
Online Breeding Nominations for Beef, Goats, Sheep, and Swine	June 15th
Online Feeder Calf Nominations	June 15th

Goats:

All goats being exhibited needs a individually identified with some form of USDA official Scrapie ID. A legible tattoo in the ear or tail may be used in place of a scrapie tag for Dairy Goats. The tattoo will match registration papers if the goat is registered.

Sheep:

All sheep (breeding & market) must be tagged with a USDA Scrapie ID.

Swine:

All swine exhibited in the 4-H/FFA swine show must be tagged with a 4-H/FFA or EID ear tag. County tags are \$1.00 each and EID tags are \$3.00 each. ID sheets are due to the Nebraska Extension Office on June 15. Tagging needs to be done prior to the ID deadline.

Rabbit:

4-H Rabbits - ID sheet must include breed of rabbit, sex, tattoo, birth date, and color of the rabbit. Rabbits exhibited at the State Fair must be tattooed and entered into ShoWorks by August 10th.

Beef:

Cow/Calf Pairs - include on the ID sheet ear tag number of calf as well as cow, age of cow, sex of calf, and birth date of calf.

Registered Breeding Beef - All registered breeding beef must have legible tattoo in the ears. The tattoo will match registration papers if the breeding beef. Include on the ID Sheet the breed, tattoo, birth date.

Commercial Breeding Beef - All commercial beef must have a tattoo or EID tag or County Only ear tag. On the ID Sheet it must have breed, tattoo or tag number, birth date.

Market Beef - All market beef must have a EID tag or County Only ear tag. On the ID Sheet it must have breed, sex, tag number.

Feeder Calves and Bucket Calves - need to be tagged with a 4-H ear tag. Tags can be purchased from the Extension Office. County tags are \$1.00 each and EID tags are \$3.00 each. EID tags and DNA samples are needed to exhibit a Feeder Calf at State Fair. Tagging needs to be done prior to the ID deadline.

Cats, Dog, & Household Pet Exhibitors:

Remember - proof of current vaccinations for cat, dog, and ferrets are due with fair entries on July 3 and must be current at that time.

Horses:

Markings may be drawn in or photos may be used on the ID sheets. If using photos, clear views of the face and both sides of the horse are needed. Horse level testing for County Fair must be completed by July 15th.

- The State Horse Show in Grand Island is scheduled for July 13-17th. Deadline for entries, ID's, and level testing documentation is June 1, at 4 P.M.
- County Fair: Horse exhibitors have until July 15th to pass Horse Level tests. ID sheets are due June 15th
- Advancement Level Study Guides and Resources are available at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-advancement>. Now is a good time to take written test for Horse Levels.

State Fair Requirements:

Animals must be nominated and fees paid online at <https://showstockmgr.com/>. Cost is \$7.00 per animal. Instructions for entering animals into Showstock Manger website are available at <https://go.unl.edu/sfnomination>.

- In addition to online nomination:
 - Market Animals** - need DNA sample on file and an EID tag (beef and swine) or USDA Scrapies tag (meat goats/sheep).
 - Feeder Calves** - DNA sample and EID tag.
 - Breeding Animals** - Beef: DNA sample and Tattoo or EID tag accepted for Commercial Heifers, Meat Goats: Scrapies tag, and DNA sample, Sheep: Scrapies tag and DNA sample, Swine: EID tag and DNA sample.
- EID tags - (\$3.00 each) and DNA envelopes are available at the Pierce County Extension Office. Exhibitors with animals that have an EID tag must provide a premises ID by **June 15th**.
- State Fair animals must be marked on your county ID sheet.

2024 Online Horticulture Judging Contest

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available

June 7-21, 2024 at: <https://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest>.

Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts.

1. Identification of plant material. Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant.
2. The knowledge portion, usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz. Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.
3. The last portion is judging or placings. This is where four different plants, plates of vegetables, or containers flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

More information about the Nebraska State contest along with a list of study materials can be found in the Fair book <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/45>. Here you can find the written study materials for the knowledge portion, follow links to plant pictures for help with identification, and read how judging of plant material is done.

More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>





Summer Workshops:

Please the enclosed flyer for information on workshops scheduled for this summer.



Nebraska State 4-H Camp Program Staff & Assistants:

Make a difference this summer! The Nebraska State 4-H Camp is now hiring Program Staff and Assistants for 2024 Summer Camp seasons. Work with youth from across Nebraska helping build community, teach new skills, and foster a love of the outdoors. Apply today at <https://go.unl.edu/campjob>



Diamond Clover

The Diamond Clover Program gives youth a structured opportunity to learn and practice skills that prepare them for success in the future. Participants earn rewards for setting goals, trying new things, and keeping records. All youth are invited to participate, regardless of enrollment. Learn more and find planning forms at 4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover.



Big Red Camps

Registration for Big Red Camps is now open, visit our website <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps> or contact us at BigRedCamps@unl.edu. The camps are scheduled for June 9-14, 2024 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Attention 4-H Families

We still have some County Fair and State Fair exhibits here in the office if you could please pick up as soon as possible.

Rabbits

4-H Family has Rabbits that need re-homed to a another 4-H Family.

- 1 MiniRex Show Doe
- 2 Polish Show -1 Buck & 1 Doe -have registration papers for both
- 1 minilops show doe

Please call the Pierce County Extension Office for more information.



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May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Have one month to enroll on 4-H Online			
Mother's Day	Pick Up April Take Home Project					Horse Dental Party
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					Virtual Bee Hotel Workshop Registration DUE Boone County Swine-A-Rama Show	Boone County Beef-A-Rama Show
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Boone County GOat and Sheep -A-Rama Show	Memorial Day Extension Observance - Office Closed		Wayne County YQCA at 1 p.m and 6 p.m. at Wayne Fairgrounds Pitzer 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Ericson, NE Showman's Best Camp Clinic in Vermillion, SD		Home Design & Restoration Registration DUE	State Horse Show entries, Id's and level testing documentation DUE Phelps County Small Animal Progress Show Hyline Beef, Sheep, Goat Progress Show

June 2024

- 1: State Horse Show entries DUE and Horse level testing Complete for State Horse Show
- 5: Home Design & Restoration Workshop
- 6: Insect Collection Workshop
- 7: Summer Building Better Babysitter in Wayne Fairgrounds
- 9-14: Big Red Camps, UNL
- 11: Pierce County YQCA Class at 1 P.M and 6 P.M. at Pierce Fairgrounds.
- 11: 4-H Council Meeting 8 P.M.
- 13: Virtual Bee Hotel Workshop



- 15: All ID's DUE
- 15: DNA SAMPLES DUE at Extension Office
- 15: Livestock Quality Assurance DUE
- 15: Last Day to Enroll on 4-H Online
- 19: Juneteenth Extension Observance Office Closed
- 20: Floral Arrangement & Fairy Garden Workshop
- 21: Clover Bud Workshop (Natures Fun)
- 26: Building Lamps Workshop
- 28: Disaster/Emergency Kits Workshop
- 28: Critter Korner Workshop