



4-H Family Newsletter
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August 2024

Reminder Important Dates:

State Fair Entries- August 10th at 8 P.M.

State Fair Drop Off at Office - August 20th until 7 P.M.

Nebraska State Fair - August 23rd - September 2nd

Extension Office Closed - September 2nd

Aksarben entries due - September 6th

Norfolk Beef Expo - September 8th

Aksarben Stock Show - September 26th - 29th

Extension Office Closed - October 14th



2024 State Fair

If you decided to participate in the **Fashion Show or Livestock Show** at the State Fair the Nebraska State Fair Entry is open to

enroll <https://www.statefair.org/ag-competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors/>. You have until **August 10th at 8 P.M. CST** to be

enrolled. **NO OPTION for late entries.** Reminder all livestock

that you are taking to the State Fair must have been Nominated back on June 15th on Show Stock Manger. If you are unsure whether it was nominated, please contact Brittany at the Extension office.

Bring static exhibits on August 20th by 7 P.M. and we will take them to Grand Island, If it is a large item, please contact us. A green sheet of Information and State Fair sticker would have been attached to your exhibit. If you had are entering Flowers or Vegetables please tell us ahead of time the information so we can make entry tag for it. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office at (402) 329-4821. We are excited to display the static items that qualified for State Fair.

2024 County Fair

Congratulation to all the 4-Her's and their families! Pierce County Fair had 1,347 placed entries this year. Thank you everyone who helped make 2024 fair so successful and for your hard work at the fair.

2024 Pre Checks

Pierce County Fair 4-H Pre Checks were mailed out to for 4-H members who exhibited at the Pierce County Fair, with the exception of Clover Buds. Please check to be certain that all ribbon placings and premiums are correct. If not, please note any corrections and return the form to the Pierce County Extension Office by August 10th. No corrections can be made after that date. No action is required if there are no corrections. Also, please make sure that your 2024 Pierce County 4-H dues are paid. They are \$5 for regular members and Clover Buds. Dues must be paid before Pierce County Fair premiums can be issued to you.

4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair

4-H Day will be **Sunday, August 27th**. To Celebrate our 4-H members statewide we are offering a discount admission that day that is only for bonafide 4-H members.

- This is only intended for 4-H members, family members including parents will need to purchase regular admission tickets. **This is not for exhibitors, but for any 4-H member.**
- Visit: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/7980811/4h-day-at-nebraska-state-fair-good-on-aug-27-only-lincoln-nebraska-state-fairlivestock>

State Fair APP

The 2024 Nebraska Extension 4-H at the State Fair app is available for download! Check out the "Nebraska State Fair App" section at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair> for the direct link to the iPad/ iPhone and Android apps. The app contains many helpful features for 4-H families, staff, and the general fair-goer. Contest and show programs will be made available through the app during the Nebraska State Fair.

County Fair/ 4-H Year Suggestions wanted

If you have any suggestions or comments about the 2024 Pierce Fair or 4-H year, please contact the office or e-mail pierce-county@unl.edu. Each year we learn things after the events that were not shared; please share so we can look into them. The 4-H Council will discuss all comments relating to the 4-H Program. We hope to hear from you soon!

Thank you Sponsors

Many types of recognition in 4-H are made possible by sponsors, individuals and groups from the community, who donate funds to be used for purchasing awards. Trophies, Banners, and prizes had a thank you attached to them addressed to the sponsor. Sponsors are more likely to continue sponsoring 4-H awards if they receive a note of appreciation directly from the 4-Her's who won their award. Please take the time to send a thank you note this year. We are fortunate to have wonderful support in Pierce County. The Pierce County Ag Society spends many hours preparing for the fair every year and they also pay all judges fees and sponsor all the ribbons, rosettes, and premiums you receive. They were again outstanding supporters this year. Their address is: Pierce County Ag Society, PO Box 113, Pierce, NE 68767

Diamond Clover Award Program

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is designed to encourage 4-H Youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing citizens.

The program's overall goal is to provide 4-H members a rich and diverse learning experience. The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. The program is designed to enable every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H. Applications are due to Organizational Leaders on the date set by them. Club leaders will evaluate the applications and submit them to the Extension Office on or before 4 P.M., September 23rd.

Guidelines for Awards

Age Divisions: Junior Division: 4-H Age 8-14 as of December 31, 2023. Senior Division: 4-H Age 15-18 as of December 31, 2023. Award application information & the Achievement application are available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/4-h-award-information/> and the Pierce County Extension Office. Applications are due to the Extension Office on or before 4 P.M., September 23rd. The 4-H Achievement Program is tentatively Scheduled for late October.

Nominate an Outstanding 4-Her

Do you know a 4-H member who has gone above and beyond? Nominate an Outstanding 4-Her (must be 16 years of age or older). Fill out the form telling us why you think either he/she deserves to be the Pierce County Outstanding 4-H Member and turn it into the office by September 23rd. The Outstanding 4-Her will be announced at Achievement Day. Contact the office for a form or find it on <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/4-h-award-information/>. Eligible 4-Her's are listed at the above link.

Achievement Application

The Achievement Application provides an excellent opportunity for 4-Hers to keep track of what they have participated in, given leadership to, and learned through 4-H. Completing the application and submitting it to your Organizational 4-H Club Leader and the Extension Office allows 4-Hers to receive a award. Youth will be recognized at the Achievement Program. Then application may be submitted in an official 4-H Notebook cover, 3 ring binder, or electronically and is due by 4 P.M., September 23rd. Youth 4-H age 15 years and older can compete at the state level for an opportunity to represent Nebraska at National 4-H Congress or National 4-H Conference. These leadership opportunities are held a year in Atlanta and Washington DC. You must identify a program area (Agriculture, STEAM, Leadership and Entrepreneurship, Healthy Living, or College and Career Preparation for my future) to apply. Note: Do not include ID sheets, ribbons, newspaper clippings, record book comment sheets, entry tags, programs, score sheets, etc.

National 4-H Week

Provides a great opportunity to put 4-H in the spotlight! National 4-H Week is October 1st-7th.

Attention 4-H Families

We still have some County Fair exhibits here in the office. Please pick up as soon as possible.



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August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
						State Fair Livestock & Fashion Show Entry Due @ 8 P.M. CST
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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October 2024

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