

STAYING IN THE LOOP

February 2024



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2024 4-H Calendar



FEBRUARY - 4-H Month

- 10 - Saturday Sewers
- 29 - Color Contest Pages Due
- 29 - Priority Enrollment Due

MARCH

- 4 - 4-H Council Meeting
- 23 - Saturday Sewers
- 28 - 4-H Council Senior Scholarship Applications Due

APRIL

- 13 - Saturday Sewers
- 15 - Speech Contest Registration Due
- 15 - Presentation Contest Registration Due
- 22 - Speech & Presentation Contest

MAY

- 18 - Sunday Sewers
- 31 - Whiskey Barrel Planting Deadline

JUNE

- 1 - YQCA Deadline
- 1 - Animal ID Sheets Due
- 1 - T-shirt Orders Due
- 1- DNA Envelopes Due (State Fair)
- 19-20 - 4-H Exhibit Workshop

JULY

- 1 - Horse level 1 Test Deadline
- 8 - Pre-Entries Due
- 8 - Fashion Show Narratives Due
- 19 - Entry Tags Ready
- 24 - Pre-Fair Judging
- 24 - Companion Animal & Cat Show
- 26 - Dog Show
- 27 - Fair Set Up

Stanton County Fair - July 31-August 4



2024 Stanton County 4-H Calendar



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* Summer Hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday ~ Winter Hours: 7 am - 5 pm Monday - Thursday

Deadlines
Important 4-H Dates
Office Closed

- Dates Subject to Change ~



Leap into 4-H Coloring Contest



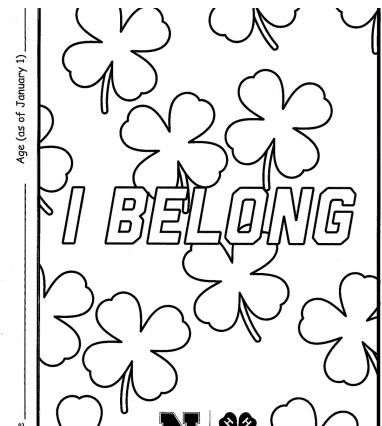
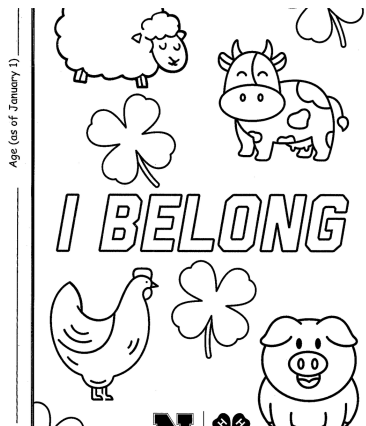
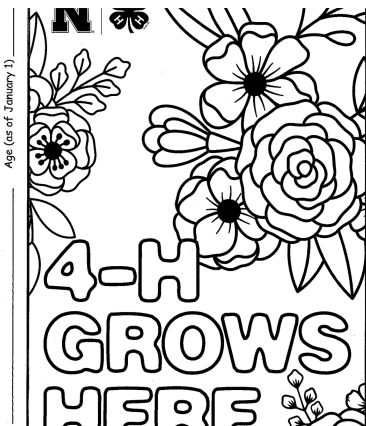
Leap into 4-H

with a Coloring Contest

**\$10.00 - 1st prizes for
Cloverbud, Junior & Senior**

- Select from 3 different pages.
- Cloverbud - ages 5-7
- Junior - ages 8-11
- Senior - ages 12-18
- Due to Extension Office on February 29.
- Must be enrolled in 4-H to win.

Print coloring page here, pick one up at the office or download: <https://go.unl.edu/colorcontest>



4-H Enrollment

[4-H Online](#) is open for enrollment.

- Use your email and password from last year to log-in to 4-H Online.
- New Families will need to create an account.
- All members and leaders must enroll for 2024.

- Include all projects you are planning on participating in and/or entering at the fair.
- **Priority enrollment is February 29.**
- You will be able to make changes and add projects until June 15.



ENROLLMENT IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL DUES ARE PAID.

Dues are \$10 per family.

Families with only cloverbuds or volunteers (leaders) do not pay dues.

Stanton County Extension Website

Most of the information you will need for 4-H and Fair Events can be found on our website:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/stanton/> - 4-H Enrollment, 4-H Newsletters, 4-H Resources, Awards & Applications, Camps & Workshops, Fair Resources and Livestock Resources. In the Red Bar towards the top of the page, hover over Stanton County 4-H and a dropdown menu will appear.

4-H T-Shirts

New 4-H Members - 4-H Council buys each new 4-H member a t-shirt. All new members, you must contact the office with your size to get your t-shirt ordered.

Re-enrolling members - if you want to order a t-shirt, contact the office with your size.

Dress Code - all 4-H members exhibiting animals at the fair are required to wear the official 4-H t-shirt or plain white t-shirt with 4-H chevron attached.

Stanton County 4-H Council Senior Scholarships

4-H Council will award a \$250 scholarship to Stanton County 4-H Seniors who are currently graduating and who plan to continue with post high school education. All 4-H families with seniors should have received an email with the scholarship application. Contact the office if you need another application.

Applications due March 28, 2024.

NIFA Grant

Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award Application

- \$500 grant to clubs for completing projects impacting their communities and promoting 4-H.
 - <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/governors-ag-excellence-award/> for application information.
 - Must be submitted by April 1.
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2024 Fair Dates

July 24 - Pre-Fair **July 26 - Dog Show**

Stanton County Fair - July 31 - August 4

Saturday Sewers



- Saturday, February 10
- Saturday, March 23
- Saturday, April 13
- Saturday, May 18

Saturday Sewers meet at the Community Building at the Stanton Fairgrounds from 9 am - 3 pm. Anyone interested in learning to sew or willing to help complete donated quilts is welcome to attend. Come and sew if you have an unfinished project, stop by to get ideas for a new project, or come work on donated, unfinished projects. Everyone is welcome. A limited supply of sewing machines and supplies are available for all to use. They are planning to include a short teaching lesson each month. Let them know if you have ideas or suggestions.

For more information or questions, contact DaNita Schellpeper at 402-439-5089 or Kim Spence at 402-851-1394.

Speech & Presentation Contest

April 22 - 6 pm

Contact the office to register.

Registration due April 15.

Age Divisions & Length of Speech:

Junior (8-10 yrs.) - 2-3 minutes

Intermediate (11-13 yrs.) - 3-5 minutes

Senior (14-18 yrs.) - 5-8 minutes

All PSA's are 60 seconds long. PSA theme for 2024 is "4-H is a Feeling".

Resources available on our website under 4-H Resources.

For more information: [Speech PSA](#)

GRO Big Red Virtual Learning Series

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Extension

GROBigRed Virtual Learning Series

Wednesdays | 12 p.m. CST



Join the experts from Nebraska Extension to learn and ask questions about:

- 2/14 — Starting Plants for Your Garden • *Nicole Stoner*
- 3/13 — Maximizing Garden Potential • *David Lott & Ian Peterson*
- 4/10 — Rain — Use It, Don't Lose It! • *Kelly Feehan*
- 5/8 — Simple Landscape Design • *Elizabeth Exstrom*
- 6/12 — Summer Lawn Care • *John Fech*
- 7/10 — Vegetable Garden Disease • *Sarah Browning*
- 8/14 — Fall Garden Maximization • *David Lott & Ian Peterson*
- 9/11 — Pollinator Habitats • *Scott Evans & Mary Jane Frogge*

Register at: <https://hles.unl.edu/grobigrd>

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Nebraska 4-H Summer Camp



Summer 2024 CAMP

The power of
being  green



REGISTER TODAY
4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-REGISTER



CHADRON
JUNE 1-5
JUNE 6-8

10-14 YEARS
8-10 YEARS


COZAD
JUNE 16-20
JULY 1-3

10-14 YEARS
8-10 YEARS

BURWELL
JULY 17-19
JULY 20-24

8-10 YEARS
10-14 YEARS

Registration for the Nebraska 4-H Summer Camp program is now open!

The summer 2024 theme is **The Power of Being  Green**. Youth will get to explore and interact with their natural world in six different sessions. Youth will learn how they can use their head, heart, hands, and health to make our natural world a better place for all.

Camp Scholarships

4-H Council is providing scholarships to 4-H'ers attending camp. Contact the office for more information.

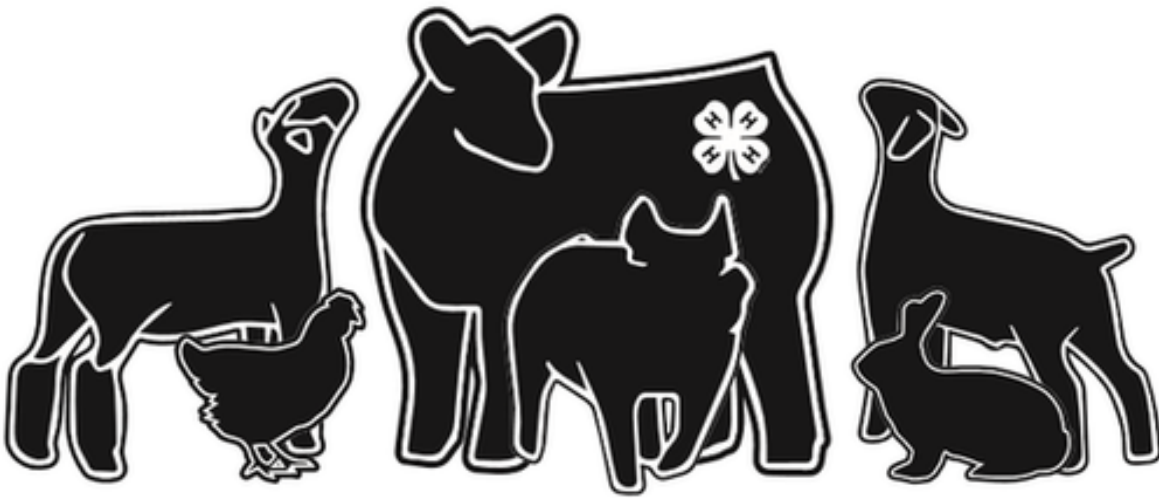
Interested in working at Summer Camp?

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



The decision has been made to change the age of eligibility in 2024 for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse show, PASE, communications contest) to 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year). Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO League Challenge Robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.

4-H LIVESTOCK NEWS



YQCA



All youth enrolled in Beef, Goat, Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine and/or sheep are required to complete LQCA. Deadline is June 1. 4-H'er will not be able to exhibit animals at the fair if they have not complete the course. Please print completion certificate and turn in to the office.

Parents will be able to create a parent account and add children to the family account.

YOCA Instructions - for help, click the Help Button to send an email or use the chat feature. Customer Support will be provided M-F 10 am - 6 pm CST. [Instructions with visuals.](#)

1. Go to yqcaprogram.org from your computer browser and select **Login & Register Tab**.
2. Register to create a new account - this will be your parent account.
3. Enter your birthdate.
4. Complete registration info for owner of account.
5. Retrieve email to validate registraton and complete parental consent.

Add a child.

1. Select **Add Child**.
2. Complete registration. Select **Submit** or **Submit and Add Another Child**.
3. Complete **Data Sharing Consent**.
4. View child dashboard to edit child profiles, delete a child and add children.

Purchasing Web Based Training

1. Go to **Home** page and select a course. Select **Add to Cart**. Multiple courses may be added to cart and multiple licenses of one training can be purchased.
2. Select **Proceed to Buy**.
3. Enter credit/debit card details.
4. To view purchased trainings select **Purchased Courses**. Here is a list of courses that have been purchased.

[Help Video](#) is located at bottom of [YOCA Homepage](#).

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Complete Web-Based Training

1. Return to Home page and select **Take Course**.
2. Select user to take course.
3. Before launching course, take pre-course survey. NOTE: users ,ust pass 3 quizzes to achieve certification: Animal Well-Being, Food Safety, and Life Skills. Select a Knowledge Builder and Skills Lab to gain knowledge and test skill. User status will show throughout to track progress.
4. Select **Exit Activity, Jump To** or the arrows under the module to return to menu page to select another Knowledge Builder, Skills Lab , or Quiz.
5. Once all quizzes have been passed, sign out.
6. Log back in to take post-course survey and access certificate.

Printing Certification

1. Access your certificate using dropdown menu under **Course Certificates**. Select the + to see dropdown on completed courses.
2. Select the blue button to download certificate.
3. On a PC computer, the downloaded PDF will be available in the upper right-hand corner of the screen and in the **Downloads** folder.
4. On a Mac computer, the downloaded PDF will be available in your browser downloads at the bottom of the window and in the **Downloads** folder.
5. On an iPhone, you will have the option to save your downloaded PDF to your photos, files, or other applications you have on your phone.
6. Rename and/or move the file to a location that is easit accessible for future use. To print PDF, select printer icon and send to local printer.

YOCA Instructions

YOCA Instructions continued.

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YOCA Info.pdf

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Animal Identification Guidelines

Animal Identification Guidelines – 2024

Female market animals (beef, sheep, swine) may be identified as both breeding and market. Double identification DOES NOT allow the animal to be show as both breeding and market. Read 2024 Stanton County Fairbook for complete details.

Project Area	Nomination Process		ID Sheets & DNA Due	Pre-Entry Deadline	
	County Fair ONLY	State Fair		County Fair	State Fair
BEEF					
Market	4H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Breeding Heifer	Tattoo or 4H Ear Tag	Commercial – Tattoo or EID Tag Both: EID Tag & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Feeder Calf	4H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Bucket Calf	4H Ear Tag	No Class	June 1	July 8	Record Book due July 31
Cow/Calf Pair – Cow	Cow – Tattoo or 4H Tag	No Class	June 1	July	No Class
Calf	Calf – 4H Tag	No Class	June 1	July	No Class
DAIRY CATTLE					
Market	Drawing or Photo	ID Sheet Drawing	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
GOAT					
Dairy	USDA Scrapie Tag**	No Class	June 1	July 8	No Class
Market	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Breeding Doe	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
HORSE					
Market	Drawing or Photo	Horse Identification Certification	June 1	July 8	June 1
POULTRY					
Market	N/A	N/A	N/A	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
RABBIT*					
Market	Tattoo	Tattoo	June 1*	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
SHEEP					
Breeding Ewe	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Market Sheep	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
SWINE					
Market Swine	4H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Breeding Gilt	4H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM

* Rabbit tattooing. Tattooing date – TBD. Rabbits must be tattooed by June 1.

** Contact Extension Office for information on obtaining USDA scrapie tags. www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/nai/naip/naipfaq.cfm

Additional Information

County offices can accept paper ID sheets for their own record keeping but those will not be accepted as a form of identification for State Fair. Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, as follows: Market Beef (20), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20). There are entry limits for each of the individual species. Exhibitors cannot exhibit more than the following for each species to State Fair: Beef (5), Swine (6), Sheep (4), Goat (4), Poultry (6), Rabbit (6).

Family Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors will be required to enroll in 4-H by the county deadline in 4H Online.
2. Exhibitors will review their species fairbooks.
3. Exhibitors showing **market and/or breeding beef, feeder calves, market and/or breeding sheep or market and/or breeding goats** at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification turned into their county office by June 1 and have completed the online nomination (www.showstockmgr.com) with payment, by June 15. **Every animal nomination (this includes all breeding animals and feeder calves) will require a DNA submission.** Any animal carrying an 840 EID tag will require the exhibitor to obtain a Premises ID. Contact the local Extension Office for details. It is recommended that you make a copy or a photo image of completed envelope you turn into your county.)
4. Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YOCA) for the enrolled livestock projects by June 1.
5. Exhibitors will confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legibility and/or accuracy.
6. Exhibitors will notify the County Extension Staff of any retags that may occur up to time of check-in at the State Fair.
7. Exhibitors will select which animal nominations they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair entry website by August 10. All nominated and validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for entry registration.
8. Exhibitors will be required to bring the breed registration association paperwork to check-in at State Fair for animals wanting to show in a breed class. The registration papers must show the exhibitors name or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family and is listed with the online nomination in Show Stock Manager.

County Staff Responsibilities:

1. Submit an 840 EID tag order for beef and swine animal projects.
2. Schedule and publish weigh-in and/or tagging dates if offered in your county.
3. Request, distribute and collect DNA collectors for families. 840 EID tags should not be distributed without the premise ID being recorded in 4H Online. It is optional but recommended to record on the DNA envelope.
4. Inform families of the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YOCA) training options available to them.
5. Collect all beef, swine, lamb, and goat DNA envelopes by June 1. Families will submit payment online in Show Stock Manager. Copy all DNA envelopes for your county records and mail all completed DNA envelopes to the ASCARBEN Stock Show office by June 15.
6. Remind families to confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legibility and/or accuracy.
7. Collect Premises ID numbers from exhibitors and input those into 4H Online.
8. Review and validate all online livestock nominations in Show Stock Manager for each exhibitor by July 1.
9. Input nomination edits in to Show Stock Manager for your families. Edits will be corrected by Show Coordinator. For retags, directly notify Brandt Schuler bschuler@stc.edu and/or input the change in Show Stock Manager.
10. Inform families that all nominations have been validated and are available for entry at the Nebraska State Fair entry website <http://www.statefair.org> when the system is open.

Revised 1/2024

2024 Animal Identification Guidelines.pdf

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All beef, sheep, swine, goats, horses, and rabbits must be ID'ed by June 1 to exhibit at the fair.

State Fair and DNA Samples

4-Hers who plan to exhibit at the 2024 Nebraska State Fair and/or the Aksarben Stock Show will be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. DNA envelopes can be picked up at the extension office. Deadline is June 1.

Clover Kids Policy for Animal Exhibit

Age 5 - 7 before January 1 of the current year.

Animals that are appropriate for this age group include bucket calf -

No Bulls, sheep, goat, dog, poultry, rabbit, cat, and companion animals.

No Clover Kid Horse Show (Mini Horse can show.) or Swine Show.

No animals great than 350 pounds or more than six months of age at the time of the show.

4-H does not sponsor or support Pee Wee (non 4-H age youth) events or exhibition. Any PeeWee show must be sponsored by the fairboard.



Virtual Horse Judging Camp

This is an online horse judging camp for anyone thinking about giving horse judging a try! The camp includes at-home assignments, reasons critique, 4 interactive virtual meetings, quizzes, and certificate of completion!

Participants have the opportunity to submit videos of oral reasons for feedback. Recorded sessions, class videos and supplemental materials will be available for 6 months.

Experts from 3 universities will be online each session to discuss classes and interact with you.

Topics/classes covered include:

Feb 8- Performance Halter- Dr. Steven Cooper, Oklahoma State University

Feb 15- Oral reasons - Dr. Casie Bass, Purdue University

Feb 22 Reining- Dr. Alyssa Logan- Middle Tennessee State University

Feb 29 Western Riding- Dr. Kathy Anderson- University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dates: February 8, 15, 22 and 29

Time: 7-8:30 pm Eastern time, 6-7:30pm Central time

Cost is \$50

To register go to: https://catalog.extension.org/?category=6&keyword=horse%20judging%20camp&cond=advand&search=Search&fbclid=IwAR1w8SQzL_XS3ErtfVMw9xdsiaqpmlrg3aEadTOzZq4BY7_jBHmt3ZyhrXc

Loup Valley 4-H Horse Conference



Loup Valley 4-H Horse Conference Presents - 2 Day Event

\$100 per day - Lunch Included

\$100 nonrefundable deposit

9:00AM-4:00PM each day

Merrick County Youth & Agriculture Education Center, Merrick Co. Fairgrounds
1784 Fairgrounds Road, Central City, NE 68826 *INDOOR ARENA / Stalls \$20

Contact: Kim Dugan 308-750-3912

Deadline: March 1st

Day 1 – Saturday, March 9, 2024

Youth Trail Clinic

Limit 20 riders

With Dan Engels

*This clinic will provide riders with the opportunity to work one-on-one with instructors to fine tune their trail knowledge and skills.



About Dan:

Dan Engels strives to develop equestrians' abilities in Trail, Western Pleasure, and Horsemanship.

He has been providing private lessons to all ages for more than 32 years.

Day 2 – Sunday, March 10, 2024

Horsemanship, Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail

Limit 20 riders

With Josie Bonner

*Learn horsemanship for the ranch classes
*Learn pattern placement for ranch riding
*Working Ranch Rail Class Practice



About Josie:

Josie Bonner of Bonner Performance Horses trains all around horses for 4-H, AQHA, APHA and NRHA. She specializes in Ranch and Reining events for youth, amateur and open at all levels of showing. Her 4-H students have been successful at their county fairs and the Nebraska State Horse Show earning multiple awards from Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle to Ranch Riding and Reining. Josie strives to help every rider reach their goals locally and nationally with their horses in multiple disciplines.

Bonner Performance Horses is located south of Norfolk, Nebraska

WARNING: Under Nebraska law, an equine activity sponsor or professional shall not be liable for any injury to, or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities. Code of Nebraska LB 153 Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln cooperating with the Courties and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the non-discrimination policies of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Lunch with Equine Nutrition Specialists
both days!



4-H Horse Stampede

The 4-H Horse Stampede has been scheduled for Saturday, March 23. Entries are due online by March 4, 2024. More information can be found here: [4-H Horse Stampede | Nebraska 4-H \(unl.edu\)](https://4h.unl.edu/horse)

2024 State Horse Show

2024 State Horse Show is at Fonner Park in Grand Island July 13-17. More information for the horse program can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse>

4-H Rabbit Show



OPEN TO ALL YOUTH 8-18
as of Jan. 1, 2024



Spring Rabbit Show

Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m.

Registration 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Sandhills Global Event Center – South Hall
84th & Havelock, Lincoln

Opportunity to learn and practice your showmanship!

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN!

Best of Breed awards will be given to each breed that has 2 or more exhibitors and 3 or more entries.



Rabbit Classes	
Fancy Rabbits	Juniors—under 6 months
.....	Seniors—6 months and over
Commercial Rabbits	Juniors—under 6 months
.....	Intermediate—6-8 months
.....	Seniors—9 months and over
Pet Class*	Junior exhibitors—ages 8-12
.....	Senior exhibitors—ages 13-19

For Clover Kids Ages 5-7
Each participant will receive a participation award. No registration fee.
Clover Kid Class

Registration Fees	
\$3.00	Per rabbit or cavy
\$1.00	Fur class
\$2.00	Showmanship

FREE CONTESTS!
Rabbit Quiz & Breed ID!*

*Knowledge contests are open to adults for a minimal fee!

Great opportunity for youth to learn from other 4-H'ers where to purchase a show-quality rabbit for a 4-H project!

RAFFLE FOR MANY PRIZES!
Tickets 3 for \$1 or 20 for \$5

Please bring an item for raffle such as crafts, rabbit items, plants, spring items, books, etc. No homemade food items.

All rabbits must have a permanent legible tattoo in the left ear (tattooing available at the show 7:30-8:30 a.m. — \$1 per rabbit). All rabbits must be in carriers with leak-proof bottoms.

For more information, contact Kate at 402-441-7180 or kpulec3@unl.edu
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