

STAYING IN THE LOOP

March 2023



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Congratulations to Tanner Furstenau

for being selected to receive the Don and Martha Romeo scholarship!

2023 Stanton County Fairbook

are ready!

Stop by the Extension Office to pick up your copy.

Office hours - 7 am - 5 pm

Monday - Thursday

Online version has also been updated for 2023.

Some of the biggest changes:

Fashion Show, Auction & Awards Program
has been moved to Sunday at 1 pm.



Clothing Department - a Design Data card must be included with all Beyond the Needle classes and STEAM 2 & 3 upcycled exhibits. Card is linked on our website under Fair Resources.

Upcycled Classes - STEAM 2 & 3 required before picture no larger than 4.25" x 5.5".

Upcycled Clothing Accessory, STEAM 2, Class 4 - Original item must be redesigned, not just decorated. Before picture required.

Knitting & Crochet - information sheet has changed.

Visual Arts - 2D framing information.

Entomology - No purchase specimens, all specimens to be pinned and labeled by exhibitor.

Entomology, Class 5 - report information.

Conservation & Wildlife - Proper Credit example.

SET Geospatial - New Class - Virtual Geocache.

Cloverbud - Additional Cloverbud classes.

Be sure to check the 2023 Stanton County Fairbook for complete details of these changes and other minor changes in projects and exhibits..

2023 4-H Calendar



MARCH

18 - Saturday Sewers

30 - 4-H Council Senior Scholarship Applications Due

APRIL

15 - Enrollment Target Date

17 - Speech & Presentation Contest Registration Deadline

22 - Saturday Sewers

24 - Speech & Presentation Contest

MAY

13 - Saturday Sewers

24 - Rabbit Tattooing

31 - Whiskey Barrel Planting Due

JUNE

1 - YQCA Deadline

1 - Animal ID Sheets Due

1 - T-shirt Orders Due

1 - 4-H Workshop Registration Due

21-22 4-H Exhibit Workshop

26 - Clover Kid Camp Registration Due

JULY

1 - Horse level 1 Test Deadline

10 - Pre-Entries Due

12 - Clover Kid Camp
 21 - Entry Tags Ready
 26 - Pre-Fair Judging
 26 - Companion Animal & Cat Show
 28 - Dog Show

August
 2-6 - Stanton County Fair



2023 Stanton County 4-H Calendar



Month	Key Dates																																																	
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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 ~

Calendar Templates by Vertex42.com

http://www.vertex42.com/calendars/

4-H Enrollment is encouraged by April 15.

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

- 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 2023.
- Enrollment and project information is available on our website.

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN
 4H.UNL.EDU/ENROLL

- Include all projects you are planning on participating in and/or entering at the fair.
- Enrollment is encouraged by April 15.
- 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.



Diane will be out of the office for several weeks beginning the second week of April. If there is anything you know you will need from her, please check with her now. If you need anything while she is gone, the office will be open for you to stop in or call. If you are emailing, please use: Stanton-county@unl.edu.

4-H T-Shirts

New 4-H Members - 4-H Council buys each new member 1 t-shirt. **All new 4-H 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 are required to wear the official 4-H t-shirt or plain white t-shirt with 4-H chevron attached.

Deadline to order t-shirts - June 1.

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 continue with post high school education. All 4-H families with seniors should have received an email with the scholarship application earlier in January. Contact the office if you need another application.

Applications due March 30, 2023.

Speech & Presentation Contest

April 24 - 6 pm

Contact the office to register.

Registration due April 17.

Age Divisions & Length of Speech:

Junior (8-10 yrs.) - 1-2 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 2023 is "Discover Your Spark in Nebraska 4-H". See Fairbook for complete details. Resources available on our website under 4-H Resources.

2023 Whiskey Barrel Challenge

Incredible, Edible Barrels

- Plant your barrel this year with anything edible.
 - Think outside the box - some flowers are edible, herbs are edible.
 - Anything goes as long as it is edible.
 - Include club name on the barrel.
 - Write-up describing the plants used, what part of them can be eaten and how they are used.
 - **Deadline for plantings and write-up turned into the office - May 31.**
 - Remember to keep in mind the growing conditions of your barrel when you are planning. Many of the barrels are shaded much of the time.
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Saturday Sewers



- Saturday, March 18
- Saturday, April 22
- Saturday, May 13

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.

College affordability is a priority at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Nebraska offers the lowest tuition in the Big Ten, and students find Nebraska an excellent value. Most families of college-bound students file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to apply for college scholarships and financial aid. The FAFSA is used to determine your aid eligibility and is a requirement for many need-based programs at the University, including the Nebraska Promise. If you are a senior in high school, now is the time to complete and submit your FAFSA. Complete your FAFSA by the **June 1** priority deadline to be considered for all available aid.

Here are a few simple steps to get started. Also, you can watch “How To FAFSA” at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=az9rP7NZ2Hg&feature=emb_title to assist you with the process or you may contact Husker Hub at huskerhub@unl.edu or 402-472-2030.

- Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID: Create an Account
- Complete and submit the FAFSA: [FAFSA Form](#)
- List Nebraska’s federal school code **002565 on the FAFSA application** and your information will be sent directly to the university.
- Watch your email for a link to your Student Aid Report (SAR).

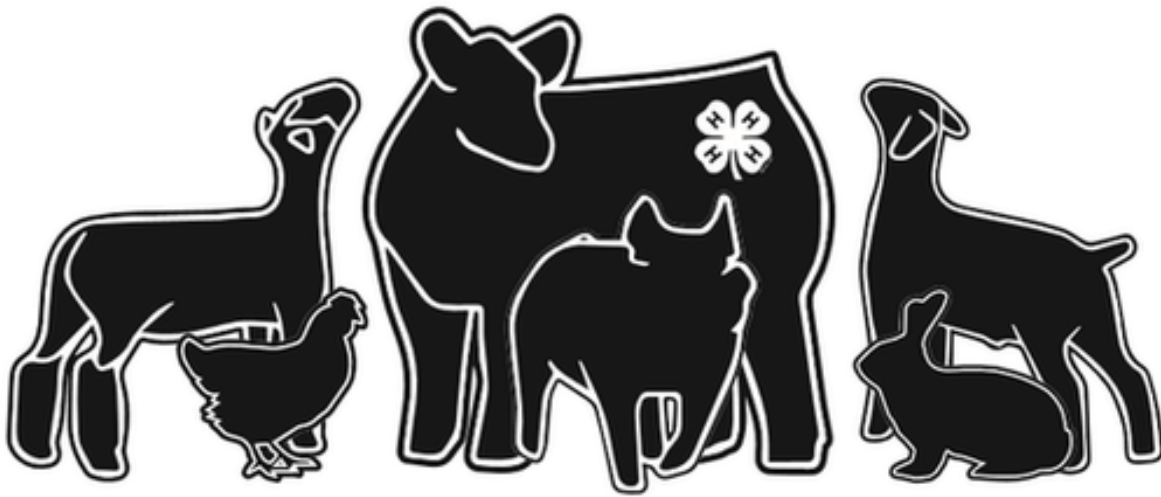
Tractor Safety

Nebraska Tractor & Equipment Safety Certification Course & Hands-On Safety Days

- Teens 14 or 15 years of age who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about safe farming practices, are encouraged to register for the certification course. Students under age 14 are not eligible for certification but the hands-on events are open to everyone in the community.
- Federal law prohibits children under 16 years of age from using certain equipment on a farm unless their parents or legal guardians own the farm. However, certification received through the course grants an exemption to the law allowing 14- and 15-year-olds to drive a tractor and to do field work with certain mechanized equipment.

Contact the office for more information and dates.

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.

YQCA 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 or courses that have been purchased.

[Help Video](#) is located at bottom of YQCA 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 hae 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 easilt accessible for future use. To print PDF, select printer icon and send to local printer.

YQCA Instructions

YQCA Instructions continued.

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Animal Identification Guidelines

Animal Identification Guidelines – 2023

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 2023 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	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
Breeding Heifer	Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag	Registered – Tattoo Commercial – Tattoo or EID Tag Both: DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
Feeder Calf	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
Bucklet Calf	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	June 1	July 10	No Class
Cow/Call Pair – Cow	Tattoo or 4-H Tag	No Class	June 1	July 10	No Class
Call	4-H Tag	No Class	June 1	July 10	No Class
DAIRY CATTLE	Drawing or Photo	ID Sheet Drawing	June 1	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
GOAT					
Dairy	USDA Scrapie Tag**	No Class	June 1	July 10	No Class
Market	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
Breeding Doe	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
HORSE	Drawing or Photo	Horse Identification Certification	June 1	July 10	June 1
POULTRY	N/A	N/A	N/A	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
RABBIT	Tattoo	Tattoo	June 1*	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
SHEEP					
Breeding Ewe	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
Market Sheep	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
SWINE					
Market Swine	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM
Breeding Gilt	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 10	August 10 – 8 PM

* Rabbit tattooing: Tattooing date – May 24, 6-7 pm. Rabbits must be tattooed by June 1.
** Contact Extension Office for information on obtaining USDA scrapie tags.
NOTE: All 4-H/FFA BREEDING LIVESTOCK, MARKET LIVESTOCK AND FEEDER CALVES will be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible for State Fair.

Additional Information

County offices can accept paper ID sheets for their own record keeping but these 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).

Family Responsibilities:

- Exhibitors will be required to enroll in 4-H and the required projects by June 15 in 4H Online.
- Exhibitors showing market and/or breeding beef, feeder calves, market and/or breeding swine, 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.showstockmnr.com) along with submitting payment online 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.)
- Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for the enrolled livestock projects by June 1.
- Exhibitors will confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legitimacy and/or accuracy.
- Exhibitors will notify the County Extension Staff of any retags that may occur up to time of check-in at the State Fair.
- 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.
- 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:

- Submit an 840 EID tag order for beef and swine animal projects.
- Schedule and publish weigh in and/or tagging dates if offered in your county.
- 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.
- Inform families of the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training options available to them.
- Collect all beef, swine, lamb, and goat DNA envelopes by June 1. Families will submit payment online. Copy all DNA envelopes for your county records and mail all completed DNA envelopes to the ASCARBEN Stock Show office by June 15.
- Remind families to confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legitimacy and/or accuracy.
- Collect Premises ID numbers from exhibitors and input those into 4H Online.
- Review and validate all online livestock nominations in Show Stock Manager for each exhibitor by July 1. Online Validation is found at: www.showstockmnr.com
- Input nomination edits to Show Stock Manager for your families. Edits will be corrected by Show Coordinator. For retags, directly notify Brandy Schulte bschulte@stcfd.net and input the change in Show Stock Manager.
- Inform families that all nominations have been validated and are available for entry at the Nebraska State Fair entry website <http://www.statelife.org> when the system is open.

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Animal ID Guidelines

Animal ID Information

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

BEEF

Exhibiting at County Fair Only:

- Pick up tags & ID sheets at the Extension Office. Hours: 7 am - 5 pm, Monday - Thursday.
- Photo ID: Turn in photo of 4-H'er with calf - tag must be visible in the ear. (Breeding heifers do not need a tag if they have a tattoo.)
- Photos & ID sheets are due in the office by June 1.

State Fair Exhibitors

Market and Feeders - need an EID tag & DNA samples taken.

Breeding heifers - need a tattoo or EID tag & DAN samples taken.

It will be your responsibility to get the DNA pulled and information submitted online.

Contact the office for a State Fair instructions packet.

SHEEP & GOATS - will be ID'ed by scrapie tag.

RABBIT - Tattooing is May 24, 6-7 pm.

Rabbits only need to come if they need to be tattooed.

DNA for All State Fair Nominations

- All 4-H/FFA BREEDING livestock, market livestock and FEEDER CALVES will now be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair.

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, sheep, goat, dog, poultry, rabbit, cat, and companion animals.

No bull calves.

No Clover Kid Horse 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.



Nebraska Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States 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.



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