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# Wayne County 4-H

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK:

Volunteers are an essential part of our 4-H program. They don't expect to be rewarded for their efforts, so it is especially gratifying when we are able to reward them with recognition. National Volunteer Week is an excellent time to recognize our 4-H volunteers! It is also a chance for the community to become aware of the value and dedication of 4-H volunteers to our program.

## TRACTOR SAFETY TRAININGS:

Tractor and farm equipment safety courses are now open for registration! Teens ages 14- 15 who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about tractor and farm equipment safety practices, can register for a safety training course offered at seven locations across Nebraska from May 22 through June 8. Learn more at <https://go.unl.edu/2023tractorsafety>.



## REMINDERS:

- Next Chapter Levels 1 & 2 are scheduled for April 7. Registration is due April 3 to the Extension Office.
- The Public Speaking, PSA, and Presentation Contests are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on April 16, 2023 at the Wayne County Courthouse. Entries are due April 10, contact the Extension office to register.
- Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute (NAYI) applications must be postmarked by April 15. The selection of delegates to the institute is based on an application form that is available at: <https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/>
- Registration is open for Nebraska 4-H Camps at <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp/> and the 4-H Council offers camp scholarships for them. Scholarship applications are due May 1. Click on the 4-H Council Camp Scholarship Application link at <https://wayne.unl.edu/4-h-camps>.
- Now is a good time to complete to take written tests for Horse Levels. Please call the office to set up a time so a test can be ready for you.

# REMINDERS CONTINUED:



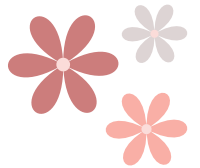
Registration is now open for the 2023 4-H Youth Leadership Conference! High school students, ages 14-18, are invited to Camp Comeca in Cozad from June 19-21 to gain real-world leadership skills. The experience is open to all youth, not just 4-H members! Register by June 4 to claim your spot. Visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference> to get started.

## STATE FAIR CHANGES:

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.



Through Big Red Camps, students have the opportunity to develop new skills, prepare for college, stand out in college applications, explore potential careers, and meet like-minded peers in a safe and structured environment. Registration is now open! Learn more at: <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>.



# ANIMAL NEWS

## ANIMAL ID FORMS:

All animal identification forms are available online at <https://wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits> or at the Extension Office. You will need Adobe PDF Reader to open the files. There is a free download link available on the same site. All ID forms are due to the Extension Office by **June 15**.

## MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN:

Market Beef Weigh-in was held Sunday, March 5 at the Wayne Veterinary Clinic. Reminder to families that identified State Fair animals to input their animal information into the Showstock Manager database <https://showstockmgr.com> and pay the nomination fee by **June 15**. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped!

## SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH-IN:

Reminder Sheep and Goat Weigh-in is scheduled for May 19th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Market Goats at 5:30 p.m. and Market Sheep at 6:00 p.m. ID's are due for Rate-of-Gain.

## SHOWMAN'S BEST CAMP:

Here is an excellent workshop opportunity for youth sheep and goat exhibitors. A one-day camp in Vermillion, SD will feature national presenters. Find more information here: <https://showmansbestcamp.com/>

## YQCA:

Face-to-Face (Instructor Led) YQCA trainings are scheduled for May 31 (1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.) at the Wayne County Fairgrounds and June 6 (1:00 and 6:00 p.m.) at the Pierce County Fairgrounds. If you are interested in completing the online (Wed Based) YQCA course, now is a good time. Instructions are available at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca> and at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org) | More Info | Youth and Parents (Scroll down the page for help videos).

## HORSE REMINDERS:

- The State Horse Show in Grand Island is scheduled for July 15-19th. More information at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>.
- Youth do not have to qualify at a District Horse Show to participate in the State Horse Show. The deadline for entries, ID's, and level testing documentation is June 1, at 5 PM.
- County Fair: June 15—Horse exhibitors have until June 15 to pass Horse Level 1, but all other levels must be passed by June 1 to count for classes entered in 2023. ID sheets are due June 15 as well.
- Advancement Level Study Guides and Resources are available at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-advacemnt-levels>

## THE GREAT PLAINS JUDGING CURCUIT:








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 top 5 individuals in the Senior and Intermediate divisions will be recognized as part of the All-State Team during the Grand Drive at the Nebraska State Fair. Schedule can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/gpljc>.

## THE LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM:

The Livestock Achievement Program is an advanced opportunity for youth interested in diving deeper into and expanding upon their current livestock project and establishing themselves as leaders in their project area. The program encourages youth to engage in a variety of activities related to their project and recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas. Applications are now open. Learn more at: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>.



# April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						Clover Kid Meeting (9 - 10 AM)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Reg. for Next Chapters 1 & 2 Due				Next Chapter 1 (9 AM - Noon) Chapter 2 (1 - 4 PM)	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Reg. for Public Speaking, PSA, and Presentations Contests Due					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Public Speaking and Presentations Contests (3 PM)				4-H Council (7 PM)		
National Volunteer Week	National Volunteer Week	National Volunteer Week	National Volunteer Week	National Volunteer Week	National Volunteer Week	National Volunteer Week
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Arbor Day (Office Closed)	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	May 6 Clover Kid Meeting Reg. Due  4-H Council Camp Scholarship Application Due					Clover Kid Meeting (9 - 10 AM)

## MAY 2023

- 1: CLOVER KID MEETING REGISTRATION DUE
- 1: 4-H COUNCIL CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE
- 6: CLOVER KID (9AM)
- 18: 4-H COUNCIL MEETING
- 19: MARKET GOAT WEIGH IN (5:30-6:30 PM), FAIRGROUNDS
- 19: MARKET SHEEP WEIGH IN (6:30-7:30 PM), FAIRGROUNDS
- 25: NEXT CHAPTER LEVELS 3&4 (REG DUE MAY 22)
- 26: CLOVER KID CAMP REGISTRATION DUE
- 29: MEMORIAL DAY (CLOSED)
- 31: YQCA TRAINING (1 PM & 6 PM)

