



December 2023

Wayne County 4-H

The Extension Office will close December 22 at 5 PM and will reopen January 2, 2024.

Clover Kids Meeting

The next Clover Kid Meeting will be held on December 2, 2023, at the Wayne County Courthouse, from 9am-10am. To be eligible for Clover Kids, youth must be ages 5-7 by December 31st, 2023. Please contact the Extension Office by November 27th to register.

Livestock Committee Meeting

Thank you to all who participated in the Livestock Committee Meeting that was held on Monday, November 6th, 2023, at the Wayne City Auditorium.

Beef Weigh-in: March 10, 2024, 1-2:30 PM

Snow date: TBD

Goat weigh-in: May 17, 2024, 5:30-6 PM

Sheep weigh-in: May 17, 2024, 6-6:30 PM

2024 County Fair Updates: The Goat Show will begin at 8 AM Thursday. The Sheep Show will follow the Swine Show on Friday morning, approximately 10-10:30 AM start.

Reminders:

- Livestock Pool Money and Bonus Auction Checks will void December 31, 2023.
- County Fair Premium Checks will void February 1, 2024.
- 2024 Enrollment is open and priority enrollment is due February 1, 2024.
- Please send Thank You notes to award sponsors.

Scholarships

[HTTPS://WAYNE.UNL.EDU/SENIOR-SCHOLARSHIPS/](https://wayne.unl.edu/senior-scholarships/)

Other Scholarship Opportunities

- 4-H Council Senior Scholarship
- Renee Felt Scholarship

2024 4-H Calendar:

Enclosed in this Newsletter is the 2024 4-H Calendar. Included are livestock weigh-in for beef, goat, and sheep, Public Speaking and Presentation Contests, and Wayne County Fair dates.

2024 Special Garden Project:

Register for the Special Garden Project in 4-HOnline. The 2024 Special Garden Project is focused on the Princess India Nasturtium. Visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/special-garden-project> for more information or call the Extension Office with any questions.

Data Driven 4-H Statistics:

Data Science and Statistics Field Day and Competition. Is scheduled for March 16, 2024, on UNL East Campus. Teams will consist of four high school students (grades 10-12) and will compete in five unique games with a focus on probability, data science, and a little bit of luck. A \$500 CASNR Scholarship will be awarded to the top scoring team members. Registration is sponsored for the first 20 teams. For information visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/data-driven>

2024 State Fair Update:

The decision has been made to change the age of eligibility in 2024 for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows, contests) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, communications contest) to be 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.

Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Due January 5, 2024 - Multiple Scholarships for graduating seniors are available to you: Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply Scholarship, The 4-H Legacy Scholarship, Rose and Guy Richard McDonald Scholarship, Joe Cittra, Jr. Scholarship for Outdoor Stewardship, Horse Scholarship - Grand Island Saddle Club, R. B. Warren 4-H Horse Educational Scholarship, Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

4-HOnline:

4-HOnline is now open for 2024! Please visit: <https://wayne.unl.edu/4henrollment> for enrollment information. Priority enrollment is due on or before February 1, 2024.

4-H Fed Steer Challenge:

The 4-H Fed Steer Challenge is a unique opportunity for members looking to take their 4-H beef project to the next level. Applications for next year's program are due Dec. 1 and are available at <https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge>.

4-H Livestock Achievement Program:

Through the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement program, youth can receive recognition as Members of Excellence for engaging in various project-related activities. NEW in 2024: Members as young as eight will be able to participate. Applications are due June 15, but why wait? Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement> to get started.

December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Clover Kid Meeting Reg. DUE Pick up November Take Home Project	Pick up November Take Home Project	Pick up November Take Home Project	Pick up November Take Home Project Don and Martha Romeo Scholarship Application DUE	Pick up November Take Home Project 4-H Fed Steer Challenge Applications DUE	Clover Kid Meeting (9-10 AM)
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	New Years Day (Office Closed) 	Office Open			4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications DUE	

JANUARY:

1: New Years Day - Office Closed

2: Office Open

5: Achievement Applications DUE to the Extension Office

5: 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications DUE

15: Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed

18: 4-H Council (7 PM)

29: Clover Kid Meeting Reg. DUE



2024 Wayne County 4-H Calendar



January

- 2 Extension Office Opens
- 5 Achievement Applications **DUE**
- 5 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications **DUE**
- 15 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed—Office Closed**
- 18 4-H Council, 7 p.m.

February—Nebraska 4-H Month

- 1 4-H Club Treasurer’s Report **DUE**
- 1 4-H Priority Enrollments **DUE**
- 3 Clover Kids Meeting (Reg. **DUE** Jan 29)
- 3 Wayne County Air Gun Match
- 15 4-H Council, 7 p.m.
- 19 **President’s Day observed—Office Closed**

March

- 2 Clover Kids Meeting (Reg. **DUE** Feb 26)
- 10 Wayne Co. Market Beef Weigh-in, Wayne Veterinary Clinic, 1-2:30 p.m. (Snow Date TBA)
- 10 Market Beef ID’s **DUE** (ROG)
- 15 4-H Council High School Senior Scholarship & Renee Felt Schulte Scholarship Applications **DUE**
- 21 4-H Council, 7 p.m.
- 23 Bake and Take Day
- 23 Horse Stampede (Reg. **DUE** Mar 4)
- 29 Next Chapter, Wayne County Courthouse, (Reg. **DUE** March, 25) Chapter 1, 9:00 a.m.-noon, Chapter 2, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

April

- 6 Clover Kids Meeting (Reg. **DUE** April 1)
- 14 Public Speaking and Presentation Contest 3:00 p.m. (Reg **DUE** Apr. 10)
- 18 4-H Council, 7 p.m.
- 21-24 National Volunteer Week
- 26 **Arbor Day observed—Office Closed**

May

- 1 4-H Council Camp Scholarship Applications **DUE**
- 4 Clover Kids Meeting (Reg. **DUE** April 29)
- 16 4-H Council, 7 p.m.
- 17 Market Meat Goat Weigh-in, Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m. Market Meat Goat ID’s **DUE** (ROG)
- 17 Market Sheep Weigh-in, Fairgrounds, 6 p.m. Market Sheep ID’s **DUE** (ROG)
- 27 **Memorial Day observed—Office Closed**
- 29 YQCA (Quality Assurance), Wayne County Fairgrounds, 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- TBA Next Chapter, Chapter 3 & 4, Wayne County Courthouse, 9:00 a.m.-noon, (Reg. TBA)

June

- 1 State Horse Show Entries **DUE**
- 1 Horse Level Testing Complete for State Horse Show
- 3 4-H T-Shirt Orders **DUE**
- 7 Clover Kid Camp (Reg. **DUE** June 3)
- 15 Mid-year Enrollments **DUE**
- 15 YQCA must be completed
- 15 County Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Cow/Calf, Bucket Calf, Feeder Calf, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine, & Rabbit ID’s **DUE** (exception: ROG market beef, market goats & market sheep)
- 15 County Horse ID’s **DUE** and Horse Level 1 Testing must be complete for County Fair
- 15 State Fair Online Nominations/Fees/DNA Collector Envelopes **DUE** for Beef, Meat Goat, Sheep and Swine
- 19 **Juneteenth Observed – Office Closed**
- 20 4-H Council, 7 p.m.
- 20-21 PASE/Life Challenge Contest (Reg. **DUE** TBA)
- TBA Premier Communication Event (Reg. **DUE** TBA)

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July

- 3 Favorite Foods Contest Entries **DUE**
- 3 Contest Day & All Fair Entries except Horticulture/Floriculture **DUE**
- 3 Current Cat, Dog & Ferret vaccination records **DUE**
- 4 **Independence Day—Office Closed**
- 13-17 Fonner Park Horse Expo, Grand Island
- 18 Contest Day, Wayne Expo Building
- 18 Favorite Foods Contest, Wayne Expo Building
- 20 Cat, Dog & Small Animal Shows, Fairgrounds
- 22 Pre-Fair Clean-up night
- 23 Extension Office moves to the Fairgrounds
- 24 Static Exhibits Judged, Wayne Expo Building
- 24 Horticulture/Floriculture Entries **DUE**
- 25-28 Wayne County Fair
- 27 Public Fashion Show, Wayne Expo Building
- 28 State Fair Fashion Show/Contest Entries **DUE**
- 29 Extension Office re-opens at Courthouse, 1:30 p.m.
- 29 Post-Fair Clean-up night

August

- 10 Livestock and in-person State Fair Entries **DUE** by 8:00 p.m.
- 15 4-H Council, 7 p.m.
- 20 State Fair Exhibits **DUE** by noon to Extension Office
- 23-31 Nebraska State Fair

September

- 1-2 Nebraska State Fair
- 2 **Labor Day observed—Office Closed**
- 6 State Fair exhibits ready to be picked up from Extension Office
- 13 County Award & Diamond Clover Applications, Clubs of Excellence & 4-H Career Portfolio/Achievement Applications **DUE** to Extension Office
- 19 4-H Council, 7 p.m.
- TBA Norfolk Beef Expo, Norfolk (Entries **DUE** TBA)

October

- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 6 Achievement Program/4-H Kickoff
- 6 4-H Council Elections
- 14 **Columbus Day observed—Office Closed**
- 17 4-H Council, 7 p.m.

November

- 2 Clover Kid Meeting (Reg **DUE** Oct. 28)
- 4 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 11 **Veteran’s Day Observed—Office Closed**
- 14 4-H Council, 7 p.m.
- 28-29 **Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed**
- TBA Fair Manager’s Scholarship Applications **DUE**

December

- 7 Clover Kids (Reg. **DUE** Dec. 2)
- TBA **Holiday Closedown—Office Closed**

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WATCH THE MONTHLY 4-H NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES ON DATES

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