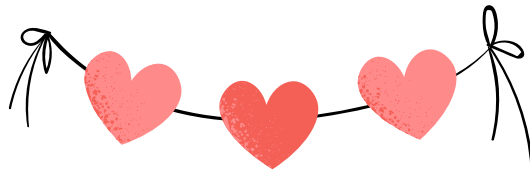




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February 2024

Wayne County 4-H

Nebraska 4-H Month!

Nebraska 4-H Month is held during February each year. It is an opportunity to celebrate 4-H locally, invite new members and volunteers, and have fun! In 2024, we will celebrate all the opportunities 4-H offers to help young people find a place where they belong. Join us in celebrating Nebraska 4-H with 4-H Thursdays! Visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/4-h-promotion>

4-H Club Treasurer's Report:

The year end 4-H Treasurer's Report is due to the Extension Office by **February 1, 2024**. Don't hesitate to call with questions!

Special Garden Project:

The Victorian-era heirloom flower, Princess of India Nasturtium can be grown in a variety of ways, including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten. Youth are encouraged to enroll in Horticulture through 4-HOnline and then call the Extension Office to sign-up by **February 15th!**



More information at: <https://4h.unl.edu/special-garden-project>

Market Beef Weigh-in

is scheduled for **March 10** at the Wayne Veterinary Clinic, 1 -2:30 PM. A snow date will be announced if needed.

4-H MONTH

- 4-H SPIRIT DAY**
THURSDAY, February 1
- 4-H VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY**
THURSDAY, February 8
- 4-H SUPPORTER APPRECIATION DAY**
THURSDAY, February 15
- GIVE BACK DAY**
THURSDAY, February 22
- LEAP INTO 4-H - GET ENROLLED IN 4-H**
THURSDAY, February 29

Special Agronomy Project:

In the fourth year of the special agronomy project, youth will explore **sugar beets!** Sugar beets are a major contributor to the U.S. sweetener industry and occur in a vast range of different food products. Enroll for the 2024 Special Agronomy Project through 4-HOnline by enrolling in the Agronomy project and call the Extension Office to register by **March 11**. Visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project>

Please enroll on or before February 1, to ensure you get all County Fair updates!

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com>



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Scholarships



<https://Wayne.unl.edu/senior-scholarships/>

Other Scholarship Opportunities

4-H Council Senior Scholarship
Renee Felt Scholarship
DUE March 15th

Jarvis Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is intended for female 4-H high school seniors that wish to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is due **March 15, 2024.**

State Fair Updates:

- **Age of Eligibility**
 - The age of eligibility in 2024 is now 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person events (livestock, contests, fashion shows)
- **Showmanship Age Divisions**
 - Junior Showmanship (ages 8 to 10 before January 1 of the current year)
 - Intermediate Showmanship (ages 11 to 13 before January 1 of the current year)
 - Senior Showmanship (ages 14 to 18 before January 1 of the current year)
- **Awards**
 - Exhibitors will receive awards for the Division Champions, Reserve Division Champions, Grand Champion Overall, Reserve Grand Champion Overall, and 3rd Overall. Only entries receiving a purple ribbon are eligible to receive champion and reserve awards.
- **Entry Limits**
 - A 4-H member may exhibit up to 5 beef.
 - A 4-H member may exhibit up to 4 sheep.
 - A 4-H member may exhibit up to 4 goats.
 - A 4-H member may exhibit up to 6 hogs.
 - A 4-H member may exhibit up to 6 rabbits.
 - A 4-H member may exhibit up to 6 live birds.
- **Individual Species**
 - Sheep: New Breed Class-All Hair Breeds
 - Goat: Market goats will show in separate classes; Market Wethers and Market Does (until final selection)
 - Swine: New Breed Classes-Tamworth and Landrace
 - Rabbit: New Breed Classes-Blue Holicer and Czech Frosty
 - Dog Skillathon Contest: Added a Junior Skillathon Division and rotated breed ID picture topics

Diamond Clover

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is a form of recognition for all ages. Members should be setting their goals now and work toward completing them during the 4-H year. The Program has gone through a few changes. The service-learning project that was previously required for the Diamond Level is now a separate program opportunity called Nebraska 4-H Gives Back. It is no longer necessary to complete a service learning project for Diamond Clover Recognition. More information and forms are available at <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>.

Reminders

New Volunteer Orientation:

Nebraska 4-H is implementing a new 4-H Volunteer Orientation, which is part of the volunteer screening process. Direct volunteers are required to complete the 4-H Volunteer Orientation during enrollment as a new volunteer and/or during the re-screening process every five years. The volunteer orientation link is located in the direct volunteer screening information in 4-HOnline or at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation>. Upon completion, the volunteer will receive a confirmation email as well as the county office the volunteer selected during the orientation. The online orientation will take approximately 45 minutes to complete and does not have to be completed in one session.

4-H Volunteer Impact Study – You May Be Contacted:

What you do makes a difference! We are excited to share that our state will be participating in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region. This survey is being conducted as a part of 12 state effort to document the impact of volunteering.

It will focus on three areas:

- the personal benefits of your volunteer experience;
- the impact you have on the organization by volunteering; and
- how your volunteer efforts contribute to your community in which you live and work.

A random sample of volunteers of 1000 volunteers from each state will be surveyed. This study will be conducted through an electronic survey. If you are selected you will receive an email to let you know you have been selected to participate. You may be picked!!! If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences. Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational and public impacts of volunteers involved with 4-H Youth Development Programs in our twelve-state region. Your impact is great and we want to hear from you!!! There will be a random sample of 1000 volunteers from our state that will be selected to participate. The survey will be distributed on **January 15** and close on **February 15**.

Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps:

Summer camp registration is open for 2024 sessions, visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-summer> to see a list of sessions and to sign up. Nebraska 4-H camps have several exciting youth programs available for summer 2024. The camp sessions are located in various Nebraska locations. Nebraska 4-H offers 4 to 5 day residential camps to youth 8-18.

Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic Livestock Judging Contest:

The contest will be held in Kearney on **Saturday, Feb. 17th** with the entry deadline being Feb. 5th.

All details and entry information can be found using the following link

<https://nebraskaclassic.org/winter-edition/judging-contest.php>. We look forward to another great contest this year with an outstanding dinner and set of awards to follow.

Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort:

The Nebraska 4-H Farrowed & Owned Swine Cohort is an opportunity for youth interested in learning more about the swine industry. The program is designed to cultivate the next generation of leaders in the Nebraska swine industry. The goal is to enhance the educational value of the traditional 4-H swine projects by focusing on swine production, accurate and complete record-keeping, industry knowledge, and engagement by the 4-H member. Youth must be 4-H age 10 – 18 as of January 1 of the current year, and enrolled in the 4-H swine project in a Nebraska county. Applications for the 2024 Cohort are open now through **February 1st**. Learn more at:

<https://4h.unl.edu/farrowed-owned>

Upcoming Events

4-H Month Photography Contest:

The Nebraska 4-H Month Photography Contest offers a project exhibition opportunity beyond traditional print media. 4-Hers are invited to submit their photo through the online submission form at <https://4h.unl.edu/photography-showcase>. Submissions are accepted weekly, based on the week's themes. Youth may submit one photo per each theme per week. Photos will be selected from submissions and showcased online by Nebraska 4-H, including on Facebook and Instagram. The 4-H Photography Showcase is open to all enrolled 4-H members.

Hippology Academy:

The 2024 Hippology Academy kicks off on **February 17**. Topics for this year include toxic plants of the northeast, horse evaluation, feeding myths, soil testing and usage, identifying feeds, and fencing. Content for each topic includes practice tests, slides, and digital learning stations in addition to twice weekly lectures.

Learn more and register here: <https://catalog.extension.org/?category=6&keyword=hippology&cond=advand&search=Search>

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. Dates are: **February 8, 15, 22, and 29 , 6-7:30 p.m. (CST)**. To register go to: https://catalog.extension.org/category=6&keyword=horse%20judging%20camp&cond=advand&search=Search&fbclid=IwAR1w8SQzI_XS3ErtfVMw9xdsiaqpmlrg3aEadTOzZq4BY7_jBHmt3ZyhrXc

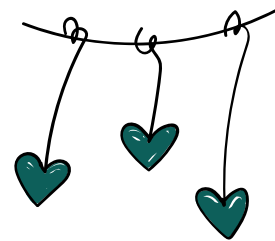
4-H Rabbit Show:

The 4-H Spring Rabbit Show will be held on **Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m.** at Sandhills Global Event Center, 84th & Havelock – South Hall. Open to all youth ages 8–18, with a Clover Kids class for youth ages 5–7. This is a great opportunity for youth to talk to other 4-H'ers about where to purchase a good rabbit for a 4-H project, and to learn and practice showmanship. Rabbit Quiz and Breed Identification contests are free for youth to enter!

Horse Stampede:

The Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that do not require live animals, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team. The 4-H Horse Stampede is held annually at the UNL Animal Science Complex in Lincoln, Nebraska. This year's event will be held **Saturday, March 23, 2024**. There is a \$10 entry fee per participant and a \$10 office fee per exhibitor. All orders, fees, and entry forms must be submitted online by **March 4, 2024**. More information at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede>

County Animal News



4-H Animal Ownership Review:

All beef (including cow/calf pairs and feeder calves), cat, dog, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine project animals must be owned by the 4-H member or in partnership with other members of his or her immediate family. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers, sisters, and youth in the care of the head of the household.

Dairy and dairy goat projects not owned by the exhibitor or immediate family can get permission from the animal's owner if that owner signs the affidavit sheet stating the 4-H member must manage feeding, grooming, fitting, etc. and have access to the animal at least 75% of the time during project season.

Horse projects not owned by the exhibitor or immediate family must have the owner sign the affidavit certifying that the exhibitor will manage and have access to the horse at least 75% of the time during the course of the project following: feeding, grooming, exercising, training, stall management and use of the horse.

Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions concerning ownership requirements.

Livestock Premises Identification:

All 4-H and FFA market animals with an EID tag are required to have a premises ID. A Premises ID can be obtained through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and should correlate to the location in which livestock are kept/housed permanently.

- Only one Premises ID is necessary for a family with multiple exhibitors (provided livestock are housed at the same location).
- Only one Premises ID is necessary for an exhibitor that shows multiple species (provided livestock are housed at the same location).
- Any exhibitor that has completed YQCA and exhibited an animal with an EID tag at the Wayne County Fair will have a Premises ID.
- Premises ID numbers must be turned into the Extension Office by **June 15**.
- Special notation and update: 4-H/FFA exhibitors will need to mark "Production Unit" only under Premises Type. Information can be found at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html> and the Extension Office.

Horse Leaders:

All leaders who give the skills portion of the level 1 and 2 advancement level tests are required to take a certification course in order to give these tests. The online course consists of watching videos and taking a short quiz. Once completed the leader will receive a certificate and will be put on the advancement level list as certified to give the level 1 and 2 skills tests. Only certified leaders can pass youth on the skills test (riding).

Cow/Calf Exhibitors:

Reminder: Intermediate and senior age division cow/calf exhibitors must show a calf from their cow/calf pair at halter, either as a feeder calf or baby breeding heifer. Make sure the calf is ID'd as either a baby breeding heifer or feeder calf. Feeder calves need a 4-H tag.

2024 Animal ID Information:

A document explaining ID requirements and deadlines is enclosed. Animal Affidavits are available at <https://wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits> and are due to the Extension Office on or before:

Market Beef Rate-of-Gain: March 10

Market Sheep Rate-of-Gain: May 17

Market Goat Rate-of-Gain: May 17

State Horse: June 1

Breeding Beef, Market Beef, Bucket Calf, Cow/Calf, Feeder Calf, Dairy Cow, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Horses, Rabbits, and Swine: June 15

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

All 4-Hers that plan to exhibit beef, goat, sheep, swine, rabbit and poultry projects are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) course. The YQCA course will fulfill the livestock quality assurance requirements for eligibility to exhibit animals at any 4-H show and will also fulfill the Youth PQA requirement set by National Pork Producers.

Youth can complete YQCA by attending a Face-to-Face training or completing an online course. Cost for the Face-to-Face training is \$3.00/youth and the online charge is \$12.00/youth. Payment for either option is made online.

Test-out Option: Test-out options are available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) or Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. If passed, youth will not be required to complete the annual training requirements for the remainder of their current age level (Intermediate 12-14; Seniors 15-18) Each test consists of 50 randomly selected questions. Youth must score 80% or better for certification. Participants will have only one chance to take the test-out option. If youth fail, they will not be provided another opportunity to test out of that age level and will be prompted to take the instructor-led or web based training annually. If passed, payment for the completed test-out course will be required after completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test. Test-out costs are:

Intermediate: \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification)




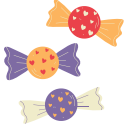
Senior: \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification)

Face-to-Face Training Scheduled:

May 29, 1:00 & 6:00 p.m., Wayne County Fairgrounds and **June 11, 1:00 & 6:00 p.m.**, Pierce County Pavillion, Pierce - Youth will need to register online for the training.

Instructions are available at <https://wayne.unl.edu/4-h-animal-information/>

February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan. 28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Clover Kid Meeting Reg. DUE			Priority Enrollment Deadline ---- Year-end Treasurer's Report DUE ---- Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort Applications DUE ---- Nebraska 4-H Month - 4-H Spirit Day		Clover Kid Meeting (9-10 AM) ---- Wayne County Air Gun Match, Carroll Auditorium
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Pick up Wood Pallet Garden Flag Project	Pick up Wood Pallet Garden Flag Project	Pick up Wood Pallet Garden Flag Project	Pick up Wood Pallet Garden Flag Project ---- Nebraska 4-H Month - 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day	Pick up Wood Pallet Garden Flag Project	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				4-H Council (7 PM) ---- Special Garden Project Reg. DUE ---- Nebraska 4-H Month - 4-H Supporter Appreciation Day		Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	President's Day (Office Closed)			Nebraska 4-H Month - Give Back Day		Pierce County Shooting Sports Invite, Pierce County Fairgrounds
25	26	27	28	29	Mar. 1	2
	Clover Kid Meeting Reg. DUE			Nebraska 4-H Month - Leap into 4-H - Get Enrolled in 4-H		Clover Kid Meeting (9-10 AM)

March:

- 2: Clover Kid Meeting (9 AM)
- 10: Wayne County Market Beef Weigh-in, Wayne Veterinary Clinic (1 - 2:30 PM)
- 10: Market Beef ID's DUE (ROG)
- 11: Special Agronomy Project Reg. DUE
- 15: 4-H Council High School Senior Scholarship & Renee Felt Schulte Scholarship Applications DUE
- 15: Jarvis Memorial Scholarship Application DUE
- 21: 4-H Council (7 PM)
- 23: Bake and Take Day
- 23: Horse Stampede (Reg. DUE Mar. 4)
- 29: Next Champter, Wayne County Courthouse, (Reg. DUE Mar. 25)
Chapter 1, 9 AM - Noon, Chapter 2, 1 - 4 PM