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# Wayne County 4-H

## February is Nebraska 4-H Month

*Traditionally Nebraska 4-H Month is held during February each year. It is an opportunity to celebrate 4-H locally, recruit new members and volunteers and have some more fun! This years theme is, I Belong, which is a promotion created to celebrate 4-H members and encourage others to explore opportunities for belonging in 4-H. Watch the Facebook page for more information! Below are some days to celebrate with us:*

- 4-H Spirit Day - Tuesday, Feb. 7
- 4-H Service Learning Weekend - Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 11-12
- 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day - Tuesday, Feb. 14
- 4-H Supporter Appreciation Day - Tuesday, Feb. 21
- 4-H Professionals Appreciation Day - Tuesday, Feb. 28

**The Nebraska Extension Office in Wayne County is hosting a Pre-K through 6th Grade coloring contest! All schools in Wayne County have recieved packets filled with a variety of coloring pages, bookmarks, postcards, and other infomation on 4-H. The coloring contest will be judged the last week of February!**



2023  
**SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT**  
 4H.UNL.EDU/SGP

**MRS. BURNS' LEMON BASIL**

The 2023 Special Garden Project will focus on Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil. This herb can be used multiple ways. Lemon basil has a unique lemon flavor can be added to any recipe or used as a cut flower in arrangements to add scent and interest.

**Register for the Special Garden Project in 4-H Online.** Visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/SGP> for more information or call the Extension Office with any questions.

**Tepary Beans!** This legume can be enjoyed as a dry edible bean in cooking or as a forage or hay for livestock and is drought tolerant. In fact, too much water can reduce stands and yields. **Youth should enroll for the Special Agronomy Project through 4-H Online.** Visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/SAP> for more information. Once enrolled through 4-H Online, youth are then to call their local office to let them know they enrolled for the project.

**Please register by Friday, February 10th.**



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**TEPARY BEANS**



# 2023 State Fair Updates



- DNA for All 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.
- Age of Eligibility
  - The age of eligibility in 2023 is now 9 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person events (livestock, contests, fashion shows).
- 4-H will be awarding an Overall Registered Steer during the Market Beef Show.
  - The Champion and Reserve Champion from each breed (including AOB) will be in the drive for Champion Registered Market Steer. The Champion and Reserve Champion Registered Steer, Champion and Reserve Champion from each of the three crossbred steer divisions, and the Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer will go to a final drive for Champion Market Beef and Reserve Champion Market Beef.
- 4-H will be awarding an Overall Purebred Swine during the Market Swine Show.
  - The Champion and Reserve Champion from each breed (including AOB) will be in the drive for Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Market Swine. The Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Swine, Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Gilt and Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow will go to a final drive for Champion Market Swine and Reserve Champion Market Swine.
- Breed Registration Papers
  - Registration Papers must now show the exhibitor's 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.

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## 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>.

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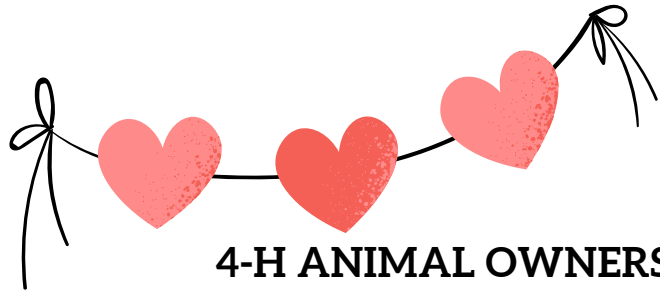
### 4-H Camp Registration

Nebraska 4-H Summer camp registration is open for 2023 sessions. Nebraska 4-H camps have several exciting youth programs available for summer 2023 in new locations around NEbraska. For more information please visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-summer>

### Summer Camp Jobs

Looking for a fun, rewarding, and adventurous summer job? Nebraska State 4-H Camp is hiring for the 2023 summer season! Learn more and apply at: <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-jobs>.





# 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.

## 2023 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 5

Market Sheep Rate-of-Gain: May 19

Market Goat Rate-of-Gain: May 19

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

## ATTENTION 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 you are enrolled in either the Feeder Calf or Breeding Beef Project and the calf is ID'd as either a baby breeding heifer or feeder calf. Feeder calves need a 4-H tag.

## YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

All 4-Hers enrolled in the market and breeding beef, bucket calf, feeder calf, cow/calf, dairy cow, dairy goat, meat goat, pygmy goat, market and breeding 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)

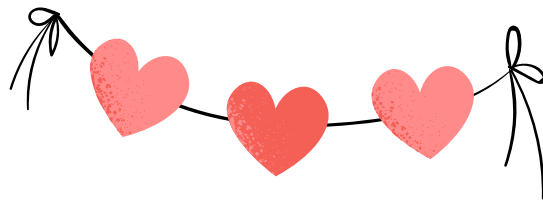
Senior: \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification)

Face-to-Face Training Scheduled:

May 31, 1:00 & 6:00 p.m., Wayne County Fairgrounds - Youth will need to register online for the training.

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

# More Animal News



## 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).

**New for 2023:** Participation in a District 4-H Horse Show will **not be** required to participate in the State 4-H Horse Show. To be eligible for the Fonner Park State Horse Show, members must pass Horse Levels on or before **June 1, 2023**.

**County Fair:** 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. Now is a good time to take the written tests. Give us a call to set up a time!

### State Programs:

- Hippology Academy is a self-directed course with new material for each of the first six weeks (February 6-March 26). Silver level: <https://catalog.extension.org/product?catalog=HippologySilver>
- Virtual Horse Judging Camp is a hybrid course with self-directed learning, as well as a weekly live session with a different expert each week. <https://catalog.extension.org/product?catalog=HorseJudgingCamp>
- Nebraska 4-H Horse Judging School February 25, 2023, at the Animal Science Complex on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus in Lincoln, NE. Register today! <https://cvent.me/NX7qrR>
- The Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede will be held Saturday, March 25, in Lincoln. Registration is due by Monday, March 6. Learn more at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede>.

## 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 Quality Assurance or 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.

## COMPANION ANIMALS

- The Nebraska 4-H Dog Achievement Program encourages youth to engage in a variety of companion animal opportunities, events, and contests. For more information: <https://4h.unl.edu/dog-achievement-program>
- SOAR Dog Workshop: Nebraska 4-H is excited to present our SOAR workshop series in conjunction with Platte Valley Kennel Club! Contact the Extension Office for more information.

## RABBIT

- 4-H Rabbit Show on Saturday March 18 at the Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds- Lincoln, NE.

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## *Volunteer Screening Information:*

Nebraska Extension asks all volunteers to be screened through the Department of Health and Human Services for child abuse and neglect. Volunteers are screened in order to ensure a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for all youth involved with Nebraska 4-H programs and provide protection for the child, volunteer, educator, 4-H Council, Extension Board, and Nebraska Extension. All new volunteers and those that did not complete the screening process last year must be screened this year. The screening is good for five years. It continues to be an online process, volunteers will go directly to a Department of Health and Human Services website, and there is a \$5.00 fee that will be paid online during the screening process.



# February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	Pick-up Clothespin Wreath Project	Pick-up Clothespin Wreath Project	4-H Enrollments, Year-end Club Treasurers Report Due ----- Special Garden Project registration Due ----- Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort Applications Due ----- Pick-up Clothespin Wreath Project	Pick-up Clothespin Wreath Project	Pick-up Clothespin Wreath Project	Clover Kids (9 AM)  Teen Supremes (10 AM)
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
		Nebraska 4-H Month - Spirit Day			Reg. Due for Special Agronomy Project	Nebraska 4-H Month - Weekend of 4-H Service
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Nebraska 4-H Month - Weekend of 4-H Service		Nebraska 4-H Month - Volunteer Appreciation Day 		4-H Council (7 PM)		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	President's Day (Office Closed)	Nebraska 4-H Month - 4-H Supporter Appreciation Day				
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				
	Clover Kid Meeting Reg. Due	Nebraska 4-H Month - 4-H Professionals Appreciation Day				

## MARCH 2023

- 4: CLOVER KIDS (9AM) AND TEEN SUPREME MEETINGS (10AM)
- 5: BEEF WEIGH IN (1-2:30PM)
- 12: BEEF WEIGH IN SNOW DATE
- 15: 4-H COUNCIL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP & RENEE FELT SCHULTE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE
- 16: 4-H COUNCIL MEETING
- 25: HORSE STAMPEDE (REG DUE MARCH 6)
- 27: CLOVER KID MEETING REG. DUE



## APRIL 2023

- 1: CLOVER KIDS (9AM) AND TEEN SUPREME (10AM) MEETINGS
- 7: NEXT CHAPTER (REG DUE APR 3)
- 12: PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATIONS CONTEST ENTRIES DUE
- 16: PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATION CONTEST (3 PM)
- 16-22: NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
- 20: 4-H COUNCIL MEETING
- 28: ARBOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)



## 4-H ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES– 2023

ID sheets for County Fair livestock, Dairy, and Horses can be found at [wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits](http://wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits) Read identification instructions under each specie.

<i>Project Area</i>	<i>Nomination Requirements</i>		<i>ID Due Date*</i>		<i>Show Entry Deadline</i>	
	<i>County Fair ONLY</i>	<i>State Fair</i>	<i>COUNTY</i>	<i>STATE 4-H</i>	<i>County Fair</i>	<i>State Fair</i>
<b>BEEF</b>						
Market	ID Sheet 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	On county weigh date for ROG	June 15 (online)	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Registered Breeding	ID Sheet Tattoo or Family Ear Tag	Tattoo, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Commercial Breeding	ID Sheet Tattoo <u>or</u> EID Tag <u>or</u> Family Ear Tag	Tattoo <u>or</u> EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Feeder Calf	ID Sheet 4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Bucket Calf	ID Sheet 4-H Ear Tag	No Class	June 15 5 PM	-----	July 6 5 PM	-----
<b>DAIRY</b> (Cattle)	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	June 15 5 PM	June 15 5 PM	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
<b>GOAT</b>						
Registered Dairy	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag or Tattoo that matches registration papers	No Class	June 15 5 PM	-----	July 6 5 PM	-----
Grade Dairy	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag or Scrapie Tattoo	No Class	June 15 5 PM	-----	July 6 5 PM	-----
Pygmy	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag	No Class	June 15 5 PM	-----	July 6 5 PM	-----
Breeding	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Market	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
<b>HORSE</b>	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	June 15 5 PM	June 1 5 PM	July 6 5 PM	-----
<b>POULTRY</b>	No ID Required	No ID Required	-----	-----	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
<b>RABBIT</b>	ID Sheet Picture or Tattoo	Ear Tattoo by August 10	June 15 5 PM	-----	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM

<b>SHEEP</b>						
Breeding	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag	DNA, Scrapie Tag & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Market	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
<b>SWINE</b> (Market)	ID Sheet 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 6 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
<b>SWINE</b> (Breeding)	-----	EID Tag, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	-----	June 15 (online)	-----	August 10 8 PM

#### Additional Information

\*The ID due date is when all tagging, tattooing, pictures, etc. is to be finished, DNA envelopes and ID Sheets (available at [wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits](http://wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits)) are due to the Extension Office, and animal information should be submitted online via the Show Stock Manager database ([showstockmgr.com](http://showstockmgr.com)).

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 the county deadline in 4H Online.
- Exhibitors showing market animals at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification turned into their county office and have completed the online nomination ([showstockmgr.com](http://showstockmgr.com)) along with submitting payment online by the appropriate deadline listed in the table. 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 showing breeding beef, breeding sheep, breeding goats at State Fair will need to complete an online nomination along with submitting payment online ([showstockmgr.com](http://showstockmgr.com)) by the **June 15** deadline.
- Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for the enrolled animal projects by the county deadline.
- 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 ([www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org)). 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 exhibitor's name, a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family or the family farm, ranch name or parent's name.

#### 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 (in person and online).
- Collect market beef, market swine, market lamb, and market goat DNA envelopes by **June 15**. Families will submit payment online. Copy all market DNA envelopes for your county records and mail all completed DNA envelopes to the Aksarben Stock Show office by **June 23**.
- Collect Premises ID numbers from exhibitors. Input those into 4H Online by the validation deadline and report the premise ID file to Brandy Schulze [bschulze@unl.edu](mailto:bschulze@unl.edu)
- Review and validate all online livestock entries for each exhibitor by **June 30**. Online validation is found at: [showstockmgr.com](http://showstockmgr.com)
- Input nomination edits in to Show Stock Manager for your families. Edits will be corrected by Show Coordinator. For retags, directly notify Brandy Schulz [bschulze@unl.edu](mailto:bschulze@unl.edu) 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 [statefair.org](http://statefair.org)