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Wayne County 4-H

May 2024

Market Sheep and Market Meat Goat Weigh-in:

Market Meat Goats will be weighed at 5:30 p.m. and Market Sheep at 6:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on **May 17th**. ID's are due for Rate-of-Gain.

Updated Fair Policy:

The following rule (Letter E, pg. 59 in the 2023 Fair Book) has been updated and will be in effect starting with the 2024 Wayne County Fair: No animal or exhibit shall be removed from the grounds, prior to the predetermined release time, without consent of the superintendent of each department, Ag Society President, and 4-H Educator/FFA Advisor. Any violation of this rule will act as a forfeiture of any and all premiums (including Bonus Auction and Pool Money), awards (including high point awards and State Fair qualified exhibits), and recognition for that exhibitor. Exceptions: Horses may leave at 4:00 p.m. Friday night for the Tractor Pull, but must be back by 8:00 a.m. Saturday. The Champion and Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Jr. and Sr. pairs are required to stay. Cow/calf pairs exhibited by 4-H/FFA exhibitors with no other livestock at the fair must also stay (does not include feeder calf). All other cow/calf pairs may be dismissed at the discretion of the superintendent. Cows that leave early must leave between 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

4-H Policy Regarding Missed Deadlines:

The 4-H Youth Development Program strives to instill responsibility in all 4-H members. Part of the responsibility is making sure that all 4-H deadlines are followed. It is the 4-H Council's role to be consistent and fair to all 4-Hers. Therefore, if a 4-Her contacts the Nebraska Extension Office after a missed county deadline, the 4-Her will be allowed to participate in county events, contests, etc., but will be ineligible for trophies and advancement to the State Fair. In the case where ID papers are late, we must follow the state deadline so opportunities to participate in events beyond the county are out the 4-H Council's control.

Fair Book Updates:

The following changes will be in effect for the 2024 Wayne County Fair:

- **Swine** – A breeding gilt class has been added. Gilts will be weighed and divided into classes based on weight. A 4-H member may exhibit up to 4 hogs total between the market and breeding classes.
- **Horticulture** – A 4-H member may continue to make one entry per class. The number of vegetables, herbs, and fruits exhibited will follow the amounts listed in 4-H 226 (the same amounts as State Fair).
- **Photography** – Level 1 Print is an 8 x 10 (instead of 4 x 6) mounted in an appropriately sized matting (no frames) with a sandwich mat-board backing; rectangular or oval inside mat opening. No foam board should be used for matting or backing.
- **Visual Arts** - Please visit this link to see the changes made to the Visual Arts, Static Exhibit area: <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/exhibits/57>.
- **Consumer Management Fashion Show:** The \$15 Challenge is now a \$20 Challenge.

The Wayne County Fairbook will be available soon.

Wayne County Courthouse Closed:

The Wayne County Courthouse (including the Extension Office) will be closed **Friday, May 24**, for installation of new phone equipment and **Monday, May 27**, in observance of Memorial Day.

4-H T-Shirts:

Watch for an email and Facebook post sharing the new design and ordering information for the new 4-H T-Shirts. Orders are due **June 3, 2024**.



Updates:

- **Special Garden Project** and **Special Agronomy Project** seeds are ready to be picked up at the Extension Office.
- **Wayne County Fair Passes** are available at the Extension Office. Volunteers received a postcard with details on purchasing half-priced passes. The price will increase on **June 1st**.
- Now is a good time to complete the online YQCA course or sign up for a Face-to-Face training held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on **May 29th at 1 PM and 6 PM** or at the Pierce County Pavilion, Pierce on **June 11th at 1 PM and 6 PM**. A letter will be mailed soon.

Wayne County Fair Entry Forms:

County Fair Entry Information will be mailed to all families in May. All forms are due to the Extension Office on or before **5:00 p.m., July 3**. Online entries will be due at the same time. Please check your white form to make sure your information is correct and your project listing is complete. If changes are needed, log into your 4-HOnline account and update your information. All updates must be made by midnight on **June 15**. Please remember that projects the 4-Her intends to exhibit at the fair must be added by this date. A hard copy of the 4-H/FFA section of the fairbook will be included in the mailing. Organizational Leaders will receive a copy of their club's enrollments in their packet. Fair entry forms will replace the copies sent in previous years to families. The State Fairbook is online and the Wayne County Fairbook will be online soon. Check out <https://wayne.unl.edu|Wayne County 4-H>. The links are under the County and State Fair Information heading. You will need Adobe Acrobat on your computer to read the files.

Upcoming Events



Next Chapter:

Next Chapter at Nebraska, a partnership between Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Office of Admissions, is a college readiness program offered to enrolled 4-H members in their eighth-grade year; however, we are offering the program to freshman, sophomores, and junior students as well. Throughout high school, Next Chapter scholars engage in a variety of events, activities, and curriculum where they will participate in career exploration, and experience a variety of learning methods that will help them transition to and succeed in college. An invitation will be emailed to enrolled 4-H members that have completed Chapter 1 & 2. Programs are scheduled for:
 Chapter 3- May 30, 9 AM-Noon, Wayne County Courthouse. Reg. DUE May 24
 Chapter 4- May 30, 1-3:45 PM, Wayne County Courthouse. Reg. DUE May 24

Boone County Arama Shows:

Boone County is hosting Swine, Beef, Sheep, and Goat Arama Shows in Albion, NE. Youth must be 8 (by January 1) and not have passed their 21st birthday by January 1, 2024, except for Swine exhibitors who can be 5 years old by January 1. Swine will show on **Friday, May 24**, Beef will show on **Saturday, May 25**, and Sheep and Goats will show on **Sunday, May 26**. For more detailed information please contact the Boone County Extension Office at 402-395-2158.

Cuming County Cream of the Crop Dairy Show:

The 25th annual Cream of the Crop Dairy Show is scheduled for **Saturday, June 15th** at the Cuming County Fairgrounds in West Point. There will also be a fitting contest held on **June 14**. For more information, please check out their Facebook page: [Cream of the Crop Dairy Show](#)



Platte County Showmanship Clinic:

Platte County is hosting a Showmanship Clinic on **Saturday, June 22, from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM** at the Ag Park in Columbus, NE. This clinic is open to all 4-H members ages 8-18 and is \$5 per youth. The schedule of events includes swine, sheep, goat, rabbit, poultry, and beef showmanship. Please register by **June 18th** by contacting Blake Wert at 402-563-4901 or bwert@unl.edu.

Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit:

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 schedule can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/great-plains-livestock-judging-circuit>.

Tractor and Equipment Safety Training:

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 21 through June 13**. The cost is \$40.

Learn more at <https://go.unmc.edu/tractor-safety-training>

Online Horticulture Contest:

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available **June 7-21, 2024** at: <https://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest>.

Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts. The first is identification of plant material. Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products.

The second is a knowledge portion, usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz. Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers, and other topics related to the production, processing, and consumption of horticultural crops.

The last portion is judging or placings. This is where four different plants, plates of vegetables, or containers of flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>

More information about the Nebraska State contest along with a list of study material can be found in the Fairbook at: <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/45>



Big Red Camps:

Registration for Big Red Camps is now open, visit our website <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps> or contact us at BigRedCamps@unl.edu. The camps are scheduled for **June 9-14, 2024** at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Nebraska Summer Camps 2024:

Registration for Nebraska 4-H Camps is open at <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-summer>. Check out the 4 and 5 day overnight camp offerings at locations around Nebraska. All overnight camps are open to youth ages 8-14. Scholarships are available. The 4-H Council offers camp scholarships for 4-H Camps. Click on the 4-H Council Camp Scholarship Application link at <https://wayne.unl.edu/4-h-camps>. Applications accepted until **May 1**.

Nebraska State 4-H Camp Program Staff and Assistants:

Make a difference this summer! The Nebraska State 4-H Camp is now hiring Program Staff and Assistants for the 2024 Summer Camp season. Work with youth from across Nebraska helping to build community, teach new skills, and foster a love of the outdoors. Apply today at <https://go.unl.edu/campjob>

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 due **June 15**. Learn more at: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>.

Animal News



ID Information:

All animals (except dogs, cats, small animals, and poultry) shown at the county fair must be identified on a 4-H identification form (affidavit). Make sure forms are filled out completely. No information will be taken over the phone. Completed forms can be emailed, mailed, or put in the drop box on the north side of the Courthouse. The deadlines will be enforced.

Animal affidavits are available at <https://wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits> and at the Extension Office.

Animal

Horse

State Horse Show

County Fair

Market Sheep Gate-of-Gain

Market Goat Gate-of-Gain

Deadline

June 1

June 15

May 17

May 17

Breeding Beef, Market Beef, Bucket Calf, Cow/Calf Pairs, Feeder Calf, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Breeding Swine, Market Swine, Rabbits, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep

June 15

State Fair

DNA samples for all livestock

Online Market Nominations for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep, and Swine

Online Breeding Nominations for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep, and Swine

Online Feeder Calf Nominations

June 15

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Goats and Sheep

All Market Goats and Sheep must be weighed and tagged to be eligible for the County Fair Rate-of-Gain Contest. Plan to attend the Wayne County Weigh-in on **May 17** at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Goats will be weighed beginning at 5:30 PM, sheep will begin at 6:00 PM. ROG ID's due **May 17**. DNA samples can be pulled for State Fair.

Breeding Meat Goats, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Goats, Pygmy Goats, and market animals not participating in the Rate-of-Gain contest do not need to attend.

All goats being exhibited need to be individually identified with some form of USDA official Scrapie ID. A legible tattoo in the ear or tail may be used in place of a Scrapie tag for Dairy Goats. The tattoo will match registration papers if the goat is registered. Registration papers must be available at Fair check-in. Any dairy goat not registered will need a Scrapie tag OR the family can tattoo the Scrapie tag numbers in the ear or tail if they do not want an ear tag.

All Sheep (breeding & market) must be tagged with a USDA Scrapies tag. Completed ID sheets for those not in the Rate-of-Gain Contest are due by **5:00 p.m., June 15**. Remember to mark RETURN on the ID sheet beside any breeding yearling that was exhibited in the breeding lamb class in 2023 to be eligible for increased premiums.

Beef

Cow/Calf Pairs - include ear tag number of calf as well as cow, age of cow, sex of calf, and birth date of calf. Reminder to 4-Hers 11 years of age and older: The calf must be also ID'd as either a breeding heifer or feeder calf. Reminder: Indicate if the pair is eligible for Renee Felt Herd Builder project. To be eligible for RHB, tag/tattoos must match previous year's ID sheets.

Breeding Beef and Cow/Calf Pairs - indicate home raised, county raised, and return animals on the ID form. A cow shown as a breeding heifer at the 2023 county fair is eligible for increased premiums if noted as return on the 2024 ID form. All other cows are ineligible for the increased premiums.

Bucket Calves and Feeder Calves need to be tagged with a 4-H ear tag. Tags can be purchased from the Extension Office. County tags are \$2.00 each and EID tags are \$4.00 each. EID tags and DNA samples are needed to exhibit a Feeder Calf at the State Fair. Tagging needs to be done prior to the ID deadline.

Rabbits

4-H Rabbits - ID on County ID form and 3 close range photos (left side, right side, front view) or tattoo. Rabbits exhibited at the State Fair must be tattooed and entered into ShoWorks by **August 10**.



Swine:

All swine exhibited in the 4-H/FFA swine show must be tagged with a 4-H/FFA or EID ear tag. County tags are \$2.00 each and EID tags are \$4.00 each. ID sheets are due to the Nebraska Extension Office on **June 15**. Tagging needs to be done prior to the ID deadline.

Horses:

Markings may be drawn in or photos may be used on ID sheets. If using photos, clear views of the face and both sides of the horse are needed. Horse Level testing for County Fair must be complete by **June 15**. This includes signed books (or sheets) along with any needed reports.

- The State Horse Show in Grand Island is scheduled for **July 13-17**. Deadline for entries, ID's, and level testing documentation is **June 1, at 5 PM**.
- 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 2024. ID sheets are due **June 15** as well.
- Advancement Level Study Guides and Resources are available at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-advancement-levels>. Now is a good time to take written tests for Horse Levels. Please call the office to set up a time so a test can be ready for you.

Attention Cat, Dog, & Household Pet Exhibitors

Remember - proof of current vaccinations for cats, dogs, and ferrets are due with fair entries on **July 3** and must be current at that time.

State Fair Requirements

Animals must be nominated and fees paid online at <https://showstockmgr.com>. Cost is \$7.00/head. Instructions for entering animals into the <https://showstockmgr.com> website are available at <https://go.unl.edu/sfnomination>

- **In addition to online nomination:**
 - Market Animals**—need a DNA sample on file and an EID tag (beef and swine) or USDA Scrapies tag (meat goats/sheep).
 - Feeder Calves**— DNA sample and EID tag
 - Breeding Animals**—Beef: DNA sample and Tattoo or EID tag accepted for Commercial Heifers, Meat Goats: Scrapies tag, Sheep: Scrapies tag, Swine: EID tag.
- **EID Tags** - (\$4.00/each) and DNA Envelopes are available at the Extension Office. Exhibitors with animals that have an EID tag must provide a premises ID by **June 15**.
- State Fair animals must be marked on your county ID Sheet.






PASE:

PASE is scheduled for **June 20-21**. 4-Hers 8 years of age and older interested in participating in the state Livestock, Meats, and Poultry Judging contests, Livestock Quiz Bowl, or Livestock Skill-a-thon should contact the Extension office by **May 24**.

Summer Workshops:

Please see the enclosed flyer for information on workshops scheduled for this summer!

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr. 28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	Clover Kid Meeting Reg. DUE		4-H Council Camp Scholarship Application DUE			Clover Kid Meeting (9-10 AM)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Pick up April Take Home Projects	Pick up April Take Home Projects	Pick up April Take Home Projects ***** 4-H Council Meeting (7 PM)	Pick up April Take Home Projects ***** Market Meat Goat Weigh-in, Fairgrounds (5:30 - 6:00 PM) ***** Market Sheep Weigh-in, Fairgrounds (6:00 - 6:30 PM)	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					Office Closed for new equipment installation ***** Next Chapter 3 & 4 Reg. DUE ***** Virtual Bee Hotel Workshop Reg. DUE ***** PASE Reg. DUE ***** Boone County Swine -A-rama Show	Boone County Beef -A-rama Show
26	27	28	29	30	31	June 1
Boone County Sheep -A-rama Show ***** Boone County Goat -A-rama Show	Memorial Day (Office Closed)		YQCA Training, Fairgrounds (1 & 6 PM) ***** Animal Science Discover Day, NCTA Campus	Next Chapter 3, Wayne Courthouse (9 AM - Noon) ***** Next Chapter 4, Wayne Courthouse (1 - 3:45 PM)	Home Design & Restoration Day Reg. DUE	State Horse Show entries, ID's, and level testing documentation DUE

Wayne County Fair:
July 25-28!

June Calendar:

- 1 State Horse Show entries DUE
- 1 Horse Level Testing Complete for State Horse Show
- 3 4-H T-Shirt Orders DUE
- 5 Home Design & Restoration Day, Pierce County Fairgrounds, 9:00 AM - Noon
(Reg. DUE May, 31)
- 6 Clover Kid Camp, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 9:00 -11:00 AM (Reg. DUE June 3)
- 7 Babysitting Clinic, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM (Reg. DUE June 3)
- 7-21 Online Horticulture Contest
- 9-14 Big Red Camps, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 11 YQCA (Quality Assurance), Pierce County Fairgrounds, 1:00 & 6:00 PM
- 12 Pie Baking Workshop, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 9:00 - 11:30 AM (Reg. DUE June 3)
- 13 Virtual Bee Hotel Workshop, 10:00 AM - Noon (Reg. DUE May 24)
- 14-15 Cuming County Cream of the Crop Dairy Show, Cuming County Fairgrounds
- 15 4-H Enrollments DUE**
- 15 YQCA Must be Complete**
- 15 County Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Cow/Calf, Bucket Calf, Feeder Calf, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine, and Rabbit ID's DUE (Exception ROG)**
- 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 Goats, Sheep, and Swine**
- 15 Livestock Achievement Program Applications DUE
- 17-18 Premier Communications Event, Lincoln (Reg. DUE May 24)
- 19 Juneteenth Observed (Office Closed)
- 20 4-H Council (7:00 PM)
- 20 Floral Design Workshop, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 1:30 - 4:00 PM (Reg. DUE June 10)
- 20-21 PASE, Lincoln (Reg. DUE May 24)
- 21 Let's Paint Run-A-Ways Workshop, Wayne County Fairgrouds, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
(Reg. Due June 10)
- 22 Platte County Showmanship Clinic, Columbus, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM (Reg. DUE June 18)
- 26 Build a Lamp Workshop, Pierce County Fairgrounds, 9:00 - 11:00 AM (Reg. DUE June 12)