

September 14, 2021

**September Calendar:**

- 15 County Award Applications DUE to the Extension Office  
4-H Club of Excellence Summary Form DUE to the Extension Office  
National 4-H Week PSA Sign-up
- 17 4-H State Horse Rodeo Entry Forms, Fees and Horse ID Forms DUE
- 17 Horse Level Testing Complete for 4-H State Horse Rodeo
- 20 4-H Council Meeting
- 22 Decorative Yarn Pumpkin Workshop Sign-up Deadline
- 24-26 Aksarben Stock Show – Nebraska State Fairgrounds

**October Calendar:**

- 1-31 4-H Online website shut down
- 2-3 4-H Foundation Trail Ride – Halsey, Nebraska
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 4-8 Pick-up for Decorative Yarn Pumpkin Kits
- 7 Decorative Yarn Pumpkin in person workshop (4-5:30 PM)
- 9 4-H State Horse Rodeo – Lincoln, Nebraska
- 11 Columbus Day Observed – Extension Office Closed
- 15 Make it with Wool Contest Entries DUE
- 24 4-H Achievement Program (5 PM)
- 25 Clover Kid Meeting Registration Due
- 30 Clover Kid and Teen Supreme Meetings

**November Calendar:**

- 1 Make it with Wool Contest Narrations DUE
- 8 4-H Council Meeting (6:30 PM)
- 8 Livestock Committee Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 11 Veterans Day Observed – Extension Office Closed
- 20 Make it with Wool Contest – Hastings, Nebraska
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday – Extension Office Closed

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**Congratulations** to all the Nebraska State Fair participants! Everyone who participated should be proud of a job well done! You can pick up your State Fair exhibits at the Extension Office.

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**Thank you** to everyone who made suggestions concerning the 4-H Year or the Wayne County Fair. Enclosed is the list of suggestions that were compiled. They will be discussed with the 4-H Council, Livestock Committee, Fair Board, and forwarded to Open Class.

**National 4-H Week** is October 3 – 9, 2021. This year's theme is Find Your Spark! Clubs or individuals may wish to organize a promotional campaign, including a radio PSA, sign-up due September 15.

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**4-H Achievement Program** is scheduled for October 24, 5:00 PM at the Wayne City Auditorium. Voting for 4-H Council will take place online, premium checks will be available to pick up and the annual 4-H slide show will be shared. A program will end with serving Tacos in a bag and ice cream sundaes.

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**Decorative Yarn Pumpkin** take home kit/workshop sign-up deadline is September 22. The project supplies will be available for pick-up October 4-8 at the Extension Office. There is a in person workshop scheduled at the Extension Office on October 7 from 4-5:30 PM. The cost for this kit is \$8 for one pumpkin and \$12 for two pumpkins.

November's Project Kit is a Wooden Pumpkin Door Hanger – Be on the look-out for information on this project and others!

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**Clover Kids** will meet Saturday, October 30 at the Wayne County Courthouse from 9-10 AM. Youth that will be age 5-7 as of December 31, 2021, are eligible. Please contact the Extension Office by October 25 to register.

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**Teen Supremes** will meet Saturday, October 30 at the Wayne County Courthouse from 10-11 AM. Youth that will be age 13 years old on or before December 31, 2021, are eligible. The group focuses on leadership skills and community service. They are also teachers of our Clover Kids. Please Contact the Extension Office by October 25 if you can help Clover Kids on October 30.

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**4-H Livestock Committee Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, November 8 at 7:30 PM with the location to be announced. The 4-H livestock, small animal and horse programs are reviewed. All 4-H families are encouraged to attend and provide input.

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**Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Discovery Days** is NCTA's open house for prospective students. The day allows students to meet with faculty, tour campus and meet with student clubs and organizations. Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Monday, November 15, 2021

Tuesday, March 1, 2021

Monday, April 11, 2021

For more information: [ncta.unl.edu](http://ncta.unl.edu) | 1-800-3Curtis

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**DECORATIVE YARN PUMPKIN**  
TAKE HOME KIT

Sign up by 09/22/21  
Pick up kits 10/4/21 - 10/8/21

ENTER YOUR PUMPKIN INTO THE 2022 WAYNE COUNTY FAIR!

WANT HELP? IN PERSON WORKSHOP 10/7/21 4-5:30PM

The cost of this kit will be \$8 for one pumpkin and \$12 for two pumpkins. Questions? Call Wayne County Extension Office at 402-375-3310

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**National 4-H Congress** is an award program, which provides recognition to 4-H youth for their outstanding performances and achievements in 4-H. It is held annually in November over Thanksgiving weekend in Atlanta, Georgia. Nebraska can send delegates to National 4-H Congress each year. Delegates are selected for a trip by submitting an Achievement Application for state competition. Applicants will be chosen for partial scholarships to attend. Alternates are also selected and may attend at their own expense.

**Eligibility:** Youth must be between ages 15 and 19 years of age (as of Jan. 1 of the Congress year). 4-Hers may only attend National 4-H Congress once. Youth must submit an Achievement Application for the county competition, then be selected to represent their county at the state level. Applicants will be selected to represent Nebraska at National 4-H Congress at the state competition.

Please contact the Extension Office on or before November 9 if interested in applying for the 2022 trip.

Check <https://4h.unl.edu/congress> for more information

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## Upcoming Events:

### General:

- **Haskell Ag Lab Fall Fest** – Enjoy this free event at the Haskell Ag Lab in Concord on September 25, 1:30 – 4:30 PM. During this event they will have an applesauce and honey demonstration, perennial transplant and hops demonstrations, crafts and activities along with demonstrations and activities.
- **Make it with Wool Contest** – The 2021 State Make it with Wool Contest will be November 20 at the Adams County Extension Office, Hastings. The object of the contest is to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarn; to encourage personal creations in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving of wool fabric; and to recognize creative skills. Information is available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dawson/nebraska-make-it-with-wool-competition/> and the Extension Office. **Entries are due by October 15.**

### Companion Animal:

- **4-H Cat Club – Cat Club** is a self-paced learning opportunity offering information about caring for cats. The online course is great for middle-school-aged youth but is open to all youth regardless of age who are looking to learn more about cats and the 4-H project. Companion Cat Science is a great resource for anyone interested in caring for or learning about cats in 4-H whether they own one now or not! Check out <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-cat-science> to register.

### Horse:

- **Equine Webinars** are scheduled for the second Monday of every month at 6 PM and will also be recorded. Go to <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series> to register or view recorded webinars.
- **4-H Foundation Trail Ride** – October 2-3, at the State 4-H Camp in Halsey. Cost for an individual adult rider is \$60 and individual youth rider is \$30. Registration information can be found at <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/trailride/> and the Extension Office.
- **4-H State Rodeo** – The first annual 4-H State Horse Rodeo will be held on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. This event will be hosted with the UNL Rodeo Team. All entry forms, fees and horse ID forms will need to be

submitted to the extension office by September 17<sup>th</sup>. The UNL Rodeo Team will also be hosting an open youth rodeo on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. More information and entry forms are available at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-rodeo>.

**Shooting Sports** – <https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/upcoming/>

- October 15 from 6:30-9:30 PM – Shotgun Instructor Update Session, Ashland Gun Club, Ashland, Nebraska. Registration due October 6, 5 PM.
- October 16-17, 8 AM – 3:30 PM, Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Instructor Workshop. Ashland Gun Club, Ashland, Nebraska.
- October 23-24, 8 AM – 4 PM, Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Instructor Workshop. Frontier County Fairgrounds, Stockville, Nebraska.



See you at the Achievement Program!



## 2021 Wayne County Fair/4-H Year Comments & Suggestions

### Beef

- Cow / Calf – revisit lead animal requirements
- Feeder Calf – Add Supreme and Reserve Supreme trophies
- Please post signs discouraging the public from entering make-up area during Beef Show.

### Cats

- Revisit FeLV requirements

### Dogs

- Please don't sit with dogs in the bleachers during the Dog Show.

### Goats

- Dairy Goat Scrapies ID for goats with no ears – should Scrapies number tattooed in the tail or continue to accept the tag brought to the fair? (check statement in Fair Book)
- All goats check in Wednesday evening-update schedule in front of Fair Book.
- Open class Goat Show – add to Fair Book - includes Dairy, Exotic, and Meat goats.

### Horse

- Possibility of cameras in horse barn...were some instances of people entering the horse stalls.

### Foods

- Limit interviews for judging Foods

### General

- Get rid of the 4-H Food Stand! Let another group (i.e., church or school) take over. 4-Her's are involved in SO much during the fair and the Stand should not be one of them. It gets harder and harder each year to find managers for the Stand also. Time to let it go! Charge each family a fee instead of having to add one more thing to their plate at the fair!
- Liked the timing of fair this year...felt like the kids go a longer summer.
- Banners were awesome this year...few things on them...should we do a bit bigger banner for the animals/showmanship that win overall awards? And are the banners supposed to be hanging from stalls, or just the green signs?
- Need some electrical done in the sheep/goat barn. We blow breakers when trying to get ready. Closing the barn to the public before the show worked well. Fair board was amazing in getting our wash rack and scale fixed super quick.
- More garbage dumpsters in the camper area north of the horse arena.
- If 4-H is not going to use the portable food stand anymore, can you rent it to a coffee shop?  
**Note:** The portable is not the Extension Office's or the 4-H Council's.
- If a parent is a superintendent for a livestock show (either 4-H or open), they should not have to work the food stand. Being a superintendent takes away a lot of time from our families, and the county fair should allow for time to spend with our families during a non-show day. Since 2022 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, could we get a new t-shirt design? Also, could we get a collared shirt option, for the kids that show at progress shows through out the state.

- Post signs near all barns that state to not feed the animals, respect the animals' area, do not enter their stalls, no dogs present during shows, no public in beef staging area (during show day).
- "Superintendent Only" parking near their barn, especially on show day.
- Some transparency with the Food Stand might help with morale. Families are unsure of where the money goes, and if families are being asked to provide the workforce for the Food Stand, they should also get a say in where the money goes. If they do get a choice in where the money goes, again, transparency is key and making sure all families understand the process would be beneficial.
- If clubs and Independents were to be given a fundraising goal, to fund the areas where the Food Stand money goes, they could fundraise during less stressful times (such as wintertime), we could earn money that way (and close the Food Stand or rent it to another business). Prorating the amount each family needs to raise (based on how many kids in each family) and give the option to pay a flat fee instead of fundraising. The Food Stand is becoming overwhelming for families that have multiple animal projects at the fair, and in the future, families might choose not to bring projects.
- Priorities will need to be discussed within the Fair Board and 4-H on a few areas. Air flow needs to be improved in the indoor arena area (for people and animals), and a large ceiling fan would help. I understand that a large ceiling fan could impede RV storage. Priorities would need to be discussed to figure out what is most important and possible alternatives. Tractor pulling on Friday night causes havoc in the horse barn (between the sounds, the smells, and the sights). This year, I watched as a group of young 4-H kids had to pull their horses out of the stalls and try to calm their horses down while surrounded by parked cars, and in the dark. The arena was parked in, spectators were parked all over by the trailers. There was no safe spot for these 4-H kids to do what was best for their animal. Some families pulled their horses from the fairgrounds completely, and risk losing their premiums. There needs to be a protocol in place for unsafe situations like what was seen this year in the horse barn.
- Scale needs to be on same surface for weigh-ins and at check-in at Fair.
- Food Stand – the way it was scheduled, e of the teens who were supposed to be in the Food Stand were also in Round Robin Showmanship. Not fair to the other groups scheduled at that time. Are parents of children who are enrolled in 4-H, but not exhibiting at Fair expected to work the Food Stand? If so, are they paying the gate fee to enter the Fair just to work the Food Stand?
- Is there a way we could see some sort of statement that shows the expenses and profit of the Food Stand?
- Could the Food Stand hours be limited, and parents be given the option of working or paying a flat fee?
- The banners were nice and greatly appreciated, along with the Thank You cards!
- Is there a way to divide the list of donors for pool money and have kids with last names A-F, or whatever, be assigned to a smaller list, it would make it easier to get the cards out.

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