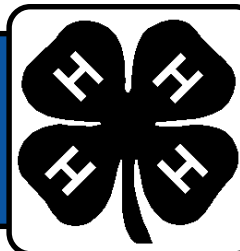


June	
1	4-H Project Enrollment Deadline
1	4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
5-6	Pre-District Horse Show— <i>State Fair Park</i>
8	PAK 10 Horse Judging Contest 6:30 p.m.
9	Adult Character Counts! Training
9	Horse VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
10	Rabbit VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
11	Teen Character Counts! Training
13	CWF Leaves for Washington D.C. 8 a.m.
14	Extension Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
17	Fair Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
13	Teen Council Meeting 3-5 p.m.
15	Beef, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Llama, Horse, Rabbit & Sheep I.D.'s Due
15-18	Clover College
22	Cat Workshop 7 p.m.
23	Practice Family & Consumer Science Judging 1 p.m.
23	Practice Demonstration 2:30 p.m.
24	District Horse Show— <i>Beatrice</i>
tba	Market Broilers Pick-up
July	
6	4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
7	Horse VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
7	Livestock VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
8	Rabbit VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
7-9	ExpoVisions '99— <i>Lincoln</i>
9	All Animal Entries for Lancaster County Fair Due
11	4-H Ambassador Meeting 1:45 p.m.
11	Teen Council Meeting 3-5 p.m.
11-15	4-H State Horse Expo— <i>Grand Island</i>
12	Livestock Booster Club Meeting 8 p.m.
12	Extension Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
14	Horticulture, Grass & Weed I.D., Tree I.D. Contests 10 a.m.-noon
14	Lifetime Skills Contest 1 p.m.
15	Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.
16	Demonstration Contest
19	How to Show Horticulture Exhibits at the Fair Workshop 2-4 p.m.
19-23	Biology Career Workshop
22	PAK 10 Tractor Driving Contest— <i>Fremont County Fair</i>
28	Style Revue Judging
28	Fair Superintendent Meeting 7 p.m.
29	4-H Food Booth Training— <i>State Fair Park</i> 6:30 p.m.
August	
2	4-H Council Meeting— <i>State Fair Park</i> 7 p.m.
2-7	County Fair Horse Show
3	Entry Day for Lancaster County Fair Static Exhibits— <i>State Fair Park</i> 4-8 p.m.
4	County Fair Judging Day for Static Exhibits
4	County Fair Animal Check-in (4-H Sheep, Swine, Rabbits, Poultry, Angora Goats) — <i>State Fair Park</i> 4-8p.m.
4	Sheep Weigh-in— <i>State Fair Park</i> 4-8 p.m.
4	All Animals in Place— <i>State Fair Park</i> 8 p.m.
4	Lancaster County Fair Opens— <i>State Fair Park</i>
4-8	Lancaster County Fair— <i>State Fair Park</i>
5	Beef Weigh-in— <i>State Fair Park</i> noon
5	Performance Swine Weigh-in— <i>State Fair Park</i> 2:30 p.m.
6	Clover Kids Character Counts! Day Camp 1-4 p.m.
8	All Animals Released— <i>State Fair Park</i> 4-6 p.m.
9	Extension Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
11	Horse VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
12	Superintendent's Dinner 7 p.m.
12	Rabbit VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
13	Ak-Sar-Ben Entries Due
17	Livestock VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
19	Teachers Character Counts! Training
19	Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m.
25	State Fair Entry Day— <i>State Fair Park, Lincoln, NE</i>
26	State Fair Judging Day— <i>State Fair Park, Lincoln</i>
August 27-September 6	Nebraska State Fair— <i>Lincoln</i>
September	
7	4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
8	Horse VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
9	Rabbit VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
12	4-H Ambassador Meeting 1:45 p.m.
12	Teen Council Meeting 3-5 p.m.
13	Extension Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
13	4-H Open House 6:30-8:30 p.m.
16	Fair Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
21	Fair's Over-Now What? 4-H Leader Training 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.
21-22	Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Horse Show— <i>Omaha</i>
22-27	Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition— <i>Omaha</i>
30	Record Books Due
October	
3-9	National 4-H Week
5	Livestock Booster Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.
5	4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
10	4-H Ambassador Meeting 1:45 p.m.
10	Teen Council Meeting 3-5 p.m.
13	Horse VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
14-17	North Central Regional 4-H Forum
14	Rabbit VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
21	Fair Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
November	
2	Livestock Booster Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.
2	4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
14	Teen Council Meeting 3-5 p.m.
14	Extension Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
18	Fair Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
December	
7	4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
11	Fair Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
13	4-H Ambassador Meeting 1:45 p.m.
13	Teen Council Meeting 3-5 p.m.
14	Extension Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

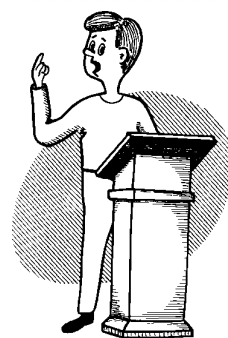
4-H & Youth



Market beef weigh-in

The Lancaster County 4-H beef weigh-in will be Saturday, February 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Nebraska State Fair Park in the East arena. All 4-H market steers and heifers must come in on this date to get tagged, weighed and nose printed. If you have any questions, call Deanna at 441-7180. (DK)

4-H Speech Workshop



Plan on attending the 1999 4-H Speech Workshop. It will be Sunday, February 21, 6-7:30 p.m. The workshop will help all ages learn to write and deliver speeches and to gain self esteem. There will also be a special guest speaker to talk about the importance of public speaking. What better way to improve or learn the most important skills you have? Mark this date on your calendar and I will see you there! (DK)

Colgate Youth for America

Here's an opportunity for those 4-H clubs who have done wonderful things for their community. The Colgate Youth for America Campaign is awarding 240 local unit winners up to \$1,000 in cash. If your club has done something terrific for the community and would like to have an opportunity to win a monetary grant, then fill out the entry form located in your 4-H mailbox at the extension office. Entries are due March 15. (TK)

Mice

Mice
I think mice
Are rather nice.
Their tails are long,
Their faces small,
They haven't any chins at all.
Their ears are pink,
Their teeth are white,
They run about the house all night.
They nibble things they shouldn't touch
And no one seems to like them much.
But I think mice are nice.



The history of the mouse can be traced back to 4000 B.C. They are rodents, very hardy and fertile, and easy to raise. Wild mice are pests but domesticated or "tame" mice are extremely valuable to humans in all kinds of research.

Mice should be kept in a good-sized wire cage because they will gnaw through a wooden one. Furnish the cage with branches, swings, perches and/or an exercise wheel. Line the bottom of the cage with sawdust, shredded newspaper or commercial cat litter and clean and disinfect the cage every other day. For a nest box, use an empty cottage cheese carton.

Mice will eat dry dog food, seeds, bread, breakfast cereals, rice, leafy foods and raw potatoes. Because mice are gnawing animals, you should provide a piece of wood to help keep their teeth in good condition. Supply fresh water in a gravity flow bottle.

To handle your mouse, place the animal carefully in one hand and stroke its head and back gently with the other hand. Never hold it too tightly. Once accustomed to you, a mouse will come to the front of the cage, climb on your hand or even explore your pocket.

Mice are great pocket pets. If they are kept under sanitary conditions, they will keep themselves spotlessly clean and well-groomed. They are friendly and sometimes you can teach them to do tricks. Think about getting a new pet! Mice are easy to care for and fun to have around. (ALH)