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Extension Calendar

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- February 15**
Fair Board Meeting -Lancaster Event Center 7:30 p.m.
- February 21**
Food Grade Soybean Production 2:30 p.m.
- February 24**
4-H Officer Training Workshop 9:30-11 a.m.
- February 26**
Pet Pals Club Meeting 7 p.m.
- March 2-4**
Nebraska Horse Expo, Event Center
- March 6**
4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- March 7**
4-H Small Animal VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
- March 8**
4-H Cat Club Meeting 7 p.m.
4-H Rabbit VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
- March 9**
Extension Board Meeting 8 a.m.
4-H Speech Contest Entries Due
- March 11**
4-H Ambassador Meeting 2 p.m.
4-H Teen Council Meeting 3-5 p.m.
- March 12**
4-H Shooting Sports Meeting 7-9 p.m.
- March 13**
Initial Computerized Financial Record Keeping, call for brochure 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.,
4-H New Leader Training 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.
- March 14**
4-H Horse VIPS Meeting 7 p.m.
- March 15**
Fair Board Meeting-Event Center 7 p.m.
- March 20**
Advanced Computerized Financial Record Keeping, call for brochure 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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BASIL

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family which is characterized by square stems. They belong in the genus Ocimum. Over 150 different species and varieties are available. These are some of the more common types of basil.

Sweet Basil
Most common type grown. White flowers. Bright green leaves, two to three inch long. Upright habit. Clove like scent.

Purple Basil
Grown for its ornamental foliage as well as culinary use. Light lavender flowers. Same size leaf as sweet basil. 'Opal,' 'Red Rubin' and 'Purple Ruffles' are excellent selections.

Lettuce Leaf Basil
Large, wide leaves. Flavor is less pronounced than other green basil. Common varieties

include 'Mammoth' and 'Green Ruffles.'

Lemon Basil
Lemon scent. White flowers and small green leaves. Great for tea and potpourri.

Cinnamon Basil
Cinnamon scent. Pink flowers, green leaves with purple stem. (MJM)



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"Hello, recently, my oldest daughter (age 9) had contracted head lice through school. Your fact sheet on the web was by far the most informative and detail-oriented, and helped us immensely in our strategy to eradicate this pest. I like to make it a practice to compliment on a job well done, whatever the subject, and your fact sheet has more than earned my praise."

"After being bitten by a spider on Sunday night, I began searching the web for identification purposes and came upon your excellent Web site. I found your information on spiders to be an exceptional tool in assisting me with my research."

"I just wanted to thank Lancaster County Extension for writing the article on centipedes and millipedes, which was specific information I needed for my home. I will keep your Web address on hand for future reference."

"Great food safety info for our rural church which often puts on church suppers and has only recently become aware of modern food safety standards."

"I used the information for background in teaching my participants at senior mealsites, one to one meetings and classes."

"I have found the food safety sections very interesting and useful. I have changed some of my food preparation practices as a result." (SC)