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Extension Calendar

All programs and events will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center unless otherwise noted.

MAY

- 16 Everything Homeowners Should Know About Termites and Termite Control Workshop 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Fair Board Meeting, *Lancaster Event Center* 7:30 p.m.
- 17 District & State Horse ID's, Level Tests & Entries Deadline
- 18 Composting Workshop & Demonstration (University Pl. Park, 50th & Colby) . 8:30 a.m.
- 18 4-H Lamb Tagging & Weigh-In Day, *State Fair Park—4-H Sheep Area* . 9–11:30 a.m.
- 20 4-H How to Exhibit Leader Training 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.

JUNE

- 1 4-H Project Enrollment Deadline
- 1 4-H Horse I.D. Deadline
- 1 2002 Cattlemen's Ball, *Benes Cattle Company near Valparaiso*
- 4 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 8 Pre District Horse Show
- 9–22 4-H Citizen Washington FocusCWF Trip, *Washington D.C.*
- 12 4-H Practice Family & Consumer Science Judging 1 p.m.
- 12 4-H Practice Demonstration 2:30 p.m.
- 12 4-H Horse VIPs Meeting 7 p.m.
- 13 4-H Photography Workshop 7 p.m.
- 13 4-H Rabbit VIPs Meeting 7 p.m.
- 14 Extension Board Meeting 8 a.m.
- 14 4-H Beef, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Llama, Rabbit & Sheep I.D.'s Due
- 14 Composting Workshop & Demonstration (University Pl. Park, 50th & Colby) . 8:30 a.m.
- 15 All 4-H Animal ID's Due (sheep, goats, swine, breeding beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle)
- 18–21 Clover College
- 18–21 District Horse Shows—East, *Crete, Fullerton, S. Sioux City, Wahoo*
- 24–27 District Horse Shows—West, *Arthur, Bridgeport, Burwell, Holdrege*
- 26–28 ExpoVisions, *UNL campus*

Ag Awareness Festival Teaches Importance of Agriculture

More than 250 fourth graders from 12 area schools attended the Ag Awareness Festival April 9 and 10 at the Lancaster Event Center to gain a greater understanding of agriculture and how it impacts their daily lives.

Students rotated between the following 12 interactive stations: Grain Products, Grain By-Products, Farming Technology, Swine, Horticulture, Horse (new this year), Dairy Production, Ruminant Nutrition, Dairy Calves, Beef Products, Beef Production and Food Safety.

Also new this year, students observed rumen fluid (obtained from a cow's stomach) under a microscope to witness microorganisms' role in the digestion process.

The festival is presented by the Agricultural Awareness Coalition which is comprised of 14 agricultural agencies, businesses and educational institutions, including University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County. This is the second year the festival has been held in Lincoln.

The Coalition also has a Web site "Ag Adventures for Kids" at ag4kids.unl.edu.



Lance Cummins-Brown shows youth a handful of grain that this dairy calf would eat.



Students had the opportunity to climb farm equipment.



A local swine producer brought two piglets to help demonstrate swine production.



Monte Stauffer uses a model of a cow to explain the digestion process of a ruminant animal.



An acre is the same size as a football field is one of the facts that youth learned from Bob Meduna in Grain Products.