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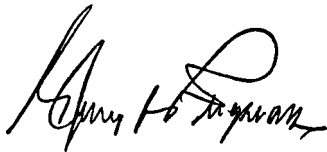
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Extension Calendar

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MAY

- 12 4-H Horse VIPS Committee Meeting, *Lancaster Event Center* 7 p.m.
- 15 4-H Rabbit VIPS Committee Meeting, *Lancaster Event Center* 7 p.m.
- 16 Deadline for 4-H District/State Horse Show Entries — I.D's & Level Tests
- 17 Composting Demonstration, *City Yard Waste Composting Demonstration Site, 50th & Colby* 8:30 a.m.
- 18 4-H Sewing Seminar, *Hancock Fabrics, 6800 P Street* 3–4 p.m.
- 19 4-H Leader Training — How to Exhibit At the County Fair 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- 22 Everything Homeowners Need to Know about Termites & Termite Control 6:30–9:30 p.m.

JUNE

- 1 County Fair 4-H Horse Identifications Due
- 1 4-H Sewing Seminar, *Hancock Fabrics, 6800 P Street* 3–4 p.m.
- 3 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 5 4-H Quality Assurance Training 7 p.m.
- 7 Pre-District 4-H Horse Show, *Capital City Horse and Pony Club, 14500 N. 14 St* 9 a.m.
- 8 Dine Out for 4-H CWF, *Don & Millie's, 5200 S. 56th Street* 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- 9 4-H Horse VIPS Committee Meeting, *Lancaster Event Center* 7 p.m.
- 13 Extension Board Meeting 8 a.m.
- 15 County Fair 4-H Sheep/Goats/Swine/Breeding Beef/ Bucket Calves/ Dairy Cattle Identifications Due
- 17 4-H Demonstration Workshop 1:30 p.m.
- 17–20 District 4-H Horse Shows — East, *Hemingford, Valentine, McCook, Lexington*
- 20 Saltdogs "Discover 4-H, Discover You" Theme Night Baseball Game 7:05 p.m.
- 23–26 District 4-H Horse Shows — West, *Pierce, Beatrice, West Point, Columbus*
- 24–27 4-H Clover College
- 27 Pesticide Container Recycling Collection, *Firth Co-op, Princeton* 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- 30–1 4-H Life Challenge / Premier Animal Science Events (PASE), *UNL East Campus*

Ag Awareness Festival Teaches Youth Importance of Agriculture

More than 400 fourth graders from 10 schools attended the Ag Awareness Festival April 1 and 2 at the Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln. Students gained a greater understanding of agriculture and how it impacts their daily lives.

Classrooms rotated between the following 12 interactive stations: Grain Products, Grain By-Products, Farming Technology, Swine, Horticulture, Horse, Dairy Production, Ruminant Nutrition, Goat Production and Products, Dairy Calves, Beef Products, Beef Production and Food Safety. New this year was Goat Production and Products (products made from goats).

The Ag Awareness Coalition, led by University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension, organizes the festival with the help of agriculture businesses, commodity associations and food industry companies. This is the third year the festival has been held in Lincoln.



Extension Educator Barb Ogg (above right) demonstrated the value of farming technology by having kids use a corn grinder patented in 1909 to see how much corn they could grind in one minute. Students concluded it was hard work! Students also got the opportunity to climb on a combine and three tractors.



In addition to learning about the care requirements for dairy calves, students had the opportunity to meet a three-week-old calf up close(left).



Libby Lugar (back center) of the UNL Animal Science Department taught students about different breeds of horses.



In the Ruminant Nutrition session, students watched as Extension Educator Monte Stauffer obtained rumen contents through a fistula, or plug, which was surgically implanted in a cow used for research by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Animal Sciences Department.