

Lancaster County Fair Keeps Growing

The Lancaster County Fair has seen rapid growth since moving to the Lancaster Event Center in 2001. This year, the trend continued with increased exhibit entries and overall attendance.

- 4-H at the County Fair shares in the growth.
- A total 4,331 4-H exhibits were showcased at this year's fair (includes static exhibits, animals and contest entries — does not include Clover Kids exhibits)
- 4-H Horse Show -- entries in the five-day 4-H Horse Show were up significantly and more horse stalls were added to accommodate the increase.
- 4-H Beef Cattle and Dairy Cattle Shows -- entries nearly doubled in past year and stalling space had to be reconfigured.
- 4-H Poultry Show -- entries increased 21% in past year; 1,050% in five years!

Jay Wilkinson, member of the Fair Board and Extension Board helped construct more poultry pens. "The increase in exhibits caused unexpected hassles, but it's a good problem to have," he said.

4-H staff member Tracy Kulm said, "I'm constantly amazed at the quality and creativity of the projects entered by 4-H youth."

"Lancaster County 4-H would like to extend thanks to all the volunteers who help make the county fair a successful learning experience for youth," said 4-H staff member Gary Bergman. "Adults and youth working together is a foundation of youth development."

This year, a second exhibitors breakfast was added and nearly 1,000 meals served! Norm Nicholson of Countryside Energy said, "We just want to support the 4-H and FFA youth in every way we can. Every year, the breakfast just gets bigger and bigger."

See page 8 for a complete list of 4-H sponsors.



New at this year's fair was a 4-H Air Rifle Shooting Trailer presented by the Lancaster County Shooting Sports 4-H Club. Certified instructors supervised youth at the mobile shooting range.



Members of the Carpe Diem 4-H club created a dozen Fun Sun Pinatas as "Summer Blast!" fair theme decorations.



Cotton Clover Candy at the 4-H Corner Stop concession stand sold well.



Proper grooming is an essential part of showing animals.



One of the more colorful corners of the fair was the 4-H Clover Kids (ages 5-7) static exhibits. Several youth shared their projects during Clover Kids Show & Tell.



Right signal during the 4-H Bicycle Safety Contest.



How do you rope a steer? Practice, practice, practice!

Can You Guess It?



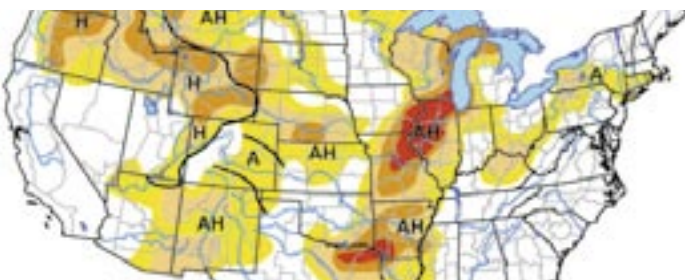
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Did you guess it from the August NEBLINE? The answer was the beautiful shell of a painted turtle.

U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of Aug. 9, Lancaster County was in moderate drought conditions.



For the most recent map, visit www.drought.unl.edu/dm
Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Discover all the exciting opportunities 4-H can offer you!

4-H is open to all youth ages 5-18

Prizes!

4-H'ers will share completed projects!

Q & A!

4-H Kick Off



Tuesday, Sept. 20 6-7:30pm

Lancaster Extension Education Center
444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln

Lancaster County 4-H kicks off the 4-H year with an opportunity for youth and their families to discover 4-H!

Four ways to get involved:

- Join an existing 4-H club
- Help form a new 4-H club
- Be an independent member
- Participate in 4-H activities such as camps

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