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## SUPPORT 4-H

All proceeds from the 4-H Corner Stop concession stand at the Lancaster County Fair go to 4-H Council, which supports 4-H programs, activities and scholarships.



# Kids Ag Discovery Zone at County Fair is Interactive Experience

Youth of all ages will have the opportunity to see, touch and smell agriculture at the Kids Ag Discovery Zone at the Lancaster County Fair.

Agriculture and agribusiness is Nebraska’s number one industry, with 31 percent of the state’s total employment related to agriculture. Nebraska’s farms and ranches use 45.9 million acres — 93 percent of the state’s total land area.

As agriculture moves away from family farms, each generation of kids is getting further removed from the farm. The Kids Ag Discovery Zone is designed to increase awareness about Nebraska’s connection to agriculture.

“Youth need to know that hamburgers don’t just come from stores — meat, buns, cheese, pickles and ketchup all originate from some type of farming,” says 4-H staff member Deanna Karmazin. “While many adults know the primary products which come from livestock and crops, they may not know how many by-products contain ingredients from these products.”

## Interactive Displays

The Kids Ag Discovery Zone will be located in Pavilion 1 between the llamas and swine. It will be open 8 a.m.–9 p.m. all five days of the fair, August 2-6.

During these times, you can check out the interactive displays — “milk” a wooden cow, climb a kid-sized tractor and test your knowledge on oversized quiz boards. There will also be baby chicks on display if they hatch in time!

## Meet & Greet

A special time for people to interact with animals and their owners will be during the Kids Ag Discover Zone Meet & Greet, which will be Thursday, Aug. 3 and Friday, Aug. 4 from 6–9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 5 from 5–9 p.m. Waverly FFA members, along with their advisor Tony Tyrty, will showcase the livestock they are showing at the County Fair. You can touch the animals, try leading an animal and ask owners questions.

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Youth can climb a kid-sized tractor.



Youth can “milk” a wooden cow.



Test your knowledge on quiz boards!



Ask youth livestock owners questions about their animals at the Meet & Greet.

## Fun Facts About Farm Animals

- Cattle, sheep and goats do not have any upper front teeth.
- Each day, a cow spends 6 hours eating and 8 hours chewing its cud.
- There are more cattle than people in Nebraska.
- One cow hide can make 20 footballs or 18 soccer balls or 18 volleyballs or 12 basketballs.
- A dairy cow can make 40 pounds of milk each day. That is 16,000 glasses of milk each year (enough for 40 people). That is 45 glasses of milk each day!
- 25 gallons of milk can make 9 gallons of ice cream or 25 pounds of cheese or 11 pounds of butter. It takes about 30 cups of milk to make 1 pound of butter.
- Pigs can run one mile in 7 minutes.
- A pig’s squeal ranges from 110-115 decibels. How loud is that? As loud as a Concorde super sonic jet landing, which is 112 decibels.
- Sheep do not see well. However, they hear very well.
- A baseball has 450 feet of wool yarn in it.
- Llamas are related to camels, but they do not have humps on their backs.
- A llama is stronger than a horse. It can carry 30% of its body weight.



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