

4-H'ers Aim for Excellence at Lancaster County Fair

The county and state fairs are the culminating events of the 4-H project year. Many 4-H youth choose to showcase their finished project(s) at the county and state fairs. By successfully completing projects, youth gain practical skills. By exhibiting at fairs, youth gain life skills such as communicating and thinking critically.

The 2006 Lancaster County Fair was held Aug. 2-6 at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. A total 4,473 4-H/FFA exhibits were showcased (includes static exhibits, Clover Kids exhibits, animals and contest entries). Number of animals entered in the 4-H/FFA livestock shows was up nearly 30% and extra stalls had to be installed.

Horse judge Trish Kolterman said, "I believe I receive more from the people in Lancaster County Fair horse show than I could possibly ever give. The positive atmosphere, the high energy, the great kids and horses all give me a rush that cannot be duplicated. The competitors all did a great job, and I saw significant improvement in riders. Your show is truly an outstanding horse program which is rivaled by none."

Complete 4-H ribbon results and more photographs are online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>



The Lancaster County 4-H Shooting Sports Club presented a BB Gun Shooting Range for the second year in a row. New this year was an Archery Range.



There were 20 entries in the new 4-H project "Quilt Quest." Interview judging is an opportunity for 4-H youth to discuss their project(s) with judges for valuable feedback.

Photos by Vicki Jedlicka, UNL Extension in Lancaster County



Several 4-H/FFA teams participated in the new Cattle Fitting Contest. They had a half hour to blow, groom and prepare their beef animal for show.



The Lancaster County Fair has the largest 4-H county fair horse show in Nebraska, with 31 events spanning five days.



Poultry is one of many 4-H animal projects.



The 4-H Corner Stop concession stand is Lancaster County 4-H Council's main fundraiser each year. More than 130 youth and adults volunteered at the stand this year!



For the first time, a unicycle was entered in the 4-H Bicycle Safety Contest.

Can You Guess It?



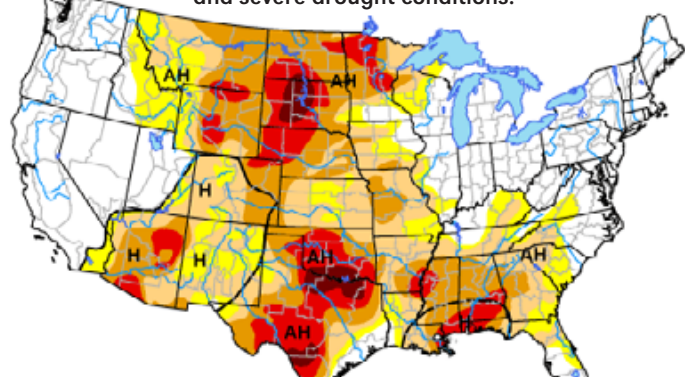
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Did you guess it? Find out at <http://lanaster.unl.edu>

Did you guess it from the August NEBLINE? The answer was a Green June Bug.

U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of Aug. 8, Lancaster County bordered between moderate and severe drought conditions.



Intensity:
 D0 Abnormally Dry
 D1 Drought - Moderate
 D2 Drought - Severe
 D3 Drought - Extreme
 D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:
 A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)
 H = Hydrological (water)
 (No type = Both impacts)

For the most recent map, visit <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development program is open to all youth ages 5-18

Nebraska LINCOLN EXTENSION

Learn about 4-H!

4-H Kick Off

Thursday, Sept. 21

Q & A!

6 p.m.

Prizes!

Lancaster Extension Education Center
 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln



4-H'ers will share completed projects!

4-H is a learn-by-doing program with more than 150 projects from which to choose. Youth learn practical skills and develop life skills!

How to get involved:

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

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