

4-H'ers Learn Life Skills at Lancaster County Fair

The 2007 Lancaster County Fair was held Aug. 1-5 at the Lancaster Event Center. Total attendance was estimated at approximately 66,000. A total 4,448 4-H/FFA exhibits were showcased (includes static exhibits, Clover Kids exhibits, animals and contest entries).

Prior to the county fair, Lancaster County Commissioners approved financing the Event Center's Phase II Expansion plan which will enclose the Amy Countryman Arena, add a third pavilion with a large arena and add meeting rooms. Projected completion date is June 2008, which would expand space available for next year's Lancaster County Fair [scheduled Aug. 6-10].

4-H staff member Tracy Kulm said, "This year we had slightly more static exhibits than we've had the past two years. Currently we don't have room to display the entire food exhibits or top Table Setting place settings. It will be so nice to have more space to display all the exhibits next year."

New this year was a Special Needs Horse Show for 4-H special needs youth. 4-H staff member Marty Cruickshank said, "Participation in this first Special Needs show was low, but we just needed to get our feet wet so we can build upon that. I've had people already asking questions about it for next year."

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



The 4-H Corner Stop food booth was staffed largely by 4-H clubs volunteering as groups. The food booth is 4-H Council's primary fundraiser — proceeds benefit 4-H programs, scholarships and activities. Youth learn skills such as responsibility and social skills.



Elementary division youth (ages 8-11) displayed their knowledge of caring for horses in the 4-H Groom and Care Horse Show. The judge interacted with each exhibitor one-on-one.



As part of Fair Fun Day for child care groups, members of the Lonestar 4-H club taught younger kids about bucket calves, feeding cattle and roping (watch a YouTube video on the 4-H web site at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>).



Lil' Green, the Nebraska 4-H mascot, made his first appearance at the Lancaster County Fair (he debuted at the Nebraska State Fair last fall).



Youth participating in the 4-H Table Setting Contest learned how to properly set a table, plan nutritious meals, express creativity and present to a judge.



In animal showmanship classes, 4-H members demonstrated their ability to handle their animals, plus answered questions about their animals and the livestock industry.

Can You Guess It?



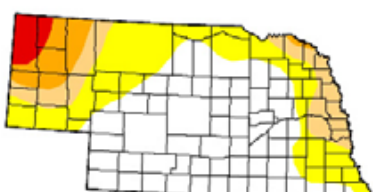
Did you guess it? Find out at <http://lancaster.unl.edu>

Did you guess it from the August NEBLINE? The answer was Woodlouse Hunter (*Dysdera crocata*)

U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of August 7, Lancaster County was in abnormally dry conditions.

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)	None					
	00-04	05-04	02-04	03-04	04	04
Current	52.2	47.8	20.5	9.5	3.1	0.0
Last Week (07/31/2007 map)	47.2	52.8	19.3	9.2	0.4	0.0
3 Months Ago (05/15/2007 map)	77.7	22.3	15.6	9.2	0.0	0.0
Start of Calendar Year (01/02/2007 map)	35.9	64.1	56.3	38.9	25.6	0.0
Start of Water Year (11/03/2006 map)	9.0	91.0	66.9	41.6	30.7	0.0
One Year Ago (08/02/2006 map)	0.0	100.0	99.0	81.6	34.1	0.0



Intensity:
 00 Abnormally Dry
 01 Drought - Moderate
 02 Drought - Severe
 03 Drought - Extreme
 04 Drought - Exceptional

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

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Learn about 4-H!



4-H Kick Off

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Q & A!

6 p.m.

Prizes!

Lancaster Extension Education Center
444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln

Come Find Out How to Join 4-H!

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



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!

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