

4-H'ers Showcase Projects at Lancaster County Fair

The 2008 Lancaster County Fair was held Aug. 6–10 at the Lancaster Event Center. Total attendance was estimated at approximately 73,700—a seven percent increase from last year. A total 4,467 4-H/FFA exhibits were showcased (includes static exhibits, Clover Kids exhibits, animals and contest entries).

Extension Associate Deanna Karmazin said, "It was inspiring to see that our largest classes of livestock were shown by Junior members (8 to 10 years old). This indicates our 4-H livestock program is in a growing trend."

This past year, the Lancaster Event Center's Phase II Expansion plan has been underway. A new Pavilion 3 with large arena was completed in time for the county fair Open Class and 4-H Dressage horse shows to be held there, as well as the 4-H Roping/Working Ranch horse show. Construction continues on a building enclosing the Amy Countryman Arena.

"Pavilion 3 is wonderful," said Extension Associate Marty Cruickshank. "It is large with high ceilings and great ventilation which makes it light and airy. The Event Center brought in Bob Keiser of Keiser Arena Specialists who designs arenas all over the country. He spent days working with staff and finding the right dirt. The Event Center also purchased a Kaiser laser level arena tool, so the footing in the arena is incredible, making it a pleasure to show in."

Complete 4-H ribbon results, many more photographs and some videos are online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu>



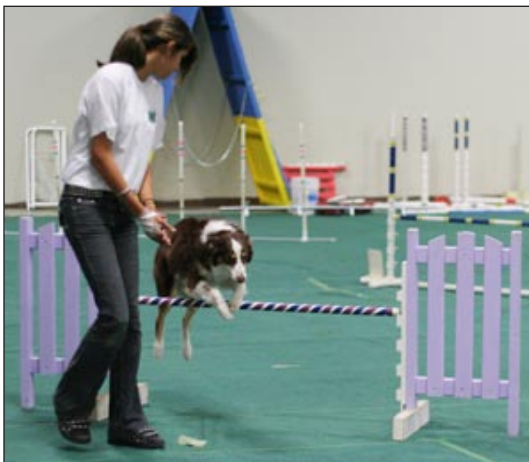
4-H'ers showcased their market lambs to the judge and the public. This year's largest livestock classes were the junior divisions (youth ages 8–10).



In Interview Judging, 4-H'ers had the opportunity to talk with a judge about their static exhibits, what they learned and how to improve skills.



The 4-H Horse Dressage Show was held in the new Pavilion 3 large arena.



The 4-H Dog Agility show utilized new equipment purchased with a recent 2008 Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award.



Lancaster 4-H partnered with many afterschool summer sites to provide a county fair-related curriculum with hands-on activities which could be done before the fair. The groups were then invited to tour the county fair.

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Can You Guess It?

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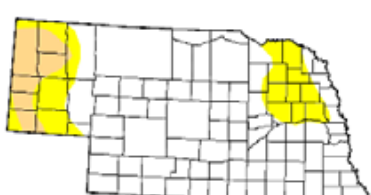
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Did you guess it from the July NEBLINE?
The answer was Eastern Cottontail Rabbit

U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of August 12, Lancaster County was not in drought conditions.

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	00-04	05-09	10-14	15-19	20-24
Current	78.3	21.7	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Last Week (08/05/2008 map)	51.6	48.4	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
3 Months Ago (05/29/2008 map)	65.4	34.6	15.0	7.8	0.0	0.0
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2008 map)	66.7	33.3	15.9	7.8	1.7	0.0
Start of Water Year (10/01/2007 map)	70.9	29.1	13.6	7.0	1.7	0.0
One Year Ago (08/12/2007 map)	61.3	38.7	17.3	9.5	3.1	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

Thursday, Oct. 9

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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