

4-H/FFA market beef weigh-in, Jan. 29

4-H and FFA exhibitors showing market steers or heifers at the Lancaster County Super Fair and/or Nebraska State Fair must identify and weigh-in their projects at the 4-H/FFA Market Beef Weigh-In on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 6–7 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center – Pavilion 3.

Exhibitors planning on exhibiting market beef at State Fair must have DNA sampled. It is strongly encouraged to have DNA pulled and EID tagged at the time of weigh-in.

4-H crocheting workshop, Feb. 2

4-H youth ages 10 and up are invited to learn how to crochet a washcloth utilizing the single crochet stitch at the Basic Crocheting workshop on Saturday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m. until about noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. No cost to attend — all supplies will be provided. Parents/adults are encouraged to attend to help 4-H'ers; especially if they are younger. Must register by Monday, Jan. 28 by calling 402-441-7180 or emailing Kristin at kristin.geisert@unl.edu.

4-H pillow sewing workshop, Feb. 9

4-H youth ages 8 and up are invited to learn beginning sewing skills while constructing a pillow at the Pillow Party sewing workshop on Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. until about noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. No cost to attend. Must register by Feb. 4 by calling 402-441-7180 or emailing kristin.geisert@unl.edu. Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing equipment (scissors, pins, measuring tape, etc.). Also bring a 1/2 yard each of two coordinating/contrasting woven fabrics, pre-washed, 100% cotton (NO PLAIDS, NO KNITS, NO FLANNELS) and matching thread. Pillow forms will be provided. A few office sewing machines are available for use upon request. Parents/adults are encouraged to attend to help their 4-H'er.

Pick-A-Pig club

The Pick-A-Pig 4-H club is accepting new members for anyone who wants to learn about pork production and show a pig at the Lancaster County Super Fair. The club is open to all city and rural youth ages 8–18. If you are interested, contact Harry Muhlbach at 402-430-7304 by March 13. The first meeting will be Sunday, March 17.

Rabbit Show, April 27

The 4-H Spring Rabbit Show will be held Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center – Exhibit Hall. Open to all youth ages 8–18. Show flyer is at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/documents/RabbitShowSpring19.pdf>. For more information, call Bob at 402-525-8263 or the Extension office at 402-441-7180.

Governor's Ag Excellence Awards due March 1

The Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards are sponsored by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA). Each year, 25 4-H clubs are awarded \$500 to be used as described in the award application form completed by the club. Clubs may use the award dollars for different kinds of programs. A few examples are: community service projects, trips or tours for club members and community improvement projects. The intent is to increase 4-H'ers awareness of agricultural careers. Consider "agricultural" in the broadest terms for this program.

Forms are due by March 1. Applications are online at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition>. Clubs will be notified by May 15. If you have questions, contact Sarah Werner at 402-472-9019 or swerner@unl.edu.

4-H Jammie workshop, March 2

4-H youth ages 8 and older are invited to practice their basic sewing skills and make pajama or lounge wear pants at the Jammie Jamboree sewing workshop on Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m. until about noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. No cost to attend. Adults are needed to attend to help their 4-H'ers. Must register by Wednesday, Feb. 27 by calling 402-441-7180 or emailing Kristin at kristin.geisert@unl.edu.

Bring your sewing machine, basic sewing equipment (scissors, pins, measuring tape, etc.), simple pull-on pajama bottom pattern in appropriate size, pre-washed flannel or 100% cotton fabric — see yardage requirement on pattern envelope — (NO one-way design fabrics or plaids). If you choose flannel, purchase an additional 1/2 yard as it is not as wide), elastic as recommended by pattern and matching thread. To avoid mistakes, do NOT cut out pants ahead of class time!

4-H Furniture Painting workshop, March 9

4-H youth ages 8 and up are invited to participate in a Furniture Painting workshop on Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. until about noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. No cost to attend. Adults are welcome to attend to help youth. Must register by Wednesday, March 6 by calling 402-441-7180 or emailing Kristin at kristin.geisert@unl.edu.

Bring a small piece of unpainted furniture, such as a shelf, stool or chair. These items can be found around your house, at craft stores, garage sales and thrift stores. Learn how to prepare new and used wood furniture by sanding, sealing, painting and finishing. All paints and finishes are provided. Wear old clothes appropriate for painting.

Lancaster County 4-H and 4-H Council invite ALL 4-H'ers, 4-H families and volunteers to the



4-H Achievement Celebration

Tuesday, Feb. 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Lancaster Extension Education Center
444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln

4-H members, clubs and volunteers receiving awards, scholarships or pins will be mailed detailed information.

Part of Nebraska 4-H Month!

Light snack provided!

Theme is "Reaching for the Stars"

4-H/FFA livestock requirements

Lancaster County 4-H/FFA livestock requirements remain the same as last year. The 2019 checklist is online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair> and available at the Extension office.

2019 deadlines are:

- Jan. 29, 6–7 p.m. — Market Beef weigh-in at Lancaster Event Center – Pavilion 3
- April 15 — All market beef ID's due
- May 14, 6–7 p.m. — Sheep and goat weigh-in at Lancaster Event Center – Pavilion 1
- June 15 — All market/breeding sheep, market/breeding meat goats, breeding & feeder calves, bucket calves, swine, rabbits, dairy cattle, dairy & pygmy goats identifications due to Extension office
- June 15 — Deadline to complete requirements for Youth for Quality Care of Animals
- June 15 — 4-H enrollment due online at <https://ne.4honline.com>, must list project(s) each member plans to enter at Super Fair
- June 18–July 1 — Animal entries for the Lancaster County Super Fair must be submitted

online at <https://lancaster.fairmanager.com> between June 18 and July 1, 11:59 p.m. No late entries accepted.

- Aug. 10 — Nebraska State Fair animal entries due online at <http://nebr.fairwire.com>. Select whether showing in 4-H or FFA.

4-H/FFA youth enrolled in ANY of the following animal projects will need to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training:

- Beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef)
- Dairy cattle
- Goat (breeding meat goat, market meat goat, dairy goat)
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep (breeding sheep, market sheep)
- Swine (breeding swine, market swine)

The Aksarben Stock Show will transition to junior livestock show format in 2019 with no prerequisite of youth organization affiliation.

Anna Sump participated in National 4-H Congress

Lancaster County 4-H member Anna Sump was part of a 23-member Nebraska delegation attending National 4-H Congress last Nov. 23–27. National 4-H Congress is a five-day educational experience held in Atlanta, Ga. and is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-H'ers to network with others from around the country and Puerto Rico. During Congress, 4-H youth are exposed to leadership topics in the areas of communications and technology, the environment, agriculture, families, community development, youth and children. Educational experiences include seminars, guest speakers, volunteering opportunities and tours of Atlanta. Additionally, all of the students were assigned a community service project in the Atlanta metro area.

In Nebraska, youth were selected to attend National 4-H Congress based upon the achievements outlined in their 4-H Career Portfolio. The Career Portfolio is the annual record-keeping system used by Nebraska 4-H youth. Anna's 4-H Career Portfolio was selected in the area of Healthy Lifestyles.

Anna says, "4-H Congress was truly the pinnacle of my 4-H career! Having the opportunity to meet 4-H members from around the United States was an amazing experience. The best part was meeting new people and learning about how 4-H works in their communities. I would highly recommend applying for this experience to all 4-H members. One of my favorite classes was with Hyatt Regency Atlanta's chef. He cooked a meal of salmon, quinoa and green beans, and he discussed sustainability in the food industry. This included what the hotel does to promote



Anna Sump and three other delegates baking bread as part of a workshop. The bread was then donated to the Atlanta Community Food Bank.



Anna and her roommates before the 4-H Congress Gala.

sustainability: keeping bee hives, growing fresh herbs and composting. My volunteer experience was at a local elementary school. I was assigned to a second grade classroom helping students in the class with their research project on honey bees."