



Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit 2026 Calendar

- Feb. 8 Rabbits R Us Fun Show and Showmanship Clinic** – The Rabbits R Us 4-H club will present a 4-H Rabbit Fun Show & Showmanship Clinic on Sunday, Feb. 8, 1 p.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center, 84th & Havelock, Lincoln in the South Hall. This is a great opportunity for youth to learn about the 4-H rabbit project and learn showmanship! Event starts with the clinic followed by carrier decorating & costume contests, quiz bowl, fun breed show and awards. Preregister at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/rabbit-fun-show> by Feb. 2.
- March 14 Spring 4-H Rabbit Show** – 4-H Spring Rabbit Show presented by the Lancaster County 4-H VIPs Committee and Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County will be held Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center 84th & Havelock, Lincoln in the Ag Society Hall. Registration will be 7:30–8:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to learn and practice your showmanship. Rabbit quiz and breed identification contests are free for youth to enter! Show information with classes and registration fees will be posted at <https://lancaster/4h/rabbit-spring-show>
- May 21 & June 4 YQCA (Youth for Quality Care of Animals) Face-to-Face Training** – 6–7 p.m. at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln. See more about YQCA deadline below. To sign up for in-person trainings, you must go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> before the training. On the website, you will need to take a 5-question pre-test and pay \$3 for the training, payable by credit or debit card. We cannot take payments in person, all families must register and pay online. You must sign in as proof of attendance – certificates will be available online.
- June 15 Enrollment Deadline** – 4-H members and volunteers must re-enroll every year online at <https://4honline.com>. Only parents/guardians may enroll 4-H members. Each 4-H household will need to set up a profile in which the 4-H youth and/or volunteers in the household will be added. More details and step-by-step instruction guides with pictures are at <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll>. There is no fee to enroll in 4-H in Lancaster County.
- June 15 ID Forms Due** – If showing at the Lancaster County Super Fair, “Nebraska 4-H Rabbit Ownership Affidavit” paper forms must be submitted to the Extension office. Form is available online at <https://go.unl.edu/rabbit-affidavit> and at the Extension office. The form requires both the 4-H member’s signature and the signature of the parent/guardian. State Fair does not require a separate ID form; however, tattoo must be listed during the entry process.
- June 15 YQCA (Youth For The Quality Care Of Animals) Training Deadline** – 4-H members showing any rabbits at the Super Fair or State Fair must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training by June 15. Youth must be currently enrolled at <https://4honline.com>. Only parents/guardians may enroll 4-H members. In Lancaster County, youth may choose one of two options to complete YQCA requirements:
- Complete online training at <https://yqcaprogram.org>. Cost is \$12. For directions and more information, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>.
 - Attend an in-person training held Thursday, May 21 or Thursday, June 4, 6–7 p.m. at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Rd, Suite A, Lincoln. To sign up for in-person trainings, you must go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> before the training. The training will cost \$3 payable by credit or debit card on the website. We cannot take payments in person; all families must register and pay online. **Note: You will need to take a 5-question pre-test at <https://yqcaprogram.org> before attending.** You must sign in at the training as proof of attendance – certificates will be available online.
- Once training is complete, send completed certificates to lancaster4h@unl.edu or Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528. If certificates are not submitted, we have no way of knowing if trainings have been completed. If you have further questions, contact the Extension office at 402-441-7180.
- June 18–July 1 Animal Entries (Including Rabbits) For the Lancaster County Super Fair Must Be Submitted Online** at <https://go.unl.edu/lcsf-animal-entries> between June 18 and July 1, 11:59 p.m. Only rabbits listed on an ID form can be shown at the Super Fair. The tattoo number must be listed when entered. No late entries accepted.
- July 30–Aug. 2 4-H Rabbit Show Dates at Lancaster County Super Fair** – at Sandhills Global Event Center, 84th & Havelock, Lincoln. All rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in the left ear. Tattoos must be in place before check-in. If rabbit does not have a permanent tattoo at check-in, it will not be eligible for showing and must be removed from the fairgrounds. Rabbit tattooing will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
- Aug. 10 State Fair Animal Entries Due (by 8 p.m.)** – State fair entries must be done online at <http://nebr.fairwire.com> by the 4-H member/families. Nebraska State Fair does not require a separate ID form; however, tattoo numbers must be listed on the entry form. You may list/ID ten rabbits, but only six of those listed can actually be shown.
- Aug. 28–Sep. 7 Nebraska State Fair** – at Fonner Park, Grand Island. Information at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>.