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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 10- State Fair Live-
stock and Contest
Online Entry by 8 PM

Aug 20- State Fair Static
Entries due to Colfax
Extension Office by 7PM

Aug 21- Extension Office
Closed- Taking entries
to State Fair

Aug 23-24- Nebraska
State Fair 4-H Weekend

Sept 2- Labor Day- Of-
fice Closed

Sept 3- Extension Office
Closed -Picking up Ex-
hibits from State Fair

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August 4-H Newsletter

4-H News

Livestock Judging Contest Results

Colfax County had a senior team compete in the Nebraska 4-H Premier Animal Science Event Livestock Judging contest at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Team members were: Bela Jedlicka, Abigail Reyna, Addison Vavricek, and Allison Vavricek.

Team Scores: High Team Overall in Cattle, High Team Reasons, 2nd High Team Overall in Swine, and 3rd High Team Overall.

Top 10 Individual Scores: Bela Jedlicka – 6th Overall Cattle, 8th Overall Swine; Addison Vavricek – 7th Overall Cattle, 2nd High Individual Reasons, 8th High Individual Overall; Allison Vavricek – 1st Overall Cattle, 5th High Individual Overall Reasons

We want to congratulate these ladies once again for their success and punching a ticket to the national judging contest. The National 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest will be held in the American Royal Complex in Kansas City, MO on Sunday, October 20th.



Pictured from left to right: Allison Vavricek, Bela Jedlicka, Addison Vavricek, and Abigail Reyna.

Extension Note

Thank you to everyone who helped at the 2024 Colfax County Fair! This year was a great success, and we cannot wait to see everyone again in 2025! If you have any thoughts or ideas, please let us know how we can make 2025 even better.



Save the Date! 2025 Colfax County Fair: **July 17th-20th, 2025**

State Fair Static Exhibitors

A reminder to everyone whose exhibits were selected for state fair.

- The Extension Office will complete the entry tags for State Fair Exhibits.
- Please take off all county awards and ribbons.
- Be sure to identify your exhibits (all pieces) with your name and county.
- Make sure all necessary information is included with your exhibit (i.e. clothing labels, recipes, information sheets, woodworking plans, etc.)
- Bring your exhibit to the Extension Office between August 7 and August 20. You have until 7 p.m. on August 20th to bring your items to the Extension Office. Extension staff will take your exhibits to state fair and enter them.
- If your exhibit is large, you should have received a letter, and you will need to make your own arrangements to take it to the State Fair in Grand Island and also pick it up after the fair. If taking your own exhibit to Grand Island, stop by the Extension Office to pick up your entry tag.





State Fair Information 2024

STATE FAIR TICKET INFORMATION

Livestock & In-Person Contest Families: All Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit and Poultry 4-H/FFA exhibitors will automatically receive an 11-day admission wristband at no cost. Exhibitors will not have to select a wristband as it will automatically be provided with the livestock, rabbit and/or poultry entry. *4-H Dog Exhibitors and other non-livestock in-person entries (4-H Contests, Fashion Show, Presentations and the Robotics Showcase) will receive a free daily gate pass.* All purchased items will be in the exhibitor packet when the exhibitor checks in at the Livestock Check-In Trailer. Additional 11-Day Fair Wristbands can be purchased for \$25 and Daily Gate Passes for \$5 on the State Fair website. Livestock Exhibitor Parking Passes in the 3A/3B lot are available on the website for \$25. Deadline is 8:00 pm on August 10 for online livestock and contest entries. No exceptions! Enter online at <https://www.statefair.org/competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors>.

2nd Annual 4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair: The Nebraska State Fair is thrilled to host the 2nd annual 4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair. 4-H Day will be **Sunday, August 25**. To celebrate our 4-H members statewide we are offering a discounted admission that day that is only for bonafide 4-H members. They will be able to enter the Fair for \$5.75 (6-12 years \$3.75). This is **only intended for 4-H members**, family members including parents will need to purchase regular admission tickets. **This is not just for exhibitors, but for any enrolled 4-H member.** To purchase the discounted tickets visit: [4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair Tickets](#).

General Tickets: The Nebraska State Fair also has ticket options available for the general public. If you are planning to attend the Nebraska State Fair as a spectator, visit the following link for more information! <https://www.statefair.org/buy-tickets>

Thank You Notes



It is never too late to say thank you. Have you turned in your trophy sponsor thank you to extension staff? Have you sent a thank you to your 4-H leader for helping you this year? Please take time to express your appreciation by sending a thank you note. Sending thank you notes to your trophy sponsors can play a key role in their sponsoring a trophy next year. Thank you notes **MUST** be turned into the extension office.



4-H Council Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Food Stand a success this year at the 2024 Colfax County Fair. Your hard work will help support the following programs and activities during the upcoming year:

4-H leader materials

Year pins for 4-H members & leaders

4-H Diamond Clover pins

County 4-H award medals

4-H promotional items

4-H camp scholarships

Senior 4-H scholarships - \$250 per applicant

Scholarships toward National &

Regional 4-H Contests

Scholarships toward National 4-H Congress

4-H T-shirts - free shirts to first year 4-H members and pay partial cost for other members

4-H Speech Contest premiums and awards

Contest entry fees - registration fees for: PASE (State Livestock Judging Contest), District & State Speech/PSA contest, State Fashion Revue contest, State Horticulture, Weed/Grass ID, Tree ID, & Insect ID contests, District & State Presentation contest



Upcoming Events:

Aug 10: Animal State Fair Entries Due by 8:00 p.m.

Aug 10: State Fair Contest Registration Deadline

Aug 20: Office open late for State Fair Static Exhibits -7 p.m.

Aug 21: Extension Office Closed for transporting projects to the Nebraska State Fair

Aug 23 – Sept 2: Nebraska State Fair

Sept 2: Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Sept 3: Office Closed for picking up projects at Nebraska State Fair

Sept 3: Norfolk Beef Expo Entries Due to Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce

Sept 3: 4-H Council Meeting, Howells Library, 7:00 p.m.

Sept 4: State Fair Exhibit Pick-up at Office

Sept 8: Norfolk Beef Expo

Oct 14: Extension Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

