

Adair County 4-H & Extension News

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What's the Deal With Poultry?

We know what you're all thinking – have the Poultry Shows for this year's County Fair and State Fair been cancelled due to avian influenza? As of the writing of this newsletter on March 31st, the short answer is, "No!" But –

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) has **cancelled all poultry shows for 30 days**. [This order](#) will remain **in effect until we have gone 30 days without a new case of avian influenza** in the state. The order also **cancels the sale, transfer, or swapping of birds**.

Both the broiler pick-up date and the county fair are well over 30 days away. New avian influenza cases are reported in Iowa every few days. As the order stands, any new cases of avian influenza on or after May 8th will bar us from ordering broilers this year. Any new cases on or after June 20th will affect the Adair County Fair. In the event of a cancelled Poultry Show, we will have an alternative option for Poultry exhibitors. Here's hoping for the best!

May 15th is the deadline for enrolling in 4-H on 4hOnline to be eligible to participate in County or State Fair



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YQCA New Website

The new YQCA website is up and running as of March 23rd. If you still need a YQCA certificate for this year, you will need to go into the new YQCA website, yqcaprogram.org, and create a user profile. The new website does not have a feature to limit class sizes, so I ask that you sign up with me for the [April 16th](#) or [May 17th](#) trainings in the Green Room. Families will then enroll in the classes after the fact. Please note that the new YQCA website is not linked to either 4hOnline or FairEntry. YQCA is required to show beef, bottle calves, dairy animals, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine.

Bottle Lambs and Bucket/Bottle Calf Tags

Bucket/bottle calf tags are available in the office (\$1.50 each). Bottle lambs will be tagged at weigh-in.

Adair County Farm Bureau is providing a voucher for one bag of milk replacer, redeemable at 21st Century Co-op in Greenfield or Fontanelle, or at Dr. Alan Farnsworth's veterinary clinic in Adair. The vouchers may be picked up in the office or at weigh-in.

Both lambs and calves must be identified on 4hOnline by May 15th.

Need a bottle calf? Mark Feller (515-321-1498) has some for sale.

2022 Dairy Goat Showing and Fitting Clinic



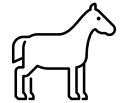
Interested in learning about showing and fitting a dairy goat? On May 7th from 9am-3pm at Ma's Acres in Bondurant, IA, the Iowa Dairy Goat Association is hosting a **FREE** dairy goat showing and fitting clinic. No need to bring a goat with you – there will be plenty to practice with. This is a hands-on clinic.

Ring procedures and goat care will be covered. So...if you have a goat or desire to own a goat one day, this is an excellent opportunity to see what it's all about! Please **RSVP** by texting Judi Nayeri at 515-250-4836 for this **FREE** event by [April 30](#). Any questions can be directed to Judi or Wendy Peffers, IDGA's Youth Coordinator at 641-780-8600. Hope to see you there!

Waubonsie Horse Camp

Registrations are now open 4hOnline for the Waubonsie Horse Camp in Sidney, Iowa, June 24th – 26th. This year's camp will focus on horsemanship, trail with a challenge, intro to barrel and even some roping skills! Bring a horse, or don't bring a horse! Register by **June 10th**. See [flyer](#) online for more details.

Horse Project



Any members are interested in showing horses at the county fair, please contact the Extension Office so we can get you signed up for practices. First practice is May 4th.



Swine Tagging

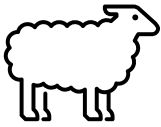
Swine tags are available in the office throughout the month of April. Tags are \$1.50 each; State Fair tags are \$8 each.

Tags and ear notches can be confirmed in 4hOnline by uploading a photo that clearly shows the animal's tag and notches on both ears, or can be confirmed with a visit from Extension staff. If that is your preference, please contact Val to arrange a visit.

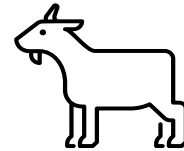
May 15th is the deadline for identifying beef (except market), dairy, dog, horse, meat goat, sheep, and swine on 4hOnline



4-H/FFA Lamb and Meat Goat Weigh-In



Saturday, April 23rd
Adair County Fairgrounds in Greenfield



State Fair Lambs and Meat Goats
8:00am – 8:30am

Retinal imaging at Adair County Veterinary Clinic (407 SE Noble St., Greenfield)
immediately following your weigh-in at the fair scale.

County Fair Only Lambs and Meat Goats
Weigh in 8:30am – 10:00am

Payment for retinal imaging (\$5) and tags (\$1.50) must be submitted at weigh-in. Animal identification forms must be filled out and submitted at weigh-in.

Please RSVP by contacting the office.

Think: Chickens! Broilers! (But think hard)



The Extension Office will order broilers through Nodaway Ag. Call the Extension Office by 5pm on Monday, May 16th to place your order. Cost is \$1.79 per bird. Anticipated pick-up date is June 7th. You may pay for the birds at pick-up.

4-Hers are reminded to practice thorough biosecurity measures such as washing your hands before and after handling your birds, changing boots and/or clothes between different farms, keeping visitors to a minimum, and reporting sick birds to a veterinarian immediately. More information is available at [Defend the Flock](#).

Greenfield 4th of July

The Greenfield 4th of July celebrations will take place over two days. If your club would like to host some sort of activity or fundraiser, either at the lake on July 3rd or on the Square on July 4th, please contact Stacie Eschelmann at 641-743-8444.

Beekeeping Essay Contest

Applications for the youth essay contest of the American Beekeeping Federation are due May 15. The topic for 2022 is, “Transportation: Minimizing Stress on Bees While Getting Them Where They Need To Be”. Information on [eligibility, essay requirements, and deadlines are available online](#).

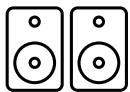
Ag Exploration Day

Adair, Cass, East Pott., and West Pott. Extensions are teaming up to offer Ag Exploration Day on Tuesday, April 26th. FFA chapters in those counties are invited to bring members for a day of workshops and a career fair.

Special thanks to the Adair County Cattlemen for sponsoring Caramel the Calf, a hands-on model of cow and calf birthing process, and to FNB and Adair County Farm Bureau for providing for the lunch!



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Help Get Speakers in the Barns!

The Summit Superstars have been fundraising and writing grants all year to purchase speakers for all the barns (except horse) and the gazebo on the Adair County Fair grounds. The speakers will be connected to the MidAmerican show ring and will enable people in the barns to hear what classes are coming up next in the ring. The goal is to purchase 8 speakers, for a total of \$6,254. The Summit Superstars would like to invite other clubs to donate or help with their fundraising efforts. Cash donations can be made to the club by filling out a club voucher and submitting it to the Extension Office. If you have questions or would like to do more to help, please contact Monica Fagan at (641) 799-4073.

Community Service Opportunities!

The Extension Office has been contacted by a person who needs help doing light house cleaning (dusting, vacuuming, etc.). Please contact the Office if you are interested.

We are also looking for county fair photographers! If you are willing to attend a show or event to take action shots, let us in the office know!

Club Banners

If your club would like a banner, the Youth Action Committee will sponsor 50% of the cost. The banners are courtesy of Plaza Printers. They will be 2'x4' vinyl with grommets. The vinyl is white with black and green print, with a 4-H clover in the center and the club name along the bottom. The reduced cost of the banner will be \$31.75 for the club. Please contact the office by **May 2nd** to order a banner.

3D Outdoor Archery Tournament




The Adair County Hot Shots are hosting a 3D Archery Tournament on Saturday, April 23rd. Registration is at 9:30am; shooting starts at 10:00am. Cost is \$15 for adults (20-target round) and \$10 youth 14 & under (10-target round). Prizes for top finishers in men's, women's, and youth divisions. Questions? Contact Josh Rardin at (641) 990-9350.



Apple Pie Baking Workshop

Adair County Extension is hosting an apple pie baking workshop for 4-Hers on Saturday, April 30th, from 9am – noon at the WCV high school, in the Family/Consumer Sciences room. Adair County Pork Producers are providing lard. Participants will take a pie home. There is no cost to attend. Please contact the office to **RSVP by April 21st**.

Table Setting Workshop

Are you interested in the Table Setting contest but don't know what makes a setting formal vs. casual?  Have you participated in the contest and want to build a better menu that meets MyPlate recommendations?

Come to the Table Setting Workshop at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds on May 1st from 2:00pm-3:30pm to learn how to set tables and create a menu for all special occasions from a professional table setting judge! Register [here](#) by April 28th. There is no cost to attend.



County Fair T-Shirt Design

Calling all aspiring graphic designers! The Youth Action Committee is looking for t-shirt design ideas for this year's 4-H t-shirts! The winning design will be featured on the t-shirt and on the Extension website. Please submit designs to adair4h@iastate.edu or drop off designs in the office by **April 20th**.



Opportunities for 4-H Seniors... (and a few 8th-graders!)

Area Scholarships

Available area scholarships listed at the [ISU Extension and Outreach, Adair County's Scholarship Listing page](#):

- Coon Valley Cooperative Telephone, Apr. 14th
- Sammi Long Memorial, May 1st

Wildlife Habitat Education Program

The 2022 Iowa 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) State Competition will be held on May 21st from 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM at the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge. This year's competition will focus on the Tallgrass/Mixed Prairie and Urban Ecoregion sections of the manual. Please register through 4HOnline by May 1, 2022. Please visit the Iowa [4-H WHEP website](#) for more information, or email [Allison Brundy](#).

Design Dimensions Camp

Design Dimensions focuses on 2D, 3D, and 4D thinking across disciplines. This on-campus experience is appropriate for students entering 9th through 12th grades and 2022 high school graduates interested in all programs offered by the College of Design: architecture, studio/fine arts, community, and regional planning, graphic design, interior design, industrial design, and landscape architecture. The [design camp](#) is June 19-June 24, 2022 and has a \$545 registration fee that includes accommodation, supplies, and meals.

Ready, Set, Illustrate!

[Ready, Set, Illustrate](#) is a virtual camp teaching illustration skills, culminating in a team-based competition providing scholarships for the winning team. Dates are June 13-15 and June 17. \$265 registration fee. Open to students entering 9th through 12th grades and 2022 high school graduates.

State Youth Conference Events

The Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Animal Science Round-Up, and Career Pathways Academy will take place in Ames on June 28th – 30th!

The Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is an annual event for youth in grades 8-12. Participants will experience keynote speakers, a formal banquet, educational workshops, service-learning, cultural exploration, stay overnight in the residence halls and dine at the campus dining centers, all while meeting other teens from across the state. Learn more about the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference [HERE](#).

Round Up participants will spend each of the days with their species group on farms, meat labs, etc. Round Up youth will join the Conference delegation each evening. The Round Up participants for this year have already applied and will be notified very soon on whether they were accepted. **If they are NOT ACCEPTED into the Round Up then they are encouraged to register for the Youth Conference!**

New this year is the kick-off event for the 12-month **Career Pathways Academy!** This is open to ALL youth entering grades 8-11 this fall. Participants will engage in many aspects of the Youth Conference. The goal of the Career Pathways Academy is to engage youth in educational opportunities that promote skill development and hands-on learning. Learn more about the Career Pathways Academy [HERE](#).

Each has its own "event" in 4HOnline. **Youth can only register for one of the three** events. The registration fee for each event is \$180/youth and financial assistance is available. No payment will be accepted online during registration. Instead, youth will register online then make a check (or cash) payment to their local county Extension office. **Registration will open March 31st and close on June 1st.**



Gardening Workshop Series



Adair County 4-Hers interested in expanding their gardening know-how are encouraged to join us for a series of gardening workshops, funded by a grant from the Greater Greenfield Community Foundation. Every month through October will have a gardening workshop and will feature timely gardening topics.

Our next workshop is on Sunday, April 24th at 2:00pm in the Extension Office conference room. We will start seeds for later transplant and set up a container in front of the office. **Please RSVP.**

Next Clover Kids Meeting:

Two meetings remain for this year – Join us on Saturday, April 2nd from 10 to 11:30am! The Very Hungry Iowa Caterpillar awaits!



Gardening Corner

The following gardening events are happening this month. For more information on any, please contact the Extension Office.

April 12th – Greenfield Garden Club meeting, 1:00pm, Bridgewater Cafe

April 24th – 4-H Gardening Series

April 27th – Hoots and Screeches: Iowa Owls at Wallace Farm, 2pm – 4pm

Greenfield Garden Club

The Greenfield Garden Club will meet at the Bridgewater Café on Tuesday, April 12th at 1:00pm. New members welcome! Contact Grace Evans, (641) 745-5318 for more information.

Check your club's by-laws. What's the minimum number of meetings you need to attend? Have you given a presentation and participated in community service?

Club Leaders...

- ✓ **Do you have members who are enrolled but do not show up?** (Or otherwise do not meet the expectations listed in the club's bylaws?) We will be checking in with clubs to make sure members will be in good standing by county fair time. Please get a copy of your meeting attendance from your club secretary if you do not have a copy of your own. Consider reviewing your club's by-laws at an upcoming meeting.
- ✓ **Do you have members who show up but are not enrolled?** Val will send an updated roster for each club with the next club financial statements. Cross-check your lists – if someone's not enrolled, they need to be! Youth not enrolled are not covered by liability insurance and are ineligible to participate in 4-H events.
- ✓ Complete your Annual Volunteer Training. If you were unable to attend in-person in October, you must complete the training online, which is now available on 4hOnline. Contact Val or check your email if you need help to find the training.
- ✓ Save the date for a 4-H Leader Retreat in Oakland on September 17, 2022!
- ✓ This month's Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series will be on April 1st at Noon and will focus on **Preparing Youth for the Fair**. All of the sessions can be accessed with this Zoom link: <http://go.iastate.edu/R0BG6A>.
- ✓ This month's "Vibrant Clubs" publication is *Simple Machine*.



County Fair Trophies

The Adair County Extension Office is now accepting sponsorships for County Fair trophies and banners! Please stop in or contact us if you are interested in sponsoring!

Pop Tabs for Jacy

This memorial pop tab collection will take place through June 28th. Drop off pop tabs at the Adair County Extension Office during open office hours. All pop tabs will be donated to Ronald McDonald House.

Changes to Fair Book

Fair books will not be printed this year. The 4-H/FFA section will be on the Adair County Extension website soon.

Entries to the 4-H/FFA shows and events will be done online (Fair Entry).

***Record Books, Bit by Bit...
Update your Yearly Participation Summary!***

Camp WILD Registration Now Open!

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark your calendars to attend Camp Wild, June 5-7, 2022 at Guthrie Grove Retreat Center near Guthrie Center, Iowa. Camp Wild is offered for youth completing grades 5, 6, and 7.

Experience the adventure and excitement of three days filled with 4-H camping traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, orienteering, canoeing, fishing, archery, swimming, camp songs, and campfires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too!

Camp will run from Sunday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m. with registration, until our closing ceremony, starting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7.

The camp will be filled at 60 youth, so register before it fills up! **Registration is now open in 4-H Online** under "Events." The registration deadline is May 8, 2022. Registration costs \$200. Refunds will be available up to May 25th. All payments and waivers will go to your county Extension Office. Scholarships are available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. Applications can be submitted at any time but will be evaluated beginning May 1 and then on a rolling basis. Visit www.iowa4hfoundation.com for information on this funding opportunity.

Contact your local Iowa State University Extension & Outreach County Office for more information about Camp Wild.



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Changes to Fair Book (cont'd)

-Added: Apple Pie Baking Contest

-Meat goat doe kids (under 3 mo.) will be classed by weight

-Changed club times for static judging

-Tractor and automotive classes have split into showcasing the vehicle or poster/etc.

-\$10 Meal Challenge can use multiple receipts

-Added Pride of Iowa sponsors: dairy, spices, vegetables, goat, and soy

-Pride of Iowa **must** highlight Iowa products on second poster

-Premium auction changes for all species, including moving to a flat bid

-Families must indicate at fair weigh-in which animals go on trucks for sale. Changes submitted in writing by 5pm day of show.

-Table Setting must include report form



April 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Swine tagging open all month!					12pm Volunteer Lunch & Learn AgOvation and Livestock Quiz Bowl/Skillathon team entries due	10am Clover Kids Meeting
3 6pm Youth Council mtg. Zoom	4	5	6 March Mammal Madness Championship Round! 7pm Fair Board mtg.	7	8	9 Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon
10	11	12 1:00pm Greenfield Garden Club meeting	13	14	15	16 1pm YQCA
17	18	19	20 County Fair t-shirt designs due 6:30pm Youth Action Committee	21	22	23 8am Lamb/Meat Goat Weigh-In 10am 3D Archery Tournament
24 2pm Gardening Workshop	25 7pm Extension Council Meeting	26 Ag Exploration Day in Lewis	27	28	29 Iowa 4-H Connect Camp begins (thru 5/1)	30 9am Apple Pie Baking Workshop



May 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2pm Table Setting Workshop 5:30pm SOFA mtg Iowa 4-H Connect Camp ends	 Office PD Day Club banner orders due		Horse Practice begins 7pm Fair Board mtg.			10am Clover Kids Meeting Dairy Goat Clinic
8 Deadline to register for Camp WILD!	9	10	11	12 Soil Sampling w/ Madison Co. Master Gardeners	13 Swine DNA samples postmark deadline	14
  4hOnline deadline  	16 Deadline to order county fair broilers	17 5:30pm YQCA	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	 Memorial Day – Office closed 7pm Extension Council Meeting	30	31			