**MAY 2015 CLOVER CONNECTION**

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**Calendar of Events**

**May**
- 2 Sheep & Goat Weigh-in  
- 3 Meat Goat Workshop  
- 7 Fairboard Meeting  
- 14 STEM Festival  
- 15 Livestock ID Deadline  
- 20 Food & Nutrition Workshop  
- 25 Memorial Day — Office Closed  
- 26 Advanced Rabbit Workshop  
- 28-29 K-2 Summer Day Camp @ Anita  
- 31 Animal Science Day Camp

**June**
- 1-2 K-2 Daycamp @ Lewis  
- 4 3-5 Daycamp @ Anita  
- 4 Fairboard Meeting  
- 5 3-5 Daycamp @ Lewis  
- 12 3-5 Daycamp @ Atlantic  
- 14 Invitational Horse Show  
- 15 Feeder Calf ID Deadline  
- 15-16 K-2 Daycamp @ Atlantic  
- 17-18 SOFA Trip to South Dakota  
- 23 STEM Daycamp  
- 30 6-8 Daycamp ay Lewis  
- 30-2 State 4-H Conference

**July**
- 1 Fair Entries Due  
- 3 Holiday — Office Closed  
- 13 Preliminary Fair King & Queen Judging  
- 14 Clothing Selection/Fashion Review Judging  
- 18 Poultry Pullorum-Typhoid Testing  
- 20 Beef Carcass Weigh-in  
- 23-28 2015 Cass County Fair

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The May Newsletter is packed full of deadlines and event information! Please read it to the end, you don’t want to miss any important dates and deadlines!
4-H Online Information
Summer is almost here, which means families get busy with many activities including 4-H events! If you have moved, changed your phone number or had a change in medical information, please don’t forget to log in to your 4-H Online profile and update that information. We use this information at county fair, day camps, and other summer events.

Last Call for Enrollments
May 15 is the last day to enroll in 4-H to be eligible for the coming year’s fair. If we do not have an enrollment form or current 4-H Online profile in our office by May 15 for a 4-H’er, they are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair. Any 4-H members on file as of May 15 will be left on your club roster until next fall. This means they count on set-up and clean-up days at fair and we pay the $30 Program Development fee. Club leaders can log in to their 4-H Online profile to check their club rosters at any time. Please contact the Extension Office if you need assistance with checking your enrollment status.

County Fair Market Broiler Class
County Fair will be here before we know it! If you are interested in the Market Broiler class at the county fair, please contact Sue McDuff by May 1 to place your order for your broilers. The Poultry Committee recommends you order at least six birds per exhibitor. Please contact Sue at 515-371-1728 for more information.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in
Sheep & Meat Goat weigh-in will be May 2 at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Sheep weigh-in is scheduled from 8-10:30 AM for county fair only sheep. Ear tags are $1 per tag. You must be in line by 10:30 AM to make the county fair only weigh-in. State Fair retinal imaging for sheep is 10:30 AM-11:30 AM on the same day. The cost to nominate sheep for State Fair is $5 per head.

State Fair retinal imaging for meat goats run from 12:30-1 PM. The fee is also $5/head. County fair meat goat weigh-in time is from 12:30-1:30 PM. Ear tags for county level meat goats are $1/head. Dairy Goat check-in will be from 1:30-2 PM.

All sheep and goats are required to attend weigh-in on May 2 to show at County & State Fair. Following weigh-in, Extension staff will input your data in 4-H Online. Please log in to 4-H Online before May 15 to verify your information is correct. After this date, the information cannot be changed.

Goat Project Workshop
Mark your calendar to attend the 2015 hands-on goat project workshop on May 3 at 2 PM at the Cass County Community Center. We will have many guest speakers covering different topics related to goat health, nutrition, and care of your project. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by May 1 to attend this hands-on workshop.
Information for Dog Project Members
Dog Obedience classes will begin May 9 at 9 AM for all 4-H members interested showing their dog at the county fair. We will offer at least ten classes leading up to county fair for members to attend. 4-Hers who are interested in showing their dog at the Cass County Fair are required to attend six training classes. Please contact Pat Carlson, the dog project superintendent or the Extension Office for more information about the dog project.

Horse Workout Information
4-H & FFA members interested in showing their horse at the Cass County Fair are invited to attend the horse workout practices. Exhibitors must attend three horse workouts and either the Invitational Show or the Mock Horse Show to be able to exhibit at the Cass County Fair. Contact Bruce Peters or Corissa Dean for more information about the horse project.

Food & Nutrition Project Workshop
Looking for a new fair exhibit idea? Are you curious about how canning works and what you can and can’t bring to fair? Plan to attend the Food & Nutrition Project Workshop on May 20 at 6 PM at the Cass County Community Center. Barb Fuller, Extension and Outreach Human Sciences Specialist and Food Preservation expert, will be sharing her knowledge and expertise on food preservation, canning and other Food & Nutrition topics. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun, hands-on learning opportunity. Please RSVP to attend by Friday, May 15.

Advanced Rabbit Workshop— May 26 @ 6:30 PM
Attention Rabbit Project Members! We will be hosting an Advanced Rabbit Workshop on May 26 at 6:30 PM at the Cass County Community Center. Anyone who is interested in learning about the rabbit project is encouraged to attend! Topics that will be covered are project selection, care & handling, rabbit health and wellness, and project sign-up. Families are welcome to bring their project and get specific advice and information from the Rabbit Superintendents. If you are interested in the rabbit project or are already involved in the 4-H or FFA rabbit project, please plan to attend this informational workshop. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by May 22 to attend this meeting.

Bucket of Junk
Back due to participant interest, the Bucket of Junk contest will be a fun competition at the 2015 Cass County Fair. Participants will be provided a 5-gallon bucket of unique metal pieces to create their masterpiece. Participants can clean, weld, cut, fasten, bolt, etc. their items together to create their final product. Participants are encouraged to work with an adult to ensure safety. Registration opens on May 15 for the first 20 participants. Buckets will be available for pick-up June 1. Contact the Extension Office on May 15 to register for the Bucket of Junk contest.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CASS/4H
2015 FSQA Information

New for 2015! All Cass County swine, beef, sheep, dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry exhibitors are required to be FSQA certified, this includes all market & breeding animals. Please note: This is a change from previous years.

We will be hosting an Animal Science Daycamp for youth in grades 4-8 on May 31 at 3 PM which will also cover 1 year of FSQA Certification. There is a fee of $5 per youth attendee. No testing will be given at the Animal Science Daycamp. An RSVP is required to attend. Contact the Extension Office for more information and to register by May 27.

If you have missed the trainings offered in Cass County and cannot make it to the Animal Science Daycamp, or you need to take the FSQA test, please contact the Extension Office. There is an option to travel to another county to attend their training if they have spots available.

Livestock Identification Deadline-May 15

All non-market animals (dairy, dairy goat, breeding beef, horses, dogs) must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15 to exhibit at county fair, state fair and AK-SAR-BEN. You may add them under each youth’s Animals tab within their enrollment screen on 4-H Online. The Extension staff will enter all sheep, goats, and swine in 4-H Online by May 11, please log in to your animal profile and verify that information is correct before May 15. After May 15 the system does not allow changes. The information entered into 4-H Online will be the information used as the County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. Please contact the Extension Office if you need assistance with ID’ing your animals or verifying your animals in 4-H Online.

If you are interested in showing a Cow/Calf exhibit or Feeder Calf at the 2015 Cass County Fair, you must ID the calf by June 15. The ID information for feeder calf is located on the bottom of the Breeding Beef ID form in the Cow/Calf section.

For any questions about ID’ing an animal for county or state fair, please contact the Extension Office.

County Fair Leader’s Packet

Leaders may pick up their packet materials May 21 & 22 at the Extension Office. Packets must be used at the June 4-H meetings to complete the participation chart and distribute fair books. Participation charts are due June 22, all other fair entries are due July 1.

Check out the 2015 Fairbook!

The 2015 Cass County fairbook is now online at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/ in the quick links section. Families will receive their fairbook from their club leaders at the June 4-H meetings.

Cass County Fair Food Drive

Keep an eye out for the Cass County Fair Food Drive at the local grocery stores! This is a great way to donate to the food stand before the Cass County Fair begins! Local Cass County Fair supporters have the opportunity to donate items to the food stand to make delicious items we all enjoy during the fair!
**County Fair Participation**

It may be hard to believe, but county fair will be here before we know it! If you are planning to participate in the Cass County Fair this year, please be aware of the eligibility requirements that were put together by the Youth Action Committee. This is a direct statement from the Cass County Policy Statement.

- During each program year, a member must attend a minimum of six regular club meetings of their own club which will include the business meeting, before July 15, to be eligible to show at county fair. Club officers and the organizational leader should determine a member's fair eligibility. There will be no excused absences.

- New 4-H members joining in March or later must attend a minimum of three club meetings and give an education presentation.

- New 4-H members joining in May must attend a minimum of two club meetings and give an educational presentation.

- A member will become ineligible to exhibit at the county level at the end of the calendar year in which they graduate from high school.

- All 4-H members are to receive premium checks which they have earned. Fairboard may withhold premium money upon rule violation. If members wish, they may leave the money in the club treasury.

We may be sending out project specific information in the months leading up to county fair. Please log into your profile on 4-H Online to update your project list to be sure to receive all information for the projects you are interested in.

**State Fair Exhibitor Information**

The 2015 Iowa State Fair exhibitor information is now available online at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock). If you are planning to exhibit 4-H livestock at the 2015 Iowa State Fair, please visit the website for information related to your project(s). All State Fair livestock exhibitors must be FSQA certified and have their animals ID’ed in 4-H Online by May 15. After June 1, families are able to make their State Fair livestock entries. All State Fair livestock entries are due by July 1. Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions about ID’ing your livestock or entering your livestock for the Iowa State Fair.

**SOFA 21 is off to South Dakota – June 17 & 18**

SOFA (Speak Out For Agriculture) is turning 21 this year! Make plans to attend the 2015 SOFA trip to South Dakota. This trip for 7-12 grade youth, will explore and learn about different sectors of agriculture. Participants will visit South Dakota State University, a shrimp farm, a popcorn facility and much more! Registration information will be sent out by email after May 1. Space is limited, so don’t delay in registering!
Dare to Discover State 4-H Conference
Registration is now open for youth in grades 8-12 to attend the Iowa 4-H State Conference on the campus of Iowa State University June 30 through July 2. This conference is a great three-day adventure at ISU for Iowa’s youth. Delegate registration costs will be $175 per person this year. This registration cost provides the opportunity to experience motivational speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, leadership opportunities, a banquet, make new friends, and community service activities. The Cass County 4-H Endowment offers scholarships to subsidize the cost for youth to attend State 4-H Conference. Gather a few friends, and Dare to Discover at the 2015 State 4-H Conference.

4-Hers for 4-H
Looking for a way to give back to the 4-H program and impact not only Cass County 4-H members, but others from across Iowa? The annual 4-Hers for 4-H campaign is now underway. The 2014-2015 State 4-H Council members are asking each 4-H club in Iowa to donate a minimum of $3.00 per member to the 4-Hers for 4-H campaign. All clubs that meet the $3.00 per member goal will receive a special campaign certificate at County Convention. The top contributing counties and regions will be formally recognized at the 2015 State 4-H Youth Conference in June. Participation is easy! Fill out the campaign form and return it along with your donation to the Extension Office by May 15. Contact the Extension Office for the campaign donation form.

While you are planning to participate in 4-Hers for 4-H, don’t forget to donate to the Cass County 4-H Endowment! Funds in the Cass County 4-H Endowment directly affect youth in Cass County to cover program fees, scholarships and leadership opportunities.

Celebrate STEM Festival
Cass County Extension will be hosting a Celebrate STEM Festival at the Cass County Community Center with several of our community partners. This free event is for youth in grades K-12 and their families. This event will provide a variety of opportunities to explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering and math. Mark Thursday evening, May 14 from 5-7 PM on your calendar for this event. Watch the Cass County Iowa State University Extension Facebook page for more information.

Summer STEM Daycamp
Mark your calendars for an exciting, hands-on day of fun at the Summer STEM Daycamp on June 23 at the Cass County Community Center! Youth in grades 3-5 will explore Science, Technology, Engineering & Math in an interactive way! Contact the Extension Office to RSVP to attend this event!
Summer Daycamps
Dinosaurs, water, bugs, wildlife, exploration and adventures. What do they all have in common? Summer Daycamps of course! In partnership with the Cass County Conservation Board, we are offering three camps for youth in grades K-2, 3-5 and grades 6-8.

K-2nd Grade: Dig Those Dinosaurs ~ Learn about dinosaurs, become a paleontologist, make crafts and play games!
- May 28 & 29 — 9 AM-12 PM @ Lake Anita (Shelter #5), Anita - Registration Deadline May 22
- June 1 & 2 — 9 AM-12 PM @ Cold Springs Park, Lewis - Registration Deadline May 22
- June 15 & 16 — 9 AM-12 PM or 1 PM-4 PM @ Sunnyside Park (Camblin Shelter), Atlantic - Registration Deadline June 5

3rd-5th Grade: Water Wonders ~ Explore all things water through crafts, games and fun! Please bring a sack lunch.
- June 4 — 10 AM-3 PM @ Lake Anita (Shelter #5), Anita - Registration Deadline May 22
- June 5 — 10 AM-3 PM @ Cold Springs Park, Lewis - Registration Deadline May 22
- June 12 — 10 AM-3 PM @ Sunnyside Park (Camblin Shelter), Atlantic - Registration Deadline June 5

6th-8th Grade: Outdoor Adventure Camp ~ Learn outdoor skills related to wildlife, fishing, hiking and Dutch Oven cooking over a campfire! Busing is available from Cass Co. Community Center, depart at 8 AM, and return at 5 PM.
Tuesday, June 30, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Cold Springs Park, Lewis. Registration Deadline June 19

The cost of the 2015 summer daycamps are $10 for each participant. Please contact the Cass County Extension Office by the deadline listed above to register. Questions: Call 243-1132!
*Please Note– grades listed above refer to grade just completed.

5th & 6th Grade Camp at the Iowa 4-H Center-June 7-10
Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark on your calendars to attend Area 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp June 7-10 at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid, Iowa. Experience the adventure and excitement of four days filled with 4-H camp traditions including nature hikes, wall climbing, canoeing and campfires! Bring a friend with you or make new ones! Camp will run from Sunday, June 7 at 3 PM until closing ceremony starting at noon on Wednesday, June 10.

4-H camps are open to all youth – membership in a 4-H club is not a requirement – so bring a friend to share the experience! Area 4-H Junior camp is open to all southwest Iowa youth who have completed grades 5 and 6. Registration Information and Medical/Health Forms are available from the county extension office or the Harrison County Extension Website. Registration Deadline is May 23.

The Cass County Endowment provides scholarships for youth to attend out of county camps, contact the Extension Office for more information on the camp scholarship. Please contact David Seilstad, phone: 712-644-2105 or email: seilstad@iastate.edu if you have any questions about this camp.

4-H PLEDGE
I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.