



Lucas COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

March:

- 6– Clover Sprouts
- 6– Youth Council
- 12– SESS Meeting
- 27– Clover Kids
- 27– Youth Council

April:

- 3rd– **NO** Clover Sprouts
- 3rd– **NO** Youth Council
- 22– Swine Weigh In

May:

- 1st– Clover Sprouts
- 1st– Youth Council
- 6th– Sheep/Goat Weigh In
- 15– Animal ID Due Online

June:

- 5th– Clover Sprouts Year End Party
- 5th– Youth Council
- 15th– Cruisin' through the Counties Day Camp

March 2023

4-H Animal Identification

Swine—April 22rd from 8-11am on the north end of the swine barn. Official 4-H tag and ear notch required. DNA tag required for state fair.

Sheep—May 6th from 8-10am on the north end of the sheep barn. Official 4-H tag required for ID. Retinal image required for state fair.

Goats—May 6th from 10:30-11:30am on the north end of the sheep barn. Official 4-H tag required. Retinal image required for state fair.

Horses— Must enter ID info in 4HOnline by May 15th. Upload a photo of each side of your horse (4 photos total).

Dogs—Must enter ID info in 4HOnline by May 15th. Upload a photo of your dog and a copy of most recent rabies vaccination records. Meeting on April 25th WITHOUT dogs. Practices on Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm in May, June, & July.

Breeding Heifers—Family is responsible for entering ID info in 4hOnline by May 15th. The following info MUST be entered: birthdate, tattoo, breed, and tag number. Tag can be calfhooed vaccination or official 4-H tag (available at the office).

Poultry—ID date in June TBD. Leg band will be required for ID. PT testing will also be offered on this date.

Rabbit—ID date in June TBD. Tattoo will be required for ID.

Clover Sprouts Meetings

REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 6TH, ADDITIONAL MEETING ON MARCH 27TH TO MAKE UP FOR NO MEETING ON APRIL 3RD.

From October– May Clover Sprouts meetings will be the 1st Monday of every month at 4:00PM and 5:00PM at the Extension office. Families should choose the time that works best for their family, as both sessions will have the same activity and will be open to youth in grades K-3rd. We will have a special end-of-the-year celebration in June or July. Remaining meeting dates are as follows: **March 6th, March 27th and May 1st.**



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Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide

The 2023 update for Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs can now be found in the [Extension Store](#). Please be sure 4-H members and their families are aware of the updated version. If there are questions about a recipe or a food product for a county fair, please be sure to connect with AnswerLine (contact information on the publication). We are thankful for our partners in Human Sciences for their subject-matter expertise!

Equine Extravaganza

Allows for youth in grades 4– 12 to demonstrate their knowledge of equine related subjects in a competitive setting. Depending on the event youth can participate as both an individual and part of a team. This event will be held at the Ellsworth Equestrian Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls April 14-16, 2023. More information can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza>.

Iowa State Fair Beef of Merit Show

Did you know there was a terminal carcass 4-H beef show at the Iowa State Fair?

The 2023 Beef of Merit (BOM) contest will be the 48th annual 4-H beef carcass evaluation.

Cattle show live Tuesday evening and load out Wednesday afternoon after the regular 4-H market beef show and the Parade of Champions. Cattle are marketed to Tyson in Dakota City, NE and full carcass data are collected. Cattle are ranked based on carcass value based on a typical marketing grid. Three head can be entered per exhibitor, two of which can also be shown in the regular market beef show on Wednesday. The focus of this show is on education and youth development with an emphasis on the production of high-quality, profitable beef. Please contact your county extension office for more information.

For questions Contact Chris Clark at 712-250-0070 or caclark@iastate.edu

Announcement

New Horse Superintendent positions have been accepted. The superintendents are Bailey Shelton, Devin Head, and Ryan Sponsler. Horse practices will remain on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30pm. Please watch the newsletter for updates on when practices will begin. We are so excited to have these volunteers for the upcoming year!

Rabbit and Cavy Workshop Offerings

The 4H and FFA rabbit and cavy workshop about raising rabbits and cavies will be held at the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center in Muscatine, Iowa on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 12:30 - 4 pm and at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax, Iowa on Saturday, April 22 from 12:30 - 4:00 pm. It is free to attend either workshop, and you do not need to pre-register.



YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors

Two classroom-style YQCA trainings have been scheduled for the following dates: March 2nd at 4PM and March 30th at 5PM. Both classes will be held at the Lucas County Extension office and hold a registration fee of \$3 per youth, per class. Pre-registration required. Login to your YQCA account and sign up at the link below.

If you plan to show sheep, goats, beef, poultry, swine, or rabbits at the Lucas County Fair and/or Iowa State Fair, you **MUST** hold a current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification. The YQCA test is completed online annually and holds a cost of \$12 per test, per year. There are two test-out options for older youth:

- At age 12, youth can test out for 3 years for a cost of \$36. The test can be attempted once and if failed, youth must complete the yearly certification. Payment is only processed after successfully passing the test.
- At age 15, youth can test out for 4 years (the rest of 4-H career) for a cost of \$48 and holds the same requirements as above.

Youth under the age of 12 must complete the annual certification. If your age has changed from the last time you took YQCA, you may take your test now! YQCA aligns certifications based upon age of the youth, and you may only complete the certification once for that age. For example, if you were 11 when you tested last year and have yet to turn 12, you may not access the next certification yet. The deadline to have YQCA completed for exhibiting at the county and/or state fair is July 1, 2022. YQCA is a separate website from 4HOnline. However, you will utilize your 4HOnline account login information when logging into YQCA. **DO NOT CREATE AN ACCOUNT FROM SCRATCH!** It is recommended to use Google Chrome or Firefox to access YQCA. Access the YQCA login page here: <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>

Training Sign Up Help: <https://yqcaprogram.org/local/help-desk.php>

- Pre-Test Questions must be completed before YQCA Certification can be issued
- A copy of your YQCA Certification **MUST** be on hand in the office
- If you bring your Login Information to your training we can print your certificate after the training so there is a office copy and a personal copy

A Note From The Lucas County Fair Association-

The Lucas County Fair Board has voted to end the 2023 Lucas County Fair on Wednesday, July 26th. The reason being there is nothing going on Thursday except the livestock sale and there are not many people on the fairgrounds until sale time. The livestock sale has been moved to Wednesday evening. If you want more information, please come to a fair board meeting or email lucascounty-fairia@gmail.com. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at the Lucas County Extension Office meeting room.

Signed, Ed Loynachan— Lucas County Fair Board President

Lucas County Extension Office will be CLOSED Thursday: July 27, 2023 following the fair



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4-H'ers For 4-H

State 4-H Youth Council would like to invite you to be a part of this years campaign. The goal is to raise \$27,000. Suggested donation is \$4 per club member, but any donation helps!

What does this campaign support?

- Financial aid for enrollment fees
- Scholarships to attend state-wide events
- Support for State 4-H Conference
- Support for State 4-H Council

At a later date counties can apply for a mini-grant from this foundation. The deadline for club donations is June 15th. Donation Forms and more information can be found here: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=32725&audienceID=1>

Fair Book Update: No Carcass Class for any species

Announcement

4-H Shoot Sports (SESS) will start the new season this month. The first meeting will be Sunday, March 12 at 2pm at the Russell Sportsmen's Club (41570 280th Ave, Russell).

SESS (Safety Education in Shooting Sports) has disciplines in shotgun, rifle, and archery. All are welcome! Youth may participate in one or all disciplines. SESS meets at 2pm on the second Sunday in the months of March through November with the exception of May.

Youth can enroll in SESS as their Primary 4-H Club, or as a Secondary Club for those already enrolled in another 4-H Club. Either way, participants must enroll online in SESS. Youth are welcome to do a club visit once before deciding to enroll.

For more information call Dan at 641-203-5296 or the Extension Office.

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HOURS

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2023 Lucas County Fair

July 22-26

Fair Theme:

Sew It, Grow It, Show It



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