



# Lucas COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

## May:

1st– Clover Sprouts  
1st– Youth Council  
6th– Sheep/Goat Weigh In  
15th– Animal ID Due Online  
15th– Dog Practice  
22nd– Dog Practice  
29th– Office Closed  
30th– Horse Practice

## June:

1st– Fair Queen Applications due  
5th– Clover Sprouts Year End Party  
5th– Youth Council  
5th– Dog Practice  
11th– SESS Meeting  
12th– Dog Practice  
19th– Dog Practice  
24th– Rabbit/Poultry ID  
26th– Dog Practice

## July:

1st– livestock, static & YQCA entries due  
3rd– Dog Practice  
4th– Office Closed  
10th– Dog Practice  
22-26–Fair Week

## May 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 calfhood vaccination or official 4-H tag (available at the office).

**Poultry**— ID date is June 24th from 9-11am in front of the Extension Office. Leg band will be required for ID. PT testing will also be offered on this date.

**Rabbit**—ID date is June 24th from 9-11am in front of the Extension Office. Tattoo will be required for ID.

### 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>.

**The 2023 Lucas County Fair Book is available on our website or for purchase of a hard copy in the office for \$1.**



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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!

**Lucas County Fair Jr. Queen, Queen, and Mr. & Mrs. Clover applications are now available on the Lucas County Fair Website or Facebook Page.**

**Please Note: New Application Deadline of June 1st.** There are also printed copies available for pick up at the Extension Office.

Lucas county Extension is still in search of a Food Stand manager, please call the office or visit our website with any questions.

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

**Fair Book Update: No Carcass Class for any species**

## **Seed Library**

In 2022, The English Strivers 4-H Club worked hard to build and supply another "blessing box" for our community, but one with a different twist. This box is known to our club as The Seed Library! In 2023, our club is going to continue this new tradition and continue to stock this blessing box.

As a club, our kids wanted to be able to donate and supply others with gardening seeds; both flowers and vegetables. We encourage all those who would like or need gardening seeds to stop by and check it out. We have a wide variety to choose from and the Extension staff has graciously offered to help keep it stocked for us. This box is located near the main entrance of the ISU- Lucas County Extension Office.

The box currently has seeds in it, and we'll add seeds as we go, throughout the spring and summer. Like all other giving boxes, donations are always welcome, but certainly not a must. We hope the community utilizes and enjoys the seeds. Happy Spring and Happy Gardening!



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## Clover Sprouts Meetings

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: **May 1st & June 5th will be an end of the year party.**

### Did you know Clover Sprouts can participate at the Lucas County Fair?

- Clover Sprouts Expo: “Kids Day” at the fair will be held on Tuesday, July 25th. There will be several activities on the fair grounds, as well as a tour of the livestock barns from the Youth Council members. The Clover Sprouts Expo will be held at 12:00pm in the small arena. Clover Sprouts have the opportunity to show an animal of their own or show an animal belonging to an older 4-H member. To sign up for the Clover Sprouts Expo, please come into the Extension Office to fill out paperwork or go to our website. Please complete the questions and submit registration to the office by July 1st.
- Exhibit Building Projects: Clover Sprouts may also bring up to 3 projects to be “judged” for the Exhibit Building and be on display throughout county fair. Judging will be held on Saturday, July 23rd from 9-11am. Youth will sit down with a judge to share about their projects and receive a ribbon for each project.

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### Horse Practice Update:

The first horse practice will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Lucas County Fairgrounds. The following practices will then be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30pm. Dates include: June 1st, June 6th, June 8th, June 13th, June 15th, June 20th, June 22nd, June 27th, June 29th, **July 4th (NO PRACTICE)**, July 6th, July 11th, July 13th, July 18th, **July 20th (Last Practice)**

\*\* Please look at the fair book for the appropriate attire and riding equipment. If you are on a horse, you **MUST** have a helmet on at all times on the fair grounds.

\*\* In order to exhibit, all exhibitors must attend 3 horse project workout meetings for the entirety of the workout, and participate in the workout. If this is not completed they will not be eligible to show at fair.

\*\* Note from your superintendents: We are so excited to get practices going. The first few weeks we will be working hard on ground classes but also make sure you have all your riding equipment with you as well. Please make sure you are riding your horses as much as possible before we start practice to get the spunk out of them and to make sure you are comfortable and have control of your horse. We want to elevate the risk of any accidents in practice if possible. We will also get a list of number so we can set up a remind group for practices and cancelations if there were to be any. Can't wait to see you all on June 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Dog Practice Update

Practices will be held Mondays from 6:30pm to 8pm at the fairgrounds. **The superintendent will need a copy of a current Rabies vaccination and proof of immunization for parvovirus and distemper upon arrival to the first dog practice.** Parents are highly encouraged to stay during the practices.

### Practice List:

May 15th—This meeting is only for the first time 4-Her and/or dog in the dog project.

May 22nd—(1) Obedience/Showmanship

May 29th—No Practice

June 5th—(2) Obedience/Agility

June 12th—(3) Showmanship/Rally

June 19th—(4) Obedience/Agility

June 26th—(5) Showmanship/Rally

July 3rd— No Practice

July 10th—(6) TBD

July 17th—Mock Show: Practice starts at 5:30pm and goes until done. This does not count as a practice

July 22nd—Show Day

**\*\*All exhibitors must attend a minimum of 4 practices and a minimum of 2 practices for any individual class to be eligible to show in that class. Please make yourself aware of the rules in the Fair Book.**

**\*\* New members please contact the extension office**

## **CONTACT US!**

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## **2023 Lucas County Fair**

July 22-26

### **Fair Theme:**

Sew It, Grow It, Show It



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