

# Mitchell County 4-H Newsletter

April 2023



Hello 4-H Families,

We are busy at the Extension Office planning for summer! We are looking forward to a fun filled summer with day camps, Animal Science Roundup, Youth Conference, the Mitchell County Fair, and the Iowa State Fair! As fair preparation continues, please stay up to date with important information and deadlines by reading this newsletter and following our Facebook page.


Another reminder, youth must be enrolled in 4-H to participate in fair. Youth must be enrolled by May 10, 2023 but please enroll as soon as possible.


If families have any questions regarding fair processes, 4-H programs, deadlines, etc. please email [bdohlman@iastate.edu](mailto:bdohlman@iastate.edu) or call the Extension Office at 641-732-5574. We are here to help you.

Sincerely,  
Bailey Dohlman, County Youth Coordinator

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## Swine Weigh-In

Swine Weigh-In will be held Saturday, April 15th from 8:00-10:00am. Please call the Extension Office at 641-732-5574 or email [bdohlman@iastate.edu](mailto:bdohlman@iastate.edu) by 4:30pm, Friday, April 7th to get on the list for weigh-in. If you are planning on showing your animal at state fair, please share this information with Extension Staff when you contact us.

## Sheep & Meat Goat ID

We will **not** be hosting a sheep and meat goat weigh-in this year. Letters have been sent to leaders and families registered for both livestock projects with ID procedures. If youth are wanting to bring sheep and meat goats to the fair and did not receive a letter, please contact the Extension Office immediately. If families have any questions regarding the new ID procedure, please contact Bailey at [bdohlman@iastate.edu](mailto:bdohlman@iastate.edu) or call the Extension Office.

## 4-H Family Hockey Night

On Saturday, April 8th 4-H families are invited to enjoy a night out at the Mason City Bulls Hockey game vs Bismark Bobcats. Puck drops at 7:10pm. The Bulls are having a Junior Community partner Night with discounted tickets for the game. The Scout Celly Pack (includes admission, North IA Bulls patch, and pizza/pop) \$10.00, Single Scout youth ticket \$5.00, and Scout Family ticket \$7.00. Tickets can be purchased online through <https://northiowabulls.isportstix.com/order> or by calling Sydney Wurtzel at 641-423-4625.

## YQCA Training

YQCA Training can be taken online or in person. To access **online trainings**, visit <https://yqcaprogram.org> and sign up for an online course. The online course is \$12 and is paid online with a debit or credit card.

An **in-person training** will be held on Wednesday, April 26 from 2:30-3:30pm at the Mitchell County Extension Office. The course name is Mitchell County—April 26. Pre-registration is required by logging into <https://yqcaprogram.org>. Cost is \$3 and is paid online with a credit or debit card.

Only make a new YQCA account if this is the first time ever taking the course. Help sheets to sign up for trainings can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca>.

**All YQCA trainings must be complete by July 1st. Please send a copy of certificates to the Extension Office.**



## Animal ID Entries Due May 15

All of the following animals you plan to exhibit at the county or state fair must be identified in 4-HOnline by May 15th, 11:59pm: **Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Dogs, Horses, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, Meat Goats, and Swine.**

All animals need to be ID'd every year. Instructions for ID'ing your animal in the 4-HOnline data base are available at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-id>

Refer to each specie's requirements on the 4-HOnline ID pages and the 4H 202 Publication Animal Identification, Weighing, and Exhibiting Requirements for County, State and Interstate Shows <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>. A copy of this publication can be found in this newsletter.

Please complete the identification process as early as possible. After May 15th even staff are unable to edit or create new animal profiles. **PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.**

## Animal Science Roundup and Youth Conference June 27-29

**Registration is now open for State 4-H Youth Conference and Animal Science Roundup!**

**State 4-H Youth Conference** will be held in Ames on June 27-29. This conference is filled with educational workshops, teambuilding activities, a talent show, service projects, and much more!

**Animal Science Round-Up** will be held in conjunction with Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Youth in grades 8-12 that have an interest in cattle, dogs, horses, poultry, sheep, or swine are encouraged to attend. Youth will learn about health, nutrition, behavior, genetics, and reproduction. Each animal project area is limited to the first 20 who register via 4HOnline. New this year: youth do not need to apply or be approved! More information is available at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>.

With financial aid offered by the Mitchell County 4-H Foundation and the Mitchell County 4-H and Youth Committee there will be **no fee** for Mitchell County Youth! Registration can be found under the events tab on 4hOnline.



# Welcome Jadie!

We'd like to introduce you to Jadie Popp. Jadie joined our team March 13th as our office assistant here at the Mitchell County Extension and Outreach office. Jadie is a 2018 graduate of



Osage High School and graduated in 2020 from NIACC in Ag Sales & Service and Operation Management. She is busy learning everything Extension offers our clients and is very excited to work with you in Mitchell County! We are sure Jadie will make every interaction a positive one! In her free time, you can find Jadie enjoying the outdoors, working at Old County Seat, or spending time with her family and friends.

## Explore Iowa Day Trip—June 22

Join us for the Region 4 Explore Iowa Day Trip! This trip is open for any 4-H member in Franklin, Cerro Gordo, Worth, Mitchell and Floyd County who have completed grades 4th-7th. We will be taking a bus to beautiful Decorah, Iowa on Thursday, June 22nd. We will stop at a local dairy farm in Calmar mid-morning, before we continue on to Decorah to have lunch and tour the fish hatchery. From Decorah, we will head north to Niagara Cave where we will tour the cave and play mini golf. The cost is \$40 per member in Mitchell County. Look for more information SOON! We would love to have you "explore Iowa" with Region 4!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>April</b>	8	4-H Hockey Night in Mason City
	15	Swine Weigh-In
	26	YQCA Training at the Extension office
<b>May</b>	15	Animal ID Due
<b>June</b>	27-29	Youth Conference and Animal Science Round-Up
	22	Explore Iowa Day Trip
<b>July</b>	1	Fair Entries Due ( <a href="http://www.fairentry.com">www.fairentry.com</a> )
	1	YQCA Certificate due to the Extension Office
<b>Aug.</b>	2-6	Mitchell County Fair
	10-20	Iowa State Fair



## 4H 202 ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION AND EXHIBITING REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY, STATE AND INTERSTATE SHOWS

### GENERAL 4-H AGE REQUIREMENTS

- County Fair – Must have completed 4th grade.
- State Fair – Must have completed 5th grade.
- Interstate and National Shows – Follow specific show requirements.

A 4-H member is eligible through 12th grade (or that equivalent). These grade requirements apply unless a particular show is more restrictive. A 4-H member becomes ineligible to exhibit beyond the county level upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation. In the event that a 4-H member has dropped out of high school, they are only eligible to exhibit livestock through the calendar year that his or her class graduated.

4-H members must be in good standing in their county to make entry to a state or interstate show. Any 4-H member who violates the code of ethics or other fair rule may be denied entry and exhibition at a county, state, or interstate show.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION

- 4-H members exhibiting livestock at both county fairs and Iowa State Fair in beef, dairy, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, or swine are required to be certified.
- Youth must receive certification in YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals).
- County offices implement quality assurance certification, contact yours for training and testing details.

### GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS

- An animal may be identified by only one 4-H member. See “Ownership Requirements” section for exceptions involving horses and dogs.
- Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project. Youth however may identify separate animals in the same division. For example, a youth may ID market lambs A, B and C in 4-H, and market lambs D, E and F in FFA, or horses A and B in 4-H and horses C and D in FFA.
- Animals offered for sale in an animal auction, whether live or online, are considered to have changed ownership. This applies even if bought back by the original owner or if the owner refuses a bid or says, “No Sale.” Exhibitors may participate in a ribbon auction as long as they don’t sell the project animal.
- All animals must meet health requirements as outlined by the state veterinarian.

### OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- All animals must be identified by an individual 4-H member. When registration papers are involved, the papers must be in the 4-H member’s name or show a logical family relationship. For example, Jones Family Farms shows a logical family relationship to Emily Jones, but B&G Farms does not. For specific beef registration requirements, refer to Iowa Junior Beef Breeds rules as many beef breed associations require registration papers solely in the individual’s name.
- All animals are to be owned by the 4-H member. Counties may have sharing or leasing options for certain species and may require a leasing form (i.e. horse) or other paperwork. Check with your county extension office for these alternatives.
- Animals changing ownership or leasing after being identified for a project are ineligible to be exhibited as 4-H animals for that 4-H year.

\*EXCEPTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION: Horse and dog project animals can be identified by more than one 4-H member provided the members are all 4-H members and are siblings. Sibling definition includes brother, sister or step-siblings with one common parent/guardian. The same animal(s) cannot be identified by one sibling in 4-H and another sibling in FFA.

### ANIMAL CARE & HOUSING

4-H animal projects are required to be in the personal possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns or leases them. Under certain circumstances, animals can be physically housed at a nearby location and within a reasonable distance to the 4-H member’s place of residence, but the 4-H member must take an active and majority role in the daily care of the project animal(s). 4-H county and/or state staff reserve the right to acquire housing location addresses at the beginning of the 4-H project year and make location visits as deemed necessary to ensure involvement of the 4-H member.

### WEIGHING AND TAGGING

Weighing and tagging must be conducted under the direction of state or county 4-H program staff. Weigh-in information may be collected on paper identification forms. 4-H families are responsible for entering animal identification information (i.e. tag, weight, etc.) into 4-H Online by the designated deadlines. County 4-H staff will

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review identification data, but ultimate responsibility for accuracy and completeness rests upon the 4-H family. Animals are not required to weigh-in at the county of residence, but county 4-H staff must be aware and approve animals attending a weigh-in outside the county. Official 4-H approved ear tags must be used for all designated species.

### REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SHOWS

- This publication states only Iowa 4-H requirements regarding age of the exhibitor and animal identification and weighing requirements for county and state shows. Each livestock show prints a premium book outlining rules and regulations for that particular show. Most regional and national shows post premium book and entry information on their website.
- Youth are responsible for knowing the rules contained in the premium book.

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**FEBRUARY 1:** All market steers and market heifers must be owned and identified in 4-H Online by February 1. By the time of the weigh-in, the animal(s) must be cared for by the 4-H member. In addition to having an official 4-H tag and beginning weight collected, all Iowa State Fair market beef must have retinal images collected.

**MAY 15:** All other animals, with the exception of pets, poultry, and rabbits, must be owned and identified by May 15. Rabbits must be identified by July 1. By the time of the weigh-in, the animal(s) must be cared for by the 4-H member. All animals must be identified in 4-H Online. See below pages for specific weigh-in and identification requirements for each species.

### SPECIES ID REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY, STATE AND INTERSTATE SHOWS

#### MARKET BEEF [STEERS AND HEIFERS]

- Maximum of 10 head can be identified.
- Official Iowa 4-H tag and weighed at a county weigh-in.
- Retinal images (required for State Fair).
- 4-H Online ID required by February 1.

#### FEEDER CALF

- Maximum of 6 head can be identified.
- Must be identified properly for county fair requirements (tag, sex, birth date, etc.).

#### DAIRY CATTLE

- Maximum of 20 head can be identified.
- 4-H Online ID required by May 15.

#### BREEDING BEEF

- Maximum of 10 head can be identified (total for purebred and commercial).
- 4-H Online ID required by May 15, including:
  - ◊ All heifers MUST have birth date listed.
  - ◊ Iowa State Fair-eligible animals MUST have a tattoo listed (both registered and commercial); calfhood vaccination is not acceptable identification as the primary tattoo. Secondary method of identification for ALL breeding beef is needed. This can be a calfhood vaccination number or an official 4-H ear tag if the animal is not registered.

#### DAIRY GOAT

- Maximum of 20 head can be identified.
- 4-H Online ID required by May 15.

#### DOG

- Maximum of 4 head can be identified.
- 4-H Online ID required by May 15.
- Rabies vaccination date and information required.
- Animal can be identified by more than one 4-H member (immediate sibling or step-sibling only), but cannot be identified as 4-H under one sibling and FFA under another sibling.

#### HORSE

- Maximum of 5 head can be identified.
- Animal cannot be identified under both 4-H and FFA.
- Animal can be identified by more than one 4-H member (immediate sibling or step-sibling only), but cannot be identified as 4-H under one sibling and FFA under another sibling.
- 4-H Online ID required by May 15.
- ALL horses are required to have photos uploaded into 4-H Online by May 15 (both county and state fair).

### MEAT GOAT

- Maximum of 20 head can be identified in 4-H Online.
- Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member, and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.
- 4-H Online ID required by May 15.
- ALL State Fair meat goats (market animals and breeding does) must have a 4-H tag (or official tattoo for does).
- Retinal images required for all Iowa State Fair meat goats; both breeding and market.
- Birth date required for breeding does in 4-H Online by May 15.

### PETS

- 4-H Online ID is optional; refer to your county fair rule requirements.

### POULTRY

- 4-H Online ID is optional for county and/or State Fair; refer to your county for ID requirement at the county level.
- State Fair market broilers must make special entry by May 1.

### RABBIT

- Maximum ID of 30 animals can be identified.
- 4-H Online ID required by July 1 (State Fair).

### SHEEP

- Maximum of 30 head can be identified in 4-H Online.
- Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member, and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.
- 4-H Online ID required by May 15.
- ALL State Fair sheep (market, commercial and purebred breeding) must have a 4-H tag, weighed and retinal images collected at a county weigh-in by May 15.
- Commercial and purebred ewe lambs must be born on or after January 1.

### SWINE

- Maximum of 40 head can be identified in 4-H Online.
- Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member, and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.
- 4-H Online ID required by May 15.
- ALL State Fair swine (breeding and market) must have a DNA collection sample on file by May 15.
- Breeding gilts must be farrowed on or after January 1.



Find this publication online at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>.

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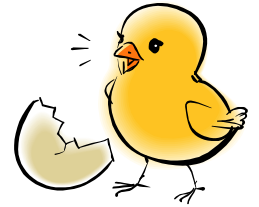


# MARKET BROILER PROJECT & ORDER FORM

All 4th—12th gr. exhibitors interested in entering the **Market Broiler** class will need to place an order for broiler chicks through the Extension office by April 14th to exhibit in this class.

Each order consists of 10 chicks (all male) and the cost is \$27.50 per order of 10 chicks.

The chick pick up date is TBD at the Extension office, 315 Main St., Osage. Hoover's is experiencing higher demand for birds at this time and can not give us a pick up date until birds are ordered. Bring a suitable container to transport your chicks home. Return the form below with payment **by April 14th to place your order.**



## **BEFORE THE CHICKS ARRIVE:**

Remove all dirt and old litter from the chicken house. Sweep the floor, walls, and ceiling. Wash the house out thoroughly using a pressure nozzle, a lot of water and "elbow grease." Repair the windows, doors, screens and ventilators to prevent drafts and keep out predators. Use a disinfectant to disinfect the building and all the equipment. Cover the dry floor with 4 inches of dry litter. Use shavings, sawdust, or other available clean, dry material as litter. Put a brooder guard around the heat source, feeders, and waterers. Place the feeders and waterers around the heat source so the heat is in the middle of the circle. Adjust the temperature to 95 degrees F. about 2 inches above the litter several hours before the chicks arrive. Fill feeders and waterers at the same time.

**For more information on the poultry project or other 4-H projects go to 4-H website:**

http://

Mark the Calendar! Mitchell Co. Fair poultry check-in will be on Tue., Aug. 1st at 5-6 p.m.

\***All** poultry will be inspected by a vet upon arrival.

There will be a cash prize for the heaviest market broiler weighed in at the Mitchell Co. Fair.

Please detach and return to the Extension office by **APRIL 14, 2023**

## MARKET BROILER ORDER FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Leader/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- 10 Chicks = \$27.50
- 20 Chicks = \$55.00
- 30 Chicks = \$82.50

(\*Families with 3 exhibitors may share 2 orders. Families with 4 exhibitors may share 3 orders. etc...)

Please bring a suitable container to pick up chicks.

**Pickup date is TBD at the Mitchell Co. Extension office.**

4-H/FFA member signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid \_\_\_\_\_