



4-H FOCUS

April 2024



SOFA Trip Information is HERE!

Are your animals ID'ed?

Fair is only 3 months away!



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April 27: Market Sheep and Market Goat Weigh In, Westfair, 8 -10 a.m.

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YQCA Information!



4th-12th graders showing beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, dairy and/or goats must be YQCA certified.

YQCA certification expires EVERY year. Your YQCA certification must have an expiration date after the 2024 Westfair to be valid (so an expiration after July 29, 2024 to be valid for this year's fair).

Members can be certified by attending a 90 minute instructor led training OR doing an online certification.

The cost for the instructor led training is \$3.00. The cost for the online certification is \$12.00. The Extension Office has purchased \$3.00 coupon codes to help offset the cost of either the instructor led training or the online certification fees. Coupon codes can be obtained by emailing jenvin@iastate.edu.

Members should visit www.yqcaprogram.org.

This is where you will create a YQCA account (if you have not already), get access to register for your class (instructor led or online), get access to your certificate, enter your coupon code, complete your pre/post tests, etc. There are also help sheets and videos on the YQCA website.

Instructor Led Training Dates:

Thursday, April 11th (6:30-8 p.m.)

Monday, May 6th (6:30-8 p.m.)

There are 15 available spots for each date/time.

Make sure that if you are showing beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, dairy and/or goats that you get your YQCA certification completed!



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Swine Tagging Procedures for 2024

All 4-H and FFA swine showing at Westfair will need to attend a mandatory tagging/ID day to be eligible to be shown at the fair. All swine will be tagged by superintendents and appointed volunteers (families will no longer receive tags to tag their own swine).

For biosecurity reasons there will be no weigh in and all swine will remain on their trailer for tagging by appointed volunteers.

4-H members will be provided USDA RFID state tags at tagging day. FFA members wanting to show swine at Westfair should bring their own FFA tags to the tagging day. All swine must be ear notched and all ear notches must match swine information in 4-H Online/Fair Entry.

4-H members will ID their swine in 4-H Online by May 15th. FFA members will ID their swine in Fair Entry by May 15th. Only swine tagged at ID day and properly identified in 4-H Online (4-H members) or Fair Entry (FFA members) will be eligible to show at Westfair.

The swine tagging/ID day will be **Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to noon** at the Westfair scale house.

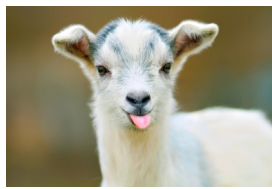


Sheep/Goat Weigh In

Any member showing market sheep and/or meat goats at the 2024 Westfair must have them weighed and tagged. The West Pottawattamie sheep/goat weigh in will be Saturday, April 27th from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Westfair.

Retinal images will be available for those wanting to nominate sheep or goats for the Iowa State Fair.

All market sheep and meat goats must be weighed and tagged at an approved county weigh in. If you are unable to attend the West Pott. weigh in, you may attend in another county, but must get approval from that county before attending.



MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
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May 15th Animal ID Deadline

Don't forget to ID your animals (**everything that breathes**) in 4-H Online by May 15th! 4-H animals should be ID'ed in 4-H Online. FFA animals should be ID'ed in Fair Entry (open for ID May 1-15).

All animals must be ID'ed by May 15th with the exception of market beef (Feb. 1st ID deadline) and rabbits/pets (July 1st ID deadline). Make sure to check out the 4-H 202 document for a complete list of ID requirements. You can find this document at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-id>

Animals that are not ID'ed in 4-H Online (or Fair Entry for FFA) will not be allowed to show.

No ID = No Show = Sad 4-H and FFA members

There is no penalty for ID'ing an animal and then not showing it, but you are unable to show an animal that is not ID'ed. Get those animals in early to avoid yourself stress and/or "technical" difficulties.

If you have questions about the ID process, please contact us at jenvin@iastate.edu or contact the Extension Office at 712-366-7070.

2 Day Trip for 8th-12th graders—SOFA (Speak Out for Agriculture)

Speak Out For Agriculture (SOFA) is taking a 2-day trip to Central Iowa and staying overnight at Iowa State University this year! The trip will take place on June 11-12, 2024. The trip this year will tour Hawkeye Breeders in Adel, John Deere Works in Ankeny, Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge in Prairie City and Iowa State University.

Who: This trip is open to youth in Adair, Cass, Pottawattamie County Youth who will have completed 8-12th grade spring 2024. Youth must be at least 13 years old by June 12th to go on this year's trip due to John Deere Works Tour Requirements. Waivers need to be filled out ahead of trip departure June 11th.

When: The bus will pickup and drop off from the Cass County Extension Office (805 W 10th Street, Atlantic) or Home Store & More (202 SW Kent St, Greenfield) June 11th and 12th.

Cost: \$75 a person checks payable to Adair County Extension or Cass County Extension (***West Pottawattamie members can use their yearly educational award to make the trip FREE!***)

Registration: Complete the Registration Form and waivers which can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/4h>. Register online or return paper forms to Adair or Cass County Extension Office. There are limited number of seats are available per county. Once spots are filled, youth will be placed on a waitlist.

Thanks to the 2024 Planning Committee for putting together a fantastic trip this year! Members include Derek Raasch (Adair), Jacquie Freund (Cass), Leah Brownlee (Adair), Lily Johnson (Cass), Miraylie Stuart (Cass), Natalie Smith (Cass), Olivia Olson (Cass), Taylor Rohrig (Adair), Tucker Rohrig (Adair), and Wyatt Roane (West Pottawattamie). If you are interested in learning more about the trip, or how to become a member of planning committee any of our current members would be happy to tell you!

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Bucket of Junk Contest at Westfair

If members would like to sign up for the Bucket of Junk contest at Westfair, they must “reserve” a bucket by filling out the jot form at <https://form.jotform.com/240523575896063> **by May 15th**. Buckets will be collected, photographed and dispersed around mid-June.

Don't forget, while this is a “special” contest at Westfair, youth may also enter their bucket in Visual Arts, SET or Home Improvement as a static project providing that the exhibit meets the requirements for that static department.

The Bucket of Junk contest is open to any 4-H'er in West Pottawattamie County. Participants can do buckets individually or as a group. Buckets are judged on creativity, planning and execution, and workmanship. Participants must use at least 75% of their bucket contents. No contents (junk) can be added, but the exhibit can be painted/decorated. Youth will bring their buckets to static exhibit day and drop them off in the Commercial Building. They will be judged and prizes awarded. Bucket of Junk displays should remain on display until exhibit release on Sunday evening.

If you would like to reserve a bucket, just fill out the jot form at <https://form.jotform.com/240523575896063> **by May 15th!** Participants will be notified when buckets are available for pick up.



Members have until May 15th to request their bucket via jot form! What will you create?

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Rate of Gain Per Day of Age:

Members wishing to enter their market steers or market heifers in the Rate of Gain Per Day of Age, must submit their entry forms by MAY 15th.

All market steers and heifers are entered in the Rate of Gain contest. The Rate of Gain Per Day of Age contest is an optional contest, so members must submit their entry forms by May 15th if they want to participate.

Entry forms can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/westfair> under "Livestock and Animal Entry Forms".



Rate of Gain Per Day of Age Entry Forms Due by MAY 15th! Entries can be scanned/mailed to jenvin@iastate.edu or mailed/dropped off to West Pottawattamie Extension, 126 E. Broadway, Ste. 2 Council Bluffs, IA 51503.

Iowa 4-H Conference and Animal Science Roundup



When: June 25-27, 2024

Where: Iowa State University, Ames

Who: Any youth who has completed 8th-12th grade (you don't have to be a 4-H'er to attend)!

Cost: \$225.00 (100% of the cost is paid for West Pott. 4-H'ers courtesy of the apple pie auction).

The conference includes mixers, dances, bowling, service, workshops, motivational speakers, and so much more. Get a glimpse of college life and meet new friends from across the state.

Animal Science Roundup has tracts in dog, horse, sheep, swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle and poultry. Participants get hands-on experience in their chosen tract and participate in the conference activities in the evening.

Registration is through 4-H Online (under the events tab). More information (and videos) can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>.

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.



Babysitting Course

Friday, June 7th

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

West Pottawattamie

Extension Office

Cost: FREE (courtesy of the
apple pie auction)

5th-8th graders

Sign up will be available soon!

2024 Fair Booth Theme:

Explore the Jungle of
Opportunities



Iowa State 4-H Conference and Animal Science Roundup

June 25-27, 2024

Registration opens April 1st

Westfair

July 24-29, 2024

Camp of Discovery



Date: June 4-6, 2024

Who: 5th-7th graders

Where: Onawa IA (Camp Nebowa)



Contact Melissa Beermann at mbeerman@iastate.edu for registration and more information (West Pott. 4-H'ers can use their yearly educational award to pay for the cost of the camp, courtesy of the apple pie auction).

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