



Deadlines:

- March 1** - All Enrollment
- April 1** - Project Changes
- May 15** - Henry Fair Entry

Events:

- Feb. 1** - Beef Weigh-in
- Feb. 22** - 4-H Academy
- Feb. 29** - State Horse Judging
- March 7** - Ag Careers Day
- March 21** - S4IL4H Training
- April 4** - Regional Horse Bowl
- April 19-25** - National Volunteer Week
- April 25** - Day of Service
- May 2-3** - Fishing Camp



The Western Jr Farmers 4-H Club members collected and donated mittens, hats, gloves and other winter supplies to CR Hanna Elementary as part of their December Service Project.



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Enrollment Reminders

- 4-H Online will lock after **March 1**. You can enroll after March 1 by contacting the office, but you will not be eligible to exhibit at the fair.
- Project additions may be made until April 1.
- Your 3 free manuals may be requested until April 1. After April 1, all manuals must be paid for by the exhibitor.
- No changes may be made to 4-H Online after April 1 due to the opening of fair entry.

Steer Weigh-in

Date: Saturday, February 1

Place/Time:

Henry County - Fairgrounds in Cambridge from 8-10:30 a.m.

Stark County - Wyoming Sale Barn from Noon-3 p.m. Please be arrive by 2:30 p.m.

All steers must be weighed-in even if they are only showing at the county level. State Fair steers will still require an 840 tag in addition to the tattoo.

Requirement: Please contact Jennifer by **January 31** if you plan to bring steers to weigh-in.

Club News and Notes



Henry County Archery

The next archery sessions will begin on Monday, February 24. Sessions will continue every Monday through March 30. Individual sessions will start at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 each Monday. The range fee is \$2.50 for each session.

Register by contacting the Extension Office or Stephanie Reed.

Cambridge Champs Report Submitted by Chloe Finch



At the December meeting of the Cambridge Champs 4-H Club, members donated fruit to assemble nine baskets for community members. Cloverbuds made cards to go with the fruit baskets. After the meeting, members played BINGO to celebrate Christmas. Members received gift cards as prizes.



4-H Academy

The 3rd Annual 4-H Academy registration is now open!

Date: Saturday, February 22

Location: WIU - QC Campus, River Drive Moline

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$5 for 4-H members, \$10 for non-members

The Academy is open to youth ages 8-18. Individual workshops are limited, so register early at <https://go.illinois.edu/4-HAcademy>.

SFI4-H Speaking for Illinois 4-H

The next Speaking for Illinois 4-H training will be held on March 21 in Sterling, IL. The

training will take place in the Whiteside County Extension Office. Cost to attend is \$12. Once you go through the training, you will be eligible to attend the Legislative Connection events in Springfield. Those dates are May 6 & 7. It is a great state level leadership opportunity! Registration is open at go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.



Ag Careers Day

The next Ag Careers Day will be held on Saturday, March 7 at Black Hawk East. This event is open to youth ages 12 to 18. Youth will attend four one-hour sessions throughout the day. Registration will open in mid-February. There will be a YQCA training held at the end of the day that will be open to all 4-H youth. Look for instructions about how to register in an email coming in February.



It is time again to nominate someone who has impacted the 4-H program in Henry and Stark Counties for the IL 4-H Hall of Fame. Nominations are due by April 30 to the county Extension Office. The induction ceremony will be August 18 in Springfield.

SAVE THE DATE

The college exploration event of the year is set for 2020. Illini Summer Academies will be held

June 21-27 on the University of Illinois campus. Registration opens March 16 and runs through April 17. Youth requesting financial assistance should apply for a scholarship starting January 31 via this link: go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship. Full academy details will be out soon. For information on cost and registration, contact Alvarez Dixon at the State 4-H Office.

Club News and Notes



4-H Sewers Wanted!



4-H Memorial Camp needs LOTS of new curtains. They need 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew and hang 126 curtains at the camp. They are looking for volunteers who have taken at least 1 year of 4-H sewing to help them on March 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4-H Memorial Camp.

All materials will be provided, and everyone will be served lunch. Members may bring one parent or guardian to help.

Register to help at go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing.

It is a great state level community service opportunity!

JOANN

The Joann Fabric Clover Campaign is back again this year. Donate to 4-H at your local Joann Fabric store from March 1 to April 30. They usually run special sales during this time, as well.

Enroll in Food Science to win cash!

The Chicagoland Food Science Foundation will be awarding \$50 to the top food science project in each county this year. Look for full details this summer, but enroll in the project now so you don't miss out!

World of

7 Billion

The video contest challenges you to think critically about some of the planet's most pressing issues and come up with solutions. Share what you've learned in a 60-second video. The contest is open to all middle and high school students worldwide, and the deadline for submissions is February 27, 2020. Up to \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to 80 student winners.

Submit entries at www.worldof7billion.org



Be a true leader in service

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on Saturday, April 25 as part of the True Leaders in Service. The month of April is always

designated as service month and April 25 is the National Day of Service.

Start thinking of possible community service activities now. If you need inspiration, find resources at go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Closer to the date, you will be able to register your project.



4-H Fish Camp is back at the 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 3. During those two days, you'll learn a lot about fishing. A \$50 fee covers the

program, lodging, boat, bait and 3 meals. You'll also have fresh fillets to take home!

Participants will stay in the cabins at Memorial Camp and will need to bring their own bedding & toiletries. The lake is stocked with largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and channel catfish.

To register, contact the camp at (217) 762-2741 or email Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.





NEWS & notes

Livestock Edition



**REMINDER ANIMAL ETHICS

Ethics Requirements for 2019-2020

Youth enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, cats & dogs:

That training is found here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Youth enrolled in beef, sheep, swine, and goats:

Online - The training can be completed here:

Online training here: yqca.org.

2. **In Person** - A training will be held on March 7 after the Ag Careers Day from 3-4 p.m. at BHE.

Look for information coming soon.

Note: This requirement only applies to youth planning to show a *live* animal. It does not apply to youth exhibiting a poster related to an animal.

If you have questions, contact Jennifer

Ownership Dates* :

Steers - February 1, 2020 (Calved on or after January 1, 2019)

Barrows - June 1, 2020 (Farrowed on or after January 1, 2020)

Wethers & Market Ewes - May 15, 2020 (Lambled on or after January 1, 2020)

- Self-nominate between March 15 & May 15.
 - The nomination process is the same as last year
1. Get forms from Extension Office
 2. Complete form and include a picture of the lamb's ear with Scrapie tag
 3. Return the form to the Extension Office.

Meat Goat Wethers - May 15, 2020 (Born on or after October 1, 2019)

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 - The nomination process is the same as last year
1. Get forms from Extension Office
 2. Complete form and include a picture of the ear with Scrapie tag
 3. Return the form to the Extension Office.

Premiere Animals* *

Barrows - Farrowed on or after February 10, 2020

- Owned by June 1, 2020
- Weighed and Tattooed between February 10 & April 15
- Tattooed within 35 days of birth, no more than 1lb/day

Wether & Ewe Lambs - Lambled on or after January 1, 2020

- Ownership/Nomination deadline is **March 15 - May 15**
- Weighed and tattooed between March 15 & May 15
- **Addition of Premiere Ewe Lambs is new for 2020**

Breeding Animals

Beef Heifers- June 1, 2020

Gilts - June 1, 2020

Ewes & Rams - June 25, 2020

Cows and Heifers - Cows Jan. 1, 2020/Heifers June 1, 2020

Dairy Goats - Milking Does by Jan. 1, 2020/Kids & Yearlings by June 1, 2020

Meat Goats - May 15, 2020

Horse - Ownership/Lease/Registration papers are due to the County Office by **May 1**. State fair papers are due to **Donna Miller** at the Illinois State Fair Office by **June 1**. Remember that two color photos must accompany the paperwork.

All other livestock State Fair entries are due **July 1**.

*County ownership dates can differ from State Fair dates. Check your fair book for county dates.

**If you plan to exhibit a Premiere animal, contact Jennifer to set up a tattoo/weigh-in time.

Upcoming Horse Dates

State Horse Judging - February 29, 11 a.m. at Black Hawk East. Registration cards must be signed by the Extension Office.

Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology - April 4 @ Knoxville High School.

* Individuals and teams must qualify at the regional contest to move on to the State contests.

State Horse Speaking Contest - Saturday, April 18 in Champaign. No pre-qualification needed. \$3 to enter and must register with Extension Office.

State Horse Show - July 26 through August 2, 2020



NEWS & notes

Around the State

Upcoming State Dates:

Volunteer training dates around the state:

Saturday, June 13

Gardner Camp, Hull, IL

Saturday, Sept. 12

Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica, IL

All trainings are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a screened shooting sports instructor, contact the Extension Office.



2020 State Shoot Schedule

Archery - Sept. 19, 2020 at Pekin Archers Club

Shotgun - Sept. 26 at Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill, IL

Rifle/Pistol - Oct. 10 and 11 at CIPS in Bloomington, IL

Registration information will be coming later in the year.

IL Pork Youth Day

Saturday, Feb. 15

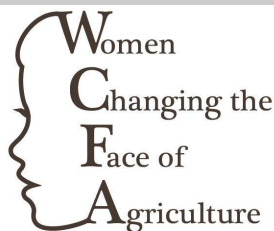
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Illinois State Fair

Livestock Center

Register by Feb. 7 @

ilpork.com



A project of the Illinois Agri-Women

Teens are invited to attend the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference on March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur.

Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture.

To attend, you must apply online at

womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com

Changes



With the timing of the State Fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project show at the state fair has been condensed to three days.

The Henry/Stark day is Friday, August 14

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 a.m. and remain on display until **4 p.m.** The release time was extended to give judges more time to work through the extra projects.

- The awards will include:

Champion Medals - for the highest score in each project class

Reserve Medals - for the second highest score in each class

--Cash premiums will only be awarded to the medal winners in each class.

Inspire Awards - will be given to exhibits that judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and is not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive an inspire award.

- New projects eligible for state fair this year include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The Public Speaking contest will be held during the State Fair again this year. Youth are able to enter both a general project exhibit and the public speaking contest. Youth must be selected during a county contest to advance to state.
- Ewe lambs are now eligible for the Premiere show
- The junior poultry show will be **Monday, Aug. 17**
- State Poultry Judging contest is also August 17
- The junior rabbit show begins **Sat. Aug 22.**

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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

Welcome to 2020! There are a lot of things happening in the coming months, both locally and around the state. Please keep watching the newsletters and your email for the latest information.

4-H Online will lock to new enrollments after March 1. Please make sure you and everyone you know is enrolled by that date.

The fairs will be here before we know it. Henry County fair general project day is June 20 and fair activities will continue June 22-27. The fair ends on Saturday, June 27 this year. However, general project check-out will still be Sunday, June 28. Fair entry will open in April and must be completed by May 15.

The Stark County fair begins with set-up on Thursday, July 23. The fair runs from Friday, July 24-Monday, July 27. Fair entry will open in June and close July 1.

Jennifer & Teresa



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