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Wabash County 4-H NEWSLETTER



CLUB MEETINGS:

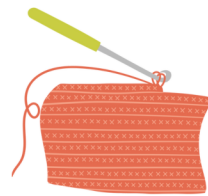
21st - Twisters 6:00 p.m.

21st - Sprouts 6:00 p.m.

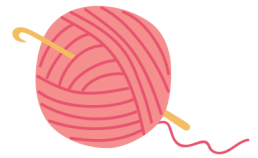
23rd - Livestock Judging Contest

24th - Hi-Flyers 9:00 a.m.

26th - Town & Country 6:00 p.m.



Crochet Workshop



There is still a limited number of **spots available** for this workshop. Youth ages 10-18 are invited to this hands-on experience to learn how to crochet. Workshop will be held at the Wabash County 4-H Office located at 738 N Market, Mt Carmel, IL on **February 12th** from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. To register go to: <https://go.illinois.edu/wabashcrochet>.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Logan Kennard at logank@illinois.edu or 618-262-5725.



February 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2  Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Crochet Workshop 5:30 - 7:30pm  Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 HAPPY Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	19  Washington's Birthday	20	21 6:00 pm Twisters 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 pm Sprouts 4-H Club Meeting	22	23 IL Beef Expo Livestock Judging Contest	24 9:00 am Hi-Flyers 4-H Club Meeting
25	26 6:00 pm Town & Country 4-H Club Meeting	27	28	LAST DAY TO ADD OR CHANGE PROJECTS ON ZSUITE & TO ORDER PUBLICATIONS!		2



February 2024

Wabash County Fair Dates: July 12 - 20, 2024

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend now!



Reminders:

- Every 4-H'er will be required to attend **FOUR** 4-H events to be eligible to show at the fair. This can be club meetings or workshops that the extension office holds.
- New members have until March 1, 2024 to enroll in ZSuite
- **Existing members have until March 1, 2024 to add or change projects in ZSuite**



PUBLICATIONS

What are publications?

- Publications are guidebooks that allow you to gain skills on your projects. Some projects require the publication to complete your project for fair but for other projects the publications aren't really needed. If you need help making this decision please talk to your club leader or reach out to the Extension office.

Please only order the books you NEED!

- If you have books from the past couple of years that you would like to donate back to the Extension office so we can re-use them please drop them by!

To request an order:

- Everyone has to have their publication orders in by **March 1, 2023**. Once the publications arrive at our office we will contact your leader & deliver them to your club meetings.

Scan
to
order
publication



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YQCA is a training that is required by the state for all 4-H'ers who are exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, or goats. you are required to take this training **each year**. We will schedule a few in-person trainings in early 2024, or you can take the training online. Look for more information to come on dates.

QUALITY ASSURANCE and ETHIC CERTIFICATION (QAEC)

All 4-H'ers who are exhibiting horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, & cats MUST complete online QAEC to show at the fair. This is a **one-time** certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All new members enrolled in these projects and/or any members who have not taken it before must complete the certification by June 1. You can find the online training at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec>. Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records. If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension office.

Registration
for goat
workshop



GOAT WORKSHOP



This is a hands-on experience for youth to learn about goat selection and how to get your goat project started. Topics such as early care, feed, facilities, health, and more will be covered. The main focus of this workshop will be on meat goats and dairy goats but information on pygmy goats can be provided. This workshop is open to all of Unit 25 (Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash & Wayne).

This will be on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 10 am- 12 pm at the Wabash County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn located at 15039 Four H Lane, Mt. Carmel, IL 62863.

SHEEP & GOAT STATE FAIR NOMINATIONS

Exhibitors will self-nominate their lambs and goats by filling out a nomination form. They will include a close-up photo of the ear with the scrapie tag attached and readable. They will no longer be tattooed. The nomination form will be turned in to our office so we can sign it and send it to the State Extension Office.

These are due to our office by May 15th. Nomination forms can be picked up at the 4-H office or by emailing logank@illinois.edu.





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OWNERSHIP FORMS

Wabash County 4-H will not be requiring ownership forms this year. All other required health papers and purebred registration papers will be inspected at fair check-in like normal. Please refer to the handbook when it is published for further details or contact our office with any questions you may have.

LIVESTOCK BIRTH & OWNERSHIP DEADLINESS

Market Animals

ANIMAL	OWNERSHIP DEADLINE	BIRTH DATES
Market Steers	January 1, 2024	Calved on or after January 1, 2023
Market Pigs	May 1, 2024	Farrowed on or after January 1, 2024
Market Lambs	May 1, 2024	Lambled on or after January 1, 2024
Market Meat Goat	May 1, 2024	Born on or after January 1, 2024

Breeding Animals

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since May 1, 2024 (with the exception of Junior Heifer and Bull Calf)

Performance Cows

- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since January 1, 2024

SWINE – GILTS:

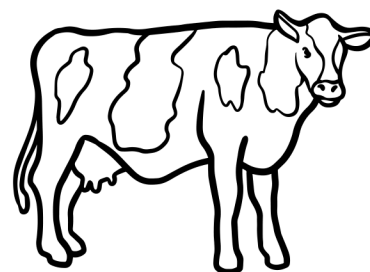
- Owned by exhibitor since May 1, 2024

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since May 1, 2024

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

- Calves and Heifers – Owned since May 1, 2024
- Cows – Owned since January 1, 2024





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Breeding Animals Continued

HORSE & PONY:

- On or before May 1, 2024

DOGS:

- Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2024

DAIRY GOATS:

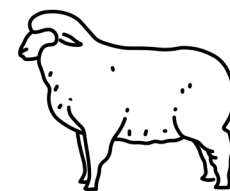
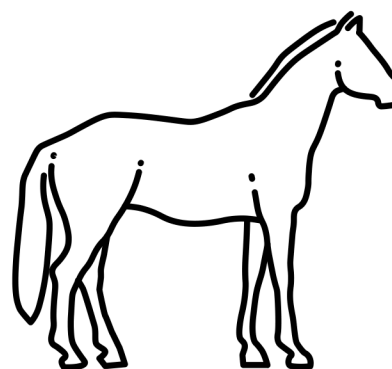
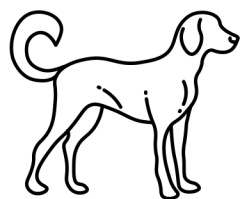
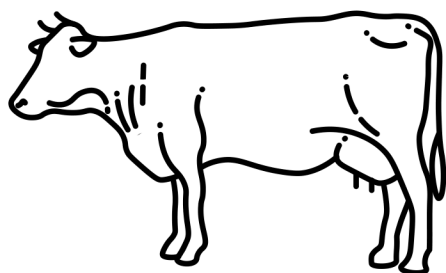
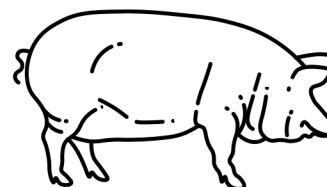
- Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by May 1, 2024.
- Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2024.

MEAT GOATS

- All meat goats (market and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 1, 2024.

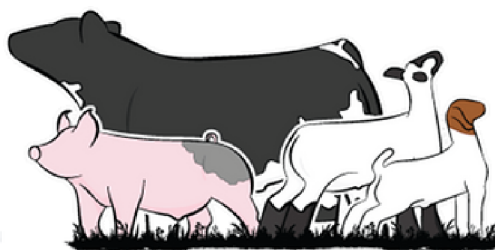
RABBITS, NOVELTY GOATS & POULTRY:

- Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1, 2024.



Livestock Judging

If you are interested in joining the Livestock Judging team, please contact our office at 618-262-5725 or email logank@illinois.edu.





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FARM CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS



Thirty \$2,500 Agriculture Scholarships are available to high school seniors who will study an ag-related curricula or trade in a college or vocational school next fall and pursue a career on the farm or in the industry. Scan the QR code to the left to learn more or to apply.

Applications due February 29, 2024.

Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs and FFA chapters implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club and chapter members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live.

Scan the QR code to the right to learn more or to apply.

Applications due February 29, 2024



FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS



Scholarships

- Available to MCHS graduates; high school students may only apply for one scholarship
- \$2000 scholarship and \$1000 scholarship available to high school seniors and current college students pursuing a degree in agriculture
- \$1000 scholarship available to high school seniors pursuing a non-ag degree
- Applications can be found on the Wabash County 4-H website and must be turned in to the Farm Bureau office by April 15, 2024

Grants

- Available to 4-H members ages 8-12 (as of September 1, 2023)
- \$25-\$100 grants to be used for materials needed for 4-H projects (including supplies for livestock care and show, but cannot be used to purchase an animal)
- Application must be hand-written by 4-H member, signed by a parent, and signed by the club leader
- Applications & guidelines can be found on the Wabash County 4-H website and must be turned in to the Farm Bureau office by April 15, 2024

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