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# Wabash County 4-H

## NEWSLETTER

# April 2024



## CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS:

- 6th - Hi-Flyers Day of Service
- 11th - YQCA Training 6:00 p.m.
- 15th - Farm Bureau Scholarships & Grants due
- 17th - Twisters 6:00 p.m.
- 17th - Sprouts 6:00 p.m.
- 20th - Hi-Flyers 9:00 a.m.
- 22nd - Town & Country 6:00 p.m.
- 27th- Lawrence County Beef Cattle Workshop



## National Volunteer Appreciation Month

Our volunteers are the heart of 4-H! As 4-H volunteers, they share their skills and experience to help transform a new generation of confident, young leaders. Make sure to thank your 4-H leader for all their hard work!



## National Day of Service



Every April, as part of True Leaders in Service, 4-H'ers are putting their pledge into action, "I pledge...my hands to larger service...".



We should all be familiar with this phrase. Most likely, you hear it each month at your club/group meeting as it's a part of the 4-H pledge that all members learn. 4-H members are encouraged to develop and practice skills to become helpful or useful in their club/group, community, country, and world.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Hi-Flyers 4-H Club Day of Service
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> YQCA Training at Annex 6:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Farm Bureau Scholarships & Grants due	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 pm Twisters 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 pm Sprouts 4-H Club Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Hi-Flyers 4-H Club Meeting
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00 pm Town & Country 4-H Club Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Beef Cattle Workshop 10:00 am Lawrence County Fairgrounds
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				



# April 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.



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**. Wabash County will offer two in-person trainings, or members can take the training online, or with another county. Wabash County training dates are March 26th at 10:00 am and April 11th at 6:00 pm. Both trainings will be held at the Annex Building at the Fairgrounds.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE and ETHIC CERTIFICATION (QAEC)

All 4-H'ers who are exhibiting horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, & and 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 on ZSuite at <https://4-h.zsuite.org>. Directions can be found at <https://go.illinois.edu/TakeQAEC>.

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records. If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension office.

## Rabbit Classes

Wabash County 4-H rabbit novelty and commercial classes will be following the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) breed guide this year. If your rabbit breed is listed in the four class you will sign up for novelty classes. If your rabbit breed is listed in the six class you will sign up for commercial classes. The breed guide can be found on the Wabash County 4-H website, under Fair and Show Information. Please contact our office if you have any questions!



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Wabash  
County 4-H  
Website





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## OWNERSHIP, HEALTH, & REGISTRATION PAPERS

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. Failure to have health papers during weigh-in/check-in on Sunday, July 14th at 2:00 p.m. may cause:

- 1) Inability to exhibit livestock
- 2) \$275 vet charge for turning in papers late.

Please refer to the handbook for further details on requirements 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





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## Breeding Animals Continued

### 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

### HORSE & PONY:

- On or before May 1, 2024

### DOGS:

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

### DAIRY GOATS:

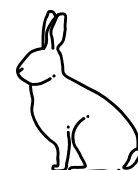
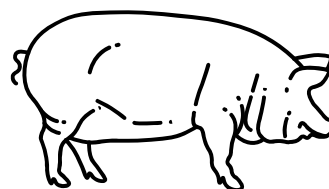
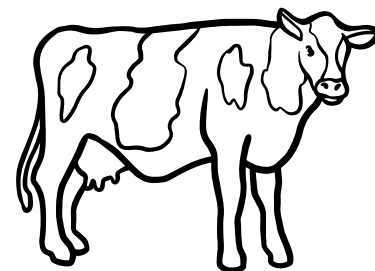
- Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by May 1, 2024.
- Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2024.

### 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.



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## 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](mailto:logank@illinois.edu).

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## SWINE WORKSHOP

There will be a swine workshop on May 4th at the Wabash County Fairgrounds from 10am-noon. This workshop will be about starting your swine project and will include information about general care, feeding, teaching your pig to drive, hair care, and other tools to help you start your swine project.



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Swine  
Workshop  
Registration



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## 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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Beef Cattle  
Workshop  
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## BEEF CATTLE WORKSHOP - Lawrence County

There will be a workshop on April 27th at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds (1100 N, Sumner, IL 62466) from 10am-noon. Are you wanting to learn more about your beef cattle project? Register today to learn a variety of skills such as feeding, clipping, showmanship, fitting, and more from industry professionals Eric McClure and Jordan Stephens of Four Corners Farms.

## Change in Livestock Health Requirements

### IN THE PAST:

Steers have not had to have health papers for County & State Fairs

### THIS YEAR:

Steers DO need to have health papers for County & State Fairs

2024 Livestock Health Requirements for County & State Fairs can be found at: <https://go.illinois.edu/2024LivestockHealthRequirements> or

by scanning the QR code



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