

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H FAMILY APRIL 2026 NEWS



Happy Spring

4-H Fair and Show Season is just around the corner! Check out all the upcoming events and information below.

Fair Registration will open from April 14 to June 30 at fairentree.com online. More details will be emailed out to families in April.



2026 St. Clair County 4-H Showbook

The 4-H Showbook is ready to view with show dates and project guidelines:

go.illinois.edu/2026StClairCounty4-HShowbook

Please register to exhibit your projects here (opens April 7th):
<https://fairentree.com/Fair/SignIn/23063>

Instructions can be found here:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/media/8874/download?inline>

(If you made a profile in Fair Entry last year, you should log in with the username/password you previously used.)

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Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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FairEntry for Families

Bringing a project to your 4-H Show?

We use FairEntry to keep track of every exhibit that comes to our county fair, from sweet rolls to steers!



Go to fairentry.com/Public/FindYourFair and search for your county, or scan the QR code.

Sign in with the email and password you used last year or use the password reset option.

If this is your family's first year in 4-H, create an account.



Click Begin Work on a New Invoice and select a 4-H'er from your list OR add a new Exhibitor.



New to 4-H? Start by creating an account!



Enter your email, then fill out the next page with your account info.

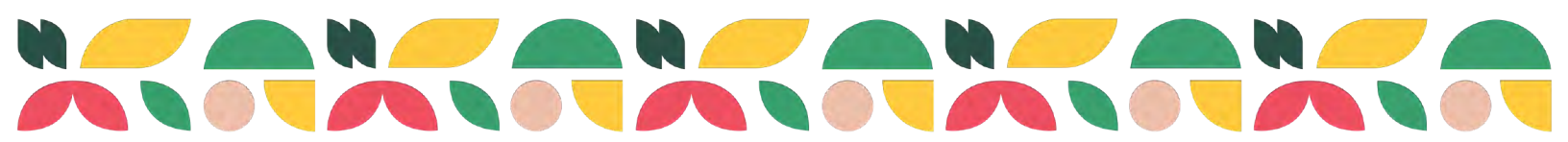


Click on the green Begin an Invoice button and start by registering an Exhibitor (your 4-H'er).



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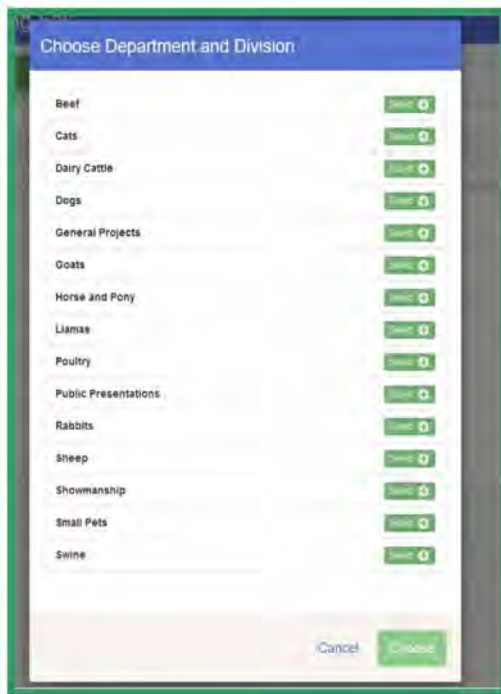
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On the Personal Details page, fill in County and current grade, if they are missing. Hit continue and fill in a phone number in the home phone number line.

Confirm that the address listed is correct. This is important - it is where your premium check will be mailed!



Next, choose which project(s) your 4-H'er will bring to the 4-H Show. Select the correct project(s). You may need to select your 4-H Club here as well.

General Projects is where most of your options can be found.

You may be asked to answer other questions, and enter information about animals, such as breed and EID/Scrapie Tag/Tattoo number.

Your county may allow you to enter multiple projects/animals in the same Class at the same time. If so, you will need to change the quantity.

For additional 4-H'ers and projects, repeat as many times as needed.

The last step is to review your entries. THIS STEP IS VERY IMPORTANT!! Please make sure they are correct as you will not be able to change them after the Fair Entry deadline. Continue through the payment page (there is no fee).

Finally, you will click the green submit button. After you hit submit, you may not be able to add projects OR additional children until county Extension staff approve your submission.



Need Help? Contact your local 4-H staff!



Public Speaking Contest

Our Madison and St. Clair Counties Public Speaking Contest was a great success on Monday, March 23! We had 14 youth step up to share their presentations, showcasing confidence, creativity, and strong communication skills. Every participant did an amazing job, and we are so proud of all the hard work and effort that went into each presentation. To top it off, all participants were awarded blue ribbons for their outstanding efforts—great job to everyone who participated!

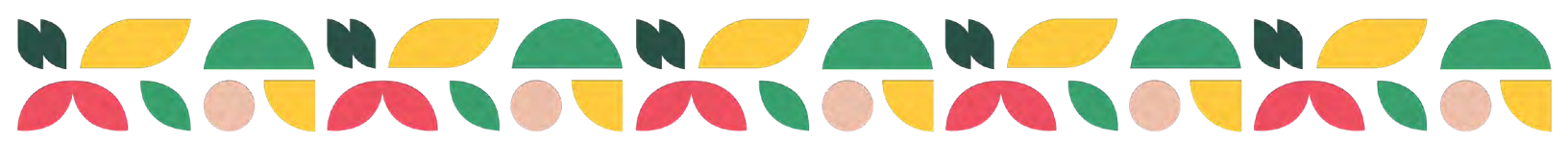
State Fair award winners and Inspire Award recipients are as follows:

St. Clair State Delegates: Jilly Stoks, Daniel McComb, & Grace Sigstad

Madison County State Fair Delegates: Hadassah Hobson, Alyssa Elliott, & Emma Meyer

Madison County State Fair Alternates: Aynsleigh Shelton, Nora Moore, & Ava Meyer

Madison County Inspire Award: Holden Seger



April Club Spotlight

We are the Farmers and Friends 4-H Club in Lebanon, IL. It was chartered in 1986, and Jim and Kathy Reimann started the club. The club got its name from a 4-H member who later became a doctor. When Jim and Kathy's health declined, Sarah Bohn (Jim & Kathy's niece) took over the club in the fall of 2005. Rita Bohn (Sarah's mom) is the co-leader with Sarah. Rita is also the Cloverbud Leader for our club. Sarah has been a leader for 21 years, and Rita has been the leader for 10 years. We meet at the Lebanon Masonic Lodge on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm.

Farmers and Friends has, for the past several years, helped with the soda stand at the Highland Homestead Harvest Days as part of community service. We also decorate placemats for the Cedar Ridge nursing home for their Thanksgiving meal. We have also had a petting zoo at the Lebanon Fall Festival and passed out farm-related items to children to promote 4-H and recruit members, which is always a big hit.

Every June, our club passes out ice cream to local organizations to promote "June is Dairy Month," specifically Lebanon Township, Lebanon Lions Club, and Lebanon Masonic Lodge. Our members also do their demonstrations at these organizations' meetings. They enjoy the demonstrations while eating the ice cream.

Most of our club members show livestock, but a lot of members also show projects at the General Project Show. Some members take their project to the State Fair. By Rita and Sarah Bohn

By Rita and Sarah Bohn



April is the Month of the Military Child

Frequent moves, family separations through deployments, and reintegration following deployments can make school, home, and community life challenging for military children. Yet, even in difficult circumstances, these youth continually demonstrate resilience and courage.

The 4-H Military Partnership has been a proud partner of the military for more than three decades. Thanks to the federal partnership among USDA-NIFA, the Department of War, and our Land Grant Universities, youth around the world belong to 4-H. As military families move frequently and experience the difficulties surrounding deployment and reintegration, 4-H provides predictable programming and a safe, nurturing environment for military-connected children and youth to excel and belong.

Scott Air Force Base Community Garden Clean-up Event



April 3rd at 3:45pm



Contact Jen Stoks at jengsafer@gmail.com for more information.

4-H Sparks at Scott Program

The 4-H staff is excited to bring fun 4-H Spark experiences to the Scott Youth Center! In March, our school-aged kids explored the fascinating world of entomology by learning about their anatomy and even making their own insect creations. Meanwhile, the Open Rec group had a blast crafting colorful pipe cleaner flowers and animals. It's always a great time!

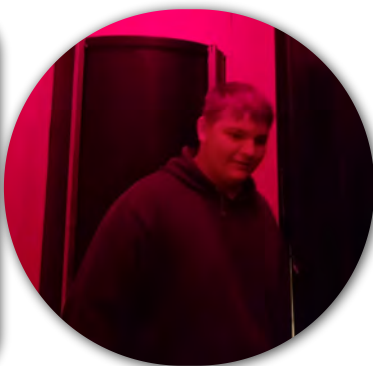
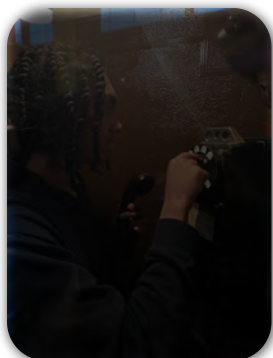


St. Clair County 4-H Teens as Teachers begin training and career tours.

The St. Clair County 4-H Teens as Teachers program continues to empower local teens through hands-on leadership and career exploration. This summer, our 4-H Teen Teachers will bring **Ag in the Classroom** lessons to children in daycares across the county, helping young learners discover the world of agriculture through fun, engaging activities.

To kick off their preparation, the teens recently toured the **Labor & Industry Museum in Belleville, IL**. During the visit, they explored the rich history of labor and industry in St. Clair County and interacted with the museum's hands-on exhibits. The experience offered valuable context for understanding the region's economic roots while strengthening the teens' appreciation for local history.

Programs like 4-H Teens as Teachers give young people the chance to build communication skills, gain teaching experience, and develop confidence — all while making a positive impact in their community.



St. Clair County 4-H National Day of Service Donations to Food Pantries



Deadline to Drop Off: Friday, May 1

Location: Belleville Extension Office (1478 East State Rt. 15 Belleville, IL 62221)

Please join us in donating non-perishable and shelf stable foods to benefit those in need. Please do not donate items that need to be refrigerated, expired items, leftovers, backed goods or food with packaging concerns.

Donations will go to the following food pantries.

- Community Interfaith Food Pantry
- Urban League - St. Clair County Food Pantry
- O'Fallon Community Food Pantry



Suggested Items:

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Canned Vegetables | • Canned Beans and Soups | • Seasonings |
| • Canned Fruit | • Boxed Meals | • Shelf-Stable Low Fat Milk |
| • Canned Meats | • Oatmeal and Cereal | ◦ Dairy |
| ◦ Tuna | • Crackers and Granola Bars | ◦ Soy |
| ◦ Chicken | • Baby Food and Formula | ◦ Almond |
| ◦ Salmon | • Brown or White Sugar | ◦ Rice Milk |



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4-H Livestock Record Book Common Questions

Who has to turn in a livestock record book?

It is mandatory for any 4-H member who is participating in a livestock market class to complete a livestock record book.

- Rabbits: class R71: Individual Meat Rabbit and class R81: Meat Pen
- Poultry: class MKT1: Single Broiler, class MKT 2: Pen of 3 Broilers, class MKT 3: Single Roaster, and class MKT 4 Pen of 3 Roasters
- Goats: class DMD 1: Market Animal
- Swine: class 8: Market barrow or gilt
- Beef: class BE 1: Rate of Gain, class BE 2: Feeder Steer, and class BE 3: Individual Market Steer
- Dairy: class DA 1: Rate of Gain, class DA 2: Feeder Steer, and class DA 3: Market Dairy Steer
- Sheep: class 11: Individual Market Lamb and class 12: Pen of 2 Market Lambs

Where do I find the livestock record book?

You can get the livestock record book on the Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties web-page at https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_writable.pdf.

Is there a tip sheet on how to fill out the livestock record book?

Yes, the tip sheet can be found here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020_livestock_record_book_instruction_guide.pdf.

If I show in multiple livestock species for a market class, do I have to have one per each species?

If a 4-H member is showing multiple species in a market class, they must fill out a separate livestock record book for each species.

If I have more than one market animal in same species, can they be put on the same livestock record book?

If a 4-H member is showing multiple animals within the same species for a market class, they can choose to fill out the livestock record book for just one market animal, both market animals, or for the entire herd. For example, if a youth is showing two market wethers in the goat category, they can choose to fill out the record book for only one of them or include both animals in the same book. They can even add in their whole herd to the livestock record book if they want to.

When are livestock record books due?

4-H members must submit their record books to the Extension Office by September 15, 2026.

What happens if I do not submit my livestock record book?

4-H members who do not submit a livestock record book by Sept. 15, 2026, will not be able to show in that livestock market class for the 2027 4-H Show.

Who is keeping track of who has to turn in a livestock record book?

4-H staff are keeping track of who has to turn in a livestock record book.



Scholarships

Lucille and Lester Korsmeyer 4-H Scholarship - Deadline: April 15, 2026

- A high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years
- A permanent resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe County
- The applicant will be chosen based on several criteria, including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, a history of 4-H involvement, and other school and community activities.
- The application is available at: <https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer>

2026 George McKibben Memorial Scholarship Applications

- Any student who is a senior in high school or any college student currently enrolled in any state college in Illinois (see eligible colleges in the purpose above), in an agriculture degree program, is eligible for nomination by their local soil and water conservation district or self-nomination.
- Be a senior in high school desiring to pursue an agriculture degree program, or be a full-time (minimum of 12 credit hours) college student enrolled in an agriculture degree program at any state university in Illinois.
- Have a grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale or a 4.0 on a 5.0 scale.
- Submit a copy of the latest official transcript.
- List all extracurricular or community activities, including offices held from high school forward.

Livestock Boosters of Saint Clair County Scholarship

Scholarship Rules:

- Scholarship is open only to high school seniors or college freshmen who have participated in the 4-H Livestock Auction for two consecutive years or more including the current year.
- Applicant must submit a two-page typed paper, double-spaced, with proper grammar and punctuation on either topic of "Your current livestock project" or "What 4-H has meant to you".
- Papers are due May 1, 2026, to: Email: Livestockboosters@gmail.com OR Dan Sliment 7062 Funk School Road Freeburg, IL 62243.
- You can only win once. Only one scholarship per individual.
- A mandatory personal interview with Judges must be completed. The topic is "What I have learned in 4-H".
- Three Judges to be selected by the Livestock Boosters of Saint Clair County Scholarship Committee.
- Judges will rank the applicants based on the paper submitted and interview. The number of scholarships awarded can vary based on the available funds raised from the previous year.
- Winner(s) will be announced at the Livestock Auction, Saturday, August 1, 2026.
- Scholarship money will be disbursed upon proof of full-time enrollment in a vocational or accredited college.
- Scholarship will be awarded as follows: 50% based on the submitted paper and 50% based on the interview.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) TRAINING

FOR MEMBERS ENROLLED IN
BEEF, DAIRY, GOAT, SHEEP & SWINE PROJECTS



INSTRUCTOR-LED

TRAINING:

APRIL 23, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

ST. CLAIR COUNTY FARM BUREAU

1478 EAST STATE RT. 15

BELLEVILLE, IL 62221

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Please register by April 22, 2026

<https://yqcaprogram.org>

***IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS SESSIONS,**

YOU MAY TAKE THE WEB-BASED TRAINING:

[YQCAPROGRAM.ORG](https://yqcaprogram.org)

NEW members:

Register for a new account under a parent name and fill out all required fields. Confirm your account through a link sent to your email. Click on the blue "Add Child" button on the YQCA website and enter required fields for each child participating in the YQCA training. Next, click on your user name in the blue box in the upper right hand corner.

RETURNING members:

Sign in with their previous username and password.

Choose "Enrolled ILT Trainings" from the dropdown list. Click on the blue "Go to Courses" button. Click on the blue button indicating child's age next to his/her name. Choose appropriate age and either "Instructor Led Training" for \$3 OR "Web Based Training" for \$12. Next, choose participants name, state and training date. Training must be paid for via credit/debit card. If this option is not available for your family, please contact the Extension office asap. Repeat registration process for each family member required to take the training.



This training is required to exhibit and sell beef, dairy, goat, sheep or swine at the St. Clair 4-H Shows per USDA requirements.

Please call the Extension office at 618-344-4230 with any questions.

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Youth Cooking School

Flavors Around the World

Pack your passport and grab your apron! Join us for a hands-on culinary adventure where young chefs will explore flavors around the world while building real life kitchen skills.

Grades: completed 3rd-8th grade

Cost- \$70

Sessions	
Morning	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Afternoon	12:30-3:30 p.m.

Dates	Location
June 1-4	Immanuel Lutheran Church Waterloo
June 8-11	Immanuel Lutheran Church Waterloo
June 15-18	Madison County Farm Bureau Edwardsville
June 22-25	Turkey Hill Grange Belleville

Registration opens April 1st!

go.illinois.edu/YouthCookingSchool2026Ages9-14

? (618) 939-3434
sscheibe@illinois.edu



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APRIL 11TH, 2026
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
4177 IL-156, WATERLOO, IL, 62298

MoCo
Spring Showcase

— ENTRY INFO —
\$15 PER HEAD
\$25 LATE ENTRY FEE
NO SHOWMANSHIP FEE

Open to all juniors 21 and under

- ◆ *Market and breeding classes available*
- ◆ *Entry on Showman app opens 1/15*
- ◆ *Payouts determined by entries*
- ◆ *Papers required for breed classes*

See Facebook page for rules and more info

— Contact —

<i>Erin Halleran</i>	<i>Garrett Brandt</i>
618-570-5514	618-340-2826





40TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SHEEP & CRAFT FESTIVAL

SATURDAY APRIL 11 2026

@ MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Waterloo, IL

MoCo SPRING SHOWCASE:

- Jackpot-style show after Judging Contest
- More info on Facebook: MoCo Spring Showcase or Erin 618-570-5514 or Garrett 618-340-2826

OFFERING 4 CLASSES:
 SPINNING W/DROP SPINDLE,
 DRY FELTING, BEG. KNIT / CROCHET
 SIGN-UP ONLINE @ MCSHEEPPRODUCERS.COM

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

- » **KIDS CORNER / GAMES & ACTIVITIES**
Hosted by: *Monroe County 4-H Federation*
- » **BALLOON ARTIST** • 11am-1pm
- » **JUDGING CONTEST BEGINS** • 9:00am
open to all youth ages 8-19
**Please sign-up prior to contest*
- » **WOOL-PULL Pedal Pull**
Hosted by: *Monroe County FB Young Leaders*
Registration/Kids Corner @ 10:30am
Pull starts @ 11:30am in exhibit (main) building
{Contestant weight limit~35-120lbs.}
- » **SHEARING DEMOS** • 10am - 2pm • hourly
- » **WORKING SHEEP DOGS** • 11am, 12:30 & 2pm
Exhibition by *Robin Reasoner*
{dogs on grounds approx. 10am to 3pm}
- » **LUNCH** • 11am - 1:30pm
CARRYOUT with Dine-in areas available
Sampler plate featuring locally grown Lamb -
1 Chop + Brat + Shaved Leg + Burger w/2 sides

ALL DAY DISPLAYS:

- Spinning, Knitting & Weaving Demos
- Sheep Breeds

Local Lamb Cuts available to purchase:

- Vacuum sealed for your freezer & available to purchase on the day of the event

ADVANCE ORDERS TAKEN W/PICK-UP DAY OF:

- Contact Tricia Lutman at 618-830-2183 or email: info@mcsheepproducers.com

EVENT HOSTED BY: **MONROE COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS**

Partially funded by: **ALB** (American Lamb Board)

SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT:

- ILLINOIS LAMB & WOOL MARKETING BOARD
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- MONROE COUNTY 4-H FEDERATION
- RENEWAL by ANDERSEN (FRESH SERVICE WINDOWS & DOOR REPLACEMENT)
- 1st National Bank (Waterloo)
- Gateway FS





Interested in Animals? Want a scientific career?

See where this passion can
take you at



Veterinary Exploration Day

Explore your niche in a variety
of areas!

- Small Animal Vet • ER Vet
- Exotics Vet • Large Animal Vet
- Equine Vet • Certified Vet Technician
- Vet Assistant • X-ray Technician
- ...and more!

At this **FREE** event, students can...

- **Discover** how animal, human, and environmental health are all linked
- **Learn** about the role of veterinary technicians
- **Examine** X-rays and explore how veterinarians use imaging to diagnose and treat animals
- **Ask** questions about how to get into the veterinary field

Veterinary Exploration Day

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026
Time: 2-4 p.m.
Location: University of Illinois Jackie Joyner-Kersey Food Agriculture Nutrition Innovation Extension Center, Wrestling Center
Address: 2031 Lynch Ave, East St. Louis, IL 62205

Interested?

Scan the QR Code to Register



Please note:
 A chaperone must be present if you are under 18 & plan on attending.



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To Benefit: St. Clair County Extension & Education Foundation

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Please tell your server you are dining to donate at the time of payment to have up to 15% of your check's value, excluding tax and tip, donated to the organization above. Not to be used with other coupons, discounts or gift card purchases. Certificates are not to be distributed on Eckert's premises or within the surrounding parking areas.

Valid only for the date and time listed above.



★ 23rd Annual ★ 4-H Day

WITH THE

Cardinals

TICKET ONLY
\$28
*All Sales Final
T-SHIRT INCLUDED!



SATURDAY
16
MAY

*Payment is by credit card only

CARDINALS



ROYALS

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a St. Louis Cardinals game while they play the Kansas City Royals!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 13

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Each ticket order includes an entry into a drawing for autographed baseballs and other great prizes. One 4-H member will be drawn to throw out the first pitch! Drawing winners will be notified after April 27.
- Prize and drawing winners will be notified after April 27.

*Please note - groups that wish to sit together **MUST** submit **ONE** order.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-projects-opportunities/4-h-opportunities/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals>

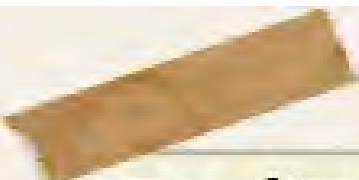
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Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

This training is required for all members enrolled in: HORSE, RABBIT, POULTRY, DOG, CAT & SMALL PET projects shown live (animal science posters do not have to take this training).

<https://4h.zsuite.org/clover-academy>
Choose: Quality Assurance & Ethics
Certification

Certifications only need to be completed one time. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.



4-H General Show Projects Public Viewing

NEW LOCATION:

Turkey Hill Grange
Located at 1375 IL-15
Belleville, IL 62220



Friday, July 10
11 am to 6 pm

Saturday, July 11
9 am to 11 am



Come explore the amazing projects created by our St. Clair County 4-H members at the St. Clair 4-H General Show!

- Judging: July 9 (closed to the public)
- Open to View: After judging, stop by to see the projects and awards!

Discover the creativity of youth across a variety of areas, including:

- Aerospace
- Cooking
- Visual Arts
- Welding
- ...and much more!

Celebrate the talent and hard work of our 4-H members, there's something for everyone to enjoy!



4-H Livestock Shows Public Viewing

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**905 Park Drive
Mascoutah, IL 62258**



Show Times



July 31

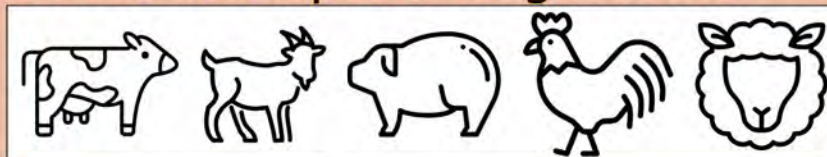
Rabbit Show - 9 am at the mascoutah AG Building
Poultry Show - 1 pm at the Mascoutah Ag Building
Swine Show - 6 pm at the Mascoutah Ag Building

August 1

Beef Show - 7:30 am at the Mascoutah Ag Building
Dairy Cattle Show to follow at the Mascoutah Ag Building
Sheep Show to follow at the Mascoutah Ag Building
Goat Show to follow at the Mascoutah Ag Building
Master Showmanship to follow 30 min after at the Mascoutah Ag Building

Come out and experience the excitement of the St. Clair County 4-H Livestock Shows!

Watch local youth showcase their hard work and dedication as they present their animals in a variety of shows. It's a great opportunity to support the community, learn more about agriculture, and see the skills 4-H members have developed throughout the year.



Fun for all ages!

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840 TAGS IN BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, AND SWINE

840 Tag Requirement

New this year, all swine, beef, and dairy cattle must have a USDA official animal identification number ear tag (840 tag). The tag must be both visually and electronically readable. We know that there will be many questions, so here are a few answers to some basic questions:

Who must have the 840 tag?

- Beef – all heifers, all cows, and all steers being exhibited at the fair
- ◦ Dairy Cattle – all heifers, all cows, all steers, and all calves being exhibited at the fair
- Swine – all gilts and all barrows being exhibited at the fair

Where do I get the 840 tag?

- Breeder in which you purchased your animal from (up to breeder)
- ◦ Local Veterinarian
- Purchase tag from a farm supply store (Valley Vet, Nasco)
- Purchase from Department of Agriculture:
<https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/premises-registration.html>

How do I purchase my own tags?

- The location of where the animal is being kept will have to have a registered Premise ID with the state of Illinois. With the Premise ID, you will be able to purchase tags from a farm supply store such as Valley Vet, Nasco, or the Department of Agriculture.
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We don't have a Premise ID, which hasn't been updated. What do we do?

- You can obtain an application from the Illinois Department of Agriculture and send it in.
- The turnaround time is very quick.
- If you have a Premise ID but need it updated, contact agr.premises@illinois.gov, and she will help you!
- If you need a new Premise ID, you can log onto <https://agr.illinois.gov> and search for "Fillable Premise Form," then fill it out and email it to the address listed on the form.

Will tags be checked when we arrive at the show?

- Yes, superintendents will be checking that all beef, dairy cattle, and swine have the tag.
- ◦ If an animal does not have a tag, it is not allowed to be on the fairgrounds.
- There is a chance that a State employee will be at the show monitoring that tags are checked, and if they are not, then 4-H and the fairgrounds can be fined.



2025-2026 4-H HANDBOOK

Here is this year's 4-H handbook for all 4-H members and families:
<https://go.illinois.edu/StClairCounty4-HHandbook>.

The handbook covers what 4-H is, its policies, what clubs do, the event calendar, and much more. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Cope via email at mawolff@illinois.edu

2025-2026 4-H MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Youth **five through seven years of age, on or before September 1** of the current 4-H year, may enroll in 4-H Cloverbud groups.

Youth who are **eight years of age and have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1** may enroll in 4-H clubs.

A youth who enrolls in a Madison County 4-H club must:

- **Attend at least four meetings** to be called a 4-H member. Youth who do not comply are not eligible to participate in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums, or receive other 4-H awards and recognitions available to 4-H members. **(College students can be enrolled when they live away from home and must attend at least one meeting when they are home on breaks or virtually.)**
- **Present a talk or demonstration at a club meeting during the project year.**
- **Youth enrolled in a livestock market class must turn in a livestock record book by September 15. If not completed by September 15, the youth will not be able to participate in a livestock market class the following year.**
- Complete enrollment by **January 15 to exhibit projects at 4-H shows.** Youth may enroll after this date, but are not eligible to exhibit projects at shows. Projects can be added up to this deadline, but the addition of projects is not accepted online after this date (except for SPIN Clubs).



St. Clair County Shooting Sports 4-H Clubs

Are you interested in joining a St. Clair County 4-H Shooting Sports Club? Below are our clubs that you can join. If you have any questions, contact Meghan Cope via email at mawolff@illinois.edu.

4-H Blasters Rifle Shooting Sports Club

Meeting: 1st Saturday of the month

Discipline- Rifle

Age: 8 - 18 years old

Location: Lebanon

Leader: Ryan Stoks
(rstoksdadd@gmail.com)

St. Clair Hot Shots Archery Shooting Sports Club

Meeting: 1st Saturday of the month

Discipline- Archery

Age: 8 - 18 years old

Location: Lebanon

Leader: Ryan Stoks
(rstoksdadd@gmail.com)





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- April 14 - Leaders Meeting
- April 14 - Fair Entry Opens
- April 23 - YQCA Training at 6:30 pm at St. Clair Farm Bureau

May

- May 1 - Deadline to complete YQCA and QAEC
- May 5 - Eckert's - Dine and Shop to Donate
- May 9 - Unit 4-H Horse Show
- May 16 - 4-H Day with the Cardinals

June

- June 22-25 Youth Cooking School
- June 30 - Deadline to Enter Projects in Fair Entry

July

- July 9 - General Project Show
- July 9 - Eckert's - Dine and Shop to Donate
- July 10 - General Project Show Viewing 10 am - 6 pm
- July 11 - General Project Show Viewing
- July 11 - Project Pick up 11 am - 12 pm
- July 29 - Livestock Set Up Night
- July 31 - Rabbit Show, Poultry Show, and Swine Show

August

- August 1 - Beef Show, Dairy Show, Sheep Show, Goat Show, Master Showmanship Show
- August 2 - Livestock Clean Up
- August 15 - State Fair Day for St. Clair County

September

- September 15 - Livestock Record Books and Award Applications Due



What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/subscribe?emailId=1495356942>



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