



**Deadlines:**

**April 15** - Swine Premiere

**May 1** - QAEC Due

**May 1** - Horse Papers

**May 15** - Sheep/Goat

Premiere Nominations

**May 20** - Henry Fair Entries

**June 1** - SF Horse Entries

**July 1** - Stark Fair Entries

**July 1** - SF Livestock Entries

**Events:**

**April 3** - Dog Obedience

**April 6** - Regional Horse Bowl

**April 27** - National 4-H Day  
of Service

**April 27** - Horse Judging

**June 22-30** - Henry Fair



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
 to our  
**WINNERS!**

The Stark County held their pistol exhibition on Sunday, March 17.  
 1st Place in Air Pistol went to Julia Kronner.  
 1st Place in the Senior Division of the .22 pistol went to Owen Longabaugh.  
 Placings in .22 rifle Junior Division were: 1st - Tanner Price; 2nd - Bo Longabaugh  
 3rd - Hyatt Longabaugh



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**Fair Entry Updates**

- Fair Entries for Henry County are due by **May 20**.
- You register for the fair by going to [fairentry.com](http://fairentry.com). You cannot register for the fair via 4-H Online.
- [Fairentry.com](http://fairentry.com) will be open for registrations on **April 1**.
- Log-in to [fairentry.com](http://fairentry.com) using your 4-H online email and password.
- If you forgot your password, reset it in **4-H Online NOT in Fair Entry**.
- If you forgot the email you use to log-in, contact the Extension Office.
- You can only register for project levels in which you are enrolled.

**Dog Obedience**

The Henry County dog obedience classes will begin on **Wednesday, April 3**.  
 Classes will continue every Wednesday until the fair.  
 All classes will be at the Henry County Fairgrounds in Cambridge from 6-7 p.m.  
 Dogs must be at least 6 months old to attend, and you must have proof of rabies vaccination with you at all practices. No females in season allowed.



# Club News and Notes



Members of the Kewanee King Pins made Valentine's cards for Veterans as part of their February meeting.



**April 7-13** Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 adult volunteers

supporting and guiding 4-H members. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who empower and prepare youth for future success. Please take time during this week to thank your 4-H leaders and volunteers for their service.

## Upcoming Shooting Sports:

**Archery:** Sundays beginning April 7 and continuing on April 14, 28; May 5, 12, 19; June 2 & 9. Club meets at the Stark County Fairgrounds in Wyoming.

**Shotgun:** Tuesdays beginning April 9 and continuing April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21 and 28. Club meets at the Isaak Walton League at Baker Park in Kewanee.

For more information about these clubs, contact the Extension office or Karen Horsley.

## SFI4-H Speaking for Illinois 4-H



Teens have an opportunity this spring to be trained as an Illinois 4-H spokesperson through the

*Speaking for Illinois 4-H* program. Speaking for Illinois 4-H training is open to 4-H members who are 14 and older. Both will be all-day training experiences to prepare teens to support our local 4-H program by soliciting donors, speaking to community groups, and updating county boards or other community governing bodies about local 4-H impact. On a state level, those attending a training can register for 4-H Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol where they will tell their story to Illinois legislators. The registration cost is \$12.

**LOGAN COUNTY:** Attend training on Saturday, April 27 at the Logan County Extension office, 980 N. Postville Dr., Lincoln. Register online @ [go.illinois.edu/sfi4h](http://go.illinois.edu/sfi4h) after March 28.

## True Leaders in Service



The 2019 National 4-H Day of Service is **April 27**. You can participate for the entire month of April though. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice) to register your event. There are also helpful planning resources at that site.

Illinois members and/or clubs who complete the steps below can claim a "national" 4-H activity on their Experience Award Applications.

1. Register your event at the website above
2. Promote your event on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders. Tag @illinois4H for a chance at fun prizes for your club
3. Complete your event then use the link to REPORT the number of youth and adults who participated
4. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) to submit a full report along with photos of the event in action.
5. Illinois had more registered service activities than any other state last year. Let's do it again!

## Raise Your Hand... yes, again!

The friendly competition across the nation is back April 1 – May 15. Look for more news across all our 4-H social media channels.



# NEWS & notes

## Livestock Edition

### RELEASE TIMES for SF Junior Show

**BEEF:** After 5 p.m. (or after all steer classes) on 8/10

**DAIRY:** After 4 p.m. on 8/17

**MEAT GOATS:** After the meat goat show on 8/9

**DAIRY GOATS:** After the dairy goat show on 8/11

**PYGMY GOATS:** After the show on 8/17

**MARKET SHEEP:** After the market show on 8/10

**BREEDING SHEEP:** After the breeding show on 8/12

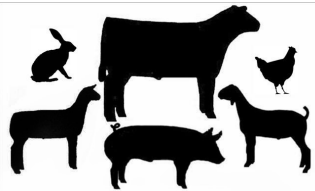
**SWINE:** Gilts must be in place by 8 AM on 8/7

**SWINE:** After the barrow show on 8/10

**POULTRY:** After the poultry show on 8/7

**RABBITS:** After the rabbit show on 8/12

## Animal Ethics



For the 2019 fairs, Quality Assurance & Ethics testing will still be required for any 4-H youth enrolled in any animal project who haven't already completed the

course. The training can be found here:

[web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec). The deadline to complete this training is **May 1**.

YQCA-Youth for the Quality Care of Animals will not be required this year, but will most likely be a requirement for the 2019-2020 4-H year.

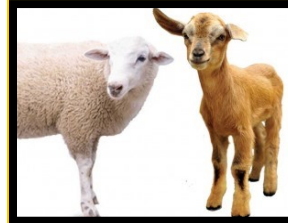
## Become a State Livestock Ambassador

The state will be selecting 10 new members for the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

Applicants must be a 4-H member or recent alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. Ambassadors serve one 2-year term with the option of applying for a second 2-year term.

To apply go to:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/leadership> and scroll to the bottom . Applications are due by **June 1**.



## New Process

There will be no regional sheep and goat tattooing this year.

Instead, exhibitors planning to show at the state fair should follow this process for nomination.

### For exhibitors *not* showing premiere:

1. Get a nomination form from Jennifer/Extension office.
2. Take close-up photos of Scrapie tag in the ear of each of your nominated animals. Pictures must be clear and tags legible. Tag must be permanently affixed in ear.
3. Return completed nomination form and pictures to the Extension office for signature and submission to the state.
4. **Nominations must be done between March 15 and May 15.** They must be returned to Extension office prior to May 15!



### For exhibitors showing *Premiere*:

1. Contact the Extension office to set-up a time to weigh and tattoo lambs between March 15 and May 15.

## Premiere Swine

- Farrowed on or after **February 10, 2019**
- Barrows must be nominated, ear-notched, & tattooed by **April 15**.
- Must be tattooed before they are 35 days old and must not weigh more than 1 lb. per day of age.
- Contact Jennifer to set-up a time to tattoo before **April 15**.





# NEWS & notes

## Livestock 2

### IL 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

**Date:** June 17

**Location:** U of I Stock Pavilion, 1402 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Urbana, IL

**Time:** 8:30 –9:30 a.m. Registration; Contest at 10 a.m.

**Cost:** \$10 for seniors to cover cost of lunch.

Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior or two senior teams. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine, and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions.

Get all the rules and details online at [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock)



### SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.



The Aksarben Stock show has overhauled their entire DNA nomination/entry process. This includes new DNA envelopes and new due dates. DNA nominations are now due July 1. Entries will be allowed in August. All processes are online. Please visit [www.aksarbenstockshow.com](http://www.aksarbenstockshow.com) for all the information and a list of all the new class additions.



### State Poultry Judging



The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, August 7 immediately following the Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on January 1, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4 p.m. Check out the state 4-H website for all the details.

### Horse Judging



#### State 4-H Horse Judging:

- \* Saturday, April 27
- \* Black Hawk East Campus
- \* Open to all 4-H youth
- \* Registration at 11 a.m.; Contest at Noon.

\* A judging card signed by Extension staff is required. Pick one up at your local office ahead of the contest.

**Remember:** Horse Ownership, Lease or Registration papers along with two color photos are due to the Extension office by **May 1**. State Fair horse entries are due to the State by **June 1**.



# NEWS & notes

## Around the State



### Give to 4-H

**Get your Clover at JOANN stores:** Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store. The local store for our counties is the one located at 3911 16th St. in Moline.



### Gone Fishing

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello.

Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

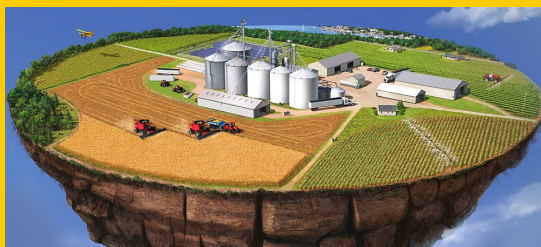
A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at 217-762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).

### The Future of Farming is...?

Farming is in a constant state of change. It is evolving with innovation in technologies. With a growing population, agriculture faces new challenges every day. The new challenges create endless opportunities to reinvent the industry. Farmfluencer is a global video competition, empowering youth and connecting them with farming.

Youth ages 16-24 are invited to make a 2-minute video about the future of farming. Submit your video for a chance to not only share your view point but also to be entered for a chance to win \$5,000.

The deadline to submit is **April 24**. Enter via their website at [www.farmfluencer.com](http://www.farmfluencer.com).




**REPORT**  
YOUR 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY AT:  
[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HSERVICE](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HSERVICE)



We know clubs are doing amazing service projects. The state 4-H office wants to share your amazing stories. It's simple to tell your story:

1. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice)
2. Tell us a little about your project.
3. Add a picture if you have one.

Your stories will be collected and shared back on the State 4-H Website! If you've already done a service project this year.... Great, go and report anything you've done since September 1, 2018.

Be recognized for all the good things you do in the community! This is not just limited to the April month of service contest. Go report the things you've done since the beginning of the year.



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# Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

We *might* have reached Spring! A new season means a whole slew of new deadlines. Thanks to everyone for making sure all enrollments were in 4-H Online by the March 1! Now, we can start worrying about registering for the fair.

Here is another breakdown of important dates to remember:

**April 1** - 1st day you can register for the fair. Do so at [faireentry.com](http://faireentry.com)

**May 1** - Horse papers due

**May 20** - All fair entries due. There will be no late entries accepted!

**June 1** - State Fair Horse Entries due. NOT a postmark date!

**July 1** - State Fair Livestock Entries due. NOT a postmark date!

Your leaders have fair books for you. Please look over the exhibit requirements for your projects early. Many of them have slight changes that might require you to have the manual. If you find you need manuals, contact us ASAP in case they are on backorder.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Happy Spring!

*Jennifer & Teresa*



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