



December 2020/January 2021

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## 4-H Happenings

**December 24– January 1**

**Office Closed**

**January 1**

**Re-enrolment deadline**

**Market Beef and Dairy  
Steer Ownership**

**January 5**

**4-H in a Bag pick up**

**January 18**

**Adventure Club Meeting**

**Office Closed**

**February 13**

**Beef Weigh-in**

The deadline is fast approaching to re-enroll for  
4-H. If you need help contact Samantha at  
[sgaither@illinois.edu](mailto:sgaither@illinois.edu).



## Federation News

Monday, January 11

6 p.m. Via Zoom

Federation will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 11 at 6 p.m. via zoom. We will be discussing workshop ideas and 4-H 101 series . If you are in the 8th grade or older and would like to join Federation, now is the time. Contact Samantha for more information. Zoom link will be sent by email to all youth eligible to be in Federation. Hope to see many new faces!



4-H Online 2.0

V2.4honline.com

Registration is open! New **Deadline to re-enroll** by is **January 1, 2021**.

Tips for enrolling:

- 1) Reset your password: Must have 10 characters, 1 capitol letter, 1 number and 1 symbol.
- 2) You must select your projects (they will not automatically show up).
- 3) \$20 program fee maybe paid by credit card or check to the office.
- 4) For multiple 4-H Members in a family paying with a credit card will need to wait 5 minutes between payments.
- 5) Youth will not be approved until payment is received.
- 6) Once approved an email will be sent to you with a project book survey. PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEY IF YOU NEED PROJECT BOOKS. (This is how you will order your project books)

The office will be closed between December 24- January 1 so please think ahead and plan to enroll sooner than later.

If you have questions please contact Samantha at [sgaither@illinois.edu](mailto:sgaither@illinois.edu) or 217-300-9128 or Debbie at [dlb84@illinois.edu](mailto:dlb84@illinois.edu) or 217-300-8677.



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## Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

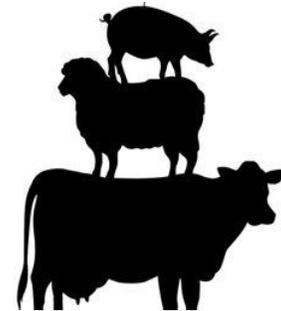
Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

**January 1st — Market Beef and Market Dairy**

**April 15th — Purebred and Commercial Beef, Dairy Heifers and Bull Calves**

**May 1st — Market Goats, Sheep, and Swine;  
Purebred and Commercial Does, Ewes, and Rams  
All Horses**

**June 1st — All Poultry and Rabbits**



**All 4Her's entering these projects must have the animal in their possession by these dates.**



### Beef Weigh-In

**When: February 13**

**Where: Lawrence County Fairgrounds**

**What Time: 8 AM**

All youth enrolled in Beef that are going to show market beef at the 2021 Lawrence County fair will need to attend the beef weigh-in on Saturday, February 13. All commercial heifers (crossbreeds) will need to be tattooed during this time. If you cannot make this date, please contact Samantha at the Extension office.

## Save the dates!

Dates for the 2021 Lawrence County 4-H Fair are July 22-July 29

2021 Illinois State Fair August 12-22

# 4-H IN A BAG

**Looking for a fun educational activity that you can do from home?**

Unit 25 extension has you covered! Join in on our monthly subscription bags. For the months of January thru April we will have a different activity planned for you each month. All you have to do is register for our event. We will prepare a take home bag for you with all the materials you will need for the projects. Then you can join us live on Facebook as we teach you the lesson. Or you can catch our videos on replay!

## January

- Explosion in a bag  
(cloverbuds only)
- What's in that bottle?!

## February      March

- Fresh Chef
- Origami

## April

- DIY Birdfeeder

January's pick up will be on Tuesday, January 5th in the black tub outside the office.

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## WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL ESPORTS SPIN CLUB?

With eSports becoming one of the largest growing tech industries in the world, with an annual revenue of \$1.5 billion with an expectation to reach \$2.2 billion by 2023, it is time that our youth become poised and ready to meet the demands of this growing field.

Are you **at least 12 years old and own a computer or gaming system**? This year Illinois 4-H released a pilot curriculum focused on the growing field of electronic sports, or eSports, and we would like to pilot it with you! As a pilot, we hope to add to and modify the curriculum based on the feedback and input of the youth involved. Under the direction of Illinois 4-H Computer Science Innovator Eric Li, youth will be virtually guided (using Zoom) through the eSports Pilot curriculum, learn the basics of the eSports field, and learn about the hardware and software that makes eSports possible. In addition, youth will be able to play and practice their favorite games as a team, and potentially compete in one or more eSports competitions through the Spring and Summer.

**Registration for this opportunity will open on Dec. 1 and close on Jan. 15, with meetings beginning the third week of January.** Schedule and goals will be determined/presented in the first meeting with plans on meeting at least twice a month (and more frequently before competitions).

Interested youth can sign up at the link below:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22817>

For questions or comments, please contact the Illinois 4-H STEM Team at [Illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu](mailto:Illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu)

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### ILLINOIS 4-H FOOD ADVOCACY TEAM ANNOUNCES FOOD ADVOCACY GRANT

Want to do more about food insecurity where you live? With the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders throughout Illinois will have the opportunity to receive financial support for projects addressing food security, food access, and food justice in their neighborhoods and communities. Applications are due Monday, December 21st for review by the Food Advocacy Team. For more information and ideas for service-learning projects, see the online application: <https://go.illinois.edu/FoodAdvocacyGrant>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu).

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### NUTRIEN ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN GRANT

In coordination with the National 4-H Council and the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders will work with an industry leader in addressing topics of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. Teams must consist of three youth leaders and one adult mentor. Applications are due December 31st, 2020. Projects will be supported up to \$1,000.

Link to application: <https://go.illinois.edu/NutrienCAP> For more information, contact Mark Becker, [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu).



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**WE WILL BE SELECTING 15 YOUTH TO BE PART OF THIS  
EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY IN ILLINOIS**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS JANUARY 4, 2021**

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*Happy  
Holidays*



*from: Tara,*

*Samantha,*

*and Debbie*