



**Deadlines:**

- March 1** - Enrollments and Project Enrollments
- April 15** - Swine Premiere
- May 1** - QAEC Due
- May 15** - Sheep/Goat Premiere Nominations

**Events:**

- March 16** - Geneseo Livestock Judging
- March 24** - Henry Leader Meeting
- April 6** - Regional Horse Bowl
- April 27** - National 4-H Day of Service
- April 27** - Horse Judging



**Rifle Exhibition**

The Stark County Shooting Sports held their rifle exhibition on Sunday, February 3.

1st Place in Air Rifle went to Julia Kronner.

1st Place in the Senior Division of .22 rifle went to Owen Longabaugh.

Placings in .22 rifle Junior Division were:  
1st - Tanner Price  
2nd - Alex Welch  
3rd - Bo Longabaugh



**Enrollment Updates**

1. All enrollments must be in by **March 1** in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All members have until **April 1** to make changes to or add project enrollments. The project section of 4-H Online locks on March 1, so any changes or additions will have to be made by calling the Extension office.
3. Henry County fair entries will open in April and must be completed by **May 20**.
4. Stark County entries will open on June 1 and are due by **July 1**.



A big thank you to everyone who helped make beef weigh-in possible. It truly took a village this year to get all the grounds prepared. We appreciate all the people who pushed and hauled snow at both the Wyoming Sale Barn and the Henry County Fairgrounds.

Special thanks to Paul Miller, Cory DeRycke, Buzz Iliff, and Jay Iliff.



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# Club News and Notes



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

## Leader Meeting

Henry County will have a pre-fair leader meeting on **Sunday, March 24** at the Cambridge Community and Youth Center at 3 p.m.

We will have fair books for you to pick-up at the meeting along with fair entry instructions. We will also go over all the changes coming to both the county and state fairs this year.

It will also be a chance for us to go over changes coming to the food stand and figure out a schedule. If you cannot make the meeting, please try to send a representative from your club.

## 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.

## Legislative Connection Dates



Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2019: March 26 & 27 and May 8 & 9.

All youth who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.

## 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.



**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.



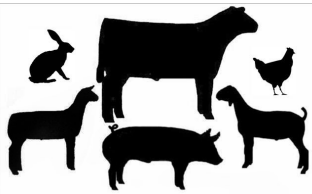
# NEWS & notes

## Livestock Edition

### ARRIVAL TIMES for SF Junior Show

- BEEF:** Performance Cow/Calf in place by noon on 8/6
- BEEF:** Heifers must be in place by noon on 8/6
- BEEF:** Steers must be in place by 8 PM on 8/6
- DAIRY:** must be in place by 5 PM on 8/13
- GOATS:** Meat Goats must be in place by noon on 8/7
- GOATS:** Dairy Goats must be in place by 8 AM on 8/11
- GOATS:** Pygmy Goats must be in place by 11 AM on 8/16
- SHEEP:** Market Lambs must be in place by 8 PM on 8/8
- SHEEP:** Breeding Sheep must be in place by 9 PM on 8/10
- SWINE:** Gilts must be in place by 8 AM on 8/7
- SWINE:** Barrows must be in place by 8 AM on 8/8

## Animal Ethics

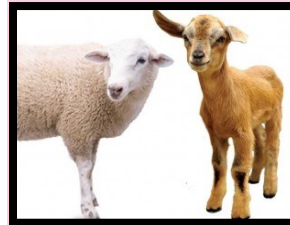


For the 2019 fairs, Quality Assurance & Ethics testing will still be required for any 4-H youth enrolled in any animal project who haven't already completed the

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.

## Geneseo Livestock Judging: Take 2

- Date:** Saturday, March 16
- Time:** Registration 8-9:45 a.m.; Contest 10:00 a.m.
- Location:** Black Hawk East
- Teams:** 4 members per team, top 3 scores counted
- Cost:** \$25 on or before March 12, \$30 at the door
- Contact:** Brian Stahl ([bstahl@geneseoschools.org](mailto:bstahl@geneseoschools.org)) or 309-945-2539



## 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**.







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## 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)



### Carroll County Judging Contest

**When:** Saturday, March 16

**Where:** Carroll County Hwy Building, 10735 Mill Rd., Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

**Time:** Registration 11:45 - 12:15 p.m.; Contest 12:30 p.m.

**Register:** Online at [go.illinois.edu/CarrollJudging](http://go.illinois.edu/CarrollJudging)

**What:** 3 rings of each species, 1 production ring for each species and a question class.



### State Poultry Judging



The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, August 7 immediately following the Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. 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.

### Ownership Dates

**Barrows** - Farrowed on or after **January 1, 2019**. Owned by June 1, 2019.

**Market Wethers & Ewes** - Lambed on or after **January 1**. Ownership date: May 15, 2019

**Meat Goat Wethers** - Born on or after **October 1, 2018**. Ownership date: May 15, 2019

**Heifers** - September 1 to March 31, 2019. Owned by June 1.

**Dairy** - Cows owned by January 1, 2019. Calves and heifers owned by June 1, 2019.

**Gilts** - Farrowed on or after January 1. Owned by June 1.

**Ewes & Rams** - Owned by June 25, 2019

**Meat Goats** - Owned by May 15, 2019

\*\*Note: These ownership dates are for state fair, they do not necessarily reflect your county's dates.\*\*



### 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.

**State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest:** Scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at David Kinley Hall on U of I's campus beginning at 10 a.m. All 4-H members can participate. Just register with the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

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



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## Around the State

# JOANN

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## 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.



## STEMbot Challenge

More than 400 youth are expected to compete in this year's State 4-H Robotics Challenge. Teams of youth may enter to compete May 11. The contest will be held at the Interstate

Center in Bloomington. Get all the details of the challenge online at [go.illinois.edu/4Hrobotics](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hrobotics). This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! Enter your team, or come and visit the contest to see what all the buzz is about!



Many say it's the best trip of their 4-H career. Join us for Citizenship Washington Focus! The national conference is open to 4-H members age 14-18 by May 1, 2019. The trip is June 8-15. Teens explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, provide youth voice on issues that concern them, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2019 cost is \$1,400, with financial assistance from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Register to attend NOW at [go.illinois.edu/4HCWF](http://go.illinois.edu/4HCWF)



## 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).

## Be a Camp Counselor



Earn a starting salary of \$1,925 while you work outside and lakeside for seven weeks this summer! Counselors, minimum age 16, are needed at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. You will live onsite at Memorial the following days: June 4-13, June 16-20, June 30—July 4, July 7-12, and July 28 – August 1. Meals are provided. Counselors receive a week of training prior to the start of camp. Training dates will be set later according to school schedules. Materials available online at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp>.







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## Plant A Pollinator Garden

You can receive free seed to help establish habitats for honey bees and other pollinators with the help of the GROWMARK System. Growing the number of pollinator gardens this year will help provide even more habitat for bees and other beneficial pollinator species. Here's how:



- Find a public place and get permission to plant a pollinator garden before you apply.
- Complete the online application by April 1 at [www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator](http://www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator)
- If you have questions, contact Karen Jones, [kjones@growmark.com](mailto:kjones@growmark.com) or 309-557-6184.
- You'll receive enough seed to plant a 700-square foot area. GROWMARK will provide educational signage you are asked to post.



## Work for Illinois 4-H Foundation

Applications are being accepted for an intern to work at the Illinois 4-H Foundation office from May through August on the U of I campus. Applicants will assist with event planning, database use, communicating with alumni and friends, marketing, stewardship, and other office administrative duties. Apply by March 29 by submitting a cover letter, resume, and three references to [illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu).

## ExplorACES

Take a day and find out just what University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences offers students. March 8 is saved for prospective students and their families; March 9 is for confirmed ACES students. Learn more online at [exploreaces.org](http://exploreaces.org).



Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens **March 1** at [go.illinois.edu/illini4H](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4H).

Check in at 3 p.m. Sunday,

June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by September 1, 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.

Spend 18 hours in one of these exciting college study programs:

- Health, Sports and Wellness Careers: \$250
- Veterinary Medicine: \$355
- Animal Sciences: \$350
- Aerospace Engineering: \$440
- Electrical & Computer Engineering: \$465
- Molecular and Cellular Biology: \$365
- Ag Communications: \$280
- Human Development & Family Studies: \$275
- Animal Nutrition & Welfare: \$440
- Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling & Fabrication: \$315
- MYPI Disaster Preparedness: \$400
- Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences: \$240
- Light & Sound for Stage & Theater: TBD
- Ag Mechanization-Horses to Drones: \$440
- Crop Sciences: \$240
- Food Science and Human Nutrition – **NEW**: \$290

When you're not in Academy time, you'll be exploring campus, hanging out with new friends, and having new adventures you can only find at U of I.

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# Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

Is everyone as sick of winter as me? February has been a very long month filled with mostly cancellations. We apologize for all the things that had to be cancelled last minute. Our fingers are crossed for a better March.

Remember that if you want to exhibit at the fair, your enrollment must be in by **March 1**. I (Jennifer) will be out of the state from February 28 through March 10. If you run into problems getting enrolled in that time, please either call our office or try and reach Teresa in the Mercer County office.

When you call the offices (Galva or Mercer) now, you will reach our NEW office support. We are very excited to welcome Molly Foster into the fold. We are very happy to have her on board. You will start hearing from her more as she gets more comfortable in her role. Her email is mrfoster@illinois.edu--in case you need to reach her.

Have a great rest of your  
February,

*Jennifer & Teresa*



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