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Calendar of events

February 17	Illini Summer Academies Registration Opens
February 18	Volunteer Café Conversations
February 19	DEADLINE: Agri-Science Virtual Summit Registration
February 28	Last day to apply ISA Trailblazer scholarship
March 1	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training opens 6/5 & 7/24
March 4	DEADLINE: Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Registration
March 5-7	2021 Agri-Science Virtual Summit
March 6	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training (Virtual)

Extension Office Update

Pam Vaughan-Sturgeon, County Director serving Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby Counties has made the decision to extend remote work through February, with a hybrid capacity in March. The plan is to be in the office full time by April and open to the public by mid April.

Officer Training

Saturday, March 6, 9:30 a.m.

Shelby County 4-H Federation is planning an officer training to be held with Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie and Douglas Counties. The training will focus on how to be an effective club officer. Club officer positions that will be included are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. This training is open to all 4-H age members; you don't have to be a current officer to attend. More information will be emailed soon.

Explore 4-H - March Can Can Robots

Saturday, March 20, via Zoom.

Open to all ages. Cloverbuds will need a parent to assist.

Based off of the Junkdrawer robotics project area, 4-H members will receive a project kit that will include everything to make a Can Can Robot.

- Registration will be open from March 1-14.
- Pick up kits will be the week of March 19.
- On March 20, a Zoom meeting will be held at 9 a.m. that will walk members through building their Can Can Robot.

You can register at <https://go.illinois.edu/marchexplore4h>

Farm Credit Service Grant Opportunities

Moultrie-Douglas 4-H would like to ask clubs to consider applying for a Farm Credit Illinois Community Improvement Grant. Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvement grants. Grants could focus on building improvements through painting and repairing, provide/ update landscaping, purchasing a tree, constructing a welcome sign to your community, planting a garden, trees and flowers, etc. For more information: [https:// www.farmcreditil.com/Community](https://www.farmcreditil.com/Community)

Suggestions for success when applying for grants:

- Create a tangible and visible presence in the community
- Require youth sweat equity
- Deliver tangible value to the community
- Take photos or provide added documents to support the application.

4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The camp website will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.



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Club News

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Club- Camargo Champs

New Business- We are starting the show me dough fundraiser soon. We also are going to be doing the Tuscola roundup days on February 13th. Carson Kappes led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Josh led the 4-H pledge.

Talk/Demo's- Josh did a demo on how to make homemade birdfeeders, using pine-cones, peanut butter, and bird-seed.

Eli did a demo on how to draw using javascript as an editor.

Landon and Carson Kappes did a demo on how to set up two different fishing poles.



Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed

Moultrie-Douglas 4-H is currently looking for archery, and rifle instructors.

A 4-H Shooting Sports club leader may be a parent or other adult in the community who is interested in working with young people on basic shooting skills and safety. Often the trained Coordinator takes the lead. Interested adults do not have to be expert marksmen to become involved in the program. Adults wishing to become 4-H Leaders must be approved by local Extension offices.

Certification Training

Shooting sports has the strictest regulations of any Illinois 4-H project. Governed by the national 4-H Shooting Sports program and the University of Illinois, volunteers working with the program must complete a weekend certification before being accepted as an instructor. 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training opens 6/5 & 7/24

Responsibilities

Administration: follow state plan, policies, and risk management requirements. Complete reports, maintain 4-H membership records, and maintain equipment inventories.

Communications: develop good working relationships with members, parents, instructors, volunteers and Extension professional staff.

Planning: work with other instructors, Extension staff, parents, members and community partners to develop a county shooting sports short-term and long-term plan to create the best possible program for your county. This includes setting up a 4-H Shooting Sports Committee that seeks to grow the program.

Promotion: Promote the 4-H Shooting Sports program to youth, families and the community through various ways.

Organize: Plan/schedule supplemental learning experiences-tours, special events, service projects, etc.

Relationship Building: Liaison with the Extension Service and county 4-H committee.

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2021 – Livestock Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show

For complete Rules, Regulations, and nomination forms for Premiere Shows, please refer to the information from Dan Jennings.

STEERS:

Calved on or after January 1, 2020

Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2021

Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged –

On or between the last Saturday in January (January 30, 2021) and February 28, 2021.

BARROWS: Regular Barrows

Farrowed on or after January 1, 2021 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021.

No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF

BARROWS: Premiere Barrows

Farrowed on or after February 10, 2021 and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021

Weighed and Tattooed with Box A tattoo from February 10 to April 15, 2021

Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age

Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows

SHEEP Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

Lambled on or after January 1, 2021

Ownership Date – May 15, 2021

Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.

Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2021. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E., Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.

Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs: - Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:

- Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.
- Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed with the Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1 - This must be witnessed by a local Extension employee or a person they designate, such as a volunteer or local sheep superintendent.
- Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office.
- Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above).
- Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2021.
- Lambled on or after January 1, 2021

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Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2020

Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2021

Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office.

Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2021. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville IL 60563

2021 Breeding Animals

Birth & Ownership Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

Age requirement is from September 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021 (*w/ addition of Senior Yearling class*)

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

Performance Cows

Cows must be born before September 1, 2019 (*Cow-Calf Class only*)

Owned and personally cared by exhibitor since January 1, 2021

SWINE – GILTS:

Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2021

Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020

Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2020

Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2021

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2021

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

No age requirements

Calves and Heifers – Owned since June 1, 2021

Cows – Owned since January 1, 2021

HORSE & PONY:

On or before June 1 – Copies of the ownership and/or lease papers, State Fair Entries, and one set of photos sent to Stephanie Hardy at: Illinois State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield IL, 62794-9427. PH: 217-782-0786

DOGS:

Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2021

At this time, no paperwork is required to be on file. Make entries via 4-H online.

DAIRY GOATS:

Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by June 1, 2021.

Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2021.

MEAT GOATS

All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2021.

RABBITS, PYGMY 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.

Changes/Notices Regarding the 2021 Illinois State Fair Animal Exhibits

Note: This list is only a NOTICE of changes that have been made regarding various animal exhibits at the State Fair. Local Extension staff, Vocational Agriculture instructors, and exhibitors and their families should read *complete* rules and regulations included in the 2021 ISF Jr. Department Premium book once printed copies are received or the book is posted on the ISF website: <http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>.

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification is mandatory for all horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animals. The website is now open. All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QA&E Certification via this site one time during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

The new YQCA program is mandatory for all dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goat exhibitors in 4-H. Details on this program are available at your county Extension Office.

Horses – Ownership, Lease papers, photos, and Entries are to be sent in together directly to: **Stephanie Hardy at the Illinois State Fair by June 1** for verification of State Fair entries. If units wish to keep copies of this information for their own shows, they should make photocopies or require the exhibitors to submit two sets of forms.

All junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered. Fees will be due with class entries – June 1 for Horses, July 1 for all other livestock. Fees will be updated in the State Fair Premium Book.

4-H Project Exhibit Requirements

A 4-H Project Exhibit Requirements Book has been created and can be found at: <https://uofi.box.com/s/4xe6du1hqw9ab010lo7kxr3jx9gxwqx2>

This book list all available projects and the classes that will be offered at the 4-H Show. If you are not sure what a project is, the Exhibit Requirements book will be a great resource for members. For those members who like to start working on their fair exhibits, you can look at the exhibit requirements to make sure you have followed all the guidelines. If you find that the project requires activities to be completed in a project manual and haven't ordered a project manual, contact Angie to order the project manual. The fair book listing all the fair dates will be published at a later date.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars **Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship