

4-H FAMILY

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

FEBRUARY 2025

NEWS



Hello 4-H Families,

Check out all the upcoming events and information below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 217-244-4385 with any questions. We are looking forward to a wonderful February!

Thank you,

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840 TAGS IN BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, AND SWINE

We are excited about our new 4-H year and hope you are, too! We have a couple of changes for livestock that we would like to bring to your attention as the new year has begun.

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.
- We don't have a Premise ID or it isn't 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, reach out to 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.



LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

All members are highly encouraged to fill out a 4-H Record Book for livestock and/or horse projects exhibiting at a 4-H Show.

It is REQUIRED to fill out 4-H Record Books for any livestock that members are showing in a market class.

Members must complete a livestock record book for the current year to be eligible to show in a market class for the preceding year.

The PDF versions of the books are found here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>

They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print them off and fill it in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here:

https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide to

help you through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by
September 15.



YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) TRAINING



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

There will not be a Instructor Led Training in St. Clair County this year. Youth are more than welcome to join an Instructor Led Training in a different county depending on their availability or participate in the Web-Based training.

THE WEB-BASED TRAINING: 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 Fair per USDA requirements.

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

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QAEC Training

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

This training is required for all members enrolled in: HORSE, RABBIT, POULTRY, DOG, CAT & SMALL PET projects shown live or via an Animal Science project.



<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.



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St. Clair County 4-H Teens as Teachers Meeting

Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.
at the St. Clair County Farm Bureau Office
1478 E State Route 15, Belleville, IL 62221

What is 4-H Teens as Teachers?

- University of Illinois Extension 4-H Program and St. Clair County Ag in the Classroom are partnering to teach youth about agriculture.
- This program is open to **teens 14-18 years old**.
- Teen Teachers will be required to complete **8 hours of training** and **8 hours of volunteer teaching** to complete the program.

As a member of the 4-H Teens as Teachers team...

- **You** will be a role model for young kids who share your passion!
- **You** will expand your knowledge by working with experts in the things you like to do.
- **You** will get practical training that you can use in college, in your career, and throughout life.

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE!



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Dear 4-H Families,

The St. Clair County Extension and Education Foundation has a new online fundraising campaign that uses the website GiveButter.

<https://givebutter.com/StClairCoExtEd24-25> The website will hopefully make it simpler for supporters to donate. It also makes sharing the fundraiser with family, friends, and community partners interested in donating and supporting Extension programs in St. Clair County easier. The website allows individuals to make a one-time donation or donations throughout the year. You can pay with a credit card, PayPal, or Venmo. When you make a contribution, you will have the opportunity to write a message on the event website, or you can be anonymous.

The GiveButter website replaces the direct mailer donation request that was sent in previous years. If you would like to contribute to the Foundation but prefer not to use the GiveButter website, please make your check payable to St. Clair County Extension and Education Foundation and mail it to P.O. Box 117, Waterloo, IL 62298.

The St. Clair County Extension and Education Foundation makes an annual financial contribution to Illinois Extension. That contribution supports local programs serving St. Clair County. The Foundation has organized fundraisers throughout the year, including the Gardens in Bloom tour and the 4-H T-shirt sale.

If you have any questions about the Foundation or if you are interested in serving on the Foundation and organizing fundraising events, please let me know. I am happy to connect you with a Board member.

Thank you,
Meghan Cope



LIVESTOCK BOOSTERS OF SAINT CLAIR COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

Join us for the
ShowPig
CONFERENCE

A Free
Virtual
Event
To help you improve
your show skills

February
8
2025

Register Here



showpigconference.com



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2024-2025 4-H HANDBOOK

Need to know more about...

- Project selection
- 4-H Shows
- Member expectations
- Livestock requirements
- Where to go for questions



Check out the St. Clair County 4-H Handbook:
<https://go.illinois.edu/StClairCounty4-HHandbook>.

2024-2025 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 and have yet to reach their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1** may enroll in 4-H clubs.

A youth who enrolls in a St. Clair 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 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 cannot 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).



Mark Your Calendar for the Live Pig Sale

LIVE PIG SALE

Chasing the Dream & Banners

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

PREVIEW STARTS 11AM - AUCTION AT 1PM

Berkshire - Duroc - Hampshire - Hereford - Spot - Tamworth - Cross



KEITH IBERG @ IBERG SHOWPIGS 618-201-2745
LARRY HYBBERT @ CAGED TREE FARMS 618-925-3890
TY OLSON @ A&W GENECTICS 309-781-0823
KEITH HUTSON @ PATRICK'S HAMPS 217-473-1138

LUNCH PROVIDED
12862 IBERG RD
HIGHLAND, IL





March 10, 2025 at 6 pm at the Madison County Farm Bureau Auditorium

Madison & St. Clair 4-H Public Speaking Show

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H SHOWS 2025

- Public Speaking Contest – **March 10, 2025, 6 pm** at Madison County Farm Bureau
- Unit 4-H Horse Show – **May 10, 2025, 9 am** at Monroe County Fairgrounds
- General Project Show – **July 31, 2025** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Rabbit Show – **August 1, 2025 at 9 am** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Poultry Show – **August 1, 2025 at 1 pm** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Swine Show – **August 1, 2025 at 6 pm** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Beef Show – **August 2, 2025 at 7:30 am** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Dairy Cattle Show to follow Beef Show – **August 2, 2025** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Sheep Show to follow Dairy Cattle Show – **August 2, 2025** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Goat Show to follow the Sheep Show – **August 2, 2025** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Master Showmanship – **August 3, 2025** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Project Pick Up – **August 3, 2025 11 am - 12:30** Madison County Fair Grounds

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EDWARDSVILLE OFFICE UPDATE:

THE MADISON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE IN EDWARDSVILLE WILL BE UNDER IRREGULAR AND LIMITED OFFICE HOURS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

OUR UPDATED HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

 **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY:**
(8:00 AM - 4:30 PM) (CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12-1 PM)

 **TUESDAY & FRIDAY:**
(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, YOU CAN REACH US AT 618-344-4230 OR EMAIL US AT UIE-MMS@ILLINOIS.EDU.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.



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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
Location: Lebanon
Leader: Ryan Stoks
(rstoksdadd@gmail.com)

St. Clair Hot Shots Archery Shooting Sports Club

Meeting: 1st Saturday of the
month
Description: Archery
Meeting Date: Lebanon
Leader: Ryan Stoks
(rstoksdadd@gmail.com)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- March 10 - Public Speaking Contest

April

April 2 - Leaders Spring Meeting 6:30 pm at St. Clair County Farm Bureau

May

- May 10, 2025 - Unit 4-H Horse Show at Monroe County Fairgrounds

July

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What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/42/1495356942.html>



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