



4-H Steubenite

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Cornell Cooperative Extension
Steuben County

2024 4-H SUMMER SHOWCASE

What to expect:

***Animal Shows, Youth Projects,
4-H Market Animal Sale, Cake
Auction, Games and so much
more!***

JULY 25 - 28



MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE SOON!



Upcoming Events

January

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	1 OFFICE CLOSED Ownership Deadline for Market Beef Steers, Small Frame Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers (Class #2)	2 Dog Obedience @ Howard 5:30p.m.	3 ONLINE Market Beef Steers/Heifers & Market/Feeder Dairy Steer ID's Due (Class #2)	4	5 Market Turkey & Market Chick orders due to CCE	6
7 Hippology & Horse Bowl 2-4 @ CCE Office	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Paint and Sip Hot Cocoa 12-1:30pm Hippology & Horse Bowl 2-4 @ CCE Office	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16	17	18 4-H Program Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	19	20
21 @ CCE Office: Livestock Class 12-2 Poultry Class 2-4 Hippology & Horse Bowl 2-4	22	23	24	25	26	27 Macrame Workshop 10-11:30am @ CCE Office
28 Hippology & Horse Bowl 2-4 @ CCE Office	29	30	31 Robotics 5:30-6:30 CCE Office			

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February

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March - NYS Agricultural Literacy Week March 18 - 22

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Dairy Bowl Contest
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 County Public Presentations 9 – 3 @ CCE Maple Weekend
17 Poultry Class 2 – 4 @ CCE Office Maple Weekend	18	19 National Ag Day	20	21	22	23 Maple Weekend
24 Hippology & Horse Bowl 2-4@ CCE Office HAPPY EASTER 31	25 Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest Deadline (County & National Level)	26	27 Robotics 5:30-6:30pm CCE Office	28	29	30

Please check www.putknowledgetowork.org; <https://www.facebook.com/steuben4H/> and Monday Memo for the most current dates & information or any changes that may occur.

Checking the Web!

It is very important that everyone is checking the web site, www.putknowledgetowork.org and then click on 4-H Youth on a weekly basis as new items are appearing on the web site daily. We will keep you informed of upcoming events and changes by

Office News



Please Note 4-H Office Policy!!!!

Any items, Achievement Night items, Banquet items, Fair items, etc., left in the 4-H Office over 60 days from the date you are notified will be disposed of as the 4-H Staff deems reasonable. You will receive one phone call or email notification. It will be noted on each item the date that you were notified. Please make sure items are picked up, for you or your club, in a timely manner.

4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program

Registration Due January 3 with course Starting January 17th

Youth who will be 14 and over as of January 1, 2024 can take the course for certification. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. The cost for this course is \$25.00 for 4-H members to cover the cost of materials and is payable to CCE by Friday, January 8th. The online registration form can be found @ <https://forms.gle/63FnHEEMGXhAjGy8> or by contacting Michelle at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2571. Teens who are not current 4-H members are eligible to take this course but in addition they will need to complete a 4-H enrollment packet as an independent member by Monday, January 6 which is found on our website and pay the \$10.00 4-H enrollment fee.

The schedule for the course is as follows:

Wednesdays, January 17 – April 3 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. CCE Office

Hands-On/Driving Sessions: Saturdays 3/16, 3/23 1-4 p.m. with the locations to be announced.

Wednesday, April 3 (written test) 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. CCE Office

Saturday, April 6 (driving test) Location TBA 1- 4 p.m.



SERVE  GROW  THRIVE  MAKE  SERVE  GROW  THRIVE  MAKE 

Successful completion of this course (classroom & driving) provides Tractor and Machinery Certification for youth 14 years and older. This Certification allows youth 14 and up to legally operate tractors and machinery while off the family farm. Farm Safety awareness is a major focus! Youth must be 14 years of age by Jan. 1st, 2024

Classroom Dates:

1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3
6:30PM-8:30PM @ CCE Office

Driving Classes:

3/16, 3/23, 4/6 (driving test)

Cost: \$25 for Current Steuben 4-H Members
Not a 4-H member but want to take the course? You can join for just \$10!
To Register Call Michelle @ 607-664-2571
or email mlc353@cornell.edu

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2024 NYS 4-H STARR

SAVE THE DATE for STARR 2024, May 3-5 @ NYS Fairgrounds! Limited space available – save the date and look for registration information coming soon!!

The State Teen Action Representative Retreat (STARR) is a three-day, fun-filled event where 4-H teens participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. The event is planned by teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee and will again be held at New York State Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY. STARR is open to all NYS 4-H Teens. Registration information will be available soon!

NYS 4-H Capital Days

4-H Capital Days is a NYSACCE4-HE sponsored event that gives youth an opportunity to meet and interact with legislators and tell their 4-H story. 4-H Capital Days creates awareness of career opportunities in New York State government, better understand state government, and network with delegates from other counties. Delegates are chosen by their county 4-H program. 4-H Capital Days dates are May 19 - 21, 2024 in Albany!

Teen Planning Committee Applications are available on the [state website](#) and must be signed by the county 4-H Educator. Youth do not have to have attended in the past, though it is helpful, and they have to be available for



conference calls/zoom for planning before the event.

Please contact [Jenny](#) if you have any questions or are interested in applying for the planning committee or in attending the 2024 Capital Days. Discounted prices available!

National Ag Day Essay Contest Announces February 9th Deadline

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) calls on 9th to 12th grade students in the 2023-2024 school year to submit an original, 450-word essay or a two-minute video about the importance of agriculture.

Please visit <http://www.agday.org/essay-contest> for further details Entry forms and essays must be received by midnight CST, February 9, 2024

Steuben County 4-H Shooting Sports

Did you know that 4-H has a nationally recognized program based around shooting sports? In Steuben County we have a shooting sports program that children can learn archery, air rifle, air pistol, shotgun, muzzle loader and hunting, conservation, and outdoor skills (HCOS), all while learning how to handle the equipment safely while having fun. We have an indoor range that allows us to shoot archery all year round.

Upcoming Archery Class

Come learn safety, accuracy, and different style bows with this class.

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4-H Shooting Sports Archery

When: January 7 & 14, 2024
Time: 2p-5p
Where: Bath Rod and Gun Club
Cost: FREE to enrolled members
not enrolled? Ask how to enroll

Must be ages 8-18
Spots are limited

Register Here:
<https://forms.gle/jjWwwayohN4VP1Ts8>

Questions: Reach out
amz65@cornell.edu or
call 607-664-2300 opt 0



Upcoming Archery Practices

Youth who have taken the archery class who would like to come work on skills.

Attention 4-H Shooting Sports Archers

Have you taken the 4-H Archery Course?
Want to improve your skills?

We will be having open range.
Drop in for a little bit or the whole time,
one time or everytime

When: January 10, 17, 24, 31
Time: 5:30p-7:30p Ages: 8-18
Where: Bath Rod and Gun Club

Requirements:

- must have completed 4-H archery course
- must wear closed toe shoes and hair pulled back
- Register so we know you are coming

Optional

- bring own inspected bow and arrows

Any Questions or to register:
607-664-2300 option 0 or
email: amz65@cornell.edu

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Air Rifle Class

Youth 9-18 can come learn the basics on shooting an air rifle.

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4-H Shooting Sports Air Rifle

When: February 4 & 11, 2024
Time: 2p-5p
Where: Bath Rod and Gun Club
Cost: FREE to enrolled members
not enrolled? Ask how to enroll

Must be ages 9-18
Spots are limited

Register Here:
<https://forms.gle/uiHG2SziBPjuPPLA>

Questions: Reach out
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Did you know we offer a few opportunities to come to your club to do one of the following?

Wildlife Identification with or without tracks
Tree Identification

Wild Bird Identification
Compass Activities

Have your leader reach out at amz65@cornell.edu with any questions or to schedule a visit

The Great Backyard Bird Count

The Great Backyard Birds Count is February 16-19, 2024. This annual event engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one or more of the count days, anywhere they like. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds. Then they enter their counts on the Great Backyard Bird Count web site <https://www.birdcount.org/>. The Great Backyard Bird Count is led by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, with Canadian partner Bird Studies Canada and is sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited, Cornell Information Technologies, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and National Science Foundation. As tallies pour in from around the United States and Canada, everyone can watch the results in real time.



2024 NY Agricultural Literacy Week

March 18 - March 22

In celebration of New York agriculture, volunteers throughout the state will read the book, *I LOVE Strawberries*, to elementary students, with a focus on second grade classrooms.

Local community members often sponsor a book to a local participating classroom or library for \$12. If you

are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County at 607-664-2300 or visit

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/saalwb>

Further information can be found at

<https://ny.agclassroom.org/programs/literacy/>



National Agriculture Day: March 19, 2024

National Ag Day is a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by Agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture. Join us as we honor agriculture for providing safe, abundant and affordable products, a strong economy, a source of renewable energy, and a world of job opportunities. For more information about celebrating National Ag Day, go to <http://www.agday.org/>. The site includes fun facts, links to other sites, resources, and planning guide.

2024 Spring Tree Sale

Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual tree seedlings and transplants will be taking place in March!

The plants come as a Bare Root and are offered for Conservation Planting!

To receive an order form or more information, contact the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District at 607-776-7398.



NYS Maple Weekends

The New York State Maple Producers Association invites families from across the Empire State and neighboring areas to learn all about the production of maple syrup and other related products. For a perfect family outing plan to attend one of the days of Maple Weekend on **Sat. March 16 and Sun., March 17, 2024 and on Sat., March 23 and Sun., March 24, 2024.** Admission is free. For specific locations and information go to www.mapleweekend.com.



Pheasant Chick Project



The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be distributing day-old

pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to 4-H Youth. All state pheasants are hatched and delivered from the DEC Reynolds Game Farm in Ithaca. Parents, leaders, or other volunteers who are willing to oversee and assist youth with this project are expected to become familiar with the **DEC's Cooperative Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program Guide and DVD**. CCE-Steuben can provide you with these materials!

Release of Pheasants: All pheasants must be released before December 1 of the current year & on land open to public hunting. Pheasants cannot be released until they are at least 8 weeks old (this allows the growing birds time to acclimate to the environment in an outdoor pen). Birds should never be released to the outdoors directly from the brooding facility.

For those interested in starting a pheasant rearing program, there are a number of responsibilities the

person overseeing the project should plan on. You'll be responsible for reviewing program requirements, discuss rearing techniques, and explain project expectations with the youth you are overseeing. You'll also be responsible for inspecting rearing facilities and evaluating the release site, in order to ensure proper rearing and release condition for the birds. The youth & adult volunteer usually monitor progress together and share their experiences with other participants at 4-H meetings. The number of pheasants released is recorded at the end of the project.

In addition to the actual rearing project, leaders may choose to integrate other wildlife management strategies. Pheasants could be banded and released at different ages and on different sites to monitor mortality and survival. With landowner permission, habitat at the release site could be improved to benefit pheasants and other wildlife. There are many opportunities to expand the rearing and release program to include additional wildlife conservation activities.

Interested in participating? Questions? Contact us!

4-H Spring Garden Meeting

All 4-H members, leaders, and parents are invited to attend the annual 4-H Spring Garden Meeting.

Date: April
Location: TBD

Please plan to attend the annual spring 4-H garden meeting. Tips will be presented on both flower and vegetable gardening and how to exhibit them at the 4-H Showcase. In addition, we will have some fun hands-on activities to get a jump start on your gardening.

Free seeds will be available to 4-H members to use in their gardens.

Registration information will be available soon! Questions contact: mlc353@cornell.edu or call 607-664-2571



Animal Careers Resource

The Animal Careers website (<http://animalcareers.cornell.edu/>) is a resource for students, teachers, parents and others who have an interest in learning about career opportunities related to **animals**. Come explore the large field of animal-related careers! Visit the **Using This Site** tab to find out the best way for you to use this site!

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES



Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County's 4-H Program is currently offering dog obedience classes for youth. **Classes are typically held every other Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 pm at the Howard Community Building – monthly dates will be posted in Monday Memos.**

4-H members and dogs who attend the NYS 4-H Dog Show must participate in the Steuben County Fair Dog Show. Dogs must be at least six months old to be exhibited at the Steuben County Fair or the NYS Fair.

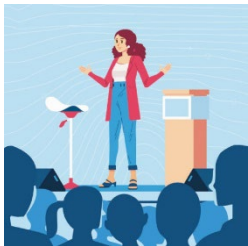
Please see the following requirements necessary to complete PRIOR TO ATTENDING ANY OBEDIENCE CLASSES:

- 1) **Complete the NYS 4-H Dog Registration form**
<http://bit.ly/nysdogregistration>
- 2) **Provide the CCE Office with a copy of the dogs current rabies certificate**

- 3) Youth ages 5-18 as of January 1, 2024 must be enrolled in the Steuben County 4-H Program before attending classes

All dogs must conform to the rules and regulations of the Livestock Health requirements as determined by the Department of Agriculture and Markets. Dogs must have current vaccinations for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus and leptospirosis (as appropriate for their age). It is highly recommended to also have your dog vaccinated for Bordetella and parainfluenza virus. Participants should consult their veterinarian for further information about these vaccines as well as internal and external parasite control programs.

Please contact Michelle for further information.



4-H Public Presentation Workshop

A how-to for leaders, parents & presenters.

Join us on February 1st at 6 – 7:30 at CCE Steuben to learn

about the different types of presentations, topic selection, planning a presentation, and tips for

delivering a presentation. We'll also review the scoring sheet and rubric. This is perfect for first-time presenters up through seasoned presenters looking for a new type/format to challenge themselves with!

Register here by Friday, January 26th:

<https://forms.gle/oN13Qa8x4fZpJT3J7>

County Public Presentations



General and Horse Public Presentations will be held in Person in February! We have several dates available with limited spots for each date. Please use the enclosed registration form, or visit our website to register!

March 16 9-3 p.m. @ CCE Steuben

REGISTER HERE: <https://signup.zone/Xgcsep4PB79FXGH7N>

When former members of 4-H are asked what helped them the most in preparing for their adult years, the answer was doing public presentations. The reason for this is that it prepared them to organize information and be able to get up in front of a group at work, in the community or at a club meeting and feel comfortable. With this in mind, the 4-H Program Committee decided that everyone in 4-H should do a presentation each year, whether it is at the county or club level. Remember, a 4-Her's total involvement in 4-H is considered when selecting for most awards and trips.

ALL 4-H members ages 8 and up as of January 1, 2024 are required to participate in the public presentation program to receive any project completion. Cloverbuds are strongly encouraged to do a presentation but it is not mandatory. In addition to the County presentations, there is another option of presenting at a Club Meeting and being “judged” by one of the leaders of the club. If you are an independent member, you can give your presentation to family and friends, and have a parent complete the club level evaluation form. The Club Presentation is meant to be just a **stepping stone for a year or two**, and the member should then attend the county level event. A club level presentation does **NOT** make a 4-H member eligible to be selected to participate in District Public Presentations.

If members 8 and over as of January 1, 2024 do not give a public presentation at the club or county level, then you do not receive a project completion sticker AND the club does not receive 100% completion.

Planning Information can be found [here](#).

Planning worksheet can be found [here](#).

If you need help planning and preparing your public presentation OR
if you need more information using or understanding the rubric and evaluation form...

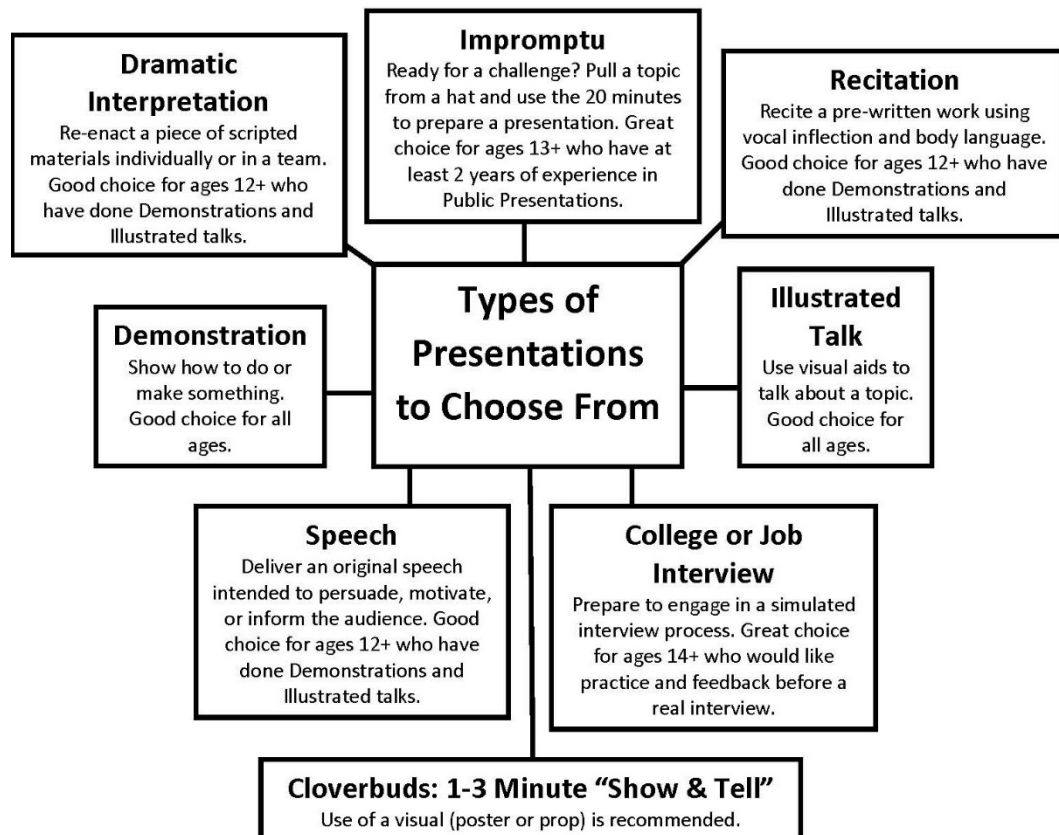
Contact Jenny Groen- email: jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576.

Types of Presentations

Public Presentations is one of our larger county events with 4-H members of all ages participating. By preparing and participating in a Public Presentation, youth will

Develop poise ♦ Build confidence ♦ Gain leadership skills ♦ Develop reasoning skills
Learn to organize their thoughts in order to get their point across

Participation in this county-wide event also helps qualify youth for many of the Award Trips offered through the 4-H Program. So why not get started. Just pick your topic; prepare an outline; practice, practice, practice; and present.



Remember the four “P” of presenting:

P#1 – Plan – Select a topic about something you are interested in telling people about or learning more about. Think about your topic and plan what you want to say, how you will show the audience “how-to” if it is a demonstration .

P#2 – Prepare – After you have selected a topic, think about how you will present the topic. Prepare a poster (unless it is a public speaking), various steps of the finished product or other visuals that will help you explain your topic to give an effective presentation.

P#3 – Practice - Practice, practice, practice! The more you “run through” your presentation, the easier it will be on the actual presentation day.

P#4 – Present – Present your 4-H Presentation at the club level or at the County Level in February!

District Public Presentations

Saturday, April 20th, 2024
Manor Intermediate School
Honeoye Falls, NY

Watch Monday Memo’s for more information once it becomes available.

Summer Public Presentation Day

The Summer General Public Presentation Event will be held again this year in August at CCE Steuben. This will also include “Produced in New York” presentations. 4-H members who give their presentation in July are ineligible to be selected to participate in district public presentations.

2024 Clothing Evaluations and Revue

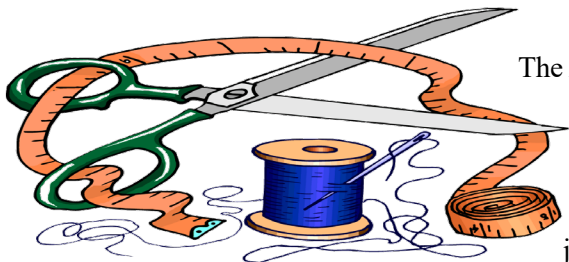
It’s time to get out your sewing machine, choose your clothing project, and get sewing! The clothing revue will be here before you know it. Here are the important dates.

We are looking for your input (adults and youth) to plan this year’s event! Please contact Jenny if you are interested in helping plan this year’s event!



Organizational leaders, project leaders and independent families will be sent a packet with more information closer to this year’s event. The information will also be posted on the 4-H web site. If you have any further questions, contact Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576.

We Need You and Your Ideas for the 4-H Clothing Revue



The **2024 4-H Clothing Revue** will be scheduled as a **late spring event this year**. If you have an idea for a theme for this year's revue or suggestions about the Revue or **if you are an adult or teen (13-18) and would like to serve on the planning committee**, please contact Jenny at the 4-H Office! The planning committee meets only two times, once to get the event planned and just before the revue, to get everything finalized.

Cornell Fashion Collective Runway Show

Every year, Cornell students showcase their design skills and creativity through the Cornell Fashion Collective runway show at Barton Hall. Check the website below for more information on the annual show. Also the final schedule and ticket sales will be announced via their website, <http://www.cornellfashioncollective.com>. This is a fun experience for youth engaged in 4-H Clothing & Textiles



Small Animal

4-H Market Rabbit Project

Steuben County 4-H members (8-18 years old as of January 1, 2024) will have an opportunity to raise meat rabbits to be consigned to the Steuben County 4-H Market Animal Sale to be held on Saturday, July 27th at the Steuben County 4-H Summer Showcase. **4-H Cloverbud members are ineligible to participate in the Market Animal Project.**

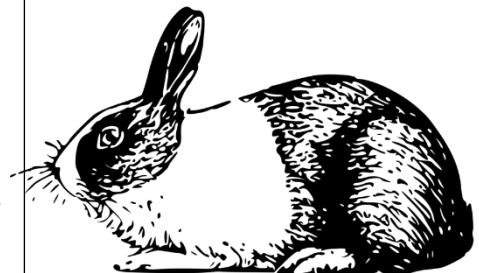
Meat Rabbits can be a purebred American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Bevern, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne de Argent, Cinnamon, Crème de Argent, Flemish Giant, Florida White, Giant Chinchilla, Harlequin, Palomino, New Zealand, Satin, Silver Fox **or a cross of these breeds**. Two (2) market rabbits can be entered in the Roaster Class and must be 5-8 pounds and under 6 months of age; entries are consigned to the 4-H Sale. If the Roaster rabbits are under 5 lbs or over 8 lbs they cannot be sold through the sale but could be entered in the Pet Class if you do not already have 6 entries in Sections I-III. Rabbits' ages are computed as of the opening day of the showcase, Thursday, July 25, 2024.

Only Rabbits receive a Blue/Excellent Ribbon will be sold through the Market Animal sale on Saturday, July 27th, 2024.



4-H Rabbit & Cavy Projects

Exhibitors will be allowed to enter and show up to 8 rabbits in the breed show with 2 additional Market Rabbits. Exhibitors may show 4 Cavies at the 4-H Summer Showcase. All rabbits and must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 to be eligible to show at the Steuben County 4-H Summer Showcase.



2024 4-H Market Chicken & Turkey Projects

Steuben County 4-H members (ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2024) will have an opportunity to raise market chickens and/or turkeys to be consigned to the Steuben County 4-H Market Animal Sale to be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at the Steuben County 4-H Summer Showcase. There will be a class in the 4-H Poultry Division for Market Chickens Consigned and a class for the Market Turkeys. 4-H members will be allowed to enter **one pen of 2 chickens in the market chicken consigned class and sell the pen of 2 market chickens through the sale.** 4-H members will be allowed to enter 1 turkey in the market turkey consigned class and sell 1 market turkey through the sale. It is recommended that 4-H members purchase more than 2 market chicken chicks or 1 market turkey chicks in case of fatalities. Animals cannot be entered in both market classes and breeding classes. **Only birds receiving a Blue/Excellent Ribbon will be sold through the Market Animal sale on Saturday, July 27th, 2024.**

Again for 2024!

Showmanship - If the market chicken(s)/turkey(s) are the only poultry/waterfowl that a 4-H member are exhibiting at the Summer Showcase then the 4-H member must participate in the Market Poultry Showmanship Division or market poultry premiums will be withheld. This class may require the handling of a market animal, and will also include questions related to poultry production and poultry science topics. More information will be provided soon! The 4-H Office is happy to help you! Please contact us with any questions!

Ordering Chicks through the Office:

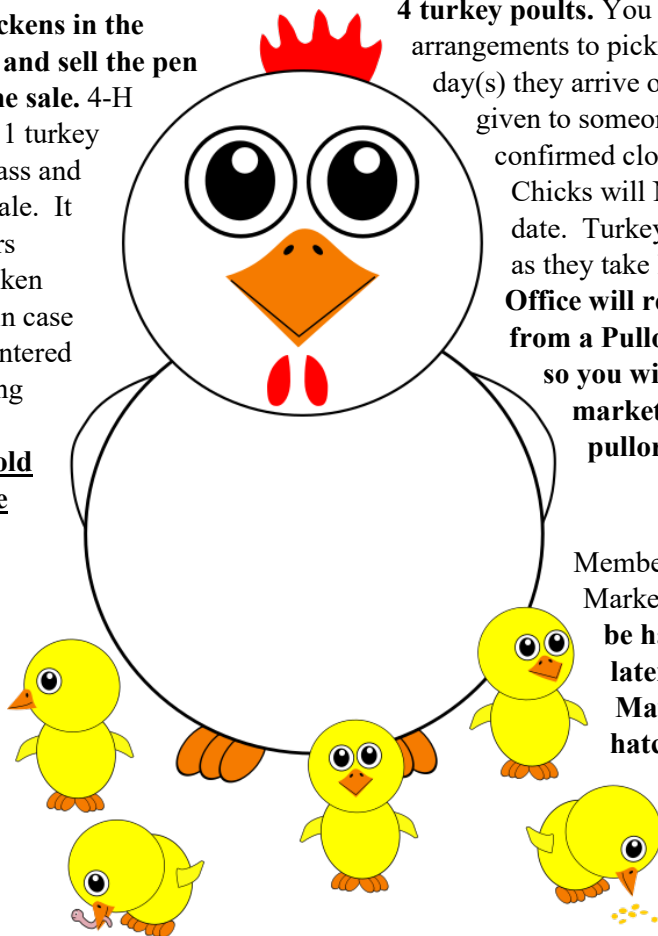
4-H members interested in exhibiting and consigning market poultry **can place their order through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County by Friday, January 5th for Turkeys or Chickens.** **Orders are limited to enrolled 4-H members and each member may only order 12 chicken chicks and**

4 turkey poults. You will need to make arrangements to pick up the market chicks on the day(s) they arrive or your market chicks will be given to someone else. Pick up date will be confirmed closer to delivery. Turkeys and Chicks will NOT come in on the same date. Turkey's will be available sooner as they take longer to mature. **The 4-H Office will receive notice that chicks are from a Pullorum-Typhoid Free Flock so you will not need to have your market turkeys or chickens pullorum teste.**

Members can purchase their own Market Chicks, but Turkeys **MUST be hatched February 25th or later; and Chickens hatched May 8th or later!** **Proof of hatch date must be provided with fair entries if not ordered through the 4-H Office!** 4-H Cloverbud members can place an order for the market

chickens/turkeys but **Cloverbuds are ineligible to participate in the Market Animal Program.** Refer to the Market Chicken/Turkey Help Sheets on the web at <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas/small-animals>.

[Order Market Turkeys & Chickens Here!](#)



4-H Poultry Workshops

For youth 8 and up!

Registration Due: January 19th @ Noon; February 16th @ noon; March 15th @ noon

Event Date: January 21st - Housing & Nestbox Making; February 18th - Nutrition & Tasty Treats; March 17th – Chick Starting & Raising Market Birds

Location: CCE Steuben - 20 East Morris St, Bath, NY

4-H Poultry Classes for youth interested in learning more about raising poultry and/or are interested in competing at the NYS Fair 4-H Poultry Knowledge Contest(s). This year's classes will highlight different topics related to poultry and will include some hands-on activities – all free of charge! Be sure to register for each class you plan to attend so we can plan materials accordingly!

Register online: <https://forms.gle/wykEq6fMobXe94B57>



4-H Poultry Project
Upcoming Events

January 21
2-4 p.m.
Intro to Housing and Nest Box Making
Join us to learn how to prepare or improve a space for your birds. Plus, participants will make nest boxes to take home!

February 18
2-4 p.m.
Nutrition and Tasty Treats
This workshop will focus on poultry nutrition for your flock. To help kick-start good nutrition, youth will make a tasty poultry treat to bring home to your birds!

March 17
2-4 p.m.
Chick Starting and Raising Market Birds
Join us to learn some best practices to help ensure your new layers, broilers or exhibition chicks start off on the right foot. We'll also review the "dos and don'ts" for raising champion market birds!

Contact jmg422@cornell.edu for more information or with questions.

Dairy & Livestock

2024 4-H Market Beef Steer/Beef Heifer/Dairy Steer ONLINE Identification

Online Entries are NOW OPEN & are due in FairEntry by Wednesday, January 3rd

WHAT ANIMALS NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED BY JANUARY 3rd?

Market Beef Steers, Market Beef Heifers, Small Frame Market Beef Steers, Market Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers (Born Sept. 1- Dec. 31 2023)

- Market Dairy Steers MUST be owned by January 1, 2024, 100% Dairy, fully castrated, dehorned,
- All Market Beef Steers & Market Beef heifers MUST be owned by January 1, 2024
- Small Frame Market Beef Steers MUST be owned by January 1, 2024 (Lowline, Dexter, Mini Herefords, etc.)
- Large Frame Market Beef Steers (must be fully castrated)
- Dairy Feeder Steers (Born Sept 1-Dec 31, 2023) MUST be 100% Dairy, fully castrated & dehorned & are not eligible for Championship
- USDA RFID Tags are REQUIRED for each beef animal that will be exhibited at the 2024 4-H Showcase (Please contact the CCE Office if you need one). A 4-H Market ID Tag will be issued to each animal, once entries have been submitted.
- After identifying your market beef animal in January, you will not have to enter another entry for the 4-H Showcase.



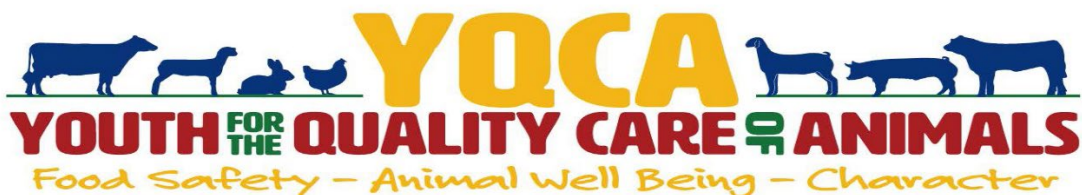
What Information will I need to ID my animal?

1. Animals Name
2. Animals Current Tag #, RFID Tag # or Tattoo #
3. Animals Breed
4. Animals Birthdate
5. Animals Beginning Weight
6. Animals Owners Name(s)
7. Photo of Side #1 of Animal
8. Photo of Side #2 of Animal
9. Photo of Animals Head (Including Tag #)
10. Completed YQCA Training dated no more than a year old from the July 23rd



Online Animal Identification Entry Steps

1. Login/Create an account in [Fair Entry](#)
2. Select Applicable Division for Animal (Market Beef, Market Beef Heifer, Small Frame Market Beef Steer, Dairy Steer)
3. Choose Applicable Class for Animal (Market Beef Steer Divided by Weight, Market Beef Heifer Classes Divided by Weight, Small Frame Market Beef Steer 700-900, Dairy Steer Classes Divided by Weight, or Dairy Steer born Sept. 1-Dec. 31 of previous year)
4. Add Animal & Animals Information (Name, Current Tag/RFID Tag/Tattoo #, Breed, Birthdate, Owners Name(s) & Beginning Weight)
5. Continue/Review/Complete Outstanding Records
6. For each Animal entered, Answer the set of Questions
7. For each Animal entered, Upload Animal Photos (Side 1, Side 2 & Head Photo with Tag #)
8. Continue-Continue to Payment-Continue
9. **SUBMIT** (If you don't hit submit, your entry will not be completed)
10. When your entry is submitted correctly, **you WILL RECIEVE a CONFIRMATION EMAIL**



This winter we will be offering course through the YQCA.

These courses will provide a common framework for youth food animal quality assurance program that will enhance the educational experience of youth, improve the care of food animals and provide a higher level of food safety to consumers. A YQCA certificate will be **required** by each youth selling at the 2024 4-H Livestock Animal Sale. To register for a course that are already schedule please visit yqcaprogram.org If youth attend the In-person training offered by Steuben County the \$3 fee or can be taken online. At the in person training the last 30 mins we will be offering a marketing training on how to market your animal.

Course Dates:

February 18th 12pm-2pm @ the CCE Office

More courses will be offered dates TBD

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

The *primary objective* of 4-H Dairy Bowl Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

The Dairy Bowl Program is designed to encourage youth to increase their knowledge of dairy by learning life skills as they prepare for contests - critical thinking, decision-making, problem solving, communication skills, listening skills, speaking skills and independent thinking. They experience the value of teamwork, character building, and goal setting. Youth also gain knowledge in dairy nutrition, milk quality, herd health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and knowledge of all cattle breeds.

You don't have to own dairy cattle to participate in dairy quiz bowl.

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2024:

Beginner: 8-10 years old

Junior: 9 - 13 years old

Senior: 14- 18 years old.

VIRTUAL 4-H DAIRY BOWL PRACTICES

Join other youth from across the state for Virtual Dairy Bowl practices, hosted by the NYS 4-H Dairy Committee.



JANUARY 11
JANUARY 25
FEBRUARY 8
FEBRUARY 22
FEBRUARY 29

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Register at:
<https://bit.ly/2024DairyBowlPractice>

CONTACT DEBBIE GRUSENMEYER
WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT
DJC27@CORNELL.EDU



What is Livestock Judging?

Livestock judging is the process of ranking beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats classes from top to bottom, based on their bone structure, muscle, body capacity, body composition, and performance.

Livestock Judging develops the following life skills: critical thinking, organization, time management, public speaking, self confidence, self motivation, team building and competition.

4-H members 5-18 years old are eligible to participate.

Cloverbud members 5-7 years old (as of January 1, 2024) who are interested in learning may participate

only if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old who will be accompanying them the entire time.

Stay tuned for future Livestock Judging Practice Opportunities!



What is Livestock Skillathon?

Objectives of the Livestock Skillathon:

- 1) Provide youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, care and exhibition of animals into one activity
- 2) Provide youth who have no opportunities for livestock ownership with an opportunity to learn about the importance of livestock and their products to the environment and economy
- 3) To encourage youth to continue expanding their knowledge and participation
- 4) To recognize youth for their total involvement in and comprehension of the livestock industry
- 5) To instill ethical values, good sportsmanship and product evaluation skills

For more information and resources visit <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/livestock-skillathon/>

3 Livestock Skillathon Components:

- Written quiz
- Identification
- Team questions

Common Topics: Nutrition, Health, Breeding, Management, Genetics & Current Industry Topics, Identify Retail Meat Cuts, Livestock Feeds, Breeds & Complete a Quality Assurance Exercise

Livestock Skillathon is a great way to learn about beef cattle, sheep, swine & meat goats. 4-H members 5-18 years old are eligible to participate!

Interested in joining or helping out? Contact Michelle mlc353@cornell.edu / 607-664-2571



Steuben County 4-H
Livestock Skillathon & Dairy Bowl &
Goat Bowl Practices

Where: CCE Office
12-2pm

SUN JANUARY 21
TOPIC: BREED ID
ACTIVITY: HALTER MAKING

SUN FEBRUARY 4
TOPIC: MEAT CUT ID
ACTIVITY: SUTURES

SUN FEBRUARY 18
TOPIC: TAGGING, EAR NOTCHES
ACTIVITY: YQCA TRAINING

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Horse

2024 Horse Show Information

4-H Members Participating in the Horse Project Please

Note: Members must **participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event** (i.e. Public presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) or attend alternate educational events and do a one-page written report on what they saw and learned to receive educational credit **to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows.**

Public Presentation Credit - Horse members will receive educational credit towards showing if they give a public presentation on a horse related topic at the **county** event **or**

by completing a **club level** presentation and turning in the evaluation form with a summary/outline of the presentation.

County Level Credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology - For a Horse member to receive county level credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology they **must attend at least 3 of the practice sessions.**

Regional/State Credit – To receive regional credit 4-H members must participate in the Regional/State contests.

4-H members age 8 - 18 as of January 1, 2024 are eligible to participate in the Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows after meeting the Steuben County 4-H Horse Show Rules requirements. 4-H club members who are ages 5-8 as of January 1, 2024 have the option of participating in the Cloverbud Leadline or Cloverbud W/T classes offered at our 4-H shows but are NOT required to attend an Education Event, although are strongly encourage to do so! 4-H families enrolled in a horse project will be receiving a post card informing them of the updated show information available on the web/from their leader. The 2024 Show Packet will be sent to each Organizational Leader and will include the 4-H Horse Certificates, horse eligibility requirements, a calendar of dates, Steuben

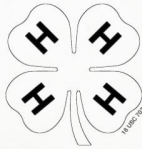
County 4-H Horse Show rules, class listings for the Steuben County 4-H shows, entry forms for the Steuben County 4-H shows, point system and information on protective helmets. Information can be found on our website: <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/club-programs/horse>. If you have any questions, please contact the CCE Office or email Jenny jmg422@cornell.edu



Horse Bowl & Hippology

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Steuben County

ALL ABOUT HORSES



4-H Hippology/Horse Bowl Classes are open to enrolled 4-H members 8 -18 who are interested in learning more about horses! From breeds and colors to parasites and disease, we hope you'll join us!

Dates:

January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

Location:

CCE Steuben
20 East Morris St
Bath, NY

For more information contact us!
jmg422@cornell.edu/607-664-2576

Horse Bowl – is a fast-paced, fun, horse knowledge competition that uses buzzers and can be more easily compared to game show Jeopardy. There's a wide range of topics covered including: basic grooming, genetics, tack and equipment, riding, stable management, breeds, history, etc.! Contestants are split by age/experience levels: Novice – 8 & 9 years old OR 1st year up to 14; Junior – 10-13 years of age; Senior – 14 and up. Juniors and Seniors are eligible for the State Competition if they receive qualifying scores at the Regional Contest. County practices will be set up if there is enough so PLEASE contact Jenny at the 4-H Office if you'd like to participate! Dates and registration can be found here: <https://forms.gle/8gqF8oBUexeE9cYG8>

Hippology – is a slightly slower paced, hands-on horse knowledge competition where youth rotate through various stations. These stations include: slides, written test, horse judging, tack ID, breeds, nutrition, parasites, confirmation, and team problem (JR/SR only). The levels for this competition are the same as Horse Bowl: Novice – 8 & 9 years old OR 1st year up to 14; Junior – 10-13 years of age; Senior – 14 and up. Juniors and Seniors are eligible for the State Competition if they receive qualifying scores at the Regional. County practices will be set up if there is enough so PLEASE contact Jenny at the 4-H Office if you'd like to participate! Dates and registration can be found here: <https://forms.gle/8gqF8oBUexeE9cYG8>

County Hippology & Horse Bowl Sessions will be held every Sunday from January 7th 2 – 4pm thru February 25th @ CCE Steuben. We are working on some field trips and guest speakers – be sure to watch Monday Memo and Facebook for updates! Please [register here](#) or contact Jenny if you plan to attend. If anyone is interested in coaching or being a guest speaker for our practices, please contact Jenny – jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576

Scholarship

New York Farm Bureau Offers Scholarships To Students Who Plan An Ag-Related Future.

New York Farm Bureau is encouraging high school seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry to apply for the New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship sponsored by the New York Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee. Scholarship awards are \$1,500 for first place, \$1,200 for second, and \$1,000 for third place. District winners will each receive \$100 and a memento. County winners are recognized at the discretion of their County Farm Bureau.

Students applying must have a family Farm Bureau membership or a Student Farm Bureau membership (a membership application may be included with scholarship enclosures). Students are required to complete an application which is a fillable pdf available on the NYFB website, and submit a brief 300-500 word essay discussing an issue facing agriculture in their county, explaining how they think NYFB can support members who may deal with this issue. We suggest that they feel free to visit the NYFB website www.nyfb.org to learn more about Farm Bureau.



At the District level scoring will determine the County winners as well as the District winner. The judging event may necessitate a personal interview and essay presentation or may be based solely upon the application and attachments. The state winner selection will be made from District Winners based solely on the submitted applications; there will no personal interviews. **The application submission deadline is March 1, 2024. For scholarship information and the application visit <http://nyfb.org/programs/promotion-education/scholarship> or contact pdugan@nyfb.org or 1-800-342-4143.**

Past Events

Fall Cheese Fundraiser

The 2023 Fall Fundraiser featured Cuba Cheese and Wilson's Snack Sticks and new this year Golden Age Cheese Curd . This year's sale total exceeded \$47,000! The fundraisers help to support the 4-H Activity Fund, which provides the funds for the many trips and awards that benefit 4-H members. Individual 4-H club treasuries also benefit from the sales. Thanks to each 4-H member who participated in the fundraiser!

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who were recognized as the top sellers.

2023 COUNTY FUNDRAISER TOP SELLER AWARDS

Top Overall Sales Person: Audrey Waters –
Country Bumpkins - \$2581.00

2nd Top Sales Person: Natalie Brewer– boots &
Clovers - \$1403.00

3rd Top Sales Person: Ethan Waters- Country
Bumpkins- \$1213.00

4th Top Sales Person: Lucas Lafler- Country Bunch-
\$1006.50

5th Top Sales Person: Jason Stuart- Independent
Member — \$940.00

TOP CLOVERBUD: Audrey Waters

TOP JR MEMBER (8-13): Natalie Brewer

TOP SR MEMBER (14-18): Alexis Hurd

Congratulations to all for your hard work! A special "Thank You" to all leaders and parents who helped to motivate, collect money, sort products, and transport products for the 4-H'ers.

2023 Achievement Night Awards

On October 21st, over 150 volunteers, parents, youth, and staff gathered at the Friends of Howard Community Building to celebrate a great 4-H year! It was wonderful to get everyone together and enjoy a wonderful evening.

Complete awards and details can be found on our website:

<https://putknowledgetowork.org/youth-development>



Award Recipients



Spirit of Partnership
Lakeview Apartments



Outstanding Youth
Korbin Herrington



Cornell Connection
CCE Livingston



4-H Friends of Extension
Country Bumpkins 4-H Club



Outstanding Volunteer
Stuart Sammis



Friends of Extension
Tom Edwards Construction LLC

CCE Annual Dinner Highlight's 4-H Youth & Volunteers

On November 3rd CCE Steuben held their Annual Dinner Meeting. This year it was hosted at Carey's Brew House in Corning and our entertainment was provided by Bulldog Sounds. Multiple Community partners were identified with various awards including: CCE Steuben will also present their annual Friends of Extension awards:

Cornell Connection - CCE Livingston

Friend of Extension - Tom Edwards Construction LLC

4-H Friend of Extension - Country Bumpkins 4-H Club

Outstanding Volunteer - Stuart Sammis

Outstanding Youth - Korbin Herrington

Spirit of Partnership - Lakeview Apartments



4-H GROWS HERE



2023 4-H Holiday Hangout

We had so much fun at the 2023 4-H Holiday Hangout this past Saturday! With nearly 30 youth we sewed festive table runners, assembled and decorated wooden snowmen, created customized cocoa bombs, made and decorated sugar cookies, made some ornaments and created unique evergreen cups to spread the holiday spirit. More than 2 dozen evergreen cups were created and donated to Steuben Center to decorate their dining hall and other spaces for residents, staff and visitors to enjoy! 🍷

A HUGE shoutout to our amazing volunteers who helped make the day possible!

Jessie Slayton, Paula Brewer, Jonathan Chase, Ashlee Zschoche - your generosity and creativity helped make this event a true success!

THANK YOU to all our wonderful 4-H families – youth, parents, volunteers & leaders! You have helped make 2023 such a great year! We are looking forward to an exciting year of new experiences in 2024!!

Melinda Ann Levy Green

Ashlee Zschoche