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2025 4-H Summer Showcase

Beyond Ready

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HEART



HANDS

HEALTH

CULTIVATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Cornell Cooperative Extension Steuben County

Hendershot Haflingers

5869 Clinton Rd,
Cameron Mills, NY 14820

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day! Office Closed	5
6	7	8 Paint and Sip 6pm	9 Food Safety Class	10 4-H PAC 5:30 @ CCE Office	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Market Poultry Show	22 Youth Building projects to showcase 10-6	23 Club booth set up 3-7	24 4-H	25 SHOWCASE	26
27 Youth Building Projects picked up 8a.m. - noon	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NYS 4-H ENRIES DUE	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 NYS Fair Begins Thru 9/2	21	22	23
24 4-H Horse Show @ Hendershot Haflingers	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY CCE OFFICE CLOSED	2 Pick up NYS Fair Exhibits @ CCE 1 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 ALL PROJECT RECORDS & SALE AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE	16	17 4-H VOLUNTEER UPDATE Pick up Fall Fundraiser Forms	18 4-H PAC Mtg at 5:30 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Junior & Senior Activity Reports Due				

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day Office Closed	14	15	16	17	18 Achievement Night
19	20 Fall Fundraiser orders due	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween!	

November

November 4- Office Closed for Election Day

November 11 – Observance of Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 20 – Cheese Pickup

November 27-28 - CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving



Office News

Helpful Links:

4-H Showcase Premium Book

www.putknawledgetowork.org/youthdevelopment/4-h-summer-showcase

Use this link to reference the Steuben County 4-H Showcase. The Premium Book has all the descriptions including what information you'll need to accompany your entries.

-Fair Entry <http://steubencountyfair4h.fairentry.com/>

Use this link for entering your exhibits.

ONLINE 4-H SHOWCASE ENTRIES

ALL Entries are Due on July 1, 2025 to participate in the 2025 4-H Showcase
Entries are to be entered at: www.fairentry.com

4-H Project Records Due Monday, September 15!

To be eligible for year-end awards and to receive project credit, 4-H members are required to complete records for **animal science, clothing, flower gardening, vegetable gardening, junior leader, and citizenship**. Check out our records page <http://putknawledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-records> on the website to find the record you need! Can't find what you're looking for? Contact the 4-H Office 664-2300.

Project Record Requirement for Exhibits @ the 2025 Summer Showcase

All 4-H members who exhibit a project in the 4-H Showcase are **REQUIRED** to turn into the CCE Office at least one record on their exhibits/project animal(s) per species **by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025 to be considered for year-end Project Champion.**



End-Of-Year Completion and 4-H on Display and Community Service Reports

4-H organizational leaders and independent members: don't forget to fill out and hand in the End-Of-The-Year Completion Forms, Project Champion nomination forms, 4-H on Display forms and Community Service records. These forms are essential for your club members to receive a completion certificate at the Achievement Program or for Project Champion. **DO NOT DISAPPOINT THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB BY NOT COMPLETING THEM!** Please complete and return these forms to the CCE Office by **4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025.** These forms are available on our website: <http://putknawledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas>

Senior Summary & Junior Activity Reports

Senior Summary and Junior Activity Reports are due September 30, 2025. Senior Summary report forms are to be completed by 4-H members in grades 7 and higher (as of fall 2025). The Senior Summary report is intended to be a cumulative report with members changing the front page and the 4-H story pages each year. Everything else is just updated to reflect the current year. 4-H members in grades 7 and up can pick up the Senior Summary Report at the CCE Office, request a senior summary report be mailed to them or it can be downloaded from the CCE Steuben County website at <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas> and click on 4-H youth Development.

The Junior Activity Report is to be completed by 4-H members in grades 3-6 (as of fall 2025). Cloverbud members are not required to complete a Junior report. This report is also available on the CCE website at <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas>.

Both of these forms are used by the 4-H Awards Committee to select 4-H members for trips and awards such as the Junior Award Trip, Washington Focus, and Career Exploration in addition to other award trips. These reports are not difficult to complete! **All reports are due to the CCE Office by September 30, 2025**



Programs & Opportunities



Tractor Supply Fall 4-H Paper Clover Campaign 4-H Clubs Displays Requested!

4-H Clubs Displays are needed to help sell 4-H paper Clovers November 28-December 14 at all three Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Stores in Steuben County. 4-H Papers Clovers are paper representation of the 4-H Clover that are sold for \$1 by TSC store team members and prominently displayed in the store. For added incentive, the 4-H Clubs that promote and “sell” the most in Steuben County will receive a \$50 check! Clubs can have a display of their projects, club banner, hold a bake sale, have a petting zoo, etc.

Please contact Jenny or Michelle at the CCE Office so we have representation at all 3 stores. Also, please contact the specific TSC Store Manager to make arrangements as well. Bath Store – 607-664-1222, Hornell Store – 607-324-9434, Painted Post Store – 607-962-2606.

2025 Achievement Night Awards Program

On October 18th Steuben County 4-H members will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments for the 2024-2025 project year. 4-H members have compiled an impressive list of accomplishments on the local, district, state and national levels. Through 4-H Programs participating youth have the opportunity to gain valuable skills and to develop positive attitudes.

Your support is needed to provide 4-H members with appropriate recognition for their accomplishments. The 4-H Program relies heavily upon individuals, local businesses and organizations for sponsorship of year-end awards. Sponsorship of a single award is \$20 and additional sponsorships are \$15 each. All sponsors are listed in the awards program and are announced when the sponsored award is presented. Sponsors also receive a copy of the awards program and a thank you certificate. **The Annual Achievement Night Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 18, 2025. More details to come!**



Behind the Scenes Award

This award is presented to a 4-H member that has done a lot of work “Behind the Scenes”, and may not have received recognition. This is not only for work done at the Summer Showcase but throughout the 4-H project year. If you would like to nominate a 4-H member please send your nominations to the CCE Office by Friday, October 10th. Please indicate why you think the 4-H member deserves this award.



4-H Showcase

The 4-H Showcase Premium Book can be downloaded at www.putknowledgegetwork.org. IF YOU NEED A HARDCOPY FROM THE 4-H OFFICE, THEY ARE \$5.00. Copies of Premium Book pages are .15 per one sided copy and .25 for two sided.

Please read your Premium Book before you come to the Showcase because there are MANY changes including important dates, departments, sections and classes. It is your responsibility to ensure that your exhibits are entered correctly. The 4-H Judging Schedule is printed on page 2. Unless otherwise announced, judging will be according to the schedule. The schedule also notes the order for classes/divisions for many of the shows.

Please keep your Premium Book handy during the week and feel free to ask the 4-H staff or your leaders if you have questions or need additional information.

2025 Steuben County 4-H Showcase Sponsorships

We're currently seeking sponsors for a variety of Steuben County 4-H Showcase Awards!

Interested in being a sponsor? Please click on the link below or complete the insert and return to our office.



secure.qgiv.com/for/4-hshowcasesponsors2024/event/2024showcaseawardsponsors/

****CLUB BOOTHS****

Based on your feedback, we are excited to announce we are bringing back Club Booths! What does that mean? It means every club has the opportunity to request a 10x10 space (or possibly larger) to display ALL of the amazing projects that your club members have completed this year! Clubs can plan and decorate their club spaces to best reflect their unique club and its members. This is a great Junior leader activity! Initial planning and set-up can begin on July 22nd from 3 – 7 or July 23rd from 9 -5. Dividers and a table per booth provided. Contact us ASAP to reserve!

All set-up must be completed by 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

We are very excited to see the club booth back this year and can't wait to see what everyone comes up with! You can reserve your club booth space here: <https://forms.gle/AD8C3QHxgcCzHrJT6>

Showcase Youth Building Entries: Premium Book Pages-35-65

4-Hers need to enter their youth building exhibits (baking, food preservation, sewing, woodworking, home environment, electric, small shop, art, farm crops, photography, etc.) on-line using the FairEntry program **no later than July 1, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.**

Please read the premium book for additional information and for new classes that are available. If you have any questions, call the 4-H office at 607-664-2576.

As you fill out your FairEntry on-line for the 4-H youth building exhibits, enter everything you think you will be bringing. You will not be making out the entry cards for these exhibits. Your pre-printed entry cards will be available for pick up from the CCE Office or can be mailed to you upon request. Youth/families are responsible for attaching them to the exhibits prior to dropping them off Tuesday, July 22.

Youth Building Junior Supers & Teen Assistants Needed!

Want to be more involved in the Youth Building at the Showcase? There are many opportunities to get involved! Sign up to be a Teen Evaluator on Wednesday or a Teen Assistant during the various contests on Friday & Saturday? See below for details and contact jmg422@cornell.edu if you'd like to volunteer!

Be a Teen Evaluator/Judge's Helper! **Wednesday, July 23rd**

Learn first-hand what the judges are looking for! On Judging Day, Wednesday, July 23rd you can be a judge's assistant and help with the judging and arranging of exhibits.

Be a Teen Assistant any day!

Teen Assistants duties will be to welcome visitors to youth building tent and answer questions about 4-H. We'll also be looking for help with our contests & activities on Friday & Saturday, July 25 & 26th!

NYS Fair Youth Building Seeks Youth Support

JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS

The Junior Superintendent position is designed to be an educational experience giving older 4-Hers an opportunity to learn workplace skills, team building and people skills. They will work alongside State Fair Program Coordinators and Program Superintendents to help 4-H State Fair programs run smoothly.

- Preference for the Junior Superintendent positions will be given to enrolled 4-H members in good standing with their counties who will have reached their 16th birthday within the current calendar year and have not reached their 19th birthday before January 1st of the current year. Those who are 15 may only be considered if needed.
- A premium of \$40 per day will be given to those who adequately complete their responsibilities.

Contact Jenny – jmg422@cornell.edu for more information!

Activities Needed for the Youth Building: Thursday & Saturday

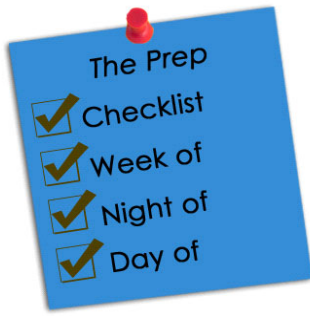
Need Clubs or Family Groups to share an activity with the public.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are Youth Days at the Fair. In the afternoon or early evening (time can be flexible), 4-H will be show casing some of the projects and activities that are being done in the county. It can involve 4-Hers of all ages (5-19), leaders and adults! **(See insert to sign-up). Fair Entry tickets for those over 12 will be provided.**

Here are some ideas: Make It Take It Table

Did your club do an activity this year that takes only about 5-10 minutes to make? **Assistance for supplies is available.**

4-H Show Case: Special Interest Groups- robotics, bunny jumping, GPS, crafts, weaving, scrapbooking. 4-H members, parents and/or leaders can work together.



How Can You Help Your Child Get Ready For The Showcase?

1. Volunteer to assist your child and the 4-H leaders in your club.
2. Transport your child to and from the Showcase.
3. Encourage your child to become involved and to grow through 4-H experiences.
4. Read the Steubenite and Premium Book. Help your child plan for his/her participation.
5. Encourage your child as he/she prepares their exhibits.
6. Read the Premium Book and help your child enter the exhibits correctly. Extra information may be needed so the item can be judged. Please note specifications for certain types of exhibits. (Example: Carrots - 3 specimens, any variety, tops off to approx. 1 inch)

Cloverbuds at Showcase

***** Cloverbuds will present their non-animal exhibits for evaluation on Tuesday, July 22 from 4:00-6:00pm at the Youth Building Tent.*****

*****Cloverbuds need to enter their exhibits & contests in FairEntry by July 1st***
See Premium Book page 65**

Cloverbud 4-H members are eligible, encouraged and welcome to exhibit at the Showcase!

Youth Building Contests: If youth, including Cloverbuds, would like to exhibit a "contest project" it should be 1) entered in FairEntry by the deadline 2) dropped off Sunday with other youth building exhibits. **Refer to Department 2700, page 64 of the fair book and enter in FairEntry by July 1st.**

Projects: A Cloverbud member is eligible to enter projects at the County Fair and **may exhibit one project made as a group.** See Department 2800. Page 65 in the 4-H Premium Book and enter in FairEntry by July 1st.

Number of projects allowed: If
4-H age is 5: can enter 5 projects
4-H age is 6: can enter 6 projects
4-H age is 7: can enter 7 projects

Cloverbuds will meet individually to present their entries and club project to the judge on Tuesday, July 22nd between 4 and 6 p.m. Bring only non-animal entries to the 4-H building.

Cloverbud projects will not receive premiums but will receive special ribbons. If you have questions, please contact your leader or the CCE Office.

Cloverbuds ages 5 & 6 as of (1/1/24) may exhibit 1 ANIMAL ONLY (dog, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, cavy, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, beef cattle, or horse). **Cloverbuds age 7 as of (1/1/25) may exhibit 1 large animal (hooved) and 1 small animal (non-hooved).** All Cloverbud animals must follow all health regulations that are in the 4-H Premium Book. Please read the health rules and regulations **thoroughly.** **Cloverbud Animal Entries are due through FairEntry by July 1st.**

Flower Arranging, Vegetable Art, Creative Place Setting and Creative Cake/Cloverbud Giant Cookie Decorating Contests

- **Flower Arranging Contest: Thursday, July 24 at 4 p.m.**
- **Creative Cake/Cloverbud Giant Cookie Decorating Contest: Friday, July 25 at 5 p.m.**
- **Veggie Art Contest: Saturday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m.**

You must register for these contests in FairEntry by Monday, July 1st. See 4-H Premium Book: Dept. 2700 pg. 64.

The “Most Creative Cake Contest”

One cake/cookie will be awarded the “most creative cake” in each class: Cloverbud (cookie), junior (cake), or senior (cake). So... be sure to register for the contest and get the creative juices flowing! A cash prize will be awarded the day of the contest.

Cake/Giant Cookie Silent Auction -

Do you participate in the cake decorating/giant cookie contest at the County Fair? Are you tired of trying to find a home for your cake after the contest. Donate your decorated cakes/giant cookie, from the contest to the silent auction. The silent auction will be held outside (weather permitting) the 4-H Exhibit Building at the conclusion of the cake decorating contest on Friday, August 18th. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the Steuben County 4-H Activity Fund.

Tips on Baking for the 4-H Summer Showcase

Mixing/Baking

- Always use fresh ingredients, such as baking powder, oil, whole grain or regular flour.
- Date your containers when you buy them.
- Overmixing causes a tough product with large holes or tunnels or a top that is peaked.
- Under-mixing causes streaks of flour and uneven rising.
- Make sure dry ingredients are sifted together and liquid ingredients are well mixed.
- No paper liners are allowed for muffins.
- Dust raisins lightly with flour so they don't stick together or sink to the bottom.
- No toppings are allowed.
- Additions of dry cereals, raisins and nuts help to disguise problems of overmixing, especially in muffins and quick breads.

Cookies

- Do not place cookies too close together on baking sheet.
- Measure dough for each cookie using a small scoop or measuring spoon, so that size is equal.
- Trim outer edge away from bar cookies before cutting into squares. Use a ruler to measure so that size is equal.

Storage/Freezing

- Avoid recipes that do not keep or travel well in hot, humid weather.

- Cool product completely on racks before storing.
- Use proper wrapping - freezer containers, wrap and foil.
- Wrap each item separately.
- Bake extras and bring with you to judging in case of upsets and WHOOPS accidents!



Recipes

- Recipes must be on a 3 x 5 card typed or handwritten legibly. You may use a computer printout and securely tape to the card. Put your name on the card.
- Include the complete recipe including yield - ingredients first, then instructions. Include each step - ie: if you grease top of bread before baking, etc.
- If you reduce the amount of an ingredient(s), Indicate original amount of reduced ingredient(s) and then the reduced amount on the recipe card.
- Place recipe card in a small plastic bag to protect them and place in the bag with the food exhibit or staple to the outside..

General

- Judges expect the recipes to match age and ability - don't use same recipes from year to year.
- Use a large enough plate to display items. A paper plate is satisfactory if it is firm. Foil covered cardboard is also good. Do not use a plate that must be returned. Place everything in a large plastic bag - recipe and product.

Youth Building Exhibit Removal

Please be aware that the exhibits in the 4-H Youth Building at Showcase are NOT able to be removed until 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, July, 27th. If exhibits are removed before 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 27th, premium money will be forfeited by the exhibitor.

THERE WILL NOT BE AN OPTION TO PICK UP ON MONDAY.

If you are not able to get these exhibits on Sunday, please make arrangements with your leader, other club members, or another 4-H Family to pick up your exhibits.

Any items not picked up by 12 p.m. on Sunday, July 27th will forfeit premiums. It is not the responsibility of the CCE staff to remove your exhibits. If you have any questions about exhibit removal, please contact the CCE Office.

Selecting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit

Harvest your Crop, with Care.

- 1) Loosen root crops with a spading fork before pulling. Avoid tearing the flesh or stems.
- 2) Pick off all tomato stems so they will not poke holes in other tomatoes.
- 3) A sharp knife is helpful in harvesting peppers, eggplant, the vine crops and many leafy vegetables.

Harvest Enough to Make Your Exhibit.

- 1) Gather several times as many good specimens as you think you will need.
- 2) Select the most uniform ones for your exhibit.
- 3) Harvest lettuce, endive, escarole and chard the morning of exhibition day because they wilt quickly.
- 4) Harvest onions 7-10 days before the fair and dry them in the sun. When properly cured, the tops can be easily cut off.

Trim Correctly.

- 1) Cut off the tops of all root crops about 1" above the roots.
- 2) Trim the tap root so they are all the same length.
- 3) Remove the small fine roots on carrots and beets.
- 4) Trim any excess stump from cabbage, lettuce and other leafy vegetables. Do not cut off all the outer leaves from cabbage. Husks can be trimmed off one side of sweet corn or taken all the way off but have all ears the same.



Exhibit the Right Number.

Plan to exhibit the exact number of vegetables called for. Check the Fair Book, as the number may differ with various fairs.

Wash or Brush the Vegetables.

- 1) Select and harvest only clean vegetables if you can. Cleaning will not harm any vegetable if it is done carefully.
- 2) Clean peas, beans, cucumbers and muskmelons with a very soft brush.
- 3) Use a soft damp cloth for fruit with a waxy surface such as eggplant, pepper, tomatoes, and watermelons.
- 4) Root crops may need washing. Use lots of water and your hands to wash root crops.
- 5) Do not wash head lettuce, endive, cauliflower, or cabbage. Trim off the soiled leaves, but don't scalp them.

Select for Size, Shape and Color.

- 1) Select those that are alike. The first ripe tomatoes or carrots you pull from your garden will seldom be alike in size, shape and color. A good way to select a plate of vegetables is to place them in a row on a table or on the floor with the big ones at one end and the small ones on the other. Then select on the basis of shape and color.
- 2) Avoid carrots and potatoes with greening caused by exposure to sunlight. Check the seed catalog for examples of "typical shape".

Storage Before Fair.

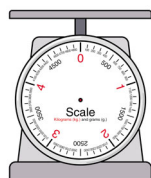
- 1) After you have harvested and prepared your vegetables, it may be necessary to store them for a day or overnight.
- 2) Keep root crop, leafy vegetables, sweet corn and peas at low temperature (40°-45°F). Mom's refrigerator usually gives these conditions. Before placing leaf vegetables in the refrigerator, place them in a plastic bag.
- 3) Potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and the vine crops will keep well for a day at medium temperatures (60°-70°F).

Wrap, Pack and Display Correctly.

- 1) Wrap your exhibit before taking it to the fair. You may have an excellent plant but damage while transporting can easily make it unworthy.
- 2) Newspaper is a good wrapping material. Wrap each vegetable separately and then wrap the five or twelve, etc., that go together in one bundle.
- 3) Pack them firmly in a strong container. Always pack the firm vegetables on the bottom. Don't pack cabbage, pumpkins, watermelons, etc., on top of tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, etc.
- 4) Label every exhibit carefully until you can attach the double entry card. Make sure your name, department, section, class number, kind, variety and age as of January 1 and years in project area are on the card.

Animal Exhibitors showing REGISTERD livestock & dairy animals:

If you're showing registered animals, a copy of the registration paper needs to be uploaded & submitted WITH your online entry. If you have any questions please contact Michelle at mlc353@cornell.edu or 607-664-2571.



MARKET ANIMAL WEIGH IN

- **ALL Market Animals MUST be clean & dry**
- Upon arrival & weigh in, Market Lambs must have no more than 1" of wool and MUST be dry.
- **Market Animals will be weighed in at the time of arrival on July 25th at the 4-H Showcase**

Livestock Health Requirements 4-H & Cloverbud Animals

Please make sure you've read & understand the 2025 Health Requirements for each animal species. <https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/02/fairhealthrequirements.pdf>

It is **YOUR responsibility** to meet the health regulations. The regulations will be enforced for the protection of all exhibitors. If you have any questions, contact the CCE Office. **All** cattle, sheep, swine, and goats exhibited at the Showcase must have a valid certificate of Veterinary inspection (CVI). For New York State Animals the CVI must be issued and **signed** by a **Category 2 Accredited Veterinarian** on or after May 1 of the current year. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the CVI.

There are no exceptions. Contact your veterinarian to arrange for a CVI.

All sheep or goats exhibited at the Showcase must be identified with USDA approved individual legible scrapie program identification.

All animals consigned to the 4-H Market Animal Sale must comply with all drug withdrawal requirements. Notify your veterinarian that your animal is consigned to the sale before starting any drug treatment.

Animals Tags

For 2025, all Market Animals will have 4-H tags put in their ears upon weigh in at the Showcase. This is to help keep everything organized for the Market Animal Sale. If you have any questions please contact Michelle at mlc353@cornell.edu or 607-664-2571.



PROPERTY RULES



NO ALCOHOL



NO DRUGS



NO SMOKING/VAPING



NO DOGS

Showcase Inspection Procedures:

An Assigned official will be reviewing all “certificates of veterinary inspection” (CVI) for compliance with state regulations and for verifying individual identification of exhibited animals presented on a valid CVI. A CVI is required for cattle (beef and dairy), goats (dairy and meat), sheep, and swine.

Your **CVI must accompany the animal upon arrival to the 4-H Showcase**. Do not drop your animal off at the Showcase without the CVI with

the animal. Send your CVI with your trucker if you are arriving after your animals.

Please have your CVI convenient for them to be checked. **Also it would be extremely appreciated if the 4-H member was available to present your animal to the person inspecting your CVI.** The person inspecting your animal must match your animal's identification (ear tag or in some sheep and goats cases legible tattoo) to the CVI.

Sore mouth in Sheep and Goats

If evidence of sore mouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep or goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the Showcase premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Animal Identification:

It is very important that each animal is properly identified. Individual identification is necessary under New York State Animal Requirements. All animals must carry positive individual identification such as an official USDA approved ear tag. All goats or sheep exhibited must have legible scrapie identification.

All Animal Exhibitors - Some Tips on Assuring Your Animal is Not Sent Home

If an assigned officials think that an animal looks "sick", they will take their temperature and perform a physical exam. It doesn't matter what might be wrong with an individual animal; if it looks sick or looks like it MIGHT have a contagious disease, then he/she has the right to not allow it in the barn or have it removed once the Showcase has started. It is the same with any contagious disease. The individual doesn't have to PROVE that an animal has one disease or another. The individual can make their decision on the SUSPICION of an infectious disease. This has been the case for many years. Nothing has changed.

1. **Make sure you have the necessary paperwork and vaccinations found in the Showcase Premium Book and on the CCE website at www.putknowledgegetwork.org**
2. **Make sure that all the identification matches on ALL paperwork and is legible.**
3. **No Warts – even one little wart** will warrant your animal being sent home.
4. **No Ringworm**
5. **Mucus** – Any mucus from the nose that is yellow, white or green
6. **Hairy Hoof Warts or any sign of limping or sore feet**
7. **Any resemblance to Pink Eye** – even a bruise from trucking that could be pink eye – the worst will be assumed.
8. **For Sheep and Goats - any lesions characteristic of sore mouth** and any sheep or goats originating from the same flock are considered exposed and must be removed from the grounds. Goats and sheep without proper scrapie identification will be sent home.

Some other tips include make sure you clip your animal before going to the Showcase. This gives you a good chance to thoroughly check your animals for any abnormalities. While at the Showcase, DO NOT share brushes, feed pails, water buckets or any other equipment. Sharing is good in certain areas, but it is a very good way to contract unwanted diseases so don't use others equipment.

If anyone has questions about the health requirements, please contact the CCE Office.

2025 4-H Showcase Sleepover

The 4-H Showcase Sleepover will be held on July 26th beginning around 6 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Market Sale. We will have different activities planned throughout the evening - be prepared to have fun with 4-H friends! All 4-Hers are welcome to attend and participate in the evening activities from 6 to 10, however if you are not spending the night we ask that you do not stay later than 10pm. At 10pm everyone that is staying the night will be asked to stay under the large tent for the duration of the night. Everyone staying overnight is



responsible for bringing their own sleeping arrangements (ie. tent, cot, air mattress, blankets, etc.) Parents/Guardians are allowed to stay but can only share tents with family members from the same household. Cloverbuds are welcome to stay but an adult is **REQUIRED** to stay the night with them.

Please feel free to reach out with question - jmg422@cornell.edu or mlc353@cornell.edu

To sign up for the Sleepover please do so at: <https://form.jotform.com/251833604192152>

4-H Showcase Animal Showmanship

Entries Due July 1st ONLINE @

<http://Steubencountyfair4H.fairentry.com>

All 4-H members showing animals are required to show in a showmanship class, unless you have won Master Showman for that species. Exceptions may be granted by the 4-H staff or the staff's designated representative for extenuating circumstances and for the safety of exhibitors. If you do not show in a showmanship class and have not been excused from showing in showmanship you will forfeit your premiums for that species. **You must show your own animal in showmanship.**

Non-Owner Showmanship Classes

-Non-Owner showmanship is open to 4-H members who do not have an owned animal of that species on the grounds and therefore does not enter any other showmanship class for that species. 4-H members entering non-owner showmanship must show an animal other than their own. **Previous winners of non-owner showmanship are ineligible to compete for that species again for 3 years.** Class size may be limited due to time and number of entries. Cloverbuds cannot show in Non-Owner showmanship classes



Master Showmen

Previous winners from 2024 of the Master Showmanship classes have the option to show in the 2025 Master Showmanship Class. Master Showmanship entries are due with county fair entries on July 1th at <http://Steubencountyfair4H.fairentry.com>

2025 4-H Summer Showcase Makers Market!

Do you make crafts or t-shirts or baked goods? Do you have market or breed animals to sell? What about a service that folks might be interested in? Register NOW to be a vendor at the 2025 4-H Summer Showcase!

<https://form.jotform.com/251563120797156>.

Steuben County 4-H Market Project Sale

-The Annual 4-H Market Project Sale will be held on **Friday, July 25th at 6:00 p.m. @ The 4-H Showcase**

-CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!!

-The order of animals to sell this year will be as follows, market turkeys, market chickens, market rabbits, market hogs, market steers, market heifers, market goats and market lambs

-Champions of each species will sell first, followed by the remaining class winners and top placing animals.

-Baked goods will be sold between animal species!



Attention Swine Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Exhibitors should not wear shorts or sandals/flip flops while showing their swine. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

If PEDv is SUSPECTED during the Showcase, the entire swine barn will be sent off of the grounds.

If this occurs, it would be up to the 4-H family to make arrangements for where to take their pigs since they cannot stay on the Showcase grounds. Please note:

It's extremely important for you to prevent your hog(s) from having diarrhea at the Showcase. Due to the potential threat of spreading PEDv, **if any hog shows severe diarrhea that could be suspected as PEDv any time after they arrive ALL the pigs in the barn must be removed from the grounds.**

We know that many hogs have diarrhea after they get to the Show when they are perfectly healthy due to stress, change in diet, or change in water. **PLAN TO CARRY**

YOUR WATER FROM HOME.

Remember, that PEDv usually affects piglets causing them to die when they are very young. Older animals may show diarrhea, but usually recover. **If any of the pigs have diarrhea at the home farm, then no pigs should come to the Showcase from that farm.** A veterinarian should be called to examine any sick animals on any farm and let the decision whether to have the pigs tested for PEDv be that of a veterinary professional.

Attention Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine, Market Heifer Exhibitors

Lambs that are shown in the market lamb classes CANNOT be shown in the breeding sheep classes. Goats that are shown in the Market Goat Class CANNOT be shown in the breeding classes. Gilts shown in market classes CANNOT be shown in breeding classes. Market Heifers cannot be shown in the breeding classes.

Attention Dairy Cattle Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Whites are required for Dairy Showmanship. NO sandals/flip flops are to be worn while showing Dairy. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate. Also please make sure you have a neck strap or properly fitted halter to secure your animals in the barn for the safety of everyone.

Attention Sheep Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Exhibitors should not wear shorts or sandals/flip flops while showing their sheep. Exhibitors of sheep should wear a white shirt and black pants or jeans. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.



Attention Meat Goat & Beef Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Blue/Black Jeans and an acceptable shirt are to be worn in showing Meat Goats and Beef. NO shorts or sandals/flip-flops are to be worn. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Also make sure you have a neck strap or properly fitted halter to secure your beef animals in the barn for the safety of everyone.

Attention Dairy Goat Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Whites are required for Dairy Goat Showmanship. NO sandals/flip flops are to be worn while showing goats. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate. Dairy goats with horns will not be permitted.

State Fair

NYS Fair Youth Building Seeks Youth Support

Steuben County 4-H exhibits will be on display at the State Fair from Wednesday, August 20th thru September 1st.

Volunteers & youth are needed to oversee the district booth some those days. Each adult will receive an entrance pass to the State Fair and a parking pass. Why not help out 4-H and stay and enjoy the State Fair? Children under 12 are admitted free to the State Fair. If you are able the help, please contact Jenny 607-664-2576 or jmg422@cornel.edu.

JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS

The Junior Superintendent position is designed to be an educational experience giving older 4-Hers an opportunity to learn workplace skills, team building and people skills. They will work alongside State Fair Program Coordinators and Program Superintendents to help 4-H State Fair programs run smoothly.

- Preference for the Junior Superintendent positions will be given to enrolled 4-H members in good standing with their counties who will have reached their 16th birthday within the current calendar year and have not reached

their 19th birthday before January 1st of the current year. Those who are 15 may only be considered if needed.

- A premium of \$40 per day will be given to those who adequately complete their responsibilities.

Contact Jenny – jmg422@cornell.edu for more information!

State Fair Teen Leadership Opportunities

Contact Jenny or Michelle if interested.

Teen Leaders:

Teen Leaders may work as Jr. Evaluators assisting the judges with the evaluation of projects in various programs like foods, clothing, Horticulture, Art Objects, etc. Or in addition to the above mentioned, teens are also needed to assist with activities in the building such as GPS/GIS, shooting sports, Sustainable Energy, Cynology (dog), Poultry, Activity Zone, Jr. Iron Chef, Robotics Or work in the county booth.

All youth working as Teen Leaders will be paid a premium of \$12/day for working at least 6 hours and must be at least 13 years-old. Teen Leaders must be registered by their County Educator and should have some knowledge in the areas they are signing up to help with.

2025 Youth Leaders:

This year 9-12 year olds can work in their county booths under county volunteer supervision. This is a chance for younger 4-Hers to go to the fair and conduct an activity for the youth that come through the youth building. This would be a good project for a club to do and all would get to see what happens at the state fair. Tickets would be available for the group. Contact Jenny if interested jmg422@cornell.edu.

State Fair 4-H Animal Science Entries

4-H members who are interested in exhibiting their project animals must exhibit that species/animals at the 4-H Summer Showcase. **State Fair entries must be received at the Cooperative Extension Office by August 1st.** The NYS Fair Youth Livestock book and entries can be found at <https://www.nys4-h.org/new-york-state-fair>. Updates will be shared in Monday Memo. If you are unable to download them copies can be made of the requested pages.

Dog – If you plan to exhibit at the 2025 NY State Fair Youth Dog Show, please notify Michelle—**entries are due in July to CCE Steuben.** The Steuben County Fair dog show will be the final determination on who will represent Steuben County 4-H Dog Program. You MUST attend the Steuben 4-H Summer Showcase Dog Show to exhibit at the NYS Youth Dog Show. If you have any questions please contact Michelle at 607-664-2571 or at mlc353@cornell.edu

Horse Exhibitors please note: For horse members, eligibility & selection will be based those interested in attending and results from the June Qualifying and Showcase shows. Please contact Jenny (607-664-2576 or jmg422@cornell.edu if you are interested in exhibiting at State Fair.

State 4-H Dairy and Livestock Contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal.

For more information about these contests contact the CCE office or visit the web <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/> Consider taking part in one of these contests as it will let you spend time at the fair, and you may be eligible to add points to your project champion selection criteria. State fair tickets will be made available for those participating in a 4-H Contest at the NYS Fair but the number available for other family members may be limited. Several of these contest have Pre-Entries so contact the CCE office by August 1st to indicate your interest.

State 4-H Small Animal contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal:

Poultry Science & Avian bowl: please visit <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/> for entry information and forms – due to CCE Steuben August 1st.

Rabbit Science Decathlon & Cavy Science Decathlon: please visit <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/> for entry information and forms – due to CCE Steuben August 1st

HORSE Contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal

Hippology Contest - Saturday, August 23, 4-H Horse Show Stables, 7:30 a.m. registration. Contest starts at 8 a.m. Participants were chosen to participate based on the Region 2 Hippology Contest in May.

Horse Judging – Saturday, August 23, 4-H Horse Show Stables, 7:30 a.m. Registration. Contest starts at 8 a.m. Contact Jenny if you are interested in registering for this event.



Past Events

District Presentations & Horse Communications 2025



District Presentations took place on March 29th in Honeoye Falls Lima School District. Steuben had six youth participate in this year's competition and they did a wonderful job! We had 2 presenters receive top score awards – Madeline Slayton and Maggie Fodge both were in the top 10 scores for the day! We also had multiple youth receive Judge's Choice Awards – which recognize a judge's favorite presenter. This year Sienna Smalt, Caroline Slayton, and Ruby Havron each earned a Judge's Choice Award. Sienna Smalt, Madeline Slayton, Maggie Fodge and Ruby Havron also took part in Horse Communications Contest. Sienna took 6th place in a very competitive Senior division; Madeline was awarded 2nd in the Junior Division; Maggie earned a 2nd place in the Novice Division behind Ruby who earned 1st place in the Novice Division! Great job to all!!

Spring Gardening Class

On April 19th was the yearly Spring Gardening Class at Haverling Street Park in Bath. This year's gardening classes were full of hands-on learning and outdoor fun! Youth explored the different types of plants growing in the garden and discovered the many insects that call it home — learning about their roles and why they're important to a healthy garden. Participants built bug hotels to support beneficial insects and planted wildflowers to attract pollinators. Each youth also received seeds to take home, so they can start growing their own gardens and continue the learning at home.



Animal Crackers

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on, science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics. This workshop is for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species; emphasis on different species groupings and activities varies annually. Participants will learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with faculty, staff, students, professional producers, industry experts, and more, utilizing the unique facilities of Cornell University. Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group..



Steuben County 4-H Hosts NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Championship



The New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship was on May 16-18, 2025 at the Rod and Gun Club, Bath NY. For the first time in over 10 years, all of the disciplines within the NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Program were offered. 41 participants competed in Archery, Air Rifle, Rifle, Shotgun, and Hunting, Conservation, and Outdoor Skills to hone their skills while Senior members sought to qualify to attend the 2026 4-H Shooting Sports National Conest held in Nebraska. We had nearly 100 people in attendance with volunteers and participants that traveled from 11 counties in New York State. Steuben County had 6 youth who participated in 39 events bringing home 21 1st thru 3rd place medals!

Well done and THANK YOU to all our amazing volunteers and tremendous support for the Bath Rod & Gun Club!!!



2025 Career Explorations



For over 90 years, the New York State 4-H Office has hosted the annual Career Explorations Conference on the Cornell Campus. Nearly 500 4-H youth and chaperones attend the action-packed, three-day event to immerse themselves in exploring their future education, career opportunities, and to experience Cornell University and campus life! Cornell faculty and graduate students conduct engaged-learning workshops in two age-specific tracks:

- 1) Focus for Teens programs for youth entering grades 10-12
- 2) University U programs for youth entering grades 8-9

Over 20 programs are offered to help youth understand what a particular career field entails, what type of education they would need to pursue, and to learn from the experiences of the Program Facilitators.

This year, Steuben County had a delegation of 4 Steuben youth and 1 Staff. Our very own Leahbella Quigley was a Focus Assistant and lead teens and helped plan the event. The group had a great time exploring the Cornell Campus and making new friends both within the county and from across the state.

