



Cornell Cooperative Extension

Sullivan County

4-H News & Alerts

CCESC 4-H Alert for July 18, 2025

Fiber Arts for All – July 18th

Fiber Arts for All (FAFA) is a space for safe learning, sharing and collaboration, welcoming people of diverse ages, backgrounds, and perspectives. Bring your projects to work on! Youth must attend with parent or adult mentor. FAFA meets **5:30 – 7:00 pm** at the Extension building on the 3rd Friday, monthly. For more information contact bjm292@cornell.edu or krl55@cornell.edu.

Lease Animal Time Sheets – Due July 20th

Youth who lease animals are required to record 30 hours of time working with their animals. This form is due to the 4-H office by July 20th each year. This form can be found on the second page of the Animal Lease Agreement found [here](#). If forms are not turned in, then the project will not be complete and will not be allowed at the Sullivan County Youth Fair. Please email completed forms to Katie at krl55@cornell.edu.

Youth Fair Forms Deadline – July 20th

There are many opportunities to get involved with the Fair. Some may require pre-registration and the following forms are due on July 20:

- **Special Fair Exhibits** – use this form for Public Presentations, Interactive/Hands-on Activities, Static Booth Exhibits or exhibits with special space requirements or other needs (i.e. electric, computer, internet, etc.)
- **Fair Youth Leader Applications** – available for youth 13 years and older.

All forms can be found on the CCE Sullivan website: <https://sullivan.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-news> please send any completed forms to Katie at krl55@cornell.edu

Poultry Pullorum Testing – July 31st

On **Thursday July 31st** at CCESC from 5:30 - 7 pm, Ag and Markets pullorum testing will be available to any **poultry** participants that need their birds tested for the Sullivan County Youth Fair. Poultry animals that were purchased from a hatchery in the current year do not need to be Pullorum tested. Please contact Barb Moran with any questions: bjm292@cornell.edu.

Animal Scratches or Changes for Fair – Due August 1st

All animal entry scratches or back up animal swaps are due to the CCESC office no later than August 1st by the closing of day. Contact Katie at krl55@cornell.edu to make the changes.

Fair Still Exhibit Entries - Due August 1st

Families have until August 1st to enter still exhibits into the 2025 Sullivan County Youth Fair. To enter the fair, follow this link: <http://scnyyouthfair.fairentry.com> or search for 2025 Sullivan County NY Youth Fair. All 4-H members should enter through the green button/4-H Online option. Please see the Youth Building Fair Book here for class descriptions [Youth Building Fair Book \(Updated April 2025\)](#) . Any questions regarding FairEntry should be sent to Katie at krl55@cornell.edu

Deadline for 4-H Year End Records – September 15th

Annual deadline is September 15 for 4-H Achievement Records, Year-end Summary Records, Still Exhibit Record Books, and Community Service Olympics Applications. Copies of these forms are accessible at sullivanccc.org under 4-H Forms.

2025 Fair Animal Health Requirements

All animals coming to Fair must arrive on Thursday and stay through the weekend. There will not be a veterinarian on site for check-in any other day besides Thursday.

You can find the requirements by going to: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/farming/fairs> and scrolling down the page until you find the section “Fair Health Requirements”.

The specific links are as follows:

2025 Fair Animal Health Requirements:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/02/fairhealthrequirements.pdf>

2025 Fair Interstate Health Requirements:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/02/interstatehealthrequirementsforfairs.pdf>

NEW FOR 2025: Emergency Animal Disease Regulations for 2025 NYS State and County Fairs

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/02/emergencyanimaldiseaseregulationsforfairs.pdf>

If you have difficulty with our website or have any issues with obtaining the documents, you can contact our division at dai@agriculture.ny.gov or 518-457-3502.

Two notable updates to the animal health requirements for the 2025 fair season include:

- 1. Radio frequency identification, commonly referred to as “840 RFID tags,” for all cattle.**
- 2. HPAI test for each lactating dairy heifer/cow entering any New York fair or exhibition.**

New for 2025 is emergency animal disease regulations for state and county fairs.

These regulations apply to both in state and out of state exhibitors.

This document is to help exhibitors clearly understand the additional regulations that must be met due to the ongoing Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) situation occurring in both poultry and cattle.

*****Additional Youth Opportunities*****

NYS 4-H Dog Opportunities at State Fair – Due by August 1st

2025 4-H Dog Creative Writing Contest

This year’s contest welcomes *all* types of original writing—poems, short stories, essays, you name it! Winning entries will be displayed at the State Fair.

Deadline: August 1, 2025

More info visit: <https://cornell.box.com/s/qlblsyy9f2grr01uauzcz2hchwfdupqab>

Register here: https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0BYkmHIQoZX80Mm

2025 4-H Dog Photography Contest

If you love photography, this one's for you! Open to all 4-H members—submit your best dog-themed photo and have it displayed at the Fair.

Deadline: August 1, 2025

More info: <https://cornell.box.com/s/mdnr2zpo5grgk883wljue7juaurbp6bo>

Register here:

Questions? Feel free to reach out to **Kathi** at chamblisk@gmail.com or contact me directly.

NYS 4-H Horse Art Contest – Due by August 8th

Welcome to the NYS 4-H Horse Art Contest, a celebration of creativity, passion, and the enduring spirit of 4-H youth! As an integral part of the New York State 4-H Horse program, this art contest aims to showcase the diverse talents within our community and encourage the fusion of equestrian enthusiasm with the world of art. These art pieces will be on display like static exhibits in the 4-H Youth Building, but they will be in our 4-H for Horses Barn. These pieces displayed in the building will be “judged” by the fairgoers that travel throughout the building! They will have a chance to vote for their favorites and put their votes in our ballot box! They will be voting for their favorite pieces. The top 12 pieces will be announced at the end of the fair. All projects exhibited in the building though will earn a premium and a NYS 4-H Ribbon. Please email Katie at krl55@cornell.edu for more information and to register.

NYS 4-H Horse Writing Contest – Due by September 1st

Goals or Intentions

- 1) To provide an opportunity for written expression for NYS 4-H members with Equine interests.
- 2) To encourage youth to communicate their experiences and ideas in a creative manner.
- 3) To recognize youth who have creative writing talent by showcasing their ideas through writing.

Eligibility

1) Participants - Each participant must be a current 4-H club member. Participants do not need to own their own horse. 2) Divisions: a. The contest will consist of a Junior and Senior Division. i. Seniors: Youth who have reached age 14 but have not reached age 19 as of January 1. ii. Juniors: Individuals who have reached age 8 but have not reached age 14 as of January 1. iii. Cloverbuds: Are not eligible to compete in creative writing events. 3) **Note:** State winners in the **Junior Division** are ineligible for future competition in the Junior Division in the same event. Junior state creative writing winners are eligible to compete in other Junior Division creative writing events in which they have not won. State winners in a **Senior Division** competitive writing event are ineligible to compete in that same creative writing event in future years. Senior state creative writing winners are eligible to compete in other Senior Division creative writing events in which they have not won.

Regulations

- 1) Creative writing will be divided into three contest areas: Poetry, Short Stories and Essays.
- 2) Creative writing entries must be related to horses or the horse industry.

3) A new topic must have been developed since the previous year's contest. Any horse-related topic is acceptable.

4) All creative writing entries must include:

a. A title page with the following information: Title of work, 4-H members name, address, phone number, email address, county, and division. i. The title page will be removed before the entries are judged so that no names or identifying information will appear on the entries.

b. The title of the entry must also appear on the body of the paper without the participant's name, address, phone number, email address or county.

c. We encourage youth to submit their entries via email to Jessica Tyson so they can be saved in a box folder and shared for judging that way. But typed and printed entries will be accepted via mail if needed.

d. An entry that is determined to have plagiarized someone else's work will be disqualified.

e. Creative writing entries will be judged by a committee of 2-3 judges.

f. Short stories will be limited to 1,000 words maximum and a minimum of 200 words for Junior short stories and 500 words for Senior short stories. A short story contains a beginning, middle, and end using a timeline.

g. Papers handwritten will not be accepted.

Entries are due by September 1, 2025. Please email Katie at krl55@cornell.edu for the entry form.

NYS Animal & Agricultural Leadership Program – Due by September 1st

The New York Youth Animal Science team is thrilled to announce the launch of the second year of the **NYS Animal and Agricultural Leadership (AAL) Program** — a statewide opportunity for high school students entering at least their sophomore year.

This unique program allows students to explore **post-secondary education and career pathways** in the **dairy, livestock, and equine industries**. Participants will connect with faculty and college students, engage in college and career planning, and take part in personal development activities — all within a dynamic, hands-on learning environment.

Throughout the program, students will gain exposure to the **field of animal science**, exploring opportunities within various species and learning how those interests can translate into diverse career paths.

Program Highlights:

- Four two-day sessions held throughout the year
- Interactive experiences across multiple animal science disciplines
- Networking and mentorship opportunities
- Skill-building in leadership, planning, and communication

Application Deadline: September 1

Selections will be made based on each applicant's essay, demonstrated interest, and a personal reference.

Program Fee: \$100 per student for the year

Apply and learn more at:

<https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/nys-animal-and-agriculture-leadership-program>

For questions, please contact:

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Live Love Serve 5k – October 19th

HORTONVILLE, NY—The Small Town Country 4-H Club invites the public to its seventh annual Live, Love, Serve: 4-H 5K race on Sunday, October 19, 2025. This unique 4-H club fundraiser will begin at 9:00 am on a USA Track & Field (USATF) certified course* on Main Street in Hortonville. Day-of registration and race packet pick-up will begin at 7:00 am. Participants can walk or run. * USATF NY 1808oJG. Youth must be at least 8 years old to participate. Youth under 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Participants can register as individuals or as a team, and do not have to be previously enrolled in 4-H to enter. To pre-register, please visit [Live.Love.Serve. 4H 5K](#)

*****Member Bulletin Board*****

RFID Tag Mandate

Notice for New York Cattle Producers

Beginning November 5, 2024, there will be only one USDA-official tag type approved for cattle. [USDA's final rule](#) for cattle ID requires all official tags applied to cattle after November 5, 2024 to be both RFID and visually readable. [Read frequently asked questions about the final rule here.](#)

New York State will no longer be supplying silver metal National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES or 'brite') tags for use in cattle or swine when our current supply is finished.

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets received a limited supply of 840 RFID-capable ear tags for distribution to New York Producers, Dealers and Markets through USDA Traceability Funding in Federal Budget year 2024-2025. **We have distributed all of these tags for this federal year in advance of the November 5, 2024 implementation of the new [USDA cattle traceability rule](#). We anticipate additional supply in April 2025 and will update our order forms when we have tags available.**

NY Ag and Markets page with information

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/cattle-bison-other-bovidae>

FAQ Document regarding the RFID tag mandate that went into effect on Nov 5th

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/.../noticefornyscattleproducer...>

Updated order form for producers. https://agriculture.ny.gov/.../ai-489_order_form_producer...

Record sheet for RFID Tags. There is a requirement to record the placement of RFID tags and maintain those records for 5 years. For those that would like a non-electronic option to log that information, here is a template to use. https://agriculture.ny.gov/.../01/eartaglog_singleowner.pdf

Producers will need a PIN (premises identification number) to order tags. If they have received tags from our office before, we likely have a PIN on file for them. We can provide it to them. If they need a PIN, please share this attached document (PIN FAQ tags.pdf) with them. We can also create a PIN for them.

The Livestock Conservancy Microgrants

The Livestock Conservancy's mission is to protect endangered livestock and poultry breeds throughout the United States from extinction.

Conservation Priority List: <https://livestockconservancy.org/heritage-breeds/conservation-priority-list/>

Microgrant website: <https://livestockconservancy.org/resources/micro-grant-program/>

The Conservancy provides support through the following microgrant programs:

- **National Microgrants:** This category is open to residents and organizations of the U.S. who are actively working with livestock and poultry breeds listed on the Conservation Priority List (CPL). Support will be provided through this competitive program for improvements to a variety of farm-related operations, including, but not limited to, livestock, poultry, infrastructure, processing equipment or services, milk, meat, wool and egg production and sales, agritourism, promotions and marketing. Awards typically range from \$500 – \$2,000.
- **Youth Microgrants:** This U.S.-based program provides funding for youth projects for individuals 12-18 years of age who are actively working with breeds listed on the CPL. Support will be provided through this competitive program for a farm-related operations similar to the National microgrants. Awards range from \$500 – \$2,000.
- **Breed Association Microgrants:** This program is open to U.S. based associations and clubs working with breeds listed on The Livestock Conservancy's CPL. Funds are intended to help associations and clubs improve services for their membership and conservation of their breeds. Awards are typically made to organizations in existence for at least three years, meet their state's requirements for operating as a business or corporation (no Sole Proprietors or Partnerships), and have board approval to pursue the project. Suitable expenditures of Breed Association Microgrants include, but are not limited to, marketing materials, website improvements, gene banking, software, educational events, developing strategic plans, DNA studies, flock or herd rescues.
- **Emergency Response Fund/Emergency Response Feed Grant:** Funding for emergency assistance may be available on a case-by-case basis, to rare breed stewards and organizations. Funds may be used for animal transportation, short-term housing, and in some cases short-term feed, veterinary care, and infrastructure. Awards will typically be in the range of \$500 – \$1,000 per application.

Application deadline is August 15, 2025.

Calendar of Upcoming Events & Deadlines

2025

July 18th 5:30-7pm – Fiber Arts For All, CCE Sullivan

July 19-20th – State Fair Qualifying Horse Show

July 20th – Special Exhibit, Public Presentation & Teen Leader Form Due

July 31st 5:30-7pm – Pullorum Testing, CCE Sullivan

August 1st – Fair Still Exhibit & Artisan Market Entries & Animal Scratches Due

August 1st – NYS 4-H Dog Contest Deadlines

August 8th – NYS 4-H Horse Art Program Deadline

August 12th – Fair Work Night

August 13th 2-4pm – Still Exhibit Drop Off

August 14th 9am-3pm – Animal Check In with State Veterinarian

August 14-17th – Grahamsville Little Worlds Fair

August 20th-September 1st – The NYS Fair, Syracuse NY

September 1st – NYS 4-H Horse Writing Contest Deadline

September 15th – All Year End Records Due to 4-H Office

September 19th 5:30-7pm – Fiber Arts For All, CCE Sullivan

October 17th 5:30-7pm – Fiber Arts For All, CCE Sullivan

October 19th 9am – Live Love Serve 5k, Hortonville NY

November 21st 5:30-7pm – Fiber Arts For All, CCE Sullivan

November 28th-December 14th – Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign

December 19th 5:30-7pm – Fiber Arts For All, CCE Sullivan