

Hamlin County 4-H Happenings

February 2025

4-H MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS: IT'S A NEW 4-H YEAR!!!!

Enrollment is open for the 2024-2025 4-H Year! Families are able to enroll/re-enroll in 4-H Online for the new 4-H year. The new 4-H year began on October 1, 2024 and runs through September 30, 2025. To enroll, youth must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2025. If you have been enrolled in 4-H before, please do not create a new profile. Log in with your family's 4-H Online credentials and re-enroll for the new 4-H year.



HAMLIN COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY DATES

Monday August 4 - Friday August 8

HAMLIN COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW

Monday June 23

Rain Date- Tuesday June 24

SD STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW DATES

Huron SD July 8-10

Hamlin County Google Drive

For all updated programs, resources, and entry forms. Please find all resources on our google drive!

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13LJ8Db68LnBKMSYpCaBJ4riRVKwQookt?usp=drive_link

IT'S TIME FOR FRUIT SALES!

Fruit Sales is a crucial fundraiser for 4-H which helps fund programs, awards, trips, activities, and so much more! Please help and sell fruit to customers to help fundraise for Hamlin County 4-H. Fruit Sales will start January 29 until February 24th (due to the office by 4:30) with delivery planned for March 29th. The form can be picked up at the office or mailed if you reach out to ask.

Forms are also available to sell at myfruitsales.com with a code XDRR. You have to create a new account.

New this year that **ALL FRUIT MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE ORDERS WILL BE PLACED.**

Also, there is a Venmo set up with the username: hamlincounty4-hleaders Last 4 digits for the code is 5379.

If using Venmo, please put in the memo when paying of the youth's name who is selling the fruit to easily track payment in the office.

If you have any questions, please reach out or call the office at 605-783-3656.

4-H ALUMNI

The South Dakota 4-H program is building the network of 4-H alumni in the state and is encouraging all 4-H Alumni to complete this brief informational survey and share with a fellow 4-H member. Alumni from the South Dakota 4-H program or from other state programs are encouraged to complete!

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-alumni>



Join our network

Complete the interest form at:
extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-alumni

NORTHEAST KENT BAKERS

4-H ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8
9AM START TIME**

GRANT COUNTY 4-H COMPLEX
1071 NIN ST., MELBA, ID

**REGISTER BY
FEBRUARY 21**

**\$30 FOR
YOUTH
DISCIPLINE**

CONCESSION STAND AVAILABLE ON SITE!
CALL 800-432-2273 WITH QUESTIONS

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HAMLIN COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PANCAKE AND EGG FEED

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.



**HAMLIN COUNTY 4-H BUILDING
IN HAYTI**

**Free Will Donation to Help Support
our 4-Hers!**



Supplemental Funds from Thrivent Action Team Project



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

4-H RODEO UPDATE

Check out resources on the SDSU Extension website.

- 4-H Rodeo Rules and Regulations - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2024-12/P-00019-v6.pdf>
 - 4-H Finals Packet - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/MC-03663.pdf> - Due May 1
 - 2025 4-H Rodeo Approval Form
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HAMLIN COUNTY YLL/YHL OPPORTUNITIES

All 4-H members exhibiting livestock must complete YLL or YQCA online training by June 1.

All horse exhibitors must complete YHL by June 1 to compete at horse show.

YLL Dates

- February 12-15- Watertown Farm Show Ag-Expedition 10:00-4:00
- March 21- 1:00 RiverView Tour at Washington Dairy
- March 23- Education Presentation on health, feed, worming, etc.
- May 31- Last chance YLL- Come and Go Livestock Maze 10:00-12:30- Hamlin 4-H Building
- Grocery Game- Contact Office for worksheet to take to a grocery store to complete- Due back to the office by May 31

YHL Dates

- March 30- Horse Educational Event- 4:30- Hamlin County 4-H Building
- May 31- Last Chance YHL- Come and Go Horse Safety Maze 10:00-12:30
- Equine Expedition- Contact office for worksheet to take to Runnings or Tractor Supply to complete- Return to the office by May 31



PLEASE RSVP TO THE OFFICE TWO DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT, SCANNING QR CODE, OR FILLING OUT THE GOOGLE FORM.



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Purchasing Poultry for 2025

For anyone purchasing poultry for the 2025 4-H show season, please keep the State Fair Book and the American Standard of Perfection in mind when selecting your birds. These two resources will help you easily class your poultry when it comes time to enter them in 4-H Online and FairEntry. If you have a question on whether a specific breed is eligible to be shown in the purebred Standard or Bantam chicken classes or waterfowl classes for 4-H, please contact one of the committee members for clarification preferably before purchasing or hatching birds.

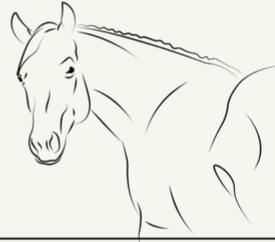
Lauren Sankey – lauren.sankey@sdstate.edu

Wendy Sweeter – wsweeter@lincolncountysd.org

Horse Educational Event

*March 30th @ 4:30pm at
Hamlin County 4-H Fairground
Hayti, SD*

YHL
Approved



- Equipment Safety
- Pasture Preparedness
- Learn Parts of a Horse
- Tying a Horse Properly and Showmanship
- Educational Game



Please RSVP by scanning the QR Code or calling
the Hamlin County Extension Office by March 25th.



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Scholarship Opportunity through YQCA!

YQCA is excited to launch a new scholarship program for certified youth, ranging from high school seniors to age 21, pursuing an agriculture degree or trade.

YQCA will provide a total of \$30,000 in scholarships to selected youth in 2025! Individual scholarships will be awarded in the following amounts:

- One recipient - \$10,000
- Two recipients - \$5,000
- Four recipients - \$2,500

Scholarship applications are open from January 1st-February 17th. Recipients will be announced in May. Please visit <https://yqcaprogram.org/local/scholarship-program.php> for more information on requirements and how to apply.

Please reach out to help@yqcaprogram.org with any questions.

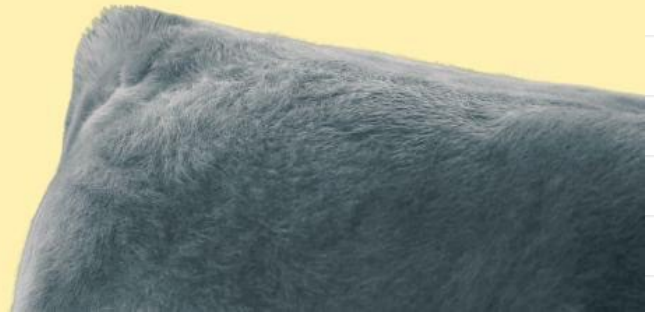


MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025

BROOKINGS, SD | DACOTAH BANK CENTER

JACKRABBITS MEMORIAL JACKPOT SHOW

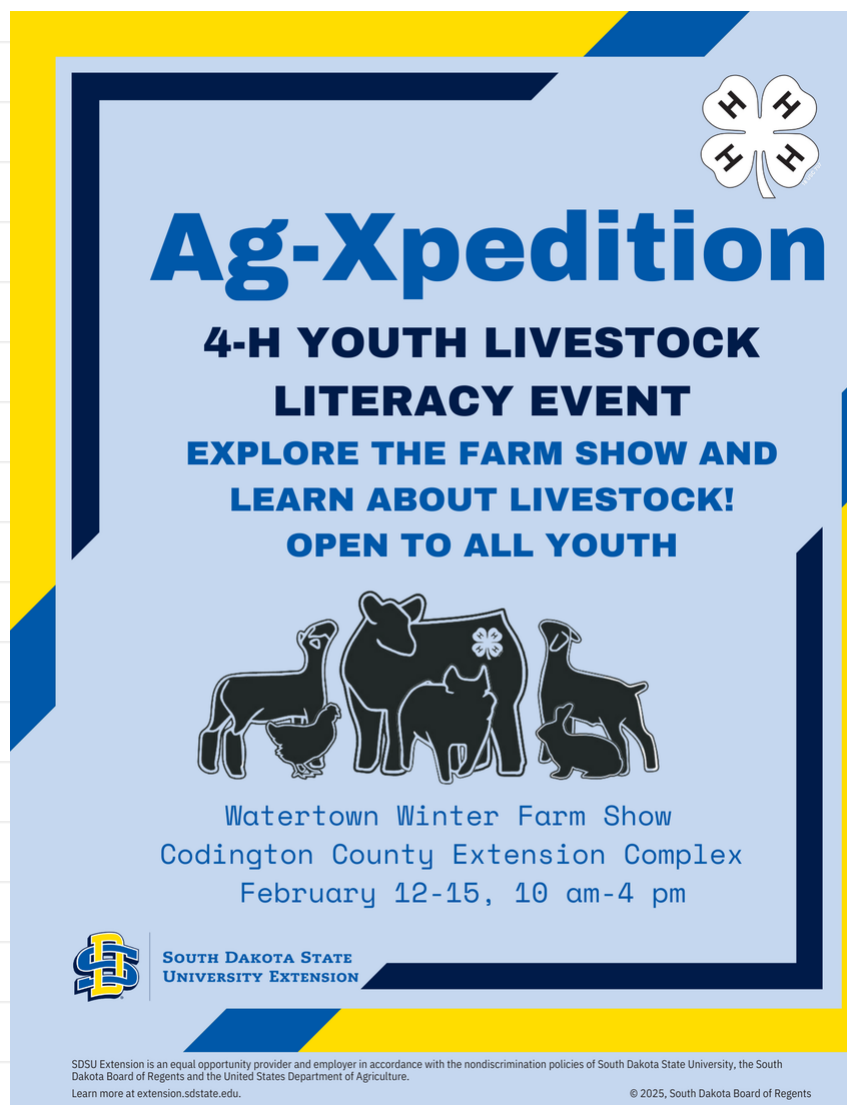


2025 STEM Challenge & Robotics Challenge

The challenge packets for the 2025 STEM Challenge and Robotics Challenge have been updated and can be found at the links below:

STEM Challenge: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/MC-03629.pdf>

Robotics Challenge: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/MC-03630.pdf>



New Livestock Project Log Sheets

Youth members involved in the livestock project areas are encouraged to utilize the new livestock project log sheets to help record feed information and schedules, weight tracking, and worming/other health information tracking. These log sheets can be found on the extension [website](#) (4-H -> Competitions and State Fair -> State Fair -> Animals -> 4-H Livestock Project Feed, Worming and Weight Logs) and also attached [here](#).

**The use of these logs is not required of livestock exhibitors, rather they are just a helpful resource for those who choose to utilize them.*

2025 BEEF BUILDER PROGRAM

APPLICATION:



4-H BeefBuilder™ Calf Program Application

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

YEARS IN 4-H: _____ CLUB NAME: _____

COUNTY _____

PARENTS NAME(S) _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS WHERE THE CALF WILL LIVE

HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM BEFORE? (YES OR NO)

T SHIRT SIZE:

4-H PROJECTS:

List ALL of your current and previous 4-H projects (include year):

Describe ANY experience you have had with beef and/or dairy cattle:

Share what you hope to gain from being involved in the 4-H BeefBuilder™ Program:

By signing below, you agree to be an active participant in 4-H during this 2024 season. You will attend at least four 4-H Club meetings and participate in your required Club activities. You also acknowledge that failure to attend meetings will result in inability to participate in the BeefBuilder program at the county fair and in future years. You will also be ineligible to win BeefBuilder prizes.

Name _____ Date _____

Return completed application by March 1 to Nate Spatz: nate.spatz@riverviewllp.com Please put BeefBuilder and county in subject of the email

BEEF BUILDER PROGRAM GUIDE:

2025

BeefBuilder™ Calf Program Guide

Clark, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Marshall, and
Roberts County 4-H





Applications Due: March 1, 2025

2025 4-H BeefBuilder™ Program Guidelines

Riverview, LLP is pleased to announce our 2025 BeefBuilder™ Calf Program through Clark, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Marshall, & Roberts County 4-H programs. The BeefBuilder™ project is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members of all ages and experiences to learn about raising a beef animal. There are a limited number of calves to be purchased through this program; we will implement an application process to determine eligibility.

Included in this packet is information on what you will need for a calf as well as program requirements. The 4-H member and a parent/guardian must be present at ALL of the meeting dates which apply to the county they participate in (including the county show).

Mandatory Dates

March 1: Beef Builder Applications Due

March 14: Applicants notified of selection of participants

May 16: Pick up day in Veblen (for Marshall, and Roberts Counties)Calf Payment DUE

May 17: Pick up day at the Hamlin County Fairgrounds Calf Payment DUE

June 1, 2025: Fair Enrollment Due

TBD: Hamlin, Kingsbury, Clark, Marshall, & Roberts County Fairs

BEEFBUILDER™ PROGRAM GOALS

1. To provide youth an opportunity to gain experience working with and showing smaller beef animals.
2. Teach proper health care and cattle management skills without a large investment.
3. To have fun showing cattle.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND CHANGES

Participants will start with a weaned steer calf (about 60 days old) in May. **At pick up, kids will pay for their calves in full and retain ownership of the animal. Calves will cost \$525.00.**

We will award first and second place overall. Champion - \$525.00 and Reserve - \$263.00

Exhibitors are expected to watch the online educational videos, exhibit the calf at the county fair, and exhibit an educational display or poster about dairy/beef at the county fair.

If a participant decides they do not want to keep their calf after the fair, as owners of the calf they are responsible for the selling and rehoming of that animal.

Participants will need to complete an educational display or poster to be displayed at their county fair. The display or poster should feature ANY topic about beef or dairy. Participants should also include a small portfolio to set out with their display or poster. The portfolio or folder should include a story (maximum of 600 words) about their calf and experience, photos of them and their calf from the summer (up to 8), and list out three goals and three accomplishments for this project.

Participants MUST be ACTIVE 4-H members meaning they must participate in at least four 4-H Club meetings. Failure to do so will result in the inability to show in the BeefBuilder™ program and will make the members ineligible for prizes in the class. Failure to be an active member will result in the inability to participate in the BeefBuilder™ program in future years.

WHAT DO I NEED FOR MY CALF?

You will need to provide at least a 10 x 10 foot pen and shelter with some shade for the calf.

Your calf will need access to clean water at all times.

We will provide some feed for your calf. This year we have an allotted amount donated from Purina Feed. Once that feed is used families will need to purchase feed. The feed will be available at the calf pickup/education day. In addition, as your calf grows, he will need access to a little roughage. We ask

you to provide hay when the time comes. One small square bale will be enough for the calf during this time.

We provide every child participating in the program for the first time with a feed pan and a show stick.

SHOWING AT THE FAIR

BeefBuilder™ fair entries are due June 1st in your county office.

Please enter all four classes if offered in your county (class names and availability differ pending county):

BeefBuilder™ Class

BeefBuilder™ finished market steer class- Calves that were in the 2024 program can sign up for this class

Educational Exhibit

Beef Showmanship

All calves should be clean when shown. Use a mild soap, moderate water temperature and rinse thoroughly. Don't forget to clean the hooves. There will be no grooming products allowed for the BeefBuilder™ calf class. The BeefBuilder™ finish market steers can be groomed with product

Educational Display or Poster about Dairy/Beef

- Idea - Information used is accurate, complete, organized, original, creative, practical, and clearly communicates, etc.
- General appearance and design (Exhibit are neat and attractive).

Project Story, Photos, Goals/Accomplishments (to be included with your educational display)

- List three goals with this project. List three accomplishments made this summer with this project. (Form for this portion located on the last page of this booklet, feel free to add additional lines on another paper if needed.)
- Story (maximum of 600 words). Tell us about your calf and what you learned caring for the calf. Include anything you would like about your calf (health problems, breaking to lead, feed program, etc.) and the fun you had raising your calf.
- Photos - Up to two pages of photographs (maximum of 8 photos), illustrating different aspects of your 4-H BeefBuilder™ experiences this year. Your photographs should be action oriented and should illustrate learning by doing, contributing and leading. Include labels that tell who, what, when and where.

AWARDS

- Winners of each BeefBuilder™ class at their county fair will receive
- 1st place calf will receive a check for \$525.00
- 2nd place calf will receive a check for \$263.00
- Winner Of the display board will receive \$100.00
- Winner of the BeefBuilder™ finished market steer class
 - 1st place finished steer will receive a check for \$400.00
 - 2nd place finished steer will receive a check for \$200.00

Trophies will be given to the top two in each county and 1st place on the display board.

PROJECT GOALS: List three of your goals to learn or do in this project.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Did you accomplish your goals? Why or why not? (Include skills learned)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES TO MEAT GOAT DIVISIONS FOR 2025!



Registered Breeding Does

- Registered breeding does must have registration papers either fullblood or percentage. Papers must be in the 4-H members name and/or family name or have appropriate lease forms. All purebred, fullblood, and percentage will be shown together in one show.
- These does will be shown by age and must fit in one of these age groups.
 - ☐ Junior Does
 - ▶ 3 to under 6 months 6
 - ▶ to under 9 months 9
 - ▶ to under 12 months
 - ☐ Yearling Does
 - ▶ 12 to under 16 months
 - ▶ 16 to under 20 months
 - ☐ Senior Doe
 - ▶ 20 to under 24 months
 - ▶ 24 to under 36 months
 - ▶ 36 months and over
- Tattoos will be checked at check-in time. If tattoos are not legible, animals will be moved to the Commercial Division.
- Does can be trimmed to enhance their individual qualities.
Does can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Commercial/Haired Breeding Does

- Commercial breeding does are not required to be registered.
- Commercial breeding does will be shown with hair and trimmed to enhance their individual qualities.
Commercial breeding does will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds and maximum declared weight of 125 pounds and never have kidded before.
- Weigh-backs: The top 3 purple ribbons in each class will be weighed back immediately after class. They must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately excused from the show and will not be eligible for awards.
- Commercial breeding does do not have registration papers but will be required to have USDA Official Scrapie ID.
- Does can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing, but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Wether Dam/Slicked Does

- A wether dam is a doe that has a wether style breeding and will be raised as a market style goat.
Does must be slick shorn with a 3/8 inch of hair or less. Hair may be left on the legs up to the hocks and knees only.
- These does shall not be kidded and must be under 1 year of age.
- Wether dams will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds and maximum declared weight of 125 pounds and never kidded before.
- Market Does will be showed in the Wether Dam Division but will not have to have DNA collected.

- Animals will not need registration papers but will be required to have USDA Official Scrapie Tag ID.
- Weigh-backs: The top 3 purple ribbons in each class will be weighed back immediately after class. They must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately excused from the show and will not be eligible for awards.
- Does can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing, but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Market Wethers

- Market castrated wethers will be shown in the market wether division.
DNA will be required by June 1st.
- Wethers will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds.
- Wethers must be slick shorn with a 3/8 inch of hair or less. Hair may be left on the legs up to the hocks and knees only.
- Weigh-backs: The top 3 purple ribbons in each class will be weighed back immediately after class. They must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately excused from the show and will not be eligible for awards.
- Wethers can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing, but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Showmanship

- Showmanship will be split into two separate contests: Breeding Showmanship and Market/Wether Dam Showmanship.
- Breeding Showmanship consists of: Registered Breeding Does and Commercial/Haired Breeding Does.
- Market/Wether Dam Showmanship consists of: Market Wethers and Slicked/Wether Dam Showmanship.
- Youth may compete in one showmanship contest not both.
Youth may show their goat at their best ability if that is consisting of bracing, no bracing, showing on a collar or halter.



Hamlin County 4-H Cloverbuds



The 4-H Cloverbud Program, specifically designed for children age 5-7 (by January 1), appeals to a child's natural curiosity, enthusiasm for learning, and high energy level. Offering a wide variety of activities and experiences, in a non-competitive environment, encourages children to explore and think about the world around them. you and your children are sure to learn and grow through Cloverbuds!

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|--------------|---|
| Age | 5-7 (BY JANUARY 1, 2025) |
| Where | HAMLIN COUNTY 4-H BUILDING IN HAYTI |
| Time | 4:00-5:15 |
| RSVP | PLEASE RSVP TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE TWO DAYS PRIOR TO PROGRAM EACH MONTH |
| Dates | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MONDAY NOVEMBER 18• MONDAY DECEMBER 9• MONDAY JANUARY 27• MONDAY FEBRUARY 10• MONDAY MARCH 17• MONDAY APRIL 14 |



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NORTHEAST 4-H CALF SHOW!



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Watertown Winter Farm Show

NORTHEAST 4-H CALF SHOW



SAVE the DATE
February 15, 2025

OPEN TO 4-H YOUTH IN BROOKINGS, CLARK,
CODINGTON, DAY, DEUEL, GRANT, HAMLIN, KINGSBURY,
MARSHALL, ROBERTS AND SPINK COUNTIES

Starter Flock Program

Calling all young producers! Apply now for a chance to be awarded your very own sheep through our Starter Flock Program. This is an amazing opportunity to grow, learn, and make new friends. Don't miss out—apply today!

For more information and to apply, click here:

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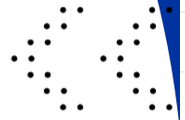
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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS 2025

Two Scholarships Available
Through The
Hamlin Conservation District

**HAMLIN
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

- Simple Application Process
- Currently involved in Agriculture or Conservation as a High School Student
- In Upper 50% of Graduating Class
- Must Pursue Career in Ag or Conservation Field
- Must Be Attending a South Dakota College or Vocational School

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April 5, 2025

Codington County Extension Complex



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February 2025

- Feb. 1.....Burger Battle
- Feb. 8..... Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day – Rapid City
- Feb. 9.....Shooting Sports Pancake Feed 9am-1pm
- Feb 10.....Cloverbuds
- Feb. 15..... SS End of Match 1
- Feb. 15.....NE Calf Show
- Feb. 16..... SS Match 1 scores due to John by 9:30 am CST
- Feb. 17.....Office Closed for Presidents Day holiday
- Feb. 24.....Fruit Orders due to the office

March 2025

- Mar. 1.....Beef Builder apps due
- Mar. 12-16..... Ignite by 4-H Summit – Washington D.C.
- Mar. 15..... SS End of Match 2
- Mar. 15..... SS 4-H Enrollment Deadline for Spring
- Mar. 16..... SS Match 2 scores due to John by 9:30 am CST
- Mar. 17..... Registration for Spring State Shoot Opens
- Mar. 29.....Fruit Delivery Day

April 2025

- Apr. 11-16..... National 4-H Conference – Arlington, VA

Apr. 15..... SS End of Match 3
Apr. 16..... SS Match 3 scores due to John by 9:30 am CST
Apr. 16..... Registration for Spring State Shoot Closes
Apr. 24..... Spring State Shoot teams due to John by 3:30 pm CST
Apr. 25-27..... Spring State Shoot – Pierre/Ft. Pierre



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