

# Hamlin County 4-H Happenings

December 2024

## 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.



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## 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](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13LJ8Db68LnBKMSYpCaBJ4riRVKwQookt?usp=drive_link)

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## Record Book/Annual Report

New Record Book is ready and will be in the Google Drive!



**Hamlin County Record Book 2024.xlsx**

[Download](#)  
184.8 KB



**By becoming Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified:**

- Producers can uphold consumer confidence in beef
- Enhance herd profitability through better management
- Safeguard the public image of the beef industry
- Improve the sale of marketed beef cattle

**Bryant City Hall and Community Center**

115 E Main St,  
Bryant, SD 57221

**December 17, 2024**  
**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**RSVPs due by December 15th**  
**Contact Madison at**  
**605-882-5140**  
**[madison.kovarna@sdstate.edu](mailto:madison.kovarna@sdstate.edu)**

**SD BQA Coordinator**  
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**Training hosted by:**

Madison Kovarna  
SDSU Extension  
Beef Nutrition Field Specialist

SDSU Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer in accordance with the nondiscrimination policies of South Dakota State University, the South Dakota Board of Regents and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Join SDSU Extension for Beef Quality Assurance Training on Tuesday, December 17, from 6-8 p.m. at Bryant City Hall (115 E Main St, Bryant, SD) 🐮!

This free event is open to anyone involved in cattle care. Get BQA certified (valid for 3 years) ✓, improve beef quality & safety, and boost herd profitability!

For more information & to register, click the link below or contact Madison Kovarna, SDSU Extension Beef Nutrition Field Specialist at [madison.kovarna@sdstate.edu](mailto:madison.kovarna@sdstate.edu) or call 605-882-5140.

A meal will be provided by the Clark Hamlin Cattlemen's 🍴. Please register by December 15 for the meal count! 📅

🔗 <https://extension.sdstate.edu/event/beef-quality-assurance-training-bryant>

# Please Note: Changes to Meat Goat Divisions for 2025!



## South Dakota 4-H Meat Goat Divisions Meat Goat Divisions Starting in 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 24 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.



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- A vertical strip of a photograph showing a close-up of autumn leaves in shades of brown and orange, with some leaves showing signs of decay and mold.

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# Feed to Carcass

## MAKING THE GRADE



# About

Congratulations, you have chosen to raise a market animal for meat! A market project can take a lot of time, energy, and finances, but it is an important part of agriculture and feeding the world, and the life skills you will learn along the way are well worth it.

As a 4-H producer, it is your responsibility to follow ethical and safe practices when handling and safe practices when handling and feeding your meat animal to ensure that the buyer/consumer receives a nutritious and high quality meat for their dinner table. Providing safe and quality food for consumers builds trusts and support from customers, and keep agricultural producers like you in business!

Feed to Carcass 4-H program will guide 4-H youth interested in the process of feeding your market animal to the show ring to harvesting. This program is designed to encourage decision-making, a trait that is beneficial throughout life.

## Expectations and Responsibilities

Youth interested in participating in the Feed to Carcass program, must:

- Be enrolled as an active 4-H member as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.
- Have the financial ability to purchase a market steer or access a home raised market steer.
- Provide adequate facilities and adhere to the youth livestock literacy practices to ensure proper management and well-being of the animal.
- Actively participate in online and face-to-face educational programming resources.
  - Links will be sent directly to participants a week prior to the educational webinar.
- Exhibit steer at county 4-H Achievement Days.
- Maintain accurate production records related to raising the animal.
- Develop and present a county public presentation or exhibit an educational display highlighting their project and knowledge.



# Calendar of Events

We understand schedules can be demanding and limited. Effort is key. As long as youth can make an effort to attend the following dates. Educational webinars will be recorded and an evaluation will be distributed to youth the following day to be completed.



**For sure dates will be sent out soon!**

## **January - Animal acquired**

- Helpful selection tip: a market steer should weigh more than 500 pounds at 7 months. Typically a market animal is born February-April months of the previous year.

## **February- Animal Weigh-In**

- Animals will be weighed. We will determine the beginning weight for rate-of-gain.

## **February- Educational Webinar**

- A health program is important to a successful market animal project. Learn best practices for ensuring your animal stays healthy by a local veterinarian.

## **April- Educational Webinar**

- A balanced ration, plenty of clean, fresh water, and regular feedings are essential to produce top quality market steers. Learn proper nutrition by an SDSU Extension Beef Nutrition Field Specialist.

## **May- Educational Webinar**

- Showmanship starts in the barn- working with the animal hair, proper feet position, and patience. Learn the fundamentals of getting your animal ready for the showing from a 4-H alumni.

## **July- Ultrasound Hands-On Workshop**

- Youth will bring their market animal to your local butcher shop of your choosing. Ultrasound is an evaluation tool for market animals to determine marbling and animals' ribeye area and backfat thickness.

## **Achievement Days**

**Kingsbury- July 28- August 2**

**Hamlin- August 4-7**

## **August- Meat Science Hands-On Workshop**

- Youth will evaluate carcasses at ? In addition, youth will learn meat fabrication.

## **November- Awards Recognition**

- Awards sponsored





It doesn't matter what  
others are doing, it matters  
what you are doing. Work  
hard to be successful.



To participate, please  
complete the registration  
form.

Registration is open until  
December 31.

This is a great program for market beef exhibitors! Sign up at  
<https://forms.gle/cfoPKd294ojKcZUF6> or scan the QR code!

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*Poultry Project Challenge*

# Poultry Project Challenge in 4-H



Hamlin County 4-H 2025

## About

This program will give youth the opportunity to experience the poultry project from start to finish. Youth will apply to receive 5 chicks that are 2 to 3 days old along with supplies to help take care of the birds along with show the projects at Achievement Days.

## Calendar of Events

- Application Due December 31
- Pickup birds in February along with an educational program
- June 1- Deadline to enter birds into 4-H Online
- Middle of June- Zoom meeting check in about the project
- Achievement Days August 4-7 (Show, Display Exhibit, and Record Book Due)

## Expectations and Responsibilities

Youth interested in participating in the Poultry Project Challenge, must:

- Be enrolled as an active 4-H member as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.
- Youth must be present at time of pickup
- Each youth will be directly involved in the care of the chicks and birds.
- Youth must show their birds in 4-H at the Achievement Days in 2025
- Youth will complete a static exhibit involving their poultry along with the record book attached
- Youth will attend a zoom meeting check in about how the project is going

**Cost \$35**







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To participate, please  
complete the registration  
form.

Registration is open until  
December 31.

Interested in raising your own chickens from chicks to Achievement Days? This project is for you!  
Sign up by December 31 at <https://forms.gle/UoYpjkgZYc73sbQt7> or scan the QR code!

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# Hamlin County 4-H Cloverbuds



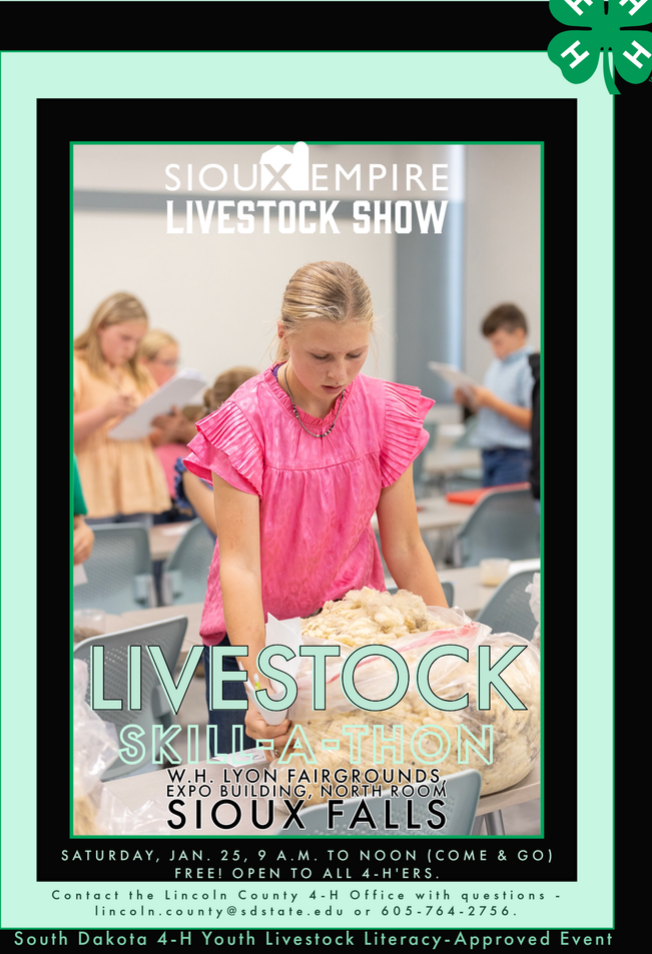

The 4-H Cloverbud Program, specifically designed for children age 5-7 (by January 1), appeals to a child's natural curiosity, enthusiasm for learning, and high energy level. Offering a wide variety of activities and experiences, in a non-competitive environment, encourages children to explore and think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

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



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SIoux EMPIRE  
LIVESTOCK SHOW


**LIVESTOCK  
SKILL-A-THON**

W.H. LYON FAIRGROUNDS,  
EXPO BUILDING, NORTH ROOM  
SIOUX FALLS

SATURDAY, JAN. 25, 9 A.M. TO NOON (COME & GO)  
FREE! OPEN TO ALL 4-H'ERS.

Contact the Lincoln County 4-H Office with questions -  
lincoln.county@sdstate.edu or 605-764-2756.

South Dakota 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy-Approved Event



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Pre-registration is requested (but not required) by Jan. 16 in order to prepare materials. Pre-register to [wsweeter@lincolncountysd.org](mailto:wsweeter@lincolncountysd.org).

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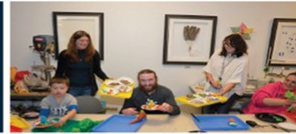


4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest  
W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds, Expo Building, Sioux Falls  
Sunday, Jan. 26 Check-in: 12-12:45 p.m., Start: 1 p.m.  
Cost: \$10 per contestant if registered by Jan. 3; Late Entry: \$20 per contestant if  
registering at check in  
Individual contest only, NO teams.  
Contact Lincoln County 4-H with questions at [lincoln.county@sdstate.edu](mailto:lincoln.county@sdstate.edu).  
Register using the QR code above.  
South Dakota 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy-Approved Event

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*Farm Service Agency Youth Loan*

## Youth Loans



### Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans of up to \$10,000 to eligible individual youths ages 10 to 20 to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects. The project must be of modest size, educational, and initiated, developed, and carried out by youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA, tribal youth organizations, or similar agricultural-affiliated groups.

The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills.

### Who May Borrow

To qualify for a loan, the applicant must:

- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements; and
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work.

### How Loan Funds May Be Used

These loans can finance many kinds of income-producing agricultural projects. The loan funds may be used to:

- Buy livestock, seed, equipment, and supplies;
- Buy, rent, or repair needed tools and equipment; and
- Pay operating expenses for the project.

### How It Works

To apply, the applicant must submit completed plans and budgets signed by the project advisor and parent or guardian along with the FSA application for loan assistance.

These loans:

- Have a maximum loan amount of \$10,000 (total principal balance owed at any one time cannot exceed this amount);
- Have an interest rate that is determined based on the cost of money to the federal government (after the loan is made, the interest rate for that loan will not change);
- Will be secured, in addition to promissory notes, by liens on the products produced for sale and on chattel property, including livestock, equipment, and fixtures purchased with loan funds; and
- Have a repayment schedule that varies depending on the type of project for which the loan is made. For example, if it involves raising livestock or crops, the loan is paid when the animals or produce are normally sold.

### More Information

For more information, visit [fsa.usda.gov/farmloans](https://fsa.usda.gov/farmloans) or [farmers.gov](https://farmers.gov). Find your local USDA Service Center at [farmers.gov/service-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-locator).



## Applying for Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$10,000.

### Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

For help preparing the application forms, contact the Codington County USDA Service Center at 605-886-8202 Ext. 2 or visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov).



## 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:

<https://www.targheesheepus.com/registration-applications>

### Reminders for Volunteers:

For volunteers wishing to renew their service with the South Dakota 4-H youth development program for the 2024-2025 year, the following activities will need to be complete before any 4-H programming is allowed to happen. Volunteers will not be considered approved to work with youth without completing these activities:

- Re-enroll in 4-H online



New Volunteers will need to complete additional steps outlined in the Becoming a 4-H Volunteer Checklist, which can be found here: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2023-02/MC-02898-05.pdf> Volunteers will not be considered approved to work with youth without completing these activities:

- Indicate interest by completing an application:
- Interview with local 4-H Staff
- Online 4-H Orientation Training Modules
- Background check through SDSU Human Resources
- 4-H Online Enrollment

## Annual Volunteer Renewal Process

South Dakota 4-H volunteers are essential to the mission of our program. These caring adult mentors bring forth many skills and hours of dedicated service each year to help strengthen the lives of young people. If you were a volunteer in the 2023-24 4-H program year, thank you so much! South Dakota 4-H volunteers serve one-year terms, renewable indefinitely so long as both parties (i.e., typically the volunteer and lead county 4-H professional) wish to continue the relationship. The returning volunteer indicates this interest by re-enrolling in 4-HOnline after October 1st. At this point, the returning volunteer's status is "pending." In most cases, the lead local 4-H professional will quickly approve and the 4-HOnline status will then say "active." This signifies the renewal of the relationship for the 4-H year ahead.

If the lead local 4-H professional does not wish to continue the relationship or wishes to discuss role restrictions or alterations, they will communicate this to the volunteer. Each year, a few 4-H volunteers are not renewed for service.

Reminder: All returning volunteers need to indicate their interest in returning. The preferred renewal date is before December 3 but required before volunteers are allowed to do any 4-H programming or events and before September 1st. Otherwise, should they wish to return at a future time, they will have to re-start the volunteer process from scratch and pay a \$75 lapsed background check fee.

Interested in becoming a new volunteer this 4-H year? Contact Hamlin County 4-H Advisor, Abbi Steeke, at the office anytime, preferably before April 1, to learn more.

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## Hamlin County 4-H Committees

Starting in the new 4-H year, October 2024, Hamlin County 4-H will be taking on an up to date committee protocol. On these committees, a minimum of two youth and a minimum of 3 adult members with a maximum of 9 adults will serve on the committees. On this committee, representatives will help assist with planning, conducting, and recommending educational experiences for the certain committee topic. Adults do not have to be certified volunteers. A committee list of members must be approved by 4-H Advisor yearly before December 31. Removal of committee members can occur at any point by the county 4-H Advisor.

If interested, please reach out to the office and for more information, view the document attached. Committees are: livestock, horse, dog, and display exhibits with Youth in Action.

Interested in being on a committee? Turn in your interest form at <https://forms.gle/pou4tqJNkB7jQdBFA>



## For Those Who Attended a Camp This Year!

There is a \$50 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend Camp Poinsett or Storm Mountain or the SDSU Dairy Judging Camp.

There is a \$75 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend TLC or Performing Arts or SDSU Livestock Judging Camp. Here is how the scholarship program works.



- **Step 1** – Register for the 2024 camp and pay the full camp fees.
- **Step 2** – Attend camp and have a great time!!
- **Step 3** – Tell a group about camp. For the \$50 4-H Camp scholarships, tell one group. For the \$75 TLC or Performing Arts Camp or Livestock Judging scholarship tell two groups.
- **Step 4** – Complete the camp assistance/scholarship application form with all signatures and submit to the SD 4-H Leaders. You will receive your scholarship money within 2 weeks of its receipt. **Applications are due by December 31, 2024.**

Go to the SD 4-H Leaders website <http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com> or click here for the form: <http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com/Apps/App-CampFeeAssistance.pdf>

## SD Angus Youth Grant Opportunity:

The South Dakota Angus Association is offering a [grant opportunity](#) for youth in our state to receive a purebred angus heifer for production and show. This is a great opportunity for any youth member looking to start their beef cattle operation, purebred angus operation, or beef show career. Whatever the case, please see the attached application for more information. Questions and application materials can be directed to the SD Angus Association (contact person on application).

### December 2024

Dec. 7..... SS Coaches Training – Lennox  
Dec. 7..... SS Coaches Training – Potter County  
Dec 9.....Cloverbuds  
Dec 31..... Feed to Carcass Registration Due



Dec 31..... Poultry Project Challenge Registration Due  
January 2025  
Jan. 4..... SS Coaches Training – Brookings  
Jan. 11..... SS Coaches Training – Murdo  
Jan. 25..... SS Coaches Training – Rapid City  
Jan. 25.....Sioux Empire Livestock Show Skill-a-Thon  
Jan. 26.....Sioux Empire Livestock Judging Contest  
Jan. 27..... Cloverbuds

*From: Abbi & Krista*

*To: Hamlin County 4-H Families*



## Hamlin County 4-H

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