# Hamlin County 4–H Happenings

February 2025, Vol. 2

# 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

# Youth In Action Day

DeSmet July 16

#### **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 10:45am on Saturday, 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 <u>myfruitsales.com</u> 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.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025

BROOKINGS, SD | DACOTAH BANK CENTER

JACKRABBITS MEMORIAL JACKPOT SHOW





# **Growing Futures Workshop**

Sigma Alpha hopes to empower young women by providing them with the skills, knowledge, and networking opportunities needed to pursue successful careers.

The event will focus on enhancing leadership abilities, fostering confidence, and promoting career exploration within the agricultural industry. Participants engage in hands-on activities, workshops, and discussions that help build both personal and professional growth, while encouraging a sense of community and support among young women passionate about agriculture.

Girls, grades 7-12, are invited to join in the Growing Futures Workshop at 6:30 pm in the classroom of the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center on Tuesday, March 18th, 2025.

Bring a friend...these skills are important for everyone regardless of your connection to the ag industry.

Register below by March 5.

Registration link: https://form.jotform.com/250487064014149

# Growing Futures: Equipping Girls in Agriculture

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 • 6:30pm Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center

The objective of this event is to empower young women by providing them with the skills, knowledge, and networking opportunities to pursue successful careers in agriculture fields. The event focuses on enhancing leadership abilities, fostering confidence, and promoting career exploration within the agricultural industry.

# **Workshop Options**

How to Write an Email
Parliamentary Procedure
Mock Interviews/
Interview Question Preparation
How to Give a Professional Presentation
Elevator Speech Help/Preparation
Resume Help/Preparation

## Register Online



#### Hosted by:

Sigma Alpha - Omega Sorority & Brookings County 4-H



Grant County 4-H Shooting Sports Opportunity





Grant County 4-H Shooting Sports invites the shooting sports participants in Brookings, Codington, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Marshall, and Roberts Counties to a county air gun tournament!

Disciplines offered for the day will be BB gun, air pistol, and air rifle. Age divisions will follow South Dakota 4-H Age Divisions. Concessions will be available throughout the day.

<u>Pre-registration is required no later than February 21</u>. Fees will be paid the day of the tournament by cash or check only.

#### COURSE OF FIRE

- BB Gun: All divisions shoot from four positions (prone, standing, kneeling, sitting) using a 10-bull target. Orion targets will be used.
- Air Rifle: All divisions will be 3x20. The three position event course of fire consists of 20 shots in the kneeling, prone, and standing positions, fired in that order. Orion targets will be used.
- Air Pistol: Beginners may sit, with elbows resting on the table. Juniors must stand, may use
  two hands to hold the pistol. Seniors must stand, and use one hand to hold the pistol. Orion
  targets will be used. Rapid fire will be used as a tie breaker.

#### **SESSION SCHEDULE**

#### BB Gun:

- Session 1: 9:00-10:15 a.m.
- Session 2: 10:30-11:45 a.m.
- Session 3: 12:00-1:15 p.m.
- Session 4: 1:30-2:45 p.m.

#### Air Pistol:

- Session 1: 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Session 2: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

#### Air Rifle:

- Session 1: 10:15-11:45 a.m.
- Session 2: 1:15-2:45 p.m.



Scores will be posted throughout the day on the Orion Match website; the link will be available the day of the event. Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each age division for each discipline. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day. There will be a concession stand on site. Please call the SDSU Extension- Grant County 4-H Office at 605-432-9221 with any questions or problems with registration.









SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

Grant County 4-H Shooting Sports invites the shooting sports participants in Brookings, Codington, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Marshall, and Roberts Counties to a county archery tournament!

Disciplines offered for the day will be CWOS, CWOS-R, CWS, CWS-R, RWOS, RWS, Compound Open, and Recurve Open. Age divisions will follow South Dakota 4-H Age Divisions. Concessions will be available throughout the day.

Pre-registration is required no later than February 21. Fees can be paid the day of the tournament.

#### **GUIDELINES**

- Bows need to be cased when entering the building.
- · Control over the range will be through whistle commands.
- Targets used will be dark blue and white NFAA standard indoor targets with 5 equal and concentric scoring rings.
- Shooters may use a one-spot or five spot target.
- Inside out Xs will be tracked for tie breaking purposes.
- Groups of 3-4 shooters will score and turn in scorecards for their group. Dual scoring will be in effect- two writers and one caller. All scorecard boxes must have a value.
- One practice round, followed by 6 ends of 5 arrows. Four minutes to shoot each end.

#### **SESSION SCHEDULE**

- · Session 1: 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Session 2: 10:30-12:00 p.m.
- Session 3: 12:00-1:30 p.m.
- · Session 4: 1:30-3:00 p.m.



sign up here!

Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each age division for each discipline. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day. There will be a concession stand on site. Please call the SDSU Extension- Grant County 4-H Office at 605-432-9221 with any questions or problems with registration.







GRANT COUNTY 4-H OFFICE 605.432.9221

2025 Beef Builder Program Application:



### 4-H BeefBuilder™ Calf Program Application

NAME:AGE:
YEARS IN 4-H:CLUB NAME:
COUNTY
PARENTS NAME(S)
PHONE NUMBEREMAIL
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 wh	at you	hope to gain	from	being	involved	in th	ie 4-H	BeefBuil	der <sup>TM</sup> F	Program
By signing	below,	you agree to be	e an ac	tive par	ticipant	in 4-H	during	this 2024	season.	You
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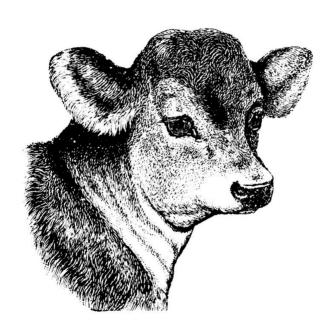
Beef Builder Program Guide:

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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

- 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™ p 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 count y):

#### BeefBuilder™ Class

<u>BeefBuilder™ finshed market steer class</u>- 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 produc

#### **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

- Ist 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.													

<b>PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b> : Did you accomplish your goals? Why or why not? (Include skills learned)
1
2
3



The Kid Kare Babysitting Clinic, designed for youth ages 9 and older that are interested in babysitting responsibilities, will be held in Watertown at the Codington County Extension Complex on Saturday, April 5 beginning at 8:30 am. The clinic will conclude around 3 pm.

Featured workshops for the day long event include:

- Fun Activities with Children
- Infant Care
- Nutrition for Youngsters
- The Babysitter's Guide to Behavior
- 1st Aid & Choking
- Emergency Preparedness
- Kids are People Too

For the first time ever, a CPR certification opportunity is being made available as a part of the babysitting clinic. Space in the CPR class is limited to 20 babysitters.

Lunch and materials will be provide for each participant; cost for the day-long event is \$25. Registration is open through March 7, payment is due by March 18. Payment can be sent to:

Day County Extension Office

Attn: Kid Kare 711 W. 1st St Ste 105

Webster, SD 57274

Use the QR code above or the button below to register now or here is the link to the Kid Kare registration: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/250205596017150">https://form.jotform.com/250205596017150</a>



# 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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## **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.

### **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 - <u>lauren.sankey@sdstate.edu</u>

Wendy Sweeter - wsweeter@lincolncountysd.org

# 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

# 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. O 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 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
- Commercial breeding does do not have registration papers but will be required to have USDA Official Scrapie
- 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

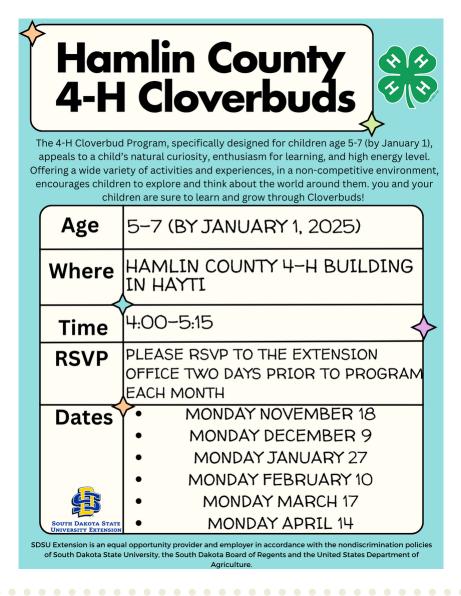
- · · Market castrated wethers will be shown in the market wether division. DNA will be required by June 1st.
- Wethers will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds.
  Wethers must be slick shorn with a 3/8 inch of hair or less. Hair may be left on the legs up to the hocks and
- 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.

#### S howmanship

- $\bullet \ Showman ship \ will \ be \ split \ into \ two \ separate \ contests: \ Breeding \ Showman ship \ and \ Market/Wether \ Dam$ 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

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# 4-H Rodeo Update

Check out resources on the SDSU Extension website.

- 4-H Rodeo Rules and Regulations <a href="https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2024-12/P-00019-v6.pdf">https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2024-12/P-00019-v6.pdf</a>
- 4-H Finals Packet <a href="https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/MC-03663.pdf">https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/MC-03663.pdf</a> Due May 1

## 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

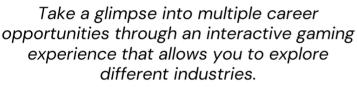
Robotics Challenge: <a href="https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/MC-03630.pdf">https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/MC-03630.pdf</a>





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Scholarship opportunities forseniors:



# **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

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Two Scholarships Available Through The Hamlin Conservation District

#### **HAMLIN** CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SDACDE EMPLOYEES ASSOC.

- 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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PO Box 165, Hayti, 57241







Applications must be postmarked by the first Monday of April to be considered.

The application can be found at extension.sdstate.edu

# 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



February 2025
Feb. 24Fruit Orders due to the office
March 2025
Mar. 1Beef 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. 29Fruit Delivery Day
<u>April 2025</u>
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



# **Hamlin County 4-H**

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