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January 2015

UPCOMING DATES

4-H Leader's Meeting

January 12 @ 5:30 pm

Martin Luther King Jr Holiday

January 19 - Office Closed

President's Day Holiday

February 16 - Office Closed

4-H Leader's Meeting

March 9 @ 5:30 pm

Special Foods Contest

June 17

County Horse Show

June 23

County Dog Show

July 27

Fashion Revue Contest

July 28

Public Presentation Contest

July 29

Achievement Days

August 3 - 6



Member Insurance

Independent 4-H members, please remember to pay your insurance to the office by March 1. **Regular**

Members: \$3

Members with Horse:

\$3.50

Market Beef Green Tagging/Weigh-In



The market beef weigh-in and green tagging will be held on **Monday, March 23 at Vander Wal Yards from 4-6 pm.**

All market beef need to have a green tag and a DNA sample submitted in order to participate at the 2015 State Fair. DNA sample envelopes will be provided at \$6 each. **This will be the only scheduled weigh in.** Please contact the Extension Office if you will be weighing animals. Call with any questions - 696-8280.

NEW!!! 2014-15 4-H Livestock Green Tagging Changes

The "Green Tagging" system will be changing, starting with the 2014 – 2015 4-H program year.

Beginning with the 2015 – 2016 4-H program year, South Dakota 4-H Youth Development will move to completely different tags. Currently our tags are four numbers and a single letter. In the future, we will use National Unified Ear -Tagging System (NUES) tags. NUES tags are federally required for animals to technically cross state lines.

Another important part of the NUES tagging system is that only one federal tag can be placed in an animal. This becomes problematic with sheep and goats that already carry a Scrapie Tag (which is also a federal tag). Because of this, we will move away from green tagging sheep and goats. Sheep and goats still need to be verified on the Ownership Verification Affidavit forms; going forward their Scrapie number is the unique identifier. This change requires the entire Scrapie number be recorded on the form including the state code.

Another "change" for the 2015 – 2016 4-H program year will be in pre-identification of 4-H Dairy Cattle. Going forward, you will be required to provide one type of ID when submitting forms:

- A registration tag
- A registration tattoo
- An Electronic Identification Device (EID) tag number
- A complete Bangs tag number or a 4-H Green Tag number

To stay consistent, Breeding Beef animals will be required to have something more tangible than a herd tag for commercial animals. Breeding Beef will need a tattoo at verification time or a Green Tag.

4-H Leaders Meeting ~ JANUARY 12, 2015

The 4-H Leaders Association will meet at 5:30 pm on Monday, January 12 at the Extension Office.

All club leaders & parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend.



LIKE Brookings 4-H on Facebook



Brookings 4-H is on FACEBOOK...you can find us at [Brookings County 4-H](#); LIKE us and keep up with happenings in Brookings 4-H.

2014-15 4Honline™ Enrollment

4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

The new 4-H Year started October 1 and runs through September 30, 2015. Reminder...in order to enroll in 4-H youth must be 8 on or before **January 1, 2015**. Youth also can not be older than 18 on or before January 1, 2015.

4-HOnline is up and running and can be accessed by visiting www.iGrow.org, click on the "Enroll in 4-H" box or go directly to 4-HOnline at <https://sd.4honline.com>.

Remember, if you have been enrolled in 4-H before you do not need to create a new profile. Contact the office if you need help logging in.

NEW THIS YEAR...for adult volunteers there are 6 training modules built into the 4-HOnline program. Access the modules by clicking on the "Training" tab once you've enrolled. See the help sheet for step by step directions.

4-H Calendars

The 2015 SD 4-H Calendar features 47 photos selected by 4-H judges from more than 3,000 entries during the 2014 SD State Fair. Preview a sample of the calendar and place your order at [iGrow](#).

Calendars are \$12.50 each, order one for yourself and one to give away!



Ronald McDonald House Selected as 4-H Project

South Dakota State 4-H Youth Council has selected the Ronald McDonald House for their state-wide community service project.

4-H members throughout the state will be asked to collect can tabs for the next 12 months to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

There will be a competition held among the counties in South Dakota with the winners receiving a county-wide prize. Counties are asked to collect, weigh, and keep track of their tabs.

To participate, 4-H members and clubs need to start collecting pop tabs and turn into the Brookings County Extension Office. Your club collections will be kept track of in the office. All pop tabs will need to be turned in by August 1, 2015.



4-H Livestock Record App

Do you agonize over 4-H record keeping? Now you can organize your market livestock project information on your iPhone or iPad and send customized reports right to your email inbox.

- Track your 4-H'ers and their individual livestock project animals
- Track participation in events, meetings, shows, contests and more
- Record animal weights, feed, and health and monitor average daily gains
- Enter project income, expenses, and assets to generate financial statements
- Use photos to customize each 4-H'er and animal
- Export reports to analyze in spreadsheets, create graphs, or use in your state or local 4-H record keeping forms



Upcoming Calf Shows

January 27, 2015 - Sioux Empire Youth Calf Show - Sioux Falls, SD

February 28, 2015 - AGR Steer & Heifer Show - Brookings, SD



Sioux Empire Farm Show Junior Livestock Judging



4-H and FFA members are invited to participate in the Junior Livestock Judging Contest at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls, SD. The contest will be held on **January 31, 2015**. Check in time is from 8 - 9:45 am. Contest will start at 10 am sharp!

This is a team competition only (4 individuals). Early entry deadline is **January 16**.

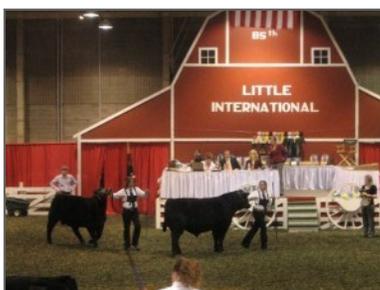
Please call the office if you'd like to be a part of team or if you have a team put together. Each county 4-H program is allowed 2 teams (8 judges).

4-H Horse Project members



Don't forget to be working on your Youth in Action requirements for the 2014-15 4-H Year which will help you meet the completion requirement of the Horse Project Achievement Form. All requirements need to be completed by June 1.

Little I 2015 - Mark your Calendars



Little International (Little I) 2015 is scheduled for March 27-28, 2015. Little International is a two-day agricultural exposition planned, organized, and implemented by students at South Dakota State University for the benefit of high school and college students. Little International is considered the largest two-day agricultural exposition in the country. The exposition provides a fun and competitive opportunity for students to develop and refine skills essential for lifelong success in agriculture. Through Little International, students can utilize the two day event, not just as an opportunity to improve their showmanship, fitting, or judging skills, but also to develop time management skills, responsibility, hard work

and personal pride—not to mention the networking possibilities and the fun had by all involved with Little International.