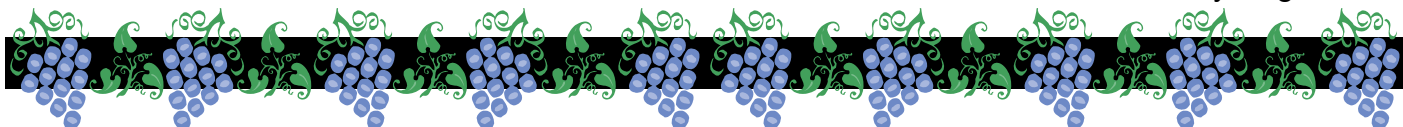


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Family Grapevine  
 Information for 4-H families  
 July/August 2025



From the Desk of  
 the Agent

# PREPARE FOR THE FAIR!

## IMPORTANT FAIR DATES

Date	Event	Time
July 25, Friday	4-H Exhibit Drop off	2-7pm
July 26, Saturday	Warren County Farmer's Fair begins!	12 pm
August 2, Saturday	Warren County Farmers' Fair ends!	6 pm

A complete schedule of 4-H events at the Warren County Farmers' Fair can be found on our website:  
<https://warren.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fair/>

### 4-H Code of Conduct

Remember to review the 4-H Code of Conduct prior to the start of the fair! It asks all members of the 4-H community (parents, leaders and members) to practice consideration for others, good sportsmanship and honesty. Everyone should remember that at the fair you represent not just your club but the WHOLE 4-H program!



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# Reminders

## The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

**September 3, 2025 7:00 pm at 3 Shotwell Drive**

**All registered Warren County 4-H leaders are welcome.**

*If you prefer a hard copy mailed to your address, please call the office and confirm your updated contact information so we can send you a paper copy. We will only send paper copies to those families that contact us. We hope that 4-H families take advantage of the Grapevine online and help us save the environment.*

## The Jr. Breeder Loan Program

A great program for young adults already participating in 4-H to acquire livestock via a low-interest livestock loan. Contact the 4-H office for the forms and additional information.



Going to Rutgers?????

Going to miss 4-H????

No Need! You can join the Collegiate 4-H Club

They do much to support 4-H in NJ

## Our Mission

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world.



This mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

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# Mark Your Calendars!

## Christmas in July at the Fair!



## Officer's Council

September 16, 2025

Introducing the new Officer's Council Workshop! All club officers are welcome to attend on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm.

This workshop will provide youth with the skills and knowledge to effectively run a club meeting, leadership training, games, and activities that can be shared with their club members and much more!

Registration is required!

<https://forms.gle/8VqTa73YRNjMihQv7>



## 4-H Club Officers



## Community Ag Day

October 4, 2025



Community AG Day  
with Rutgers Cooperative Extension



**Hoff Van Nest Vannatta Farmstead**  
**3026 Belvidere Rd Phillipsburg, NJ 08865**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Free Parking  
Free Admission



Rain or Shine!



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# SAVE THE DATE!

## 4-H Recognition Event

November 2, 2025

Recognition of all 4-H members!  
Awards and games!





# 2026 Junior Animal Science Symposium

March 28, 2026

We are pleased to announce that the **2026 Junior Animal Science Symposium** will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2026**.



**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY**  
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

**2026 NJ JUNIOR ANIMAL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

**HANDS ON WORKSHOPS IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:**

- Equine
- Swine
- Small Ruminant
  - Sheep and Goat
- Large Ruminant
  - Dairy and Beef
- Canine
- Anthropology
- Poultry
- Beekeeping
- Rabbit
- Cavy (Guinea Pig)
- Small Animal
- Animal Science Video Contest

**SPONSORED BY:**  
The New Jersey Department of Agriculture Junior Breeder Program, in cooperation with Rutgers Cooperative Extension faculty and staff.

**WORKSHOP DETAILS**  
**28 MARCH 2026**  
**LOCATION:** ROUND BARN @ GEORGE H. COOK CAMPUS – RUTGERS UNIVERSITY  
**TIME:** 8:30AM – 3:00 PM; YOUTH AND ADULTS; RAIN OR SHINE  
**REGISTRATION:** OPENS FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:** AMELIA.MINERVINI@RUTGERS.EDU OR MB2173@NJAES.RUTGERS.EDU

Registration will open on **February 3, 2026**, and at that time, session details and the registration link will be available on our website:

<https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/junior-symposium/>



## News!

### Project Record Books

Don't forget to keep up with your record book for the 2024-2025 project year!

If you need a new record for the current project year, please visit <https://warren.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/record-books/> and download the specific book for your project area.

Keeping a record book allows you to track what you have learned and accomplished throughout the project year. It is also a very handy way to keep track of community service activities! Filling out your record book is a great asset when you go to fill out National Honor Society applications, Tri-M Honor Society applications as well as college applications. All your activities, community service, and goals are in one place!

A Record Book Cheat Sheet (a guide to help you fill your book out) is available to everyone.



# Horse News



## Horse Leaders Meetings

The Horse Leaders Meeting schedule:

September 10, 2025 via Zoom



## NJ State 4-H Horse Show

August 15-17, 2025

Dream Park

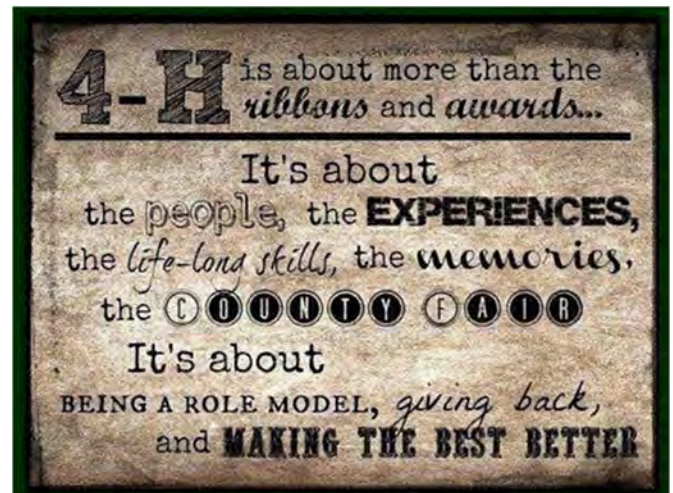


## 4-H Qualifying Show Results

Warren County hosted its first dual county qualifying horse show with Hunterdon County. 2 members from each county participated and qualified for the NJ State 4-H Horse Show.

**Alicia Garis** qualified in Senior Western Showmanship & Grooming, Western Halter Geldings, Senior Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail Pleasure, and Ranch Conformation.

**Amelia Garis** qualified in Junior Western Showmanship & Grooming, Western Halter Mares, Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Conformation, Cloverleaf Barrel Race Horse, Bow-Tie Race Horse, and Plug Race Horse.





# Results:

## Farm Camp

6 youth participated in Farm Camp! Teens from the Teen Council volunteered as camp counselors for the 2 day summer day camp. Day 1 was Fiber day and the youth learned about fiber animals such as alpaca, goats, and rabbits. Natalie and Mike Burger from Hidden Pastures Farm in Branchville brought the animals and taught the participants about the fiber from each animal. Youth also made dreamcatchers with yarn and learned to finger knit a scarf!



Day 2 was Pollinator day and the participants learned about the bees, bee hives, and honey. They even got to jar their own honey!





# Club Updates:

## Puppy Power

On Saturday, June 21, Puppy Power had the opportunity to take a walk-through of the Koch Toyota dealership and service floor, in Easton, Pennsylvania. Club members got to see vehicles being actively worked on and serviced. They had a chance to meet with mechanics and salespeople during the tour. It was a great exposure for our puppies! Sadly, no rides in new car were to be had!

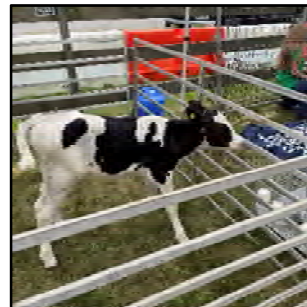


On Saturday, June 28, 3 puppies from Puppy Power came to the Warren County Bicentennial Celebration!



## Asbury Jr. Dairy & Warren County Hare Raisers

Members of Hare Raisers and Asbury Jr. Dairy brought rabbits, a cow, and sheep to the Warren County Bicentennial Celebration and were interviewed by a local news station!



Got club news? Send it to  
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