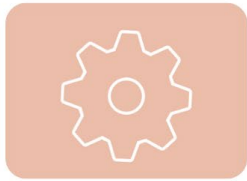




4-H Tuesday News



Features

Avian Influenza, Migration South Brings New Detections in WA!

With five new detections of High Path Avian Influenza in domesticated poultry flocks (1 commercial/ 4 backyard) in WA State over the last three weeks it is time for updated information. While WA didn't have any detections from Jan. 1, 2024 until mid-Oct., OR and ID both had detections during Spring migration North, Avian Influenza has been around WA with detections in wild fowl populations. As the wild waterfowl populations are migrating south it is important to stay alert and know where to find information.

You can find new detections, contact information for the State Vet (WSDA), and Bird Flu FAQs (under- "For backyard flock owners", including what to look for) on the WSDA website at [Bird Flu 2022-2024 | Washington State Department of Agriculture](#)

More things to know:

You will also find the most recent news releases regarding Avian Influenza on the website. At the bottom of the WSDA webpage there are several [additional resources](#) that may be helpful in keeping your birds safe and healthy.

Keep in mind:

This highly contagious and deadly virus requires quick action to safeguard our local bird populations and the health of our farmers' flocks.

- No infected birds or eggs have entered the food supply.
- The risk to the general public remains low.
- There are no confirmed or suspected cases in dairy farms in Washington state.

By the Numbers – Washington State

Since the start of the outbreak, there have been **2** affected commercial flocks, **47** affected backyard flocks affected across **18** counties. Last confirmed positive **Oct. 25 (Lewis County)**.



Applications for the Harry Burcalow 4-H Endowment Grant Due December 1st!

Harry Burcalow is the former associate dean of the WSU College of Agriculture and Home Economics, now CAHNRS, and associate director of WSU Cooperative Extension. In retirement from WSU, and now the WA 4-H Foundation Board, Burcalow continues to remain a strong supporter of 4-H programs. He personally founded the Harry Burcalow 4-H Endowment for Innovative Grants, funding projects and programs that help 4-H youth serve their communities while learning about leadership, decision-making, responsibility, and healthy lifestyle choices.

The goal of the grant is to fund worthy 4-H youth development programs or projects. The emphasis is on short-term needs such as new innovative programs, seed money, emergency, or unanticipated shortfalls. 4-H depends on involvement and donations to help Washington youth from all walks of life succeed. Learn more about the Harry Burcalow 4-H Endowment for Innovative Grants [here](#).

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/4-h-grant-opportunities/harry-burcalow-4-h-endowment-for-innovative-grants>

Apply Now to Be Part of the State 4-H Fair Board

If you have enjoyed the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup, now is your chance to really get involved. We are going through significant changes in location of several projects due to removal and construction of livestock barns. Your input and perspective is valuable.

We are also reviewing projects for relevant content and processes for efficient scheduling and coordination with State Fair personnel.

If you would like to be involved in this exciting time, please submit your application. Online application are acceptable and may be found at

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/documents/2016/05/state-4-h-fair-board-application-adult.pdf/>

Time is Running Out to Register for the 2024 Youth Summit!

Join in on the fun! Don't miss out on the 2024 Youth Summit at historic Camp Casey, on Whidbey Island. Youth can arrive starting at 4 pm on Friday, November 22, and can be picked up at 9:30 am on Sunday, November 24. The summit is open to 11-18 year-olds and brings together 4-H youth from across WA to meet new friends, develop leadership skills, and have fun. The Summit experience includes workshops, games, s'mores, and lots of good food! Check out the [Youth Summit website](#) for convenient links.

Youth and Chaperones please signup using 4-H Online.

- Early Bird Registration \$35/youth.
- After Oct 31st \$50/youth Registration.
- Registration closes on Nov. 15.
- Scholarships are available.
- Not already a 4-H member or have additional questions? No problem! Email us at island.4h@wsu.edu



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