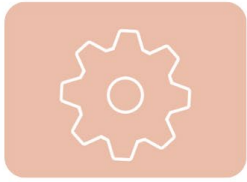




4-H Tuesday News



Features

Attention Dairy Youth: Upcoming Dairy Events

Join a fun day of activities on Saturday, March 15th! Join a busy day including:

The Springtime Youth Calf Sale in-person interviews. These will be held at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe. The grant application is due February 18th. Visit the [Springtime Youth Calf Sale](#) page for more details.

WA State Dairy Quiz Bowl: held at 10:00 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe.

Dairy Judging Workshop: held at 12:30 at Groeneveld Farms with the help of Katie Ryks. Youth will learn how to judge a heifer, cow, give oral reasons and judge a class of 4 animals. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the judging workshop. Those in attendance will be able to participate in a raffle for show supplies. Come and join the fun!

Other Upcoming Dairy Activities

Whatcom County Youth Fair has been cancelled for 2025, but they are going to create a Whatcom County Dairy Days April 11 & 12. More info to come!

Information will be on the [Evergreen Junior Dairy Show page](#).

WSDA confirms HPAI in Mason County

“The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) confirms Mason County’s first case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI or H5N1) in domestic birds, detected in a small backyard flock of ducks.

The initial report of sick birds came in to state veterinarians last week, with confirmatory results received late Monday, Feb. 10.”

Please review the WSDA Press Release from Feb. 11, to learn more and find links to valuable information on how to protect your home flocks.

[Press Release](#)

[WSDA Avian Influenza website](#)

Last Chance to Apply for 2025 YQCA Scholarship

The deadline to apply for the 2025 YQCA scholarship is February 17th. Don’t miss out on an opportunity to apply for scholarships up to \$10,000! Youth who are currently enrolled in YQCA and have been certified in the previous two years can apply. Visit the [YQCA Scholarship page](#) to submit your application.



Washington State 4-H Scholarship Application
Open Now, Don't Wait!

The Washington State 4-H Scholarship Application is open now in [4-H Online](#)! The scholarships are open to 12th-grade 4-Hers who plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year college. The deadline to apply is March 15th, so don't wait! You can view scholarship application requirements on the [Scholarship Opportunities](#) page.

4-H International Exchange Seeking Volunteer Host Families

4-H International Exchange offers two different opportunities for host families: the Summer Inbound Program and the Year-Long Hosting opportunity.

Summer Inbound Program, July 25–August 17, 2025



Host a youth from Japan for three and a half weeks this summer! Young people from Japan have been coming to Washington for over 50 years to experience life in an American family. The States' 4-H International Exchange Program connects youth and families from around the world, offering a unique opportunity for delegates to experience American life while sharing their own cultures. Visiting delegates live with families across the state and participate in everyday activities.

This exchange allows Washington State youth to foster deeper global awareness, strengthen belonging, enhance empathy, and develop friendships that extend beyond borders. For the international delegates, the exchange is more than just a trip—it's an opportunity to see the world through new eyes and immerse themselves in American culture and the English language. Hosts must speak English in the home and have a youth of the same age and gender to act as a host sibling. Visiting delegates are aged 12 to 17. Participating families have experienced a greater appreciation of new cultures, new perspectives, connections, and greater understanding. This is a learning opportunity that involves the whole family! They learn with and alongside the delegate during the exchange period but the impacts of the experience continue on for many years.

To start a summer inbound application visit [States 4-H Exchange](#).

The screening process involves an application, background check, home visit, and references.

Year-Long Hosting Opportunity, August 2025–June 2026

Expand your life experience by hosting a student for the school year.



Students from Japan or South Korea can be placed in homes with or without children. They will attend the local high school and live with the family for ten months.

To start an application for an AYP student visit [SmarterSelect](#).

The screening process involves an application, background checks, local high school acceptance, home visit, and references.

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