

BINGHAM COUNTY EXTENSION UPDATE

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Bingham County 4-H Club Requirements

To be considered an active 4-H Club:

- Must have at least five members from no fewer than three families
- Must be organized with youth officers
- Must meet six or more times per year
- Must be supervised by two or more certified 4-H volunteers
- 4-H Members must be enrolled and are expected to complete one or more projects
- Participate in at least one club service-learning activity

4-H Club Meeting Requirements:

- Must last at least one hour
- All club members actively enrolled must be notified and able to attend the club meeting.
- Must recite the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge
- Must take attendance
- Meetings should include at least one of the following activities:
 - * Business sessions
 - * Educational programs
 - * Demonstrations
 - * Illustrated talks
 - * Project talks/speeches
 - * Practice with 4-H projects

UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE

2025 Calendar

September	16-17	Office Closed for District Meeting
	30	County Fair - youth thank you cards due to Bingham Office to be checked off
October	2-3	Rangeland Fall Forum, Salmon Id register at uidaho.edu/fall-forum
	3	Beginning of NEW 4-H year! Get re-enrolled at 4h.zsuite.org !
	6	4 wk Practical Farm & Ranch Financial Records, online - contact Ron Patterson 208-529-1390
	8	4 wk Farm Financial Analysis, online - contact Ron Patterson 208-529-1390
	13	Holiday - Office Closed
	14	Dairy Calf Nutrition Workshop, Jerome - contact Joe Dalton 208-459-6365
	17	Beef Quality Assurance Training, Idaho Falls - contact Carmen Willmore 208-785-8060
	17	Spanish Feedyard Training, Idaho Falls - contact Joseph Sagers 208-270-4031
	21	Beef Quality Assurance Training, Challis - contact Sarah Baker 208-879-2344
	22-24	Artificial Insemination Clinic, Idaho Falls - contact John Hall 208-993-1222
	27	Beef School , Mackay - contact Sarah Baker 208-879-2344
November	11	Holiday - Office Closed
	17-19	Artificial Insemination Clinic, Carmen - contact John Hall 208-993-1222
	26	Office Closed
	27-28	Holiday - Office Closed
December	3	Pesticide Applicator Training, online - contact Tom Jacobsen 208-624-3102
	3	Intro to Backyard Beekeeping, on; line - contact Jennifer Werlin 208-776-8235
	25-26	Holiday - Office Closed
	29-31	Office Closed

2026 Calendar

January	1	Holiday - Office Closed
	2	Office Closed
	6	5 wk Winter School, online - contact Shannon Williams 208-742-1696
	8	Idaho Rangeland Livestock Symposium, Grace - contact jhatch@uidaho.edu
	14	12 wk Master Gardener Course, online - contact lallen@uidaho.edu
	19	Holiday - Office Closed
February	4	East Idaho Cereal Conference, Fort Hall - contact Justin Hatch 208-547-3205
	16	Discoveries in Agriculture, Rexburg - contact Jaared Gibbons 208-356-3191
	16	Holiday - Office Closed
March	4	Upper Valley Soil Health Forum, Rexburg - contact Jared Gibbons 208-356-3191
	5	Forage School, Preston - contact Bracken Henderson 208-852-1097
	6	Forage School - Mud Lake & St Anthony - contact Joseph Sagers 208-270-4031
	11	Pesticide Applicator Training, online - contact Tom Jacobsen 208-624-3102
May	25	Holiday - Office Closed
June	19	Holiday - Office Closed
July	4	Holiday - Office Closed
September	1	Holiday - Office Closed
November	11	Holiday - Office Closed
	26-27	Holiday - Office Closed



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Join University of Idaho Extension for

FALL & WINTER AGRICULTURE WORKSHOPS

Practical Farm and Ranch Financial Records

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 | Online | \$100 per farm unit

Contact Ron Patterson: rpatterson@uidaho.edu | 208-529-1390.

Farm Financial Analysis

Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29 | Online | \$100 per farm unit

Contact Ron Patterson: rpatterson@uidaho.edu | 208-529-1390.

Beef Quality Assurance Certification & Training

Oct. 21 | Challis | FREE

Contact Sarah Baker: sdbaker@uidaho.edu | 208-879-2344.

Beef School

Oct. 27 | Mackay | FREE

Contact Sarah Baker: sdbaker@uidaho.edu | 208-879-2344.

Virtual Pesticide Applicator Training

Dec. 3 | Online | FREE

Contact Tom Jacobsen: tjacobsen@uidaho.edu | 208-624-3102.

Introduction to Backyard Beekeeping

Dec. 3, 10 | Online | \$75

Contact Jennifer Werlin: jwerlin@uidaho.edu | 208-776-8235.

Agriculture Entrepreneurship: Farm and Food Business Planning

Jan.-April | Online | Cost TBD

Contact Jennifer Werlin: jwerlin@uidaho.edu | 208-776-8235.

High-Altitude Idaho Master Gardener Program

Jan.-Sept. | Hybrid | \$175

Contact Jennifer Werlin: jwerlin@uidaho.edu | 208-776-8235.

Winter School

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Feb. 3 | Online | FREE

Contact Shannon Williams: shannonw@uidaho.edu | 208-742-1696.

Idaho Rangeland Livestock Symposium

Jan. 8 | Grace | FREE

Contact: scottj@uidaho.edu or jlhatch@uidaho.edu.

Idaho Master Gardener Online Program

Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1 | Online | \$200

Contact rpatterson@uidaho.edu or lallen@uidaho.edu.

Discoveries in Agriculture

Feb. 16 | Rexburg | FREE

Contact Jared Gibbons: jaredg@uidaho.edu | 208-356-3191.

East Idaho Cereals Conference

Feb. 4 | Fort Hall | Cost TBD

Contact Justin Hatch: jlhatch@uidaho.edu | 208-547-3205.

Upper Valley Soil Health Forum

March 4 | Rexburg | \$40

Contact Jared Gibbons: jaredg@uidaho.edu | 208-356-3191.

Preston Forage School

March 5 | Preston | \$10

Contact Bracken Henderson: brackenh@uidaho.edu | 208-852-1097.

Virtual Pesticide Applicator Training

March 11 | Online | FREE

Contact Tom Jacobsen: tjacobsen@uidaho.edu | 208-624-3102.

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Certification Pays. At the Ranch and at the Plate.



Why BQA Certification?

Responsibly raised beef isn't just good for consumers—it's good for business. According to a Colorado State University study, cattle marketed with BQA certification earned a \$16.80 per head premium, proving that meeting industry expectations pays off in real value.

Participation cost: **FREE!**

Provided by the Beef Checkoff

BQA certification is valid for three years. Each person completing a BQA Certification supports Idaho's beef industry efforts to build competitiveness and improve profitability while showing consumers they can trust that Idaho ranchers are raising beef responsibly and sustainably. Brand board employees and veterinary professionals will receive 2.5 continuing education credits.

October 17, 2025

Riverbend Ranch

2880 N 55th W

Idaho Falls, ID 83402

BQA Training presented by:

Carmen Willmore

University of Idaho Extension Educator

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Check-In

1:00 p.m. BQA Training

3:30 p.m. Adjournment

REGISTER NOW!



Show your herd, and your standards, are top-tier.



For more information on Idaho's BQA Program or to register for this event, scan the QR code, visit IdahoBeefQuality.com or call the Idaho Beef Council at 208-376-6004.



TURN QUALITY CATTLE INTO PREMIUM CHECKS

Idaho Beef Quality Assurance
IdahoBeefQuality.com

REGISTER NOW!**OCTOBER 17, 2025**

Seats for the Spanish Training are limited.
Online registration is required to attend.

SPANISH FEEDYARD TRAINING

PRESENTED BY:
JOSEPH SAGERS

9:15 a.m. Check In
9:30 a.m. BQA Training
12:00 p.m. Adjournment and lunch

RIVERBEND RANCH
2880 N 55TH W
IDAHO FALLS, ID 83402

WHY IT MATTERS

- Can increase market value and access premium buyers
- Improve cattle health, handling, and carcass quality
- Protect your operation with best-practice documentation
- Train employees efficiently and safely
- Build consumer and buyer confidence in your beef



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THREE-DAY AI TRAINING COURSE

OCTOBER 22-24
RIVERBEND RANCH | 2880 N 55 W, IDAHO FALLS

Join the University of Idaho and Select Sires for an AI Certification Course, held at the Riverbend Ranch in Idaho Falls.

The course begins at 9 a.m. on Oct. 22 and ends at 12 p.m. on Oct. 24.

Cost: \$350/person (lunch provided). Please RSVP; Space is limited.



BONNEVILLE COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION



CONTACT JOHN B. HALL TO LEARN MORE OR REGISTER:
JBHALL@UIDAHO.EDU | 208-993-1222

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THREE-DAY AI TRAINING COURSE

NOV. 17-19
16 HOT SPRINGS RANCH ROAD | CARMEN

Join the University of Idaho and Select Sires for an AI Certification Course, held at the Nancy M. Cummings Research, Extension and Education Center in Carmen.

The course begins at 9 a.m. on Nov. 17 and ends at 12 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Cost: \$350/person (lunch provided). RSVP required; Space is limited.

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Dairy Calf Nutrition Workshop and Lunch

October 14, 2025

- **WEANING;** colostrum management, strategies, and health outcomes in young dairy calves

P. Rezamand, University of Connecticut

- **Calf health and nutrition "poster shorts"**

A. Ahmadzadeh, D. Konefchy, University of Idaho; A. Laarman, University of Alberta

- **Discussion Panel**

Sherilyn Howard, Teunissen Dairy

Celina Matuk, DairyWest

Mireille Chahine, University of Idaho



University of Idaho Extension

Workshop will be held Tuesday, October 14, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm
Mountain View Barn, 392 East 300 South, Jerome, ID

Please reply to Joe Dalton before October 7 to reserve a space:

jdalton@uidaho.edu or (208) 459-6365

Who should attend? Dairy producers and calf managers, veterinarians, allied industry, and extension faculty.

This workshop is supported by WSARE grant No. SW23-946

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Congratulations EISF Winners!

RABBIT

TYREE CRYSTAL-TOP INTERMEDIATE SHOWMAN
SHAY NELSON-RSV GRAND CHAMPION MARKET RABBIT

DEMONSTRATION

TYREE CRYSTAL-TOP INT GARY JUDGE DEMONSTRATION
KLARRISSA CHRISTIANSEN-TOP SR GARY JUDGE DEMONSTRATION

SWINE

ELIZABETH BETTIGA-GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
ELIZABETH BETTIGA-TOP SR SHOWMAN
ELAYNE FARONI-RSV TOP JR SHOWMAN

BEEF

AVALIE THOMSON-RSV TOP INT SHOWMAN

DAIRY CATTLE

KYZER SWAN-GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY SHOWMAN
KYZER SWAN-TOP SR SHOWMAN
SAVANNA BROWN-RSV CHAMPION HEIFER

DAIRY GOAT

IZABELLA GRONEMAN-TOP SR SHOWMAN
PAYTON PHARIS-RSV TOP SR SHOWMAN
DEKLYN GRONEMAN-TOP INT SHOWMAN
STETSIN CRAIG-RSV TOP INT SHOWMAN
ARIA CRAIG-TOP JR SHOWMAN
DEKLYN GRONEMAN-GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
IZABELLA GRONEMAN-RSV GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
STETSIN CRAIG-CHAMPION JR DOE
IZABELLA GRONEMAN-RS CHAMPION JR DOE
IZABELLA GRONEMAN-CHAMPION SR DOE
ALINA CRAIG-RSV CHAMPION SR DOE
IZABELLA GRONEMAN-GRAND CHAMPION DOE
STETSIN CRAIG-RSV GRAND CHAMPION DOE

MEAT GOAT

PARKER PRATT-RSV TOP JR SHOWMAN
KODI PRATT-RSV CHAMPION JR DOE
KLARRISSA CHRISTIANSEN-RSV CHAMPION SR DOE

NEW NBC UNIVERSAL “WICKED” PARTNERSHIP ACTIVATION KICKS OFF DURING NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

4-H has been selected by NBC Universal as the non-profit partner for the next **Wicked** movie - **Wicked: For Good** - in theaters November 21.

Our understanding is that the movie focuses on the pathways of the two witches, including their careers, and that NBC Universal saw strong alignment with **Beyond Ready**.

Our partnership activation, the **4-H For Good Challenge**, launches on October 9th and runs through November 21. Participating is easy:

1. **Do something good** in your community, big or small!
2. **Snap a photo or video** of your good deed or share a short story about what you did.
3. **Post it on social media** using the hashtag **#4HForGood** and tag **@4H** and your local 4-H account.
4. **Challenge 4 friends** to join in by tagging them in your post and inviting them to do something good too!

Check out the **4-H For Good** toolkit, available on Canva and 4-H.org, for more Challenge resources



What is a 4-H Club?

The definition of a 4-H Club is an organized group of youth who meet regularly with adult volunteers and staff for a progressive series of educational experiences. 4-H Clubs also must meet the required:

- Must have five members from no fewer than three families
- Must be organized with youth officers
- Must meet six or more times per year
- Must be supervised by one or more certified 4-H volunteers

Volunteer Certification

Attention!!! All Certified 4-H

Volunteer Leaders- Please Read!

All returning certified 4-H Volunteer leaders from last year will need to re-certify for the 2025-26 4-H year. **Volunteer Leaders cannot begin club meetings, activities until certification is met.** As a reminder, the certification process includes:

- Re-enrollment into your family profile on 4h.zsuite.org (use the same login and password you use for record book purposes). Sign all waivers and update all personal and club information as needed. **If you are combining with another club or changing your club name, please let us know, ASAP!**
- Complete the “Protecting Minor’s Training” (required every 3 years) located in the Clover Academy on the left side of the screen. Choose the “Protecting Minor’s Training”. This alerts staff of your completion.
- Update the background screening every three years. **Volunteers that need to update their screening will**

be notified and sent the link to do so.

- Insurance fee for volunteers will be paid by Bingham County 4-H.
- Once the above steps are completed and verified, volunteer leaders will receive a certification letter via email.

It’s time to enroll for the 2025-2026

4h.zsuite.org

There is a payment drop box (GRAY box) now available in the breezeway at the Extension Office. Please feel free to use that to drop off 4-H enrollment fees after hours. We can , also, accept payment by card over the phone or in person. There is a \$3 or 3% service charge that will apply.

Regular Enrollment:

Ages 8-18 (by Jan. 1,2026)

Idaho 4-H Fee- 15.00

B.C. 4-H programming– 4.00

Member insurance- 1.00

Total: \$20 (each up to 3 children

In family, then \$5 each)

Clover Bud:

Ages 5-7 (by Jan.1, 2026)

Idaho 4-H fee- 15.00

Member Insurance- 1.00

Total: \$16.00 (each up to 3 children

In family, then \$1 each)

Horse Project Members:

Ages 8-18 (by Jan.1,2026)

Idaho 4-H fee- 15.00

B.C. 4-H programming– 4.00

Eastern District 4-H horse activities participation fee- 4.00

Member Insurance- 2.00

Total: \$25.00 (each up to 3 children, then \$10.00 each)

Zsuite Record Books

You can start entering information into your record books .

- All market animal projects will create a new record book for this year’s project.
- Please label your record book the type of project you are doing. For example Market Beef or Breeding Beef, Poultry, or Dairy Goat. Do not label them the animal's name.
- Everyone is required to complete an involvement report along with their project record book. If you completed one last year, just unarchive it and change the dates to current year and add to it. If you are new to 4-H this year just title it involvement report.

If you have any questions or need assistance with record books, please call the 4-H office to schedule an appointment to go through it with you. 208-785-8060.

UPCOMING DAY CAMPS

ALL DAY CAMPS ARE LOCATED AT THE OFFICE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

You MUST be completely enrolled on 4h.zsuite.org and have enrollment fees paid at the office PRIOR to being added to any day camp lists.

Registration for day camps are **NOW** on 4h.zsuite.org in the events sections of your family profile. **Register online. Limited space!**
ALL FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE OFFICE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO DAY CAMP IN ORDER TO ATTEND!

We are able to accept cards over the phone or at office with a \$3 service fee.

Oct	17	Haunted Pillow, ALL AGES, 10-noon or 1-3 p.m., \$TBD
Nov	14	Rope Baskets, CLOVERBUD, 10-noon, \$TBD
	14	Rope Baskets, TRADITIONAL, 1-3 p.m., \$TBD

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