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Agriculture and Natural Resources ■ 4-H Youth Development Program



April 2019

6	County Western Heritage - Five Dogs Range 9:00am	Tammy or Jeff Lindley 301-7094/301-9214
7	Kern County 4-H Horse Show	Becky Davis 661-342-6346
13	Presentation Day-Tierra Del Sol Continuation High School 3700 East Belle Terrace	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
15	Kern County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
*23	Project Medal Testing - 5:30pm	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
*23	Horse Leader Meeting 6:00pm	Becky Davis 661-342-6346
*23	Leader Council Meeting 7:00pm	Jeanne Walford 661-831-1639

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4	Sectional Presentation Day - Kings County	
*7	Project Medal Testing - 6:00pm	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
11	Kern County 4-H Horse Show	Becky Davis 661-342-6346
16	Hi 4-H/All Stars 6:00pm - Location to be determined	Laura Colbert 661-706-2778
*21	Horse Leader Meeting 6:00pm	Becky Davis 661-342-6346
*21	Leader Council Meeting 7:00pm	Jeanne Walford 661-831-1639
27	Memorial Day Holiday - UCCE Office Closed	



Would you like your club featured in next month's newsletter?

Do you have a photo for the newsletter?

E-mail event info & photos to
cekern@ucdavis.edu

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!

Articles/photos for the next issue of

The 4-H Network

must be received by April 20th

Kern County 4-H

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Bakersfield CA 93307-2851

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*Meeting is at the UC Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA - Wheelchair accessible. Please contact UCCE Kern at 661-868-6200 if any special accommodations. Individuals who need to request an ADA accommodation in order to participate in 4-H sponsored events and activities can contact your local 4-H Office to complete a 4-H ADA Accommodation Request Form: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/153972.docx>

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2019 Kern County Presentation Day

April 13, 2019

4-H Presentation Day is designed to give 4-H members experience in public speaking skills. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Tierra Del Sol Continuation High School
3700 East Belle Terrace

Judges are also needed for all grades and categories.

Please contact SueMcKinney at 661 868-6235 if you would like to judge.

The tentative schedule for Presentation

Day will be:

9:00 am Judge's Orientation

MC Orientation

Presenter's Arrive

9:30 am Presentations Begin

1:00 pm Awards Assembly

Individuals and teams must pre-register for the event using the
online registration link:

<http://ucanr.edu/2019kernpresentationday>

ENTRIES ARE DUE April 2, 2019



2019 Kern County Presentation Day

April 13, 2019

Categories for the 2019 Presentation Day are:

- **Demonstration – Traditional**
(1-3 members)
- **Illustrated Talk—Traditional**
(1-3 members)
- **Science or Engineering
Presentation** (1-3 members)
- **Educational Display Talk**
(1-2 members)
- **Informative Prepared Speech**
(Individual only)
- **Persuasive Prepared Speech**
(Individual only)
- **Impromptu Speech**
(Intmd. and Seniors only)
- **Interpretive Reading**
(Individual only)
- **Share the Fun Skits**
(2 members minimum)
- **Cultural Arts**
(No maximum)

Information regarding the above categories and scoring sheet can be found in the “4-H Presentation Manual.” The manual can be accessed on the web at:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf>



Prepare for State 4-H Presentation Day

Eligible members (ages 9-19) who receive a gold seal at the **Kern County Presentation Day** will qualify for the **Central Area Sectional Presentation Day** (Location to be announced).

Gold Seal recipients at the **Central Area Sectional Presentation Day** qualify to compete at the **State 4-H Presentation Day** to be held June 1, 2019 at the UC Davis campus.

The annual **California 4-H State Field Day** is the largest and most comprehensive educational event for 4-H youth members and 4-H volunteers in the State. This family-friendly event is for all ages and offers an opportunity to participate in various competitions. For more information about the **California 4-H State Field Day** please see : http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/

Special recognition pins are offered for youth who participate at State 4-H Presentation Day and focus their presentation on one of these four areas: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics - Computer Science; Healthy Living – Careers in Health; Leadership - Leaders; or Civic Engagement - Community Engagement.

Dog Project Meetings April 2019

Thursdays during April at Fruitvale Norris Park

Please contact Claudia for location and dates
Claudia Burk home 661-393-1914 cell 661-303-8343



Change the Future of Farming Video Contest Farmfluencer

www.farmfluencer.com

Enter the Farmfluencer global video competition and create a two-minute video about the future of farming to become an influencer in the reinvention of the farming industry.

https://www.farmfluencer.com/?utm_source=Kick-off&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=&utm_content=US_English&utm_campaign

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

Pistol Discipline

Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, May 4, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. &

Sunday, May 5, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the pistol discipline will be held at the UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a pistol trainer and can lead a pistol project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified shooting sports adult leader they will be assisting back in their home county.

To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucanr.edu

AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY NIGHT

THE CONDORS ARE EXCITED TO HOST AGRICULTURE APPRECIATION NIGHT FOR ALL KERN COUNTY 4-H CLUBS.

GAME INFORMATION



VS.



SATURDAY,
APRIL 13TH

7PM

DOORS OPEN: 6:00 PM

FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT

FREE POPCORN + MYSTERY ENVELOPE RAFFLE



\$17 PER
STANDARD
GROUP TICKET



ORDER DEADLINE

MIDNIGHT EVENING BEFORE THE GAME

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ORDER ONLINE BEFORE THE DEADLINE AT:

<https://condors.isportstix.com/order/group/4h2019/>

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR TO ORDER BY PHONE PLEASE CONTACT
SARAH FLORES AT 661.324.PUCK (7825) EXT. 204 OR [SFLORES@BAKERSFIELDCONDORS.COM](mailto:sflores@bakersfieldcondors.com)



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS – HUNTING PROJECT/ CALIFORNIA HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

Instructor: John Borba, phone 868-6216
Email: jaborba@ucanr.edu

This project covers the information required to take the California hunter education test and obtain your hunter safety certificate. The hunter safety certificate allows you to purchase a hunting license or hunt in other states that require proof of having passed a hunter education course. The project is open to junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H members (no Cloverbuds). The six meetings will take place at the UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield. Students should bring a writing utensil and paper to each class.

At the end of this course, each student is expected to demonstrate proper safety procedures with firearms and pass the written exam with a minimum passing score of 80% or better. Failure to pass the written exam prohibits the student from obtaining his/her hunter safety certificate, and she/he must retake the entire course. State law requires that each student attend every session. Missing one or more class sessions automatically drops the student from the course. Being tardy for class is also grounds for dropping a student.

Class size is limited to 25 students. You must register for the course online by going to this link: <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/california/160/page:7> This will be a “traditional” course. Look under the registration link for traditional courses in Bakersfield.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Session 1 – Monday, April 8, 2019, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Introduction to Hunter Education: Chapter 1
- Know Your Firearm & Equipment: Chapter 2

Session 2 – Thursday, April 11, 2019, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Basic Shooting Skills: Chapter 3
- Basic Hunting Skills: Chapter 4

Session 3 – Monday, April 15, 2019, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Primitive Hunting Equipment: Chapter 5
- Be a Safe Hunter: Chapter 6

Session 4 – Thursday, April 18, 2019, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Be a Responsible and Ethical Hunter: Chapter 7
- Preparation and Survival Skills: Chapter 8

Session 5 – Monday, April 22, 2019, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Wildlife Conservation: Chapter 9
- Regulations: Pages 93 - 95
- Review

Session 6 – Thursday, April 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (approximately)

- Live Fire (bring eye protection)
- Testing

RAIN OR SHINE!

April 6, 2019 @ 9:00am

\$10 INDIVIDUAL
\$20 FAMILY

Make checks payable to:

Woodlake Antelope Archers

Please Send to:

38724 Road 206

Woodlake, CA 93286

Contact Michele Dow with questions 559 804-1769

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2019 California 4-H State Archery Match

Nevada County is again hosting the state 4-H archery match. There are categories for Juniors (9-10), Intermediates (11-13), and Seniors (14+). Categories include longbow, recurve, and compound bow. **Entries are due to Nevada County by April 20, 2019.**

New this year: Entries may be paid for by council check, club check, or money order, instead of just by council check.

Important message from Jeanette Oliver, postal shoot coordinator, about targets, as sent to archery leaders:

I would encourage all of you to take an inventory of your un-used/ reusable 80cm FITA postal targets. I know of a few clubs who actually did not use the targets I shipped them for 2018. Shipping costs for these big targets are ridiculously high so IF your club does not need targets shipped for 2019 - the entry fee will be \$4.00 per distance instead of \$5.00. If your club does not have enough targets on hand to complete your postal shoot - the cost will be \$5.00 per distance and you will receive one target for every \$5.00 entry fee. This is an "all or none" deal. I cannot charge \$4.00 per entry and still ship a small number of targets because you only need a few. If you would like to purchase extra targets from a local source, please make sure they are the 80cm FITA 10 ring targets.

For questions regarding payments or entry procedures please contact Jill Simmons - UCCE Nevada County (530) 273-4563 or jcsimmons@ucanr.edu

For questions regarding rules, filling out entry forms, targets, scoring, awards, etc. please contact Jeanette Oliver (530) 575-9572 or jlo63@comcast.net



Tractor Supply March 27 to April 7

In spring 2018, California raised \$156,067!

We hope to beat this total this year. How you can help:

- Clubs can start scheduling time to promote Paper Clover sales in local Tractor Supply stores.
- Post on social media to friends and family.
- Visit a local store to thank the staff for their support.

With your help, we can raise more money towards camp and leadership experiences for our youth.



Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!

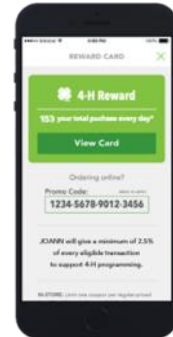
JOANN is supporting 4-H with a rewards "card" that gives holders 15% off their total in-store and online purchases!

A minimum of **2.5% of every eligible transaction is donated to 4-H.**

Two ways to sign up:

1. Sign up online at <http://www.joann.com/4-H/>
2. Download the free JOANN app on your mobile device. Go to "More" and select "Loyalty Programs".

<http://4h.uca> Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!



Looking for a qualifying Horse Show for the 2017–2018 California 4-H Horse Classic? Visit our [Equine Qualifier Events page](#). Hosting a Qualifying Horse Show? [Register](#) for it to be considered a qualifying show for the 2018 California 4-H Horse Classic. Please submit show results on the [Classic Qualifying Show Results Sheet](#).

Shop 4-H for California!

Thanks to the [California 4-H Foundation](#), we are now signed up for an affiliate program with Shop 4-H, the National 4-H shopping site. Items include t-shirts, curriculum, incentive items and more.

When you purchase anything using [our link](#), 5% of your purchase will be returned to California 4-H!

Have you just graduated out of 4-H?

First of all, congratulations on moving to a new phase in your life!

Second, update your profile to join the Young Adult Opportunities mailing list.

We will send out sporadic emails about opportunities for young adults, such as

- scholarships and grants
- volunteer opportunities at statewide events such as SLC and Cal Focus
- opportunities in Washington DC, to work with National 4-H and USDA



Also, don't forget to join the California 4-H Foundation's Alumni and Friends mailing list to keep in touch as a 4-H Alumni (and friend!)

[Join the Young Adult Opportunities mailing list](#)

[Join Alumni and Friends mailing list](#)

State Fashion Revue 2019

June 1, 2019



The 4-H State Fashion Revue event is for all 4-H members. You don't need to sew to enter! Members construct or purchase an outfit of their choice which fits into one of the entry categories, model in a fashion show, and participate in a variety of educational activities including community service.

Qualify at your County Fashion Revue

See your county 4-H newsletter or website for entry information for your County Fashion Revue. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members who are County Winners in their County Fashion Revue, in the 5 State Categories, may qualify to advance to State Fashion Revue. Some counties offer additional categories, but these 5 are the ones that may advance to SFR.

2019 State Categories that do NOT require sewing:

- Consumer Science Purchased, \$40 limit
- The Make It Mine Challenge

These 2 categories are open to all 4-H members to enter, not just members enrolled in a Clothing and Textiles (Sewing) project.

2019 State Categories specifically for members in the Clothing and Textiles (Sewing) project:

- Traditional
- Retro/Historical Challenge
- The Box Challenge

See the [SFR event webpage](#) or the [2019 SFR brochure](#) for category descriptions and **2019 service projects that all 4-H members can participate in**.

The state committee organizing SFR is actively planning the event and looking forward to meeting you!

See the [State Fashion Revue event webpage](#) for more information.



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Registration Open!

4-H State Leadership Conference

July 18-21, 2019 at UC Davis

Web: ucanr.edu/sites/4hstateleadership | Contact: 4hslc@ucanr.edu

Registration is now open to ages 13-19

*Join us to improve your personal leadership skills, expand your network,
and advance your college and career readiness*

What you will do:

Thursday

Arrive and check-in from 3-5 PM and kick off SLC with a fun night at the pool!

Friday

Evening kick off assembly. Friday tour options include visiting the UC Davis campus and its educational attractions, learning about California history at the State Capitol... and more!

Saturday

Educational workshops featuring presentations by UC academics and industry professionals and then dance the night away!

Sunday

Wrap up a memorable SLC at 3 PM with the Sunday fair and closing assembly!



Registration Deadlines	Arrival and Departure Days	
	Thursday-Sunday	Friday-Sunday (will not attend pool party or tours)
April 1: Early Bird ends	\$375	\$275
May 6: Regular registration ends	\$399	\$299
June 17: Late registration ends	\$475	\$375

Our appreciation to our Premier Sponsor: Tractor Supply!



2019 California State 4-H Horse Classic and Horse Bowl Contest

June 27 – June 30, 2019
Brookside Equestrian Park
Elk Grove, CA



The California 4-H Horse Classic offers 4-H members the chance to showcase the culmination of their efforts put forth in their equine projects throughout the year. At the State Championship Horse Show, 4-H riders have this opportunity to compete at a level beyond local, county or regional events. Participants must pre-qualify at [qualifying 4-H horse shows](#).

Tentative Schedule

June 27th : Horse Bowl Contest
June 28th : English Flat and Jumping
June 29th : Western Flat, Trail and Ranch Horse
June 30th : Mini Horse and Gymkhana.

New to 2019

New this year is that Mini Horse classes will need to qualify. Ranch Horse division classes to include, ranch horse trail, ranch riding pattern, modified reining, western riding and ranch horse trail. Will have high point and reserve high point as well.

For more event information, please visit the [4-H Horse Classic webpage](#)

For contact information, please contact Shauna Bond at
sabond@ucanr.edu / (530)260-3277.

Keep up to date with Equine events; follow us on Facebook:
California State 4-H Horse Classic



RANGE CAMP 2019

35th ANNUAL RANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP
JUNE 16-21, 2019 - HALF MOON BAY, CA

Presented by the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management
To give 10-12th grade students the opportunity to explore the science and management of our natural resources with experienced professionals and university faculty.

Sessions and Activities include:

- Riparian Habitats
- Rangeland Ecology
- Wildlife Management
- Soils
- Forestry
- Plant Identification



- Recreation
- Private & Public Lands
- Watershed Hydrology
- GPS / GIS Technology Applications
- Tour of Working Ranch
- Team Project Planning Competition



Cost: \$450

"Top Camper" Contest: Plant ID test, subject matter exam & staff evaluation

Top three placing students* given opportunity to represent California-Pacific Section, SRM at the Society for Range Management's High School Youth Forum, in Denver, CO Feb 16-20, 2020 (all expenses paid for top two students). All participants receive t-shirts and camp completion certificates.

**Must be a current high school student in Feb '20*

More Information & Applications

[http://www.rangelands.org/
casrm/HTML/
rangecamps.html](http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html)



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RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 26, 2019

APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 15TH

Application for the KERN COUNTY 4-H LEADER COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Kern County 4-H Leader Council is the governing body of the 4-H program in Kern County. Each year members of the Council, supported by volunteer leaders and members, raise funds to help pay the operating costs of the program. Some of the money generated is used to provide scholarships to deserving 4-H members who are graduating high school seniors or college freshmen.

Scholarships are awarded (depending on the availability of funds and applications warranting) in the following amounts:

- 1) One \$450.00 scholarship.
- 2) One \$300.00 scholarship.
- 3) Two \$250.00 scholarships.

Payment of the scholarship award will be made directly to the financial aid office upon verification of enrollment. Verification must be received within twelve months of the scholarship award date or the funds will revert to the Leader Council.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

When submitting your application be sure to include the following items:

- ☐ Your personal letter of introduction.
- ☐ Kern County 4-H Leader Council Scholarship Application.
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes.
- ☐ Certified school transcripts of high school and any completed college work.

No late entries will be accepted. All of the above must be at the Cooperative Extension Office by April 15th. Applications packets may be mailed but they must be postmarked by April 15th.

Your 4-H record book will also be needed for your interview. You will be contacted as to when the record book must be submitted.

STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY AND BASIS FOR SELECTION

1. The applicant must be an active member in good standing of a Kern County 4-H club and a high school senior or college freshman.
2. The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
3. The applicant must attend a university, college, community college, vocational school, or technical school within one year of receiving his/her scholarship award. If the applicant fails to enroll in school within one year of receiving the scholarship, the scholarship will be revoked.
4. The applicant must submit a certified copy of her/his transcripts from high school and any completed college work along with the application.
5. Two letters of recommendation are required to be submitted along with the application. One letter must come from a present or former 4-H leader who can indicate the applicants level of participation in 4-H. The other letter must come from a teacher, counselor, or other school official. Your family members are not eligible to write letters of recommendation for you.
6. All applications and supporting material (personal letter of introduction, letters of recommendation, and transcripts) must be delivered to the Kern County Cooperative Extension Office by April 15th 5:00 p.m. Applications packets may be mailed but they must be postmarked by April 15th.
7. An applicant may apply more than once for this scholarship as long as s/he is eligible. However, once you have been awarded a scholarship, you may not apply again.
8. Scholarships are awarded on the availability of funds and when the applications are warranted.
9. The applicant must submit her/his record book for review by the interview panel prior to the interview date.
10. Selection of award recipients shall be based on the following:
 - a. Involvement in the 4-H Program 30 points
 - b. Scholastic Record 25 points
 - c. Community Service 20 points
 - d. Application & Interview 10 points
 - e. 4-H Record Book 5 points
 - f. Letters of Recommendation 5 points
 - g. Extra Curricular Activities 5 points

Kern County 4-H Leader Council Scholarship Application

Due at the Cooperative Extension Office (or postmarked) April 15.

Please type or print in dark ink. Additional sheets may be added if necessary.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

Name of School You Will Attend Using Scholarship: _____

Field of Study: _____

Name of Your 4-H Club: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ Years in Youth Leadership: _____

Much of what the interviewing committee will learn about your 4-H experience comes from your 4-H Record Book. However, you must provide the interview committee with a personal letter of introduction that explains your future career plans and any other additional information that will assist the committee in making their final selection.

I have read and hereby accept the STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY AND BASIS FOR SELECTION for the Kern County 4-H Leader Council Scholarship and agree to accept the decision of the judges as final. I further understand that it is my responsibility to insure that all the items listed under APPLICANT CHECKLIST are delivered to the Cooperative Extension Office by April 15th 5:00 p.m. or postmarked by April 15th.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

Kern County 4-H Leader Council Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

Applicant: Give this information sheet to the person writing your letter of recommendation. One letter must come from a teacher, counselor, or other school official. The other letter must come from a present or former 4-H leader who can indicate your level of participation in the 4-H program. Your family members are not eligible to write letters of recommendation for you.

Instructions For Submitting a Letter of Recommendation

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of the 4-H member who is applying for the Kern County 4-H Leader Council Scholarship. The Kern County 4-H Leader Council awards scholarships to Kern County 4-H members who are deserving of this scholarship and who meet the Standards of Eligibility and Basis for Selection.

Please take the time to tell us about how long you have known the applicant and what your association is with her/him. We would also like to know about the applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Most importantly, we would like you to tell us your opinion regarding whether or not the applicant should receive this scholarship.

When you complete the letter of recommendation, place it in an envelope and seal it. Then sign your name across the seal of the envelope and return it to the applicant. It is important that you return your letter to the applicant so s/he may submit it along with her/his application packet. Letters of recommendation are confidential and will not be seen by the applicant.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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VIRULENT NEWCASTLE DISEASE (VND)

The State Veterinarian, Dr. Annette Jones, is recommending that poultry exhibitions be cancelled in order to prevent potential spread of virulent Newcastle disease (VND). Please see the attached letter (in English/Spanish) and please pass along to all relevant contacts. This decision will be re-evaluated July 1, 2019.

See the VND factsheet. For more information and updates, please visit: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/newcastle_disease_info.html

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sick Bird Hotline number 866-922-2473 (Press 0 when you hear the recording to get to a live person faster) or Public Information Officer Line 909-731-6367.

Letter - Recommendation to Cancel Poultry Exhibitions in CA (English and Spanish)

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/297368.pdf>

VND - Alert (English and Spanish) <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/297369.pdf>

At South Coast REC, they held a CDFA/USDA info session regarding Newcastle Disease for the affected counties. They had a Q & A session and reviewed best practices. The workshop was recorded and you can watch the video (English and Spanish) here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9xuxaTbgTY&t=171s>

*****IMPORTANT UPDATE*****

Newcastle Disease Update

Provided by: Maurice Pitesky. CE specialist with a focus in poultry at the UCD vet school.

The current virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) outbreak in California is now confirmed in the following counties:

Los Angeles

San Bernardino

Riverside

Alameda

This is a foreign animal disease that has not been in California since 2002. The current outbreak is particularly concerning because of the most recent case in Alameda County which demonstrates that the disease can spread anywhere. The disease has never spread this far north before. The disease is being primarily spread among backyard birds and has 'spilled over' into several commercial farms in Southern California.

Please feel free to read and share the following resources. Even if your county is currently unaffected there are an estimated 100,000 backyard poultry premises in the state. Therefore, there are a lot of susceptible locations in every county.

[CDFA vND page](#) (there is also a Spanish link)

[vND resources in English](#) on UCCE poultry website

[vND resources in Spanish](#) on UCCE poultry website

[Poultry Ponderings](#) (UCCE quarterly newsletter) the winter 2019 and fall 2018 editions have relevant

Keeping Your Birds Safe from Disease:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has identified a case of **virulent Newcastle disease** in a small flock of backyard exhibition birds in Los Angeles County and San Bernardino counties. The case was detected at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine's California Animal Health & Food Safety Laboratory (CAHFS) when a private practitioner submitted a sick bird for testing. This is the first case of virulent Newcastle disease, previously referred to as exotic Newcastle disease, in the U.S. since 2003. CDFA is working with federal and local partners as well as poultry owners to respond to the finding. State officials have quarantined potentially exposed birds and are testing for the disease.

Virulent Newcastle disease is a **highly contagious** and **deadly virus in birds**; the virus is found in respiratory discharges and feces. Clinical signs in birds include:

- sneezing
- coughing
- nasal discharge
- green watery diarrhea
- depression
- neck twisting (example attached)
- circling
- muscle tremors
- paralysis
- decreased egg production
- swelling around eyes and neck
- sudden death.

It is essential that all poultry owners follow good biosecurity practices to help protect their birds from infectious diseases such as Newcastle. These include simple steps like *washing hands* and *scrubbing boots* before and after entering a poultry area; *cleaning and disinfecting tires and equipment before moving them off the property*; and *isolating any birds*. New or returning birds from shows should be isolated for 30 days before placing them with the rest of the flock.

For backyard flock owners, biosecurity measures include using dedicated shoes and clothes when caring for them and not to use/wear those clothes/shoes in other areas.

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Keeping Your Birds Safe from Disease, continued

Additional information on biosecurity can be found at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian-influenza-disease/birdbiosecurity>

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/BioSpecies/BioPoultry.html

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/pdfs/AI/BiosecurityForBackyardAndPetBirds.pdf

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian-influenza-disease/birdbiosecurity>

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/poultry/biosec/>

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, all bird owners should report sick birds or unusual bird deaths through California's Sick Bird Hotline at 866-922-BIRD (2473). Additional information on VND and biosecurity for backyard flocks can be found at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Newcastle_Disease_Info.html

Sick or dead backyard birds can be submitted to CAHFS laboratories for post-mortem examination (\$20 plus shipping and handling). Information on this program can be found at:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/pdfs/CAHFS_NecropsyFactsheet.pdf

For additional information on who to contact for issues regarding backyard poultry, see:

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/poultry/contact/>

Virulent Newcastle disease is NOT a food safety concern. No human cases of Newcastle disease have ever occurred from eating poultry products. Properly cooked poultry products are safe to eat. In very rare instances people working directly with sick birds can become infected. Symptoms are usually very mild, and limited to conjunctivitis and/or influenza-like symptoms. Infection is easily prevented by using standard personal protective equipment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Animal Health Branch Tulare District Office at 559-685-3500. Jennifer McDougale, Veterinarian, Animal Health Branch, Tulare District Office.



Updated Leader Orientation

For New Leaders, please visit the link below

[New 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)

For Returning Leaders, please visit the link below

[Returning 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)

LINKS YOU CAN USE!

4-H uniform page

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/>

California 4-H Uniform Guidelines

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/216262.pdf>

Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies

<http://www.4hsupplies.com/>

California 4-H Branding Toolkit

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding_Toolkit/

California 4-H Dress Guidelines

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf>

[Handbook For New Families](#) **NEW!**

This guide was developed to help new families understand the 4-H program. Please share a copy of this with new families in your club. If you have feedback for updates to this guide, please submit them to Sue McKinney at lsmckinney@ucdavis.edu or call 661-868-6235. <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf>

Food Safety Training Available ONLINE!

The State 4-H Office requires that every club have at least one 4-H leader trained in Food Safety. The more leaders in your club that are certified, the more convenient it is for your club. It is required that a certified volunteer is to be present at all bake sales/food booths to make sure proper food safety guidelines are handled. Food Safety trainings are available anytime online! Please visit the website below, and use the provided sign-in/user information:

Website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/MISKIS/>



4-H WEBSITES

http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/

<http://www.areyouintoit.com>

<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu>

<http://www.4-h.org/fourweb>

<http://www.ca4h.org>

4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE

<https://california.4honline.com>

4-H VOLUNTEER WEBSITE

<http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>

KERN COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK!

Kern County 4-H is on Facebook! You can search for us: Kern County 4-H and 'like' us! We will post updates, important event reminders, announcements—all sorts of important things! It's the best way to keep up-to-date!