



University of California

Agriculture and Natural Resources ■ 4-H Youth Development Program



## May 2019

1	Ambassador Applications Due	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
4	Sectional Presentation Day - Kings County	Tiffany Watkins 559-852-2743
*7	Project Medal Testing - 6:00pm	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
11	Kern County 4-H Horse Show - see link below for info <a href="#">Kern County 4-H Horse Project</a>	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	

## June 2019

8	Rifle Match at Five Dogs Range 8:00 am	Orville Andrews 661-201-0708
*10	Final Medal Testing 6:00pm	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
*11	Rabbit/Cavy Showmanship Clinic 6:00pm	Brenda Smith 661-972-7507
15	Hi 4-H/All Star Year End Party	Laura Colbert 661-706-2778
22	Market Sheep Progress Show Kern County Fairgrounds	Judy Doser 661-333-9049
22	Annual Dog Progress Show and Medal Testing for Dog Project at Kern County Fairgrounds	Claudia Burk 661-303-8343
*25	Horse Leader Meeting 6:00pm	Becky Davis 661-342-6346
*25	Leader Council Meeting 7:00pm	Jeanne Walford 661-831-1639

For the 2019-2020 program year, registration starting July 1, 2019, fees will be **\$58** for youth and **\$24** for adult volunteers.

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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](mailto:cekern@ucdavis.edu)

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!**

Articles/photos for the next issue of

*The 4-H Network*

*must be received by May 20th*

Kern County 4-H

1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue  
Bakersfield CA 93307-2851

Phone: 661-868-6200

Fax: 661-868-6208

or [cekern@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cekern@ucdavis.edu)



\*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/>

# 4-H Presentation Day - 2019



25 presentations  
from 23 members







# Seven Clubs



Tehachapi Mtn 4-H

Greater Tehachapi 4-H

Stallion Springs 4-H

Rio Del Norte 4-H



Premier 4-H

Four Aces 4-H

Glennville 4-H



Hi 4-H & All Star!  
Kept it all Going







# A W A R D S



# Presentation Day 2019 Results



**Nolan Byers—Premier 4-H**

*Gold Medal*

*Interpretive Reading*

**To This Day**

**Gabriella Camou, Sophia Camou—Four Aces 4-H**

*Gold Medal*

*Share the Fun Skit*

**Count on Me!**

**Madison Claffy—Rio Del Norte 4-H**

*Blue Seal*

*Illustrated Talk*

**How Cher Contributed to the Music Industry**

**Danika Devin—Premier 4-H**

*White Seal*

*Interpretative Reading*

**My Favorite Part**

**Lacey Fachin—Rio Del Norte 4-H**

*Gold Medal*

*Educational Display*

**What's in Your Honey?**

**William Garges—Rio Del Norte 4-H**

*Blue Seal*

*Demonstration*

**Cymatics**

**William Garges—Rio Del Norte 4-H**

*White Seal*

*Informative Prepared Speech*

**Magic the Gathering**

**Nataley Garges—Rio Del Norte 4-H**

*White Seal*

*Illustrated Talk*

**Pusheen The Cat**

**Ethan Garrett—Premier 4-H**

*Gold Medal*

*Educational Display*

**The Process of Pig Births**

# Presentation Day 2019

## Results



**Paisley Harris—Glennville 4-H**      *Gold Medal*  
*Science or Engineering*

**The Bedding Debate: Measuring the Absorbency Rates of Stall Bedding Materials**

**Sophia Kendrick—Tehachapi Mtn 4-H**      *Blue Seal*  
*Interpretive Reading*  
**Anne of Green Gables**

**Sophia Kendrick—Tehachapi Mtn 4-H**      *Gold Medal*  
*Cultural Arts*  
**Song in my Heart**

**Brent Loyd—Stallion Springs 4-H**      *Gold Medal*  
*Interpretive Reading*  
**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl**

**Olivia Loyd—Stallion Springs 4-H**      *Gold Medal*  
*Interpretative Reading*  
**The Thing About Jellyfish**

**Moria Loyd, Olivia Loyd, Brent Loyd**      *Gold Medal*  
—Stallion Springs 4-H  
*Cultural Arts*  
**ASL—Its Handy**

**Mason Pearson—Stallion Springs 4-H**      *Gold Medal*  
*Illustrated Talk*  
**Open Your Eyes to Autism**

**Presley Reed—Rio Del Norte 4-H**      *White Seal*  
*Science or Engineering*  
**Shoo Fly**

**Augustus Rickett—Rio Del Norte 4-H**      *Blue Seal*  
*Demonstration*  
**Poultry Showmanship**



# Presentation Day 2019 Results



**Celeste Rickett—Rio Del Norte 4-H** *Gold Medal*

*Illustrated Talk*

**Poultry Exhibition Show Preparation**

**Paloma Sanchez—Greater Tehachapi 4-H** *Gold Medal*

*Educational Display*

**Chicken Care**

**Cassie Smith—Tehachapi Mtn 4-H** *White Seal*

*Impromptu Speech*

**Olivia Tramel—Rio Del Norte 4-H** *Red Seal*

*Demonstration*

**How to Make Homemade Ice Cream**

**Michael Villicano—Rio Del Norte 4-H** *Gold Medal*

*Science or Engineering*

**The Effect of Livestock on the Amount of  
Methane in the Atmosphere**

**Zoey Wilkerson—Premier 4-H** *White Seal*

*Interpretative Reading*

**My Favorite Part**

**Zoey Wilkerson—Premier 4-H** *Gold Medal*

*Educational Display*

**Which Liquid Will Kill a Plant**

## Medal Testing Results

**Extension Office**

**April 23, 2019**

**Fallon McNeill** **Sierra Mountaineers 4-H** **Horse** **Bronze**

**Presley Reed** **Rio Del Norte 4-H** **Poultry** **Silver**



# Medal Testing

4-H Office: May 7th, June 10th - 6:00 PM





# 4-H SHEEP PROGRESS SHOW

## SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019

### KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



4-H SHEEP SHOWMEN COME JOIN IN THE FUN ;-]



CHECK-IN TIME: 7:30AM - 7:45AM AT SHEEP SHOW RING

ENTRIES ACCEPTED AT RING SIDE



STARTING WITH SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP AT 8:00AM



ENTRY FORMS WILL BE IN 4-H NEWSLETTER, 4-H OFFICE, AND WILL BE AT DIFFERENT FEED STORES  
AROUND TOWN.

KERN COUNTY 4-H SHEEP PROGRESS SHOW

KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

JUNE 22, 2019

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CHECK IN: 7:30am AT SHEEP SHOW RING

SHOW STARTS AT 8:00am WITH SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

ENTRY FEE: \$ 5.00 PER MEMBER ENTRIES DUE IN OFFICE BY JUNE 21ST (FEE \$7.00 ON SHOW DAY AT RING SIDE)

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Show open to current 4-H members. Member can enter one lamb with no more than 1/4 inch of fleece. If member uses pens to hold lamb it is their responsibility for cleaning it before leaving the fairgrounds.

Uniforms are RECOMMENDED.

This show is a learning experience and is planned to help the members to prepare their lambs for the market class at the Kern County Fair. The judge will group lambs in three categories. 1) Lambs that are doing well and are conditioned for fair. 2) Lambs that are too big and over conditioned. 3) Lambs that are small and under conditioned for fair.

DIVISION A: SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS 1: 9TH GRADE AND ABOVE

CLASS 2: 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE

CLASS 3: 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADE

CLASS 4: NOVICE CLASS 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> (FIRST YEAR LAMB PROJECT AS WELL)

CLASS:

DIVISION A: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION B: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION B: MARKET LAMB

CLASS 1: LIGHT WEIGHT – 0-90 POUNDS

CLASS 2: HEAVY WEIGHT – 91 & ABOVE

MAIL ENTRIES OR HAND DELIVER TO:

KERN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

1031 S. MT. VERNON AVENUE

BAKERSFIELD CA. 93307

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: KERN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

ENTRY FEE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE JUST COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY ENTER THE ABOVE ANIMAL AT MY OWN RISK AND AM SUBJECT TO ALL THE RULES OF THE SHOW. I FURTHER AGREE THE KERN COUNTY 4-H CLUBS, KERN COUNTY FAIR AND ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND OTHER PERSONS SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY OR ACCIDENT TO EXHIBITOR, ANIMAL OR PROPERTY OWNED BY ME AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS SHOW. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS. PHOTO'S TAKEN AT THE SHOW MAY BE USED OR POSTED.

MEMBER:

PARENT:

LEADER:

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#### [Change the Future of Farming Video Contest Farmfluencer](https://www.farmfluencer.com)

[www.farmfluencer.com](https://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](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](mailto:jaborba@ucanr.edu)

# 2019 TULARE COUNTY 4-H TRAP & SKEET SHOOTING MATCH SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2019

Tulare County Trap Club  
West of Rd 80 on Ave 328, Visalia

Check in 8:00 AM, Mandatory Shooters Meeting 9:00 AM  
Match hosted by Elbow Creek 4-H

The match is open to 4-H members enrolled in shooting sports.

Age is determined by member's age as of 12-31-2018

Age Divisions:	Junior	9 & 10 years old
	Intermediate	11, 12, & 13 years old
	Senior	14 years & up

Cost: Trap – Junior's - \$11.00 per shooter for 2 rounds of Trap.

Senior and Intermediate - \$22 – 4 rounds of Trap

Cost: Skeet – \$11.00 per shooter for 2 rounds of Skeet

Round = 25 Targets

**Shooters must provide their own shotgun shells. No reloads permitted.**

Registration must be **postmarked by May 31, 2019** to Tulare County Trap Match, 4437-B S. Laspina St., Tulare, CA 93274.

The trap range will be open for practice from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM, Cost \$6.00 per round.

## **Rules: Trap**

Junior Shooters will shoot 2 rounds from 16 yards.

Intermediate Shooters will shoot 2 rounds from 16 yards and 2 rounds from 18 yards.

Senior Shooters will shoot 2 rounds from 16 yards and 2 rounds from 20 yards.

Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) rules will apply.

## **Rules: Skeet**

Shooters will shoot two rounds, NSSA rules will apply.

Match Awards – Awards will be given to the top 3 shooters in each age division for Trap and Skeet.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of 12/31/2018 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Trap \_\_\_\_\_ Skeet \_\_\_\_\_ Trap & Skeet \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Shooting Sports Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, call Don O'Dell. 559-627-2203 or 559-972-4771

Return form to Tulare County Trap Match, 4437 – B S. Laspina St, Tulare, CA 93274

Make checks payable to Tulare County 4-H Leader Council (TC 4-H LC)





## 2019 Kern County Western Heritage Match Scores

Competitor	Test 25%	Interview 25%	Shoot 50%
Ancheta, Luca	20/40	33/76	293.97
Ancheta, William	24/40	47/76	192.88
Chestnut, Isiah	36/40	0	276.82
Hilbish, Ashton	32/40	67/76	194.72
Hilbish, Brennen	29/40	42/76	250.31
Hilbish, Trenten	22/40	38/76	229.37
Hilbish, Jayden	31/40	55/76	296.22
Lindley, EmmaLee	39/40	70/76	202.37
Lindley, Hope	39/40	76/76	165.42
Wheaton, Emily	32/40	60/76	144.39

Placing	JR.	Score
1	Wheaton, Emily	90%
2	Lindley, EmmaLee	83%
3	Ancheta, Wiliam	68%

Historian (two way tie)	
Lindley, EmmaLee 39/40	Lindley, Hope 39/40

Placing	INT.	Score
1	Hilbish, Jayden	84%
2	Chestnutt, Isiah	72%

Alias Interview	
Cowboy	Cowgirl
Hilbish, Ashton	Lindley, Hope

Placing	SR.	Score
1	Lindley, Hope	99%
2	Hilbish, Ashton	84%

Fewest Misses	
Hilbish, Ashton	5 misses
Wheaton, Emily	6 misses
Lindley, Hope	6 misses

Over All Reserve	
Wheaton, Emily	90%

Over All	
Lindley, Hope	99%

**KERN COUNTY 4-H WESTERN HERITAGE MATCH  
FIVE DOGS RANGE APRIL 2019**





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## **RAISE YOUR HAND CAMPAIGN**

Joann Fabric and the National 4-H Council are promoting the Raise Your Hand Campaign. Vote now online and you will support 4-H in our community and the state program could win \$20,000. The campaign lasts through May 15th. Please visit the link below and vote!

[https://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/?utm\\_campaign=RYH19&utm\\_source=newsandnotes&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=20190423&utm\\_term=&utm\\_variation=](https://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/?utm_campaign=RYH19&utm_source=newsandnotes&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20190423&utm_term=&utm_variation=)

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

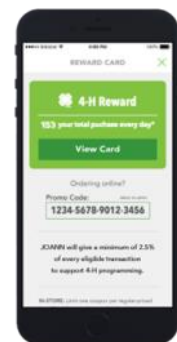
JOANN is supporting 4-H with a rewards "card" that gives holders 15% off their total in-store and online purchases!

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!



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## **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!**

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## **Avian Science Notes**

Dr. Francine Bradley, UC Poultry Specialist, has a new website on which you can find the latest, as well as back issues, of Avian Science Notes. Her publications are no longer mailed so you have to access them online from: <https://avian.ucdavis.edu/> Check the website for disease updates, Avian Bowl information, etc. Please pass this on to other people interested in poultry.

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## State Fashion Revue

**June 1, 2019**



For members who qualified at the Kern County Fashion Revue and who plan on participating in the State Fashion Revue in Davis, California on June 1<sup>st</sup>, don't forget to register for the event. **Registration** is by online registration only.

Enter Here: <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=26235>

Entry deadline is 5:00 PM on May 15, 2019.

More information can be found at the State 4-H Fashion Revue website: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H\\_Events/SFD/SFR/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/)

## Sectional Presentation Day

**May 4, 2019**



Eligible members who received a gold medal at the Kern County

Presentation Day qualify for the Central Area Sectional Presentation Day to be held in Hanford on May 4, 2019.

In order to participate you **MUST** register online by April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Register online:

<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=26982>

More Information about State Presentation Day can be found here: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H\\_Events/SFD/PD/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/PD/)





# Registration Open!

## 4-H State Leadership Conference

### July 18-21, 2019 at UC Davis

Web: [ucanr.edu/sites/4hstateleadership](http://ucanr.edu/sites/4hstateleadership) | Contact: [4hslc@ucanr.edu](mailto: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!





## 4-H STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SLC)

### Workshops

Saturday, July 20, 2019

UC Davis Wellman Hall

1:15 pm to 5:15 pm

## What will your workshop focus on?

### Planet 4-H: Planting the Seeds of Change.

**Mission: Give youth the tools to create change in their own communities.**

We wish to both inspire and facilitate the ability of youth to create impact in their communities on issues they care about.

Workshops should be interactive, with hands-on activities or projects. It should relate to real-world examples that they can apply the learning. *This is not just a presentation.* It should be an experiential learning experience!

### We especially want workshops on the following topics:

- Projects or tips for youth to be a leader in their county
- Conflict Resolution
- Cultural Competence
- Effective team communication
- Building social capital
- Meeting and group facilitation
- Being active in public policy
- College and career exploration (types of work in various fields and the path to get qualified for those jobs)

# Information for Presenters

## Choose your preferred time

Session A: 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm

Session B: 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Session C: 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

Each session is 60 minutes. If you need a longer session, you can choose A&B or B&C.

You can also offer your session more than once.

## Submit your proposal by May 1st

and you will be notified by May 10th if your proposal is accepted.

## Other information

You will have access to a Presenters Lounge area before and after your session for refreshments and snacks.

Parking is free on Saturday. Yay!

Your workshop and your name will be published in the printed agenda for each attendee and on the SLC event site.

**SUBMIT PROPOSAL**

Questions? Please contact us at [4hslc@ucanr.edu](mailto:4hslc@ucanr.edu)

**Please share this with your adult volunteers and community partners!**



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> : Horse Bowl Contest  
June 28<sup>th</sup> : English Flat and Jumping  
June 29<sup>th</sup> : Western Flat, Trail and Ranch Horse  
June 30<sup>th</sup> : 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](mailto:sabond@ucanr.edu) / (530)260-3277.

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

## 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](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/BioSpecies/BioPoultry.html)

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal\\_health/pdfs/AI/BiosecurityForBackyardAndPetBirds.pdf](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](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](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***

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### **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/](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](mailto: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://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!