



Tractor

4-H Project Newsletter

This Project Newsletter contains references to County Shows/Exhibitions and 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show.

- *Please be advised that the occurrence of County Shows/Exhibitions will be decided by local organizers and 4-H Nova Scotia cannot guarantee this opportunity for members in 2021.*
- *Nova Scotia Provincial 4-H Show will not be held in 2021. 4-H Nova Scotia has planned a unique year-end celebration which will provide opportunity for all members to participate in fun activities and challenges.*

This Tractor Project Newsletter contains information specific to the Tractor Project. Please use it in conjunction with the General 4-H Information Bulletin, so that you are aware of Achievement Day completion requirements as well as general opportunities and information pertaining to all 4-H members. This Project Newsletter, as well as the General 4-H Information Bulletin, will be updated in December of each year, if necessary, based on changes made at the 4-H Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.

Welcome to the 4-H Tractor Project! Whether you are new to the project or a bit more experienced, the Tractor project has lots to offer. This newsletter will give you an overview of the Tractor project, answer some of your questions concerning expectations of the project, and provide you with project ideas and some resources. Project newsletters are an excellent reference to keep on hand to refer to throughout the year. Enjoy your year in the Tractor project and when working on your project, remember to "Learn to do by Doing." If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Program Coordinator (RPC).

Tractor 4-H Project Work Requirements

On Achievement Day, Tractor Project members will be required to display three (3) articles. The articles must fall under the sections listed in Class 21 listed below.

If a member wishes to do a larger or more difficult article, it could be considered as two project articles. However, be sure to receive approval from your RPC before starting the project, and prior to Achievement Day.

4-H CLASS LIST & SECTIONS:

CLASS 21: TRACTOR

SECTION 1:	Reports - Write ups on any topic related to Tractors (ie. Field trips, safety, parts, innovative equipment (precision agriculture), tractor makes & models, etc.)
SECTION 2:	Posters - Photo stories, information on makes/models, safety, etc
SECTION 3:	Specialty Item - Anything that will not fit in other sections
SECTION 4:	Display - Models and or posters which include additional items
SECTION 5:	Display – Any display, model, or poster that includes additional items.

Note: If members require video/slide equipment to display their project, specialty item or project activity, they must provide their own equipment at Achievement Day and County Show/Exhibition.

PROJECT RESOURCES

The following resources are available from your Regional Program Coordinator.

Unit 1: Tractor Care and Safety **Unit 2:** Assuring Safe Efficient Operation

Unit 3: Improving Your Skills **Unit 4:** Machinery Care and Safety

NOTE: All reports, posters or displays must include a bibliography for information taken from a source other than the 4-H member. For example, should a member utilize information or pictures from a reference book or from the internet, then the member must include credit for the source of the information.

NOTE: 4-H members must complete their project at achievement day to compete in, or to participate in, any further county, provincial, or national 4-H competitions relating to that project in the current 4-H year. (i.e., judging, project competitions, etc.)

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TRACTOR DRIVING COMPETITION

This competition is open to all 4-H members and is not exclusive to members in the tractor driving project.

Clubs and counties may hold a tractor driving competition following provincial COVID-19 protocols at the time of the event.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Team to consist of three 4-H members (1 driver and 2 assistants). All contestants must sign a score sheet before participating in competition.
2. Driver must hold a valid Class 5 driver's license or a valid tractor license and present it to officials for examination at the start of the event.
3. Judging of the competition will be based on driving skills and use of safety procedure. The only time factor to be taken into consideration is if contestants are slowing down the progress of the event by taking too long. The maximum time for each course will be set beforehand by officials. Disqualification will not result from going over the time limit but when time expires, contestants must immediately return to starting point. Contestants will then be given a score on the parts the course they completed before time was called.
4. A two wheeled or four wheeled tandem trailer will be used for the competition **(4-H NS AGM, 2016)**.
5. A tractor with a seat belt, roll bar, and slow moving vehicle sign must be used. Tractor size is not to exceed 60 horsepower.
6. Assistants are not to give the driver instructions or directions during the event.
7. The tractor is parked when the motor is shut off, the tractor has been left in gear, and the brakes are locked. The driver may leave the seat when tractor is parked.
8. Excessive speed during the competition will result in teams being placed at the bottom of the class. The judge's decision is final.
9. There will be 3 minutes for each team to familiarize themselves with the tractor before beginning the competition.

10. The judge will ask the driver basic operating procedures and safety questions before beginning the competition. If the driver is unable to answer these questions to the judge's satisfaction, they will be disqualified.
11. When loading water, stopping at the gate, and unloading water, the tractor engine may remain running, with driver in seat. Tractor must be in neutral with parking brake applied and hands clear of the steering wheel. **(Clarification–4-H NS AGM 2016)**

