4-H Calendar of Events

April
14   4-H Council Meeting -- 6:30 p.m.
18   Chautauqua County Spring Beef Show -- Sedan - 2:00 p.m.
23   Small Animal Weigh In and Tag Day -- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
24   Small Animal Weigh In and Tag Day -- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
30   Camp Counselor Applications Due

May
2   4-H Records Training -- 5:30 p.m.
2   YQCA Training -- 7:00 p.m.
3   Project Drop/Add Deadline
    Cloverbud Day Camp
    Horse ID’s Due
8   Chautauqua County Small Animal Spring Show -- Sedan - 9:00 a.m.
26   Favorite Food Show Entries Due

June
1   Favorite Food Show
1-4   Discovery Days -- Virtually
14   Counselors to 4-H Camp -- Rock Springs
15-18 4-H Camp -- Rock Springs
29   District Horse Show
30   4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due

July
2   Fashion Revue Forms Due
5   Holiday -- Office Closed
7   Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts, Fashion Revue Judging
    Public Fashion Revue
    Supporters Picnic
12   4-H Foods Judging
    Horse Show -- Sedan
14 - 17   Elk County 4-H Fair -- Howard
4-H Council

4-H Council will meet Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Meeting Room. Originally, we were scheduled to meet on April 7, but there is a Jr/Sr Parent meeting at the school that affects several 4-H Council members and myself, so the meeting will be a week later. Fair awards for this year will be decided on. 4-H Council representatives bring input from your clubs and ideas.

The Howard Office has new office hours. We are open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bucket Calves

Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by May 1 of the current year. Tags are available at the Extension Office and cost is $2.00. Pickup a tag at the Extension Office or call to schedule a time for Richard to tag your calf.

Spring Shows, Sales, Judging and Other Contests

Many of these events are starting to occur and the Extension Office is receiving information about these. I am including on the Rolling Prairie website a list of these as I receive them. Here is the link to these: http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/springshows/index.html

These events are listed FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY! No endorsement of any event is intended. For more information about any of these, contact the Extension Office. Some of these have a pre-registration deadline, so do not wait until the last minute to inquire about a contest or event. Check back often as list will be updated when notices are received at the office.

Hog/Sheep/Goat Weigh In and Tag Day

The Howard Fairgrounds will be the site of this year’s Hog, Lamb and Goat tag and weigh-in. All hogs, lambs and goats must be weighed and tagged in order to be shown and sold at the county fair.

This year you will have two opportunities to weigh and tag your animals. Animals can be weighed & tagged Friday, April 23 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Members may weigh and tag a maximum of 6 market animals per species. However, you may only show two of each species at the fair. Tags are $3/head.

As has been for several years now, animals will be tagged and nominated under a family name if more than one 4-H’er is in the immediate family. Family members must reside in the same household.

This year, families need to designate which animals that are tagged are breeding animals and which are market.

Registered breeding animals must be tagged on April 23 or 24 or have registration papers by this date.

When selecting your hog, lamb or goat, keep in mind the weight and rate of gain requirements that must be met in order to sell at the premium sale. Market hogs must weigh 220-320 pounds and gain a minimum of 1.1 lbs/day. Market lambs must weigh 100-155 pounds and gain a minimum of 0.25 lbs/day. Meat goats must weigh 50-120 pounds and gain a minimum of 0.20 lbs/day. There are 82 or 81 days between spring weigh-in and fair weigh-in.

Weight projection charts are available for each species on the Rolling Prairie website at http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/index.html
YQCA Requirement for 2021 State Shows

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multispecies youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 7-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

All exhibitors, including youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), will need to be YQCA certified by June 15. Your certification from any previous year does not carry over to this year. A new certification must occur each year.

Youth may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods: Instructor-led Training - $3/child; the Online Course - $12/child; or the Test-Out Option – only 12 & 15 year olds are eligible; online only; cost varies based on age division; Valid Youth PQA+ Number – in lieu of YQCA certification. Youth need to complete their YQCA certification by June 15, 2021.

FOR ELK COUNTY MEMBERS: Each 4-H/FFA member that wishes to sell animal(s) in the livestock premium sale at the county fair must complete YQCA certification training before July 1. Members may complete an online course or attend a training on May 2 at the Extension Office in Howard at 7:00 p.m. Once you complete a training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Stephanie Bogdahn.

Families must create a user account and pre-register all youth through the YQCA website (www.yqca.org) for them to participate in the instructor led program on May 2. The program is integrated with 4HOnline, so families need to use their 4HOnline credentials to access the site. They should also register each child for certification by selecting their name from the drop-down menu (currently enrolled 4-H members identified as members of the family should appear as options).

Families must pay for the instructor-led and online class through the site at the time of registration. It will require a credit card number.

How to get your YQCA Certification online:
- Go to https://yqca.learngrow.io
- Sign in with your 4-HOnline credentials.
- Select your course based on your age.
- Select purchase course and complete the web-based training.
- Once completed, save, and print your certificate and send copy to Stephanie Bogdahn.

THE COUNTY FAIR IS EARLY THIS YEAR SO KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN PLANNING AND COMPLETING YOUR PROJECTS. IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!!

4-H Records Training

Sunday, May 2 -- 5:30 p.m.
Extension Meeting Room

Training for the new record keeping system that we will be using beginning this year will be held on Sunday, May 2. This will be prior to the YQCA training. The new forms are posted to the Rolling Prairie website at: https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/recordbooks/index.html

State Livestock Nominations

Listed below is information about the 2021 State Livestock Nominations:

- Animals eligible for KJLS or KSF will need an EID ear tag placed in the ear of the animal by an Agent or in the presence of the
Agent. This is so all tags can be accounted for. Make arrangements with Richard to tag and nominate animals if you have animals that were not tagged at the county spring dates. The exception to this is purebred breeding females that have registration papers do not have to be nominated. (except meat goats)

- DNA hair samples are required for each nominated animal for ALL species.
- Ear notch information will be required for swine nominations as well as the DNA sample.
- Scrapie tag numbers will be required for sheep and goat nominations as well as the DNA sample. A gender field has been added to the sheep and meat goat nomination forms.
- Declaration forms, nomination forms are required as well. These must be signed by the parent/legal guardian, and Extension Agent.
- Nomination deadlines for all species are POSTMARK dates. Certified mail is highly encouraged for sending nominations to KSU.
- Nomination dates are: **May 1** - Market Beef; **June 15** - Market Hogs, Commercial Gilts, Market Sheep, Commercial Ewes, Commercial Heifers, and ALL meat goats.
- Nomination cost is $8.00/animal.
- All exhibitors must submit a valid YQCA certification number by June 15.
- A livestock nomination is NOT AN ENTRY for the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show.
- All state nomination paperwork is available as form fillable PDF documents. Forms may be completed this way or via “hard copy.” Original signatures on all paperwork and DNA envelopes are still REQUIRED!

Minister to work on these items or get envelopes. Contact Richard if you are planning to nominate animals and need envelopes or tags.

When nominating animals, keep this in mind. This information is from the Kansas 4-H Policy document: “Any 4-H exhibit sold at public auction or by private contract is not eligible to be exhibited at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Public auction includes: premium sale, ribbon auction, or similar event. If the project is sold, regardless of ownership changes, on the date of the transaction the 4-H member has given up the right to exhibit that specific animal or product in the future. In the case of livestock, market animals sold are ineligible to be shown as breeding animals in the future. Non-livestock exhibits (perishable foods, photographs, etc.) may be reproduced for the Kansas State Fair.”

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**May 1 Deadline**

May 1 is a very important deadline date. Since May 1 is a Saturday, these items need to be completed by MAY 3.

**Drop/Add Deadline:** This is the last day you can drop or add projects for the year so make sure you are in the projects you want. You can do this through 4HOnline or call Richard and he can do it for you. If you are trying to do this in 4HOnline, after May 3 it will not allow you to make any changes.

**Horse ID’s Due in the Extension Office:** To exhibit at the 4-H Horse Show, a member must properly identify his or her owned or leased horse project on the 4-H Identification Certificate. More details later in the newsletter.

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**Horse ID’s**

The publication number is P1039 rev. January 2020. [Horse Identification Certificate](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/). The form MUST BE front and back of one page, not two pages. If
you have last years ID’s, they can be turned in for my signature.

A standard size picture MUST BE attached. The picture should include all 4 legs and feet showing a profile of the horse with the head turned toward the camera. ALL markings must be clearly visible. Members, Parent/Guardian, Owners (if horse is leased) and County Agents MUST sign and date signature.

The ORIGINAL 4-H Horse Identification Certificate MUST accompany the 4-H’er. The county office and project leader may have a photocopy.

At the State Fair Horse Show, some of the things that have not been correct and will not be allowed in the future are:

- 4-H Horse Identification Certificates on two separate pages instead of front and back.
- Photocopies, not originals, or pictures of papers on your phone.
- Photos of horses not attached to Horse ID certificates.
- Not having all required signatures.
- Photos of horses that are more than 5 years old (especially on young OR gray horses).

If you plan to show at your 4-H District Horse Show or the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show, PLEASE make sure you are using the correct form and it is completely filled out.

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**Favorite Food Show**

The Favorite Food Show will be **Tuesday, June 1, 9:00 a.m.** at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard. **Entries will be due by May 26.** An entry form with more information will be in next month’s newsletter and on the Rolling Prairie website.

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**The Importance of Weighing Your Feed**

You’ve probably heard it a time or two, but doing the simple things right is the fastest way to reach your goal. A lot of decisions go into what you are going to feed your show animals. So, when you dump that bucket of feed into the pan or trough morning and night, you want to make sure your animals are getting exactly the right amount.

One of the best investments you can make for your barn or feed room is a simple fishing scale or postal scale. This allows you to weigh each bucket and measure out the correct amount of feed. The reason why we encourage people to stay away from the coffee can or feed scoop method is:

1. Your coffee can or feed scoop might not be the same size as your friends’. When you are consulting back with the breeder of your animal, and you tell him or her you are feeding a scoop of this or two scoops of that, that isn’t giving an accurate picture of what you are feeding.

2. Different grains and supplements weigh different amounts even though the volume might be the same. For example, a scoop of oats vs. a scoop of corn vs. a scoop of cottonseed hulls will be very different weights.

Weighing your feed every day also keeps you consistent. It is easy for you to start to eyeball what you think 15 lbs. looks like, then realize you have only been feeding 13 or 14 lbs. once you weigh your bucket. By taking the extra step to weigh your feed, you’ll ensure your show animals are on the right track for success.  

*(From Sure Champ Blog 1-11-17)*
SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS
@ CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

BEEF SHOW
APRIL 18TH, 2021
2:00 PM

SMALL ANIMAL SHOW
MAY 8TH, 2021
9:00 AM

Weigh-in & registration 30 minutes prior to each show
Open only to youth in Chautauqua & Elk County

9:00 a.m. Goat
10:30 a.m. Sheep
12:00 p.m. Swine
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