4-H Calendar of Events

April
6    4-H Council Meeting
22 & 23 Sheep/Swine/Meat Goat Weigh In and Tag Day
23    Chautauqua County Spring Beef Show -- Sedan

May 1
1    State Beef Nominations Due
1    Horse ID’s Due
1    Project Drop/Add Deadline
7    Chautauqua County Spring Small Animal Show -- Sedan
23    YQCA Training -- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. -- Extension Meeting Room
27    Favorite Food Show Entries Due

June
1-3    Discovery Days -- Manhattan
7    Favorite Food Show -- Extension Meeting Room
15    State Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat and Commercial Heifer Nominations Due
21    Southeast Area Crops, Horticulture, Photography, and FCS Contests -- Emporia
23    Southeast Area Livestock Contests -- Yates Center
28    Southeast Area District Horse Show -- Parsons

July
8    4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due
11    Fashion Revue Forms Due
18    4-H Foods Judging
18    Horse Show -- Sedan
20 - 23    Elk County 4-H Fair -- Longton

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4-H Council

4-H Council will meet **Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Extension Meeting Room. 4-H Council representatives bring input from your clubs and ideas.

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Discovery Days

Registration is now open for Discovery Days on Kansas State University campus.

**When:** June 1 - 3

**Who:** Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2022 are invited to register

**Cost:** $195

Registration will close May 1st. For more information, go to [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html)

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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.

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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/ekcounty4h/springshows/index.html](http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/ekcounty4h/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.

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Hog/Sheep/Goat Weigh In and Tag Day

The Longton 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 22 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 23 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 22 or 23 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 89 or 88 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

Wanted! Fair Superintendents - Swine, Visual Arts, Rabbits. Contact the Extension Office if interested.

Kansas 4-H Animal Science Webinar Series

The Animal Science Webinar Series is a new program designed to give Kansas 4-H’ers an opportunity to learn more about the livestock industry, career opportunities, and good animal husbandry practices. Webinars will be hosted the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and cover a variety of topics throughout the year. Participants need to register in advance to receive a link to the meeting and materials. For more information, including the registration link, visit the Kansas 4-H Animal Science webpage.

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

The K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry will host the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA) in June. There will be two sessions offered in 2022. The first session will be June 22-25, with the second scheduled for June 29-July 2. This year’s program will return to an in-person experience on campus. Students will participate in tours and workshops, have mentor time with faculty, and evaluate current events within the industry. Participation is limited to 20 high school students per session to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors, and industry leaders. The program is sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) Inc.

The application deadline is April 15. Application forms and details are available under the K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy tab of the youth livestock program website.

K-State “Champions” Livestock Judging Camp and Horse Judging Camp

The K-State Livestock Judging Team recently released their annual “Champions” livestock judging camp dates for this summer. Camp sessions will be hosted June 6-8, 13-15, and 16-18. In addition to evaluating livestock, this camp focuses on reasons development and presentation. It is open to youth 14-18 years old and participation is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The K-State Horse Judging Team will be hosting two camps this summer. The Beginner Camp will be June 8, with the Advanced Camp offered June 7-8. This year, the Kansas 4-H State Horse Judging Contest will be hosted in Manhattan after the camps on June 9. Additional details and registration information will be released soon.

More information about both camps and registration forms are posted on the K-State Judging Camps webpage.

2022 State Livestock Nominations

The 2022 state livestock nomination season has arrived! The current materials have been released and are posted on the KSU Youth Livestock website under Nomination Information. We are transitioning to an online nomination system this year, so all families are highly encouraged to plan ahead and use the resources available, specifically the Rookie Guide. To be eligible to exhibit in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive &/or KJLS, market animals and commercial females must be formally nominated by the appropriate deadline. Also, there is not a registered breeding doe division at either show, so
ALL meat goats (wethers and does) must be nominated to be shown. The new online system includes four major steps. **No paper forms will be accepted.** Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will also be approving nominations online, so families will not be obtaining these signatures for their materials. An informational Zoom session will be hosted for families April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

**New 4-Step Nomination Process:**
1. Purchase Official DNA Envelopes in advance online. Must be purchased in 2022. ✓ Order Deadlines: Market Beef - April 24; Small Livestock - June 8
2. Enter animal & exhibitor data through online system (ShoWorks) by deadline.
3. Mail completed & signed DNA Envelopes, with submission receipt, by deadline.
4. Online approval by Extension Agents (4-H) and FFA Advisors (FFA).

- All animals that are nominated for the Kansas State Fair &/or KJLS are required to be tagged with a Kansas 4-H EID tag.
- DNA hair samples are required for all nominated animals & must be submitted in an official DNA envelope purchased through the online system. The signatures of all exhibitors within the family & a parent/guardian are required on the DNA envelope. Old DNA Envelopes (purchased prior to 2022) will not be accepted.
- The 2022 Declaration Form has been updated will be uploaded into the online system; one copy of the family form used for all exhibitors within the family.
- YQCA certificate for each child will be uploaded into system. Get certified early!
- Kansas practices family nominations, so all DNA envelopes need to be signed by ALL eligible exhibitors within a family & a parent/guardian. Animals will need to be entered in the system under each child, for each division (market/commercial).
- The nomination fee of $12.00/animal will be paid through purchasing official DNA envelopes. No payment will be included when DNA samples are mailed to KSU.
- Ear notches are required for all swine; sheep & goats must submit full scrapie tag numbers, including flock ID & animal number (correct format: KSS0035 18151).
- Gender has been added to the DNA Envelopes & will be required for all species.
- Nomination entries must be submitted online by the deadline & DNA samples must be postmarked by the listed deadline. These dates are strictly enforced. No late nominations will be accepted.
- Nomination is NOT entry. After the nomination process is complete, families must officially enter each child for the show in which they would like to participate! Follow each show’s website & social media pages (Grand Drive, Kansas Junior Livestock Show) for details. Only online entries will be accepted for both shows.

**Shutterbugs - Photography Project**

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. The events typically end around Noon. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera-now what?, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings & Kaleidoscopes/Reflections.

Event is at Botanica Gardens, Wichita; April 23.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
$9 entry fee per person for all-day pass to Botanica.

**Insect Spectacular**

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day statewide entomology workshop, will be held in person this year! It will be held June 17-18 in Chanute, Kansas. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, invasive species, pollinator gardens and more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full
information will be posted around May 1. Stay tuned!

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**Insect Art Contest**

The Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her’s and art students. This year the artwork needs to fit into the contest theme of “The Benefits of Insects.” The goal is to explore why insects benefit us as a society and why they are important and create an art piece that captures that information. Selected artwork will be used to promote why insects are important and to create other educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. A winner will be selected from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries. Age categories are as follows:

1. Kindergarten – 2nd grade (1st - 3rd place)
2. 3rd grade – 5th grade (1st - 3rd place)
3. 6th grade – 8th grade (1st - 3rd place)
4. High School (1st - 3rd place)

**Rules:**

- Only one artwork per student per category.
- A COMPLETED entry form must accompany all entries.
- Drawing must be on flat paper. It’s not that we want to limit the creativity, but protruding parts will create challenges to get the artwork on the intended media.
- Entries must be the original work of the entrant – no traced or copyright protected images.
- Individual drawings and paintings must not be larger than “8.5 x 11”. Original entries will not be returned.
- Entries must feature an insect as the central point of focus that fits into one of categories above.
- The title, artist’s name, 4-H club or school, grade and county must appear on the back lower right corner of the art. (You can cut out and use the label provided on the entry form.)

**Submission deadlines:**
Entries should be postmarked by April 15, 2022. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

Mail entries to: Frannie Miller
Pesticide Safety and IPM Program
600 West Woodside
McPherson, KS 67460

**Scoring guidelines:**
All entries will be judged according to their adherence to the contest theme and overall visual impact, originality, artistic skill, and effort level. We are looking for colorful and creative art that illustrates the importance of pollinators. Have fun!

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**4-H Camp Changes**

4-H Camp is making some changes beginning with the 2022 camping season. Here is the link to the Rock Springs Ranch website with more information.

https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/

- **Year-round Summer Camp Team**
  A new Camp Director will lead a team of program specialists and counselors under the supervision of the Rock Springs Ranch Executive Director.

- **4-H Open Attendance Dates**
  Open attendance dates will increase flexibility for campers and helps families fit Kansas 4-H Camp into their busy summer schedules.

- **Open Invitation to All Kansas Youth**
  We are eager to share the Kansas 4-H experience as well as invite these new campers into their local 4-H groups when they return home.

- **New Online Registration System**
  Our new system from CampInTouch will streamline communications, allow direct registration, keep parents updated and ensure accurate health records.
• **Extended Camp Sessions**
  - Traditional 4 Day/3 Night Sessions – This is the perfect way for young campers to experience time away from home and still be immersed in Kansas 4-H programming.
  - All New 7 Day/6 Night Sessions – This option expands Kansas 4-H Camp to a full week! These sessions allow our campers to repeat their favorite activities, cement new friendships and truly experience the positive youth development of 4-H.

• **Transportation**
  Rock Springs Ranch and Extension Agents will coordinate transportation based on regional hubs and transportation fees will be included in the price of camp.

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**Drop/Add Project Deadline**

Even though you needed to be enrolled by December 1 to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, you have until May 1 to make changes in your projects. You can do this through 4HOnline or call the Extension Office and we can do it for you. If you are trying to do this in 4HOnline, after May 1 it will not allow you to make any changes.

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**Horse ID’s**

The publication number is P1039 rev. January 2020. [Horse Identification Certificate](#). 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 7, 9:00 a.m.** at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard. **Entries will be due by May 27.** An entry form with more information will be in next month’s newsletter and on the Rolling Prairie website.
Chautauqua County 4-H Spring Livestock Shows

Beef Show
April 23, 2022
11:00 am
Chautauqua County Fairgrounds – Sedan, KS

Small Animal Show
May 7, 2022
9:00 am
Chautauqua County Fairgrounds – Sedan, KS

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

Weigh-in & registration 30 minutes prior to each show
Open only to youth in Chautauqua & Elk Counties.
For more information contact the Extension Office at (620)725-5890

Concessions will be available.

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