# Elk County 4-H News

## June 2018

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### 4-H Calendar of Events

*For the most up to date list of events, go to the Rolling Prairie/Elk County 4-H website.*

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### June and July Notes

With school out, 4-H events, summer ball and camps are happening. With everything going on, please check your calendars for due dates and dates of activities so you do not miss anything. June is going to fly by and soon the county fair will be here. We are less than 50 days away!!

A couple of notes about my schedule, I will be at 4-H Camp June 2 - 6 and then the Junior National Maine Anjou Show from June 17 - June 24. During these times, I can still be reached via text, cell phone or email.
Wanted: 4-H Photography Fair Superintendent!
Contact the Extension Office if interested.

4-H Council

4-H Council will meet on **Wednesday, June 6, 6:30 p.m.** at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard. If you cannot attend, please send a representative of your club in your place.

Fairbooks, Fair Entry Forms

Fairbooks and fair entry forms are now available for clubs and/or families to pick up at the Extension Office. Fashion Revue Script forms and judge’s forms are available on the Rolling Prairie website. For more information about the fair, go to the following website: [http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html](http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html) This is where all information and forms about the 4-H Fair are posted.

4-H/FFA fair entries are due **Monday, July 9 by 4:30 p.m. in the Extension Office**. There are two Fashion Revue forms that must be completed for each entry. One is the information and judges form and the other is the script. **Both forms need to be completed and returned to the Extension Office by July 12! On the information and judges form, please attach a picture of you and your outfit.**

Put everything you might bring to the fair on your entry form. **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 9. Entries can be emailed or faxed to the Extension Office as well, but they still must be here by 4:30 p.m. on July 9.** We will drop entries from the records if they do not check in at the fair, but we will not add entries at the fair.

Photo mats are available from the Extension Office for $1.00. This includes a large Ziploc bag to place your completed project in.

Be sure you look over the fair schedule closely so you do not miss anything. If you have any questions about the fair, entries, shows or anything else you see in the fair book or newsletter, just ask us at the Extension Office!

Know your exhibit requirements. Read the fairbook. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to know the exhibition rules. Not being told is not a valid excuse for lack of personal responsibility.

Livestock Premium Sale

A reminder that livestock educational requirements must be met by July 1 of the current year. There have been several and are still a few events set to take place in the Rolling Prairie District. The ones that Richard oversees, he will take attendance and will know who was there. If you attend something else, it is your responsibility to let Richard know. Also, if you attend a producer educational meeting, the member needs to write a short paragraph or a few sentences telling what you attended and one or two things you learned. Turn this into the Extension Office to receive credit.

During the month of June, there are at least four opportunities to participate in events that would count towards the livestock educational requirement.

- June 9 -- Elk Valley FFA Spring Showcase
- June 13 -- Elk County Livestock Conservation Tour (*Must write a paragraph about what you learned*)
- June 21 -- Southeast Area Livestock Contests
- June 27 -- Livestock Skillathon at Howard

We are approximately 45 days from Fair Weigh-In depending on when you read this. If possible, I recommend weighing you animal(s) to see where you are at in terms of do you need to exercise more, feed more or do something different for your animal(s) to be where you want them on July 18. Here is a link to the livestock weight charts that I produce every year. Look at what your animal weighed at spring weigh-in and see what it needs to gain to make weight, etc.
Listed below are the weight and average daily gain requirements for each species. Minimum average daily gain requirements are calculated from spring weigh-in to the fair. For market beef that is 150 days and for hogs/sheep/goats it is 88 days.

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<td>Market Lambs</td>
<td>100 - 155 lbs.</td>
<td>0.25 lbs./day</td>
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<td>Market Beef</td>
<td>Min. of 1050 lbs.</td>
<td>1.8 lbs./day</td>
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<td>Meat Goats</td>
<td>50 - 120 lbs.</td>
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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.

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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)*

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**State Livestock Nominations**

Listed below is information about the 2018 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.
- 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: June 15 - Market Hogs, Commercial Gilts, Market Sheep, Commercial Ewes, Commercial Heifers, and ALL meat goats.
- Nomination cost is $8.00/animal.
All swine exhibitors must submit a valid Youth PQA Plus 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!

I have copies of all the forms and DNA envelopes as well. Also all forms (except DNA envelopes) and a Kansas Youth Livestock State Nomination Process “Rookie Guide” are available at: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/

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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**Lost Ear Tags**

If ear tags are lost from your market animals, they must be replaced! All market animals must have the proper ear tag in place to check in at the fair. So, whether you lost a tag on June 1 or July 18 let the office know ASAP to get it replaced.

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**Southeast Area Livestock Contests**

Thursday, June 21 -- Yates Center

Contests include Livestock Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Meat Judging. More information will be available later in June if you are interested.

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**Horse Project Information**

The Kansas 4-H Horse Standard of Excellence consists of four achievement levels (I, II, III, IV), each of which contains three sections: knowledge, leadership, and horsemanship skill attainment. Once participants successfully pass the required sections, they will receive certification of achievements and be granted the right to advance to the next level. Participants that fail either the written exam, or skill test, can retake the exam at any time. Horse Project members must pass the written and leadership requirements prior to taking the skills test. Only Achievement Level 1 will be required by 4-H members ages 9 - 18 wanting to participate at the District and/or State horse show. This must be done prior to the entry deadlines for the District show.

The Southeast Area District Horse Show is July 10 at Parsons. Entry deadline is June 15.

Horse ID papers have been signed and are ready to be picked up.

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**Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes**

The 2018 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be held August 18 - 19 on the K-State campus in Manhattan. The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. The members who will represent Kansas at the national 4-H contest for each of these events will be selected during the livestock sweepstakes weekend. Members may participate in as many or as few of the events as they would like. The deadline to enter will be August 1.
78th Elk County Livestock – Conservation Tour

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

7:30 a.m. – Coffee & Rolls @ Cox Building, Howard; 8:00 a.m. – Leave for First Tour Stop

TOUR STOPS

1. Richard & Julia Fechter - Maine Anjou Cattle
   ▪ Wyatt Fechter - TH & PHA in Maine Anjou Cattle
   ▪ Jaymelynn Farney, Southeast Area Extension Beef Systems Specialist -- “Body Condition Scoring Cows”

2. Dan Miller - Stock Tank Below Pond Dam
   ▪ Jeff Davidson, K-State Research & Extension Watershed Specialist

3. Woodland Management & Marketing Timber
   ▪ Dennis Carlson, Kansas Forest Service, District Forester

4. No-Till Farming -- David Perkins
   ▪ Ethan Walker, NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist
     ○ “Soil Health Demonstration”

5. Wildflower and Plant Identification
   ▪ Jeff Davidson, K-State Research & Extension Watershed Specialist

6. Hannah Whetstone - 4-H Sheep Project

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