Elk County 4-H News

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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

June
4    Counselors to 4-H Camp
5 - 8 4-H Camp
8    Elk Valley FFA Spring Showcase -- Longton
11   Southeast Area FCS and Favorite Food Show Contests
12   Elk County 4-H Council Meeting
15   District Horse Show Entries Due
20   Southeast Area Livestock Contests -- Yates Center
27   District Horse Show -- Parsons

July
1    4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due
4 - 5 Holiday -- Offices Closed
8    Fashion Revue Scripts and Forms Due
10   Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue Judging -- Flint Hills Assembly of God Church
10   Supporters Picnic and Public Fashion Revue -- West Elk School
14   Fairgrounds Cleanup
15   4-H Foods Judging -- Flint Hills Assembly of God Church
15   Horse Show
17 - 20 Elk County 4-H Fair

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 4 - 8 and then the Junior National Maine Anjou Show from June 23 - June 30. During these times, I can still be reached via text, cell phone or email.
**4-H Council**

4-H Council will meet on Wednesday, June 12, 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.

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**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 1 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 8! On the information and judges form, please attach a picture of you and your outfit.**

New this year is a 4-H Livestock Stall Request Form. For planning purposes, due to the large number of animals expected at the county fair, I am asking each member or family to indicate how many animals you are planning to exhibit and more importantly the number of pens they are requesting in the beef, sheep, swine and meat goat species. Form is due July 1.

Put everything you might bring to the fair on your entry form. **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 1.** 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 1. 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.

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**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 five opportunities to participate in events that would count towards the livestock educational requirement.

- June 8 -- Elk Valley FFA Spring Showcase
- June 13 -- Chautauqua County Livestock Conservation Tour (Must write a paragraph about what you learned)
- June 19 -- Livestock Skillathon at Howard
- June 20 -- Southeast Area Livestock Contests
- Another option is to complete the online YQCA course.

Remember, local club tours or project meetings will not count. These need to be county wide, district, state, or national events. If you have
questions about whether something counts, ask beforehand! THE EVENTS SHOULD PERTAIN TO THE FOUR SPECIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PREMIUM SALE! So dairy, horse, rabbit, poultry, dog and other such events do not count.

We are approximately 45 days from Fair Weigh-In depending on when you read this. If possible, I recommend weighing your 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 17. 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.

http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/index.html

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 143 days and for hogs/sheep/goats it is 82 or 81 days.

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<td>100 - 155 lbs.</td>
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<td>Min. of 1050 lbs.</td>
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<td>Meat Goats</td>
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**State Livestock Nominations**

Listed below is information about the 2019 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.
- **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. (except members that are 7 years old)
- 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/

DNA envelopes are only available at the Extension Office.

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.”

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 17 let the office know ASAP to get it replaced.

Southeast Area Livestock Contests

Thursday, June 20 -- Yates Center

Contests include Livestock Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Meats Judging. More information will be available later in June if you are interested. I will be attending and will have room to take up to 4 kids.

Poultry Testing

Due to a nationwide shortage of antigen needed to conduct pullorum-typhoid testing in poultry, the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health is waiving certain poultry testing requirements. As a result, poultry owners do not need to test their birds for the pullorum disease while the waiver is in effect.

Although we still consider pullorum-typhoid testing important in maintaining pullorum-clean poultry within Kansas, pullorum disease is rare. Due to this low risk of spread of pullorum disease, and the fact that the antigen for testing will not be available, KDA is waiving the requirement for pullorum-typhoid testing until October 1, 2019.

Teen Leader Help at Fair

Teen Leaders are needed to help at the fair as assistant fair superintendents. Listed below are the projects/division where help is needed and the number of teen leaders needed. If you are interested, let me know where you would like to help.

Clothing Construction/Fashion Revue - (2)
Foods - (2)
Horse - (2)
Indoor Exhibits Check In and Judging - (6)
Swine - (3)
Sheep - (2)
Goats - (2)
Rabbits/Poultry - (1)
Awards Ceremony - (2)
Beef - (2)

Also, the Teen Leaders are needed to help serve at the Supporters Picnic and they are responsible for the Barnyard Olympics. In addition, Teen Leaders need to decide if they are going to conduct pee wee shows for those members not old enough to be in 4-H following the swine, sheep and goat shows.

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2019 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be held August 24 - 25 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.
4-H events and fairs are often used to provide youth with opportunities to have their work judged against a set of standards. The evaluation of an exhibit should be a positive and motivating part of the total 4-H experience. To plan, practice, and present a finished product is to “learn by doing.” The exhibit is not an end in itself, nor does it illustrate all of the learning that has taken place during the 4-H year.

An important goal of 4-H is to teach skills to young people that they can use now, as a youth, and in later life. Standards of excellence help 4-H’ers to evaluate the skills they are learning. Standards of excellence can be useful for products (skirts, cookies, tomatoes, livestock, etc.) and skills (speaking, decision making, demonstrating, etc.).

DANISH SYSTEM
The Danish system of judging is a method of evaluation where an exhibit or process is evaluated against a set of standards, and recognition is awarded on the degree to which the standard has been met by each 4-H member. The standards of excellence are often printed on a judge’s scorecard, and allows for the exhibit to be judged on one’s own merit, and not in comparison with others in the class. The following ribbons apply:

WHITE: Fair, denotes much improvement needed. Fails to meet minimum standards.
RED: Good, some improvements needed. Meets minimum standards.
BLUE: Excellent, minor improvements needed. Exceeds minimum standards.
PURPLE: Superior, outstanding on all standards. (In some cases, this means an exhibit is selected for the state fair.)

Possible questions from a Judge:
- How did you improve your skills?
- Did you enjoy working on this project? Why?
- What was the easiest... (or most difficult)?
- Where did you learn how to... ?
- Why did you choose this?
- Next time, you may want to consider...
- Who gave you help with the project?
- I noticed you... (or) I could see you felt....
- How does this exhibit fit into your project?
- What were your goals for this project?
- You really did a good job!
- What would you like to do next year?
- You should feel proud because...
- It would be helpful if...
- Tell me more about...

4-H BELIEVES THAT...
- 4-H boys and girls are more important than the 4-H exhibits
- Learning how to do a project is more important than the project itself
- “Learning by doing” through a useful work project is fundamental in any sound educational program and characteristic of the 4-H program.
- There is more than one good way to do most things.
- Our job is to teach 4-H’ers how to think, not what to think.
- A balanced program of work and play, geared to the individual’s needs, is more important than “grooming winners.”
- Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to experience success and to be praised.
- A blue ribbon 4-H member with a red ribbon exhibit is more desirable than a red ribbon member with a blue ribbon exhibit.
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