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

March
1  4-H Club Day and Junk in a Bucket Entries Due
3  Longton Fair Board Meeting--6:30 p.m.
9  Jr Swine Producer Day--KSU
16  Elk County 4-H Club Day--West Elk
20  Record Book Workshop--7:00 p.m.
23  Regional 4-H Club Day--Madison
24  YQCA Workshop--4:00 p.m.
30  Jr Meat Goat Producer Day--KSU

April
3  4-H Council--6:30 p.m.
15  Discovery Days Registration Due
26  Small Animal Weigh In--Howard-5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
27  Small Animal Weigh In--Howard-9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

May
1  Project Drop/Add Deadline
3  4-H Camp Counselor Applications and Registrations Due
5  Livestock Project Meeting--5:00 p.m.
28-31  Discovery Days--KSU

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Discovery Days

Discovery Days registration will open on March 1 (at midnight). All documents that you will need have been posted at http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html. Look at the class catalog, it has been posted on the above website. There is a great selection of new classes this year! If you are wanting to be in certain classes, please sign up right away. Many classes will fill up within the first day or two of Discovery Days registration being open. If delegates do not sign up for enough classes for their class schedule, they will be assigned to classes that are available and open. Double check your schedule when you sign up.
Discovery Days is for members age 13 - 18 as of January 1, 2019. Dates are May 29 - May 31 at Kansas State University. **Please note:** For 2019 we are trying a 3-day, 2-night experience for Discovery Days to reduce the base price for Discovery Days. Cost is $195. Some classes have additional fees to pay for supplies.

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**Elk County 4-H Club Day**

4-H Club Day is set for Saturday, March 16 at West Elk High School in Howard. I will be making a schedule in the upcoming days and will email it out to the list serve as well as it will be posted to the Rolling Prairie website.

Many of the events will be set up on a block of time. Please read the first page of general information about how this will work. Some members may be scheduled very tight with their different events. Be flexible, it will all work out. Everyone that is signed up will have the opportunity to perform their event.

Room monitors responsibilities are to introduce the 4-H’er that is to perform, keep the door closed during performances and check off the members as they perform. A schedule or list of members to participate will be posted on the door for the events that you are a room monitor for. Also, when an event is scheduled for a block of time, be sure to complete all of one category before moving onto the next one. Don’t forget to ask the judge if they need anything such as water, restroom break, etc.

A few reminders for some of the events: **Music** - all entries must bring the original sheet music for the judge and have measures numbered. All vocal numbers must be memorized. Instrumental entries do not have to be memorized. Pre-recorded music accompaniment is allowed.

**Talent** - a script is required for Readings and for Skit/One Act Plays.

For other questions about specific events, call and ask or refer to the Club Day Guidelines that is located on the Rolling Prairie website.

A livestock skillathon will be setup in the cafeteria area for members to complete. If members complete the livestock skillathon, they will receive credit towards their livestock premium sale requirement.

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**Junk in a Bucket**

We will draw for buckets immediately after the awards assembly at 4-H Club Day. If you are not going to be at 4-H Club Day to get your bucket, please let me know and make arrangements to pick up your bucket the next week.

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**Livestock Premium Sale Requirements**

Members must attend and/or participate in at least three livestock educational events to sell at the livestock premium sale at the county fair.

**Livestock educational requirements must be met by July 1 of the current year.** There are several 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.

**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.

Record Book Workshop

Wednesday, March 20 -- 7:00 p.m.
Extension Meeting Room, Howard

Now is the time to start working on your record books. Do not wait until the last minute to look at your record sheets and then have no idea how to complete them. The workshop will be geared towards first year members and families, however, there will be something at this workshop that everyone can find useful.

Information will be given on how to complete the different types of records as well as ideas and suggestions will be shared on how to make record keeping an easier process. I will give tips and recommendations for members on how to do a better job of completing records if they want to compete for award recognition. The Excellence in Project Achievement Award application and the form filler record sheets will be covered as well.

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.

If you are interested in club lamb, hog and/or goat sales, the March 6 issue of Farm Talk will have many sales and breeder information listed in a special edition.

YQCA Requirement for State Shows

ALL exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified to participate in the 2019 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. This includes youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females. Since the program is designed to be a national standard for youth ages 8 and older, 7-year-olds who will be participating in KJLS are exempt from completing this requirement.

Youth may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods:

- Instructor-led Training - $3/child
- Online Course - $12/child
- Test-Out Option – only 12 & 15 year old’s eligible; online only; cost varies
- Valid Youth PQA+ Number – in lieu of YQCA certification

Families must create a user account and pre-register all youth through the YQCA website (www.yqca.org) for them to participate in the program and receive a certification number. 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.

YQCA certification is valid for one year, from the date the course is successfully completed. Youth will be required to submit a copy of their YQCA or
Youth PQA+ (YPQA+) certificate/card as part of the nomination process by attaching it to their Declaration Form. Exhibitors who will only be showing registered purebred breeding females (heifers, gilts, ewes), and therefore do not have to nominate those animals, will be required to submit their number as part of the entry process. Youth need to complete their YQCA certification by June 15, 2019.

After a child has completed the YQCA training, their certificate will be available on the family’s user account. The certificate will include the child’s name, certification number, and date of expiration. Families may print copies of this certificate, as well as download it to any device, for their records.

A YQCA workshop will be in Elk County on Sunday, March 24 in Howard from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Go to www.yqca.org to signup. Also, there will be YQCA Certification sessions at both the Jr Swine and Jr Meat Goat Producer days that members can attend to get their certification.

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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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**Ranch Gathering to Focus on Practical, Profitable Genetic Selection**

Cattle producers of all ages are invited to the 2019 Dalebanks Angus Spring Break Ranch Gathering at the newly renovated Dalebanks Sale Facility northwest of Eureka. An interactive selection contest, panel discussion and ranch tours will highlight the day’s events.

Beef cattle selection has drastically changed through the decades. While most producers recall a time when genetic selection consisted of a keen pair of eyes and access to a bull’s pedigree, today’s tools offer a more science-based approach to genetic selection. Even with the various selection tools in the beef business today, prioritization of traits must largely be done by the individual cattleman making the purchase. No one knows the needs of their herd from a management and marketing standpoint better than the person who owns or manages the cowherd. When it comes time to purchase that next herd bull or set of replacement females, the challenge of balancing nearly twenty Expected Progeny Differences, associated selection indexes, plus the animal’s phenotype becomes a bigger challenge than some producers want to tackle.

To help interpret this information, cow-calf producers from across the region are invited to the 2019 Spring Break Ranch Gathering, Friday, March 15, 2019, at the Dalebanks Angus Ranch sale facility, 1030 River Road, Eureka. This interactive day will begin at 10:30 am with a Practical, Profitable Genetic Selection (livestock judging) contest to help navigate the balance of genetic tools, measures and phenotypic evaluation as folks rank seedstock to best fit various ranching scenarios. Prizes will be awarded in both youth and adult divisions.

Following lunch, the session will shift to a discussion led by Matt Caldwell, Beef Program and Business Development Manager at Premier Select Sires. Commonsense cattlemen, Ed Koger, Wilmore, and Clint Huntington, Eureka, will join Matt to visit about how they use the available tools to select the right genetics for their commercial operations.

After the panel concludes, attendees may enjoy social time with friends in the sale facility, tour the Dalebanks cowherd and facilities, or view cover crop and cool-season grazing systems.

There is no cost for the event, but please contact Matt Perrier, mattperrier@dalebanks.com or 620-583-4305, to reserve your spot today. Families are welcome to attend, and activities for all ages will be available.
May 1 Deadline

May 1 is a very important deadline date.

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 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.

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.

Market Beef State Nominations: Nominations and paperwork needs to be postmarked by May 1.

Horse Project and Achievement Levels

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. Members that start the project without completing the skill section can later complete that section. However, they cannot enter a higher level skill section without going back and completing skill sections previously skipped.

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 will be in early July at Parsons. Entry deadline is June 15. If interested in this, contact Richard well in advance to allow you time to get the tests completed.

4-H Camp

- June 5 - 8; For members 3rd grade through 7th grade complete.
- $200 + transportation costs (transportation costs not determined until after registrations are due and how many that are going to camp is known.)
- Registration is due May 3. Registration form will appear in future newsletters and is available on the Rolling Prairie website.
- Counselor applications are due May 3 as well. Available on Rolling Prairie website.
- https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/activities/index.html#camp

Beef Tag Day Results

Enclosed are the results from Beef tag and weigh in. Please take a look at these and make sure I have the right tag numbers listed for each family/member. This is data that will be used for fair weigh in later this summer.

Walk Kansas

This year Walk Kansas is from March 17 - May 11. Registration is due by March 15 and is $8/per person. Apparel is an extra expense! Register online at www.walkkansasonline.org. From there you can register your team or individually. If you choose captain, you must register everyone on your team. If you do individual, it will only register yourself and we will put your team together!

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Join us for the biennial Junior Meat Goat Producer Day on March 30, 2019, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This educational event is dedicated to meat goat selection and project management for youth, parents, agents, and project leaders. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, undergraduate students, and guest speakers. All participants will receive a T-shirt, complimentary lunch, and an educational resource. Participants with registrations received after March 11 cannot be guaranteed a T-shirt.

Cost: $15/person by March 11 or $20/person after March 11

Schedule (tentative):

8:30  Registration
9:00  Welcome and Remarks
9:15  Market/Breeding Goat Selection
9:45  Morning Breakout Sessions
     - Meat Goat Processing & Products
     - Meat Goat Nutrition
     - State Livestock Nominations
11:15 Meat Goat Reproduction
12:00 Lunch
12:45 Health & Wellness
1:15  Afternoon Breakout Sessions
     - Showmanship
     - Facilities & Equipment
2:15  Final Questions & Wrap-up
2:30  YQCA Certification Session
     (optional to attend, will last until 3:45)

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Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day: March 30, 2019
Early Registration Due March 11, 2019

Name: _____________________________ Phone: _______________________
Address: _________________________ City: ____________ Zip: ______ County: __________
E-Mail Address: ___________________________________________________________
T-Shirt Size (Circle One) : Youth S     YM     YL     YXL     Adult S     M     L     XL     2XL     3XL
Check Age: ____ 11 & under          ____ 12-14          ____ 15-18          ____ Adult
$15 Fee Enclosed: □ Special Dietary or Participant Needs? ____________________________
Do you plan to attend the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification? ___ Yes ___ No

One form per participant. All attendees (youth & adults) must register.

Please make checks payable to: KSU ASI

Mail check and registration to Lexie Hayes, 214 Weber Hall, 1424 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66506

To Register Online:  https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND

K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, or their assignees, reserve the right to photograph, record the image and/or voice of participants for current or future research, educational, and/or promotional purposes. By attending, you provide consent to the above items and waive all rights to claims for payment or royalties in connection with any use of said images or recordings.
Leadership skills are essential for young people interested in advancing the animal science industry.

The intensive four day educational experience will focus on increasing the participant’s knowledge of a dynamic and sustainable livestock industry and its importance to a global food system. Students will learn valuable leadership skills and enhance their personal development.

Selection is limited to 20 students per session ensuring ample personalized instruction and interaction with counselors, professors and livestock industry leaders.

Participants will have the opportunity to:
- Enhance personal leadership development
- Learn about current industry topics and concerns
- Tour leading industry operations
- Interact with K-State faculty and staff
- Collaborate with other young leaders

Tentative academy schedule:
- **Day 1:** Leadership development activities and K-State farm tours
- **Day 2:** Tours of Kansas businesses and industry
- **Day 3:** Leadership and communication skills development and team problem solving
- **Day 4:** Closing reception and team presentation

The 11th annual K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy is hosted by the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry’s Youth Livestock Program and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC).

Applications are available on the website and due April 1, 2019:

K-State, County Extension Council, Extension Districts and U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.

All educational programs and materials available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.
Interest in the meat goat industry has been rapidly growing in Kansas, particularly in eastern Kansas. Interest in raising goats continues to grow in Kansas for multiple reasons. Some producers look to goats for their brush control properties, or to better manage pastures. Others are interested in raising goats because of the increasing ethnic demand for goat meat in the United States. And other producers are looking to add goats to their operation for diversification principles.

Whatever your reason is for considering raising goats, there is much to learn about how to manage a goat operation.

The program being offered on May 4th will go into details over:
- Worming
- Herd Management
- Marketing/Economic Considerations
- Facilities
- Stocking Rates
- Utilizing goats for brush control
- Producer Panel- Q&A

Workshop Speakers Include:
- Dr. Meredyth Jones – Oklahoma State University Veterinary professor focusing on small ruminant animals
- Dr. Alison Crane- Kansas State University Sheep and Meat Goat Specialist
- Dale Lanham- K-State Research and Extension Southwind District Agriculture Agent
- Producer Panel

Registration Required
RSVP to the Greenwood County Extension office at 620-583-7455 or at http://bit.ly/goatmanagement by May 1st. Workshop is free to attend, but registration is required.
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