## 4-H Calendar of Events

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YQCA Training

Every 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 face-to-face training. Once you complete a training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Stephanie Bogdahn.

I do not know of any face to face trainings in the area now, so the only option for members needing the YQCA certification, is an online course at https://yqcaprogram.org/

2022 State Livestock Nominations

The current materials are posted on the KSU Youth Livestock website under Nomination Information. An online nomination system is being used 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.

New 4-Step Nomination Process:
1. Purchase Official DNA Envelopes in advance online. Must be purchased in 2022.
   - Order Deadlines: 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.

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Livestock Judging and Crops, Horticulture Judging Practice

Sunday, June 5
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Extension Meeting Room, Howard

Mark your calendars as this will be an opportunity to learn more about livestock judging and an introduction to crops and horticulture judging.

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 around 50 days away; depending on when you read this.

A note about my schedule, I will be at the Junior National Shorthorn Show from June 19 - June 25. During this time, I can still be reached via text, cell phone or email.

4-H Camp

With 4-H Camp being run different this year, the Extension Office is not as involved and we do not know for sure who has signed up for camp and when you are attending. In years past, members signed up for 4-H Camp through the Extension Offices, however, this year, signup goes directly to Rock Springs.

For those of you attending 4-H Camp, please let me know who is attending and what dates. For Flint Hill Booster members, there is the potential for Campership dollars if you attend camp. In addition, all Elk County members may be eligible for a $50 scholarship from the Jim Williams Memorial Event Scholarship. However, you need to apply and meet the requirements. Application is available at

https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/activities/index.html

If you apply for and receive the scholarship, payment will be made following attendance at camp. If you have questions, let me know.

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 April 24 or July 20 let the office know to get it replaced.

Elk County 4-H Fair Information

- Fairbooks and entry forms for families are available at the Extension Office.
- For more information about the fair, go to the following website: http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/index.html This is where all information, forms and updates about the 4-H Fair will be posted.
  - Forms posted to the website are: Fashion Revue Script, Fashion Revue Judges Form, Livestock Premium Sale Buyers Agreement and Receipt, and Livestock Stall Request.
  - Photo Display Instructions and How to Mount Photos are also on the website.

In order to have the same rule as at the Kansas State Fair, the following change has been made for does. The change was made after Elk County Fairbooks were printed so it is noted here and will be on the website. All market goats must still be “slick shorn.”

NOTE: For breeding does, the length of hair is left up to the exhibitor.
✓ Entries are due in the Extension Office by JULY 8 at 4:00 p.m.
✓ Be sure to read your fairbook and check the fair schedule, website and Facebook page so you do not miss anything or miss judging times for the different events.

Pullorum Testing for Poultry

Any poultry, except waterfowl, to be shown at the 2022 Elk County Fair must be Pullorum-Typhoid clean. Testing will be available for those birds at the Howard Fairgrounds on Wednesday, June 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Please call the Extension Office at 620-374-2174 if you have any questions about this event.

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)
Indoor Exhibits Check In and Judging - (6)
Swine - (3); Announcer, ring help, hand out awards
Beef - (3); Announcer, ring help, hand out awards
Sheep - (3); Announcer, ring help, hand out awards
Goats - (3); Announcer, ring help, hand out awards
Rabbits/Poultry - (2)

Also, the Teen Leaders are needed to serve at the Supporters Picnic and they are responsible for the Barnyard Olympics, PeeWee kids showmanship and the VIP Beef Showmanship.

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)
Livestock Weight Charts

Livestock weight charts are posted to the Rolling Prairie website under Elk County 4-H. Take a look at these to help you determine how much weight your animals need to gain to meet the premium sale requirements.

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

4-H Records and Achievement Pins

It is not too early to start on your 4-H record book and Achievement Pin Application. Take a look at the requirements and see what activities/events you need to do to be eligible to receive the pin. Much easier to participate in these events or meet certain requirements now as opposed to September 20.

From the Fitters Edge Blade Sharpening Facebook Page:

This could ruffle a few feathers….

This industry teaches hard work and perseverance.

Character development is worth far more than any prize your child will ever receive.

Nothing wrong with your kids wanting to earn prizes just don’t forget the value of showing will never be found in a prize for winning.

Parents:

If you’re teaching your kids to show to win prizes…. you’re missing the point of the industry.
ELIGIBILITY:
- Open to Elk County residents and out of county Elk 4-H/FFA Members. Age as of January 1, 2022
- Prince/Princess - 6 years or younger boys and girls
- Junior Queen - 7-9 year old girls
- Intermediate Queen - 10-13 year old girls
- Senior Queen - 14-18 year old girls

REQUIREMENTS
- Prince/Princess Candidates - submit 1 high quality photo to be displayed
- Queen Candidates - submit 1 high quality photo to be displayed and a 1 page essay with the topic “What does the County Fair mean to me”.
- Submit the photo by June 15 and the essay by June 25.
- Submit to arbucklecrew@gmail.com; please include name, age category, and contact information for each candidate

Voting/Scoring
- All photos will be displayed around the county and will be voted on by monetary donations. For Prince/Princess this will be 100% of your score. For Queens this will be 40% of your total score
- Essays for Queens will be 60% of your score and will be judged by unbiased out of county judges.
- Winners will be announced after the 4-H Fashion Review July 13, 2022 7:30pm, West Elk School. The Supporters picnic begins at 6:30.

Winners will ride on a float for the Elk County Fair Parade in Longton Saturday July 23, 2022. The Queens will also help hand out awards at the 4-H/FFA awards presentation at 6pm on Saturday July 23, 2022. The money raised from photos will be used to purchase crown and sash for the queens, and crowns for the Prince and Princess with additional proceeds going to Elk County 4-H Council. For more information contact Emma Arbuckle, 2022 Kansas Junior Miss Agriculture USA, via call or text 620-218-9183 or Andrea Arbuckle 620-550-1345.
Inspiring Words from the 4-H Pledge and FFA Creed

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AGRICULTURE
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CHARITY
COMMUNITY
COUNTRY
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