4-H Calendar of Events

March
5  KSU Jr Beef Producer Day
16  YQCA Training -- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. -- Extension Meeting Room
19  KSU Jr Sheep Producer Day
26  Regional 4-H Club Day -- Madison
26  4-H Council Steak Supper -- Grenola

April
6  4-H Council Meeting
22 & 23  Sheep/Swine/Meat Goat Weigh In and Tag Day

May 1
1  State Beef Nominations Due
1  Horse ID’s Due
2  Project Drop/Add Deadline
23  YQCA Training -- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. -- Extension Meeting Room

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
18  4-H Foods Judging
18  Horse Show -- Sedan
20 - 23  Elk County 4-H Fair -- Longton

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4-H Council Steak Dinner

Saturday, March 26 -- Grenola
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

This is the annual fundraiser for 4-H Council. Funds are used for fair awards, achievement awards and other expenses of 4-H Council. If you are needing tickets to sell they are available at the Extension Office.

If you have not done so already, search Facebook for the Elk County 4-H page. Information will be posted there that pertains only to the Elk County 4-H program.

Standards for 4-H and FFA

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants’ knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.

2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.

3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh in, registration or similar deadline.

4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show, or event at the same time.

5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials, and awards.

6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

These standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.

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.ks-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.

Livestock Tagging

If you wish to exhibit an animal of any species at the 2022 Elk County 4-H Fair, it must be tagged and/or ownership verified by registration papers,
including dairy and bucket calf. All breeding animals must have ownership as of the date of that species weigh in/tag day. Commercial livestock needs to be tagged with a 4-H tag and registered purebred livestock must have registration papers in the exhibitor’s name. Breeding animals that were tagged in previous years and are eligible for the 2022 county fair, do not need to be retagged so long as the previous year’s tag is still in its ear.

Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on April 22 or 23 or have registration papers by this date.

Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by May 1 of the current year.

WANTED: Swine Superintendent for the County Fair!

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 the size of animal to purchase or after spring weigh in how much weight they need to gain to meet the premium sale requirements.

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

Market Livestock Premium Sale Requirements

Weight ranges and daily gain requirements that must be met to be eligible to sell are:

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YQCA Requirement for 2022 State Shows

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multispecies youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 7-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

The fourth year of curriculum materials was launched in October 2021, and youth are welcome to begin completing the training at any time. ALL exhibitors, including youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), will need to be YQCA certified by June 15. Your certification from any previous year does not carry over to this year. A new certification must occur each year.

Youth may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods: Instructor-led Training - $3/child; or the Online Course - $12/child. Youth need to complete their YQCA certification by June 15, 2022.

How to get your YQCA Certification online:
- [https://yqca.learngrow.io](https://yqca.learngrow.io)
- Sign in with your 4-HOnline credentials.
- Select your course based on your age.
- Select purchase course and complete the web-based training.

YQCA Training

FOR ELK COUNTY MEMBERS: Each 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. Once
You complete a training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Stephanie Bogdahn.

There will be two face-to-face YQCA training opportunities in Elk County. The registration fee of $3.00 is due online when you register. To attend either of these two trainings you will need to register online BEFORE THE TRAINING. You can register online at https://yqca.learngrow.io/Training/Search.

March 16 -- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
May 23 -- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Trainings will be held at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard.

State Livestock Nominations

NEW THIS YEAR!! State livestock nominations have transitioned to an online system for 2022! This will streamline the process from nomination to entry, but both steps will continue to be required to be eligible to show. Families will pay their nomination fee through purchasing DNA envelopes in advance, submit exhibitor and animal information online through ShoWorks, then mail the signed DNA samples and a receipt of animals entered online by the deadline. There will be no more paper forms.

Animals will need to be submitted under each exhibitor in the family, as well as each division in which the family wants the animal to be eligible (example – enter a gilt as a market hog & commercial breeding gilt). Extension agents and FFA advisors will approve nominations online.

Families will need to plan ahead to be successful in this transition! Everyone is also encouraged to use the Rookie Guide this year, as it has valuable information, including step-by-step instructions. Link to the Rookie Guide is https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2022%20Rookie%20Guide.pdf

More information will be provided in future newsletters. Go to https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/ for more information about nominating animals for the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

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.

Where: Botanica Gardens, Wichita
When: April 23

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

Picture Perfect Photography Event

Shawnee County is hosting a Picture Perfect Photography Event led by 4-H club leaders.

Programming will include: Hands-on classes in the park, online spotlights of careers in photography, youth photo judging contest, plus videos to improve technical skills

What to Bring: camera and/or smartphone, blanket to sit on, reusable drink container, colorful umbrella

Link to flyer: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/creative-arts/Picture%20Perfect%20State%20Workshop%202022%20Flyer%20Updated%202.8.2022.pptx.pdf
Register by April 1st at https://tinyurl.com/mamevyuy.

Insect Spectacular

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide 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!

Insect Art Contest

The Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-H'er’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!

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 2 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 2 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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**Beef Weigh In Results**

On the next page are the results from beef weigh in. There are 150 days from spring weigh in until fair weigh in. Please make sure all the information is correct as it will be the information used at fair weigh in.

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