

Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Coffey County 4-H



Weigh-In Reminders

- **April 16th** - All market sheep and goats tagged and weighed, all breeding animals ID'd and designated— **Coffey County Fairgrounds 5:00pm-7:00pm**
- **April 23rd** - All market swine tagged and all breeding swine ID'd and designated— **Coffey County Fairgrounds 5:00pm-7:00pm**

All 4-H livestock will be tagged and weighed at their respective species weigh-in date in order to compete at the Coffey County Fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Spring Show Clean Up

Coffey County spring clean up is for all county 4-Hers to gather at the fairgrounds for an evening of raking, picking up trash, and make the fairgrounds sparkle just in time for the Spring Show. Together, we can make a difference! This will take place Wednesday, April 16th with a backup date of April 23rd.

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Coffey County Spring Show - April 26th

Coffey County Spring show will be April 26th at the Burlington Fairgrounds. Pre-registration for a reduced fee is encouraged by April 20th. Registration links are online:



The spring show is sponsored by the 4-H Council. This is a fundraiser that benefits all 4-Hers in our county.

B-Town Showdown Spring Swine Show - June 7th

Coffey County Spring swine show will be June 7th at the Burlington Fairgrounds.

Pre-registration for a reduced fee is encouraged by May 26th.

Registration links are online:

HORSE ID REMINDERS

HORSES: 4-H Horse ID paper's with picture are due in the Extension Office by **June 1st** for all horses to be shown. Due to new regulations from the Kansas Department of Animal Health - ALL horse owners will be required to provide a negative Coggins test on each horse.

This test will need to have been completed within the last 12 months. This document is due in the office at the time of fair registration, **June 30th**.

Add or Drop Project Deadline - May 1st

May 1st is the **LAST** day to add or drop projects!

Remember to double check your project enrollments before thinking about fair exhibits! If you try to exhibit a project at the fair that you are not enrolled in, your exhibit will be moved to Open class. Parents may add or drop projects for their 4-Her's by emailing a request to

Hali or Jill.

halib@ksu.edu

jbarnhardt@ksu.edu



State Livestock Nomination Season:

The 2025 State Livestock Nomination information is now available! DNA envelope orders are also being accepted and filled. Any market animal or commercial breeding female that a youth would like to show at the Kansas State Fair The Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

Deadlines:

April 20 - DNA Envelope Order - Market Beef

May 1 - Nomination Deadline -Market Beef

June 5 - DNA Envelope Order - Small Livestock and Commercial Heifers

June 15 - Nomination Deadline -Small Livestock and Commercial Heifers

For more information visit the nomination information page.

<https://bit.ly/43pzqFS>

Please note that families are responsible for ordering their own DNA envelopes. Old envelopes will not be accepted and the Extension Office **does not provide them.**

YQCA TRAINING

Coffey County 4-H families! YQCA certifications are needed to exhibit at Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. If you need a certificate for later this summer, you can: Take the class online for \$12 or take the class in person for \$3 at the Coffey County Extension on April 7th.

To sign up for any of this class, please go to the link below to register and pay your fee online:

Registration is due by April 1st.

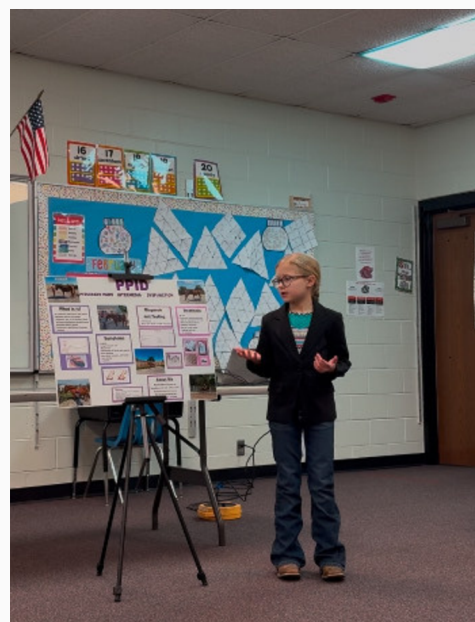


Kansas State Fair Livestock Requirements:

Individuals wanting to show at the Kansas State Fair must meet county and state deadlines and regulations. 4-Her's must qualify at approved county and invitational 4-H shows and events and meet State Fair guidelines and qualifications. 4-Hers planning to show at KSF or KJLS are encouraged to go to the **KSU Youth Livestock page** <https://bit.ly/3vijZmd> to find the latest information pertaining to nomination and entry of animals into these shows. Please keep this information throughout the 4-H year to help answer any questions. As always please feel free to call the Extension Office for any questions, comments, or concerns.

Regional Club Day Results

Name	Event	Placing
Lyla Decker	Interview	Blue
Austin Morray	Music	Blue
Liberty Club	Talent	Blue
Merritt Morray	Talent	Blue
Cyrus Graf	Talent	Champion
Annabelle Lehmann	Talent	Blue
Rachael Barnhardt	Sr. Talks & Public Speaking	Blue
Annabelle Lehmann	Sr. Talks & Public Speaking	Blue
Morgan Vogts	Sr. Talks & Public Speaking	Champion
Daniel Rausch	Sr. Talks & Public Speaking	Blue
Rebecca Barnhardt	Jr. & Int. Demo/Ill Talks	Reserve Champion
Will Shughart	Jr. & Int. Demo/Ill Talks	Champion
Caleb Beying	Jr. & Int. Demo/Ill Talks	Champion
Rebekah Born	Jr. & Int. Project Talks	Champion
Laine Rodgers	Jr. & Int. Project Talks	Blue
Ariya Wilkerson	Jr. & Int. Project Talks	Blue
Mackenzie Crooks	Jr. & Int. Project Talks	Blue





K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Applications are now available for the 2025 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy and due April 15th. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field. The event will occur June 11-14. The four-day session will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate in each group based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process.

Coffey County Fair Preparation

DOGS: The 4-H Dog Immunization Record will be required for all dogs attending the Coffey County Fair and the State 4-H Dog Show at the State Fair. We have dog show rule books and judging guideline books in the office. Must be turned in prior to June 30th.

RABBIT & POULTRY EXHIBITORS: All 4-H and Open Class rabbit and poultry exhibitors are to provide their own feed and bedding throughout the duration of the Coffey County Fair. In addition, exhibitors are expected to care for their own animals throughout the duration of the Coffey County Fair.

POULTRY EXHIBITORS: Please save the date for **mandatory pullorum testing** on **Wednesday, June 25th from 5-7 pm at the Fairgrounds**. This is required for all 4-H and open-class chickens, turkeys, and game birds regardless of age.

BEEF ANIMAL STALL FEE: The type of bedding must be approved by the species superintendent. LARGE BEEF exhibitors (Market Beef, Breeding Beef, 2nd Year Bucket Calves) will be charged a \$15 stall fee to cover expenses for cedar fibers. The \$15 stall fee should be paid via cash or check made payable to the Coffey County Fair Board and is due with your pre-entries June 30th.

All animal exhibitors (excluding large Beef): Will need to provide their own approved bedding for their animals.

Reminder...start looking for livestock sale premium buyers now! The lockers are very busy during the fair , so call to make arrangements for your animals after the sale if they aren't going home with you!

Coffey County Fair Preparation

SHEEP & MEAT GOATS (Breeding and Market):

- Ownership must be established by April 16th
- Sheep and Goat Tagging/ Weigh In- April 16, 2025, 5-7 PM, at the Fairgrounds
- Nominations for KSF/KJLS are due June 15th.
- All sheep and goats must be identified with an official USDA scrapies Premise ID Tag. Scrapies tag information will be required and must be recorded at the time of tagging
 - Federal health guidelines for Scrapie control requires that all sheep & goats be tagged with an official USDA Scrapies premise ID tag to determine the flock of origin. If you purchase animals to show, the producer should have placed a tag already. If you raise your own, you need to contact KS Dept of Agriculture to obtain premise ID number & scrapies tags.

DAIRY (Goats & Cattle)

- Ownership must be established by April 16th. Send a profile picture of the animal with a visible ear tag to the Extension Office by April 16th.

BUCKET CALF

1st year Bucket Calf

- Must be born after January 1st of the current year
- 1st Year Bucket Calf Tagging: April 16, 2025 at Fairgrounds
- Must be tagged and calves are to be off of the cow within two weeks of birth.
 - **No Bull Calves at fair time!**
- Project open to enrolled project members 4-H'ers age 7-12.

Breeding Animal ID's

- The deadline for initial ID of breeding heifers and Cow/Calf pairs is due the same day as 1st year Bucket Calf ID - **April 16th**. Pictures turned in to the Extension for ID's will continue to be required. You should report the tag or tattoo number already in the ear of cows to be entered as pairs and breeding heifers to be entered. You will also be required to submit a color photo of the animal (with the ear tattoo or tag visible)

SWINE (Breeding & Market)

- Must be identified and ownership established by April 23rd
- Swine Tagging: April 23, 2025, 5-7PM at the Fairgrounds
- Nominations due June 15th for Kansas State Fair/KJLS. Registration papers are required for all purebred hogs at both shows.

4-H SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



SATURDAY, MAY 3
WICHITA, KS.

BOTANICA
GARDENS IN WICHITA

Who Should Register: 4-H Photography Members of all ages interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using a smart phone to take great pictures. Various workshop classes will take place across Botanica to help youth learn a variety of techniques. Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. This is a great way to get a head start on your photography project!

Workshop Topics:

- How to properly mount photos
- Using kaleidoscopes
- How to use light & color
- Crested images and light shadows
- Composition & how photos are judged



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Register for Shutterbugs:



Time:

Doors open and registration begins at 9:00;
Workshops run from 9:30 - 12:00.

Registration Fee:

\$24.00 per attendee; please pay at your local extension office. Each 4-H member will receive 2 photo mount boards with registration. Registration fee allows for all day access to Botanica.

What to Bring:

Smartphone or Camera, extra batteries.

Bonus: Cameras will be available for checkout! Please bring an SD card so you can take your photos with you.

Accommodations:

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested with registration to this event.

Walk Kansas

March 30th through May 24th

Registration is open for Walk Kansas, a team-based challenge that encourages people to walk, jog, run, bike, swim or do whatever activity they prefer to live more healthfully. Enlist some friends to complete your team of 6, or sign up as an individual. Registration is open on walkkansasonline.org or register through the Extension Office. Fee is \$10/person for adults, **SCHOOL AGED youth (18 and younger) can participate for FREE**, with the option to purchase apparel at an additional cost. Contact the office for more details.



WALK
KANSAS

YOUTH TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

MAY 27-28-29

May 27 - LYON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

May 28 & 29 - PRAIRIELAND PARTNERS JOHN DEERE

- This school is designed to certify 14 and 15 year-old's for farm employment.
- Participants must attend **ALL THREE (3) SESSIONS**. No Exceptions.
- Pre-Registration is required by **May 21, 2025**. Once registered, you will receive materials for the training.
- A youth will receive their completion certificate once they return the signed document providing proof that he or she received four (4) hours of equipment operation training from their prospective employer.
- This program is co-sponsored by Chase, Coffey, Morris, and Lyon County Farm Bureaus, Flint Hills Antique Tractor Club, and K-State Research & Extension in those counties.
- Lunch and snacks will be provided on site.
- There is a \$20 fee per student due at registration.

Pre-Register →

To pre-register by May 21, 2025, please contact one of the following Extension Offices. You will need to provide name, address, phone, and birth date at pre-registration time.

Lyon County Extension.....(620) 341-3220
Coffey County Extension.....(620) 364-5313
Flint Hills Extension District - Cottonwood Falls (620) 273-6491
Flint Hills Extension District - Council Grove(620) 767-5136



Discovery Days-June 4th-6th

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is planning to be in-person on KSU campus **June 4-6th, 2025**.

Who: Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2025 are invited to register

Cost: Coming soon! Some class sessions may have additional fees associated

Registration: Coming soon!

Looking Ahead...

Dates are subject to change!

April

- April 1st
 - Coyote Management Meeting - 4-H Building
- April 7th
 - YQCA Training at the Extension Office
- April 16
 - Breeding heifers and cow/calf pairs ID due
 - Sheep + Goat + Bucket Calf weigh in at fairgrounds - 5-7pm
 - Spring Show Clean-Up
- April 23
 - Swine weigh in at fairgrounds - 5pm-7pm
- April 26
 - Spring Show in Burlington

May

- May 1
 - **FINAL** day to add or drop projects for the 4-H portion of the Coffey County Fair
 - State Nominations for Market Beef Due
- May 21
 - Fairboard Meeting

June

- June 1
 - Rabbit ID & Horse ID Due
 - Fair Entry System is open for entries
- June 3
 - Area Livestock Judging Contest in Iola
- June 4-6
 - 4-H Camp at White Memorial
 - Kansas 4-H Discovery Days
- June 5
 - DNA Envelope order due for small livestock and commercial breeding heifers
- June 7
 - B-Town Showdown Swine Show
- June 12
 - Southeast Area Challenge Day
- June 15
 - DNA Envelopes due for small livestock & commercial breeding heifers
- June 25
 - Mandatory Pullorum Testing from 5-7 at the fairgrounds
- June 30
 - 4-H Council & Leaders Meeting
 - Per-Entry Deadline for Demonstrations, Fashion Revue, Sewing, Fiber Arts and ALL 4-H/FFA animals(including hand pets).

July

- July 11
 - Demo Days + Judging contests in Burlington
 - 4-H Fair Pre-Entry Deadline for static projects
- July 14
 - Online pre-entry deadline for all **static** 4-H/FFA exhibits
- July 19
 - Shopping in Style, Sewing and Textile Design, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts Judging
 - Pet Show and Dog Show
- July 21
 - 4-H/FFA Entry Drop Off
 - Fair Cleanup
 - Mandatory Livestock Meeting
- July 22-27
 - County Fair - See Fairbook for further details

August

- August 1
 - Registration deadline for Livestock Sweepstakes
- August 10
 - Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
- August 17-18
 - Kansas Livestock Sweepstakes

September

- September 6-15
 - Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson