

The 4-H Newsletter



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It's Fair Time!

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I am sure that you, like me, are elbow-deep in preparations for the Butler County Fair! I am looking forward to working with all of our 4-Hers and our dedicated volunteers to put together a fun and enjoyable event! When you get a chance, make sure to thank our amazing office staff, agents, Superintendents, Fair Board and everyone else that has played an integral part in making the Fair happen.

Preparing projects for judging can be nerve-racking! I'm sure there are many who strive for that top placing. No matter where you land with your final project, be proud of what you have accomplished! The feeling of working hard toward a goal and accomplishing it is very satisfying! My girls' goal is to be better than the last time; be it showing, taking pictures or baking. A judge is simply one person's opinion so instead of focusing on the win – we focus on being better each time.

But it can be disappointing when our results don't match our expectations.

The 4-H motto is "To Make The Best Better." While ribbons and placings go into final reports, the most useful part of judging is the feedback provided. We may or may not agree with a judge's placing or assessment, but it's important to listen to both positive and constructive feedback!

Our first events kick-off on Saturday July 8th with Fashion Revue and Horse Show. I hope you are able to make it out and support our 4-H'ers! See you at the Fair!!

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Leader's Lounge

July Check-Up

- Encourage 4-H'ers to ask their friends to attend a meeting
- Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved

Review

- Read the *4-H Newsletter* and mark important dates on the calendar.
- Review highlights from the *4-H Newsletter* at your club meeting.
- 4-H/FFA division rules for county fair.

To-Do

- Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- Help 4-Her's plan and prepare projects for the fair

Promote/Recruit

- Club Participation at the County Fair
- Encourage your local community to come out to the fair!

Remember/Remind

- 4-H Families to review division rules in the fairbook prior to exhibiting at the fair

Important Dates and Deadlines

July

- July 7th:** Club Quarterly Report **Due** to Extension Office
- July 8th:** Butler County Fair Fashion Revue
- July 8th:** Butler County Fair Horse Show
- July 15th:** Livestock state fair entries are **due**
- July 20th-25th: Butler County Fair**
- July 27th-28th:** Extension Office is closed
- July 25th-Aug. 5th:** Extension Office accepting state fair entries

August

- August 1st:** State Livestock Sweepstakes Entries **Due**
- August 4th:** State Fair Entries **Due** to the Extension Office
- August 8th:** Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo - Pratt
- August 12th:** State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest - Manhattan
- August 15th:** 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Enrollments **Due**
- August 15th:** Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries **Due**
- August 19th-20th:** 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes - Manhattan

September

- September 2nd:** Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show – Hutchinson, Expo Center
- September 8th-17th:** Kansas State Fair – Hutchinson
- September 22nd:** All Pin and Scholarship Applications **Due** to the Extension Office
- September 22nd:** Record Books **Due** to the Extension Office
- September 22nd:** End of the Year Club Reports **Due**
- September 28th:** 4-H Council Meeting
- September 29th – October 1st:** Kansas Junior Livestock Show - Hutchinson

See the 2022-2023 4-H Calendar
[HERE](#) for all event dates



Butler County Fair Schedule

2023 Butler County Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 8th Fashion Revue

Location: El Dorado Performing Arts Center

- 7:30 AM Check-in starts
- 8:00 AM Constructed modeling starts followed
By call-backs
- 8:30 AM Buymanship modeling begins
- 9:15-9:45 AM Clothing Construction judging begins
- 1:30 PM Public Fashion Revue

Saturday, July 8th Horse Show

Location: Three Wooden Crosses Arena

- 5-5:30 PM Check-in Horse ID's
- 6:00 PM Horse Show begins

Thursday, July 20th

- 8:00 AM Fair Set-up, 4-H Fairgrounds
Tack & Equipment brought in after setup
- 10 AM-8 PM Check-in Campers
- 6 PM-8 PM Check-in Open Class Metals,
"Junk in a Bucket," & Open Class Wheat
- 6 PM-8 PM Check-in Beef Cattle, Bucket Calves,
Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Breeding Ewes,
Poultry, & Rabbits
- 6 PM-8 PM Check-in & weigh-in Swine, Meat Goats,
Dairy Goat Market Wethers & Market
Sheep
- 6 PM-8 PM Check-in Club/Chapter Banners

No Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef Cattle or Bucket Calves will be allowed to enter the barns without an inspection by a fair Veterinarian.

Friday, July 21st

- 8:00 AM 4-H/FFA Foods & Nutrition & Food
Preservation Judging begins
- 9:00 AM Dairy Goat Show
Dairy Cattle Show immediately following
Dairy Goat Show
- 10-11 AM Check-in of Open Class Foods & Food
Preservation

Friday, July 21st

- 10:00 AM Open Class Foods Judging begins,
followed by Open Class Foods Silent
Auction (Silent auction begins following
Judging & ends prior to start of 4-H
Food Auction)
- 10:00 AM Check-in & Judging of Woodworking
- 10 AM-12 PM Check-in Open Class Photography
- 10 AM-12 PM Judging of 4-H/FFA Photography
begins as Scheduled
Judging of Open Class Photography to
Follow 4-H/FFA judging
- 11 AM-12 PM Weigh-in Beef
- 12:00 PM Weigh-in Bucket Calves
- 1-3 PM Check-in & judging of 4-H/FFA
Floriculture & Horticulture followed by
Open Class Floriculture & Horticulture
- 1-3 PM Check-in & Judging of Open Class Crops
& Hay
- 1:00 PM Judging of Open Class Metals & "Junk in
a Bucket"
- 1:00 PM Check-in & Judging of Rocketry, followed
by Robotics & Unmanned Aerial Systems
- 1:00 PM Check-in and Judging of Energy
Management
- 1:00 PM Check-in & Judging of
Entomology/Geology (Geology,
immediately following Entomology)
- 1:00 PM Check-in & Judging of Educational
Notebooks, Posters, & Displays
- 1:00 PM Check-in & Judging of Architectural
Block Construction
- 1:00 PM Check-in & Judging of Ag Mechanics
- 1:30 PM Judging of Banners (immediately
following Educational Notebooks &
Displays)
- 2-4 PM Check in Clothing Construction &
Fashion Revue
- 4:00 PM Judging of Meat Goats – Breeding,
Showmanship & Market Meat Goats
- 6:00 PM Ice Cream Sponsored by ICI Insurance
- 6:00 PM Judging of Sheep – Breeding,
Showmanship, & Market Sheep
- 6:30 PM 4-H Food Auction

Butler County Fair Schedule Cont.

Saturday, July 22nd

- 8:00 AM Judging of Swine – Breeding Gilts, Showmanship, & Market Swine
- 8:00 AM Judging of 4-H/FFA Rabbits
- 10:00 AM Check-In & Judging of Leathercraft
- 11:00 AM Check-In & Judging begins for 4-H/FFA Visual Arts as scheduled followed by Open Class Visual Arts
- 11:00 AM Judging of Bucket Calves
- 11:00 AM Sign Up for Barnyard Olympics in 4-H Building
- 11 AM-12 PM Cloverbuds “Show and Share”
- 12:00 PM Check-In & Judging begins for 4-H/FFA Fiber Arts (including crochet & knitting) as scheduled followed by Open Class Fiber Arts (crochet & knitting) and Quilts
- 6:00 PM Judging of Breeding Beef, Showmanship, & Market Beef
- 9:00 PM Movie Night following Beef Show (by Rabbit Barn – bring blanket or lawn chair)

Sunday, July 23rd

- 7:30 AM Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by Butler County Farm Bureau & Mid-Kansas Co-Op
- 8:15 AM Church service in the Livestock Arena (No Livestock Activities during this time)
- 10:00 AM Judging of 4-H/FFA Poultry & Pigeons
- 10:00 AM Deadline for making entries for the Livestock/Project Auction
- 11:00 AM 4-H/FFA Presentations, Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Project Talks, & Poetry or Prose
- 11:00 AM Check-In for Barnyard Olympics in Livestock Arena
- 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Barnyard Olympics in Livestock Arena
- 11 AM-3 PM Virtual Reality Roller Coaster
- 1-3 PM Horticulture Judging Contest
- 1-3 PM FCS Consumer Skills Judging Event
- 1-3 PM Photography Judging Contest
- 1-3 PM Challenge of Champions

Sunday, July 23rd

- 5:00 PM Celebrity Goat Milking in Livestock Arena
- 6:00 PM 4-H/FFA Bucket Calf Costume Contest
- 7:00 PM Round Robin Showmanship Contest

Monday, July 24th

- 7:30-8 AM Registration for Livestock Judging Contest in Livestock Arena
- 8:15 AM Livestock Judging Contest
- 11:30 AM-4 PM Set-Up of Livestock Arena for Livestock/Project Auction (all Exhibitors should help)
- 5:30-7 PM “Friends of 4-H/FFA” Supper sponsored by Commerce Bank & 4-H Council Ice Cream sponsored by Emprise Bank Watermelon sponsored by Farm Credit
- 6:00 PM Parade of Champions – honoring all division winners at the Fair
- 6:30 PM Awards Presentation
- 7:00 PM LIVESTOCK/PROJECT AUCTION – Order of Sale will be Swine, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats Market Wethers, Sheep, & Beef (Static Projects & Rabbits will be included throughout the auction) Cleanup of Livestock Arena after Livestock/Project Auction
- 9:00 PM Dance (to follow auction in Livestock Arena)

Tuesday, July 25th

- 7:00 AM Release of all Static Exhibits, Displays, Equipment & Livestock Animals – Cleanup Livestock pens & buildings

Checks for the Livestock/Project Auction will be available to the 4-H/FFA member after buyer's ribbons are picked up and a signed buyer's card or statement has been returned to the Extension Office and as soon as all data for animals has been received back from packers. Checks must be cashed within 60 days, or they will be voided.

All 4-H/FFA members selling in the Livestock/Project Auction are required to have their buyer's card signed and returned to the Extension Office as stated by the due date on the buyer's card in order to be eligible to participate in next year's Livestock/Project Auction. If the 4-H/FFA member should have Grand Champion animal, they will **NOT be required** to sell at the Livestock/Project Auction.

2023 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

Open to all 4-H & FFA Members,
Family Members, 4-H Leaders,
Vocational Education Staff and
Extension Staff

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Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pratt Area 4-H Center

81 Lake Road; Pratt, KS

\$10/person registration payable at the door

- Tours
- Wheat Judging
- Foods Contest
- Photography Contest
- Judging Contest

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is sponsored by the Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. Everyone will participate in the same tour with the group splitting into two equal groups, with each group then flipping to the other tour after about one hour.

1. Next GINeration Cotton Gin and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
2. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and Pratt Energy, LLC ethanol plant

There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Classes include: (1) 1 lb. bin run for crops members; or (2) 1 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer"; (All wheat samples must be postmarked to KSU by July 15 so testing can be completed). Youth may bring multiple exhibits in Divisions 3-9. A maximum of two placings per individual in each division, 1-8 will be awarded. (3) 1 quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; (4) three standard yeast rolls; (5) three standard sized cookies; (6) three standard muffins; (7) wheat photography contest; (8) wheat educational posters and (9) Cloverbuds, (5-6-year-olds) with participation ribbons.

Cost will be \$10 per person and registration will be open online.

Pre-registration will be required by July 25th, 11:59 p.m. to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions.

Registration for both events is online at the following links:

[Wheat Expo Registration link](#) (open from June 1st-July 25th)

[Wheat Variety Plot Information](#) (due July 15th)

Join us for the 2023 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Tuesday, August 8th at the Pratt Area 4-H Center in Pratt. We are pleased to be working with the KSRE-Pratt County Extension Office. We are excited to provide a fun, educational and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects to participate.

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Lunch and

Kansas State Fair

If you plan to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair, please note there has been a change in the KSF Entry Process. Entries are not done through the Extension office this year, they are all online through the Kansas State Fair.

You can find the information in the Kansas State Fair Handbook, page 5 [HERE](#).

The Kansas State Fair open class information and registration is [HERE](#).



Shooting Sports

The 2023 Kansas 4-H State 4-H Shooting Sports Matches are scheduled as follows:

- State Hunting Skills Match– September 23rd, Junction City
- State Archery Match- September 30th, Wakarusa
- State Small Bore & Muzzleloading Match-
October 7th, Topeka
- State Shotgun Match- October 14-15th, Wichita

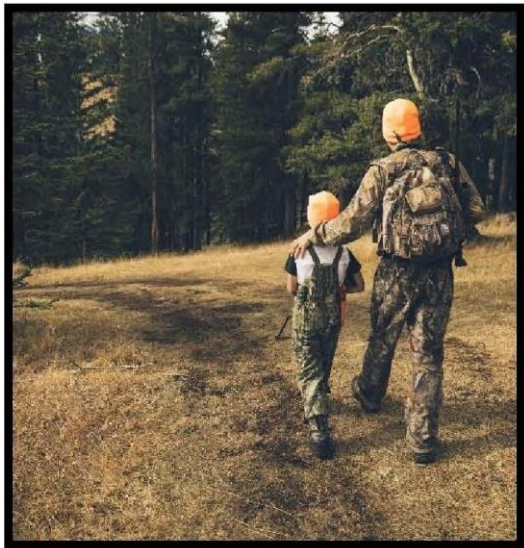


Hunters Education

2023 Hunter Education Course

The Hunter Education courses are open to anyone. No fee is required. No one under the age of 11 will be certified in Hunter Education. Those under age 11 may take the course with special permission from the instructor. Anyone taking the Hunter Education courses prior to age 11, will be required to take the course again for certification after turning 11. All courses are being held at the Butler County 4-H Community Building located at 200 N. Griffith in El Dorado. Call the Butler County Extension Office at 316-321-9660 to pre-enroll! Enrollment is limited, so call early! No Drop-Ins Will Be Accepted.

****Pre-enrollment is required for all courses****



Internet Assisted Courses: August 12th & September 16th, 2023

Check-in: 7:30-8:00 AM

Field Day: Saturday, Sept. 17th, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

You will need to have access to a computer and a printer in order to complete the online portion of an Internet-Assisted course. You are also encouraged to pick up a student manual at the Butler County Extension Office. This independent study method requires pre-registration in an Internet-assisted Field Day and Testing Session and completion of the Kansas online hunter education course. **DO NOT TAKE THE ONLINE COURSE UNTIL YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE INTERNET-ASSISTED HUNTER EDUCATION FIELD DAY AND TESTING SESSION OF YOUR CHOICE.**

Field Day Instructions:

1. Pre enroll for the field day at the Butler County Extension Office by August 9th or September 13th
2. Go to the Kansas Wildlife, Parks & Tourism website at ksoutdoors.com
3. Follow the prompts to access the on-line test and complete it. Education - Hunter Education - Internet Assisted Course - Free Kansas Internet Assisted Course (Yellow box at the bottom of the page) - take the test.
4. After completing the test, print the completion certificate and bring it with you to the field day.



Butler County Fair Livestock/Project Auction Rules

Monday July 24, 7:00 PM

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: Les Stalnaker

PAST SUPERINTENDENT: Jarred Hebb

2023 RULE CHANGE-Premium auction eligibility-

In order to be eligible to sell a project or animal in the premium auction at the 2023 Butler County Fair, members must have attended at least two club meetings. Please note that until you are enrolled in 4-H online, you are considered a guest at 4-H meetings and attendance is not counted. Please see the original email sent from the extension office through 4-H online on September 26th, 2022.

1. The Livestock/Project Auction order will be Swine, Meat Goats, Dairy Goat Market Wethers, Sheep and Beef with non-livestock items auctioned evenly between species in sign up order.
2. Projects sold through the sale must be exhibited at the 2023 Butler County Fair.
3. 4-H/FFA Member is limited to one auction item to sell during the 2023 Sale. This includes the Livestock, Project, and Rabbit but not the 4-H Food Auction.
4. Items that can be sold in the Livestock/Project Auction are any one item from the following divisions: Market Livestock, Arts & Crafts, Photography, Foods, Horticulture, Floriculture or any other project in those divisions entered in the building. Items must have been entered, judged and displayed at the fair following the rules of that division. Please note the following for items from the Foods or Photography Divisions.
 - a. Foods - If a 4-H /FFA member chooses to sell a food item in the Premium Auction, they must make a fresh item using the same recipe that they exhibited in the Foods Division. If the exhibitor is selling cookies, muffins or any food product that exhibited a plate of 3 at the fair, they must bring at least 1 dozen of the item to sell in the auction.
 - b. Photography - If a 4-H/FFA member chooses to sell a photo from the Photography Division, they must bring a 2nd photo (same picture) to be sold. It is suggested that the photo in the Project Auction be placed in a suitable frame.
5. **THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING ENTRY FOR THE LIVESTOCK/PROJECT AUCTION WILL BE Sunday, July 23rd 10:00 am. THIS INCLUDES BASE BID AND SALE RING PROJECTS**
6. No project may be pulled or switched once entered for sale or base bid; however, the Fair Board may pull any project from the sale for a rule violation.
7. A member may sell additional market animals outside the sale ring at the base bid (there is no base bid on Beef). Animals and projects must be exhibited at the 2023 Butler County Fair and must meet all other sale requirements.
8. No commission will be charged.
9. All exhibitors selling market livestock animals (beef, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, and rabbits) at the fair must have completed the Youth Quality Care for Animals YQCA) by June 1. See Rule #2 under Livestock Rules.
10. Projects placed in the green ribbon group cannot be sold.

Butler County Fair Livestock/Project Auction Rules Cont.

11. Weight limits for animals sold through the sale are market pigs - minimum weight of 220 pounds; market lambs - minimum of 90 pounds; market steers and market heifers - a minimum weight of 950 pounds; dairy goats – a minimum of 34 pounds and meat goats - a minimum weight of 50 pounds. Underweight Swine may be sold at Base Bid. There will be no re-weighs on any livestock.
12. Grand Champion market animals are not required to sell in livestock/project auction.
13. No glitter or decorations are allowed on animals going through the Livestock/Project Auction (due to packer concerns). Any animal with glitter and/or decoration will not be allowed into the sale ring to sell. The paint number must be visible on the animal when entering the ring. No washing of animals entered in the sale after 2:00 PM on sale day.
14. Show dress code is required to sell through the ring. THIS APPLIES TO ALL WHO SELL THROUGH THE PREMIUM SALE. See Livestock/Animals Rules and Regulations on page 14. Any violation of this rule may result in the project being pulled from the auction by the sale committee.
15. Checks for all projects sold base bid or through the auction will be available to the 4-H/FFA member after buyer's ribbons are picked up and a signed buyer's card or statement has been returned to the Extension Office and as soon as all data for animals has been received back from packers. Buyer's ribbons and buyer's cards may be picked up at the Extension Office beginning Monday July 31st. Due to requests from the BUYERS, as well as safety issues, it is highly recommended that 4-H/FFA members not give their buyer's baskets or other gifts on the night of the Livestock Sale.
16. Any 4-H/FFA member who does not return their signed card or written statement from their buyer to the Extension Office by 5:00 PM on or before October 8, 2023 will not be allowed to enter any animal in the livestock/project auction the following year. If the 4-H/FFA member should have a Grand Champion animal, they will be required to sell at base bid only. Checks must be cashed within 60 days or they will be void.
17. All projects entered in the sale must be exhibited in the sale ring by the owner or another 4-H/FFA member.
18. 4H/FFA members selling animals through the sale are expected to feed, water, and care for them until the time they are released by the sale committee.
19. The Livestock Sale Committee and Board of Directors Executive Board has the right to interpret all rules regarding the Livestock/Project Auction.
20. Rabbits will be sold as meat pens which are a pen of 3 rabbits and they have to weigh a minimum of 3 pounds and no more than 5 pounds. Single rabbits are not allowed to be sold.
21. Any 4H/FFA 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/FFA member has given up the right to exhibit that specific project in the future. Market animals sold are ineligible to be shown as breeding animals in the future.

Due to requests from the BUYERS, as well as safety issues, it is highly recommended that 4-H/FFA members not give their buyer's baskets or other gifts.

Kansas State 4-H News

Congrats to the 2022 State Project Award Winners!

The Kansas 4-H Foundation hosted Discovery Days participants, agents, donors and families to celebrate the 2022 State Project Award Winners June 8th at the Emerald Circle banquet and educational program!

Last month, more than 400 guests gathered for the annual Emerald Circle celebration where youth from Discovery Days joined agents, donors and families in congratulating and recognizing State Project Award Winners and for an educational program after the banquet. Attendees also engaged with guest speaker Dan Meers, the mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs!

We are so proud of our Butler County 4-H Members Trena Garcia and Kylee Barlett that were honored at this year's banquet. Trena won the State Award for the Dairy Project, while Kylee won the State Award for the Foods and Nutrition Project.



If you missed the State Project Award Recognition Ceremony, you can watch it online at <https://bit.ly/2022-State-Project-Award-Winners-2>

For more information about the project award winners, visit www.kansas4hfoundation.org/state-project-award-winners



A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry

4-H project-based learning provides a place for youth to explore their interests and passions - or what we like to call their sparks! Youth learn from caring adult volunteers, or in some cases through self-guided study, in projects in areas such as science, health, agriculture, and citizenship. Screened adult volunteers provide a safe and positive environment where youth learn by doing. Young people thrive through 4-H participation, finding their way to success in life and career.

Careful consideration should be used when selecting a 4-H project to enroll in for the year. A 4-H project has five components: Learning Experiences, Leadership, Citizenship, Exhibition, and Record Keeping. An explanation of each component can be found below. These five components can all be found along the Kansas 4-H Learning Pathway (4H1131).



Learning Experiences

- Curriculum-guided activities
- Project meetings
- Kansas Clover Classroom
- Educational tours
- Workshops/clinics
- State project events
- KSU Junior Producer Days
- Judging contests
- Public presentations
- Interviewing the experts
- Educational presentations
- Quiz bowl contests
- Skill-a-thon
- How-to shows and on line videos

Citizenship

- Helping your community or others outside your family
- Helping others without financial compensation

Examples may include:

- Food drives
- Sew and donate lap quilts to nursing home
- Knit caps for newborns
- Assist in community garden
- Volunteer with Story Walk, featuring a book related to project work
- Launch rocket with daycare or elementary grades

Leadership

- Teaching skills or information to others outside your family
- Organizing or coordinating an event or activity

Examples may include:

- Teach a workshop
- Facilitate a group activity
- Assist a Project Leader with project meeting
- Plana tour
- Serve as a Junior/Teen Leader
- Serve as a Junior Superintendent
- Create project-related videos for use on social media

Exhibition/Showca

- Contest (foods show, photography contest, wheat show, etc.)
- 4-H Club Days
- 4-H Project Displays
- Livestock show
- Educational presentation
- County Fair
- Kansas State Fair

Record Keeping

- Goal setting
- Record of project work, income, expenses, and skills learned, etc.
- Leadership and Citizenship
- Project reflection
- Pictures documenting learning and engagement

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