

The 4-H Newsletter



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As school ends, the busiest time of the 4-H year begins!

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Greetings 4-H'ers and Families!

Summer is in full swing and the Butler County Fair is just around the corner! If you haven't started working with your livestock projects, practiced getting those pictures or making your food, or started getting ready for your other projects, you should start now! Procrastination is easy. Have you ever said any of the following: "Just one more day." "I will get to it tomorrow." "I still have plenty of time." Pretty soon one thing will lead to another and then another. By the time you realize how much time has passed, you have missed your prime time in getting your projects ready for the fair! Don't let that happen to you!

I attended Discovery Days a few years ago with some Butler County 4-H'ers. I had the opportunity to listen to two wonderful speakers. The first was Dr. Tracz, Kansas State University Band Director. One important message I took home from that is "Everyone is a Teacher". Whether you are the one playing on your phone at a meeting, gossiping, leading a crowd, etc. you are constantly teaching. Someone is always watching you and will learn from you. Take a moment; think about what you do and how you do it, and then ask yourself "What Kind of Teacher Am I?" I encourage you to think about that question and make yourself the best teacher you can be. Be a positive role model!

The second speaker was Laymon Hicks. He spoke about Get Up, Get Out and Go Get It. If you want something, it will do you no good to sit there and hope it comes to you. You have to Get Up, Get Out, and Go Get It! He noted there are 3 keys to turn your spark into your flame: The first is BE POSITIVE. Don't let FEAR (false evidence appearing real) slow you down or stop you. The second is BE HUNGRY. When you want something, go get it! The final spark is DON'T BE A BURDEN. You should neutralize the weapons of mass distraction. Don't let people distract you from who you want to be. Some people only come into your life to bring you negative. When embracing these three objectives, you need to have the support of your family friends. Remember, if you want something, Get Up, Get Out and Go Get It!

The County Fair will be here before we know it! This year, all projects require pre-entry using the Fair Entry system. This is our second year to use this system, so it can still be a learning curve for all of us. Feel free to contact our office with any questions you have about making your entries. We are here to help you!

Please, please, do not wait until the last minute to access the system or ask for help. Like anything, it's a good idea to give yourself some time to navigate it before the deadline. We would hate for anyone to miss out!

I hope you enjoy your summer vacation and enjoy the different 4-H activities. Have a great summer!

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Leader's Lounge

June 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
- Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club

Promote/Recruit

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

Remember/Remind

- Pre-entries for the county fair open on June 1st. (**ALL** projects require pre-entry)
- Pre-entries are due by 11:59 PM on June 23rd.



Important Dates and Deadlines

June

- June 1st:** Butler County YQCA **Deadline**
- June 1st:** Horse ID paperwork **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 1st:** Animal Care & Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 1st:** Pre-entries open for the Butler County Fair
- June/July:** 4-H Camp Sessions, Rock Springs Ranch
- June 5th:** Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes for State Nominations
- June 7th-9th:** Discovery Days, Manhattan
- June 8th:** State 4-H Horse Judging, Salina
- June 9th-11th:** State 4-H Geology Field Trip
- June 15th:** Breeding Animal Tagging **Deadline** (All Commercial Females along with Registered Gilts)
- June 15th:** Dairy Cattle ID paperwork **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 15th:** Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer State Nominations **Due**
- June 15th:** Dairy Cattle ID paperwork **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 15th:** YQCA **Deadline** for the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- June 15th:** State 4-H Horse Judging, Salina
- June 16th-17th:** Insect Spectacular, Manhattan
- June 22nd:** 4-H Ambassador and Council Meetings
- June 23rd:** Pre-entry **Deadline** for the Butler County Fair
- June 28th:** Butler County Poultry Testing
- June 30th-July 1st:** Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic

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:** Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entries Due
- July 20th-25th:** Butler County Fair
- July 27th-28th:** Extension Office is closed
- July 24th-Aug. 4th:** 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 19th-20th:** 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan

**See the 2022-2023 4-H Calendar
HERE for all event dates**

Important Pre-entry Information

Here's what you need to know about the 2023 Butler County Fair pre-entries
please read carefully!

All 4-H division pre-entries are handled by the Extension Office.

ALL projects will require online pre-entry; pre-entries are due by 11:59 PM on June 23rd. The pre-entry website will close at midnight. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

- ⇒ Pre-entries will be done [HERE](#)
- ⇒ If your 4-H'er is not enrolled in a project, you will not be able to enter it in the Fair
- ⇒ All forms, information, and help videos can be found [HERE](#)
- ⇒ Make sure you make an entry for EVERY project!

It is your responsibility to check the 4-H/FFA Fair division rules for guidance, make sure your 4-H'er is enrolled in the right projects, and has completed any and all necessary forms and training by their respective due dates.

- ⇒ To double-check your 4-H'ers enrollment, log into 4-H Online and look at their projects. Project enrollment to participate in the Butler County Fair was due by May 1st.
- ⇒ The 4-H fair division rules are online [HERE](#)

Livestock Exhibitors – If you tagged an animal, you will be required to enter their tag number.

- ⇒ If you family nominated –Enter all animals between the 4-H'ers/FFA Members as necessary. **Each 4-H'er / FFA Member that plans to exhibit at the fair, must have at least one animal entered under their name.** For example, if you nominated 4 head, you will only make 4 entries between your 4-H'ers. We can move the animal to your appropriate child at check-in if necessary. **DO NOT make double entries for each animal – you can only enter 2 breeding and 2 market animals per division, per exhibitor.**
- ⇒ If you have dual nominated animals, you will be required to declare if they are breeding or market at this point.

Public Speaking and Fashion Revue/Clothing Construction- You must pre-enter online, but following the pre-entry deadline, everyone who entered will receive an email with their scheduled times.

Entry Cards for Static Exhibits – All entry cards will be printed off this year for 4-H/FFA divisions from the pre-entries.

Cards will be available for pick-up at our Extension Office beginning July 5th. Any cards not picked up prior to Fair will be available in the Extension Office and must be picked up prior to your judging event!

If you have any questions regarding pre-entry in the 4-H Divisions, please direct your questions to the Butler County Extension Office. Our phone number is 316-321-9660. If you need computer access to do the online entries, please call the office to schedule a time to come by (M-F, 8a-5p). We are happy to help you!

Poultry Testing



Butler County Poultry Testing

June 28th, 2023 | 4:30-6:30 PM

Located at the Butler County Fairgrounds

*Required for all chickens and turkey
exhibiting at the 2023 Butler County Fair*

RSVP will open on June 1st and is
due by 5:00 PM, June 18th

<https://forms.gle/7w9e28182KDr88Rx9>



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2023 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO

AUGUST 8, 2023

PRATT AREA 4-H CENTER



Who should register:

4-H and FFA youth, parents, volunteer 4-H leaders, Vocational and Extension staff and the public interested in Kansas wheat production and related wheat educational activities.

Registration:

Pre-registration will open June 1 and is required for an accurate meal count and for tours by July 25, 11:59 p.m. at <https://bit.ly/wheatexpo>. For questions contact Kelsey Nordyke at 620-222-1311 or e-mail klordyke@ksu.edu.

Event Objective

To educate youth and adults about the Kansas wheat industry and to provide youth opportunities to participate in and to be recognized in wheat education classes. Participants will take part in hands-on activities and participate in the judging of wheat exhibits in nine divisions, including cash prizes.

Cost:

\$10/person, includes contest fees, tours and lunch

Attire & What to Bring:

Dress code is casual. Plan to wear comfortable walking shoes for the tours.

Additional Information:

Kelsey Nordyke, klordyke@ksu.edu
<https://bit.ly/wheatexpo>

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 by contacting the event contact (insert name) two weeks prior to the start of the event (insert deadline date) at (insert phone number and email). Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.



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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](#).

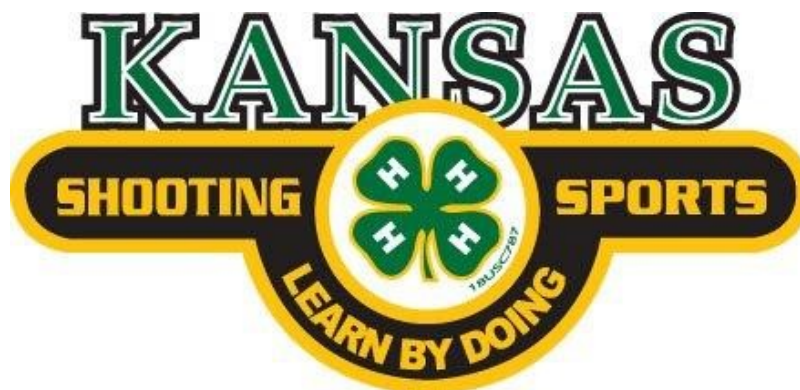
The Kansas State Fair open class information and registration is [HERE](#).



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



Butler County Fair Livestock/Project Auction

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.

2023 Butler County Fair Updates

FFA Participation at The Butler County Fair

The Butler County Fairboard is welcoming FFA members to participate at the Butler County Fair; 4-H divisions will now become 4-H / FFA divisions. Look for more information about this to come out soon!

2023 Butler County Fair Dates!

The 2022 Butler County Fair dates have been set for July 21st-24th, 2023! We can't wait to see what projects and skills our 4-Her's will show off at the fair!.

Butler County Fair Rule Changes Effective 2022

- All breed swine at the Butler County Fair will require registration papers; this DOES INCLUDE MARKET SWINE. If you plan to show in a breed class, registration papers will be required at Fair check-in
- Market Dairy Wethers will now show under the Dairy Goat division.

New Class Available!

- STEM: Ag Mechanics

2023 Livestock/Project Auction Update

There will be NO online bidding auction for the livestock/project auction this year.

Notes for Animal Projects

Please note that the following forms will be **required** for ALL 4-H animal exhibitors at the 2023 Butler County Fair. Forms can be sent via mail to the Extension Office or emailed to Anna McLaughlin at aemclaughlin@ksu.edu.

- Animal Care and Housing Form** - Required for all animal exhibitors, except horse (**Due June 1st**)
- Market Animal Certification Form** - Required for exhibitors showing market animals (**Due June 1st**)
- 4-H Grade Dairy Cattle or Leasing Identification Form** - Required for exhibitors showing dairy cattle (**Due June 15th**)
- YQCA** is **REQUIRED** for all animal exhibitors, including rabbit, beef, sheep, swine, meat & dairy goats, and all bird exhibitors. The only exception will be horse exhibitors (**Due June 1st**)
- Horse IDs** - Required for all horse exhibitors (**Due June 1st**)

Standards of Participation for 4-H & FFA

By Pam VanHorn

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.

The 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.



2023 Tagging Sponsor

We would like to give a
great big
THANK YOU
to Hodes Veterinary Health



**They generously sponsored all county
livestock tags for Butler County 4-H
Youth for the 2022-2023 year!**

We strongly encourage all livestock exhibitors
that tagged animals to send a thank you card to
their office located at
1060 N. Rose Hill Rd.
Rose Hill, KS 67133

Kansas State 4-H News

Kansas 4-H plans 'community conversations' during Discovery Days

Officials to kick off \$100K initiative aimed at improving wellbeing of youth

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. – An official with Kansas 4-H Youth Development has announced that the program will launch a \$100,000 initiative aimed at improving the mental health and wellbeing of youth during 4-H Discovery Days in early June.

Amy Sollock, a 4-H youth development specialist in southwest Kansas, said youth will be invited to participate in a series of 'community conversations' in which they'll be encouraged to share their views on what it looks like to live a healthy lifestyle, issues they may struggle with, and more.

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is set for June 7-9 on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

"We want to come together and create a space for youth to have meaningful conversations," Sollock said. "We want to put youth in a position to where they have the agency to tell us what they see as a priority for their mental and physical well-being. Then, based on what they tell us, we'll be able to put a plan together on how we want to address those topics."

In January, the Kansas 4-H Foundation announced it had received \$100,000 to implement a program called Healthy Blue – which is a partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, and Anthem Partnership Holding Company.

As part of the program, Kansas 4-H agents may address such topics as healthy coping skills, interventions, fitness, nutrition, life skills, healthy peer-to-peer interactions and preventing substance abuse and addiction.

"I want youth to take the lead in what they feel like needs to be addressed," Sollock said. "I want to know from young people where they see this going. We've been given a tremendous financial gift and I want to make sure that what we do with it makes an impact and will be beneficial for young people in our communities across Kansas."





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	Citizenship	Leadership	Exhibition/ Showcase	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 online videos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping your community or others outside your family • Helping others without financial compensation <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching skills or information to others outside your family • Organizing or coordinating an event or activity <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach a workshop • Facilitate a group activity • Assist a Project Leader with project meeting • Plan a tour • Serve as a Junior/ Teen Leader • Serve as a Junior Superintendent • Create project-related videos for use on social media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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