

Elk County 4-H News

December 2023

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4-H Calendar of Events

December

1 Enrollment Deadline for Exhibiting at County Fair & Club Treasury Review Form Due
3 4-H Officers Training and Christmas Party -- 3:00 p.m. - West Elk School
13 4-H Council -- 6:30 p.m.
22 - Jan 1 Offices Closed

January

13 4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball Game
18 Calving School -- Howard
19 Southeast Area Records Screening -- Fredonia

February

7 4-H Council
18 Market Beef Weigh In and Tag Day
18-19 Citizenship in Action -- Topeka

March

1 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application Due
2 K-State Junior Beef Producer Day
16 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day
23 Regional 4-H Club Day -- Madison
31 Elk County 4-H Scholarship Application Due

April

3 4-H Council
26 & 27 Sheep/Swine/Meat Goat Weigh In and Tag Days

May

1 Project Drop/Add Deadline

July

17 - 20 Elk County 4-H Fair -- Longton

4-H Enrollment

ELK COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED BY DECEMBER 1 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE 2024 COUNTY FAIR.

You will still have until May 1 to drop or add projects, but you need to be enrolled by the DECEMBER 1 deadline in order to be eligible to exhibit at the 2024 County Fair. ***Deadline is Friday, December 1 at 11:59 p.m.***

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO COMPLETE ENROLLMENT!! DO IT NOW!!!

Link to 4HOnline and other resources for enrolling: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html>

A couple of notes about selecting projects. First, **Junk in a Bucket** is not a project to select. Second, some project names have changed. Included in the newsletter is a list of projects that members may choose from.

If you have questions about enrolling, let the office know.

4-H Officers Training and Christmas Party

Sunday, December 3, 3:00 p.m. is County Officers Training/Meeting Exchange and County Christmas Party. Event will be at West Elk School.

This will be a fun event for the whole county to come together for a Christmas Party with a gift exchange, games, and club officers training.

We will do officers training like last year with all clubs having a joint meeting. All Presidents, Vice Presidents and Secretary's will sit at the front of the room. Each club will have their roll call, minutes read, officer reports, etc. Recreation leaders and song leaders from all clubs need to work together to come up with a song and recreation for the whole group.

Each member is to bring a \$5.00 white elephant gift for the gift exchange, a finger food for sharing and three - \$1.00 lottery tickets for playing left-center-right. Members are also to bring an item for the Elk County Food Pantry to be used for Christmas Baskets to be handed out this year. Each club's membership is to bring the following items.

Flint Hill Boosters - Canned corn or green beans.
Grenola Jayhawkers - Peanut butter and jelly.
Moline Shining Star - Cake mixes.

Sometime during the evening; I want to meet with the Teen Leaders for a few minutes.

4-H Council Meeting

4-H Council will meet **Wednesday, December 13 at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard at 6:30 p.m.**

The agenda items include:

- 🌿 Steak Supper and/or Fundraisers
- 🌿 4-H Club Day
- 🌿 Record Books and Excellence Awards
- 🌿 Fair Awards
- 🌿 Other New Business

Record books can be picked up at the Extension Office at your earliest convenience.

Southeast Regional Project Award Screening

The Project Report Forms are used to select area and state project winners. To be eligible for area judging, members must be named county champion in the project area, and must have passed their 14th birthday before January 1, 2024.

Each 4-H'er must submit a separate project award for each program they are eligible. The following items must be turned in for a complete Regional Project Award submission:

1. Check Sheet
2. Personal Information Page
3. Project Report Form
4. Cover Letter
5. Resume

Do not include:

- 4-H Permanent Record
- Dividers
- Plastic Cover Sheets

Screening for the Southeast Area is January 19.
Completed project award submissions are due in the Extension Office by January 17.

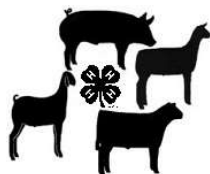
Members and the projects that are eligible to submit Project Award documents are:

- Peyton Fechter -- Foods & Nutrition, Visual Arts, STEM, Photography, & Meat Goat
- Rachel Humphrey -- Sheep, Clothing & Textiles
- Elizabeth Woods -- Fiber Arts



Market Livestock Weight Requirements for 2024

For members and families interested in enrolling in market livestock projects, the weight requirements are the same as they were last year and there will be no rate of gain requirements for all species to be eligible for the premium sale.



Species	Weight
Market Beef	minimum of 1050 lbs.
Market Hog	minimum of 220 lbs.
Market Lamb	minimum of 100 lbs.
Market Goat	minimum of 60 lbs.



Livestock Tagging

If you wish to exhibit an animal of any species at the 2024 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 2023 county fair, do not need to be retagged so long as the previous year's tag is still in its ear.

Breeding beef heifers must be tagged at the weigh in and tag day on February 18 or have registration papers by that date. Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on April 26 or 27 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.



Kansas 4-H/FFA Enrollment

There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kansas 4-H and Kansas FFA. If youth are considering joining one or the other, please look over the MOU and take it into consideration in choosing projects that may overlap between the two organizations. Projects might include livestock, horse, rabbit, poultry, crops and agricultural mechanics.

4-H Youth Development and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Both programs exist 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 shall avoid duplication. Therefore, the following principles are required to be used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas as we strive to educate youth.

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 shall 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 should 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 above principles are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.

YQCA Requirement

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.

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 prior to nominating animals for state shows. **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 or the Online Course.

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 the Rolling Prairie District. There will be a training in Howard and one in Sedan. Dates have not been set yet, but will be very soon.

Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Registration for 4-H Camp at Rock Springs is now open for 2024. For more information about summer camp, visit www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org.

Kansas 4-H and Elk County 4-H Scholarships

If you are a high school senior or college student start thinking about applying for 4-H scholarships now. The Kansas 4-H Foundation partners with Kansas 4-H to offer over 50 different scholarships to help fund higher education for 4-H youth who are high school seniors or older.

Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications are due by March 1. The application for the Elk County 4-H

Scholarship is due March 31. Here is a link to information and the application for both the Kansas and Elk County scholarships.

<https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/scholarships/index.html>

Set Personal Goals in Your Record Book

Goal setting and planning should be a part of everyone's 4-H experience. If you haven't set goals, now is a great time to start, as we just began the 2023-2024 4-H year.

By setting goals for the new year you position yourself to succeed. Look ahead and plan what events you want to attend, projects you want to complete, activities you want to lead or participate in, and what awards you want to receive next year.



Start setting goals for your pin applications, key award, premium sale requirements, and for your 2023-2024 4-H projects.

Record Book Workshop

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, March 20** for a Record Book Workshop. Information will be shared about completing your project record forms, excellence in project achievement award applications and achievement pin applications.

Record Keeping With ZBooks

ZBooks is an online software that can be used for 4-H record keeping. 4-H'ers may choose to use either record keeping with the fillable PDF Project Report Forms or the online ZBooks software.

The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. If you choose to keep records with ZBooks, do not

feel like you have to transfer overall all of your previous years activities into the online Permanent Record. Start with this year and attach it to your previous document.

For more information about ZBooks, using the following link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>

December Office Closings

The Extension Office will be closed December 22 - January 1 for the Holidays.



2023/2024 KANSAS 4-H PROJECTS



Beef
Dairy Cattle
Dairy Goats
Dog
Horse
Meat Goats
Pets
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Sewing & Textile Design
Shopping in Style
Family Studies
Fiber Arts
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Interior Design & Architecture

Environmental Science
Geology
Shooting Sports
Wildlife

Communications
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

Civic Engagement
Leadership
Reading Adventures
Self-Determined

Entomology
Agronomy
Forestry
Horticulture & Landscape Design

Ag Mechanics Welding
Building Block Engineering
Astronomy
Computer Science
Electric & Renewable Energy
Robotics
Aerospace/Rocketry
Small Engines
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Woodworking



PREVIOUS PROJECT LISTING

Beef
Dairy, Cattle
Dairy, Goats
Dog Care & Training
Horse
Meat Goats
Pets (including Cats)
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Communications
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

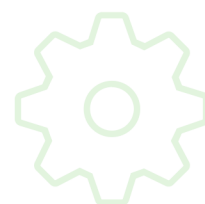
Clothing & Textiles- Construction
Clothing & Textiles- Buymanship
Family Studies
Fiber Arts
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Home Environment

Environment Science
Geology
Shooting Sports
Wildlife

Citizenship (Civic Engagement)
Leadership
Reading
Self-Determined

Entomology
Plant Science
Plant Science- Field Crops
Plant Science- Forestry
Plant Science- Horticulture

STEM - Ag Mechanics
STEM - Architectural Block Construction
STEM - Astronomy
STEM - Computer Science
STEM - Energy Management
STEM - Robotics
STEM- Aerospace/Rocketry
STEM - Small Engines
STEM - UAS
Woodworking

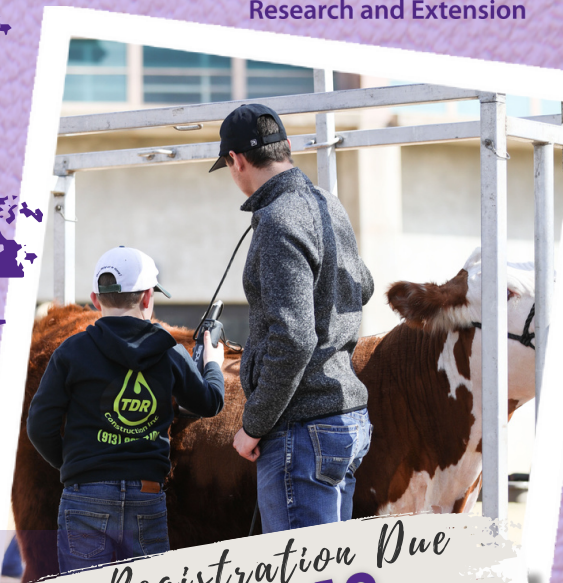




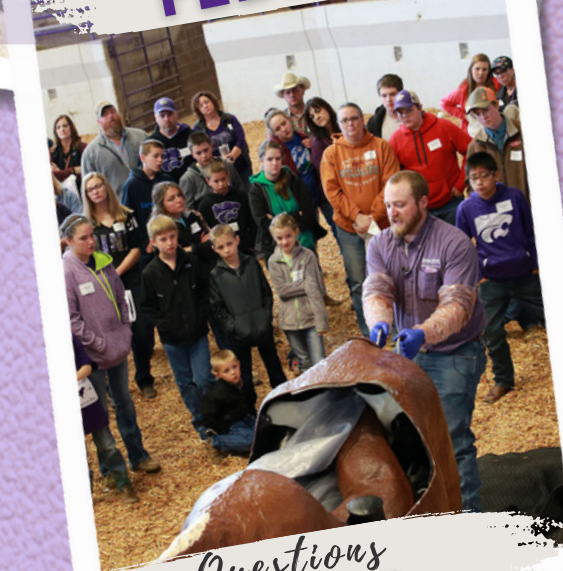
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2024 K-STATE Junior BEEF Producer Day

MARCH 2



Registration Due
FEB. 12



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Program

Join us March 2, 2024, for the K-State Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 12 and \$25 for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 12 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including youth and adults.



Tentative Schedule

- 8:00AM Check-in & Registration
- 9:30AM Welcome
- 9:45AM Project Selection
- 10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
 - Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Hair Care, Clipping & Fitting
- NOON Lunch
- 1:00PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
 - Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
- 3:15PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
- 3:30PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)



Registration

Registration Deadline: February 12
 Registration Fee: \$20/person
 Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>
 Late Registration: \$25/person after February 12

- *All attendees must register, including youth & adults.
- **Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- ***To register by mail, contact Lexie for a paper registration form.



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Youth Livestock Program

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2024 K-STATE

MARCH 16



PRODUCER DAY

Join us for K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. Lunch is included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 26, or \$25/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register.



SCAN ME!



Registration Deadline

FEB. 26



Tentative Schedule

- 8:30AM Check-in & Registration
- 9:30AM Welcome
- 9:45AM Project Selection
- 10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
 - Nutrition, Facilities & Equipment, Starter Flock
- NOON Lunch
- 12:45PM Health
- 1:30PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
 - Wool, Showmanship, Clipping & Grooming
- 3:45PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
- 4:00PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)



Registration

- Registration Deadline: February 26
- Registration Fee: \$20/person
- Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>
- Late Registration: \$25/person
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4-H Online Resources

Link to 4-H Online, the Kansas 4-H enrollment system.

To view resources about a specific topic, click the purple arrow.

- Enrollment Guides
- Help Topics
- Sponsor Payments
- Volunteer Leaders

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