May 1 - An IMPORTANT Deadline Date!!!

There are many important dates in the 4-H calendar year, but May 1 is one of the busiest!! A very important deadline in 4-H is the ADD/DROP project deadline. Have you decided that a 4-H project is simply not working out or that you have found something new you would like to try?? May 1 is the last point in which you can officially add or drop a project from your 4-H enrollment for the year. Remember, this is PROJECT ENROLLMENT, not what you plan to enter for fair. You can be enrolled in a project and not take anything related to that project to the fair, that’s okay!

To ADD or DROP a project, all you need to do is log back into your 4honline account and make the changes yourself! If you are having problems adding or dropping a project, simply reach out to your local Extension office and staff will assist in making changes to your 4HOnline account. May 1 is the deadline for new members to be enrolled by to participate in fairs this summer as well. Keep in mind, a 4-H project record should be completed on each project you are enrolled in and that you can only enter 4-H classes at the fair related to project that you are enrolled in!

May 1 is also the deadline date for other things such as Swine Identification paper submission, KSF/KJLS Market Beef nomination deadline and Horse ID deadline to name a few!

National Volunteer Week—April 16-22

The 4-H program is what it is because of the AMAZING volunteers we have! Please take time to thank the 4-H volunteers in your life during April, National Volunteer month. National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society’s greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all. Visit https://www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/ for ideas on ways to celebrate!

Meadowlark District may select and submit three volunteer names for the Volunteer Salute to Excellence awards. These individuals then will have an opportunity to be selected as the Kansas Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer and Volunteer of the Year. The two Kansas honorees then become Kansas’ nominees for the North Central and National 4-H awards. Contact the Extension office if you’d like to learn more about this honor.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17 in Manhattan, Kansas. The event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H’er. Registration, proposed schedule and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned for more details! For more information, please visit this website: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/index.html. One parent/adult guardian from each family must register and attend with children.
State Livestock Nomination Information Released

The state livestock nomination process is to remain as an online system. This requires families to plan ahead in order to successfully complete their nominations. Moving to an online system allowed the state to streamline the process from nomination, show entry, and participation at the state fair.

This is a 4-step nomination process.
1. Purchase official DNA envelopes through ShoWorks. Old DNA envelopes will NOT be accepted.
2. Enter animal and exhibitor data through online system by nomination deadline.
3. Mail completed DNA envelopes and copy of online submission receipt by nomination deadline.
4. Online approval by extension agents (4-H) and FFA advisors (FFA)

Families will need to purchase an official DNA envelope for each animal by the order deadline, which is April 20th for beef DNA envelopes and June 5th for small livestock, including: market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and all meat goats (breeding and market).

DNA envelopes must be in the mail and postmarked and nominations due by the following dates for the following species: market beef – May 1, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, breeding and market goats - June 15. It is encouraged to send the DNA envelopes via certified mail.

Information and resources regarding the state livestock nominations process maybe found at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/. All families, regardless of experience level, are encouraged to read through the Rookie Guide and use the other resources available!

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy (KASLA) 2023

Applications are now open for the 2023 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy. 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. In 2023 the program will be held June 21-24.

The four-day session focuses 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.

The program’s itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with ASI professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry and educate others. This experience will culminate with a closing reception on Saturday morning.

Participants will stay in housing on campus with program staff. Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a $50 fee to reserve his or her space. The fee is only due upon acceptance and not at the time of application. LMIC generously provides all other sponsorships.

Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) Inc, the academy’s goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

For questions about the academy, please contact Sharon Breiner, Director, at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-532-6533. Link for the application is located at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/23%20KASLA%20Application.pdf.

Norwegian 4-H Teens to Visit Kansas

Six or more members of Norway 4-H want to visit Kansas 4-H’ers. Three families have already agreed to host a teen or chaperone June 26-July 19. Families from anywhere in Kansas can help meet our commitment to host 6 or more. They just do what the family members are doing. No extra travel or activities are required. They can be part of wheat harvest, 4th of July and preparing projects for your fair. It’s a great time to show our Kansas summer! It will be new and fun for them. Families host a teen within 2 years of a host sibling of the same gender.

All would like to learn about American culture, make new friends and practice to improve English. To get more information about hosting the Norway 4H Exchange, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange Coordinator, at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu. Online application link may be found on the Kansas 4-H website. Apply to Host at www.states4hexchange.org.

Kansas 4-H will also be hosting 4-S members from Costa Rica. Details will be available later this spring. Use the same contact and web link for the application.
**YQCA Instructions**

Everyone should be familiar with the YQCA rules by now! As a quick reminder, any food animal that is exhibited at the Meadowlark District Fairs and the Kansas State Fair and KJLS. Trainings must be completed in-person or web-based at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org). We have completed three in-person trainings, one in each county, and will not be offering another in the district. If you have not attended a course, you are welcome to go to another county/district or take the web-based training.

You must send your certificate to Clay at croland@ksu.edu. If this step is not done, the youth will be ineligible to sell their animal in the premium auction at the fair. The following instructions will give you a walk-through on how to complete accessing your certificate.

1. Sign up for the class (If you have done this, skip to step 2)
   a. In [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org), find the appropriate age of the youth(s) under your desired course; Instructor-led or web-based
   b. Add to cart. Ensure that the name enrolled for the course is the youth’s name.
      i. A document under the “MORE INFO -> Youth & Parents” drop down tab can give you further instructions on this step
   c. Pay via credit card on the website
2. Take pre-course survey
   a. Web-based
      i. This SHOULD automatically populate as you click the “Take Course” button located at the top of your browser.
   b. Instructor-Led training (This must be completed even if you have already taken the course)
      i. Click on the blue button that exhibits your username at the top of the page
      ii. On the drop down, select “Enrolled trainings”
      iii. Access and take the pre-test
3. Take the post-course survey
   a. Click on the blue button that exhibits your username at the top of the page
   b. On the drop down menu, select “Course Certificates”
   c. Download the certificate – this will prompt the post-course survey
4. Download the certificate and email it to Clay at croland@ksu.edu.

**Alpha of Clovia**

Incoming freshman women are invited to check out Alpha of Clovia at Kansas State University! This living opportunity provides opportunities for women to gain leadership skills, experience group living and build a strong community at K-State. Though affiliated with 4-H, Clovia is open to all undergraduate women at K-State. Follow us on social media or visit our website, [https://www.alphaofclovia.org/](https://www.alphaofclovia.org/), for more information.

**District Fair Dates Set**

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**Photography Opportunities for Leaders and Youth**

Please check out this awesome photography opportunity that is available in two locations in the Northwest area at no cost to participants!!! Leaders and 4-H members age 15 and older will have an opportunity to learn from Photography Action Team members as well as receive a set of Photography curriculum books, make a mounting jig, and receive a notebook with resources and meeting ideas to kick start your project.

Bring your charged camera and prepare for a hands-on workshop from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with lunch provided. Locations will be:

- **Saturday, April 8** at the Sheridan County 4-H Building in Hoxie ([RSVP by April 6](https://tinyurl.com/ythrb7yn) at https://tinyurl.com/ythrb7yn)
- **Saturday, April 22** at the Rooks County Fair Grounds 4-H Building in Stockton ([RSVP by April 14](mailto:amuir@ksu.edu) to Anna Muir at 785-425-6851 or amuir@ksu.edu)

Don’t miss this opportunity to expand your photography knowledge and take home some resources to spark the photography project in your county!

**Spring Shows & Livestock Events**

We enter the busy season of spring livestock shows, clinics and contests. Our offices receive many notices of these events each year, but one of the first steps for you to find out more information will likely be the State website, [www.asi.k-state.edu](http://www.asi.k-state.edu).
Visual Arts

The visual arts project teaches artistic skills and the elements and principles of design. 4-H members explore techniques, study art history, culture, and discover their talents. Be creative; draw, paint and work with different mediums. Art is created through experimentation using a variety of tools and organizational strategies. The elements of design are color, value, form, line, shape, space and texture. Design principles are balance, emphasis, movement, pattern, proportion, repetition, rhythm, unity and variety.

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We will select one project per newsletter, and highlight it each month! It is also a great way to bolster your record books as well!

Expand Your Experiences!

Healthy Living
• Learn to use visual art techniques as a mean of relieving stress.
• Use recycled or re-purposed materials to create projects.
• Learn how previous generations used visual arts to create life necessities.

Science and Agriculture
• Study how to properly use resources from nature to be creative and form colors.
• Use art to promote science and agriculture.
• Learn what byproducts from animals are used to create art media and art tools.

Community Vitality
• Create cards and wall hangings to share with the elder care facilities.
• Help with a community holiday event to provide kids crafts.
• Work with other visual art members to create a community mural that cleans up graffiti.

Communication and the Arts
• Present to a local club the different ways to mix colors to demonstrate shades and tints.
• Create a tutorial video on how to make a basic project from start to finish.
• Demonstrate a variety of drawing techniques.

Why 4-H ???

(Noting the IMPACT of the 4-H Program in the lives of young people, in their own words.)

“I love being in 4-H because I get to see all my friends and get to help the community. The meetings teach me how to be in a group setting and I get to help make decisions as a whole. Not one ever feels left out as we all work as a team.”
Beef Weigh In
We weighed in 70 steers at the 2023 Beef Weigh In. Reminder that we have to have at least 3 to make a class.
The following classes will be held at the fair:
- Angus
- Hereford
- Crossbred
- Home Raised
- All Other Breed

4-H Club Day
Congratulations to all 4-Hers who participated in County Club Days on Saturday, March 4 at Northridge Church in Sabetha. Thanks goes out to the clubs and volunteers who helped make the day possible. If you received a purple on your project talk and would like to take it to the State Fair in the fall, please be sure to register it when you register your other projects in August.

Shooting Sports
Congratulations to all the shooters that took part in the Bullmasters match which was held March 11. Also would like to thank all the volunteers and parents who helped make the match run smoothly. We truly appreciate everything you do for the youth.

Important Reminders
Everyone please keep selling the Fair Booster Memberships. Asking each family to sell at least 5 & the money goes towards paying for Fair Judges, Ribbon Premiums and other Fair Expenses. The Superintendent Sign Up Sheet will be e-mailed out to everyone. If you are interested in being a Fair Superintendent please fill out the form and return to the office by April 15. Some fair updates include:

April - Things to Consider
⇒ Check your club mailbox
⇒ Consider hosting a club project meeting
⇒ Have club members give feedback from Club Days
⇒ Encourage Discovery Days 2023
⇒ Remind Families of the May 1 enrollment deadline for dropping/ adding projects
⇒ Encourage members to sell fair boosters

Ambassador Day Camp
Be watching for more information on this. We are hoping to be able to have one this year.

Scholarships for Camp at Rock Springs Available!
All enrolled Jackson County 4-Hers who sign up for 4-H Camp are eligible for a $50 scholarship provided by Jackson County 4-h Council. Please contact the Extension Office if your child is signed up to attend 4-H Camp.

Superintendents Needed:
We are needing superintendents during fair week for the following projects: Wildlife, Woodworking and Rabbits. Please let Cara know if you are interested in helping out.

DNA Envelope Purchase
Families planning to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show will need to order DNA envelopes. Families will purchase envelopes directly through ShoWorks for each animal to be nominated. The cost will be $12 per animal. DNA envelope orders will close April 20 for market beef and June 5 for small livestock. Families must get envelopes ordered early! DO NOT WAIT!

News from the Holton Office

Important Dates

4-H Council Meeting
The April 4-H Council Meeting will be April 13 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be in person.

Dog Practice
4-H Dog Practice will start April 4 and following Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM at the fair building. Fees are $25 per family.

Swine Tagging
You will be receiving your swine ID forms and letter in the mail if you haven’t already. Tags can be picked up at the Extension office as soon as we receive them. They are $3.00 each. Please return any unused tags. Swine ID forms along with pictures are due to the office May 1.

Spring Weigh In
Spring Weigh In for sheep and meat goats will be May 11 from 6:00-7:00 PM at the NE KS Heritage Complex. You will pay for your tags that day and tags will be $3.00. All sheep and goats must have a scrapies tag in their ear. What you classify your animal at weigh in will be the breed it shows in at fair.

Livestock Premium Auction Requirements
If you plan to sell an animal through the fair auction, make sure you are reviewing the Auction Requirement form periodically to make sure you qualify. Forms will need to be turned in by July 1.

We are still looking for pictures for the 2023 Fairbook. If you would like to submit a picture, please e-mail them to Cara at carar@ksu.edu.
County Club Day
THANK YOU to all of our great volunteers who helped with set-up, monitored rooms, ran a concession stand, and stayed around for clean-up duties after club day was finished. You all rock! We had 98 entries and we appreciate the effort that was involved in making sure each 4-Her got there to participate.

4HOnline Accounts
Now is the time to be checking your 4HOnline accounts to make sure your project enrollment is correct, as the last day to add/drop a project is May 1. You need to be enrolled in the project to enter at the fair, and project records should be completed in September on each project you are enrolled in. If you have had changes to your email, phone number or address, make sure to update your account.

Livestock Premium Sale Requirements
If you plan to sell an animal through the fair auction, you need to review the sale requirement form periodically to make sure you qualify to sell. These forms will need to be turned into your club leader by club deadline. Minimum sale weights are: steers 1200, hogs 235 minimum-325 maximum, lambs 95, goats 40, poultry 3 lbs./each, and rabbits between 3.5-5.5 lbs./each.

Volunteers
When is the last time you thanked a volunteer for sharing their time and talents with you? April is National Volunteer Month, so take time now to express your “thanks” to someone who has helped you “Make the Best Better”.

Not volunteering yet? There is always a need for more help in many areas. Talk to your club leader or contact Linda at gantz@ksu.edu if you are interested in helping our 4-Hers be successful in their project work.

Livestock Tagging Limits
At spring weigh-ins, each 4-H member/family is allowed to weigh-in and tag two additional market animals in addition to the two market animal limit allowed for fair entries in each species. Member must designate which animals are for their individual fair entry/entries at fair weigh-in, with no changes allowed after that designation.

Bucket Calf Tags
Bucket calf forms and tags ($3.00/ea) are available in the office, or will be available for purchase at the sheep and goat weigh-in on April 26. Forms due in office by June 1. Calves must be born between January 1-May 31, 2023. Need a calf or have questions? Contact Morgan Gleason at 785-633-2685 or morgan-gantz23@gmail.com.

4-H Carnival-June 3 at the Fairgrounds
This is a major fundraiser for our 4-H council so we need everyone to step up and sell lots of raffle tickets! They are easy to sell and cash prizes are awarded to the top selling individuals and clubs. You should be receiving your raffle tickets soon through your club leaders. Please start selling early and let your leader or our office know if you need additional tickets. Each member should try to sell at least two books of tickets. Unsold tickets must be returned to your club leader.

4-H Booster Club
The Booster Club is selling award plaques ($15.00) and name plates ($5.00). The link to the order form is on our Oskaloosa webpage. Questions, or want to be involved? Email 4hboostersifcoks@gmail.com. Award donors will be receiving their 2023 donor letter in the mail soon. Many thanks to our Booster Club officers and members for all they do!
Swine Tagging
Do you plan to show a pig at the fair this year? You must have your swine purchased, tagged, paperwork completed and returned to Extension Office before May 1. Families must purchase 4-H tags from the Extension office for $3.00 a piece and unused tags MUST BE RETURNED. Tagging information forms and pictures must be returned to the Extension Office by May 1 to be eligible to show and sell your market hog at the Nemaha County Free Fair.

Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In
The sheep and meat goat weigh-in will be held on Saturday, May 6, at the Nemaha County Fair North Barn from 7:30–8:30 AM. All market lambs and meat goats must be weighed and tagged on the 6th to show at the fair and be eligible for the livestock premium sale. Please plan to pay for your tags at weigh-in at a cost of $3.00 per tag. It is not required for the 4-H exhibitor to be present at the tagging. If you cannot be at the weigh-in, you must find someone else to bring your animals.

Livestock Premium Auction Requirements
If you plan to sell an animal through the fair auction, make sure you are reviewing the Auction Requirement form periodically to make sure you qualify. These forms will need to be turned in by July 1, but can be turned in at any time to the Extension office.

Fair Activities
Are you a member of a group that is tired of selling items but need a fundraiser? Why not spend one, two or even three days at the Nemaha County Fair doing something fun! The Fairboard is looking for groups to do games or sell fair food at this year’s fair. These could be ball toss, dunk tank, minnow race or any other fun game. How about selling homemade ice cream or funnel cakes? Please let your school or church groups know this. For more information, contact the Extension office.

2023 Fairbooks
If you signed up for a printed fairbook they will be given to your Club Leaders by the end of May. The fairbook can be found on our website at www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html as soon as we have all updates.

4-H County Club Day
Thank you to everyone that helped in any way with 4-H County Club Day. It was a great success! We had 175 of our Nemaha County 4-Hers participate. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Deb at daheny@ksu.edu. Thank you all!

If you received a Purple or Blue on your Demonstration, Project Talk, Public Speaking or Reading and are 9 years and older, you are eligible to take your presentation to the State Fair in September. You will need to pre-enter it with all other state fair pre-entries in August.

2023 Fair Dates
July 18 – Dog Show
July 19 – Pre-fair judging
July 26 – Set-up
July 27 – Food, Poultry, Rabbit, and Horse judging
July 28-31 – Nemaha County Fair
Aug 1 – Clean-up beginning at 5:00 PM
A detailed draft schedule can be found at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

Ambassador Day Camp
Be watching for more information on this. It will be Tuesday, June 6 in Seneca.

4-H License Plates
Kansas 4-H Foundation designed vanity license plates. A portion of the cost comes back to your local 4-H Council. These are available at the county treasurer’s office. Contact the treasurer’s office for more information.
REMINDER: Jefferson County Poultry Club Spring Show is April 22. Open to ANYONE in the poultry project, not just Jefferson County 4-Hers. Show starts at 9:00 AM. Registration form and additional information located at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/events/. Entries and fees due by April 18.