



JACKSON COUNTY FAIR 100th year anniversary

July 14- July 18, 2025

It's County Fair Time! This newsletter has valuable fair info in it, so please be sure to read it.



Dates At A Glance

June 27 – All Pre-Entries Due Online

June 28 – Horse Show 8:00 AM

July 1 – Ambassador Applications Due

July 1 – Building Superintendent Meeting @ 6:00 PM

July 1 – Livestock Superintendent Meeting @ 7:30 PM

July 3 – Dog Show 5:00 PM

July 8 – Pre-Fair Judging

July 11-12 – Jackson County Fair Rodeo

July 14-July 18 – Jackson County Fair

All fair pre-entries are due online at [FairEntry.com](https://jackson-ks.fairentry.com/) by June 27. No late entries will be accepted after June 27. Please check the fair book for time and rule changes for your specific project. You may find the Jackson County Fair pre-entry site at <https://jackson-ks.fairentry.com/> **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!!!!!!!**

Any questions or need help, please let me or the office know and we will gladly help you out. **Club leaders have your fair packets!** But you will need to stop in the office for the stickers, photo boards & sleeves.

Hard copies of the fair books will be distributed to all 4-H families.... There is an electronic version on the Jackson County 4-H webpage. Please review the general rules and the project rules closely. Contact our office or your club leader with any questions.

Note few fair book changes....

- Few Schedule Changes to judging times. Please look at schedule.
- All swine need to have a 4-H ear tag (includes market, breeding & open class).
- Breeding animals must be owned by **May 1** of the current 4-H year.

Be sure to like the **Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex (NEKHC)** and **Meadowlark District 4-H** on Facebook for Fair Updates.

Fair book & Project Information:
<https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/holton.html>

What Is New At Fair!

There have been a few changes this year. Please check the divisions in which you are enrolled in to avoid any confusion. **Remember that there are NO mindless questions!** So please be sure to ask if you don't understand something.

Be sure to invite family, friends and business owners to the Annual Food Auction & the Livestock Sale. Flyers are available in your fair packet or on our website.

What are pre-entries?

We pre-enter ALL 4-H projects so we can be sure to have enough stall space and exhibit space. We also schedule judging times based on the pre-entries for some of the building projects. The projects in which you were enrolled in are the projects you will need to pre-enter online. You can pre-enter at <https://fairent.com>

Once the office receives all the pre-entries, judging schedules will be mailed out for the following projects: Arts/Crafts, Foods/Table Settings, Photography, Bucket Calf Consultation Judging and All Clothing. Please be watching the mail for these schedules.

Labels

- **Entry Cards** – These will be printed by the Extension office after all pre-entries are received. We will have them ready for you at pre-fair judging or Sunday evening of the fair for you to attach to your fair project.
- **Labels** – These need to be placed on the bottom or back side of **ALL** Static Exhibits. Labels are included in your packet or you can pick more up at the Extension Office or print off our Meadowlark District Website.
- **Cloth Labels** – Need to be around 3"x2 ½" in size and include Exhibitor Number, Class Number and District. These may be made out of a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Please attach to all Clothing Exhibits and Fiber Arts Exhibits.
- **Food Preservation** – Labels are available at our office or you can print them off yourself on District website.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR FAIRBOOK FOR JUDGING TIMES!!!!!!!!!!!!
ALL 4-HER'S NEED TO SIGN THE MEADOWLARK CODE OF CONDUCT
and have on file at the Extension Office!!!!!!!!

Jackson County Farm Bureau 4-Her Breakfast

New this year, Jackson County Farm Bureau and local livestock producers will be sponsoring/hosting a free breakfast for the 4-H families on Thursday, July 17th @ 7 am. For more information, please see the back of this newsletter.

Fairground Cleanup

We need all hands-on deck, Saturday, **July 12** starting at 9:00 AM at the fairgrounds. We will be setting up all the tables, exhibit cases and photo stands in the building as well as cleaning the barn and setting up rabbit/poultry cages. This is one of your fair requirements.

Important Project Information:

Arts & Crafts/Fiber Arts (All will be judged Tuesday, July 9 at Holton Elementary School)

- You may enter up to 6 entries total for arts & crafts and 5 entries total for fiber arts and crafts.
- Only 3 entries are allowed in class 4501 Fine Arts due to space.
- Ribbons will be given to 4-Her at pre-fair judging. It is the 4-Hers responsibility to bring the item with ribbon attached to the fair during the designated fair check-in times.
- Check In time: Sunday, **July 13** from 4:00-6:00 PM
- Fiber Arts Labels - use a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Labels should be about 3"x2 ½" in size and include Exhibitor number, Class Number and District.
- Each exhibit will need a sticker.
- If your item needs to be hung up, please be sure to have a wire hanger with it.
- Judges will select the Visual Arts & Crafts that will go on to the State Fair.

Banners

- Need to be brought to fairgrounds by Sunday, **July 13**. Please be sure to read rules in fairbook!!! To pre-enter a club banner please contact the Extension Office.

Photography (Judged Tuesday, July 8 at Holton Elementary School)

- 4 entries per class
- During pre-fair judging we will form a line at one end, and you will go to the next available judge. There will be no picking and choosing of which judge you can go to. A time for your club to have their photos judged will be mailed out after pre-entries are received.
- Photos can't have live subjects on railroad right away or taken from railroad right of way property. They will be disqualified.
- Photo mount boards are available at the office for \$2.00 a board and plastic sleeve. We also have mounting instructions.
- Entry cards will be placed with photo after the judging.
- You need to have a 4-H label sticker attached to the back of the photo.
- Please put sticker on the back of your photo with the following: class number, description, name and Meadowlark-Holton.

Clothing (All judged Tuesday, July 8 at Holton Elementary School)

- Consultation outfit needs to be a separate outfit from the Shopping In Style Display outfit.
- Consultation exhibitors will need to fill out a Cost Per Wear form and a Consultation Form. Please read rule 1 in fair book on page 69. Bring this all to pre-fair judging with the outfit.
- Clothing Shopping in Style Displays will be 3'x4'.
- Clothing Shopping in Style Displays may be set up Saturday, **July 12** from Noon-4:00 PM and Sunday, **July 13** from Noon-4:00 PM. Superintendent will assign spaces.
- Clothing Shopping in Style Display outfit **MUST** be a separate outfit from the Fashion Revue outfit. Display outfit **MUST** stay on display for the whole duration of the fair.
- **Fashion Revue participants please bring a photo of yourself in your outfit to pre fair judging!**
- Fashion Revue participants need to turn in their Fashion Revue scripts by the end of Pre-Fair Judging on Tuesday, **July 8**. They may be e-mailed to Carol at cmcmangal@ksu.edu anytime.
- Fashion Revue exhibitors need to fill out the Fashion Revue form and a Cost Per Wear form and bring with you to the pre-fair judging along with your photo.
- A schedule of judging times will be mailed to you for Clothing Construction, Fashion Revue and Shopping in Style Consultation Judging.
- Clothing labels – use a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Labels should be about 3"x2 ½" in size and include Exhibitor number, Class Number and District.

Foods/Table Settings

- A time for Foods judging will be mailed to you after pre-entries are in.
- All foods with frostings and fillings must have the amount of sugar calculated and calculation must be attached to entry. For more information please visit <https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/index.html>
- If your item is chosen for the Food Auction, please be sure to attend. Check back after Foods judging to find out if your item was selected. **FOOD AUCTION is on Monday, July 14 at 6:00 PM.**
- Table Settings will be judged at pre-fair judging on Tuesday, **July 8**. Please bring your own card table! Time will be assigned to you.

Food Auction

- If your food item is a purple cake, pie, decorated cake, fancy bread or a cookie jar please be sure to be present during the Food Auction on Monday, **July 14** to help sell your food item. Not all purple items are chosen for the auction. Please check back to see if your item was selected.
- Money from the Food Auction goes to 4-H event scholarships.
- Please be sure to invite buyers. We have flyers available to pass out.



Camper Reservations

If you would like to reserve a spot for a camper this year, please contact Mickie Schultz at 785-580-3796.

County Fire Bans and Rocket Launches

This is a reminder about Kansas 4-H rocketry rules as they relate to fire bans in Kansas. While much of Kansas is currently floating in water, we know that weather conditions can change rapidly, often in 30 days. The 2025 Kansas State Fair rocketry rules state "if a fire burn ban is in effect for any county in Kansas, exhibitors in any Kansas county are not required to launch their rocket(s). All requirements for the launching of rockets for the state fair and the documenting of the launching are suspended for the duration of the ban." We advise everyone to always be cautious and use good judgment in planning and conducting rocket launches, and consider cancelling them if dry conditions warrant.

Livestock Project Information

- Superintendents will be around to do animal checks as you unload your animals.
- All animals need to be on the fairgrounds between 4:00-6:00 PM Sunday night (exception is dairy animals in milk).
- There will be 2 different unloading areas. Unloading will be from 4:00-6:00 PM on Sunday, **July 13**.

SHEEP/GOATS – Unload on the west side of the building (lead them in).

CATTLE/SWINE/Mixed load – Pull through the barn from north to south

We ask that everyone please be patient and courteous to others. Please just pull up and unload your animals only. All equipment will need to be unloaded either before or after.

- Pictures with your animals may be taken at the designated area. There will be a banner with decorations for pictures. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will take them at the end of the show over in this area with the judge.
- Please make sure you have read and signed the Meadowlark District Livestock Waiver & Show Ring Code of Conduct.
- Superintendents will have the final say in their area.
- If your market animal has lost an ear tag, please notify our office so we can get them replaced.
- All animals must be kept in place until Thursday at 2:30 PM. If left before this time, all ribbon premium for that species will be forfeited.
- Blocking chutes may be brought to the fair but they must stay outside of the barn in designated area.
- Livestock Shows will be a "No Fit" show. Means it will be a wash/blow dry/brush your animal. Major clipping must be done at home, touch up clipping may be done at the fair. No paint, glue or bloom sprays may be used. Please refer to page 20 in the fair book for more information.
- You must provide your own bedding (**wood chips only**). Bring your own or fair board will have a few bags for sell during the fair.
- No animals are allowed outside of livestock building for any reason once checked in on Sunday. The only exception is to go out to the wash rack or area to the south of the barn, but must stay inside the fenced in area.
- **Make sure to sign and turn in your Code of Conduct & Show Ring of Ethics.**
- You will receive your back number during the week of the fair. Please be sure to find it in the Livestock Meeting Room before your livestock show! This will be your only number so be sure to hang onto it for the duration of the fair!

YQCA Reminder

If you haven't done so already, please be sure that your 4-Her has completed their YQCA requirements. We will need a copy of their completed certificates emailed to Ross @ rmostell@ksu.edu. Final in person training is Wednesday, May 28th at 1 pm at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex.

**All exhibits must stay in place until their assigned time.
Livestock at 2:30 PM and Building at 6:00 PM on Thursday.**

Livestock Weigh-In Times

- Meat Goats/Sheep – Sunday, **July 13** Weigh-In from 5:30-6:30 PM Meeting is at 6:30 PM
- Beef – Sunday, **July 13** Weigh-In from 7:00-8:00 PM (carcass scanning at this time) Meeting is at 7:00 PM
- Swine – Monday, **July 14** Weigh In from 8:00-9:30 AM Meeting is at 7:50 AM

Bucket Calves

- All bucket calves must be weaned by fair time.
- All age divisions will be judged.
- Conference Judging will be Tuesday, **July 8**. Scheduled time will be posted and emailed out after fair entries are done.

Beef

- Market Steers will be able to participate in the Market Steer Carcass Scanning which will be Sunday, **July 13** from 7:00-8:00 PM. They will be looking at the following areas of your market steers: Ribeye area, Backfat, Percent Intramuscular Fat (objective measurement of marbling in live cattle), etc. We will have an Overall Carcass award & Reserve Overall Carcass.

Swine

- You don't need to be present for the weigh-in. We will write all weights down for the 4-Hers, if they are not able to attend.
- No feeding hogs in the wash area.

Herdsmanship Winners 2024

The following are the Herdsmanship winners from last year's fair. Please have a representative from your club contact the office before **July 1** to give us your stalling preference.

- Beef – Delia Early Birds
- Swine – Straight Arrows
- Sheep – Soldier Boosters
- Meat Goat – Lucky Stars
- Dairy – North Jackson Jets
- Bucket Calf – Hoyt Livewires

Livestock Sale Options

4-Hers who want to sell their livestock in the Premium Livestock Sale **MUST:**

1. Fill out and have their club leader sign off on the 4-H Premium Sale Requirements
2. Complete an Intent to Sell form and have it turned into the dropbox at the livestock office building by Tuesday, **July 15 by 10:00 PM or 30 minutes** after the conclusion of the beef show.
3. There is a Livestock Sale fee of \$10.00, per animal, that goes through the auction. Livestock Sale checks will be available for pick up at the Extension Office after **August 31**. *Remember - there will be no flooring of Over or Underweight animals.* Families will need to find their own buyers or take the animals back home.

***** Please be sure to pick up some Buyer Invites at the Extension Office. There are a few in your packets but it never hurts to ask more than 1 potential buyer.**

Open Class Livestock Entries

If your little one is showing an animal in open class, they can't be housed at the fair unless there is room in their sibling's animal's pen. Otherwise, they need to be brought in the day of the show and will show right after the showmanship classes unless otherwise announced. Please let the office know by **July 1** of any Open Class Livestock Exhibits.

Poultry Testing

Jackson County is not on the rotation for testing this year. All Poultry needs to be in place by Sunday, **July 13** between 6:00-7:00 PM.

Horse Show

We will have the Halter, Showmanship, Western Riding and Racing events on Saturday, **June 28** starting at 8:00 AM. All horses must have a current coggins test within the last year. Please bring the day of show to check in.

4-H Concession Stand

Our concession stand managers will be Megan Montgomery & Toni Kucan.

Shifts were drawn at the April Council Meeting. The 4-H Food Stand is a great way for youth to help raise funds for Jackson County 4-H Council while practicing safe food handling, interacting with the community and working collaboratively with their club members! Be prepared to work a short shift at the 4-H Food Stand during the fair on your club's assigned day. The funds raised help sponsor county events such as Club Day and Achievement Celebration. Please send club schedules to Cara at carar@ksu.edu or drop a copy off at the office before Friday, **July 11**.



Trash Clean Up Schedule

Trash needs to be picked up every morning between 7:30-9:00 AM and then again from 3:00-4:00 PM before the livestock shows and evening rush. Trash bags are located in the fair building inside the janitor closet or stop by the livestock building meeting room.

- Sunday evening, **July 13** – Lucky Stars (This needs to be done around 8:00 PM.)
- Monday, **July 14** – Denison Builders and Hoyt Livewires
- Tuesday, **July 15** – Mayetta Mustangs and Pleasant Valley Rustlers
- Wednesday, **July 16** – Straight Arrows and Delia Early Birds
- Thursday, **July 17** – Ontario Busy Bees, North Jackson Jets and Soldier Boosters
- Friday, **July 18** – All Clubs

Presentation of Exhibit Awards

All building awards except the Fashion Revue will be presented on Thursday evening starting around 6:00 PM before the Livestock Auction. The location will be the Farm Bureau Pavilion.

Fashion Revue

The Style Revue will be held on Wednesday, **July 16** starting around 8:30 PM (following the parade) at the Margaret Hund Memorial Amphitheater. Only 1 outfit will be modeled per 4-Her. Please bring your lawn chairs as seating is limited.

Copyright Reminder

Please make sure you are following the copyright laws when preparing your exhibits for the fair. Refer to page 15 in the fair book. Copyright and/or trademarked materials for endorsement or promotion instead of educational purposes will be disqualified and will not be displayed or receive ribbons or premiums.

Preparing Horticulture Fair Entry Resources

As fair season approaches Plant Science members, please be aware of some resources available to you. K-State Research & Extension publications Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables and Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibit are excellent resources for 4-H members and adults that are planning to exhibit their vegetables or flowers. These publications are often used by judges as they evaluate fair entries. <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/C405.pdf>

Some of you may be more visual learners. The University of Illinois Extension has prepared a series of videos on YouTube, about how to prepare produce for the fair. These videos give step by step instructions on how to select and groom various types of vegetables. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H5dlS-kgLI>

State Fair Entries are due in the Office by August 8. Don't forget to get those purple awarded projects signed up for the State Fair! Please see the additional handout on State Fair.

Kansas State Fair Entry Deadlines

- **July 15** - Grand Drive Entries (4-H Livestock)
- **August 1** - 4-H Horse Show Entries (must have qualified at District Show)
- **August 8** - All other State Fair 4-H Entries due to Extension Office Visit the State 4-H Website for links and information about the 2024 Kansas State Fair at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>
- **August 15** – KJLS entries due

4-H Horticulture Judging

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, **August 16** in Manhattan, Kansas. Registration is due **July 31** to the local Extension Office.

State Livestock Nominations Due June 15

All small livestock and commercial breeding heifer state nominations are due **June 15**. This includes commercial breeding heifers, market swine, commercial breeding gilts, market lambs, commercial breeding ewes and ALL meat goat families that would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. Animals must be submitted online through ShoWorks by this date, as well as the completed and signed official DNA envelopes being postmarked. Please don't wait until the last minute to do this. The 2025 state livestock information is available from the [KSU Youth Livestock Program](https://www.kansas4-h.org/extension/youth-livestock-program/) website. No paper forms will be accepted, all nominations must be submitted online.

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS Entry Information

The entry deadlines for the state youth livestock shows are approaching. Remember that a complete nomination does NOT constitute entry; it is only the first step in animals being eligible for the state fair and KJLS. Entries for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive (4-H/FFA youth livestock show) are due **July 15**. Entries are being accepted now through their website. All animals must be entered directly through the state fair using the online system, which is ShoWorks. Only online entries will be accepted. For more information, visit <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/participate/grand-drive>.

Entries for KJLS will be due by **August 15**, also using ShoWorks. However, they are separate shows, so families will need to create a new account when entering KJLS. All exhibitors must register online, using the link found on the KJLS website: <https://kjls.org/>.

Families are encouraged to enter early in order to avoid missing the deadline and experiencing technical difficulties. Exhibitors also need to read the rules for each show before submitting their entries. Questions regarding entries need to be directed to each show, as they manage their own entry processes.

Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2025 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is **August 23-24**. The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. Updates will be announced as more information from the University regarding events becomes available. Regardless of the format, an opportunity for youth to display their knowledge of the livestock industry will be held. Contact local office before **July 31**, if interested! Entry deadline is **August 1**.

2025 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

Join us for the 2025 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Thursday, **August 7** in South Hutchinson Community Building in Hutchinson, KS. 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 cost will be \$10.00 per person and registration will be open online through visiting <https://bit.ly/3Wrq7Uh>. Registration will go live on **June 1**. Pre-registration will be required by **July 25**, 11:59 PM to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions. More info can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/wheat/>

2025 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic

The 40th annual Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic will be held at Riley County Fairgrounds in CiCo Park in Manhattan, KS on **July 11-12**. More information and pre-enter at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/swineclassic.html>

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Exhibitors, Parents, Extension, &
Fair Association are Welcome!

We're serving up
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& GRAVY**

IN THE
FARM BUREAU PAVILION

Thursday, July 17th @ 7am

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