

The 4-H Newsletter



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

I hope you'll all make plans to attend the Mini Fair on June 18. All 4-Hers are welcome to come and make a project exhibit. These should not be Fair projects, but can be related to a project you will enter in the Fair. For example, you can make an exhibit in a project that doesn't have a Fair class, such as Citizenship. Or, you could make an exhibit showing or demonstrating some techniques you have learned in the Woodworking project along with some of your tools and plans for your Fair entry.

We plan for this to be a community event and will have fun and entertainment for families. Our goal is to teach more people about the projects and benefits of 4-H!

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 first year to use this system, so we'll be learning together. We are working on sourcing or making some videos demonstrating the use of this system. 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 new, it's a good idea to give yourself some time to navigate it before the deadline. We would hate for anyone to miss out!

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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 3rd. (**ALL** projects require pre-entry)
- Pre-entries are due by 11:59 PM on June 24th.



Important Dates and Deadlines

June

- June 1st:** Butler County YQCA **Deadline**
- June 1st:** Animal Care & Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 1st:** 4-H Ambassador and Council Meetings
- June 1st-3rd:** Discovery Days
- June 3rd:** Pre-entries open for the Butler County Fair
- June 7th:** 4-H Aviation Spin Club Starts
- June 10th-12th:** State Geology Field Trip
- June 15th:** Breeding Animal Tagging **Deadline**
- June 15th:** Dairy Cattle ID paperwork **Due** into the Extension Office
- June 15th:** Small Livestock State Nominations **Due**
- June 17th-18th:** Insect Spectacular
- June 18th:** Mini Fair
- June 24th:** Pre-entry **Deadline** for the Butler County Fair
- June 28th:** Butler County Poultry Testing

July

- July 8th:** Club Quarterly Report **Due** to Extension Office
- July 9th:** Butler County Fair Fashion Revue
- July 9th:** Butler County Fair Horse Show
- July 14th-18th:** Butler County Fair
- July 21st-22nd:** Extension Office is closed
- July 25th-Aug. 5th:** Extension Office accepting state fair entries

August

- August 4th:** Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo
- August 5th:** Deadline for state fair pre-entries
- August 27th:** Shooting Sports State Hunting Skills Match

See the 2021-2022 4-H Calendar
[HERE](#) for all event dates

Important Pre-entry Information

Here's what you need to know about the 2022 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 24th. The pre-entry website will close at midnight. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

- ⇒ Pre-entries will be done [HERE](#)
- ⇒ If your 4-Her 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 fair division rules for guidance, make sure your 4-Her 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-Hers 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](#)

Fair Exhibitor Number – There will be no exhibitor numbers issued as in the past.

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-Hers as necessary. **Each 4-Her 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-Her's. 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 – All entry cards will be printed off this year for 4-H divisions from the pre-entries. There will be no green cards to fill out for static exhibits as in the past. We will have your entry cards for you at your respective project check-in.

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. We are happy to help you!

Poultry Testing



Butler County Poultry Testing

June 28th, 2022 | 4:00-6:30 PM

Located at the Butler County Fairgrounds

*Required for all chickens and turkey
exhibiting at the 2022 Butler County Fair*

RSVP will open on June 1st and is
due by 5:00 PM, June 17th

<https://forms.gle/C9PDZ6qHCu1Wt1DR7>



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2022 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

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

Thursday, August 4, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Stafford County Annex Building
210 E. 3rd, St. John, KS

\$6/person registration payable at the door

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

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



The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. Everyone will participate in the same tour with the group splitting into two equal groups, with each group then flipping to the other tour after about one hour.

1. Stafford County Flour Mill, 108 S. Church St., Hudson, KS 67545; 620-458-4121. See where they make the famous Hudson Cream flour and mixes marketed all over the USA; <https://www.hudsoncream.com/>.

2. Osborne Fruits & Vegetable, 309 East 4th Ave., St. John, KS 67576, 620-5467-3932; with Mike Osborne and Jill Stimatze. Osborne Fruit & Vegetable is a small town, family-owned business that has a wide range of fruits and vegetables to offer from our beautiful, big garden. "From our field to your table!"

Spare Farms, 171 SE 20th Ave., St. John, KS 67576, 620-549-3330 is a family-owned business that grows high quality vegetables that are sold at farmers markets in local cities.

There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Classes include:

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

Cost will be \$6.00 per person and registration will be open online through visiting the Kansas 4-H website. Registration will go live June 15th. Pre-registration will be required by Monday, July 25th, 11:59 p.m.

If any 4-Her's would like to attend the Wheat Expo, Charlene will have 7 seats available to transport youth to and from the event.

Registration for both events is online at the following links:

[Wheat Expo Registration link](#) (open from June 15-July 25)

[Wheat Variety Plot Registration link](#) (due July 22)

Special Note For Dairy Exhibitors

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 101 [HERE](#).

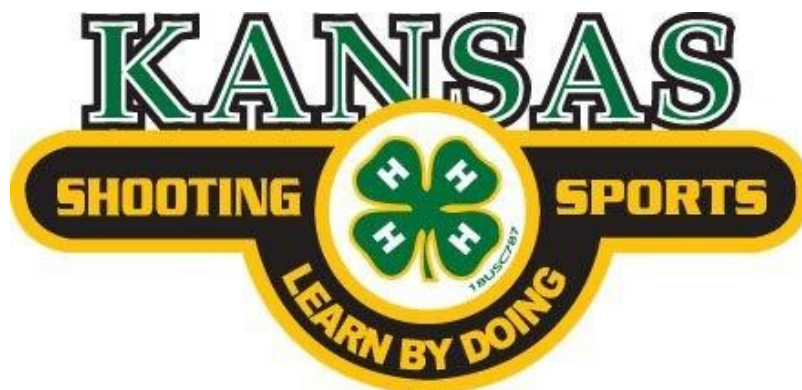
The Kansas State Fair open class information and registration is [HERE](#).



Shooting Sports

The 2022 Kansas 4-H State 4-H Shooting Sports Matches are scheduled as follows:

- State Hunting Skills Match- August 27, Junction City
- State Archery Match- September 24, Lindsborg
- State Small Bore & Muzzleloading Match- October 1, Topeka
- State Shotgun Match- October 8-9, Wichita



Aviation Spin Club

Registration for this event is limited to the first 30 participants, so don't delay in signing up!

Register [HERE](#)

4-H SPIN CLUB AVIATION



We welcome any
youth 14 years or
older

When: 7pm-8 pm
Tuesdays and
Thursdays Starting
June 7th

(6/7, 6/9, 6/21, 6/23, 6/28,
and 6/30)

Where: Augusta
Municipal Airport

Click here for
[Registration](#)

Cost: Free (courtesy of
Augusta Municipal Airport)

Why Join?

The 4-H Aviation club is geared to those youth who have an interest and passion in the field of aviation. Future goals could be to become a pilot, an airfield manager, aeronautical engineer, aircraft mechanic, or any other related field. This club will give you opportunities to explore the field of aviation.

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Butler County Fair Project Auction Rules

Sunday, July 17, 4:00 to 8:00 PM

Committee/Superintendents: Connie Chilcott, Jennifer Ikner, Kyra Gresham, Lori McCune

This will be a Silent Project Auction beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday at the fair in the South Room of the Community Building.

4-H/FFA Members only – no Open Class participation.

A 4-H/FFA Member is limited to one auction item to sell during the 2022 Fair. This includes the Livestock and Rabbit Auctions but not the 4-H Food Auction. For example, if a member sells an animal in the Livestock Auction or a Meat Pen in the Rabbit Auction, they cannot sell an item in the Project Auction.

Items that can be sold in the Project Auction include an item from 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:

Foods - If a 4-H /FFA member chooses to sell a food item in the Project Auction, they must make a fresh item using the same recipe that they exhibited in the Foods Division. The specific item the 4-Her exhibited can be kept or sold in the 4-H Food Auction to help support the 4-H Council activities. 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.

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. Items sold in the Project Auction are not eligible for State Fair entry, with the exceptions of item in Foods/Food Preservation, Photography and Horticulture/Floriculture. See the Kansas State Policy – rule 13. There will be no base bids or guarantees that an item will sell.

4-H/FFA members must enter their project in the Project Auction by filling out and turning in the Intent to Sell card by Noon on Sunday, July 17th. The Intent to Sell cards will be available at the Open Class Information Table in the South Room of the Building. Project Auction Superintendents will take the Intent to Sell cards and place the items (with the exception of foods) in a location where they can be on displayed along with a card saying the item will be for sale in the Project Auction. Those exhibitors selling a photo should bring a duplicate photo in a frame when turning in the Intent to Sell Cards.

4-H/FFA members are responsible for bringing their food items to the Project Auction by 2:00 PM on Sunday.

Project Auction Superintendents will be responsible for accepting projects using the Intent Cards following judging of each division. They will put bidding sheets out at the start of auction bidding and collecting them at the conclusion of the project auction (8:00 p.m.)

The bid at the ending of the time (8:00 p.m.) of the auction will be final.

Item must be paid for and picked up by 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

4-H/FFA Members will receive the Silent Auction amount after the fair. Buyers signature cards will be included so the member can thank their buyer. These will be due back to the Extension Office by same date as livestock buyer cards are due back.

Sale of 4-H/FFA Exhibits/Projects (Including Animals) Any 4-H/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 youth has given up the right to exhibit that specific animal or product in the future. In the case of livestock, market animals sold are ineligible to be shown as breeding animals in the future. Non-livestock exhibits (perishable foods, photographs, etc.) may be reproduced for the Kansas State Fair. It is the responsibility of the local extension unit to report tag number of animals sold in a premium sale to the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, Kansas State University.

2022 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!

2022 Butler County Fair Dates!

The 2022 Butler County Fair dates have been set for July 14th-18th, 2022! 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

- 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 Classes Available!

- New Public Presentation Division
- Miniature / Fairy Garden Class in Floriculture
- Growth Portfolio Class in Photography
- Career Portfolio Class in Photography

Notes for Animal Projects

Please note that the following forms will be **required** for ALL 4-H animal exhibitors at the 2022 Butler County Fair. Forms can be sent via mail to the Extension Office or emailed to Andrea Evans at aevans1@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 beef, sheep, swine, meat & dairy goats, and all bird exhibitors. The only exception will be 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.



2022 Tagging Sponsor

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



They generously sponsored all county
small animal non-EID tags for Butler
County 4-H Youth for the 2021-2022
year!

We strongly encourage all livestock exhibitors
that tagged small county 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

Hare-Raisers: Kansas Youth Bunny Up To 4-H Project

Organizers say raising rabbits is ‘year-round project’

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

MANHATTAN, Kan. – For many, raising rabbits seems like a simple gig: Put some food out, clean the cage and enjoy the furry snuggles.

But for more than 1,000 [Kansas 4-H](#) youth who participate in the annual rabbit project, it’s a bit more involved. “It’s a year-round project,” said Briony Smith, a 4-H Youth Development agent in Butler County. “Typically, these youth don’t sell their animals at the county fair; they are taking those animals home to use during the next year’s project.”

In fact, Smith adds, often the work multiplies – quickly. The 4-H rabbit project includes not only maintenance and care for the first rabbit, but also breeding and care for her litter. “When the litter is weaned, youth begin to learn about breeding traits so they can select which one’s to keep for their own projects; which one’s might be better for other 4-Hers’ projects; and which one’s are best suited as pets,” Smith said.

Within 6-8 months of owning their first rabbit – that is, once the first litter arrives – youth in the project get hands-on experience in selecting animals for production, and creating their own bloodline. “Second year 4-H members typically have their own animals to show out of their own breeding line,” Smith said.

At county and state fairs, Smith said youth don’t show their animals in a ring as is common with larger animals. “It’s more of a conversation with a judge,” she said. “(The youth) takes the rabbit to a table then goes through an examination of the animal, much as a judge would do. They must explain the parts of the rabbit – including the eyes, ears, nose, tails, tail and feet – and explain what they look for when they decide whether a rabbit is of high enough quality for a show.”

“There is quite a bit of knowledge that is needed to be successful, as well as developing public presentation skills.” Smith said youth from Butler, Sedgwick, Kingman and Harvey counties are currently working together in the rabbit project, meeting monthly to challenge each other on their current knowledge about rabbits.

More information on the 4-H rabbit project, or on any of nearly three dozen projects offered in Kansas, is [available online](#).





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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