

# The 4-H Forecaster

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## THANK YOU!



Happy Valentine's Day! While February is a great time to show a little extra love for someone, I want to take a moment to share a little extra THANKS! I truly appreciate the hard work, effort and patience each and everyone of you put in to get all the extra paperwork and online entries done to make the February 2nd, deadline for VIPs and online livestock entries. You did an AWESOME job!

I know it wasn't a lot of fun and it wasn't none to easy on our end either! For us to cross reference, make sure everything matched, communicate to

those whose information didn't and eventually approve everyone was no easy feat for our office. I have had several question why the duplication. I can assure you, it saved several 4-H'ers on getting enrolled in projects and others that didn't complete the whole process. I can't count on just Staci and I's fingers, the number of families that thought they had enrolled in a project online and they didn't. So the double checking and matching things helped several 4-H'ers.

With that, I don't know what next year's process will look like yet, however, it is my hope it is easier on all of us!!!

~Charlene

## Regional 4-H Days Help Needed

Regional 4-H Days is just around the corner on March 14th at Butler Community College. Once again, we will be in charge of fulfilling a door monitor position. While I do not have specific details yet, once those become available, I will pass them on. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know! Speaking of Door Monitors...Door Monitors are

a critical aspect to 4-H Days both County and Regional. Take a moment to think what it would be like if the judge had to constantly step in and out of the room to get the next person to come in. Think about what it would be like if your child (likely already nervous or scared) was up in front trying to make it through a presentation when a

bunch of people came walking in or in advertently said "Is it my turn yet?". How would that affect their presentation? A door monitor may not be the most "exciting" position to hold, however, it is a very critical part of the event and benefits those giving their presentations, prevents others from being embarrassed, and eliminates a hassle for judges.

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# Leader's Lounge

Calling all Community Leader's!

Can you believe we are almost half way through the 4-H Year! We are in the 2nd month and your clubs should be going strong!

## Review

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Forecaster for important dates
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review information with your club

"A leader is one who  
knows the way, goes  
the way, and shows the  
way".

~John C. Maxwell

## To-Do

- \_\_\_\_\_ Plan to have a fun spring!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review the new pin apps as soon as they come out the end of the month
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make sure add/drop forms are done if needed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check club mail-box at Extension Office
- \_\_\_\_\_ Work on Fair projects
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club

## Promote/Recruit

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Camp June 3-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Discovery Days the last week of May
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Camp Counselors needed for 4-H Camp (go up on June 2nd)

If your Club is wanting  
to have a bake sale  
fundraiser, please con-  
tact our office prior to  
doing so!

## Remember

- \_\_\_\_\_ Set-up for Spring Beef Weigh-in is March 6th from 4:30pm-6:00pm .
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Beef Weigh-in is Sat. March 7th from 9am-10:30 am.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regional 4-H Days will be held on March 14th at Butler Community College
- \_\_\_\_\_ Horse ID Papers Due May 1

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, April 3rd, 6:30 p.m.—Community Club Leader Meeting. Butler County Extension Office**

# Local News and Deadlines

## Horse ID Papers

- Due into the extension office by 5:00 pm on May 1

## Basic Shotgun Course

The Saturday, April 4, basic shotgun course is being held at Michael Murphy Sporting Clays, 6400 SW Hunter Road. Check in is from 8:30 to 9am. The class starts at 9:00am, and will end at about 4pm. Bring your own lunch and drinks. Ice chests will be available for storing them. If you are not currently enrolled in 4-H, your parent will need to complete a participation form before you can participate in the course. This can be done Saturday morning at the range. Your parent must be present to sign the form. If not, you must bring the completed form with you. You cannot participate without the signed form.

Bring your own shotgun, either a 12 ga. or 20 ga. No 410-s. An improved cylinder choke is preferred. If you do not have a suitable shotgun, a limited number of shotguns can be provided. Ammunition is provided. Contact Gene Maggard at 316-742-3746 to let him know if you have your own shotgun and its gauge, or if you have any ques-

tions. Signup for this course must be completed by April 1.

## Regional 4-H Days

Will be held on Saturday, March 14th. If you received a Top Blue please call our office and let us know if you are available to go **no later than 5:00pm on Friday, February 20th.** If top blues are not able to attend, then we will contact alternates.

**Spring Beef Weigh-in**—Saturday March 7th 9am-10:30 am. Set up is March 6th from 4:30pm– 6pm

**Junior Meat Goat Producer Day**—Held on March 28th at Manhattan, KS.  
[www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu)

## IMPORTANT DATES

February 20—Entries for Region 4-H Days Due to Extension Office

March 6—Spring Beef Set-up 4:30pm– 6pm

March 7—Market Beef (Steers & Heifers) Weigh-In 9am—11:30am

March 14—Regional 4-H Days

April 9th—4-H Council

April 24—Meat Goat and Market Sheep Tagging 4:30 pm-6:00 pm

April 25—Meat Goat and Market Sheep Tagging 8:30 am—9:30 am

May 1—Market beef nominations due

May 1—Horse ID papers Due

May 1—Dairy ID papers Due

May 21 - Mini-Fair

May 26-29—Discovery Days

June 3-6—4-H Camp

June 13—Spring Horse Show

July 11—Fashion Review

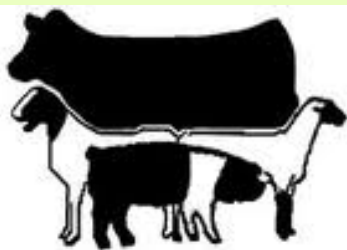
July 13—Supporter's Picnic

July 18—Fair Horse Show

July 25-30—County Fair

"There are no mistakes, no coincidences. All events are blessings given to us to learn from."

~Elizabeth Kubler-Ross



## Youth Livestock

### Information and forms on the Internet

Remember, you can go to our Butler County Extension Website to get any county or state livestock forms for information. Go to: [www.butler.ksu.edu](http://www.butler.ksu.edu) and click on the “4-H & Youth” link on the left side and then on “livestock information” for the selections. In addition to Butler County information, there is a link to the state site. You can get information on state nominations, state events, etc.

Another good sight with lots of information on dates and events is: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/>

### SIGN-UP for County Livestock Emails

—David Kehler, Ag Agent, has created a distribution list of leaders and others who like to receive emails of 4-H Livestock information and updates. If you would like to be included, please email David at [dkehler@ksu.edu](mailto:dkehler@ksu.edu). Type **YOUTH LIVESTOCK** in the subject line, include your email address and which list you would like to be added to (Beef—includes bucket calf, sheep, swine, and meat goats).

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

Feb. 28 –Jr. Swine producer date at KSU

March 7th—Market Beef (Market Steers & Market Heifers) Weigh-in. Commercial heifers can also be brought and tagged. Set up on the 6th

March 28th—Jr. Meat Goat producer Day at KSU.

May 1—Market Beef Nominations Due

June 15—Commercial Heifer, Commercial/Market Swine, Sheep, and Goat nominations Due

## Changes for the 2015 Fair

The Butler County Fair Board is working hard on the 2015 Butler County Fair Book and rules changes. Here are few big/important rules you will want to be aware of:

1) Breeding Gilts will be added to this year’s Butler County Fair. If you are interested in enrolling in the Breeding Gilt project, call the Butler Coun-

ty Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on May 1st. We will also require either an email or add/drop form from our office to be filled out!

2) Cow/Calf Pairs will have their own separate division. There will be a Supreme Cow/Calf Pair in addition to the Supreme Heifer.

Stay tuned for any more changes or announcements as they are made.



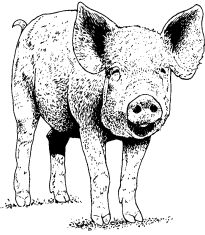
I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking  
My HEART to greater loyalty,  
My HANDS to larger service, and  
My HEALTH to better living,  
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

# Youth Pork Quality Assurance

## Age Groups

(as of January 1, 2015)

**Beginners:** age 8 - 11 yrs old - MUST attend PQA training each year to certify



**Intermediate:** age 12 - 14 yrs old - can attend each year or by passing a PQA exam (test out for Intermediate)

**Advanced:** age 15 - 18 yrs old - can attend each year or by passing a PQA exam (test out for Advanced)

◆ 7 year olds, as of May 1, 2015, with siblings can use the siblings PQA number.

◆ 7 year olds, as of May 1, 2015, without siblings must have a parent attend an Adult PQA training. Adult PQA training will be scheduled at a later time.

◆ 7 year olds are encouraged to attend a meeting.

### SAVE THE DATES!!

Two meeting/testing dates are being offered.

- 1) Thursday, March 19th @ 7:00 pm. Registration will be due by Tuesday, March 17th
- 2) Tuesday, March 24th. Registration will be due by Friday,



March 20th.

REMEMBER—If you are enrolled in the swine project, you are required to take a Youth Pork Quality Assurance class (unless you are old enough and test out).

## Did You Know

There are **8 Critical Elements of Positive Youth Development.**

- 1) *Positive Relationship with a Caring Adult*
- 2) *Save Environment—Emotional & Physical for Youth, Volunteers and Spectators*
- 3) *Opportunity for Mastery—Building on Knowledge, Skills and Competencies*
- 4) *Opportunity to Value and Practice Service—Civic Engagement, Community Needs*
- 5) *Opportunity for Self-determination—Becoming Self-directing Individuals*
- 6) *Inclusive Environment—Sense of Belonging, Connectedness & Caring*
- 7) *To Be an Active Participant in the Future—Setting, Planning and Implementing Goals*
- 8) *Engagement in Learning—Do, Reflect, Apply*

“The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.”

~Diogenes Laertius

# Summer Camps



WANTED:

[4-H Camp Counselors](#)

If you are currently an 8th grader or older...we

need YOU! Camp Counselors are 8th through 12th graders. Camp counselors will go to Rock Springs on June 2nd and camp will take place June 3rd-6th. Counselor applications are **DUE April 10th**. Interviews will take place on Thursday, April 16th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. PLUS—it's FREE for up to 11 counselors!!! Applications can be found online at [www.butler.ksu.edu](http://www.butler.ksu.edu) and in the January edition of the 4-H Newsletter.

[Female and Male Assistants for 4-H Camp](#)—We are in need of a male and female chaperone to go to 4-H Camp and help out! 4-H Council will pay for 2 adults to go. 4-H Camp is June 2-6. You will need to be VIP trained. If you are interested in going, please contact Charlene.

[Rookie Campers](#): If you are in 1st or 2nd grade, sign-up TODAY to be a rookie camper. Rookie Camp is limited to the first 45 campers signed-up. It is filled on a first come first-serve basis between all the counties that attend in the Oz-Some Camp Group. Stay tuned for registration details

[Regular Campers](#): Are you ready for FOUR action packed days? Stay tuned for sign-up!!

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## DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days 2015 will be held May 26th-29th at Kansas State University in Manhattan. This opportunity is open to youth who are 13 to 19 years old. Youth will participate in workshops, service activities, dance, ice cream, a keynote speaker, and free time to enjoy the beautiful K-State Campus. Look for more information to come but you won't want to miss this opportunity!

"If I have to be remembered for something, I want it remembered that I really liked children and was a good camp counselor."

~Francis Ford Coppola



You may or may not know that Butler

Community College graciously donates the use of their facilities free of charge to K-State Research and Extension/Butler County for such events at 4-H

## Butler Community College

Days and Regional 4-H Days. Their generosity allows us to hold such events at no expense to the 4-H'ers. If you participated in County 4-H Days, please take a few moments to write a Thank You to Butler Community College to let them know how much we appreci-

ate their support. Send Thank You's to:

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# Walk Kansas 2015

*An 8-week healthy lifestyle challenge!*

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## Walk Kansas *celebrate healthy living*

**Walk Kansas** is a team-based program that will help you and others lead a healthier life by being more active, making better nutrition choices, and learning positive ways to deal with stress.

You can participate by gathering a team of 6 people, register the team in your local program, and start your journey toward a healthier life!

General information about Walk Kansas is available at:

[www.walkkansas.org](http://www.walkkansas.org)



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