

THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

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A Minute with Madeline

Celebrating Our 4-H Volunteers During National Volunteer Week

April is the perfect time to recognize the incredible contributions of our 4-H volunteers during National Volunteer Week, which takes place from April 20th to 26th this year. Volunteers play a vital role in the success of our 4-H program, and National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to celebrate their dedication, time, and impact on the lives of young people in our county.

Why Volunteers Matter to 4-H

4-H volunteers are the backbone of our program. From leading projects and clubs to organizing events and mentoring youth, volunteers help shape the experiences that our members cherish. Their support fosters an environment where youth can learn new skills, develop leadership qualities, and become engaged citizens in their communities.

How to Celebrate Our Volunteers

1. Nominate a Volunteer for Recognition Take a moment to nominate a volunteer who has gone above and beyond in their service to 4-H using the form at the end of this article. Whether they've helped with fundraising, taught a skill-building workshop, or guided members in their personal growth, this is a great time to highlight their contributions.
2. Thank You Notes and Cards Encourage 4-H members to write thank you notes to their volunteers, sharing how their guidance and support have made a difference. A handwritten card can go a long way in showing appreciation!

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3. Host a Volunteer Appreciation Event Plan a small event or reception to honor volunteers in your community. Whether it's a casual gathering or a more formal affair, an appreciation event provides a great opportunity to publicly thank volunteers for their hard work and commitment.
4. Share Volunteer Stories Share stories of volunteers and the positive impacts they've made. Spotlighting their work not only recognizes their efforts but also inspires others to get involved.

Join Us in Saying 'Thank You'



This National Volunteer Week, let's come together to show our gratitude for the remarkable volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to making 4-H a positive and enriching experience for the youth of Butler County! From all of us at the office, we extend our heartfelt thanks to every volunteer who makes a difference, no matter how big or small.

Get Involved

If you are inspired by the impact of our volunteers and would like to contribute to 4-H in a meaningful way, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Contact the K-State Research and Extension – Butler County office today to learn more about volunteer opportunities and how you can make a lasting impact on the next generation of leaders!

Nominate a Volunteer: <https://forms.gle/Wat7nv9YsFURhjfs7>





LEADER'S LOUNGE

April Check-Up

- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite their friends to attend a meeting & join 4-H!
- Encourage 4-H'ers to share what they are doing in 4-H at school
- 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 the Butler County Fair (available [HERE](#))

Promote/Recruit

- YQCA for all 4-H'ers enrolled in animal projects
- Coggins now required for Horse Project
- 4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Camp
- National Volunteer Week April 21-27

If your Club is planning to have a bake sale, fundraiser, make t-shirts, etc., please contact our office prior to doing so!

To-Do

- Show appreciation to your Club Volunteers
- Help 4-H'ers plan and prepare projects for the fair
- Check in with Project Leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Check club's progress toward goals
- Remind 4-H'ers to enroll and select projects in 4-H Online by the [May 1st Deadline](#)
- Remind 4-H'ers of the 2 Meeting Requirement for the Butler County Fair (by July 14th)
- Remind families to "Subscribe" to the 4-H Online broadcast messages. This is where all newsletters and important information is sent out to families!
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page [HERE](#)

Remember

- Work with your co-leader!
- Make it a fun and rewarding year!
- Horse ID Papers are due May 29th
- Animal Care and Housing Form and Owner Certification of Market Animal Forms are due May 29th. These forms can be submitted digitally and found on our website [HERE](#). Paper forms are also acceptable.



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

April

- April 5: K-State Invitational Meat Judging Contest
- April 5-6: Lawn & Garden Show
- April 8: 4-H Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- April 9: YQCA In-Person Training
- April 11: Club Quarterly Report Deadline
- April 11: Extension Office Mug Mingle - 7:45 a.m.
- April 12: Shotgun Practice Begins - 9:00 a.m.
- April 15: Fitting Clinic
- April 15: K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy Application Deadline
- April 15: Bucket Calves must be born
- April 17: Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge - Manhattan
- April 19-24: National 4-H Conference - Washington D.C.
- April 20: Last Day to Order Market Beef DNA Envelopes for Nominations
- April 21: Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep, & Meat Goat Tagging 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- April 21: Market Dairy Wether ID Forms Deadline
- April 20-26: National Volunteer Week
- April 26: "Spring Into Volunteering" - Salina
- April 26: Shooting Sports State Spring Match – Great Bend
- April 26: Walnut River Showdown

May

- May 1: Project Enrollment Deadline to Participate in the County Fair
- May 1: 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline to Participate in the County Fair
- May 1: Market Beef State Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
- May 10: 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Update - Rock Springs
- May 11: Black Gold Spring Show
- May 26: Extension Office Closed
- May 27: Recordbook Workshop
- May 28: YQCA In-Person Training
- May 29: 4-H Mini Fair
- May 29: Butler County YQCA Deadline
- May 29: Animal Care and Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms Deadline
- May 29: Horse ID Form Deadline
- May 30: Online YQCA Certificates Due 11:30 a.m. (must be dated May 29th or before)

June

- June 1: Pre-Entries open for the Butler County Fair (ALL projects require pre-entry)
- June/July: 4-H Camp Sessions, Rock Springs
- June 3: South East Region Livestock Day
- June 4-6: Discovery Days, Manhattan
- June 5: Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes for Nominations
- June 10: 4-H Council Meeting
- June 11-14: K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy
- June 12: South East Region Challenge Day
- June 13-15: State 4-H Geology Field Trip
- June 15: Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goat State Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
- June 15: Animal Registration Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- June 15: YQCA Deadline for the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- June 16: Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline
- June 16: Dairy Cattle ID Paperwork Deadline
- June 17: 4-H Ambassador Day Camp
- June 22-27: 25th National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships - Grand Island, NE
- June 23: Pre-Entry Deadline for the Butler County Fair
- June 26-28: Insect Spectacular - El Dorado



See the full 2024-2025 Calendar [HERE](#)

2025 Butler County Tagging Information

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March 31st, 2025

TO: 2025 Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat Families, Project Leaders & Community Club Leaders

FROM: Charlene Miller, Butler County Extension Director / Agriculture CEA; Madeline Wallace, Butler County 4-H Youth and Development Agent; Miranda Depenbusch, Bluestem FFA Advisor; Luke Guynn, Bluestem FFA Advisor; Sarah Grunder, Flinthills FFA Advisor

WHAT: Taggings for Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat & Market Dairy Wethers

LOCATION: Butler County Extension Office (see attached map for traffic flow. **MUST FOLLOW** this route after 4:00 p.m. Prior to 4:00 p.m., please pull up on the west side of our office, as far north as possible!)

DATE & TIME: Monday, April 21st - 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All livestock must be tagged according to tagging guidelines in order to be eligible to show at the Butler County Fair.

➤ **See below for tagging options for market swine, market goats, and market sheep:**

- **Option 1 (Recommended):** Bring your animal to the county-wide tagging date listed in this letter.
- **Option 2:** Schedule a date/time with Charlene or Madeline prior to April 21 to bring animals to the Extension Office during normal business hours. Availability will depend on agent schedules.
- **Option 3:** Schedule a date/time with Charlene prior to April 21 for us to come to your location. Date/Time must be during normal business hours and availability will depend on agent schedules. There is a \$75 travel fee, plus cost of tag (\$3), payable cash or check.

➤ **Special note for Market Dairy Wethers:**

- Must be 100% dairy AND complete the Market Dairy Wether ID Form
- Boer-Dairy crosses must tag as a market meat goat during the tagging time above.
- Forms may be turned into the Butler County Extension Office prior to the April 21st tagging event OR during tagging on April 21st between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Original copies must be turned into the Extension Office. NO electronic copies will be accepted.

➤ **June 13th:** All Breeding Gilts (pedigreed and commercial), commercial ewes, and commercial meat goat does must be tagged by June 13th. You can either come to the above tagging date or call the Extension Office to schedule a time to bring them in to get tagged.

➤ **Tag Cost:** The cost is \$3.00 per tag, paid by cash or check at the time of tagging; please bring exact change.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ **YQCA:** YQCA is REQUIRED to be eligible to exhibit ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS (Except Horses) at the 2025 Butler County Fair and must be completed by May 29th, 2025 to be eligible to participate at the Butler County Fair. YQCA information can be found at: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/YQCA.html>
- ✓ **ENROLLMENT:** Please double-check that your 4-Her ('s) are enrolled in 4-H for the 2024-2025 year and in the respective animal project by May 1st, 2025.
- ✓ **TWO (2) FORMS FOR ALL MARKET ANIMALS:** Animal Care & Housing and Owner Certification of Market Animals. Please refer to the enclosed packet and each form for additional information. Make sure all 4-H / FFA members and Parent/Guardians sign the form. Household nomination has been included with the Animal Care and Housing Form. Both of these forms can be completed and submitted electronically. They can be found on our website at: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>
- ✓ **ONE (1) FORMS FOR ALL BREEDING ANIMALS:** Animal Care & Housing. Make sure all 4-H / FFA members and Parent/Guardians sign the form. This form can be completed and submitted electronically through our website: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>

Kansas State Youth Livestock Nomination Process



2025 Updates



Use Existing ShoWorks Exhibitor Accounts for Nominations

State Livestock Nominations transitioned to an online system in 2022. Exhibitors who state nominated a market animal or commercial breeding female last year need to use their existing ShoWorks account this year. Do NOT create a new account, unless you truly are a family nominating for the very first time or adding a brand new exhibitor to the family. For help accessing an account, you may use the password reset option or contact the [Youth Livestock Program!](#) for assistance. Exhibitors will verify their contact information in ShoWorks from last year, update their age and 2025 YQCA #, then continue through the system.

Remember – all exhibitors who plan to show need their own ShoWorks exhibitor account. Animals must be nominated under each child a family would like to be eligible to enter and exhibit. It is highly encouraged to submit all animals under all kids. Families who have two (2) kids and three (3) animals should enter all three (3) animals under each child's ShoWorks account during nomination. Then, either child may enter and exhibit the animal at a state show.

Order Official DNA Envelopes in Advance

Families will need to purchase official DNA envelopes online through ShoWorks, for each animal in which they plan to nominate. Envelopes that were purchased in 2022 – 2024 are still valid. Old DNA envelopes (2021 and before) will NOT be accepted. The new envelopes include all of the information necessary to enter each animal into the system, as well as provide a place for the barcode sticker, which families need to request from their local extension office. The deadline to order DNA envelopes is **10 days prior** to the nomination deadline: **Market Beef – April 20; Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers – June 5**. There is also an option for expedited shipping. Orders will continue to be filled a few days after the DNA envelope order deadline, but families must pay the \$50 expedited shipping fee to have them overnighted. This is in addition to the cost of each DNA envelope.

4-H County and FFA Chapters Available Under Club Drop-down List

Each exhibitor must select the “CLUB” in which they participate and intend to show. For 4-H members, this is their local county. All FFA Chapters have also been added to the system under the county in which they are located. For example, Dickinson county 4-H'ers will select “Dickinson” as their “Club” in the system. An Abilene FFA member will find their chapter under “Dickinson – Abilene FFA”. It is vitally important families select the appropriate “Club”.

Use Checkbox Under Market Division for Dual Nominated Females

Exhibitors will continue to have the option to dual nominate gilts, ewes, and does by using a sliding checkbox, under the market division for each specie, rather than entering the information twice (once under both the market and commercial breeding division). Dual nomination means the animal is nominated both in the market division and in the commercial breeding division. Therefore, they are eligible to be entered by an exhibitor and shown in either division for the Grand Drive and/or KJLS. The decision will be made during show entry. Families who wish to take advantage of this option will need to nominate all of their gilts, ewes, and does under the market division, and then move the “Dual Nom (Mkt & Com)” slider button to the blue “YES” on the bottom of the page.

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Rule Changes

Continuing this year, all market beef with Maine-Anjou papers will show together in one division – All Maine Breeds. Shorthorn Plus has also been added to the market beef show. The swine show will now include dark and light divisions for both market and commercial breeding. Refer to the 2025 [Grand Drive](#) rules for more information.

KJLS Rule Changes

Limousin steers will show in the AOB division, but families may continue selecting that specific breed in the nomination system. For swine, the birthdate for gilts has been moved to January 1 of the current show year and they will show by weight. The maximum weight for gilts will be 350 pounds, with a 15- pound weigh back. The max number of animals that may be entered for all species is four (4). However, entered animals may be any combination of market and breeding, as long as the number entered per exhibitor does not exceed four (4) total animals. There will be some changes in the KJLS schedule as well. Refer to the 2025 [KJLS](#) rules and schedule for additional details.

2025 4-H DAY RESULTS

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CLOVERBUD PRESENTATIONS

Reuben J. EDT
Leeland J. EDT
Grant H. PH

DEMONSTRATIONS/ILLUSTRATED TALKS

TED TALKS

Junior:

Madelyn S. LL - Purple
Lucas J. EDT - Blue
Hayden W. LL - Blue

Intermediate:

Madelynn I. PH - Purple
Brynlie N. BBB - Purple
Carson B. NB - Blue
Eli C. EDT - Blue
Hannah C. EDT - Blue
Emma C. EDT - Blue

Senior:

Kylee B. PH - Purple
Alaxis J. BBB - Blue
Jonathon P. PH - Blue
Mikalyn P. PH - Blue

Team:

Jace C. HH & Hayden W. LL -
Purple

GROUP DANCE

EDT Contra Dance - Purple
EDT Line Dance - Purple
Hayden W. & Madelyn S. LL -
Purple

READINGS

Junior:

Carson S. PH - Purple
E.C. Participant - Purple
Harley W. PH - Blue
Lucas J. EDT - Red
Phinehas J. EDT - Red
Ezekiel G. PH - Red

Intermediate:

Jacob G. EDT - Purple
Kennedy S. TR - Purple
Karly P. PH - Purple
Sophie H. PH - Red
Gian G. PH - Red
Alden G. EDT - Blue
Julia A. NB - Blue

Senior:

Jackson S. TR - Purple
Ella A. NB - Purple
Molly F. PH - Purple
Emily F. PH - Blue

2025 4-H DAY RESULTS BUTLER COUNTY

DANCE - SOLO

Senior:

Brenna S. PH - Purple

Kaley F. PH - Purple

VOCAL - SOLO

Intermediate:

Eli C. EDT - Purple

Emma C. EDT - Purple

Senior:

Riley G. CB - Purple

Grace R. PH - Purple

PIANO - SOLO

Junior:

Carson S. PH - Purple

Intermediate:

Karly P. PH - Purple

Kenzie S. PH - Purple

Senior:

Valerie S. PH - Purple

Janella S. HH - Blue

Reagan G. EDT - Purple

Mikalyn P. PH - Purple

Cora B. NB - Purple

SKIT AND CREATIVE DRAMA

Ella A. NB & Taylor W. BBB -
Purple

OTHER TALENT

Agnes, Ida, and Emma L. CB -
Purple

INSTRUMENTAL - SOLO

Junior:

Kennedy G. LL - Blue

Intermediate:

Wiley P. BBB - Purple

Luke P. FH - Blue

Senior:

Kiera Y. NB - Purple

Alaxis J. BBB - Purple

GAVEL GAMES

Intermediate:

Purple Heart - Blue

Senior:

Purple Heart 1 - Blue

Purple Heart 2 - Blue

2025 4-H DAY RESULTS BUTLER COUNTY

PROJECT TALKS

Junior:

Hannah G. HH - Blue

Intermediate:

Jackson S. BB - Purple

Jacob G. EDT - Blue

Devin J. PH - Blue

MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION

Valerie S. PH - Purple

Wiley P. BBB - Blue

Riley G. CB - Blue

Brenna S. PH - Blue

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Jadon G. PH - Purple

2025 REGIONAL 4-H DAY RESULTS BUTLER COUNTY

DEMONSTRATIONS/ILLUSTRATIONS

TED TALKS

Junior:

Madelyn S. LL - Champion
Purple
Hayden W. LL - Red

Intermediate:

Madelynn I. PH - Purple
Brynlie N. BBB - Blue

Senior:

Kylee B. PH - Blue
Alaxis J. BBB - Blue
Jonathon P. PH - Blue

DANCE - SOLO

Senior:

Brenna S. PH - Purple
Kaley F. PH - Blue

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Jadon G. PH - Purple

READINGS

Junior:

E.C. Participant - Blue
Harley W. PH - Blue

Intermediate:

Kennedy S. TR - Blue
Karly P. PH - Blue

Senior:

Jackson S. TR - Blue
Ella A. NB - Reserve Purple
Molly F. PH - Champion
Purple

SKIT AND CREATIVE DRAMA

Ella A. NB & Taylor W. BBB -
Purple

VOCAL - SOLO

Senior:

Riley G. CB - Blue
Grace R. PH - Purple

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2025 REGIONAL 4-H DAY RESULTS BUTLER COUNTY

PIANO - SOLO

Intermediate:

Karly P. PH - Blue
Kenzie S. PH - Blue

Senior:

Valerie S. PH - Blue
Mikalyn P. PH - Blue

PROJECT TALKS

Junior:

Hannah G. HH - Red

Intermediate:

Jackson S. BB - Blue
Devin J. PH - Blue

INSTRUMENTAL - SOLO

Junior:

Kennedy G. LL - Blue

Intermediate:

Wiley P. BBB - Purple

Senior:

Alaxis J. BBB - Blue

GAVEL GAMES

Intermediate:

Purple Heart - Red

Senior:

Purple Heart 1 - Blue
Purple Heart 2 - Blue

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Butler County Fair Dates and Deadlines

Strive to Thrive in 2025

The 2025 Butler County Fair dates have been set for July 17th-22nd, 2025!

Important Dates

Butler County Fair Rules

The 2025 4-H/FFA Division Rules are now available and posted! They can be found on our website at:

<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/>

Pre-Entries

- Pre-Entries are required for all 4-H/FFA projects
- Cloverbuds will only need to pre-enter if participating in Fashion Revue
- Butler County will be using FairEntry once again this year for pre-entries
- Make sure you receive your confirmation e-mail!

- **April 15:** Bucket Calves Must Be Born*
- **April 21:** Small Animal Tagging*
- **May 1:** 4-H Project Enrollment Deadline
- **May 29:** YQCA Deadline
- **May 29:** Market Animal Certification and Animal Care and Housing Forms Deadline
- **May 29:** Horse ID Deadline*
- **June 1:** Pre-Entries Open
- **June 15:** Livestock Registration Paper Deadline*
- June 16: Dairy Heifers/Cow ID Deadline*
- June 16: Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline*
- **June 23:** Pre-Entries Close at 11:59 p.m.
- **July 1:** Dairy Doe Registration/Ownership Deadline*
- **July 14:** 4-H Meeting Requirement Deadline for Project Auction

*See the 2025 Butler County Fair 4-H/FFA Tagging Guidelines and Forms Table [HERE](#)

2025 Butler County Fair Updates to 4-H/FFA Divisions

1.

Updated grievance policy and form

2.

Purple ribbons added for livestock

3.

Updated Horse classes

4.

Youth must be present for livestock and static judging

5.

Expanded STEM guidelines

6.

Kits allowed in Visual Arts – county only competition

7.

Registered market livestock breed classes

8.

Disqualification for use of Fractal Woodburning

9.

Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) test required for Horses

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2025 Butler County YQCA Information



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 7 to 18. This program promotes food safety, animal well-being and character development. With YQCA, you'll discover what it takes to be an informed producer, consumer and employee of the agriculture and food industries.

YQCA is REQUIRED to be Eligible to Exhibit ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS (Except Horses) at the Butler County 4-H Fair.

The YQCA Deadline for Participating in the 2025 Butler County 4-H Fair is **May 29th at 11:59 PM, 2025.**

Youth are required to take YQCA in-person or online; if taken online, a certificate of completion must be submitted to the Extension Office by May 30th at 11:30 a.m.. You can find more information about YQCA [HERE](#).

In person class dates:

- Wednesday, April 9th
- Wednesday, May 28th

** All Classes will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Community/4-H (200 N. Griffith, El Dorado)



Frequently Asked YQCA Questions:

• Is YQCA mandatory for all 4-H'ers?

YQCA is required to show animals at the Butler County 4-H Fair, the Kansas State Fair, and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. 8-18 yr. olds must pass a web based or instructor led training.

7 year olds must attend an instructor led course.

• How much does getting certified cost?

The online module certification is \$12, and the instructor-led training method of certification is \$3.

• Does the YQCA certification ID sync with 4-H online?

Yes, you will sign in using your 4-H Online information.

• I only show horses. Do I need to be YQCA certified?

No. Right now, YQCA, is not required for 4-H Horse Project Members.

• Do 4-H'ers need to update their YQCA certification number each year?

Yes they do. Youth should re-certify around the same time they tested each year.

• Do I need to register before class?

Yes! You must register and pay online before attending an instructor-led class. You will also need to take the pre-test before class.

• Does Butler County 4-H get the registration money?

No, all registration money is online and goes to YQCA.

2025 Horse Project

The Kansas 4-H Horse ID Certificate (P1039) has been updated for the 2025 4-H program year. Beginning with the 2025 4-H program year, please use the new form and destroy previously used 4-H Horse ID Certificates. As a reminder, to properly identify your horse, complete the 4-H Horse ID Certificate, have your Extension Agent sign it and copy it. A COPY of the Horse ID Certificate is kept on file in the Extension Office and the 4-H Horse member maintains the ORIGINAL certificate. The original certificate is presented by the 4-H member to show staff for check-in at the local 4-H horse shows. **Beginning in 2025, registration papers WILL NOT be accepted to identify horses for the 4-H Horse project.** An example of the Horse ID Certificate is available online.



Additionally, the 4-H Horse Show Rulebook (S133) has been revised and is now available. Supplemental educational materials will also be released throughout the year to assist 4-H members, leaders and Extension staff with the 4-H Horse program.

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

Students from across the country with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers are encouraged to apply for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in 9th through 12th grades. Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc. (LMIC), the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The sixteenth class will meet in Manhattan, Kansas, on June 11-14. Applications are due April 15, 2025, and can be found at asi.ksu.edu/KASLA.

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 team presentations and a closing reception on Saturday morning.

Only 20 students will be accepted for the 2025 session to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors, and industry leaders. Participants will stay on campus in university housing with program staff for the duration of the event. 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. Applications are available at: Pending web address.

Please contact academy director, Sharon Breiner, with questions at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-532-6533.

Find more information here: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/>

Coggins Now Required for Horse Project

The image shows a sample of a Coggins certificate form. The form is titled 'EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA LABORATORY TEST' and includes various fields for owner and veterinarian information, test details, and a diagram of a horse with numbered points for identifying marks. A large 'Sample' watermark is overlaid on the form.

The Kansas Department of Animal Health released an update to Kansas Animal Health Regulations in its Spring 2025 newsletter. This has resulted in many questions from local staff, project leaders and fairboards regarding the requirement of a negative EIA test for local events.

- KAR 9-7-14 establishes the requirement of a negative **EIA test** (Coggins) for horses that are changing ownership or are used for exhibition purposes which must be completed in the previous 12 months. This requirement includes horses that originate outside the state of Kansas **or from within** the state of Kansas.

From the Kansas Department of Animal Health:
K.A.R. 9-7-14

(2) "Exhibition" shall mean the commingling of animals for the purpose of showing or judging contest or any other type of public display, equidae used for team roping, penning, barrel racing, rodeo, or other performance events. (Authorized by K.S.A. 47-607d and 47-610; implementing K.S.A. 47-610; effective, E-76-28, Aug. 15, 1975; effective May 1, 1976; amended Jan. 23, 1998; amended Jan. 3, 2025.

What is a Coggins test?

- 'Coggins' is a common name for a blood test that is used to screen horses, mules and donkeys for a possibly fatal disease - Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA).

What is Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA)?

- EIA is an infectious, and potentially even deadly, virus that affects the immune system of animals in the equidae family.
- While some animals are able to carry the virus without showing symptoms, other horses will suffer from very severe symptoms of the disease including irregular heartbeats, swollen legs and abdomen, general weakness, anemia, a high fever and even sudden death.
- A herd outbreak of EIA can lead to catastrophic consequences which is why it is essential for horse owners to be diligent about testing for the disease.

How can my horse catch EIA?

- EIA is transmitted from one horse to another through mosquito bites, horse flies, deer flies or stable flies that have fed on a different infected animal. This means that your horse does not even need to have come into direct contact with an infected animal in order to contract this disease.
- Because flies are attracted to barns and other places that horses frequent, this extremely serious disease can be quickly and easily transmitted from one horse to another.

Where/How is a Coggins test performed?

- A veterinarian conducts a thorough exam of the horse and performs a blood draw. The blood is submitted to an accredited laboratory. Once the analysis is complete, the lab will forwards the results either directly to the owner, and/or to your veterinarian. Some veterinary clinics use digital Coggins testing technology. This means that the results of the test will be visible online, but can be printed.

Why is Coggins testing important and who should be testing?

- EIA is highly contagious and fatal. Responsible horse owners should test annually, especially if horses will be comingled with other horses.

An example of a Coggins certificate as well as additional information can be found here:

<https://www.ksvhc.org/services/equine/field/coggins.html>



4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Did you know that the Butler County 4-H Council has event scholarships available to all Butler County 4-H members?!

Scholarship Requirements:

- Any current 4-H member (includes Coverbuds) is eligible to apply for a scholarship.
- 4-H'ers are limited to 2 event scholarships per 4-H year.
- Completed forms are to be submitted to the Butler County Extension Office with event payment prior to event registration deadline.



Scholarship Details:

- If you did not submit a KAP and pin application *or* did not receive a pin within the past year for a \$100 scholarship
- Submitted a KAP and received a pin within the past year for a \$200 scholarship. Those that have already received their 10-year pin are exempt from pin requirement.

You can find the scholarship application here:

<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/Scholarships.html>

You can find more Kansas 4-H State Event Opportunities here:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/index.html>



YQCA Scholarship Opportunity

YQCA is excited to announce the 2025 Scholarship Program available to high school seniors and students enrolled in a 2-4 year university or certification program. In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must:

- Be a high school senior or a high school graduate up to 21 years of age
- Have an active YQCA certification at the time of application (2025).
- Have had active YQCA certification the previous two years (2023, 2024).


As a high school senior, the essay question regarding your future plans to enter the agriculture industry or commitment to a university will be considered for eligibility. If you are selected, you must provide proof of enrollment to receive the award.

If you are a high school graduate, you must be currently enrolled in a 2-4 year university agriculture program or enrolled in a certification program to meet the scholarship requirements. If selected, scholarship funds will be sent directly to your school.

Applications open January 1, 2025 and close February 17, 2025.

Find out more and apply for the scholarship at <https://yqcaprogram.org/local/scholarship-program.php>





4-H VOLUNTEERS

Save the Date for Spring into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Polytechnic Campus on Saturday, April 26. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include Preparing Youth for Real-World Opportunities, Personalities and How They Affect Volunteers, Facilitating Civic Engagement and Service, Keeping Kids Engaged, and Resources for You.

The registration fee for the day is \$20 and includes materials and lunch! Online registration is due April 15, 2025, and the fee will be submitted to local offices.

National Volunteer Week, April 20-26, 2025

Let's make sure and reach out and celebrate our volunteers!

Ideas to Celebrate National Volunteer Week:

- Recognize your organizational leaders, project leaders and other important 4-H volunteers during the week.
- Write a special news release to recognize volunteers in your program.
- Prepare a series of Facebook posts to recognize volunteers during the week.
- Highlight National Volunteer Week at your April Club meeting.
- Handwrite several notes of appreciation throughout the week to special volunteers in your program.
- Check-in with a new 4-H volunteer to see how things are going and offer help as needed.



2025 Butler County Fair Updates

NEW in 2025

- Updated Grievance Policy and Form
- Purple Ribbons Added for Livestock
- Updated Horse Classes
- Youth Must Be Present for Livestock and Static Judging
- Expanded STEM Guidelines
- Coggins REQUIRED for Horse Show
- Market Animal Registered Breed Classes
- Visual Art Exhibits Made From KITS Are for County Competition Only
- Projects Using the Lichtenberg Technique or "Fractal Burning" are NOT ALLOWED in Any Butler County Fair Exhibits in the 4-H/FFA Divisions

Livestock/ Project Auction Rules - *** You must attend (2) 4-H Club Meetings by July 14th to be eligible to participate in the Livestock/Project Auction at the 2025 Butler County Fair***



IPM Insect Art Contest

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas! This year, the theme is “By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night.” The goal is to explore which insects are active or inactive at night and why, then create artwork that fits the contest theme.

Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass or other media. There are five age categories in which 1st – 3rd place will be awarded:

- Kindergarten – 2nd grade
- 3rd grade – 5th grade
- 6th grade – 8th grade
- High school
- Adult

Entries must be received or postmarked before April 15, 2025.

Visit <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> for details!

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AGE GROUPS

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- 6th Grade - 8th Grade
- High School
- Adults

CATEGORIES

- Traditional Illustration (drawing or painting)
- Digital Artwork
- 3-D Creation (painting on canvas, collage, sculpture, or other media)

AWARDS

Certificates and prizes will be awarded for each art category in each age group for 1st through 3rd place.

HOW TO ENTER

Submit your entry by April 15, 2025. See full rules and details by visiting <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> or by scanning the QR code.

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Integrated Pest Management
and Pesticide Safety Education

HPAI:

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Highly pathogenic avian influenza, or HPAI, is a rapidly spreading viral disease that can infect many types of birds. Avian influenza, often called avian flu or bird flu, can be common, but some strains are highly pathogenic, which means they are more deadly. Introduced by migrating wild birds, HPAI can spread through spring migration and affect **all** domestic poultry — small and backyard flocks as well as commercial industries.

Poultry with HPAI **do not** survive the illness. Vaccines for HPAI are not readily available.

Signs of Avian Influenza

- Coughing and sneezing
- Difficulty breathing
- Extreme depression
- Lack of energy
- Decrease in feed or water intake
- Swelling or purple discoloration of head, eyelids, comb, wattle and legs
- Decrease in egg production
- Sudden unexplained death

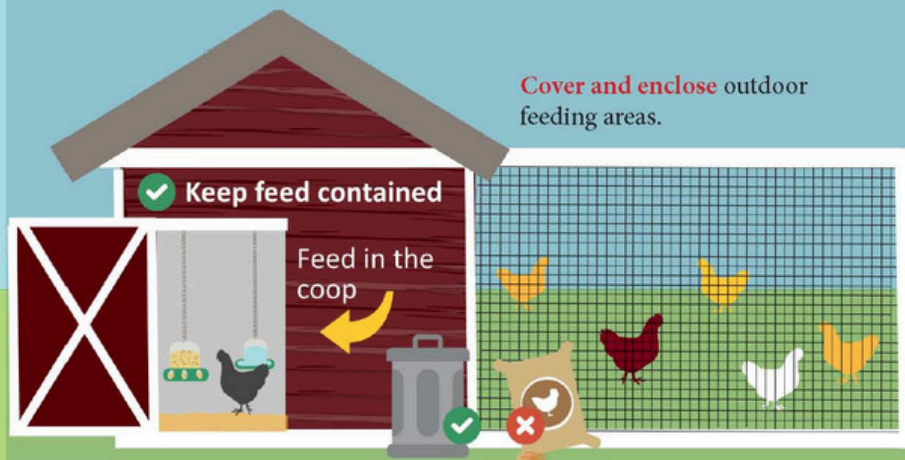
Biosecurity is your best option to prevent HPAI from entering your small or backyard poultry flock.

Here is what you can do:

Protect Your Small Flock from Avian Influenza

1

Avoid attracting wild birds and waterfowl to your home or farm. Song birds, sparrows, starlings, etc. are **low risk**.



- **Clean up** feed spills.
- **Reduce** puddles and standing water.
- **Avoid** visiting ponds and streams, especially with pets.
- **Do not** move birds from farm to farm.
- **Isolate** new birds.

2

Limit or **halt** travel with your birds to sales, shows and swaps.

Ensure you have clean hands, clothes, and footwear before handling your birds if you attend events. **Do not** allow others to handle your birds.



3

Limit your birds' visitors.

If someone must visit your birds: discuss where they have been. Have them wash their hands and wear clean clothes and footwear.



Call your veterinarian if your flock shows signs of influenza or you suspect exposure. No veterinarian? Call the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Health at 785-564-6601.



Join Us

**MINI
FAIR**

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 PM

BUTLER COMMUNITY/4-H BUILDING

**200 N. GRIFFITH
EL DORADO**

Event Highlights

**SHOW AND TELL, CLUB BOOTHS,
FAVORITE FOODS CONTEST, LIVESTOCK
SKILL-A-THON, HORTICULTURE
JUDGING, FACS JUDGING
SET-UP BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.**

Ambassador
Sponsored
Clover Clink
(bring your
quarters!)

Grab your friend
and join the water
balloon toss. Test
your skills and win
a cash prize!

REGISTER HERE FOR PRE-ENTRIES AND CLUB BOOTHS: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/DLCQDTQGMDUIA5147](https://forms.gle/DLCQDTQGMDUIA5147)

RECORDBOOK WORKSHOP

 **BUTLER
COUNTY
4-H
BUILDING**



**MAY 27TH
AUGUST 27TH**



**6:00 P.M. -
7:30 P.M.**

**PICK THE DATE THAT
WORKS FOR YOU!**



REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE

**UNDERSTANDING THE
RUBRIC**



**WHAT EVALUATORS ARE
LOOKING FOR**

**GET FEEDBACK FROM THE
AGENT ON YOUR BOOK**

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4-H SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



**SATURDAY, MAY 3
WICHITA, KS.**

**BOTANICA
GARDENS IN WICHITA**



Who Should Register: 4-H Photography Members of all ages interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using a smart phone to take great pictures. Various workshop classes will take place across Botanica to help youth learn a variety of techniques. Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. This is a great way to get a head start on your photography project!

Workshop Topics:

- How to properly mount photos 
- Using kaleidoscopes
- How to use light & color
- Crested images and light shadows
- Composition & how photos are judged



[Register for Shutterbugs:](#)



Time:

Doors open and registration begins at 9:00; Workshops run from 9:30 - 12:00.

Registration Fee:

\$24.00 per attendee; please pay at your local extension office. Each 4-H member will receive 2 photo mount boards with registration. Registration fee allows for all day access to Botanica.

What to Bring:

Smartphone or Camera, extra batteries.

Bonus: Cameras will be available for checkout! Please bring an SD card so you can take your photos with you.

Accommodations:

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Fitting Clinic

Butler County 4-H and the Butler Community College Livestock Judging Team are coming together to provide a Livestock Fitting Clinic. Hands on experience makes this a great learning opportunity.

You are welcome to bring a sack dinner to eat during the classroom presentation.



Tuesday, April 15, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Butler Community College
Agriculture Complex
2510 SW 20th, El Dorado, KS

RSVP Here: <https://forms.gle/DdFEbwUpLgqoDEA28>



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EL DORADO, KS
BUTLER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



MORE THAN \$4,500
IN PAYOUT, PRIZES & SCHOLARSHIPS

SATURDAY! DON'T MISS IT!!
26 APRIL, 2025
Check in 9-10 a.m.
HEIFERS AT 11 A.M.
FOLLOWED BY STEERS



BUTLER COUNTY BLACK GOLD SPRING SHOW

May 11th, 2025

Butler County Fairgrounds located at 200 N Griffith Street.
El Dorado, KS, 67042



Entry Details

- ❖ **ONLINE ENTRY ONLY – even day of the show! Pre-Entry NOT required but you will have to enter and pay on-line at the show.**
- ❖ Everyone must check-in at the registration table upon arrival to receive cards and finalize weights.
- ❖ Enter online starting March 1 @ <https://showman.app/shows#/black-gold-spring-show>
- ❖ Entry Fees: \$25 per head (No late Entry Fee)
- ❖ Showmanship: \$5/species – pay at the gate!!
 - Grand wins 60%
 - Res. Grand wins 40%
 - **NEW** - Banners for Champion and Reserve
- ❖ \$50 deposit for pen use. Deposit will be returned upon inspection at conclusion of show.
 - No pens allowed to be used without deposit.
- ❖ Butler County Youth - \$15/hd/species
 - Only 1 Butler County Class/species
- ❖ \$200 cash prize for Grand Champion Market and \$100 cash prize for Reserve Grand Champion Market.
- ❖ \$100 cash prize for Champion Breeding Doe and Ewe. \$50 cash prize for Reserve Grand Breeding Goat and Ewe
- ❖ Cash prizes for each class
- ❖ Banners for Grand and Reserve Grand Market and Breeding Animals.
- ❖ **NEW** – gift certificates to Supply Trailer for all (Dependent on Supply Trailer availability)

Check-In Information

- ❖ Trailers may arrive beginning at Noon Saturday
- ❖ Registration opens at 6:00 a.m. Sunday
- ❖ Swine checked-in by 8:00 a.m. (Show at 9 :00 a.m.)
- ❖ Sheep & Goats checked-in by 10:30 a.m. (Sheep show 11am or 30 min after swine show. Goat show 15 min after completion of sheep show)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Butler County Black Gold Committee, Butler County 4-H, Butler County Extension Council, and the Butler County Fair Board are not responsible for any accidents.
2. Open to all current 4-H/FFA members 18 years and younger as of January 1, 2025. Out of State exhibitors are welcome!
3. All males must be castrated.
4. All animals must be owned and shown by the exhibitor & free of clinical signs of infestations or contagious diseases, infections and sickness.
5. Only one animal per exhibitor in Butler County classes.
6. **NO** bedding allowed in the barns.
7. Show from your trailer. A \$50 deposit/pen will be required the day of the show if you wish to stall in the barn. The deposit will be returned upon inspection of the designated pen being cleaned.
8. Watch Facebook for updates.
9. Declare your own weight by respective registration close times.
10. The show committee reserves the right to resolve all questions not covered in the rules, request to see registration papers, a weigh back, etc. and their decision is final.
11. Full fit for show for anyone who wants to fit!

PROSPECT SWINE

1. Prospect market animals may be either sex. Barrows and Gilts will show together.
2. Prospect market animals will show by breed but must have a minimum of 5 to make a breed class or will show as AOB.

PROSPECT SHEEP & MEAT GOATS

1. **NEW** - Does and ewes must be less than 2 years of age.
2. Prospect market animals may be either sex. Must have milk teeth.
3. Exhibitors may brace animals, but all four feet must be on the ground. Show director has the right to disqualify any violators.
4. All market and breeding animals will be shown by weight. There will be no breed classes
5. Market may not be shown in breeding and vice versa

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ANNUAL BUTLER COUNTY Lawn & Garden Show

GROW & BLOOM IN BUTLER



Master Gardeners of Butler Co., KS

FREE
Admission

- Children's Activities
- Concessions
- Exhibits & Vendors
- Plants for sale!
- Professional Presentations
- Seed Swap
- Soil test service available! & More!

DOOR PRIZES!

Saturday, April 5th, 2025

Sunday, April 6th, 2025

Butler County Community/4-H Building
206 N. Griffith, El Dorado

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REGISTRATION
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NEW INFO
BELOW!

KANSAS STATE
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INVITATIONAL
MEAT JUDGING
CONTEST

APRIL 5, 2025

- 6 CLASSES, 2 SETS OF QUESTIONS, AND 40 RETAIL ID
- MEAT LAB AT WEBER HALL
- REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00AM
- CONTEST BEGINS AT 8:00AM
- EDUCATIONAL WALK THROUGH AFTER CONTEST
- PRIZES FOR TOP 10 AND HIGH TEAM

REGISTRATION LINK ON
JUDGINGCARD.COM

QUESTIONS TO ERIN BEYER
ERBEYER@KSU.EDU



Join Us For Our 2025 Quarterly Extension Connection

Mug Mingle



Grab a mug and mingle with your local
Butler County Extension Staff

Friday, April 11th from 7:45-9:00 a.m.

Save the dates: July 11th and October 19th

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