



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

February 2026

2025-2026 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

4-H Enrollment opened on **October 1** and is done via [4-H Online](#). If you have forgotten your password, 4-H Online can set you up with a temporary one. If you have forgotten your email log-in, PLEASE do not create a second account. Contact Brandy and she can assist you. The deadline to enroll and update projects is May 1.

Riley County 4-H Scholarships Available

Local scholarships are now available at www.riley.ksu.edu —> 4-H Youth Development —> Forms and Resources —> Scholarships

Local 4-H scholarships need to be turned into the Riley County Extension office **by 5 pm on Thursday, February 5**. If you have questions about filling out the applications, please do not hesitate to call John at the Riley County Extension Office for assistance 785-537-6350.

Reference Letters for Scholarships

Now is the time to ask for reference letters (teachers, club leaders, coaches, etc.). Here is a great resource <https://summer.harvard.edu/blog/how-to-ask-for-a-letter-of-recommendation/#Why-are-Letters-of-Recommendation-Important>

Showcase Setup Assistance Needed

If you are available, we need help setting up for 4-H Showcase. Setting up tables, hanging signs, etc. Riley County Grade School does not have school the day before Showcase, so we will be setting up on **Thursday, February 12 at 3:30 pm**. (Riley County doesn't have school Friday). It will take approx. 1 hour.

Fair Royalty Program

Please encourage older 4-H members to apply! Applications are available NOW. Fill one out today by visiting www.riley.ksu.edu (4-H —> Forms/Resources —> Other Resources). Contact the office if you have any questions. **Applications should be email to Kelly Wendland (wendland@twinvalley.net) by Friday, May 1, 2026. Interviews will be June 10.**

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed February 16 and reopen on the 17 in observance of Presidents Day

If you have something for the 4-H newsletter, please submit it to jajobe@ksu.edu by the 10 of the month.

How to Reach Us:	
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Manhattan, KS 66502	4-H Info: 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov
785-537-6350	Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 5 pm
	Friday 7:30 am to noon

4-H Council Dates for 2025-2026

Monday, March 2, 2026; Monday, May 4, 2026; Monday, July 6, 2026; Monday, August 31, 2026.

Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults.

Importance of attending 4-H Council

Our Riley County 4-H Council serves as a vital component to our month-to-month programming. Club representative to take vital information back and report to their club. 4-H Council plans and implements county-wide events, oversees funding request, and votes to make necessary changes to our program. Each club is allowed to have (5) voting representatives (3) youth and (2) adults. I would strongly encourage you to exercise that right throughout the year. You don't have a be a Council Representative to attend. It is open to all 4-Hers and parents. The 4-H Council dates are **ABOVE**. **We will be serving pizza starting 6:30 pm for all 4-H Council meetings.**

4-H Showcase Event 2026

Our 4-H Showcase event will take place on **Saturday, February 14** at Riley County Gade School, with events beginning at 8:30 am go until early afternoon. As part of the event we will have photography, horticulture, FCS, and livestock skillathon. Pickle Talks will be back again this year! **For this years event we will offer a project showcase expo in the gymnasium for the first time ever!** Pre-registration can be found at the link below Start the planning process now for the February event. See you there!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vMprqtHt-zHa6mwZQg951paTyy_1t1mOd0GyJUF9WO8/edit?usp=sharing.

4-H Showcase STEM Challenge!

Test your speed, strategy, and engineering skills at the STEM Relay – new this year at the 2026 4-H Showcase (**RCGS February 14**)! It's a race against the clock to complete a series of building, balancing, and puzzle solving challenges. Bring your friends and see who the STEM Relay superstar will be! The STEM Challenge and all STEM activities will be in the gym.

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) 2026

Are you a high school-age youth living or attending school in Riley County? Have you ever had an idea for a business or product, but haven't had the outlet or guidance to put together a business plan or prototype? Well HERE is your chance to make it happen...and earn some MONEY!

In partnership with the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Riley County Extension, Network Kansas, SPARK and generous donations from local donors, we will be hosting our 8th Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) event on Wednesday, March 4 at the Manhattan Town Center Mall. Participants will have the opportunity to compete against other young entrepreneurs for a portion of \$3,000 + in cash.

The competition consist of (3) components including; the submission of a simple business plan, the creation of a tabletop trade show booth, and finally a 5-6 minute formal presentation in front of a panel of judges. All three of these components will be judged based on a specific set of predetermined criteria.

If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, I would love to get you started by sharing event specifics, including the scoring rubrics used by judges, but also the template for creating a solid business plan.

To recap, if you're high school age, living or attending school in Riley County, are interested in business or entrepreneurship, and are willing to create a business plan, tradeshow booth, and present a 5-6 minute presentation, you will have the chance to win a portion of the \$3,000 + in cash. Call the Riley County Extension office or email me at jajobe@ksu.edu to get started today.

Take on the Heaviest Onion Challenge for Fair 2026

Congratulations to Brianna Britt on winning the Largest Pepper Challenge at the 2025 Riley County Fair. The 2026 fair will look to host the heaviest onion (any kind) contest. Contact the Riley County Extension office if you have any questions, 785-537-6350.

[Mark Your Calendar Plant Science 4-Hers!](#)

There will be free growing media for container gardens to be given out on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**. While it lasts. There will be some containers available or plan to bring your own. The pick up will be at the fair grounds near or in the **Wreath barn** where the garage sales take place. Stop-by between **8:30 – 11 am**. There may be some plants and seeds available that would go in the containers. Yet to be determined.

[National 4-H Council Youth in Action Applications Open](#)

The 4-H Youth in Action (YIA) program celebrates young people who are creating real change in their communities. This national program amplifies the stories and leadership of 4-H youth, showcasing how 4-H has shaped their lives and equipped them to impact others. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/>

Four Award Winners will receive a(n):

- \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, paid directly to the institution, including two-year and four-year colleges, trade schools, or other advanced learning opportunities.
- Year of professional and media development, training, networking, and national opportunities to serve as a spokesperson and thought leader.
- All expenses paid trips for each award winner and a chaperone to attend national events.
- Official reference letter from a National 4-H Council leader for educational or career purposes.

Applications are due Monday, April 13, 2026, 11:59 p.m. PST. To learn more about the program and application process, National 4-H Council is hosting two webinars: one for 4-H Professionals (January 28 at 3:00 p.m. ET) and one for applicants and their parents (March 4 at 7:00 p.m. ET). To sign up for one of these webinars, visit <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

[YQCA Scholarship](#)

The national youth livestock quality assurance program, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), is continuing the scholarship program they initiated in 2025. Applications are now open and will close on February 15. High school seniors through college students who are 21 years of age are encouraged to apply. Last year, Kansas had two of the scholarship recipients! For more information, visit the YQCA program website: <https://yqcaprogram.org/local/2026-scholarship-program.php>.

[Pen Pal Program is Back this Spring](#)

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs has announced that their Pen Pal Program will be back April 1 to June 1. 4-H'ers and others 9-18 as of April 1 are eligible to participate. More information on partner countries for the program will be announced as available, but the communications will be in English and pen pals are likely in countries with which States' 4-H conducts exchange programs. Youth who are pen pals are to commit to writing a weekly message by email or letter during April and May.

There will be a \$10 registration fee to participate which will be payable online. We expect registrations will open in the next few weeks to meet their March 20 deadline. Interested persons can find more information when it becomes available on the States' 4-H website States' 4-H International Exchange Programs. In Kansas Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange Coordinator, at mkm2@ksu.edu will have updates as they are announced. These programs have filled quickly in previous years.

[Riley County 4-H Showcase: Youth Livestock Skillathon](#)

We encourage all members to participate in the 4-H Livestock Skillathon at the upcoming 4-H Showcase. This will be a come-and-go event held on **Saturday, February 14**, from **9:00 a.m. to noon** at the **Riley County Grade School in Riley, KS**.



This event will help determine which members will represent Riley County 4-H at the Kansas 4-H Sweepstakes Contest held in August. Please note that **there will not be a Livestock Skillathon at the Riley County Fair**. We are pleased to award our contest champions a belt buckle in each age division, thanks to generous community sponsors. The contest rules can be found [here](#), or on our Riley County Extension website.

You do **not** need to be enrolled in a livestock project to participate. Volunteers will be available to help you get started and answer any questions. We also encourage members to try the other judging contests offered at Showcase, including **Horticulture, Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS), and Photography**.

[Meats Judging Learning Opportunities and Upcoming Contest:](#)

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at Meats judging? Come learn the basics and see if you enjoy it. Meat judging offers many opportunities for competition, both locally and at the state and national levels. This is a great opportunity for livestock kids to enhance their knowledge about their project. Join us at either of the upcoming practices, these events are "come and go", so come anytime you're free. Please call the office and let us know you're coming (or email Lindsay Shorter at lindsayshorter@ksu.edu) so we have enough materials for all participants.

February 19 from 6-8pm; Riley County Public Works Building (6215 Tuttle Creek Blvd; MHK)

February 26 from 6-8pm; Riley County Public Works Building (6215 Tuttle Creek Blvd; MHK)

Our goal is to make a Riley County 4-H team to participate in the upcoming meat judging contest happening at K-State on March 1. If a 4-Her is interested, have them reach out to Lindsay Shorter (lindsayshorter@ksu.edu), and we'll get them signed up. There will be no cost for our team members to participate, thanks to the Riley County 4-H Foundation.

[Livestock and Meat Judging Practice Tool Available Online](#)

Riley County 4-H members who want to practice their skills can use livestockjudging.com. This site offers thousands of practice classes for both livestock and meat judging. Riley County 4-H now has a subscription, so 4-H members can practice their skills anytime. Please go to the site and "sign up" for an account. Once you're signed up for an account, email Lindsay (lindsayshorter@ksu.edu) and send her your username. She'll be able to add you to our team on the account, and you'll get access to classes to start practicing.

[4-H Project Day Ideas?...Let us Know.](#)

Riley County 4-H is currently looking for passionate individuals to host project days during the next year. Do you have a skill or hobby you would be willing to share with other 4-Hers across the county? In addition, we are always looking for touring ideas for 4-Hers and families. Contact Brandy or John if this is of interest, 785-537-6350.

Leaders and Parents

Consider in February

- Encourage families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online
- Make sure families are receiving emails from the Extension Office (at least weekly)
- Start talking to families about attending the Annual Showcase event (February 14; RCGS)
- Encourage seniors to apply for county 4-H scholarships
- Invite Mr. Jobe to a club meeting
- Make sure 4-H Council Reps are attending meetings as voting representatives of your club
- Check on progress/needs of committees & parent volunteers/leaders.
- Start the conversation about exhibiting at county fair with new families
- Encourage older 4-Hers to run for Fair Royalty (see page 1)

Kansas 4-H and Foster Care Resource Family Project and Camp Grant Programs

The purpose of the Kansas 4-H Resource Family Project and Camp Grant Programs is to provide financial assistance for foster youth and their resource families who want to participate in learning opportunities available through 4-H. Thanks to generous donors, the Kansas 4-H Foundation has funds available to support Kansas resource families and the children in their care who are current members or interested in becoming members of 4-H.

Kansas 4-H is open to all youth ages 7 through 18 wanting to expand their learning opportunities. 4-H focuses on developing confident, capable, caring, responsible citizens. Kansas 4-H offers a wide range of project areas for youth to learn from, including agriculture, food and nutrition, aerospace, and photography. Although being involved in the local club can provide an opportunity for youth to learn from each other. They can contribute to others through community service projects. Volunteers and family support are also important elements of 4-H by serving as club and project leaders who guide and mentor youth.

General Requirements:

- Children must enroll as 4-H members through their local extension office.
- Each eligible child must submit a grant application. The application can be found in the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Team under the General Channel > Shared (formerly Files) > Foster Care Resource & Camp Grant.
- Resource families are asked to complete the Kansas 4-H Resource Family Project and Camp Grant Programs Application in detail with the 4-H member's assistance.
- Grant must include an itemized budget.
- Grant application will be reviewed by a committee. Kansas 4-H reserves the right to adjust the funding amounts requested based on the availability of funds and the merit of the application; not all applications may be funded.
- All grant applications should be sent to the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Office, 201 Umberger Hall, 1612 Claflin Rd. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. The application deadline is June 1.
- Grant funds not used by the eligible 4-H member must be returned to the Kansas 4-H Foundation by October 1, current year.

For more information, please email kansas4h@ksu.edu.

Livestock Tagging Made Easy!

Attached is a grid to help all livestock families understand livestock tagging, registration requirements, and YQCA requirements for showing at the Riley County Fair. Please utilize this tool and share it with new families within your club. It's also available on the Riley County Extension website. Check the grid for your livestock and ensure you meet all tagging or registration requirements.

As a reminder:

Beef Weigh In/Tagging: February 21 from 1-3 pm at the Riley County Fairgrounds

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in/Tagging: May 4 from 5-7 pm at the Riley County Fairgrounds

Swine tagging can happen at any time, but must be completed by May 1. Come to the office to borrow the tagger, pick up tags, and pick up the nomination form, due by May 1.

2026 Riley County Fair 4-H Tagging Guidelines and Forms

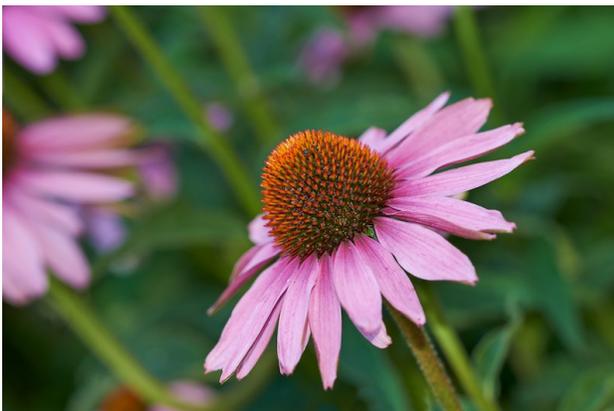
Animal: Species	Tagging / Weigh-in Date	4-H Tag Required	YQCA Required	Registration Papers Required
BEEF INFORMATION				
Market Beef (Steers & Heifers)	Feb. 21st @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	YES	NO - Show by weight, not breed
Registered Breeding Heifers	N/A	NO	NO	YES - in the youth's name on or before June 15th-Original papers due by Fair entry on July 1st
Unregistered Breeding Heifers	May 1st	YES	NO	NO
Bucket Calf (Born between Jan 1 to May 1)	May 15th	YES	NO	NO
DAIRY CATTLE INFORMATION				
Grade Dairy Heifers/Cows	May 1st	YES	NO	
Registered Dairy Cattle	N/A	NO	NO	YES - in the youth's name on or before June 15th-Original papers due by Fair entry on July 1st
SHEEP INFORMATION				
Market Lambs	May 4th @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	YES	NO
Registered Breeding Ewes	N/A	NO	NO	YES - in the youth's name on or before June 15 th - original papers due by Fair entry on July 1st
Unregistered Breeding Ewes	May 4th @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	NO	NO
SWINE INFORMATION				
Tags Required for ALL Swine				
Market Swine (Registered)	Swine nomination form with tagging and pictures turned into Lindsay at the office by May 1st	YES	YES	YES - in the youth's name on or before June 15th- original papers due by Fair entry on July 1st
Market Swine (Crossbred)	Swine nomination form with tagging and pictures turned into Lindsay at the office by May 1st	YES	YES	NO
Registered Breeding Gilts	Swine nomination form with tagging and pictures turned into Lindsay at the office by May 1st	YES	YES	YES - in the youth's name on or before June 15 th and turned in by Fair entry on July 1st
Commercial Breeding Gilts	Swine nomination form with tagging and pictures turned into Lindsay at the office by May 1st	YES	YES	NO
Animal: Species	Tagging / Weigh-in Date	4-H Tag Required	YQCA Required	Registration Papers Required
GOAT INFORMATION				
Market Meat Goats	May 4th @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	YES	NO
Market Dairy Goats	May 4th @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	YES	NO
Meat Goat Registered Breeding Does	N/A	NO	NO	YES-in youth's name on or prior to June 15th - Original papers due by Fair entry July 1st
Unregistered Meat Goat Breeding Does	May 4th @ Riley Fairgrounds	YES	NO	NO
DAIRY GOAT INFORMATION				
Registered Dairy Does	N/A	NO	NO	YES-in youth's name on or prior to June 15th - Original papers due by Fair entry July 1st
Unregistered Grade Does	N/A	NO	NO	NO, *Unique animal ID shall be tattooed in tail or ear*
RABBIT INFORMATION				
Rabbits	Permanently Tattooed by July 1st	NO	NO	N/A
POULTRY INFORMATION				
Poultry	Any testing/banding information will be sent out when necessary	NO	NO	N/A
HORSE INFORMATION				
Horse	N/A	NO	NO	Must submit Horse ID Form to Lindsay for Approval by June 1st

**If you have market animals that need tagged for state or national shows, they may be tagged after the Riley County Fair tagging deadline. However, they will NOT be eligible for the Riley County Fair.

**Tag Stickers for State Show Nominations: Stickers are required for the nomination of animals wanting to show at KILS or the State Fair. We will only provide stickers upon request from the 4-H family.

Riley County Fair 2026 Open Class Challenge “Scenes of Riley County”

Join us for the Riley County Fair 2026 Open Class “Scenes of Riley County” Challenge. This year the Riley County scene will focus on “**Flowers of Riley County**”. All pictures must be taken in Riley County and a description of the flower(s) and location must be included on the back of the photo. The winning photo will receive a special ribbon and will be hung in the Riley County Courthouse for one year. Cropping is allowed, but no digital manipulation. Only **ONE** entry per person. Please refer to the 2026 Riley County fair book for additional requirements when it comes out. Contact the Riley County Extension office with any questions about the challenge 785-537-6350.



RILEY COUNTY 4-H

Performing Arts



**JOIN US FOR PERFORMING ARTS
PROJECT EVENTS ALL YEAR.**

you do NOT have to be enrolled in performing arts to participate

Sunday – Nov. 16, 2025 – 5-6 pm – @GVCC

“Take the Stage!” (Introduction to Performing Arts)

Sunday – Dec. 14, 2025 – 2 pm – @Manhattan Arts

*FIELD TRIP – **additional ticket purchase to see *Annie* at MAC*

Sunday – Jan. 25, 2026 – 5-6 pm – @GVCC

“The Power of Story” (Acting & Improv Skills)

Sunday – February 22, 2026 – 5-6 pm – @GVCC

“Find Your Voice” (Music, Speech, and Expression)

Sunday – March 29, 2026 – 5-6 pm – @GVCC

“Move to the Music” (Dance & Movement for the Stage)

Sunday – April 3, 2026 – 2 pm – @MHS

*FIELD TRIP – **additional ticket purchase to see *Newsies* at MHS*

GVCC – Green Valley
Community Center
3770 Green Valley Rd,
Manhattan

*for questions or to RSVP – contact
morganroberts51210@gmail.com*

Are You Ready For a RABBIT?

Come learn what it takes to get started in the 4-H rabbit project and its many benefits. Or, if you're already started and want to learn more, come ask questions and learn from and with other experienced members.

Why rabbits?

The rabbit project offers all of the perks and learning opportunities of an animal project without the overhead!

- Develop responsibility in caring for an animal
- Learn the science around animal nutrition, anatomy, and basic vet care
- Improve skills while communicating about interests

Other advantages of rabbit projects:

- Limited space needed (no acreage or fencing necessary)
- Can be raised "in town"
- Easily maintained
- Minimal mess
- Reasonable expenses for feed and supplies

Interested? Come learn more!

This group will be led by **Alena Wiebers**, a 9-year Riley County 4-H member in the rabbit project, 2024 state winner in the 4-H rabbit project, and competitor in national-level youth educational contests.



Riley County 4-H Rabbit Project Group

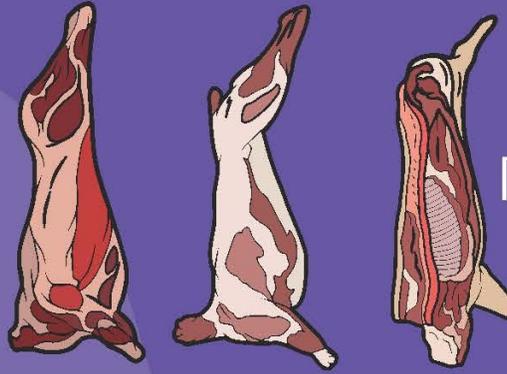
WHO: Anyone interested in the rabbit project

WHAT: Topic TBD

WHEN: Will meet in February

WHERE: Pottorf Hall Clover Room

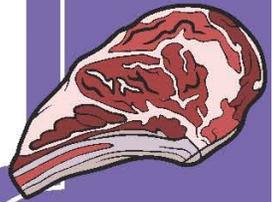
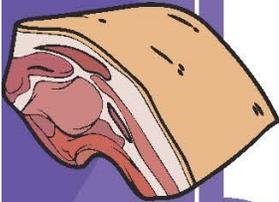
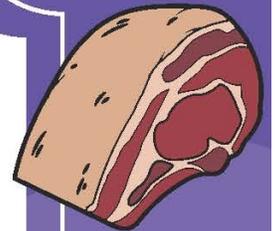
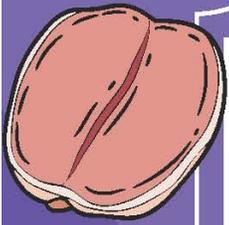
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REGISTRATION
LINK BELOW!!

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUTH MEAT JUDGING CONTEST



MARCH 1, 2026

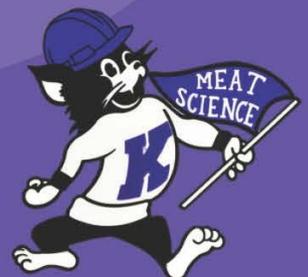
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JUDGINGCARD.COM- CLICK
SYMBOL OR LINK BELOW!

QUESTIONS TO ERIN BEYER
ERBEYER@KSU.EDU



<https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=24341>

- AT LEAST 6 CLASSES, 40 RETAIL ID, AND QUESTIONS
- MEAT LAB AT WEBER HALL
- REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00AM
- CONTEST BEGINS AT 8:00AM
- AWARDS FOR TOP 10 AND HIGH TEAM
- YOUTH OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME



2026 K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

Program

Join us on March 7, 2026, for the biennial K-State Junior Beef Producer Day! This event is a fun-filled educational day for youth, parents, beef project leaders, ag teachers, and extension agents to expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, students, and guest speakers will cover topics that may include selection, nutrition, daily care, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification class will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt will also be provided for those who register by the deadline. The registration fee is \$20 per person for those who sign up by February 13. The fee will increase to \$30 per person for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 13 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending the event must register, including youth and adults.



Tentative Schedule

8:00AM	Check-in
9:00AM	Welcome
9:15AM	Project Selection
10:00AM	Morning Breakout Sessions -Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Care, Grooming & Fitting
Noon	Lunch
1:00PM	Afternoon Breakout Sessions -Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
3:15PM	Dismissal
3:30PM	Optional YQCA Class

Registration

Deadline: February 13

Fee: \$20/person

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/BeefJrProducer>

Late Registration: \$30/person (after February 13)

*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.

**Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.



Questions?

Lexie Hayes

☎ 785.532.1264 ✉ adhayes@ksu.edu

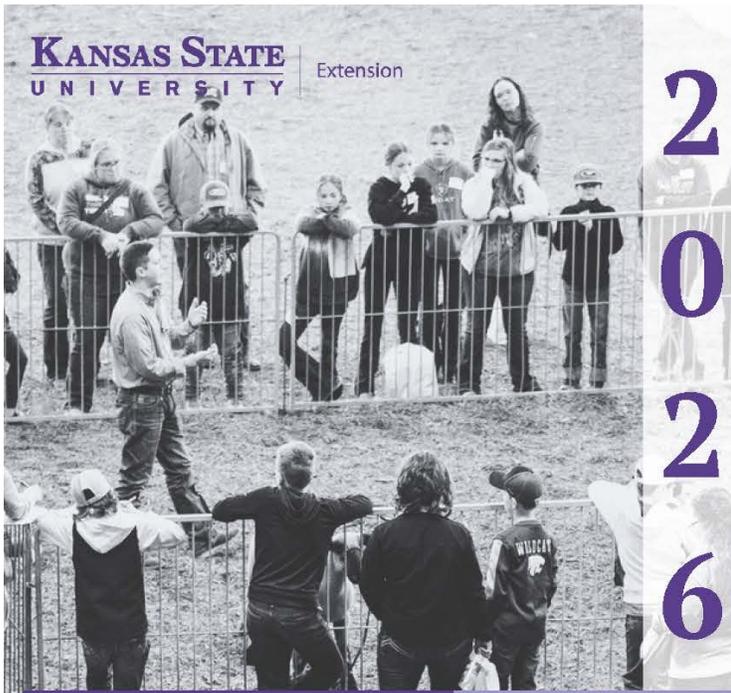
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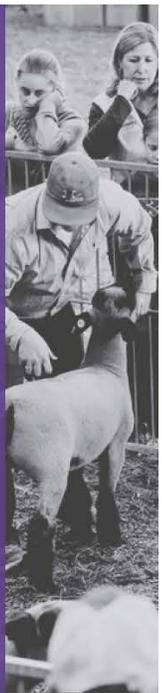
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2026 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day



Date

4.11.2026

Manhattan, KS



Scan Me!



Registration

Due: 3.20.2026

Cost: \$20/person

<https://bit.ly/SheepJrProducer>

*All adults & youth must register to attend.

**Only those registered by 3/20/26 will receive a t-shirt.

***Late registration is \$30/person.



Questions

Lexie Hayes



785.532.1264



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Program

Join us for the biennial K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Presentations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be an educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. A variety of topics will be shared, including an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. All ages and skill levels are invited! Lunch and a t-shirt are included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by March 20 or \$30/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register. There will be an optional tour of the sheep and meat goat center offered on Friday evening and Saturday after jr. day.

Tentative Schedule

- Friday, April 10**
- 5:00-7:00PM Optional Tour of Sheep & Goat Center
- Saturday, April 11**
- 8:00AM Check-in
- 9:00AM Welcome
- 9:15AM Selection
- 10:00AM Nutrition
- 10:45AM Morning Breakout Sessions
-facilities & equipment, reproduction, project management purchase to show
- NOON Lunch
- 1:00PM Health
- 1:45PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
-wool, showmanship, clipping & grooming
- 3:45PM Dismissal
- 4:00PM Optional YQCA Class
- 4:00-6:00PM Optional Sheep & Goat Center Tour



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Riley County 4-H Meat Judging Practice



Join us and Learn to Meat Judge!

Meat judging is a great opportunity for youth to explore a new skill that can lead to great competition, experiences, and possible careers. Meat judging is a great way for youth involved in livestock to explore another aspect of the project.

In the spring, there are multiple local and state meat judging competitions that Riley 4-H is looking at competing in. Join us for practice and see if you'd like to compete!

**February 19th
& February 26th
6-8pm**

**Call the office to let
us know you're
coming!
785-537-6350**

K-STATE
Research and Extension



YOUTH LAWN MOWER CLINIC

Open to any youth in grades 4-6 who would like to learn more about lawn mowing, mower safety, and the business of lawn care.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026
POTTORF HALL, CICO PARK
1710 AVERY AVE
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

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2025-2026 Riley County 4-H Calendar

February

- 5 Scholarships DUE to Extension office
- 12 Set up for 4-H Showcase; 3:30 pm RCGS
- 14 Riley County Showcase, RCGS
- 15-16 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 16 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
- 21 Beef Weigh-In; Beef Barn at Cico, 1-3 pm
- 21-22 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs
- 22 Performing Arts Project Workshop; 5-6 pm

March

- 1 State PRFs DUE
- 3 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 2 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 7 Junior Beef Producer Day
- 29 Performing Arts Project Workshop; 5-6 pm
- Late March Red Wheel Sales DUE
- TBA YQCA, 6-8 pm, Clover Room

April

- 11 Junior Sheep Producer Day
- 18 State Shooting Sports Match
- 25 Red Wheel Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- 25 Spring into Volunteering Workshop
- 25 Plant Science Project Workshop
- TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE
- TBA State Shutterbug Event

May

- 1 Swine Nominations DUE to office
- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 1 Fair Royalty Apps DUE
- 4 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 4 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
Hulbert Arena, 5-7 pm
- TBA Dog Agility Workshop
- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 3-5 Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- 10 Fair Royalty Interviews
- 12-14 State Geology Field Trip
- 19-20 Insect Spectacular; Yates Cents
- TBA Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
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July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE Online
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 15 Fair Fashion Review (including Cloverbuds)
- 18 4-H Horse Show
- 20 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 21 4-H Photography Judging
- 21 4-H Pet Show
- 21 Cloverbud Judging (No Clothing/ Fashion Revue)
- 22 4-H Visual Arts Judging
- 22 4-H Foods Judging
- 23-27 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 28 Fairground Cleanup

August

- 4 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 15 State Horticulture Judging
- 22-23 State Livestock Judging
- 31 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA KJLS Entries DUE

September

- 7 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 10 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 11-20 Kansas State Fair
- 18 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE



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