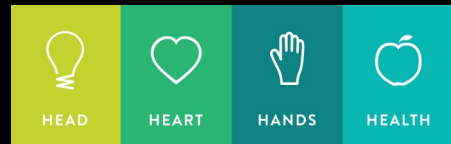


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Foods Rule Change for Fair

As a reminder in 2023 there was a new Foods rule put in place. The new rule is as follows: For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frostings and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>. If you have questions or need help calculating please reach out to the Extension Offices.

4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2024 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be hosted on the K-State campus in Manhattan August 17-18.

All Kansas 4-H'ers are invited to participate in this livestock learning and competition experience. The Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl in one action-packed weekend. 4-H'ers can test their knowledge and display their expertise in a variety of livestock-related events. This is also the qualifying event to select youth who will represent Kansas at each of the national 4-H contests. Awards will be given in each contest, in addition to overall Sweepstakes buckles to the team and individual placing the highest in all four contests!

All entries must be submitted online through local extension units by August 1. Contact local extension offices for entry information and/or details on local-level qualifying opportunities.

Entry Deadline - **August 1st**

Photography Rule Reminder for Fair

Photos with live subject(s) on railroad right of way or taken from railroad right of way property will not be displayed and will be disqualified and not judged per State Fair 4-H rules. If you have any questions about this or need clarification, please contact either Extension Office.

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entries

Reminder to Enter – a complete nomination does **NOT** constitute show entry! It only makes animals eligible to be entered into the Grand Drive or KJLS. Exhibitors must submit an official entry and pay the appropriate fees through each show directly. The Grand Drive and KJLS are independent organizations, so if you plan to participate in both shows, you will need to visit the entry link for both to submit entries for your kids. You will use the same ShoWorks account created for exhibitors at the time of nomination. When each show opens their entry link, they will be posted on their respective websites, as well as their social media platforms. Entries for the Grand Drive will most likely open early next week. So, check their website and Facebook page around July 1st .

Website: <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions/grand-drive-25th-anniversary>

Entry Deadline – July 15

Contact – Jenn Galloway – jenn.galloway@ks.gov



Pin Application Forms

The pin application forms have been updated at the State level and we have updated the Flint Hills Extension Office website. Please print the form you are working towards in order to see the updates and changes that have been made. The new version was revised October 2023, so make sure the version you have is correct in order for it to be judged at record book judging. You can find the new pin applications here: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-record-keeping/recordbooks.html>

Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for 2024

Kansas continues its designation as a Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) clean state. With that being said the Kansas Department of Agriculture is able to decrease the required surveillance for PT testing. Routine surveillance testing will be performed for each county fair a minimum of once every 5 years. KDA has created a map designating the next time Chase and Morris Counties will need to be tested and that will be in 2025. If you have birds from in-state, you do not currently need to test for PT or provide proof of being from a certified PT clean flock this year for the Morris or Chase County Fairs. If you get new birds for the County Fair this year and they come from out-of-state, you must show proof that they originated from a certified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock or provide a negative PT test. Other poultry shows may still require a negative PT test to participate, this rule is only for your local county fair. This year, 2024, Tri-County Fair in Herington, KS will have a vet on staff to do testing if you are in need of it. The Kansas State Fair will require a negative PT test still and they will be offering testing at check-in. Please note that if P-T is discovered in the state, requirements could change. If you have questions, please reach out to the Extension Offices with any questions.

2024 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, in Manhattan, Kansas. Our contest is hosted for the day by the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources.

Intermediates must be 9 thru 13 before January 1 of the current year. Seniors must be 14 thru 18 before January 1 of the current year.

The objective of 4-H Horticulture Judging is for members grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments, through plant identification, knowledge testing and judging classes.

Registration begins at 9:30am and Awards will conclude the day at 2pm

Cost per person will be \$18 per youth. More information about registration will be shared as soon as it is made available. If interested, please let the Extension Office know.

Tri-County Free Fair

For the Schedule for the Tri County Fair July 11th, 12th and 13th follow the link <https://www.tricountyfairks.com/copy-of-fair-info>.

This fair is open to all members in the Flint Hills District.

For more information please follow the link below.

<https://www.tricountyfairks.com/>

Kansas 4-H Thriving Study – We Want to Hear From 4-H Members!

In early June, Kansas 4-H will be conducting a 4-H Thriving Model evaluation. Members in grades 3 and up will be invited to participate in a survey to tell us about their experience in 4-H. The survey is designed to help Kansas 4-H understand how youth are thriving in 4-H. While the survey is optional, we would love to hear from every member.

Emails will be sent to the parent emails we have on file in 4-H Online with an electronic survey link. Parents will be asked to share the electronic survey link with their child(ren).

Here are some key things to know

- The goal is for the first survey to go out the week of June 9. Two reminders will be sent to all participants who have not completed the survey. The survey will close mid-July.
- This data will help us share the impact of 4-H programs in Kansas. By responding, your child(ren) will help us tell the story of Kansas 4-H.
- If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this study, you can simply delete the message. There is no impact on 4-H programming, and Extension Agents will never know who completed and who did not complete the survey.
- Direct any questions to Samantha Grant (samgrant@ksu.edu), Evaluation Consultant, or Sarah Maass (semaass@ksu.edu), State 4-H Program Leader, or 785-532-5800.

Thank you for supporting Kansas 4-H as we continue “To Make the Best Better!”

Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show

The 4-H Horse Safety Webinar and Quiz are now available to you at <https://bit.ly/3zbn5XC>. Both the Webinar and Quiz are required prior to entering the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. Once you have watched the webinar, you will receive a link to complete the quiz. A passing score of 75% is required and members can take the quiz until they receive a passing score.

DISTRICT 4-H DATES

JULY

June 30-July 3 - Daisy Nationals BB Gun Match
July 2 - Chase County Pre-Fair Entry Deadline
July 4 - Extension Office Closed
July 7 - Morris County Pre-Fair Entry Deadline
July 11-13 - Tri-County Free Fair
July 12-13 - Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic
July 18-25 - Chase County Fair
July 20-29 - Morris County Fair
July 24 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting after Fair Set-Up

LOOKING AHEAD

September 6-15 - Kansas State Fair
September 27-29 - KJLS
November 2 - Morris County 4-H Achievement Banquet
November 23-24 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

DOG QUALIFIERS

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

AUGUST

August 10 - State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
August 12 - State Wheat Expo
August 12- Chase County 4-H Council Meeting @5:30pm
August 17-18 - Livestock Sweepstakes
August 19- Morris County 4-H Council Meeting @6:30pm

Biosecurity and Herdsmanship at County Fair

As the county fair approaches we have received numerous H5N1 Influenza A Virus in Dairy Cattle updates from Kansas State and the following statement was released from KSRE, Kelsey Nordyke, 4-H Ag Sciences Program Specialist:

“On Monday, April 22, the Kansas Animal Health Commissioner issued an order requiring special permits related to the movement of lactating dairy cattle due to H5N1. As a result you will need a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and the veterinarian completing the CVI must contact the Kansas Animal Health Commissioner to obtain a permit of type number to be included on the CVI form. Please contact your herd veterinarian at least 2 weeks prior to the show to obtain a valid CVI that covers the dates of the show. The current order does not require a CVI for dry cows or heifers as it only pertains to lactating dairy cattle. “

With this in mind here are the recommendations for all livestock exhibitors at the country fair from the Biosecurity Webinar I participated in from Dr. Sara McReynolds, Assistant Animal Health Commissioner.

- > Bring only HEALTHY animals to the county fair. Animals showing signs of sickness will be sent home by directions of the superintendent, agent and fair board.
- > Do not share feed or water buckets with other exhibitors
- > Do not use a common water tank
- > Make sure all areas and pens/cages are kept clean
- > Avoid nose to nose contact of animals as this is a higher risk.
- > Practice good herdsmanship at all times
- o A true herdsman properly cares for their livestock, small animals, pens & equipment, ensures safety and to keep the animals and surrounding areas clean and attractive at all times.
- > Remember: Someone is always watching! Siblings, Parents, Sponsors and Buyers.
- > Superintendents, Agents and Fairboard wish to ensure all have a great fair experience.

To see the recorded biosecurity webinar use the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qKl9gUWR9U>

-Ron Smith, Flint Hills District 4-H Agent

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CHASE COUNTY

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be scheduled for **August 12th at 5:30 pm**. It will be at the Community Building in Cottonwood Falls. **As a reminder, if you as the council representative are unable to attend, please let your alternate know so that they can attend in your place. Thank you!**

Fair Updates

Changes for the 2023-2024 4-H Year:

- ◆ Minimum weights for livestock-Market Beef 1000 lbs, Market Hogs 220 lbs, Market Lambs 100 lbs and Market Goats 50 lbs
- ◆ Fair Dates-July 18th-July 25th, 2024
- ◆ The Dog Show will take place on Friday, July 19th at 6 pm
- ◆ The Sheep/Goat Show will take place on Monday, July 22nd at 8:30 am. weigh-in will be after the horse show on Sunday at 7 pm.
NO livestock will be allowed prior to 7 pm!
- ◆ The Swine Show will still take place on Tuesday, July 23rd at 8:30 am and weigh-in will be Monday between 5:30 and 7 pm.
- ◆ More information on weigh-in times and schedule will come out as usual prior to fair.
- ◆ Premium money may be withheld if exhibits are removed before 11am without Fair Board approval.
- ◆ Horse Show will start at 4pm on Sunday, July 21st

Plan B Option

The Chase County Fair board has decided that moving forward the Plan B option at the Fair for the livestock sale will no longer be an option. Plan B is where the buyer can pay the premium and also purchase the animal to take to a locker. If a buyer would like to purchase the animal, they can do so but arrangements need to be made prior to the county fair with the 4-Her.

Photo Boards

Photo boards are available in the Extension Office. You will need to stop by and purchase them for each photo you will exhibit at the Fair. This year photo boards will be \$2 a piece. **Please have exact change as we can not make change at the office.**

Pre-Fair Entries

Pre-Fair entries are due **Tuesday, July 2nd** to the Extension Office by 5pm. If you need assistance with this please stop by the office prior to the deadline date. We are happy to help!

Fair Schedule

As a reminder Fair clean up and set up is Saturday, **July 20th at 6:30am**. The more people that show up to assist with this the quicker it gets done. Here is the link to the online version of the schedule and Fairbook: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/chase-county/fairs/index.html>

Premium Livestock Sale Rule Change

A new rule has been made from the State 4-H Office stating that "Livestock are now eligible to be sold through a premium auction only sale, and youth are allowed to retain ownership and take them on to the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Sale." The Chase County Fair board voted to adopt this policy as well. Moving forward for the 2024 year, a 4-H member can sell their animal through the premium sale and retain ownership of that animal if they choose to or they still have the option to sell to the floor buyer. Youth can take that same animal on to the State Fair and KJLS. Youth who retain ownership of any beef will not be eligible to participate in the carcass contest. If a youth retains ownership of a market animal, that animal will not be allowed to be brought back to the county fair the next year to show again. The rule that all Grand Champion animals must sell has also been removed. All in all, the sale is no longer deemed a terminal sale. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Extension Office.

2024 Theme Basket Sale

Bazaar - Household Essentials

Gladstone-Coffee

Diamond - Outdoor Fun

Toledo-Homemade Ice cream

Rules: Each 4-Her will receive 10 tickets. Tickets are color coded for each club and are \$1 each this year. Tickets will look a little different-they will be perforated and it will state which part is to be retained to be placed in the buckets for drawing and which part is to be given to the purchaser. Tickets can be turned in to the Extension Office as sales are made from the time tickets are distributed until the week before the fair. During fair week you can turn them in to your leaders-all tickets need to be in the buckets and money turned in prior to the drawing on Thursday, July 25th. **Tickets are ready for pick up at the office!**

Sheep, Goat & Hog Weigh-In at Fair

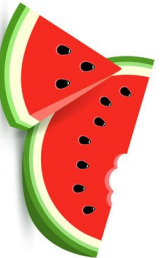
This year will look a little different as sheep and goats must be weighed in on Sunday evening. If you are just in the swine project you will continue to weigh-in on Monday evening. Families are asked to arrive between the time slots listed below where your name is. We understand that the time slot may not work for your family, if that is the case please let the Extension Office know ASAP.

SUNDAY NIGHT WEIGH-IN

MONDAY NIGHT WEIGH-IN

7:00-8:00 PM	8:00-9:00 PM	5:30-7:00 PM
Gibb Family	Budke Family	Litke Family
Spain Family	Dold Family	Dentin Matile
Hodges Family	Glanville Family	Miller Family
D. Peters Family	Ingalls Family	Schlup Family
Hinskon Family	Mann Family	Makayla Matile
J. Peters Family	Stephens Family	J. Peters Family

JULY



2024 Chase County



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Pre-Entries Due		Extension Office Closed		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Happy 4th of July		
				Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				1st Day of Fair		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Fair Week

Tri-County Free Fair

Fair Week

MORRIS COUNTY

Morris County Fair Book & Schedule

The Morris County Fair Book and Schedule are on the Flint Hills District website. Or you can follow the links below.

Book: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/2024/2024%20Fair%20Book%20MR%20Co%20-%201%20per%20page.pdf>

Schedule: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/2024/2024%20morris%20county%20fair%20schedule%20FINAL.pdf>

2024 Animal Weights

Premium Auction Minimum Weights:

Steers/heifers: 1,000 lbs.

Lambs: 90 lbs.



Hogs: 230 lbs.

Goats: 40 lbs.

Dog Project Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Fair building at 6:00pm unless otherwise noted:

*July 2nd

*July 10th

*July 18th

If you have questions please contact Lisa Jarvis, the dog project leader, via email at jarvis.lisa.m@gmail.com.

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Foods Auction

This year the Morris County Fair Board has decided that 4-H Clubs can enter a Foods Box in the Food Auction as a fundraiser for the club. The rules for clubs are the same as for individuals. The Clubs food boxes will NOT be in the live auction but will be in a silent auction on the same day. The food box must have at least 2 items in the food box and no more than 5 items. The items must have been judged in order to be placed in the foods box. If you have any further questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Morris County Achievement Banquet

Mark your calendars! The date for the Achievement Banquet has been set for Saturday, November 2nd.

Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 7 PM

4- H Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 24, Fair Setup

Dogs	Mandalyn Otto
Cats & Hand Pets	MaRyka Smith
Rabbits	Briony Smith
Horse	Abbie Powell
Hogs	Brian Creager
Plant Science (4-H & Open Class Floriculture, Horticulture, and Field Crops)	Shawn Turner
Dairy (cattle & goats)	Allison Williams
Bucket Calf	Bill Toews
Beef	Bill Toews
Energy Management, Entomology, Forestry, Geology, Shooting Sports, Wildlife, and Woodworking	Jacob Stroda
Poultry	Ryon Carey
Sheep & Meat Goats	Taylor Ohlde
Round Robin – Horse	TBA
Round Robin – Swine and Beef	Jacob Schmeidler
Round Robin – Sheep and Goats	Allen Dinkel
Round Robin- Dairy (Cattle and goats if entries permit)	Jenny Anderson Tate
Livestock Judging	Taylor Frank
Carcass Contest – Hogs	Steph Witberler
Carcass Contest – Beef	Steph Witberler
4-H Clothing Construction	Sue Laubhan
4-H Fashion Revue	Katie Messerla
4-H Visual Arts	Sharon Bechtel
4-H Visual Arts	Donita Whitney
4-H Fiber Arts, Open Class Clothing Exhibits, Open Class Family and Consumer Sciences Exhibits	Devin Ramsey
4-H Foods	Sharon Bechtel
4-H Foods	Helen Ramsey
4-H Foods	Sue Laubhan
Open Class Foods, Home Environment, Banners, Duct Tape Contest	Linda Beech
Notebooks, Club Record Books, Self-Determined, Displays & Poster, Miscellaneous	Emma Littich
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