

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



K-State Research and Extension

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Extension Office Update

Thank you to all that enrolled before January 1. If you haven't already, please update your profile(s) ASAP! If you need assistance with the enrollment process, please contact the office.

Please note, Bernadette & Stephanie will be at 4-H Program Rally January 22-24 in Great Bend. Spring brings more school enrichment programs in our schools, therefore, if you are needing our assistance, please call ahead to make sure we will be in the office to assist you. Livestock tagging will need to be scheduled in advance.

Please always remember that we are only a phone call or email away and are happy to help or answer any questions!

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4-H Day 2025

4-H Day is scheduled for **Saturday, February 8**. This is a great opportunity to expand your project learning experiences and showcase opportunities for your record books! **Entries are due by 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2025, [REGISTER NOW!](#)**

2025 Wabaunsee County Fair

Mark your calendars! The **2025 Wabaunsee County Fair will be July 25-29**. The 2025 fair theme is "*Christmas in July – Oh What Fun with 4-H!*" Due to the 4th of July holiday, **FairEntry will be open from June 6 – July 1**.

January

- 24 **Citizenship in Action Registration Deadline**
- 24 **YEC Registration Deadline**
- 24 **4-H Day Registration Deadline**
- 26 Flint Hills 4-H Rabbit Raisers Meeting, Marlow Lietz Exhibit Building, 2:00 p.m.

February

- 3 **4-H Horse Panorama Early Bird Registration Deadline**
- 5 **Jr. Swine Producer Registration Deadline**
- 7 **4-H Horse Panorama Registration Deadline**
- 8 4-H Day, St. George Elementary School
- 8 YEC Competition & Tradeshow, St. George Elementary School
- 16-17 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 17 **Extension Office Closed**
- 22 Flint Hills 4-H Rabbit Raisers Meeting, Marlow Lietz Exhibit Building, 1-3 p.m.
- 22-23 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs Ranch
- 26 **Jr. Goat Producer Registration Deadline**
- 28 **Horse Judging Contest Interest Deadline**

March

- 1 **Grensing Memorial Application Deadline**
- 1 **Kansas 4-H Scholarships Deadline**
- 1 Junior Swine Producer Day
- 2 **Beef Weigh In & Tagging, JFA**
- 5 **State Horse Judging Contest Registration Deadline**
- 9 4-H Council Meeting, E-Building Conference Room, 5:00 p.m.
- 14 State Horse Judging Contest, Salina
- 14-23 **Spring Break – NO LIVESTOCK TAGGING**
- 20 4-H Discovery Days Registration Opens
- 21 Horse Judging Contest, Salina
- 22 Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
- 30 Flint Hills 4-H Rabbit Raisers Meeting, Marlow Lietz Exhibit Building, 2:00 p.m.

Attention Rabbit Project Members!

A multi-county Rabbit group has formed and they hold informative rabbit meetings to teach rabbit basics and Youth Contests skills. Youth will enhance their Rabbit project skills while participating in leadership and citizenship opportunities. Youth interested in Rabbit Agility & Hopping should arrive an hour before the meeting. For more information, please contact Cherie Trieb (785) 844-0781.

2025 Rock Springs 4-H Camp

4-H Council has voted to sponsor \$75 for all Wabaunsee County 4-Hers that register for 2025 Rock Springs 4-H Camp! At registration, you must enter **WB75** to receive the \$75 coupon! **Register for 2025 Camp sessions by May 1.** **Grensing Applications for Rock Springs 4-H Camp 2025 are due to the Extension Office by March 1.**

If you registered during the early-bird registration and could not apply the code, please contact the Extension Office. The code can be applied to your remaining balance on the backside.

2024-25 4-H Year Pictures

Thank you to all that submitted photos this last year! If you would like to upload your photos throughout the year, please use this Google Folder: <https://bit.ly/24-25Pics>

Photos uploaded throughout the year will be used in the annual slideshow at Achievement Night and local 4-H marketing materials!

New 4-H Family Notebooks

If your family is new to 4-H or if you know of a new family who would like to become involved in 4-H, please contact the Extension Office. We have resource notebooks that will help walk each new family through our 4-H year!

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC)

****New for 2025**** YEC is joining forces with 4-H Day! **Join us on Saturday, February 8.** All Wabaunsee County youth, grades 6-12 are encouraged to put together a business idea to present for cash prizes! Challengers must 4-H, live, and/or go to school in Wabaunsee County to be eligible. Youth will identify problems or opportunities, create solutions, and persuade others. **Challengers should register and submit Executive Summaries by January 24, 2025.**

Wabaunsee County has wonderful mentors that have offered to pair with a young entrepreneur interested in a mentorship. Please contact Stephanie Maie (snmaie@ksu.edu) for more information!

Register by January 24: <https://bit.ly/25YEC>

Complete 2024-25 Enrollment NOW!

Parents – If you transport youth and/or work with them one on one, such as committee work; you need to be a screened volunteer. Please create or update your 4HOnline profile ASAP. Stephanie will be in touch with Criminal Background Check information. **Volunteers** – Please update your 4HOnline profile ASAP. To receive the 4-H insurance coverage, your profile must be current.

Please check out the attached pdf with the complete list of 2024-25 Kansas 4-H Projects!

Kansas 4-H Projects

Animal Science

Beef
Dairy Cattle
Dairy Goats
Dog
Horse
Meat Goats
Pets
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Communication & Expressive Arts

Communications
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

Consumer & Family Science

Sewing & Textile Design
Shopping in Style
Family Studies
Fiber Arts
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Interior Design & Architecture

Natural Resources

Environmental Science
Geology
Shooting Sports
Wildlife

Leadership & Personal Development

Civic Engagement
Leadership
Reading Adventures
Self-Determined

Plant Sciences

Entomology
Agronomy
Forestry
Horticulture & Landscape Design

Engineering & Technology

Ag Mechanics Welding
Building Block Engineering
Astronomy
Computer Science
Electric & Renewable Energy
Robotics
Aerospace/Rocketry
Small Engines
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Woodworking



Scholarship Opportunities Available

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Scholarship applications are now open on the [Kansas 4-H Scholarship Opportunities webpage!](#)

Junior Producer Days

The K-State Junior **Swine Producer Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 1**, with the K-State Junior **Meat Goat Producer Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 22**. Both events will be held in Stanley Stout Center, north of the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day, family educational event that focuses on youth livestock projects.

Everyone who plans to attend must register, including both youth and adults! **The cost is \$20/person by the deadline**, or \$25/person after the deadline, for both events. Only those who register by the appropriate deadline will receive a t-shirt.

Junior Swine Producer Day: March 1, 2025
Deadline: February 5, 2025

Junior Meat Goat Producer Day:
March 22, 2025
Deadline: February 26, 2025

[**Check out the K-State Junior Producer Days website for more information and registration!](#)

2025 State Livestock Nomination

Again for 2025, official DNA envelopes must be ordered in advance! Don't wait to get your envelopes ordered or animals tagged. Please contact the office early to schedule the EID tagging of your **STATE ONLY** animals. Nominations must be postmarked by their deadline. Stay up-to-date with the State Nomination details here.

Market Beef Nomination Deadline: May 1
Envelope Deadline: April 20

Small Livestock & Commercial Heifer
Nomination Deadline: June 15
Envelope Deadline: June 5

Envelopes must be completed and brought to the Extension Office to get your barcodes. Please call ahead to schedule a time to get your barcodes!

2025 Livestock Tagging Information

All animals that may be shown at either County or State 4-H events must be tagged. **Tagging is by family, animals do NOT have to be designated to a 4-Her until FairEntry submission, June 6 – July 1!**

BEEF – Including Bucket Calves, Commercial Heifers & Market Heifers/Steers

Weigh-In & Tagging: March 2; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Jones Family Angus

Beef Tagging Deadline: April 15, 2025; 5:00 p.m.

GOAT, SHEEP, SWINE – All species together to include Commercial & Market Animals
Weigh-In & Tagging: April 26; 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds

Goat, Sheep & Swine Tagging Deadline:
May 23, 2025; 5:00 p.m.



Tagging & Weigh-In	
Beef (Market, Commercial Heifer, Bucket Calf)	Tagging: March 2, 2025, 1:00 p.m. Location: Jones Family Angus Deadline: April 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Small Livestock (Goat, Sheep, Swine - Market & Commercial)	Tagging: April 26, 2024, 8:00 a.m. Location: Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds Deadline: May 23, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Important Deadlines	
Market Beef Nomination: May 1, 2025	
-Envelope Order Deadline: April 20, 2025	
Sm. Livestock & Comm. Heifer Nom.: June 15, 2025	
-Envelope Order Deadline: June 5, 2025	
Horse ID Paperwork: June 1, 2025	
FairEntry System Opens: June 6, 2025	
FairEntry System Closes: July 1, 2025	
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To cut down on the amount of travel staff does for individual livestock tagging, the staff are looking at alternative options for families if the county-wide tagging days don't work in your schedule. Please contact Stephanie (snmaike@ksu.edu) to schedule. **NO TAGGING WILL BE DONE DURING SPRING BREAK (MARCH 14 – 23).** Stay tuned for additional tagging opportunities.

Horse ID Certificates – NEW 2025 FORM

The [Kansas 4-H Horse Certificate \(P1039\)](#) has been updated for the 2024-25 4-H program year. **All ID certificates in the office will not be valid for the new year.** A copy of the new certificate has been mailed with a letter from the office to all members currently enrolled and those enrolled last year in the horse project. Please complete the new Kansas 4-H Horse Certificate and bring by the Extension Office to be signed and copied. If you need assistance, please contact Stephanie (snmaike@ksu.edu). Families must maintain the ORIGINAL certificate. Registration papers WILL NOT be accepted to identify horses for the 4-H Horse project. [4-H Horse Certificates](#) are due to the Extension office no later than **June 1, 2025**.

Kansas 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The 2025 Kansas 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **March 21**, in conjunction with EquiFest of Kansas in Salina.

The Kansas 4-H contest is open to youth members ages 9-18 and the open contest, hosted by the Kansas Quarter Horse Association, is open to youth of any age. Youth competing in the 4-H contest may also participate in the open contest.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Extension Office **by February 28**. The cost to participate is **\$25 for the 4-H contest and \$15 for the open contest**. Registration must be done by county, please do not register yourself.

Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama

The Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters. Registration includes housing and meals at Rock Springs, as well as contest fees. Everyone who attends **MUST** register. All youth must have an adult chaperone!

For registration and more information, visit: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

Any youth planning to show at a State or National show must be YQCA certified. All members are strongly encouraged to become certified. At this time, no in-person trainings have been scheduled. If there is enough interest, Stephanie would consider offering one in the early Spring.

To register, please go to <https://yqcaprogram.org>. A fee will be due at registration. If you were certified last year, please login to your account. New families/members will need to register a new account. This is **NOT** through 4HOnline. Contact Stephanie (snmaike@ksu.edu) with questions.

Looking Ahead – Mark Your Calendars!

Spring and summer will be here before we know it. Mark your calendars with important upcoming events and deadlines!

April

- 15 Beef Tagging Deadline**
- 17 Kansas Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, KSU**
- 18 Extension Office Closed**
- 20-26 National Volunteer Week**
- 26 Small Livestock Weigh In & Tagging**

May

- 1 4HOnline Enrollment Deadline**
- 1 Rock Springs 4-H Camp Summer Registration Deadline**
- 5 4-H Discovery Day Registration Deadline**
- 23 Small Livestock Tagging Deadline**
- 26 Extension Office Closed**

June

- 1 Horse ID Paperwork Deadline**
****ALL MUST BE UPDATED FOR 2025!**
- 5-7 4-H Discovery Days, KSU**
- 6 FairEntry Submission Opens, 12:01 a.m.**

July

- 1 FairEntry Submission Deadline, 11:49 p.m.**
- 4 Extension Office Closed**
- 25-29 2025 Wabaunsee County Fair**