

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



K-State Research and Extension

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Extension Office Update

I am excited to announce that Stephanie Maike will be taking on a larger role within our 4-H program! As our 4-H Program Assistant she will be our 4-H “command central” and will be responsible for communications and 4-HOnline, among other things (agents will continue to oversee the 4-H program).

Contact Stephanie Maike for all of your 4-H needs and questions. -Steph Melhus, Ag Agent, Director

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4-H Enrollment

If you have not already done so please visit [4HOnline 2.0](#) to get your enrollment completed asap. Here is the link to the [Project Selection Guide](#) to help you pick out your projects.

Currently only the local office can make changes to your enrollment once it has been submitted. Emails have been sent out including your current project list. Please complete the [Qualtrics](#) for any add/drop changes that you have by April 15th. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Maike.

4-H Breeding Gilt Class

NEW CLASSES COMING FOR 2021 WAB CO FAIR!!

Breeding Gilt classes will be added for 4-H starting this year (2020-2021 4-H year). We will be working with our Swine Superintendents on class rules and will have them finalized by the end of February. Updates and information will be provided in March.

February

- 8 Registration Deadline – Junior Swine Producer Week ([click here to register](#))**
- 10 4-H Day Registration Due by 4:30 p.m.**
- 14-15 Citizenship in Action, Virtual**
- 15-20 Junior Swine Producer Week, Virtual**
- 27 4-H Day, Wamego & Live-Virtual**

March

- 1 Kansas 4-H & Vanier Scholarship Application Deadline**
- 1 State KAP submission deadline**
- 5-7 Equifest, Salina**
- 8 Registration Deadline – Junior Goat Producer Week ([click here to register](#))**
- 15-20 Junior Goat Producer Week, Virtual**

SAVE THE DATE!

Wabaunsee County Fair is July 23-27, 2021!

We are happy to announce that 4-H Council has selected “Barn in the USA” for this year’s theme!

Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp

Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp is scheduled for June 18-21 at Rock Springs Ranch. Kansas 4-H is working with Rock Springs to decide on capacity limits and other details. We will know more in early March and will distribute registration details once plans have been finalized.

4-H Day

Showcase your public speaking and musical skills at 4-H Day on February 27, 2021! Live-Virtual and In-Person options are available. Masks are required for the in-person experience, including while presenting. Registration is due by February 10th at 4:30 p.m. Click [here](#) to register!

Junior Producer Days

This year the junior producer days will be hosted virtually as week-long educational series. A few sessions will be presented on week-night evenings, with the program wrapping up on Saturday morning. **Junior Swine Producer Week is scheduled for February 15-20, 2021.** The **Junior Meat Goat Producer Week is slated for March 15-20, 2021.** All ages and knowledge levels are invited for both events! K-State faculty members, graduate students and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition and feeding, meat science, livestock guard dogs, health, grooming and clipping, showmanship, and the state livestock nomination process.

The program will be free this year, but all attendees, including youth and adults, must register online. The deadline to register and receive the necessary materials is February 8 and March 8, respectively. Participants are encouraged to use an email they check regularly, as links and program details will be communicated to those registered via email.

State Horse Contest UPDATES

2021 Horse Quiz Bowl – will be held virtually sometime in early to mid-April. Registration is expected to be due in March.

Horse Panorama – all divisions will be held virtually sometime in early to mid-April. This includes Hippology, presentations, photography, logo design, etc. Registration is expected to be due in March.

Horse Judging – will not be at Equifest for 2021. State 4-H is working to hold an in-person contest at a different location the later part of April. Details will be released when they are finalized.

Changes were made to these contests so that they align with KSRE COVID-19 guidelines and so that youth will still be able to have the positive learning experience.

Livestock Weigh-In & Tagging – IMPORTANT UPDATES!

Beef and Small Livestock (goats, sheep, swine) will have species specific weigh-in and tagging deadline dates. Animals not tagged at weigh-in will be tagged by Agent Melhus – contact Melhus to schedule a time. Families can tag/weigh-in as many head as needed so they have options for fair. Any animals that didn't get tagged by the tagging deadline can still be shown in Open Class at County Fair. The final species weigh-in will still be at Fair like normal (for weights & ROG).

- ***Weigh-In & Tagging Date:*** Animals will be weighed and eID tagged. Animals weighed & tagged on this date are eligible for the ROG contest at the County Fair and to be shown at County Fair. Animals tagged after this date are not eligible for ROG.
- ***Tagging Deadline:*** Animals showing in 4-H classes at County Fair **must** be tagged by this date. Animals not tagged by this date can be shown in Open Class.

BEEF

Weigh-In & Tagging: March 20th @ Jones Family Angus, 1:00-3:30pm

Tagging Deadline: April 30th by 4:30 pm

Trailers must be on site by or before 3:30pm to be tagged, late arrivals will not be accepted. Address and details will be sent out via email in March.

GOAT, SHEEP, SWINE

Weigh-In & Tagging: April 17th – *Time & Location TBD*

Tagging Deadline: May 21st by 4:30 pm

Weigh-in location and time will be finalized by the end of March – details will be sent via email as soon as they are finalized.

Livestock Tagging / Horse Policies Packets will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Small Animal Packets (Dog, Pet, Poultry, Rabbit) will be sent out separately closer to Fair.

New Record Book Process!

We are excited to join the State in the new Record Keeping and Project Report process. Record Keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and Non-4-H Experiences and are encouraged to summarize their experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition.

The fillable PDF Project Report forms are being used state-wide across all age levels for 2020/2021. ONLY Extension Units in the Pilot will have access to online record keeping in ZBooks. The New Family Notebooks (updated 10/2020) have the updated [Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition](#). Watch for more information on preparing for the Regional Screening & State Project Judging processes.

ZBooks will not be available to Wabaunsee County during the 2020-2021 4-H year.

The Project Report Forms are age specific. All static will use the **General Project Report Form** and all animal projects will use the **Animal Project Report Form**. These new forms have made record keeping for your 4-H projects more concise. Now is the time to start filling in your goals and a timeline for you to complete them. Take a few minutes to look over the new forms and feel free to call the Extension office with any questions!



Forms for Everyone to Complete

- [Project Recognition Check Sheet](#) (fillable PDF)
- [Personal Information Page](#) (fillable PDF)
- [Permanent Record](#) (fillable Word)
- [Project Report Form Evaluation Rubric](#) (PDF)

Junior Forms

- [General Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)
- [Animal Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)

Intermediate Forms

- [General Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)
- [Animal Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)

Senior Forms

- [General Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)
- [Animal Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)