This is the third issue of the Atchison County 4-H Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform 4-H families of upcoming events, important information, and happenings within 4-H. The newsletter will be sent out on the 1st of every other month. The next issue will be sent out April 1st, and so on.

**4-H Premium Sale/Project Auction/Ribbon Premium Requirements**

**NEW IN 2024**

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<th>September 29th, 2023</th>
<th>Atchison County 4-H Families</th>
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<td><strong>4-Hers and Families,</strong></td>
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<td>Attached is the 4-H Premium Sale/Project Auction/Ribbon Premium Requirement Form, which is new in 2024. Below is a list of the requirements to be able to sell your project and receive ribbon premiums at the 2024 Atchison County Fair and future county fairs.</td>
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<td>• Attend at least 6 club meetings throughout the 4-H year</td>
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<td>• Demonstration/Project Talk at a club meeting</td>
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<td>• Work in the 4-H Food Stand</td>
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<td>• One learning experience for each project enrolled</td>
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<td>• Choice of four activities at the bottom of the requirement sheet (most of you are attending/doing these already)</td>
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<td>Current 4-Hers who chose not to work in the 4-H Food Stand in 2023 will be given a one-time forgiveness period for #3 on the 4-H Premium Sale/Project Auction/Ribbon Premium Requirement Form (4-H Food Stand). This is due to not communicating expectations before the 2023 county fair.</td>
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<td>First year 4-Hers will receive a grace period due to not being able to complete certain activities in the previous 4-H year (i.e. 4-H Food Stand).</td>
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<td>We believe that 4-H is about educational experiences for youth and these requirements will help our members become better 4-Hers and citizens. Non-completion will result in the inability to participate in the Premium Sale, Project Auction, or eligibility to receive Ribbon Premiums.</td>
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**REMINDER:** In order for a 4-Her to sell their project, participate in the premium sale, or receive ribbon premiums at the county fair in 2024, he or she must complete certain requirements.

*If you see a 4-H clover (like the one below) next to something, it is an “Approved 4-H Activity” that will help youth complete their requirements.*
Upcoming 4-H Dates and Opportunities

- February 10th: County 4-H Day- 9:30-Noon (Atchison Elementary School)
- February 18th and 19th: 4-H Citizenship In Action (Topeka, KS)
- March 2nd: K-State Junior Beef Producer Day (Manhattan, KS)
- March 15th: Beef Weigh-In @ Taliaferro Farms
- March 16th: K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day (Manhattan, KS)
- March 20th: 4-H Council Meeting
- March 23rd: Regional 4-H Day (Atchison Elementary School)

K-State Junior Producer Days: March 2nd and 16th, 2024

K-State Junior Producer Days are one-day family educational programs to learn about the selection and management of beef and sheep youth livestock projects. Each day is dedicated to one specie. Included in this newsletter are flyers to the set dates for this year including agendas and registration information. This is a great educational opportunity for 4-Hers who are involved in livestock.

County 4-H Day

County 4-H Day is a chance for youth to practice public speaking and their presentation skills. These skills are vital to have in adulthood and should be practiced to become more comfortable speaking in front of others. It’s not too late to sign-up. The last day to register is tomorrow, February 2nd. To sign-up to give a Project Talk, Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, FYI, Vocal Solo, Group Ensembles, etc., please use this link: https://forms.gle/1eHbazjyaXzD833W8

Contact the extension office with any questions, advice, or resources.

Regional 4-H Day

Regional 4-H Day is March 23rd, 2024 at Atchison Elementary School. The top 2 presentations from each age division at County 4-H Day will be asked to represent Atchison County. More information will be sent via email as the date approaches.
Youth Quality Livestock Assurance Training (YQCA)

On March 2nd and March 16th, at the end of Junior Producer Days in Manhattan, there will be an instructor-led YQCA certification class at the end of the day for each program. This is an opportunity for youth to complete their certification through an in-person class while they are in Manhattan. You will need indicate if you plan to stay for this optional class during the Junior Producer Day registration process. Then, K-State will communicate more specific details on registering for the appropriate course through the YQCA website only with those who plan to stay for the training. You will need to complete an extra step to register through the YQCA platform and pay the additional $3.00/child fee. The Junior Producer Day registration is independent from the YQCA class and does not include that additional fee for the course.

Market Animal Tagging

NEW IN 2024

All market animals will be utilizing state fair tags this year, including hogs. Weigh-in dates will be announced as spring approaches for market beef, meat goats, and sheep. Please continue reading future 4-H Newsletters for more information.

4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch 2024

Registration is now open for 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch! Summer 2024 sessions are available at https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/
4-H Council will cover half of the cost for enrolled Atchison County 4-Hers. Use the coupon code at checkout: atchison4hcampers
If interested and have questions, please reach out to the Extension Office!

2024 4-H Council Meetings

4-H Council Meetings have been scheduled for the 2024 4-H Year. If you have been elected into an officer role for your club, it is an expectation that you attend 4-H Council Meetings in order to gain leadership experience, represent your club, and make decisions that will impact 4-Hers in Atchison County. All meetings will be held in the Lancaster City Building at 7:00 PM.

4-H Council Meeting Dates:
March 20th
May 22nd
July 24th
September 25th
Pig Tagging in 2024

On or before May 1st, 2024 there will be two options for tagging pigs for the county fair:

- Families can bring their pig to the fairgrounds on a date determined by the extension agent and tagged by the family with picture documented in front of the agent.
- The agent can come to you for a $10 fee and watch the pig tagging process/picture documentation.

2024 Beef Weigh-In

Like in years past, Beef Weigh-In will take place at Keith Taliaferro’s Farm. All market steers/market heifers for fair will be weighed and tagged on Friday, March 15th from 1:30-3:30. Please let the extension office know if you can’t make this time. This is north and west of Effingham. Take 270th road west 1.5 miles and it is suggested that all come from the east and go west to leave in order to lessen congestion on 270th road. Ear tags cost $5. It is encouraged that 4-Hers be present to help handle their project. Please have you steer/heifers haltered before arriving.

Feeding Your Future Summer Camp

Incoming 10th to 12th grade students for the 2024-2025 academic year can now register for the Feeding Your Future Summer Camp on campus this summer. The camp will be July 16th - 20th, 2024. Participants will gain experience growing, harvesting and milling grains into ingredients used to produce baked goods as well as animal and pet food. Industry partners will share job opportunities, career paths and income potential alongside K-State faculty and students. Participants will also tour K-State’s feed and flour mills, bake labs and agronomy research farms, network with peers, and gain an appreciation for food and feed production. Don’t miss this exciting opportunity!

Register now at https://www.ag.k-state.edu/ag-experiences/summer-camps/

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Join us March 2, 2024, for the K-State Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YGCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrants) will be provided. The registration fee is $20/person for those who sign up by February 12 and $25 for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 12 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including youth and adults.

Tentative Schedule
8:00AM Check-in & Registration
9:30AM Welcome
9:45AM Project Selection
10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
- Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Hair Care, Clipping & Fitting NOON Lunch
1:00PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
- Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
3:15PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
3:30PM YGCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)

Registration
Registration Deadline: February 12
Registration Fee: $20/person
Registration Link: http://bit.ly/ksusiregister
Late Registration: $25/person after February 12
*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.
**Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
***To register by mail, contact Lexie for a paper registration form.

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Join us for K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and an optional VQCA certification at the end of the day. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. Lunch is included. The registration fee is $20/person for those who sign up by February 26, or $25/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register.

Tentative Schedule
8:30AM Check-in & Registration
9:30AM Welcome
9:45AM Project Selection
10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
- Nutrition, Facilities & Equipment, Starter Flock
NOON Lunch
12:45PM Health
1:30PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
- Wool, Showmanship, Clipping & Grooming
3:45PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
4:00PM VQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)

Registration Deadline: February 26
Registration Fee: $20/person
Registration Link: http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister
Late Registration: $25/person

*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.
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***To register by mail, contact Lexie for a form.

Questions
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