

4-H Clover News

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Ford County Monthly Newsletter

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Small Animal Livestock Weigh-In Date

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County wide weigh in for small animal will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the Ford County Fairgrounds between 4:30-6:30 pm. If you are planning on showing Swine, Sheep, Goats, and/or Bucket Calves at the Ford County Fair you must weigh and tag your livestock at this weigh-in. If the 4-H member can not be at the weigh-in that is ok, we need the ANIMAL brought to the weigh-in and it can be brought in by anyone. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Animals for **state shows** which are not brought to the respective animal weigh-in date will have a service charge of \$25 applied to tag animals.

EAR TAG POLICY -- 4-H Council policy allows a 4-H'er up to six (6) ear tags per species (i.e. up to 6 for beef, 6 for sheep, 6 for goats, 6 for swine). Any tags over the provided six will be at the expense of the 4-H'er and their family and will need to be reimbursed to 4-H Council.

Regional Club Day – March 5

Saturday, March 5, 8:00 am, Dodge City Nazarene Church

1700 W. Ross Blvd, Dodge City

Schedules are available online on our website.

Participation will be in person presentations. All Top Blues were eligible and were contacted to confirm if they were participating. Anyone can come and watch this year.

Discovery Days

Are you ready for Discovery Days? Discovery Days will be held on the Kansas State University campus June 1-3, 2022 in Manhattan this year. Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2022 are eligible to participate.

Youth will explore such areas as science, engineering, animal science, health, entrepreneurship, GIS/GPS technology and many other areas.

More details and registration will be available soon.

4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council Meetings

The next Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

Livestock Sales

Now is the time that several fliers concerning upcoming sales and livestock shows are being sent to the Extension Office. All these fliers, along with show bills will be compiled into a binder. Feel free to come in and check it out!

Horse Project Info

A reminder that ID certificates are due May 1 to our Extension Office. 4-H'ers that intend to participate at the State 4-H Horse Show need to be sure the current horse form is used and can be found on our website.

Horse Level Testing — The Level 1 Achievement test is required for all youth to participate in District and State Horse Show. Cost for each horse level test is \$10 and will need to be sent to the State 4-H Office along with the member's cover sheet after successful completion of the test. Contact the office for more details.

Multi-County Rocketry Meeting, Saturday, March 26, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

BUILD A ROCKET
Rocketry Workshop
Saturday March 26, 2022
Ford County 4H building
901 West Park St. Dodge City.

For more information, contact:
620-227-4542
or e-mail aburns@ksu.edu
RSVP by March 24

FALCON 1
FALCON 9 BLOCK 4 / DRAGON
FALCON HEAVY / FALCON
FALCON HEAVY / DRAGON
SPX-100 / STARSHIP

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR 4-H

County Wide Project Leaders & Volunteers!

The Ford County 4-H Program is always looking for County-Wide Project Leaders who will share their expertise, time and effort with our 4-H'ers. If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with the 4-H Program, please have them contact the Extension Office! Project Leaders give our

County Wide Leaders and Projects

Leaders will be listed in next months newsletter.

Casey Pemberton -- Horse

2022 State Livestock Nomination Information

The state livestock nomination season is upon us! The State is transitioning to an online nomination system this year. Patience and cooperation will be necessary as we navigate this change. Please read this info in its entirety. It will be very helpful in understanding the process and expectations for 2022 state livestock nominations!

It is going to be **IMPERATIVE** for you to plan ahead this year! You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the process.

Moving to an online system will help streamline the process from nomination, to entry, through participation in the state shows. Both steps will continue to be required – nomination and show entry. Additionally, the deadlines have not changed and will continue to be enforced. You will have to submit your information online, through ShoWorks, and postmark your completed and signed DNA envelopes by the appropriate date.

All market animals and commercial breeding females must be nominated to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). When we refer to “state shows”, these are the two shows in which state livestock nominations apply.

Deadlines:

May 1 – Market Beef

-steers & market heifers

June 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers

-market hogs

-commercial gilts

-market lambs

-commercial ewes

-market meat goats

-commercial heifers

-breeding does (ALL – commercial and registered)

*Registered breeding females that will only be exhibited in the breeding division do not have to be nominated, since they show off of their papers. The registration papers must be in the exhibitor’s name by the appropriate deadline and they basically skip the nomination process and go straight to show entry. This has not changed. Refer to each show’s rules for specific details. The exception is breeding does. Neither show offers a papered division for meat goat breeding does, so ALL meat goats have to be nominated to show in any division.

We will be hosting a few Facebook Live and Zoom sessions this spring to provide an overview and demonstration of the new online nomination process. Watch your email, as well as the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program Facebook page, for details! The “Nomination Information” tab of the youth livestock program website is also an invaluable resource. The link to the page is included at the end of this information.

Process Overview:

1. Purchase official DNA envelopes in advance directly through ShoWorks for each animal you would like to nominate. 1 animal = 1 envelope. The Extension Office will not have any extra envelopes.

- This is how the nomination fee will be paid in order to continue honoring family nominations without it costing you on a per child basis. It also allows you to pay via credit card; funds will no longer be included when you mail your DNA samples. The cost has increased to \$12/animal.
- The new DNA envelopes have been re-designed to include a place for the barcode sticker, as well as additional animal information.
- Old DNA envelopes will NOT be accepted.
Extra DNA envelopes ordered this year may be used in the future. They may also be shared with another family. However, we do ask you notify the Youth Livestock Program if you redistribute extra envelopes to a different family.
- DNA envelope orders will close one (1) week prior to the nomination deadline for each specie. This will be **April 24** for market beef and **June 8** for small livestock. Order them early!

2. Enter your animal & exhibitor data online through ShoWorks. It is recommended that you use a computer to complete this step.

- Nominations must be submitted by 5:00PM on the appropriate deadline. The system will automatically close.
- All tag numbers and identifying animal data that was previously submitted on the paper specie nomination forms will now be submitted through ShoWorks. You may not continue through the system or submit an animal without completing the required fields. Animals will have to be entered under each exhibitor within the family, as well as each division in which you would like it to be eligible. For example, if you are not sure how you would like to show a dark crossbred gilt, you will need to enter her in the system as a market hog AND a commercial breeding gilt. However, it's the same animal, so only one (1) DNA envelope will be submitted, signed by all the exhibitors in the family.
- ShoWorks refers to any animal or static item submitted into the system as an "entry". It is important to clarify that an entry during the nomination process means it is a tag number and affiliated animal data that you want to be eligible to exhibit at a state show. You will still need to submit an official show entry directly through each specific show in which you/your children would like to participate. [Kansas State Fair Grand Drive](#) entries are due July 15, with [KJLS](#) entries due August 15. A complete nomination "entry" does NOT constitute a show entry. They are separate!
- The system will prompt you to upload a copy of each child's YQCA certificate and 2022 Declaration Form when you enter their first nominated animal. You need to have these documents handy on your computer before beginning the process. The system will accept PDF or image files (JPEG, PNG, etc.). The agent signature has been removed from the Declaration Form to allow you to complete it electronically, or within your household, but agents will be able to see where you declare that animal is kept during the approval process (at your primary residence or an alternate location). While the Declaration Form will be uploaded under each exhibitor, you should still complete one form that represents your entire family. Have all eligible kids and a parent/legal guardian sign a single form, save or take a picture of it, then upload the same completed form for each child. The form is available on the Ford County website.
- Typing "YES" in the signature box at the end of the submission process has the same implications as a wet signature on the physical forms.

3. Mail the completed and signed DNA samples, as well as a copy of your receipt for the animals you submitted online, by the deadline.

- The postmark deadline will continue to be strictly enforced. Late nominations will not be accepted. The postmark date on the envelope must read on or before the listed the deadline. If you are cutting it close, ask the postal employee to stamp or "round date" your envelope to make sure it meets the deadline.
- You are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to use certified mail. Requesting a return receipt will cost a little extra, but can offer peace of mind. Once it is received in our office, we sign the postcard, and it gets returned to you. So, you'll know we physically received your DNA envelopes! You are also DISCOURAGED from placing your mailing envelope in a general mail bin or personal mailbox for carrier pickup. K-State, KJLS, and/or the Kansas State Fair are not responsible for late, lost, or misdirected mail.
- You must submit a copy of your receipt of online submissions with your DNA envelopes. If questions arise, we'll refer to your receipt and the DNA received.
- The DNA envelopes and receipt will need to be placed in a mailing envelope, as done previously, and mailed to the youth livestock program on campus: State 4-H/FFA Show, Kansas State University, Attn: Lexie Hayes, 214 Weber Hall, 1424 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Please read through the [Rookie Guide](#) and use the resources provided on the youth livestock program website, under the "[Nomination Information](#)" tab. It is crucial that anyone nominating this year, including seasoned veterans, use the resources. They should answer most questions you will have during this transition. There are also step-by-step instructions in the Rookie Guide, as well as screen shots of each step, for each specie.



4-H Traveling Photography Display

The 4-H Traveling Photos which were selected from last year's county fair need to be brought up to the Extension Office so we can try and place them around the county soon.

If you are not sure if yours was selected, we can check here in the office.

::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ To all the 4-H'ers who competed at County Club Days.
- ◆ To Top Blue County Club Day participants who qualified for Regional 4-H Club Day.
- ◆ Lauren Fischer, Rachel Harrold and Braeden Simon for attending CIA in Topeka.

Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications

High School Seniors and past 4-H members should receive information concerning the Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships soon. There were mailed to the individual member or your parent's email. Remember they need to be turned in by the deadline of April 1. Only complete applications will be considered and each application requires a copy of your last permanent record.

The application can also be found on our website on the main page or at the Extension Office. Remember to plan ahead as you will need a transcript and a letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader (not your parent or Andrea or Ethel).

County Fair Superintendents

Now is the time we are starting to work on the county fair details. Are you willing to help by being a Superintendent for one of the project areas? We need superintendents for the fair divisions to function correctly and efficiently. Please consider signing up to help. All adults and junior leaders (ages 12 and older) are encouraged to volunteer and sign up during your upcoming club meetings. If you know anyone else who might be interested in helping as a superintendent, please ask them and let us know what area they are willing to assist in.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

YQCA certification is designed to be useful and help prepare you for your show but also prepare young producer's in animal agriculture industry. The program includes information on multiple species even though you may only be raising one or two.

More information can be found on the enclosed flier.

CAMPS! CAMPS! CAMPS!

Rock Springs Ranch Camp

Don't forget if you are interested in attending camp at Rock Springs this year, you can enroll at www.rockspringsranch4Hcamp.org at anytime. You have choices of 4 days/3 nights or 7 days/6 nights camping opportunities. You can select dates that fit your schedule as our county does not have specific time frame for camping. There are camps for 3rd through 12th grades with different price tiers. Call the office for more details.

4 Clover 4-H Camp

with Clark, Gray, Ford, Hodgeman Counties and Walnut Creek District

“Dr Seuss comes to 4-H Camp” June 8-10

4-H Clover Camp is the camp for 4-H youth ages 7-12 years olds. 4-H'ers are invited to attend the 3 day, 2 night camp for only \$75 and is a summer camp close to home!!

This camp is jammed packed with activities such as swimming, crafts, and a chance to meet new friends.

You can also apply for the Blake Stanley Camp Scholarship to help reduce your camp cost even more. The \$75 is with scholarships from 4-H Council and the Ford County 4-H Foundation already applied.

Consider camping with us or if you are old enough sign up to be a counselor for one of the groups.

Ford, Clark and Hodgeman Counties Day Camp — TBD

Important
Message

Several of the Camps listed are made affordable by financial assistance from the Ford County 4-H Foundation and Ford County 4-H Council. Consider thanking them for their help.

Consider applying for the Ford/Gray County Scroggins Scholarship. This is a one time, per year, scholarship available for members to attend a State level camp or certain state events. Check with the office for more details on how to apply for this assistance.

Payment Policy

- ◆ For any activity — Full payment is due by the registration deadline. Payment arrangements can be made in writing with the Extension Office to set up a payment schedule if needed.
- ◆ For online registrations: Full payment is due to the Extension Office by the online event deadline unless a written payment agreement is made between the participant and the Extension Office. Failing to meet those requirements will result in cancellation of registration (participant will still be responsible for the \$25 cancellation fee and possible registration cost based upon event guidelines).
- ◆ Transportation: A transportation fee of \$10 per person will be added to fees for trips that require travel in a county vehicle outside of Ford County.



How:

To register for all sessions, visit
<http://yqca.learn-grow.io>

Click on blue "Sign-in" with 4HOnline.

Online registration is **NOT** mobile accessible.

March 17 10:00 am Fair Grounds

April 9 2:00 pm Fair Grounds

Online - Available Independently

What is it?

Ford County Guidelines

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum.

Who needs to get certified?

Any youth 7 years of age and older who will be exhibiting a market or breeding animal in the Ford County Fair (**market only**), Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) is required to obtain certification.

YQCA certification numbers will be submitted through the nomination process for market animals, and at the time of entry for exhibitors who only have registered purebred breeding animals. **All youth should complete the training by June 15, 2020. *Seven-year-olds need to call the office prior to registering.**

How do youth get certified?

Youth may earn their certification in one of the following ways:

- Instructor-Led Training (\$3 per child)
- Online Course (\$9 with a coupon—contact Extension Office for Coupon Code)
- Test-Out Exam (12 & 15-year-olds only; online course only; cost varies based on age.)

Instructor-led sessions may be offered at the local level by certified instructors. Visit www.yqca.org for more details and to register for a class. All youth must pre-register through the YQCA website and pay the appropriate fee, regardless of the type of training they select, in order to obtain a certification number. Families should use their 4HOnline credentials to log in, create a user account and register for training. Each individual must have a separate e-mail address when registering. **At completion of course, certificate can be printed off and turned into the Extension Office or submitted with your online Fair entry during pre-entry process.**

How do youth test-out?

There is no test-out option for juniors. The online test-out is available only for 12 and 15-year-olds (first year intermediate and senior age divisions). Youth have one opportunity to pass a 50-question exam, with a score of 80% or better, for certification. Families will still have to pay the annual fee for certification. However, eligible youth do not have to pay the fee to attempt the exam. If a young person passes the exam and subsequently submits the appropriate payment, they will receive a multi-year certification. A young person who does not pass will be prompted to complete the annual training, either through instructor-led class or online course.

For more information:

More information may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock Website, under Youth Livestock Quality Assurance at <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html>.

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Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to all club members who competed at County Club Day and those who advanced to Regional Club Day. We wish you the best of luck at Regionals.

Please read through the newsletter and if you have any questions, please give us a call.

Enjoy your Spring Break from school and consider starting on your 4-H projects. Start by thinking about your project goals. You can start filling out your records and your permanent record. Don't forget you can do this online this year or you can still download the forms and completed them by hand.

Have a great Spring Break and St. Patty's Day.



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