

# THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

**March 2025**

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March is the time of year when things start to really pick up! We have finished County Club Days and the 4-H year is quickly on its way! There are a ton of opportunities in the future so make sure to read your newsletters, mark your calendars and follow us on Facebook, so you do not miss any.

—Sarah



July 31- August 5, 2025



September 5-14, 2025

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

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 Research and Extension



Office Hours  
 Monday through Friday  
 8-11:30 a.m.  
 and  
 12:30 - 5 p.m.

Community Leaders

March Check-Up

- \* Encourage 4-Her's to bring a non 4-H friend to your next meeting.
- \* Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved.

Review

- \* Read the 4-H Newsletter and mark important dates on the calendar.
- \* Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at your club meeting.
- \* Have you checked out the [4-H Club Corner?](#)

To-Do

- \* Review 4-Hers enrollment and selected projects
- \* Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings.
- \* Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- \* Check club mailbox at Extension Office

Promote/Recruit

- \* YQCA for all 4-Hers in animal projects
- \* Celebrate Ag (see below)
- \* [4-H Media Team](#)
- \* Sign-up for County Committees

Remember

- \* Spring Beef Weigh-In - March 2
- \* Small Specie Weigh In - April 27 & 29
- \* Horse ID papers due May 1st
- \* Dairy (Cattle & Goat) Lease papers due May 1st

CELEBRATE AG

We are looking for 4-Hers to participate at Celebrate Ag. 4-H will have a booth set up inside the beef barn. We encourage any 4-Hers to come and bring their animals or other 4-H projects and talk to the public about your project. If you cannot bring your animal or other project, you can set a project display up as well!

May 3, 2025 at the Beef Barn (Winfield Fairgrounds) 1-5 p.m.



**DON'T MISS TAGGING DAY**

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MARKET BEEF, 2ND YEAR BUCKET CALVES AND COMMERCIAL HEIFERS TAG AND WEIGH IN

SUNDAY  
MARCH 2, 2025  
1:00 PM - 4:00PM  
WINFIELD LIVESTOCK AUCTION

You **MUST** be enrolled in Cowley County 4-H, and the Beef Project prior to this date

To compete in the Cowley County Fair all market beef must be tagged

4-H Council & Junior Leaders

March 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.

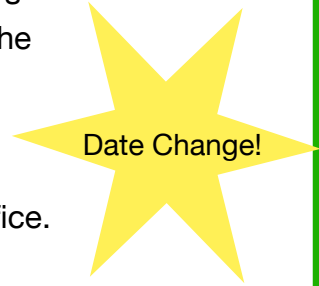
Meeting Location:  
Assembly Room  
@ the Extension Office

If you were selected to represent your club at 4-H Council and find you cannot attend, please let your leader(s) know in advance and find another member to serve in your place.

March 31, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Junior Leaders will meet in the Assembly Room at the Extension Office.



MARCH 20 | 5:30 PM



Sign up today @ <https://yqcaprogram.org/>



**YQCA** | **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS**

**TRAINING**

Extension Office Assembly Room  
311 E 9th Ave. Winfield, KS 67156

This course is **highly** suggested for **ALL** Cowley County 4-H youth caring for **any** animals.

EMAIL [SLAG11@KSU.EDU](mailto:SLAG11@KSU.EDU) FOR YOUR CLASS FEE COUPON.

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YQCA training is a requirement if you are planning to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show



## Important Dates and Deadlines \*underlined text is a link

### March

- 3/1 KS 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline
- 3/1 KSU Jr. Swine Producer Day
- 3/2 Beef Tagging / Weigh-In Day 1-4pm
- 3/20 YQCA-Cowley County
- 3/22 KSU Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day
- 3/27 Livestock Info Session
- 3/30 Regional 4-H Day (top 3 purples per division; EXCEPT Non competitive divisions (Pickle Power, Show & Share, Model Mtg)

### April

- 4/11 Graduation Cords order form due
- 4/19 Cowley County Classic Beef Show
- 4/20-26 National Volunteer Week
- 4/25 Meat Broiler Judging
- 4/26 Cowley County Sheep & Meat Goat Show
- 4/27 Small Livestock Tagging Day #1; 2-5pm
- 4/29 Small Livestock Tagging Day #2; 5:30-7pm

### May

- 5/1 Enrollment Priority Deadline (must be enrolled by this date to receive a Fair Book)
- 5/1 All Dairy (Cattle & Goat) lease forms due
- 5/1 Horse ID Due- (Updated 2024 version)
- 5/3 - Celebrate Ag

### June

- 4-6 Discovery Days
- Insect Spectacular
- 6/28 Barn to Ring Clinic
- Poultry PT Testing; Date TBD

### July

- 7/2 ENROLLMENT DEADLINE to show at the Cowley Co. Fair (must have an approved enrollment status by 7/2)
- 7/2 ADD/DROP Projects deadline
- 7/31-8/4 Cowley County Fair

### September

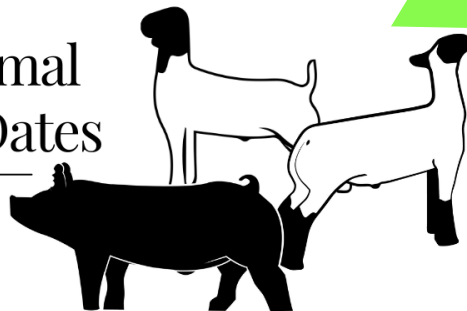
- 9/5-14 Kansas State Fair

[Kansas 4-H Events & Activities Calendar](#)

PLEASE  
CONTACT  
SARAH IF YOUR  
ANIMAL  
ALREADY HAS A  
840 EID TAG

## Small Animal Tagging Dates

WINFIELD, KS  
FAIRGROUNDS



Sunday, April 27, 2025: 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025: 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

COWLEY COUNTY 4-H ENROLLMENT REQUIRED

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Cowley  
County

If you attend the  
Sheep/Goat Show  
on April 26  
AND  
help clean up; we  
can tag and weigh  
animals there and  
save you a trip!

4-H Events

LIVESTOCK PROJECT  
INFO SESSION

**Register HERE**

MARCH 27, 2025, 6:00 P.M.  
COWLEY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
IN PERSON OR ZOOM OPTION

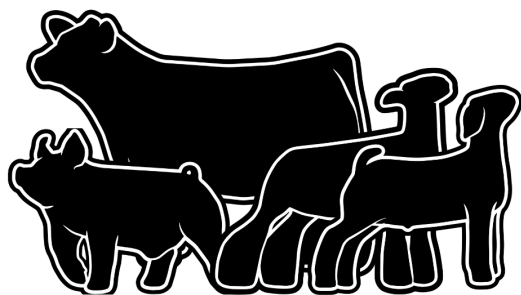


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This will be a great opportunity for anyone interested in getting involved in Cowley County 4-H livestock projects, wanting to learn more about your selected specie and getting to know your superintendents!

Topics Discussed:

- Fair Rules
- Expectations
- Specie Specific Rules/Info
- General Care and Feeding
- Facilities and Equipment needed
- Answering Any Questions



COWLEY COUNTY 4-H

*Livestock Judging*



Follow Cowley County 4-H Sweepstakes Team on Facebook to see updates, practices and contest

Cowley County Classic

40TH ANNUAL

Roll the Dice at the



Saturday, April 19, 2025  
Winfield Fairgrounds, Winfield, KS

- 7:00 AM-8:30 AM Check-In and Weigh
- 9:00 AM Market Weight cards due
- 10:30 AM Show begins
  - Bucket Calves
- ~11:00 AM- Breeding Heifers
  - Cowley County Heifers
  - Market Cattle
  - Cowley County Market Cattle
  - Showmanship

**CASH AWARDS AND BANNERS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TOP FIVE MARKET AND TOP FIVE BREEDING ANIMALS**  
**\$750, \$500, \$350, \$200, \$100**  
**PLUS MORE FUN PRIZES YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!**

Cowley County Classic

General Rules

Entry is open to any bonafide 4-H or FFA member. Exhibitors must be at least 7 years old and not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1, 2025.

The entry fee is \$30/head by April 14, 2025. After April 14, entry will be \$35/head. Entry fee may be mailed with official entry or presented at check-in. Pre-entries are preferred. All pre-entered exhibitors will receive a show t-shirt. You are NOT required to show in your t-shirt

Cash awards will be given to the top five Market and top five Breeding animals (\$750, \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100). Prizes will be awarded for Showmanship and Class winners.

There will be no limit on the number of entries per exhibitor.

Heifer and steer check in begins at 7:00 a.m. All entries must be checked in by 8:30 a.m. and weight cards are due by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2025. Exhibitors are responsible for turning in their weight cards by the 9:00AM deadline, show management will not be responsible for hunting weights/entries down.

No stalling, no bedding available. Must show off the trailer. Generators are encouraged. Exhibitors are to clean up their area before leaving the grounds.

A minimum of 3 head is required to show as a breed. There will be an AOB class if needed. The show management reserves the right to alter and/or combine classes.

Heifers must be accompanied by registration papers or a copy of transfer papers in the member's name. There will be a commercial heifer class for all unregistered heifers. Maximum heifer birth date shall be no sooner than January 1 of the previous year.

Market Steers will show by breed and weight. The Market Heifers will show by weight.

The showmanship contest is open to all exhibitors and will be conducted as follows: Senior (14 and over), Intermediate (10-13), Junior (7-9). Age is determined before January 1, 2025.

There will be a separate Market and separate Breeding class for Cowley County Exhibitors with no entry fee.

The Cowley County Classic will be a full-fit show.

Bucket calf division, exhibitor must be at least 7 years old and not have passed their 13th birthday before January 1 of the current year. Entries for bucket calf is \$10/head. Classes split by exhibitor age if needed. The show management reserves the right to alter and/or combine classes.

Show Management reserves the right to use photos taken at the show for advertisement and social media promotions

To learn more about overnight camping, hotels and restaurants in Winfield, KS please visit https://visitwinfield.com

Skills learned in 4-H last a lifetime:

- A positive self concept, An inquiring mind, A concern for the community, Healthy interpersonal relationships, Sound decision making

Please complete and return below form to: Cowley County Classic, c/o Cowley County Extension, P.O. Box 538, Winfield, KS 67156



\*\*Exhibitors who pre-enter by April 14, 2025 will receive a t-shirt.

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (before 1/1/2025) \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Showmanship: SR \_\_\_\_ INT \_\_\_\_ JR \_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (indicate youth or adult size) \_\_\_\_\_

Each entry specify: breed, market steer, market heifer, breeding heifer or Bucket Calf

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Cowley County Sheep & Meat Goat Show



**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025**  
**WINFIELD FAIRGROUNDS;**  
**WINFIELD, KS**  
**SHOW LOCATED IN BARN 6**

	Schedule:
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Sheep Check-In, Declare weights
9:00 a.m.	Sheep Show
	Breeding Ewes
	Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior)
	Prospect Market Lambs
	Progress Market Lambs
	Cowley County Sheep
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Goat Check-In, declare weights
	Goat Show (30 minutes after sheep show)
	Breeding Does
	Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior)
	Prospect Market Goats
	Progress Market Goats
	Cowley County Goats

**IT'S GONG TO BE A FIESTA**  
**Buckles, Banners, Prizes and More!!**



Cowley County Sheep & Meat Goat Show

Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show

General Rules

Entry is open to any bonafide 4-H or FFA member. Exhibitors must be at least 7 years old and not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1, 2025.

The entry fee is \$20/head and \$5 per exhibitor for showmanship by April 21, 2025. Entries received after April 21th are \$30/head. All pre-entered exhibitors will receive a show t-shirt. Entry fee is to defray expenses of the show. No refunds.

Judge's decision will be final. Show Management reserves the right to use photos taken at the show for advertisement and social media promotions

Animals shown in the market classes are not eligible to show in the breeding classes and vice versa.

Everyone must check in at the registration table prior to weighing. This includes in-county, out of county, breeding and market entries. Show management will not be responsible for hunting weights/entries down. Any animal will be subject to weigh backs. All classes will be split by weight. All wethers must be castrated/banded prior to coming to the show. No bucks/rams allow. No yearling ewes or yearling does.

Classes will be determined by weight and specified by committee. Classes will be determined at the conclusion of weigh-in.

No stalling, no bedding available. Must show off the trailer. Generators are encouraged. Exhibitors are to clean up their area before leaving the grounds. All lambs must have lamb teeth, all goats must have kid teeth. All sheep and goats must have scrapes tag.

Meat Goats

Prospect Meat Goats may weigh up to 75 lbs. Progress Meat Goats must weigh 76lbs and over

Market Goats will be shown clipped to 3/8" or less. All goats must be dehorned or tipped and rounded.

Goats must be shown with all four feet on the ground. Exhibitors may use a collar, a collar with a short lead or a halter when showing. Medium (3mm) or smaller pinch collars will be allowed.

Market Lambs

Prospect Market Lambs may weigh up to 105 lbs. Progress Market Lambs must weigh 106 lbs and over. Market lambs must be slick-shorn to one quarter inch, to the hock. Wool on the face and below the hock is allowed.

The showmanship contest is open to all exhibitors and will be conducted as follows: Senior (14 and over), Intermediate (10-13), Junior (7-9).

Age is determined before January 1, 2025. All animals shown in showmanship classes must be owned by the exhibitor. Each exhibitor must groom his/her own animal and may use only the assistance of an immediate family member (mother, father, legal guardian, brother, sister) or another 4-H/FFA member who is an exhibitor at the show.

NO MISTREATMENT OF ANIMALS WILL BE TOLERATED.

HEALTH REQUIREMENT: Animals that are ill, have soremouth, and/or "club lamb" fungus will not be allowed to show. Decision of veterinarian of show managements choice is final.

There will be a separate Market and separate Breeding class for Cowley County Exhibitors with no entry fee.

Please complete the form below and return to: Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show
c/o Cowley County Extension
P.O. Box 538
Winfield, KS 67156

\*\*Exhibitors who pre-enter by April 21, 2025 will receive a t-shirt.

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_
(before 1/1/2025)

County \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sheep Showmanship (\$5) Age by 1/1/2025 \_\_\_\_\_SR \_\_\_\_\_INT \_\_\_\_\_JR

\_\_\_\_\_ #Mkt. Lambs Prospect \_\_\_\_\_ # Mkt. Lambs Progress \_\_\_\_\_ #Breeding Ewes \_\_\_\_\_ Total Sheep

Goat Showmanship (\$5) Age by 1/1/2025 \_\_\_\_\_SR \_\_\_\_\_INT \_\_\_\_\_JR

\_\_\_\_\_ #Mkt. Goats Prospect \_\_\_\_\_ #Mkt. Goats Progress \_\_\_\_\_ #Breeding Does \_\_\_\_\_ Total Goats

Total price: \_\_\_\_\_ (#head x \$20 + \$5 showmanship)

## 4-H Day Results

Cowley County 4-H Day was held on February 8, 2025 at the Winfield Middle School, 130 Viking Blvd.

County 4-H Day is one of the first big events of the year. It's an opportunity for all 4-H members to share their speaking skills, knowledge, talents, and creativity before a larger audience. The event is also counted on achievement pin applications.

Any approved/enrolled 4-H member can participate in as many categories as they choose. There is no pre-requisite or qualifying competition required.

### *Vocal Solo:*

#### Intermediate

Kendyl Higdon, Tisdale, Purple

#### Senior

Adison Henderson, Burden, Purple

Brooke Haunschild, Tisdale, Purple

### *Piano Solo:*

#### Intermediate

Ella Jelinek, Udall, Purple

Katherine Middleton, Udall, Purple

Matthew Middleton, Udall, Purple

### *Instrumental Solo:*

#### Junior

Presley Pearman, Cameron, Purple

#### Intermediate

Samantha Henderson, Burden, Purple

### *Dance:*

No entries

### *Demonstration/ Illustrated Talks*

#### Junior

Harper Higdon, Tisdale, Purple

#### Intermediate

Asher Wolfe, Burden, Blue

Jake Jelinek, Udall, Purple

Kendyl Higdon, Tisdale, Purple

Koy Holcomb, Dexter/Otto, Blue

Landry Robinson, Udall, Purple

Lee Preston, Udall, Blue

#### Senior

Anna Wolfe, Burden, Purple

Anthony Jelinek, Udall, Blue

Brilee Pellegrini, Udall, Purple

Corbin Gottlob, Walnut Valley, Blue

Kennedy Holcomb, Dexter/Otto, Purple

### *Project Talks:*

#### Junior

Ensley Groom, Tisdale, Purple

Mark Dick, Udall, Blue

Max Champlin, Dexter/Otto, Purple

Newt Champlin, Dexter/Otto, Blue

Paul Foster, Udall, Blue

Sadie Henderson, Udall, Blue

Taylor Ahlerich, Udall, Purple

#### Intermediate

Clayton Gottlob, Walnut Valley, Purple

Gentry Dick, Udall, Blue

Katherine Middleton, Udall, Purple

Luke Ahlerich, Udall, Purple

Maddux Wilson, Udall, Blue

Matthew Middleton, Udall, Blue

### *Readings:*

#### Junior

Harper Higdon, Tisdale, Purple

#### Intermediate

Kendyl Higdon, Tisdale, Purple

#### Senior

Morgan Lee, Walnut Valley, Red

### *Public Speaking:*

#### Senior

Brooke Haunschild, Tisdale, Purple

#### *Impromptu:*

Adison Henderson, Burden, Purple

Andrew Preston, Udall, Purple

Brooke Haunschild, Tisdale, Purple

### *Model Meeting:*

Dexter/ Otto, Purple

Floral, Blue

Walnut Valley, Blue

**4-H Day Results cont'.**

*Skit, Creative Drama:* (all from the Walnut Valley 4-H Club- Purple)

Allison Lee, Anson Tovar, Coy Hillier, Erica McNown, Kate Hillier, Kylie Rankin, Madison George, Morgan Lee, Nate Smith, Tsuriyah George

*Show & Share Participants:*

Charlee Johnson  
Oakley Groom

*Pickle Power Participants:*

Charlee Johnson, Dexter/Otto  
Ensley Groom, Tisdale  
Harper Higdon, Tisdale  
Kendyl Higdon, Tisdale  
Paul Foster, Udall

*Favorite Family Foods:*

Harper Higdon, Tisdale, Blue  
James Mitton, Martha Washington, Blue  
Kendyl Higdon, Tisdale, Purple  
William Mitton, Martha Washington, Purple

*Decorated Foods*

Kendyl Higdon, Tisdale, Purple

### *Family and Consumer Sciences Judging Results*

Thanks to the 28 youth that participated in the skill-a-thon and Family and Consumer Sciences judging activities!

Participants included 1 Cloverbud, 9 juniors, 12 intermediates and 6 seniors. Class topics included snacks and vegetable identification for juniors; Donating jeans and Record Keeping for Intermediates; and Donating Jeans, Record Keeping, Sewing needles for Seniors.

Top seniors were 1) Anthony Jelinek 2) Addison Robinson 3) Anna Wolf. Junior and intermediate age groups were scored but not ranked. The skill-a-thon featured options with food preparation tools and clothing/sewing notions as fun contests (not scored).

Additional judging events will be offered during the year. Youth who participate in two or more contests, age 9+, and have qualifying scores may qualify to represent Cowley County at the Kansas State Fair in September.

# Flow Chart

## Cowley County Fair Youth Participation

### Flow Chart

**4-H Participant**  
 -Approved 4-H enrollment at v2.4honline.com for fair entries to be accepted  
 -Target Deadline May 1  
 -Don't miss opportunities year round in 4-H, enroll early and be active in your club

**FFA Participant**  
 -Contact the Extension Office for the FFA Participation Form and submit form by **May 1**  
 FFA Youth can participate in:  
 Beef, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Rabbit and Poultry  
 Agronomy  
 Ag Mechanics Welding  
 STEM-Energy Management/Small Engines

**Static Entries (Barn 4)**

**All Market Beef**  
 Market Steers, Catch-a-Calves, 2nd Year Market Bucket Calves, Market Heifers

**Registered and Commercial Heifers.** All Registered heifers must have registration or transfer papers in the sole name(s) of the exhibitor and dated no later than **May 1** of current year. All unregistered heifers will show in the Commercial division and must be tagged by **May 1** of the current year.

**Bucket calf tags** are the only tags that may be purchased over the counter and will be available for pick up at tagging days or at the office at any time for \$2. Bucket calves do not need to attend a tagging. All bucket calves must be calved after January 1 and before May 31 of the current year. You will need a Cowley County 4-H Bucket calf tag (right ear) in the calf exhibiting at the Cowley County Fair before fair check in.

**All Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats (Including all other male goats)**  
 Tagging/Weighing-Winfield Fairgrounds  
 Tags-\$4 (Cash or check)  
**April 27th 2-5PM or April 29 5:30-7PM**

**Horses (Horse Show and Jr. Rodeo), Dairy Female Goats/Female Dual Purpose Goats, Dairy Cattle**  
 All Identification papers are due to the office by **May 1**

**Beef Tagging**  
 March 2, 2025  
 1:00PM-4:00PM  
 Winfield Livestock Auction  
 Tags-\$4 (Cash or check)

*Highly suggest commercial heifers get tagged this way*

**Breeding Bulls and Cow Calf Pair** will not be required to tag

**Poultry**-Cowley County is scheduled for Pullorum-Typhoid testing in **2025**  
 -Leg bands can be purchased at the office  
 Leg bands are required before check in

**Rabbit**-All rabbits are to be legibly tattooed in the left ear for identification

**Fair Entry**  
 All approved members will receive their fair books in the mail around the 2nd week in JUNE.  
 PLEASE take the time to read the letter and tips carefully!  
 You must follow the link provided and successfully complete entries by the first Wednesday in JULY.  
 You will receive a confirmation email directly after submission.

  
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**Cowley County Fair**  
**July 31-August 5, 2025**

Visit our website @ [Cowley.k-state.edu](http://Cowley.k-state.edu)  
 Here you can find all ID Forms, helpful guides, last years fair book with more information and guidelines as well as view our tagging policy for at home taggings

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## 2025 Fair Changes

### MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE

Auction Clerk - Edw. B. Stephenson & Co., CPA

Monday, August 4, 2025 - 6:45 p.m. Cowley County Fairgrounds

1. The 4-H and FFA Market Livestock Sale will be for Market: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat and Rabbit Meat Pen only.
2. The sale order for 2024 will be: Meat Goat, Sheep, Beef, Rabbit and Swine
3. Animals sold through the sale must be exhibited at the Cowley County Fair.
4. Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor can participate in the Market Sale with one animal or rabbit meat pen only, and must exhibit their own animal in the sale ring. Exceptions may be considered for a substitute sale exhibitor with prior written approval prior to fair pre-entry deadline of a majority of the Market Livestock Sale Superintendents and the Cowley County Extension Agents for the following reasons: An official State or National 4-H/ FFA/Agricultural Industry event whereby the exhibitor is a documented officer or committee person.
5. The Market Livestock Sale Committee will announce a base bid on all species prior to the sale to be used only on all market animals sold through the Cowley County Fair. The base bid for all market animals will be subject to discounts for weight ranges according to industry standards. Discounts will be announced prior to the sale.
6. A charge of 3 percent of the total premium value only will be made for all animals. No commission will be charged on the base bid value of the animal. This fee is used to provide a special barbecue honoring buyers and other supporters of the Market Livestock Sale. It also covers advertisements, buyer's ribbons, and supplies.
7. All market livestock will be shown and sold based on official weight at fair weigh-in.
8. Each exhibitor must complete a "Livestock Destination" card for all livestock species eligible for the market livestock sale. This card must be turned in to the species superintendent by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a 3% dock of premium money for cards which are turned in late or marked incorrectly.
9. All animals entering the sale **ring that are not "take home"** will be sold and must be picked up by a state inspected locker plant or to the base bid buyer.
10. Steers must be controlled without use of extra ropes or lariats.
11. 4-H/FFA members selling animals through the sale are expected to feed/water and care for them up until the time they are loaded on the truck **or taken home**
12. To qualify for the auction, market animals' weight must fall within the following ranges. No shrinkage will be calculated on any animals.
  - Market steers/heifers- minimum of 1,050 pounds
  - Market hogs- 230-290 pounds
  - Market lambs- Minimum of 90 pounds
  - Rabbit meat pen- 3-5 pounds each
  - Market goats- minimum of 50 pounds.
13. **Starting in 2025 the Market Livestock Sale is not a mandatory terminal sale, individuals will have the option to select "premium only and take home" on their Livestock destination card. These animals will sell as premium only and animal will go home with the youth member.**

Cowley County Fair Theme

COWLEY COUNTY FAIR

WELCOME TO THE  
JUNGLE

JULY 31-AUGUST 5, 2025

*Cowley County Fair*  
King & Queen

*Application and Rules*

Entry deadline; July 1, 2025



## Livestock Production Essay

**Who can participate:** 4-H Members exhibiting livestock at the 2024 Cowley County Fair AND submitting a 4-H Project Report.

Participants exhibiting these species will be eligible:

- \* Beef
- \* Bucket Calf
- \* Dairy Cattle
- \* Swine
- \* Sheep
- \* Meat Goat
- \* Dairy Goat
- \* Meat Rabbits
- \* Production Poultry



**Due**  
**September 19, 2025**  
**Both 4-H Project Report and Essay**

Potential topics to build on:

- \* **Production-** Breeding animals, what are your future goals? What specific details do you need to consider if you plan to keep this animal and breed them?
- \* **Finances-** pasture stocking rate, available pasture/rental rates, price to feed, maintain, breed, house this animal?
- \* **Marketing-** Marketing to sell this animal or their progeny for a return on investment.
  - Break down your plan
- \* **Industry Expectations-** interview Bankers, FSA Loan Officers, Extension Agents, Local Farm/Ranchers, study and cite University publications.
- \* **Goal Setting-** does your animal have products to sell? (milk/eggs/offspring) What does your business plan look like for that and how are you going to make that work and grow to be a profitable business owner?

-Do you have a market animal? How are you feeding that animal to be the most profitable on the rail? Are you marketing that animal before the fair to get the best price? Do you know how much meat that animal provided after the fair? What is your goal as you feed this animal and how did you do? Hanging weight, back fat, pounds of product.

If you need help with this project, please schedule an appointment with Sarah to help you explore ideas

The intent of this essay is to dig deeper into the production side of the industry, learning from publications and professionals in our area. You will want to plan to have it proofed by multiple people.

2025 High School Graduates



Cowley County

Graduating 4-H Youth, please complete this form and submit to the Extension Office by April 11th to receive Honorary 4-H Graduation Cords.

You will need to check with your school district policy for clearance to wear them during your graduation. These cords are provided by the Cowley County 4-H Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest 4-H Pin Achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

School graduating from: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Day: \_\_\_\_\_

How has 4-H impacted your life?

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## Shooting Sports

Check out the new club tik tok video announcements on Facebook or tik tok pages. #CowleySS, #PROVENIT

Congratulations to this year's Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl teams~ excited to have all 3 levels competing!



Senior - Lanie Arnett, Kyle Bannon, Anna Wolfe

Intermediate - Lara Olsen, Landon Olsen, Cinch Howard, Trace Thomson

Junior - Asher Wolfe, Lee Preston, Gabriel Rasico, Gage Kirchoff

Congratulations to Cowley 4-H members who represented Shooting Sports at the 2025 Winter Sedgwick County Air Qualifier on February 22nd.

Air Pistol - Kyle Bannon, and Trace Thomson

Air Rifle - Lanie Arnett, Blair Hoff, Trace Thomson, and Audrianna Turpin

BB - James Cole, Gage Kirchoff, Lee Preston, and Chet Turpin

Thank you to our air discipline coaches and range help who helped prepare them for the competition - Jade Alquest, Heath Adams, Melissa Adams, Darrin Green, DJ Holland and Jason Kindt."

Club Meeting - **Monday, March 31st, 7:00 p.m.**, New Hope Fellowship Church, 19195 61st Rd., Winfield  
- All project members welcome!!

Air Discipline (BB, Air Pistol, Air Rifle) **1st Sunday, March 2nd** at 2:00 at the fairgrounds, building #1.

Archery practices, **March 6 & 20th**; bi-weekly at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds, building #1. *Watch for a 'back to meadow' email after the time change.*

Shotgun practice, **3rd Sunday, March 16th** 2:00 at the meadow - weather allowing. **\*\*Must email for a relay time for member to be on the practice line.**



**Flower Fundraiser order sheets due back, Thursday, March 6th this year!!**  
**\*\*Delivery on Friday, April 25th, 3:00-6:00 at the Winfield Marquee, 1007 Main. St.**  
**Find a shooting sports project member to place an order or email**  
**at [cowley4hshootingsports@gmail.com](mailto:cowley4hshootingsports@gmail.com).**

**We appreciate all the support and orders to keep our project costs low for families!**

—Austin Waite

**Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator**

620-222-1982

P.O. Box 422

Winfield, KS 67156

[www.4hshootingsportscowleyks.com](http://www.4hshootingsportscowleyks.com)

## Hunting Skills

# Explore 'Hunting Skills'



## Field Day 4.5.2025



### Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports Club

13689 182nd Rd. (37°12'55.3"N 96°55'05.0"W) Winfield, KS 67156

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

**K-STATE**  
Research and Extension



This is NOT a state qualifier for 4-H Hunting Skills members; It is a multi-county educational 4-H Day event.

*All youth must be enrolled in good standing with their local 4-H county office.*

*Those enrolled in Hunting Skills, 9 years of 4-H age through 18 years of Jan. 1st 4-H age, will receive priority of registration. Limited to 40 4-Her's this year per range areas.*

*Ear and Eye protection will be required as needed by each discipline. All live fire equipment will be provided.*

*Live Fire Range Instructors have final approval of members receiving live fire opportunities day of event.*

- A sampling of Hunter Knowledge, Wildlife Identification, Maps & Compass mixed in with Hunting Scenario Ranges—  
Kansas seasons of Turkey, Dove, Coyote and/or Rabbit.



- Opportunities to learn about trapping, hunting with sporting dogs, wildlife conservation practices, AND
- a Dutch oven cooking sampler!

**\*\*\$20.00/registration fee—Lunch provided. Restrooms provided. Equipment provided.**

**Contact: Austin Waite, [cowley4hshootingsports@gmail.com](mailto:cowley4hshootingsports@gmail.com) 620-222-1982**

**Spectators/Parents may purchase 'Campfire Lunch' plates—\$10.00/plate**

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*Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.*

Kansas Youth Range Camp

Are YOU interested in plants, livestock or wildlife?



# KANSAS YOUTH RANGE CAMP

White Memorial Camp, Council Grove, KS

Upcoming High School Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors

Learn about range plant identification, plant growth, stocking rates, livestock nutrition, and rangeland wildlife management

Enjoy field trips, hands on learning, a steak dinner, swimming, fishing, and hiking!



June 10-13, 2025 COST: \$300

Contact your local Conservation District for scholarship opportunities!



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Contact:  
Courtney Jackson  
KS Youth Range Camp Chair  
620-767-5111 ext. 3  
courtney.jackson@usda.gov

[www.kglc.org/range-youth-camp-registration.cfm](http://www.kglc.org/range-youth-camp-registration.cfm)

Misc.

# National VOLUNTEER Week

April 20-26, 2025

It's a great time to recognize and show appreciation to your club leaders, project leaders, fair superintendents, and other 4-H volunteers.

### Publications for the 4-H Horse Project



- [KS 4-H Horse Show Rule Book \(S133\)](#)
- [KS 4-H Horse ID Form \(P1039\)](#)
- [KSF Horse Qualifying Affidavit \(P1110\)](#)

**ALL  
HORSE ID's must  
be done with the  
updated in  
2024 form.**

[Cowley County 4-H](#)

[K-State Research and Extension - Cowley County](#)

[Cowley County Classic Beef Show](#)

[Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show](#)

[Cowley County Goat Project](#)

[Cowley County Sheep Project](#)

[Cowley County Swine Project](#)

[Cowley County Horse Project](#)



## Standards of Participation for 4-H & FFA

by Pam VanHorn

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.
2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.
3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.
4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.
5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.
6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.



4-H Club Corner

Creative Roll Call Ideas

4-H Meeting Wheel Resource

A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry

4-H Club Meeting Agenda

The Puzzle: Putting a Meeting Together

Just click on the link to see helpful resources. The 4-H Club Corner has many more resources available on their webpage. [4-H Club Corner](#)

Kansas Clover Classroom

Plant Science: Pollinators

Health & Wellness Challenge: Take A Hike!

Foods & Nutrition: Quick Bread vs. Yeast Bread

Many more resources available on the [Clover Classroom page](#).

4-H AMBASSADORS

**PURPOSE:**

WORK TOGETHER WITH A TEAM OF APPROXIMATELY 3-8 AMBASSADORS AND AN ADULT ADVISOR TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM FOR THE COWLEY COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

PROMOTE 4-H TO ALL AUDIENCES  
ORGANIZE 4-H PROMOTIONAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES  
DEVELOP COMMUNICATION SKILLS

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN TO AGE 18  
ENTHUSIASM FOR 4-H  
INTEREST IN PROMOTING THE 4-H PROGRAM

**TIME REQUIRED:**

1 OR 2 YEAR TERM  
4-8 HOURS PER MONTH

THROUGH THIS EXPERIENCE, 4-H AMBASSADORS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, PRACTICE AND IMPROVE COMMUNICATION, MARKETING, EMPLOYABILITY AND JOB SKILLS.

**APPLY NOW!**

**CLICK HERE!**  
**to apply for**  
**4-H**  
**Ambassadors**

## Cowley County 4-H Enrollment

✿ [4-H Online Enrollment Link](#)

✿ [Cowley County KSRE Website with 4-H Enrollment Information](#)

The 4-H year runs Oct. 1st. to Sept 30th. **ALL YOUTH and ADULT VOLUNTEERS** participating in the 2024-2025 4-H year should enroll.

In order to be a regular member of Cowley County 4-H, the member must be 7 years old before January 1, 2025.

[Cloverbuds](#) is for children ages 5-6 before January 1, 2025.

[Project Selection Guide](#) (includes descriptions of all projects)

[Setting 4-H Project Goals](#)

[4-H Project Record Books](#)

[ZBooks](#) (online record keeping option)

Click [here](#) to sign up for a County Committee

### DID YOU KNOW??

The [Kansas Clover Classroom](#) is packed with helpful project information

## 4-H Scholarships

### Scholarship Opportunities

Please visit the Kansas 4-H Resource [page](#) for Scholarship Opportunities. Kansas 4-H Scholarship, Kansas 4-H Dog Scholarship, Kansas 4-H Geology Scholarship, and Vanier Scholarship!

### Get Financial Help Attending Events

The Cowley County 4-H Development Fund is our local 4-H foundation created in 1995 to assist Cowley County 4-H'ers take part in educational events and activities. Funding is provided by gifts from supporters. Each year, the 4-H Development Fund awards college scholarships to high school seniors and college freshmen. Beginning in 2015, the Development Fund introduced "Leadership Development Grants". Leadership Development Grants are available by application to local 4-H members who are registered for a state or national leadership event such as Discovery Days, National 4-H Congress, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship Washington Focus and more. Applications are available from the Cowley County Extension Office. Applicants must submit an essay, write a thank you note to a Development Fund donor and present a program about their experience to a 4-H club or county-wide group following attendance at the event. For more information, contact Sarah at [slag11@ksu.edu](mailto:slag11@ksu.edu) or 620-221-5450.

## Cowley County Extension Council

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the Extension Office. The Extension Council monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Cowley County Courthouse.

## Bill House Hereford Scholarship

The Bill House Hereford Scholarship is specifically for those pursuing a career in agriculture.

Another scholarship with the same name exists through the Legacy Foundation in Arkansas City. These are two different scholarship opportunities. This is NOT the Catch-A-Calf program.



Information about this scholarship and others offered by the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas can be found at <https://southeastkansas.org/students/scholarships/>.

The basic application process:

1. Visit [SoutheastKansas.org/scholarship-app](https://SoutheastKansas.org/scholarship-app). This will open our online scholarship portal on GrantInterface.com.
2. Register for a new account if you haven't already. Otherwise, sign in. You will only create a new account once.
3. Click the "Apply" button in the top-right corner to begin your application. You will complete and submit a general application.
4. Based on the information you provide in the general application; you will receive a confirmation message identifying which specific scholarships you are eligible for. It will also ask you any supplemental questions required by those scholarships.
5. Complete the specific scholarship requirements.
6. Submit your scholarship applications **by March 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. CDT.**

<https://southeastkansas.org/news/blog/kansas-scholarship-tips/>

For more information, please contact:

Sherri Stephens

Program Coordinator

Work hours: M-TH, 10-3:30

Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas

100 S. Broadway, Ste. 100

P.O. Box 1448

Pittsburg, KS 66762

620.231.8897

<http://www.southeastkansas.org>



## Opportunities to Support Cowley Co. KSRE & 4-H

### Friends of Extension

As someone who contributes time, talent and/or treasure to the benefit of Cowley County Extension, you are invited to be part of the Friends of Cowley County Extension organization. The group will alternate between morning and evening meetings to plan fundraising and advocacy events to support K-State Research and Extension Cowley County.

\*Did you know? Tax deductible contributions can be made to the 4-H Development Fund (c/o PO Box 538, Winfield KS 67156) or to the Friends of Cowley County Extension Endowment (c/o Legacy Regional Community Foundation, 1216 Main Street, Winfield KS 67156)

### Buy Your Groceries and Support Cowley County 4-H



Cowley County 4-H has been accepted as a Dillons Community Rewards Member. 4-H supporters can enroll their Plus Shoppers Card into the program and Cowley County 4-H will get credit for every purchase its member makes using their registered Plus card. The more we shop with Dillons, the more opportunity Cowley County 4-H has to earn even bigger rewards. To enroll, go to the secure website <https://www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>. The NPO number you will need to enroll is 72632.

## Walk Kansas 2024

### Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas will be March 30 through May 24. Teams of six people log minutes during the eight weeks to virtually walk paths in Kansas. Registration (available after March 1) is \$10.00 per person and will be online at [www.walkkansas.org](http://www.walkkansas.org). Youth under 18 are free.

The first step is to join a team, select a challenge, and register. The captain of your team should initiate this process and register your team online. (The captain will need your email address.) When you receive the email invitation to join Walk Kansas as a member of a specific team, follow instructions for registration. If you don't have a team to join right now, register online and choose the "individual" option when it asks you to select a team registration or individual registration. You will be placed on a team that could use an additional member.

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