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# ROOKS COUNTY FREE FAIR NEWS

## FAIR ENTRIES DUE

July 25. The Rooks County Free Fair entry forms are available at the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Stockton Office and also online <https://wakelet.com/wake/wqrWq8kT0bF-e87sEbczQ> . The Rooks County Free Fair 4-H Book is available online [2025 Fairbook final 4-H.pdf](#)

## YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) TRAINING

July 25 deadline. YQCA is mandatory for members planning to sell livestock in the Rooks County Free Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale. For those of you that still need to complete the training you may do so online at [YQCA \(yqcaprogram.org\)](http://YQCA(yqcaprogram.org)) . The training will cost \$12 per youth. Once the training has been completed please provide a copy of the certificate to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Stockton Office by July 25, please email to [jreichar@ksu.edu](mailto:jreichar@ksu.edu)

## FAIR SET UP

July 31 at 6:30 pm. All clubs will be responsible for helping set up for fair. The Eager Beaver 4-H Club will be organizing fair set up. You will need to bring rags, buckets, hammers, pliers, and screwdrivers. A sign up sheet for volunteers to work the 4-H Food Stand on Monday of fair will be available.

## LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

July 31 at 7:30 pm at the Sutor-Blauer Arena after fair set up.

## BOOTH SET UP

August 2 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the 4-H Building.

## 4-H FOOD STAND

A meeting will be held August 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the 4-H Building. 2 representatives from each club are required to attend, but all are welcome to attend. Cash register training will be provided. Each club is to bring 10 pies for their scheduled day.

Monday—Volunteers 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Grill will shut down at 9:00 pm

Tuesday—Eager Beaver 4-H Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.; Grill will shut down at 9:00 pm

Wednesday—Helpful Hands 4-H Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Grill will shut down at 9:00 pm

Thursday—Palco 4-H Club 7:00 am. to 10:00 pm; Grill will shut down at 9:00 pm

Friday—Star 4-H Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Grill will shut down at 9:00 pm

Saturday—Mt. Pleasant 4-H Club 7:00 am to close

## FAIR ENTRY CARDS

Pre-made entry cards will be used. Entry cards can be picked up when you turn in your fair pre-entry sheet to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Stockton Office. We will also be using entry cards for sewing labels.

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## PHOTO MATS

Members in photography will need photo mats. These are available at the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Stockton Office. NOTE: use spray adhesive for your photographs. A photo bag will be provided to protect your photographs. **Be sure to mount your photos correctly. Check out the rules in the 4-H Fair Book.** [2025 Fairbook final 4-H.pdf](#)

## PLASTIC FOOD BAGS

Large plastic food bags for cakes, pies, specialty breads and large food items are available at the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Stockton Office. **All foods must be properly wrapped for fair entry. If foods are not properly wrapped they will be dropped one ribbon placing.**

## FOOD EXHIBITS

No alcohol or perishable items as garnishes should be included as an ingredient in food entries. Entries with alcohol or perishable items as garnishes in the recipe will be disqualified and not be judged. Frosting and fillings should contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are in this publication: [MF3544 Food Safety of Frostings and Fillings \(ksu.edu\)](#) Calculation must be attached to the entry using this worksheet [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/frostings-and-fillings-worksheet\\_4H1171](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/frostings-and-fillings-worksheet_4H1171)

## USE OF COPYRIGHT and/or TRADEMARK MATERIAL

Brand names, logos and quotations should **not** be used on 4-H exhibits at county and state fairs. If you desire to use a logo, brand name or quotation it is a requirement for the 4-H member or group to contact the original source and receive written permission. This is so the material can be used in good faith. The written permission then needs to be attached to the exhibit or displayed if used in a public presentation. If you have any more questions please contact the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Stockton Office, or refer to the rules in the 4-H Fair Book. [2025 Fairbook final 4-H.pdf](#)

## CAT, DOG, and HAND PET PROJECT MEMBERS

You need to make an 8"x10" poster with a photo of you and your cat, dog, and/or hand pet. The photo should be at least 4"x6". Please bring the poster to the 4-H Building prior to the show and you can hang your poster.

## HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS

To exhibit at the Rooks County Free Fair you must have properly identified your horse(s) on a horse identification certificate by May 1 of the current year. Horse(s) must also have a current negative EIA (Coggins) test conducted by a State approved laboratory.

## HORSE, LIVESTOCK, RABBITS, & POULTRY CHECK IN

Rabbits and Poultry—August 3 from 3:00-5:00 pm or August 4 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Beef, Goats, Horse, Sheep, and Swine—August 4 from 8:00-11:00 am

Beef and Swine—August 5 from 8:00-11:00 am

All livestock will be weighed on the digital scales. An animal will be allowed to be weighed only one time and the weight will be official. The scale location is by the hog barn. A veterinarian must inspect all goats and sheep prior to being unloaded from the trailer.

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## LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

The Fair Board will allow use of wood chips in the beef, goat, horse, sheep and swine barns. It will be the responsibility of the 4-Hers to purchase their own wood chips. NO STRAW will be allowed! Beef can also be bedded on sand. Boxes will be provided for livestock waste at the end of the barn. Please keep all other trash out of these boxes.

After each show held in the arena, **ALL** participants must come back and pick up the trash in the area. This way the arena is neat and tidy for the next show. Please do your part.

Members intending to allow their animals to be used in the large animal round robin are asked to sign up in the 4-H Office by August 8 at 5:00 pm.

Members intending to sell animals at the Rooks County Free Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale must turn in a **Sale Intention Form to the Open Class Fair Office by August 7 - 30 minutes following the Beef Show or by 1:00 pm. No changes will be made after this time.** Please be sure to fill out the form completely. You will need to provide your social security number.

## "BLOW and SHOW" DEFINITION

The 4-H Fair Book states "Steer, Heifer, and Bucket Calf shows are "blow and show". **The use of adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products is prohibited.** Any product used must be water-soluble, nothing stiff or sticky. Consequences for not following the blow and show rule: Complaint must be in writing unless observed by the beef superintendent. If improper use of grooming products can't be fixed by show time the exhibitor forfeits all awards and prize monies. This could result in disqualification from future shows. The 2 beef superintendents and Extension Agent serve as final decision in written protest.

## BEEF PROJECT MEMBERS

The ultrasound equipment for carcass information will be set up on August 5 at 11:00 a.m. in the Open Class Beef Barn. This will be for all steers and heifers including breeding heifers.

Brad Robert, Tallgrass Veterinary Hospital, will be doing the scanning and providing information.

## SPONSOR RECOGNITION

All of the sponsors to 4-H are very important. Please take a few minutes to send THANK YOU's. to the sponsors of awards you win. You can purchase 4-H Thank You notes for \$0.50 each at the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Stockton Office.

## STATE FAIR ENTRIES

State Fair Entries (non-livestock) are due to the 4-H Office at the fair on August 9. You will need to fill out an entry form for all State Fair entries. The form will NOT be accepted after August 9. 4-H members are responsible for reading the State Fair rules for the project area they are participating in.

## FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

A computer list printout for each exhibitor will be available. Please pick up this printout on August 9. You will have a week to let the office know of any errors. Then your check will be printed and handed out to your leader. Once your check is printed it is final and no changes will be made.

## FAIR CLEAN UP

August 10 at 8:00 am. All clubs will help with fair clean up.

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## MONDAY, AUGUST 4 JUDGING SCHEDULE 4-H BUILDING

### FOODS

Judge A:

8:30-9:30 am	Eager Beaver
9:30-10:45 am	Star
10:45 am-12:00 pm.	Mt. Pleasant

Judge B:

8:30-9:30 am	Helpful Hands
9:30-10:45 am	Mt. Pleasant
10:45 am-12:00 pm	Palco

Judge C:

8:30-10:00 am	Mt. Pleasant
10:00 am-12:00 pm	Eager Beaver

### VISUAL ARTS

9:00 am	Palco
9:30 am	Star
10:00 am	Mt. Pleasant
10:30 am	Eager Beaver
11:00 am	Mt. Pleasant
11:30 am	Helpful Hands



## ROOKS COUNTY FREE FAIR 4-H FOOD STAND SCHEDULE

Monday—Volunteers 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Grill will close at 9:00 pm every day except Saturday

Tuesday—Eager Beaver 4-H Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm

Wednesday—Helpful Hands 4-H Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm

Thursday—Palco 4-H Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm

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# 4-H/FFA JUDGING SCHEDULE

## Monday, August 4

- 8:30 am Foods
- 9:00 am Visual Arts
- 1:00 pm Cats and Hand Pets
- 2:00 pm Dogs
- 2:00 pm 4-H Cloverbuds Project Showcase
- 2:30 pm Fiber Arts

## Tuesday, August 5

- 8:00 am Horses
- 8:00 am All Other Exhibits in the 4-H Building
- 11:00 am Beef Carcass Ultrasound
- 4:00 pm Sheep and Goats

## Wednesday, August 6

- 8:00 am Swine
- 1:00 pm Rabbits and Poultry
- 1:00 pm Horticulture Judging Contest
- 1:00 pm Life Skills Judging Contest
- 1:00 pm Photography Judging Contest

## Thursday, August 7

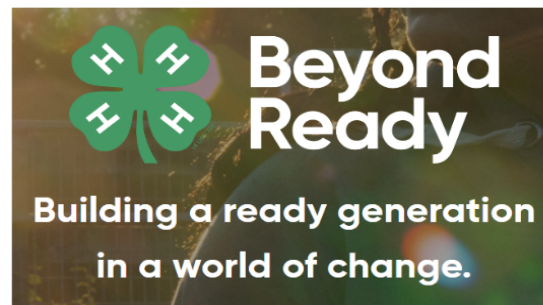
- 8:00 am Beef
- 2:00 pm Livestock Judging Contest

## Friday, August 8

- 8:00 am Large Animal Round Robin
- 1 Hour following Large Animal Round Robin,  
Small Animal Round Robin
- 6:00 pm 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale

## Saturday, August 9

- 8:00 am Release Rabbits and Poultry
- 9:00 am Release Livestock
- 1:00 pm Release All Other Exhibits



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