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KANSAS STATE FAIR GRAND DRIVE ENTRIES

Due July 15—Livestock show entries for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive. Exhibitors must submit an official entry and pay the entry fees directly. This includes entries for state-nominated market animals and commercial breeding females, as well as registered breeding females. Show entry is also a young person's opportunity to enter showmanship. A complete nomination does NOT constitute a show entry. A nomination only makes animals eligible for the state show. The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive entries will be available in early July. The entry link will be available here — <https://www.kansasstatefair.gov/p/competitions/grand-drive1>

WHEAT VARIETY PLOT

Open to all 4-H members interested in studying how different wheat varieties perform. Entry is due July 15. Seed (5 varieties) and metal signs will be provided for the plot. Members can make a display for the 2027 county fair and possibly qualify for the Kansas State Fair. More information is available here—[Wheat Variety Plots](#)

KANSAS STATE FAIR HORSE SHOW REQUIREMENTS

August 1—entries are due via Kansas State Fair's ShoWorks entry system. Review all qualifications for the Kansas State Fair 4-H horse show here—[Kansas State Fair | K-State | Kansas State University](#)

KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRIES

Due August 15—Livestock show entries for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Exhibitors must submit an official entry and pay the entry fees directly. This includes entries for state-nominated market animals and commercial breeding females, as well as registered breeding females. Show entry is also a young person's opportunity to enter showmanship. A complete nomination does NOT constitute a show entry. A nomination only makes animals eligible for the state show. The Kansas Junior Livestock Show entries will be available in July. The entry link will be available here — [Kansas Junior Livestock Show - Home](#)

STATE HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

August 15 in Manhattan. The ID sheet for 2026 has been updated with some new items. The study list for the knowledge portion of the contest has also been updated and continues some of the videos from the past three years, along with a few new publications. The contest is for teams and/or individuals. Registration is due August 5. [Horticulture Judging | K-State | Kansas State University](#)

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STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

August 22-23 in Manhattan—contests include livestock judging, meat judging, livestock skillathon and livestock quiz bowl. Entries are due August 1. More details are available here—[4-H Livestock Sweepstakes](#)

COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITIES AT KANSAS STATE FAIR

You may have qualified for 4-H Communications Classes at the Kansas State Fair during 4-H County Club Day. Any demonstration, illustrated talk, project talk, poetry or prose receiving a purple or superior blue rating in a county or district contest may be entered in the Kansas State Fair unless it has previously been entered in this contest or does not meet the guidelines. Sign up on your State Fair Entry Form.

YOUTH COUNCIL & NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Applications for the Kansas Youth Leadership Council and National 4-H Conference are open. All applications will be completed online and are due by October 1. Any Kansas 4-H member ages 14-18 before January 1, 2027 may apply as a Council Rep, and those ages 15-18 before January 1, 2027, may apply for National 4-H Conference. Complete application here—[Youth Leadership Council | K-State | Kansas State University](#)

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Phillips County 4-H Council — July 15 at 6:00 pm at the Phillips County Fairgrounds for Set-Up
Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders—July 13 at 7:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds,
4-H Building
Rooks County 4-H Council—July 13 at 7:30 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

SHEEP FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC

July 10 at 5:00 pm at the Phillips County Fair Building. Please call Addie Ellenberger at 785-689-8294 to RSVP to attend.

BEEF CATTLE HOOV TRIMMING

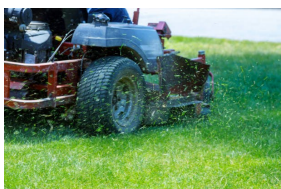
July 14 at the Rooks County Fairgrounds. Howard Fehlman will be trimming cattle hooves. Cost is \$40 per head. Please call the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office at 785-425-6851 to schedule an appointment.

PHOTOGRAPHY MOUNTING WORKSHOP

July 20 at 5:30 pm at the Phillips County Fair Building. If you'd like some assistance in mounting your photography exhibits correctly, plan to attend.

POULTRY TESTING FOR 4-H AND OPEN CLASS

July 23 at the Rooks County Fairgrounds from 4:30-6:00 pm.
July 23 at the Phillips County Fairgrounds from 6:30-7:30 pm.
Testing is required for all poultry (except waterfowl) to be exhibited at the fairs.



PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN UP

July (first half) - Iowa Union 4-H Club, Clean Up and Set Up for Fair—July 15 at 6:00 pm all 4-H Clubs and FFA, August—Deer Creek 4-H Club, and September—Logan FFA

PHILLIPS COUNTY 4-H DOG PRACTICES

To be held at 6:00 pm at the Phillips County Fair Building on July 2, 6, 8, 13, 21, and 22. Practices on July 6 and 13 will be extended for horse project members.

PHILLIPS COUNTY 4-H STYLE REVUE

July 14 at the Huck Boyd Community Center in Phillipsburg. All forms and pictures should be submitted online by July 6. Agra Trailblazers 4-H Club is responsible for stage management and Deer Creek 4-H Club for decorations. [2026 Phillips County Fair - FairEntry.com](https://www.fairentry.com)

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PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR SET UP

July 15 at 6:00 pm at the Phillips County Fairgrounds. All clubs should plan to participate.

PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW

July 18 at 8:00 am at the Phillipsburg Rodeo Grounds.

PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR "IS OUT OF THIS WORLD"

July 24-28 at the Phillips County Fairgrounds. Fair entries are due by July 15. [2026 Phillips County Fair - FairEntry.com](https://www.fairentry.com)

PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM REQUIREMENTS

Required participation to receive a Phillips County Fair premium for 2026:

- 4-H members must attend three 4-H Club meetings from roll call to adjournment
- Work their shifts in the fair food concession stand

Members must also meet **one** of the following requirements:

- Attend 4-H Sunday
- Participate in the county sponsored fundraiser (Dip Dip Hooray, expectation to sell 4 packets)
- Participate in County 4-H Club Day
- Participate in a 4-H leadership activity, such as serving as a teen leader at Day Camp

PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND CLUB DUTIES

The Phillips County Fair is a place where exhibitors come together to show off their hard work to many guests. Exhibitors should take pride in keeping the fairgrounds nice for visitors by keeping stalls, pens, tie outs, tack areas, walkways, vehicle/trailer parking and campsites clean. If you find trash, pick it up and throw it away, even if it isn't yours. If a trash can is full, pull the bag out, tie it, take it to a dumpster and replace it with a new trash bag. Wipe muddy shoes or boots before entering the building. Smile and be friendly to our guests. In addition, each club has an assigned area to keep clean that should be patrolled regularly throughout the fair and cleaned by 10:00 am every morning of the Phillips County Fair.

Agra Trailblazers 4-H Club—Swine/Sheep Barn, surrounding area, including between barn and arena

Deer Creek 4-H Club—West Beef Barn and surrounding area

Iowa Union 4-H Club—Show Arena, including emptying trash cans, picking up trash under bleachers, wiping dirty seats, and sweeping wood chips back into the arena

Lone Prairie 4-H Club—Inside and Outside Building and Patio Area of the Fair Building

Sunnyside 4-H Club—East Livestock and Poultry/Rabbit Barn and Parking Lot

Logan and Phillipsburg FFA—Horse Barn and surrounding area

Overnight Campers—Camping Sites

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ROOKS COUNTY 4-H DOG AGILITY

Practice July 9 at 1:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building. The Rooks County Free Fair Dog Agility Show will be held July 18 at 8:00 am at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building.

ROOKS COUNTY 4-H STYLE REVUE

July 16—judging will be held at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building beginning at 9:00 am. A schedule will be sent out. The public revue will be at 7:00 pm at the Nova Theatre in Stockton. All forms and pictures should be submitted online by July 8. [Rooks County Style Revue](#)

ROOKS COUNTY FREE FAIR BOOTH SET UP

August 1 from 8:00 am to noon at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building.

ROOKS COUNTY FREE FAIR

Set Up is July 30 at 6:30 pm. All clubs should participate. August 3-9 at the Rooks County Fairgrounds is the fair. Fair entry forms are due by July 24. Fair Book will be available here—[4-H & Open Class](#)

2026 ROOKS COUNTY FREE FAIR 4-H SCHEDULE CHANGES

Monday, August 3

8:30 am—Foods will be judged. All foods must be in the 4-H Building by 11:00 am.

9:00 am—Visual Arts will be judged. All visual arts must be in the 4-H Building by 11:00 am.

10:00 am—All other projects except horticulture, floriculture, and crops will be judged.

4-H Fiber Arts and FCE Domestic Arts will be judged 30 minutes after 4-H Visual Art.

1:00 pm—Photography will be judged. All photography must be in the 4-H Building by noon.

Judging starts promptly at 1:00 pm.

5:00 pm—Horticulture, floriculture, and crops must be in the 4-H Building.

Tuesday, August 4

8:00-10:00 am—4-H Food Sale

8:00 am—Horticulture, floriculture, and crops will be judged.

ROOKS COUNTY FREE FAIR 4-H FOOD STAND SCHEDULE

Tuesday—Mt. Pleasant 4-H Club 7:00 am to 10:00 pm

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

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

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

Saturday—Star 4-H Club 7:00 am to close



2026 KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO

»»» TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH | BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY BUILDING
206 W. GRIFFITH; EL DORADO, KS



AG TOURS

BRUCE'S BULLEYE FARMS
BLUESTEM FFA/SCHOOL BARN
BLUESTEM MERCANTILE
ROBIN'S PANTRY
LOVESEE PIZZA



BIN RUN WHEAT SAMPLES
CLEANED WHEAT
PHOTOGRAPHY
FOODS
EDUCATIONAL
POSTERS/DISPLAYS
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Rooks County Free Fair
4-H - FFA - FCCLA - FCE Combined Entry Card

Exhibitor Name: _____

Age (as of January 1 of current year) _____

Check Appropriate Box: ☐4-H ☐FFA ☐FCE

Club, Chapter, or Unit: _____

Number of Horse Stalls Needed

[illegible]

Member's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Leader's Signature: _____

****Due to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office by July 24th.****

ROOKS COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK CODE OF ETHICS

(This section is for ALL livestock exhibitors; horse, beef, sheep, swine, dog, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit.)

I believe that my participation in the Rooks County 4-H and FFA Livestock Program should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge, and skill as a trainer, feeder and fitter of livestock. I will do my own work and only accept advice and support from others.

I certify that I have enrolled in the 4-H or FFA projects for which I am showing and have participated in the educational programs offered pertaining to this project. In addition, I understand and have met all ownership, weigh-in, tagging, health, and other identification requirements of the project.

In conducting my project, I will not use abusive or questionable techniques in the buying, feeding, training, fitting, showing, or general care of my animals prior to or during the fair. I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when buying, fitting, or showing animals. I will not allow my parents, leaders, teachers, agents, or other adults to employ such practices on my behalf.

I will read and understand the rules of all livestock shows in which I am a participant. I ask that my parents, leaders, teachers, agents, or other adults not break the rules or make exceptions on my behalf. I agree to conduct myself in a sportsmanlike manner, accepting both praise and critique gracefully. I shall not directly criticize or interfere with show judges, fair or show management, or other exhibitors.

I wish for my livestock project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer---good and bad---and how to live with the outcome. I realize that I am responsible for: the proper care and treatment of my animals, the production of wholesome food, and the development of sound moral character in myself and others, and that my actions reflect directly upon me, my family, my club, and the 4-H and FFA organizations in Rooks County and in Kansas. Therefore, I agree to abide by the Livestock Code of Ethics and the Kansas 4-H Events Code of Ethics.

Market Animal Drug Withdrawal Form

(This Section to be completed by exhibitors showing and selling market animals through the livestock sale.)

I am aware that many chemical substances used in livestock production and showing have withdrawal times before slaughter. Such products could be: implants, feed additives, vaccines, medications, medicated shampoos, insect repellants, premises sprays, and pesticides on grazing areas. I also know that tranquilizers and other non-approved substances should not be used in food animals.

I certify that: (mark all that apply)

☐ I have read the Livestock Ethics rules contained in the Fair Book.

☐ I have followed recommended production practices and that I have not abused my animal or administered unlabeled or illegal substances.

☐ while in my ownership, my animals have never been given any labeled substances which required a withdrawal time before slaughter.

☐ I have given labeled over-the-counter or prescription substances under the direction of my veterinarian and am providing the following withdrawal information. I understand that if withdrawal has not been met, I am still allowed to show and sell through the premium auction. However, I must buy the animal back and feed it through the required withdrawal time at which time it will be slaughtered.

4-H / FFA Tag Number	Medication or Treatment	Date Given	Withdrawal Clear Date	Not Cleared, I will Buy Back

(Signature section to be completed by ALL livestock exhibitors and their parent or guardian.)

Exhibitor Signature _____

Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

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July

2 Dog Practice - Phillipsburg
6 Phillips County Style Revue Entries Due
6 Dog Practice - Phillipsburg
8 Rooks County 4-H Style Revue Entries Due
8 Dog Practice - Phillipsburg
9 Dog Agility Practice - Stockton
10 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic
10 Sheep Fitting and Showing Clinic
13 Dog Practice - Phillipsburg
13 Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
13 Rooks County 4-H Council
14 Phillips County 4-H Style Revue
14 Beef Cattle Hoof Trimming
15 Phillips County Fair Entries Due
15 Phillips County Fair Set Up
15 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entries Due
15 Wheat Variety Plot Entry Due
16 Rooks County 4-H Style Revue
18 Phillips County Fair Horse Show
18 Rooks County Free Fair Dog Agility Show
20 Photography Mounting Workshop
21 Dog Practice - Phillipsburg
22 Dog Practice - Phillipsburg
23 Poultry Testing for the Phillips County Fair
and Rooks County Free Fair
24 Rooks County Free Fair Entries Due
24-28 Phillips County Fair
27 VetMed Rocks Summer High School Camp
28 VetMed Rocks Summer Middle School Camp
29 VetMed Rocks Summer Grade School Camp
30 Rooks County Free Fair Set Up

August

1 Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show Entries Due
1 Rooks County Free Fair Booth Set Up
3-9 Rooks County Free Fair
4 4-H Wheat Expo
15 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
15 Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due
22-23 State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September

11-20 Kansas State Fair

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