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4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING—Saturday, November 9

All newly elected officers are invited to attend an Officers Training workshop this Saturday on November 9, 2:30—4 p.m. at the **Dodge City Senior Center, 2408 Central, Dodge City.**

You will have the opportunity to learn about teamwork, duties of your respective offices and the responsibility of serving as an officer for your club. Members are asked to RSVP to the office so we can plan for officer resources, but it is not required.

4-H Online Enrollment

The previous glitches some families were experiencing, have been corrected. If for some reason you do have a problem, please contact our office to help you. If you submitted your enrollment between October 1 and 25, please go back into your profile and make sure your projects are all listed and complete. Remember you can drop or add a project till May 1!

FAIR ASSOCIATION ELECTION MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 pm, Fair Building

Join the Fair Board for soup at 6:00 pm and then attend their Annual Meeting beginning at 6:30 pm. Elections for three Fair Board members, for three year terms, will be taking place.

Currently Fair Board Members are responsible for maintaining the facilities/building and for opening/closing the building for rentals. If you are interested in becoming a member of the board, please contact any current board member or the Extension Office. Any Ford County resident, 18 and older can run & vote.

Fair Board meetings during the year are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Fair Building.

The board is continuing to work on fund raising for future improvements to the building and grounds. They have received several area grants, but if you would be interested in providing a donation they are a 501 3c organization. Contact the Extension Office for more information and how to donate.

FORD COUNTY 4-H DEADLINES & RSVP's

Deadlines and RSVP's are important. Responding to these requests in a timely fashion is important as we work to prepare for programs & meetings and out of respect for the people involved. Many times these deadlines are set by the state (i.e. KSF and KJLS entry deadlines) other times it is for handouts, food or interest in the program.

We understand that sometimes things come up and we will try our best to accommodate if we can. While we hate to turn anyone away, we are not always able to accept or accommodate late additions or late responses. Responsibility is one of the life skills that 4-H strives to teach young people. Please be courteous of everyone's time and help us to instill these virtues in our young people. This will help us to run a more efficient and effective 4-H program.

Fair Checks and Thank You Notes

A reminder we still have exhibitors who have not turned in thank you notes for County Fair premiums, live-stock sale etc. Please do so as soon as possible. If checks are not picked up and cashed by February 1, premiums will be forfeited and returned to the Fair Association. With the coming holiday season, we are sure you would appreciate a little extra cash.

4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council Meetings

The next 4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be **Monday, November 25 6:30 pm. and 7:00 pm. at the Ford County Fair Building.** 4-H Council Officer Elections will be held.



To assist with trying to keep 4-H Council meetings moving along and not too long, we asked those members wanting to run for an office to complete an Officer Application. This application can be found online on our main page on the County's extension website. These applications need to be submitted before the next Council Meeting, November 25. Only those submitting nomination forms will be considered for the office.

The Dodge City Parade of Lights is scheduled for Monday, December 2. Ford County 4-H Council has provided Chili and drinks for parade participants who would like to eat prior to the parade starting. At the last Council Meeting, several clubs volunteered to help and provide supplies for the event.

We will start serving at approximately 5:30 pm. At the last council meeting, Richland Boosters agreed to provide Hot Chocolate mixes, Happy Hustlers tomatoes and beans, and DIY will provide 3-4 members to help with serving. **Farm Bureau is providing the hamburger meat. This is a 4-H Council's community service project for the year.**

Save the Date for 2025 K-State Junior Producer Days

Mark your calendar!! The 2025 K-State Junior Producer Day dates have been set for next spring. Since it is an odd year, it will be swine and meat goat. These are one-day educational events during which families learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects. The junior day programs will be on a Saturday at the Stanley Stout Center, north of campus in Manhattan. Junior Swine Producer Day will be March 1, with Junior Meat Goat Producer Day scheduled for March 22. Stay tuned for more information, including the tentative schedule and registration details, later this month. Additional details will be released to extension agents via email, posted on the Junior Producer Days page of the youth livestock website, and via the KSU YLP Facebook page. Due to the capacity of the facility, registration will be limited for both events.

Kansas 4-H Horse Identification Form

The Horse Identification Form has been recently updated and is available for download from our website. Beginning with the 2025 4-H Program year, please discard the previous Horse ID Form and use the new form. As a reminder, the 4-H member is to keep the original Horse ID and the local Extension Office is to keep a copy. Take the original ID to all Horse Shows you participate in as you may be asked for it prior to showing.

PROJECT SELECTION

It is very important to sit down as a family to select 4-H projects for the upcoming year. **4-H IS A FAMILY AFFAIR**, so time required, costs involved, parental help, etc. should all be carefully considered when selecting projects. A 4-H project is designed to encompass the entire 4-H year, including project meetings, special events/contests, individual time, fair exhibits, record books, etc. It is usually suggested to take only a few projects when first starting in 4-H. Project Selection Guides are available in the office or on the website if you'd like to learn more about the different projects offered.

Setting 4-H Project Goals

Writing 4-H project goals should take place towards the beginning of the 4-H year, and NOT right before record books are due. This publication will guide the 4-H member as they write and set 4-H project goals for the year ahead. Once the young person has selected their 4-H projects, they should plan out what they would like to learn and accomplish. It is very helpful when this process is done with the guidance of an adult volunteer or junior teen leader. Setting measurable goals will help ensure that the 4-H member has a positive 4-H project learning experience.

This publication may be filled out by hand, or is available as a form-fillable pdf. There is room on the publication for up to four project areas, but they are encouraged to attach additional pages as necessary. Download at <https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf>

Leaders and Volunteers

All Community Club Leaders and Project Leaders need to sign up online as well. Leaders will need to go online and submit their Volunteer forms to 4-H Online to be approved. Also note that parents do not need to sign up online unless they are going to be a Community Club Leader, a Project Leader, driver to activities, etc.. If you are interested in becoming a new leader, please complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Service application through the 4-H Online system. Go to <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online-family-resources/index.html> for an enrollment guide for volunteers.

A registered 4-H Volunteer is a volunteer, adult or teen who has completed the full process including: application, screening and orientation. For the safety of both 4-H members and adults, this system is in place. Each year, NEW 4-H volunteers must apply for certification, or in the case of a returning volunteer, renew their status via a renewal form. Both forms are now available through 4-H Online.

- **4-H Volunteer:**

- *Sign up on 4-H online
- *Complete the online Orientation
- *Complete a Child Abuse and Neglect Registry Form and the National Criminal Background Check online

- **Returning 4-H Volunteer:**

- ◇ Fill out Volunteer Annual Renewal online
- ◇ Check with office to see if you need to do an updated background check.

- **Who needs to be Volunteer certified?**

- Community Leaders
- Cloverbud Leaders
- Project Leaders (all—teens, adults, etc.)
- Camp Counselors
- Hosting Exchange Parents
- Any person who will be in contact with 4-H youth for more than 6 hours.

County-Wide Project Leaders

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 members an extra 'edge' in their 4-H Experience!

County-wide leaders for 2024-2025

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| Jay Langlois and Eddie Nichols | Livestock Judging |
| Troy Robertson Brandi Stein | Shooting Sports—Shotgun Archery |

If you are interested in learning crochet/knitting/tatting, or embroidery, we have an individual willing to do one on one sessions. Let Ethel know if you are interested.

Scholarships Available for Camps and Events like KYLF, CIA, etc.

Remember there are scholarships you can apply for if you are interested in attending.

The Ford County 4-H Foundation and 4-H Council provides scholarships for camps/activities. There is also the Scroggins Camp/Event Scholarship.

All 4-H'ers of Ford and Gray County have the opportunity to apply for the Scroggins State 4-H Camp/Event Scholarship. Campers wishing to attend a State 4-H Camp (i.e. Discovery Days, KYLF, Space Tech Camp, etc.) are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Those interested in applying for a Scroggins Camp Scholarship, must fill out the 'Scroggins State Camp/Event Scholarship Application' by the Camp Registration Deadline. The number and amount of awards will be determined by the individual county, with consideration to existing support, participation, and county need. Selection will be based on expressed need. For project specific camps/events, preference will be given to 4-H'ers enrolled in the project. No more than one scholarship may be received per 4-H'er/per 4-H year (October 1—September 30). Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are available on ford.ksu.edu under the 4-H tab or at the Extension Office.

4-H ONLINE

If you haven't already enrolled, we hope you will enroll soon for the new 2024/2025 4-H year by going online to <https://v2.4honline.com/> and renew your family's 4-H enrollment. Online enrollment began in October and enrollment is now picking up and going strong. If you have any trouble, please contact us so we can get you signed up ASAP.

The enrollment fee can be paid through the Extension Office, but you will need to indicate payment by check. You can also still pay with a credit card if you prefer. If your club is paying for member enrollments the office has a county coupon to use when enrolling. Indicate payment by check and the office will insert coupon prior to approval and your club will be billed. Clubs will need to pay 4-H Council for reimbursement.

If your family is paying the fee, you can also use a coupon by indicating payment by check. You can pay the Extension office and we can insert the coupon code prior to approval.

Please do not put "waiver" unless you are truly asking for assistance from the state for your payment. Waiver requests go to the state and this year they are reviewing all requests more closely.

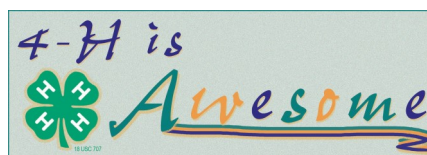
All health information is completed during enrollment. Once submitted the enrollment will be "pending" and will need to be "approved" by our office. If anything is missing, we will be in contact with you by email.

There are several consents for Publicity and name Releases or we will not be able to print your name in any programs and publicity for 4-H or have your name on Fair Exhibit entry cards. If you decide not to accept, we will ask you to verify before we approve enrollment.

If you can't recall which email address you used to set up the account, give us a call or send us an email and we will help you out. DO NOT create a new family account. If you cannot remember the password used, click on "I forgot my Password" and you will be sent a temporary password to get in to your account.

Remember if you re-enroll by November 15, the club with the most re-enrollments

of current members will receive a pizza party.



Future Dates to Remember

November

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| 11 | Veteran Day's—office closed |
| 23-24 | KYLF and KVLF |
| 25 | Community Leader & 4-H Council |
| 27-29 | Office closed for Thanksgiving |

December

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| 25– Jan 2 | Office closed for Christmas/New Year's |
| 30 | 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Mtg |

January 2025

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| 13 | Office closed for Martin Luther King Day |
| 15 | Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. |
| 27 | Community Leader and 4-H Council Meeting |



::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ To everyone who participated in National 4-H Week Activities!
- ◆ To all members who submitted their Record Books!
- ◆ Club members who donated their time to decorate 4-H Promotional Displays! They looked GREAT!
- ◆ To all Clubs who conducted a 48 Hours of 4-H activity/event.
- ◆ To the Livestock Judging team members who have competed in South Barber FFA Judging Contest and the Mid America Livestock Judging Contest these past several months.
- ◆ To all our 4-H Record Book winners.
- ◆ To everyone who helped with the Achievement Night meal, decorations, serving and clean up.

Barn Quilt Workshop



The Extension Office is offering a **Barn Quilt Workshop on November 16**, starting at 9 a.m. This is open to anyone (youth or adult). If you are interested in more information and pricing, call the Extension Office. Registrations are required by November 8 along with payment and pattern selection.

Did You Know....

...Ford County 4-H program has 4-H'ers representing several local and different school systems and several home schooling families?

We have members who attend: Dodge City Public Schools, Spearville Public Schools, Bucklin Public Schools, Minneola Public Schools, Cimarron Public Schools, Hodgeman County Public Schools, and Sacred Heart Catholic School in Dodge City. We also have members who attend Dodge City Community College and several other 2 or 4 year higher education schools.

Invite All Friends

INVITE A FRIEND TO 4-H!

Since this is the beginning of the new 4-H year, we challenge each of you to invite a friend to your next 4-H meeting! The best way to grow your club and the Ford County 4-H Program is to share your passion for 4-H with your friends! Help us increase Ford County and your 4-H Club's enrollment! We invite Ford County youth to join our clubs in Ford County as each county across the state offers 4-H Clubs for county youth to join.

OPTION A: ZBOOKS Online Record Keeping Software

ZBooks Resource Page -<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>

Please note that both options will be evaluated in the same manner, with no advantage being given to either method. Information included in either method will be the same.

OPTION B: Form Fillable PDF's

Please note that both options will be evaluated in the same manner, with no advantage being given to either method. Information included in either method will be the same.

Record Book Suggestions *from the evaluators*

Congratulations on working towards your goals and completing your record books this year.

Some helpful hints from the evaluators:

- Visiting with the judge at the fair and talking about your projects at the club tour are not considered formal presentations, that is considered project work. Fulfill this requirement by giving a project talk or demonstration at a club meeting or County Club Days.
- Project experiences: What did you LEARN? Consider utilizing some of the things you learned while meeting your project goals for this section.
- Remember the difference between citizenship and leadership. Citizenship is something done for the betterment of the community. Leadership is organizing, delegating and allowing others to have a part. (i.e. serving as a mentor for younger, new members or teaching others how to do something.) Also, be sure it is related to your project area. When in doubt, ASK QUESTIONS, of your club leaders or the Extension Agents! **Keep up the good work!**

FORD CO. 4-H FOUNDATION

The Ford County 4-H Foundation will be conducting their annual membership drive. You will be receiving a letter asking you to become a member and attend their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 6 pm at the Ford County Fair Building. Support of this organization is through contributions. You may make a contribution by sending a check to: Ford County 4-H Foundation, 100 Gunsmoke St, Dodge City, KS 67801

The 4-H Foundation provides financial support to our program by:

- ⇒ providing college and camp scholarships
- ⇒ leadership trainings and officer's training
- ⇒ record book incentives
- ⇒ sponsoring trips

If you have questions about the Foundation, contact any current board member or the Extension Office.

Parents - Ways You Can Support the 4-H Club

- ◇ Attend Meetings! Attend Club/County-Wide Events.
- ◇ Provide food when asked.
- ◇ Provide transportation when asked.
- ◇ Share ideas for programs.
- ◇ Help with recreation or events.
- ◇ Make 4-H one of their priorities this year.
- ◇ Promote 4-H among their friends & acquaintances.
- ◇ Read the 4-H newsletter and other correspondence.
- ◇ Offer support, with project work.
- ◇ Care about other 4-H members.
- ◇ Be a friend to another 4-H parent.
- ◇ Be a good example for the members.
- ◇ Offer encouragement to the leaders.
- ◇ Be a good listener.
- ◇ Help the members make decisions.
- ◇ Volunteer to be a project leader.
- ◇ Offer to assist the leaders
- ◇ Help and Cooperate.



Achievement Night Awards....

At the Annual Achievement Night 4-H Council recognized Eric Martin as our 2024 Alumni Winner; Offerle Coop and Grain Supply as the 2024 Meritorious Award winner and John and Marcella Holman family as the 2024-2025 4-H Family of the Year.

Brooklyn Droste, Esperanza Montford, Jay Langlois, Eddie Nichols, Shayla Tieben and Cari Wasson were recognized as first year leaders; Becky Swan as a 5th year leader and Adrianna Figueroa as a 10th year leader.

Stanton Custer, Braeden Simon and Jordan Stimpert as 10 year members; Rachel Harrold, Josie Robinson, and Harlee Tilley as 11 year members and Erika Fry as a 12 year member!

Valley Boosters 4-H Club received Champion Window Display and Richland Boosters was Reserve Champion Window Display.

Rachael Swonger won for posting a picture of her wearing a 4-H shirt during 4-H Week Promotional drawing.

Rhianne Swonger's name was drawn from the list of all members who turned in a record book and received a duffle bag from Ford County 4-H Foundation with the DIY Juniors club receiving a \$25 cash award to use for a club activity.

The Happy Hustlers 4-H Club received \$25 from the 4-H Foundation for having 82% of their club membership turned in record books.





KANSAS 4-H EVENTS 2024-2025

*Dates subject to change. Please visit with your local K-State Research and Extension Office or visit www.Kansas4-H.org for event details and registration information.

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| <p>October 1 October 4 October 5 October 11 October 6-12 October 12-13 October 19-20 October 18 October 26 November 9-10 November 23-24 November 23-24 Nov 29-Dec 3 January 4-5 January 25 February TBA February 16-17 February 22-23 March TBA March 22 April TBA April TBA April 17 April 19-24 May TBA May TBA June TBA June 4-6 June 13-15 June 22-28 June/July August TBA August TBA August 16 September 5-14 September 20 September 27</p> | <p>New 4-H Year begins Hunting Skills Sportsman's Acres, Junction City Kansas 4-H Photography Shutterbug Event, Oskaloosa State 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Match National 4-H Week 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge 4-H Dog Conference, Rock Springs Shooting Sports Leader Training, Goodland Kansas 4-H Photography Shutterbug Event, Hays Volunteer Shooting Sports Update Only Training, Rock Springs Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers Forum, Rock Springs National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Orientation Retreat, Rock Springs Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training Shooting Sports Leader Training & Updates 4-H Citizenship in Action, Topeka 4-H Horse Panorama, Rock Springs State 4-H Horse Judging Contest at EquiFest Super Saturday, Colby Kansas 4-H Photography Shutterbug Event Spring State Match, Great Bend Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, Manhattan National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C. Shooting Sports Leader Training & Updates Kansas 4-H Photography Shutterbug Event Insect Spectacular Discovery Days, Manhattan State Geology Field Trips National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship 4-H Camp, Rock Springs Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo State Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson State Archery Match State Small Bore/Muzzleloading Match</p> |
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Exchange Raffle

The 4-H Exchange group recently conducted a raffle and drawing. The winners are listed below:

Pit Boss 2 Burner Tabletop Griddle—Jeannie Durler

Folding Platform Step — Ryan Stephenson

6/12 Volt Forney Battery Charger and Wildlife Scene Fire Ring — Linda Fry

Quinn 72 Piece 3/8 Drive Socket Set and BBQ Gift Basket—Teri Hendrickson

Quinn 54 Piece 1/4" Drive Socket Set—Kristina Lindow

Hand Cleaner Wipes and Hat — Cassie Sanko

Taco Gift Basket—Joe Durler

Lego Gift Basket — Marcy Taylor

Congratulations to all of the winners!

The next several months we will share information from the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook. This is to help our families and volunteers understand policies which govern our state 4-H program. If you have questions, please let us know. This month we are reviewing the use of the 4-H Name and Emblem.

3.5: 4-H Name and Emblem

Official Emblem

The 4-H name and emblem are protected under the State Office of 4-H Youth Development. The 4-H name and emblem are intended to represent the ideals of the program with its focus on serving the educational needs and interests of 4-H youth. Using the 4-H Name and Emblem requires proper authorization.

Agents and Extension Boards are required by law to comply with all policies in the publication, “FY 2019 4-H Name and Emblem Use Guide,”

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/name-emblem.html>

Name and Emblem Regulations

State Authority

In Kansas, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the Director of K-State Research and Extension as its representative in matters pertaining to the use of the 4-H name and emblem within the confines of the state, within the federal guidelines. The day-to-day management of all Extension programming and operations, including 4-H, has been delegated to the Director for Extension. The day-to-day management of the 4-H name and emblem and the responsibility for establishing and upholding Kansas 4-H program standards and governance has been delegated to the State 4-H Program Leader.

Questions regarding the use of the 4-H Name and Emblem may be directed to the state program leader of the State Office of 4-H Youth Development.

Use of the 4-H name and emblem is forbidden if it exploits 4-H programs, its volunteer leaders, or youth participants, or the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Services, the land-grant institutions, or their employees.

The 4-H name and emblem shall not be used to imply endorsement of commercial firms, products, or services.

In Kansas, rules and regulations established by local 4-H clubs, groups, councils, or the extension board must be consistent with those established by the Director for Extension.

Local Extension Unit Authority

At the local extension unit level, the authority pertaining to the use of the 4-H name and emblem is shared between the local extension board and the regional director of K-State Research and Extension, within the guidelines for proper use from state and university authorities. The extension agent(s) manage(s) the day-to-day implementation of policies pertaining to the 4-H name and emblem.

3.5.3: Use the Whole Emblem

The 4-H Emblem should always appear as a whole and complete image.

Do not remove any leaves. Do not superimpose another image over the top of one of the leaves. Other images should be moved and appear completely separate from the 4-H Emblem.

Don't “cut off” a leaf by running it off the edge of the paper in print media or other designs.

Don't place text or other images over or on top of the 4-H Emblem.

The 4-H Emblem should not appear screened under words or graphics. No photo, drawing, symbol, word, or other figure or object may be placed on or obscure the 4-H Emblem. This includes on web pages, where it should not appear as a “watermark” behind other information.

3.5.4: 4-H Emblem Colors

The official and preferred color of the 4-H Emblem is 100 percent PMS 347 green. The clover can also be white, black, or metallic gold. The H's on the clover can be white, metallic gold on a green clover, green on a white clover, or black. The clover can be outlined in green (for white clover) or white (for green clover) to add prominence to the image and make the emblem stand out from the background. The 4-H Emblem should never be screened, shaded, gradated, or appear in a multicolored hue.

One-color printing requires either PMS 347 green or black. For commercial applications, the "18 USC 916" notice should be the same color as the clover leaves. Black is the only acceptable alternative to green for one-color printing and should be used only when cost prohibits green ink or color photocopies.

Two-color printing. Only PMS 347 green may be used for the leaves and "18 USC 916" notice. The H's will be reversed out of the PMS 347 to be white or the color of the paper on which the emblem is printed. The H's may also be printed in metallic gold (PMS 873) on a green background.

Four-color printing. In four-color process printing, PMS colors are approximated using a particular combination of the standard four-color process printing inks. The four-color process percentages required to match 4-H's PMS 347 green are: cyan 100%, magenta 0%, yellow 90%, and black 0%. There is no CMYK equivalent to PMS 873.

Video and computer screen colors (electronic media). The colors transmitted by electronic media are created using precise combinations of RGB (red, green, blue). The correct RGB values for the 4-H green are: R=51, G=153, B=102. No other colors are acceptable.

For exceptions to the guidance provided regarding color, especially in non-print or corollary materials, please contact 4-H National Headquarters.

3.5.5: Using the 4-H Name

The official 4-H Name includes 4-H, 4-H Youth Development, or 4-H Youth Development Program. When using the term "4-H," it must conform as follows:

Numeral "4" separated from a capital "H" with a hyphen (not a dash, slash, or space).

Do not replace 4-H with "Four-H."

Do not use the 4-H Emblem in place of the word "4-H" in a title or text.

Avoid separation of any of the elements of the 4-H name at the end of sentences.

3.5.6: Application to Use the 4-H Name and Emblem

Primary consideration for granting authorization to use the 4-H Name and Emblem is for educational and character-building purposes of the 4-H program and can be used only as authorized by the statute.

4-H clubs receive official authorization to use the 4-H name and emblem when they become a chartered 4-H club. Commercial vendors, private organizations, or any other entity may receive authorization from the local extension office or the State 4-H Office. This includes any fundraising efforts using the name and emblem of 4-H by a community or county based partner, including Fair Boards (see "10.4: Partnerships: County/State Fairs" on page 46 and "7.7: Fundraising" on page 30).

It is required that local 4-H clubs work closely with extension staff when designing t-shirts or other items that will bear the 4-H Name and Emblem. Extension staff should confirm that the 4-H Name and Emblem is being used according to regulation.

Request for the use of the 4-H Name and Emblem on the state level should be directed to the State 4-H Youth Development Program Leader.

3.5.7: Use of the K-State Research and Extension/4-H Co-Branding Policy

The co-branding is required on ALL 4-H print, digital, apparel and merchandise. <https://www.k-state.edu/vpcm/branding/>

This requirement applies to all designs created at the local, county, district, region, and state levels. The co-branding is available in both a vertical and horizontal format, as well as in color and black and white. The full policy regarding the proper use of the KSRE/4-H Co-Branding, as well as the various image files, can be found on the 4-H Promotional Resources page. To successfully market our services and programs, we must be consistent with the use of our co-branding on all items that we design and create.

Local vendors need to be a K-State licensed vendor when printing the KSRE/4-H Co-Branding. The license application, FAQ to the licensing policy, and a step-by-step guide to completing the application can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/>



A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry

4-H project-based learning provides a place for youth to explore their interests and passions — or what we like to call their sparks! Youth learn from caring adult volunteers, or in some cases through self-guided study, in projects in areas such as science, health, agriculture, and citizenship. Screened adult volunteers provide a safe and positive environment where youth learn by doing. Young people thrive through 4-H participation, finding their way to success in life and career.

Careful consideration should be used when [selecting a 4-H project](#) to enroll in for the year. A 4-H project has five components: Learning Experiences, Leadership, Citizenship, Exhibition, and Record Keeping. An explanation of each component can be found below. These five components can all be found along the [Kansas 4-H Learning Pathway](#) (4H1131).



| Learning Experiences | Citizenship | Leadership | Exhibition/ Showcase | Record Keeping |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum-guided activities • Project meetings • Kansas Clover Classroom • Educational tours • Workshops/clinics • State project events • KSU Junior Producer Days • Judging contests • Public presentations • Interviewing the experts • Educational presentations • Quiz bowl contests • Skill-a-thon • How-to shows and online videos | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping your community or others outside your family • Helping others without financial compensation <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food drives • Sew and donate lap quilts to nursing home • Knit caps for newborns • Assist in community garden • Volunteer with Story Walk, featuring a book related to project work • Launch rocket with daycare or elementary grades | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching skills or information to others outside your family • Organizing or coordinating an event or activity <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach a workshop • Facilitate a group activity • Assist a Project Leader with project meeting • Plan a tour • Serve as a Junior/ Teen Leader • Serve as a Junior Superintendent • Create project-related videos for use on social media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contest (foods show, photography contest, wheat show, etc.) • 4-H Club Days • 4-H Project Displays • Livestock show • Educational presentation • County Fair • Kansas State Fair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal setting • Record of project work, income, expenses, and skills learned, etc. • Leadership and Citizenship • Project reflection • Pictures documenting learning and engagement |

Local Contact Information



2024 Final USDA Animal Disease Traceability Rule



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is animal disease traceability?

A: Animal disease traceability (ADT), or knowing where diseased and at-risk animals are, where they've been, and when, is important to ensuring a rapid response when animal disease events take place. ADT **does not prevent disease**. However, an efficient and accurate traceability system helps reduce the number of animals involved in a disease investigation and reduces the time needed to respond, which reduces the economic strain on owners and affected communities.

Q: How do official EID tags enhance traceability?

A: Official eartags provide animal health officials with a specific starting point from which to trace diseased or potentially diseased (exposed) animals. The required tag distribution records associate the official identification number with the person that received the device. Without official identification, animal health officials' ability to accurately trace an animal's movements can take months or may never be achieved. Official eartags provide the opportunity to conduct a disease investigation from two points of reference rather than just one.

Q: If my animal is already identified with a USDA metal visual-only official identification tag, will I be required to apply an electronically readable tag?

A: No, if your animal has been tagged with a visual only official identification tag prior to the rule's effective date, you are not required to apply an electronically readable tag to the animal. All visual-only official identification tags applied to cattle and bison prior to the date of the rule becoming effective will be considered official identification for the lifetime of the animal.

Q: What animals will be impacted by the new EID rule?

A: There is no change to the animals that are required to be officially identified. The 2024 USDA final ADT rule covers all sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age or older, all dairy cattle of any age, and all cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, exhibition, or recreational events. The 2024 final ADT rule only applies to the interstate movement of covered classes of cattle and bison.

Q: How much will official EID tags cost producers?

A: A limited number of Official EID tags are available at no cost to veterinarians and livestock markets, however official EID tags can also be purchased directly from manufacturers and distributors.

Q: Will I have to buy additional equipment to read the tags?

A: No, the new EID rule makes all official identification tags both electronically and visually readable from an arms length away by a person with 20/20 vision. EID tags can be used in the same manner as visual only tags by those who do not wish to invest in tag-reading equipment.

Q: What is an official EID tag?

A: An official EID tag or an official electronic identification tag is a USDA approved official tag for animal disease traceability. Official EID tags are 15-digits long starting with 840-, have the US shield, and says "Unlawful to Remove".

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Dear 4-H Families,

Please complete your online enrollment soon. Be sure when you select your projects to click on your community club name before continuing. Remember adult volunteers need to also sign up online to either become a new leader or renew.



The best of luck to our 4-H Club officers and community leaders as they begin the new 4-H year.

The holiday season is upon us, so please take care when traveling this season. We hope all of our 4-H families will have a wonderful, safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ethel".

Ethel Schneeweis
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea".

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