

# 2026 Rawlins County 4-H Fair Book

**K·STATE**  
Research and Extension



Rawlins  
County

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Aaron Hyland, (785) 626-3192 or [ahyland1@ksu.edu](mailto:ahyland1@ksu.edu). Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

FAIR SCHEDULE.....	3
4-H CLUBS.....	4
4-H COUNCIL MEMBERS.....	4
FFA ADVISORS.....	4
RAWLINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.....	4
RAWLINS COUNTY FAIR BOARD.....	4
RAWLINS COUNTY EXTENSION BOARD.....	4
4-H FOOD SALE.....	4
LIVESTOCK SHOW ORDER.....	4
LIVESTOCK AUCTION SUPPORTERS.....	5
GENERAL POLICIES.....	6-8
GRIEVENCE PROCESS.....	8
LIVESTOCK POLICIES.....	9-10
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	
OVERALL GRAND/RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL.....	11
LIVESTOCK AUCTION.....	12
SHOWMANSHIP/ROUND ROBIN.....	13
BEEF.....	14-15
GOATS.....	15-16
EQUINE.....	16
DAIRY.....	17
SWINE.....	17
SHEEP.....	18
POULTRY & EGGS.....	19
RABBITS.....	19
PETS.....	20-21
CROPS.....	21
HORTICULTURE.....	22
FLORICULTURE.....	22
CRAFTS & SKILLED ARTS.....	23
FIBER ARTS.....	23-24
CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION.....	24
BUYMANSHIP.....	25
HOME ENVIRONMENT.....	25
FOOD PREPARATION.....	26
FOOD PRESERVATION.....	27
NOTEBOOKS, BANNERS & POSTERS.....	28
CLUB BALES.....	28
PHOTOGRAPHY.....	29-30
WOODWORKING.....	30
WELDING & METAL FABRICATION.....	30
ENERGY MANAGEMENT.....	31
ENTOMOLOGY.....	32-33
GEOLOGY.....	34
SELF-DETERMINED.....	34
FORESTRY.....	35
SPACE TECH.....	36-37
SHOOTING SPORTS.....	37-38

# 2026 Rawlins County Free Fair Schedule of Events

## July 12 – July 18 Pre Fair

### **Sunday, July 12**

**1:00 p.m.** Rocket Launch (conditions permitting)

**3:00 p.m.** – 4-H Shotgun Shoot @ RCSA range

.....

### **Monday, July 13 (11:59 pm)**

Pre-registration date for all exhibits

.....

### **Tuesday, July 14**

**5:00 p.m.** 4-H Dog Obedience, Showmanship & Agility

.....

### **Wednesday, July 15**

**5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** *Pre-Fair Clean Up*

.....

### **Thursday, July 16**

**9:00 a.m.** Clothing Construction & Shopping in Style judging. At *Redeemer Lutheran Church*

**7:00 p.m.** Public Style Review @ *Redeemer Lutheran Church*

.....

### **Friday, July 17**

**8:00 a.m.** 4-H Horse Show

**Noon:** *Bale Decorating Opens*

.....

### **Saturday, July 18**

**9:00 a.m.** Conference Judging for: Horticulture, Crops, Flowers & Houseplants, Woodworking, Metal Fab, Energy Mgt., Entomology, Geology, Forestry, Self-Det., Rockets, Shooting Sports, Home Environment, Notebooks & Posters and Club Booths

**9:00 a.m. – Noon:** Enter all Photography Exhibits

**Noon:** Photography Judging & Comments

**1:00 p.m.** Conference Judging Begin for: 4-H Foods, 4-H Food Pres., 4-H Skilled Arts, Crafts, & Fiber Arts

**4:00 p.m.** – Food sales begins at Jamboree Foods

**5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** *Pre-Fair Clean Up*

## July 20 – July 23 Fair Week

### **Monday, July 20**

**8:00 a.m. – Noon:** Check in & Weigh Livestock

**12:00 p.m.** Enter all Open Class Exhibits by NOON, judging begins at 1:00pm

**2:00 p.m.** Judging begins (in this order): Poultry & Eggs, Rabbits, Cats, Hand Pets

**5:00 p.m.** Parade Line Up

**5:30 p.m.** Parade

**6:30 p.m.** Community Meal Sponsored by MNB

**7:30 p.m.** Littles Barnyard Olympics (Register 6:30-7:15 p.m. at BBQ)

.....

### **Tuesday, July 21**

**9:00 a.m.** Goat Show and Sheep Show

**5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.** Community meal sponsored by Rawlins County Health Center/Atwood Rotary

**6:00 p.m.** Swine Show

**7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.** Buff Stampede Carnival

.....

### **Wednesday, July 22**

**8:30 a.m.** Beef Show

**5:30 p.m.** Community Supper sponsored by Rawlins County Farm Bureau

**6:30 p.m.** Farm Bureau Children’s Pedal Pull

**7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.** Buff Stampede Carnival

**7:30 p.m.** Bigs Barnyard Olympics

.....

### **Thursday, July 23**

**9:00 a.m.** Round Robin Showmanship Clinic

**10:00 a.m.** Round Robin

**5:00 p.m.** Livestock Auction BBQ sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions

**6:00 p.m.** Rawlins County Fair Livestock Auction Animal Load Out/Clean Up Immediately Following

**7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.** Buff Stampede Carnival

.....

### **Friday, July 24**

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Night Swim for 4-H Members

**7:00 p.m.** 4-H Pizza Party Kelly Park for 4-H Members

.....

### **Monday, July 27**

**6:00 p.m.** Post Fair Wrap-Up Meeting

## 4-H Clubs

Beardsley Beavers Chardon

## 2026 4-H Council Members

President: Maggie Holle  
Vice President: Luke Sis  
Secretary: Kimberly Rippe  
Treasurer: Ryan Micek  
Members: Jay Doty, Lyla Glaze, Kate Hadley, Brody McQuitty

## FFA Advisors

Marvin Green, Atwood

## Rawlins County Commissioners

Mark Mosley  
Lincoln Pochop  
Alan Solko

## 2026 Rawlins County Fair Board

President: Zac Chubb  
Vice President: Connor Beims  
Secretary: Wanda Poore  
Treasurer: Ann Domsch  
Members: Pattie Wolters, Reece Leonard, Aaron Sis, Sarah Maaske, AJ Forbes, Angela Ketterl, Shane Ryburn, Jeremy Wahrman  
Groundskeeper: Delbert Warning

## 2026 Rawlins County Extension Board

Chairman: Orrin Holle  
Vice Chair: Ronnie Holub  
Secretary: Nikki Holliman  
Treasurer: Cindy Shaul  
Members: Gary Kastens, Patrick Cozza, Jesse Sis, Rebecca Chubb, Rebecca Vyzourek

## Extension Staff:

Aaron Hyland—Extension Agent

## 4-H Food Sale

Non-perishable food entries will be sold at the 4-H Food Sale on Saturday July 18, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Jamboree Foods. Participants bringing cookies, brownies, etc. should bring the remaining batch (the items other than the 3 entries) to donate. Cakes, pies, etc. will be sold minus the piece used for judging. Any 4-H member willing to help sell items should contact the Extension Office.

## LIVESTOCK SHOW ORDER

### Friday, July 17

#### 8:00 a.m. Horse Show

Showmanship, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Trail, Race Classes

### Tuesday, July 21

#### 8:00 a.m. Goat Show & Sheep Show (immediately following Goat Show)

Sr. Goat Showmanship, Int. Goat Showmanship, Jr. Goat Showmanship, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Meat Goat  
Sr. Sheep Showmanship, Int. Sheep Showmanship, Jr. Sheep Showmanship, Breeding Sheep, Market Lamb

#### 6:00 p.m. Swine Show

Sr. Swine Showmanship, Int. Swine Showmanship, Jr. Swine Showmanship, Market Swine, Breeding Swine

### Wednesday, July 22

#### 8:30 a.m. Beef Show

Sr. Beef Showmanship, Int. Beef Showmanship, Jr. Beef Showmanship, Dairy Showmanship, Bucket Calves, Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Cow/Calf Pair, Dairy

### Thursday, July 23

#### 10:00 a.m. Round Robin

Sr. Round Robin, Int. Round Robin, Jr. Round Robin

# Thank You

Thank you to the businesses and individuals for their time and supplies which made the 2025 RAWLINS COUNTY FAIR a success.

## 2025 LIVESTOCK BUYERS

Adam Braxmeyer  
Beardsley Coop  
Beaver Valley Supply  
Ben-Lee Processing  
Cahoj Earthmoving  
Chad Sheridan  
Colby Ag Center  
Farmers Bank & Trust  
Farmers State Bank  
Gary's Electric  
Herndon Insurance  
Holle Gelbvieh Ranch  
JD Skiles  
Jim Kopriva  
Klein Ranch  
Legacy Ag Service  
Lyle's Body Shop  
Matt & Donnie Wolters

McDougal-Sager & Snodgrass  
Grain  
Mitch Beims  
Mizer Milling  
Nutrien Ag Solutions—Atwood  
Nutrien Ag Solutions—Bird City  
Nutrien Ag Solutions – Oberlin  
Rawlins County Farm Bureau  
SurePoint Ag  
SurePoint Electronics  
Tri-State Livestock  
Urban Farms & Cattle  
Vap Construction  
Vision Source - Atwood  
Vyzourek Farms  
Western Select Genetics  
Western Sprinklers  
Woofter Construction

**PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRY DEADLINE:  
11:59 pm, MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026**

ALL 4-H & FFA exhibitors should have the following done by this deadline:

1. Pre-register all exhibits through FairEntry before midnight
2. Sign up for one of the clean-up time slots at the Extension Office by 5 PM,: (see fair clean up policy for more details)
3. All exhibitors are expected to participate in post fair clean up on Thursday July 23, 2026 and one of the pre-fair cleanups on Wednesday July 15 - from 5:00pm-8:00pm or Saturday July 18 - from 5:00pm-8:00pm

**CLOVERBUD POLICY**

Participants who are 5 or 6 before January 1 of the current year shall participate as Cloverbuds. 4-H Cloverbud exhibits can be showcased at fairs and public events, but a 4-H Cloverbud member may not participate as a competitive exhibitor in traditional 4-H events. Animals approved for Cloverbuds include poultry, rabbits, and pets. (with exception of dog). Exhibitors under 7 before January 1 of the current year are encouraged to show animals in the Open Class categories. For more information on the Cloverbud policy, please see: <https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1077.pdf>

**FFA POLICY**

1. FFA members must follow all FFA membership rules, guidelines, and policies set forth by National, State, and Local FFA Organizations.
2. FFA members will compete in the same classes as 4-H members for the same grand and reserve awards.
3. Animal limits apply to exhibitors; maximum entries may be split in FFA and 4-H, but exhibitors will not be permitted to bring additional animals.
4. FFA exhibits will comply with all the same deadline, entry and class rules as 4-H members (including tagging, weigh-ins, and FairEntry)/
5. FFA exhibitors must wear FFA representative apparel, this does not have to include official dress, but may be apparel with an “FFA” logo.

**LATE ENTRY POLICY**

If an exhibit is not entered by the pre-registration entry deadline, the exhibitor may choose to pay a late entry fee of \$25 per entry (payable to the Rawlins County 4-H Council at the time of entry). The exhibit/exhibitor must meet all other qualifications for that entry including (but not limited to) tagging requirements, weigh-in requirements, 4-H & project enrollment and health requirements. No entries will be accepted after weigh-in/stalling ends or after judging begins for all non-livestock exhibits.

**LOAD OUT POLICY**

1. If you are removing an animal prior to the sale, you must check that animal out with the following Superintendents:  
Beef & Bucket Calves: Don Holliman  
Swine: Ronnie Holub  
Sheep/Goats: Donnie Wolters or Mallory Helms
2. Superintendents will be responsible for overseeing the load out of their project species.
3. 4-H and/FFA exhibitors will be allowed 15 minutes after the sale to spend with their animals before load out begins. Butcher animals will be loaded first, followed by re-sells and ending with take home animals.
4. Stall check out process: Exhibitors are required to remove bedding and clean up their stall areas before leaving after the sale. Stall check outs will be signed off by the species Superintendent (see above). Exceptions are made for congregate stalling areas utilized for animal load out.

## FAIR CLEAN UP POLICY

1. 4-H/and FFA Families are expected to participate in one of the scheduled pre-fair clean-ups.  
Wednesday July 15 from 5:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday July 18 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
2. DO NOT remove exhibits before 8:00 p.m. on Thursday July 23, 2026. The public comes up to fair and they want to see the exhibits!
3. Fair Clean Up will be held immediately after the conclusion of the auction on Thursday July 23, 2026. 4-H members under the age of 12 will be directed to the Fair Building (and are not permitted in the barns for safety reasons). All 4-H and FFA members are expected to stay until clean-up is complete.
4. If a 4-H or FFA member does not participate in the auction, they are to contact an Extension Agent for alternative clean-up projects.
5. **This is for ALL leaders, 4-H members, FFA exhibitors, parents, Fair Board members, Rawlins County Extension Council members, and Rawlins County 4-H PDC members.**

**Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health requirements and Kansas State Fair rules govern the Rawlins County Free Fair. No practices will be allowed at the Rawlins County Free Fair which, if done at the Kansas State Fair, would result in disqualification. All information found in this publication has been modeled, to the best representation thereof, from documents that govern the Kansas State Fair.**

**Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules.**

## GENERAL POLICIES FOR THE RAWLINS COUNTY FAIR

1. There will be a MIDNIGHT CURFEW on the Rawlins County Fairgrounds, in accordance with city ordinance. At this time, everyone under 18 needs to be inside their camper, tent, etc. with lights out OR be directly supervised by a parent. Atwood Police will be conducting wellness checks hourly after midnight to ensure the safety and security of both animals and participants.
2. The Rawlins County Fair, FFA and 4-H Programs are intended to be learning and growing experiences; they should be used positively.
3. Conference judging is used to judge the majority of the exhibits at Fair. Constructive criticism and positive comments are encouraged as a way to bolster self-esteem. ALL INDOOR EXHIBITS WILL BE CONFERENCE JUDGED.
4. All purple ribbon quality exhibits will be given purples whether or not the exhibitor is eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. (Age limits according to Kansas State Fair rules apply).
5. Junior, Intermediate and Senior age divisions are as follows: JUNIOR: 7-9, INTERMEDIATE 10-13 and SENIOR: 14 and over (age prior to January 1, 2026) unless otherwise stated.
6. Regardless of number of entries in a particular class, the exhibit will receive the ribbon the exhibit quality deserves.
7. The Danish System is used when ribbons are awarded to 4-H exhibits, with the exception of livestock exhibits (beef, sheep, goats, swine, horses). All 4-H exhibits receive ribbons. Exhibits are placed in four ribbon groups.

**Purple:** Outstanding on all standards.

**Blue:** Exceeds the minimum standard; may have minor flaws where improvements can be made.

**Red:** Meets all minimum standards; may be visible signs of needed improvements.

**White:** Fails to meet minimum standards.

**\*\*\*Only exhibits receiving a Blue and Purple ribbon shall be eligible for Grand or Reserve placing.**

# GENERAL REGULATIONS

## THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL APPLY TO EACH AND EVERY DEPARTMENT OF THE FAIR.

1. In no case shall the Rawlins County Free Fair or its members, be held responsible for any loss, damage, accident, injury or death from any cause of people or animals, disease included, or any character, while they or their property are on the Fairgrounds or any other time or place.
2. If the property owners and others interested in the property desire protection against loss or damage from injury, against fire or from other causes, they must make their own arrangement and pay such insurance.
3. All entries **MUST** be pre-registered through FairEntry by 11:59 PM Monday July 13, 2026.
4. **Exhibitors must be a bona fide 4-H or FFA members to compete in their respective division.**
5. All exhibits must be the product of the exhibitor's work in 2026.
6. Purple ribbon winners in classes eligible for State Fair must be 9 years or older before January 1, 2026 to compete at the Kansas State Fair. Project specific age restrictions may apply.
7. All ribbons and awards must be left attached to the exhibits, except to livestock, where a sticker is attached to the card showing location of animal. **Only one ribbon per exhibit will be given, no duplicates.**
8. **All exhibits must be checked in at the designated project check in time. Late exhibits (greater than 30 minutes after judging begins) will not be accepted.**
9. 4-H members are to remain by their indoor exhibits during their designated judging times to receive feedback from judges. All indoor exhibits will be conference judged.
10. **Premium money will be withheld if a 4-H or /FFA member does not participate in fair cleanup or if exhibits are taken home before the release date.**
11. Any money owed to the fair or Rawlins County 4-H Council may be taken out of ribbon premium money.
12. If a 4-H/or FFA member owes money to the fair from the year before, they will not be allowed to exhibit in the current fair year.
13. Additional classes or divisions within a class may be created at the superintendent's discretion.
14. Each market species will name a "Overall Grand" and "Overall Reserve" animal. See Overall Grand and Overall Reserve Champion Market Animal Section for rules.

# GRIEVANCE PROCESS

**At no time shall a 4-H or FFA exhibitor or those people accompanying them confront a judge during a show. All contestants and family members are expected to display proper conduct and courtesy at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor or those people accompanying the 4-H or FFA exhibitor will not be tolerated. Such actions will result in forfeiture of all placings and qualifications earned during the show and those involved may be excused from the grounds at the discretion of Fair Board or Extension Council.**

4-H/FFA Complaints/Protests shall be handled in this manner: (taken from 2024 Horse Show Rule Book, p. 12)

1. 4-H or FFA exhibitors with a complaint must first contact the Superintendent in charge of the project and together attempt to resolve the problem.
2. If a solution cannot be reached, they shall enlist the help of both the local Extension Agent and FFA Advisor (if applicable).
3. If the problem is still unresolved, a complaint/protest must be submitted in writing, signed by, and presented by the 4-H or FFA member only to an Extension Agent or FFA Advisor. Complaints/Protests made by anyone other than a 4-H or FFA member will be considered invalid. The exhibitor or animal and the reason for the complaint/protest must be designated within the protest. Complaints/Protests will be made with the understanding that the protester's name will be shared with the Agent(s) and/or Advisor.
4. Agent and Advisor can confer with the judge. However, the decision of the judge is final. Agent or Advisor will not reverse the placing of a class. Placings of a class will not be considered finalized until the protest is resolved.
5. In case of protest, the exhibitor may be allowed to show (except in situations with which safety is called into question), but the results of showing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.
6. Complaints/protests will not be accepted after completion of the show.

# LIABILITY

Under Kansas Law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of domestic animal activities, pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4001 through 60-4004. Exhibitors and their associates assume all risk of participating in this domestic animal activity. Exhibitors are responsible to maintain insurance to cover any loss to persons or property which may occur as a result of competition. At no time will the Rawlins County Free Fair assume care, custody or control of any animals, livestock and/or personal property of the exhibitor, except as noted. At all times, the exhibitor will have full control, custody and will care, feed and keep safe their animals, livestock and personal property, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Rawlins County Free Fair. The exhibitor will be responsible to pay for any damages to Rawlins County Fair premises, facilities or equipment caused by the exhibitors and/or their livestock while on the premises of the Rawlins County Fairgrounds.

## LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT GENERAL REGULATIONS

### THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL APPLY TO ALL 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

1. If an exhibitor is not present at their show time, a final call will be made. If the exhibitor does not immediately respond, the animal will be scratched from the show. Animals not shown will not qualify for the livestock auction.
  2. Exhibitors must keep their stalls or pens clean at all times. Manure and straw should be placed in the receptacle provided.
  3. To make the fair an educational event, livestock exhibitors are encouraged to clean their stalls and pens, feed, wash and fit their animals at the fair with minimal help from their parents and fellow county exhibitors. This is not meant to keep parents from assisting exhibitors when moving animals about the Fairgrounds. **Outside professional fitters are prohibited.**
  4. All livestock should be broke to lead or drive, so the exhibitor may properly and safely show their animal. **No tranquilizers of any kind will be allowed.**
  5. **A 4-H or FFA member cannot exhibit (take over) another 4-H or FFA member's project. That animal will be disqualified.**
  6. Clothes for the showmanship, judging and auction will be jeans and a collared shirt (polo or button-up are both acceptable). Closed toe shoes are required, no sandals (tennis shoes and mud boots are discouraged).
  7. Awards will be handed out at the conclusion of the show. Exhibitors are NOT to hang their ribbons on their stall cards, but are to hang the corresponding stickers. Stickers must be placed on stall cards in accordance with the Herdsman Award.
  8. All youth exhibiting livestock as 4-H/FFA at the Fair are required to be YQCA certified prior to the Entry Deadline of July 13<sup>th</sup>.
  9. No stall dividers are allowed other than permanent building dividers or those installed by the Fair Board/Superintendents. All livestock will be pre-assigned stalls and dividers will be placed to separate families. No signage is permitted other than club signs/banners.
  10. **Animals may be stalled on Sunday July 19, from 1:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., but will only be checked in Monday July 20 when no trailers are waiting. Exhibitors are responsible for their own watch and security if stalled prior to check in.**
  11. **Livestock must be stalled during the day for public viewing.** All animals should be in their stalls from Noon to 7 pm on Monday and 9 am to 7 pm Tuesday through Thursday unless in preparing for their show, in the wash rack or in the show ring.
  12. ALL exhibitors will be required to “check-out” their stalls with the respective Superintendent. Once animals are loaded after the auction, it is the exhibitor & family’s responsibility to clean out their designated stall space. **Livestock auction premiums will not be awarded without a complete check out process by the Superintendents.**
  13. If the behavior of an animal poses an immediate risk to the safety of participants or spectators of the fair, Rawlins Country Fair Association reserves the right to excuse said animals from the premises and/or exhibition.
- The Rawlins County Free Fair reserves the right to relocate animals in an emergency situation.

## LIVESTOCK HEALTH RECORD REQUIREMENTS

1. All livestock exhibitors and their parents must sign a form stating that their livestock are drug-free and they have read and agree to the rules of the Rawlins County Free Fair and corresponding/associated programs.
2. All livestock exhibitors are required to submit an Individual or Pen Animal Treatment Record at Final Weigh in at fair. Animals not having treatment records will not be allowed to exhibit. If additional treatments are required during fair the exhibitor must notify an Extension Agent to get their treatment record. Records must be returned to an Extension Agent upon completion.
3. If the health and welfare of any animal exhibited at the Rawlins County Fair or brought on the fairgrounds during the fair is questioned, the on-call Veterinarian will be called to examine the animal.

# **LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

## **By the State Animal Health Commissioner—General Requirements (Kansas Origin)**

Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health requirements and Kansas State Fair rules govern the Rawlins County Free Fair unless otherwise stated. All animals are subject to examination by the On-Call Veterinarian or when applicable, officials of the Kansas Animal Health Department. All animals will be free of clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease as determined by the on-call veterinarian or will not be permitted to exhibit.

The showing of unethically fitted livestock, the showing of livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, or the misrepresentation of breeding or milking status is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of an animal's body or using drugs, including over the counter and/or extra-label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal. Even if the source of the unethical fitting is unknown, the entry may be immediately disqualified, excused from the premises and banned from future exhibition. The exhibitor of that animal may also be excused from the premises and barred from participation in future Rawlins County Fair competitions.

This includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Animals that are in milk due to an unnaturally induced lactation.
2. Balancing the udder by any means other than leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.
3. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counter irritant, or other substance to alter conformation.
4. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
5. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
6. Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
7. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of an animal's body, hide, or hair, except the removal of warts or horns, and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
8. Insertion of foreign material under the skin; tissue manipulation.
9. The act of artificially filling animals internally.
10. The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
11. The use of diuretics.
12. Ethical use of wholesome and reasonable animal husbandry practices such as electrolyte drench in hot weather, may be exercised provided permission is granted by the on-call veterinarian prior to administration.

## **VIOLATIONS**

### **THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY TO ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS**

Any exhibitor not complying with Rawlins County Free Fair rules, regulations, and requirements, may be denied entry, participation and facility usage. The Department Superintendent is responsible for enforcement of any rule, regulation or requirement that is designed to present a quality, legal, publicly safe and acceptable, traditional show in keeping with acceptable Fair exhibiting practices. In the event of an apparent violation, the Superintendent will immediately notify the County Extension Agent of the situation, and an assessment will be conducted. Based on the assessment, the animal and exhibitor may be immediately disqualified, excused from the premises and banned from future exhibition. Should an entry that has been awarded a prize be disqualified, the lower placing entry will NOT move into the higher position. The Fair Board President, the Extension Council President and an Extension Agent will advise and approve any decisions made or actions taken. Should the exhibitor choose to contest the decision, a protest may be submitted by following the Grievance Policy. The Rawlins County Free Fair reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show on the basis of unethical practices.

## OVERALL GRAND AND OVERALL RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL

1. Each market species will name an “Overall Grand” and “Overall Reserve” animal.
2. Livestock eligible for the Overall Grand and Overall Reserve Market animal will be “production” type market animals: Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goats.
3. To be eligible, market animals must be weighed on the Official Weigh-In day for each respective species. Market animals not weighed in on the official species weigh-in date will NOT be eligible for Overall Grand or Overall Reserve Champion market animal.
4. Market animals will be weighed-in and ultra-sounded at County Fair.
5. All market animals will be ranked (in their respective species) from highest to lowest in Rate of Gain placing, Carcass placing and Live Show placing. Each animal will be given points based on their ranking within those categories. Each category will be weighted as such: **33.3% Rate of Gain placing, 33.3% Carcass placing, and 33.3% Live Placing.** (Ex: 50 market steers; highest rate of gain steer gets 50 points, lowest rate of gain steer gets 1 point.)  
**Rate of Gain** placing will be calculated by taking the animal’s weight at Fair (-) their weight at Weigh-in to find total pounds gained. Total pounds gain will be (/) divided by # of days (species weigh-in to fair) to find the Average Daily Rate of Gain.  
**Carcass** placing will be determined by ultrasound.  
**Live Placing** will be determined by ranking all market animals in a species. Animals will be ranked from highest to lowest when judged against one another. Immediately following the conclusion of the species show the judge will sift the market animals in the barns. The Judge shall be accompanied by the Species Superintendent and an Extension Agent. The Superintendent and Agent are for facilitation purposes only (including but not limited to: the moving of animals or equipment) and shall have no determination on the placing of the class.
6. Participants exhibiting in a Showmanship class will receive 20 Showmanship Points towards their Overall score regardless of Showmanship placing. Any animal registered in the Rawlins County Fair may be used in Showmanship.
7. The Overall Grand and Overall Reserve market animals will be placed in the auction as Overall Grand and Overall Reserve Champions of their species. *See 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction section for details.*
8. Recipient of this award will receive recognition during the annual awards ceremony.
9. Participants not eligible for Overall placings will still be eligible for Live Show Grand and Reserve placings.
10. In the event of a tie, the determining tie breaker will be the animal who ranks higher in Rate of Gain then by who ranks higher in the Ultrasound Carcass placing.
11. If ultrasound data is not available before 5 pm on the day of the sale, the live placing points will be doubled to determine overall placing for sale order. If Rate of Gain data is not available, live placing and ultrasound placing will be used equally to determine overall placing for sale order. Awards and recognition at the annual awards ceremony will be based on all data collected.

## CHUCK HOLUB AWARD

The Chuck Holub Memorial “Spirit of 4-H” Livestock Award is designated annually to the 4-H or FFA member who exhibits the truest qualities of 4-H. The recipient is selected by an anonymous committee and awarded prior to the Livestock Auction.

## HERDSMAN AWARD

**Award– The winning individual will receive a prize package from the 4-H council**

### Guidelines:

1. One special All-Around Herdsmanship award will be given to the person maintaining the best display of livestock. All of the following divisions will be judged: beef, dairy, goats, horses, swine, sheep, and poultry. An equitable point system will be used to compensate for lack of exhibit in any species.
2. The winning person will receive a prize designated by 4-H council.

# RAWLINS COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

## Livestock Committee:

1. 4-H/FFA members selling animals must remain in the livestock barn until ALL of their animals have sold. Downtime between animals can be spent assisting other exhibitors.
2. Youth who are not selling animals should be in the grandstands or out of the livestock area.
3. If a 4-H/FFA member is not present at the time their animal is to enter the ring, a final call will be made. If the 4-H/FFA member does not immediately respond, the animal will be bumped to the bottom of the sale list.
4. There will be no ceiling price on the Overall Grand Champion animals. The ceiling price of the Overall Reserve Champion animals will be the sale price of the species Grand Champion. Gold medal animals cannot sell for more than the price of the Reserve Champion. The Silver Medal animals cannot exceed the average price of the Gold Medal animals.
5. **An exhibitor, 4-H or FFA member, may sell two animals of any species combination.**
6. At Fair weigh in, each exhibitor must declare their intention as to the sale of their animals. Any changes MUST be declared within 60 minutes after the beef show on Wednesday, July 22rd.
7. A seller's fee of \$10.00 will be assessed to each beef and swine sold. A seller's fee of \$5.00 will be assessed to each sheep and goat sold. Seller's fees will be used for buyer education and other auction expenses.
8. The Rawlins County Livestock Auction will only collect premiums for a maximum weight in each species. No premiums will be collected for pounds sold over the set maximum. Weight limits include: 1600 pounds for beef, 310 pounds for swine, 180 pounds for sheep and 100 pounds for goats.
9. Animals shown in Prospect classes (not meeting the minimum market weights) will not be permitted to sell through the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction. Minimum market weights include: 1000 pounds for steers and 900 pounds for heifers, 220 pounds for swine, 90 pounds for sheep and 40 pounds for goats.
10. Animals being taken home by families will load out LAST after the auction.
11. **If an exhibitor shows the Grand Champion animal and wants to exhibit at the Tri-State Royal, the animal will sell in the auction but the exhibitor may take the animal home and show at the Tri-State Royal with consent from the buyer. Upon conclusion of the Tri-State Royal, the animal goes to butcher or re-sale, based on the buyer's preference at the auction. Arrangements for getting animals exhibited in the Tri-State Royal to butcher or re-sale are the responsibility of the seller.**
12. If an exhibitor has completed the state nomination process and intends to take the animal to Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show, they may still sell that animal through the livestock auction but that animal will be sold to the buyer as "Resale Only" and the exhibitor is responsible for paying the sale advertised base price and buying their animal back the evening of the auction. Intent to buy their state nominated animal back must be declared to the Extension Agent at the same time they turn in their intent to sell form.
13. Sale Order: ALL Overall Grand and Reserve Champions will be sold first (Sheep, Goats, Swine, Beef), followed by Gold and Silver Medal Sheep, Gold and Silver Medal Goats, Gold Medal Swine, Gold and Silver Medal Beef and ending with Silver Medal Swine.
14. One animal may be purchased and split by no more than 4 buyers. Each buyer in the group must have their own bidder number.
15. Each buyer is eligible to bid on and purchase an unlimited number of animals.
16. Buyers have the option to Re-Sell or Keep/Butcher the animal purchased. Please tell the ring assistants your intent upon purchase.
17. Payment is due immediately following the auction. Pay at the booth set up by the auction ring.
18. Limited processing slots are available, butcher options will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.
19. In the event of dangerous, inclement weather, the auction will take place inside of the fair building with the sellers standing in front of the auction block with an image of the animal being shown instead of having a live animal in the auction ring. This decision will be at the discretion of the Rawlins County Fair Board.

BUYER REGISTRATION BOOTH WILL OPEN AT 4:30 P.M.

**Showmanship/Round Robin**  
**Superintendent: Lane Rietcheck**  
**Round Robin: Thursday July 23, 10:00 a.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. Open to 4-H and FFA members.
3. **All Exhibitors are automatically entered in Showmanship for each species that they enter in the fair (NOT including Novice Showmanship). If an Exhibitor does not wish to compete in a showmanship class, they should inform that species superintendent of their decision before their class is called.**
4. Each Exhibitor must show his own animal (by name and ear tag number).
5. Rules in Livestock Department apply.
6. Participants entered in a Showmanship class and eligible for the Overall Market Animal award will receive 20 Showmanship Points to be added to the participant's Overall Grand and Reserve Market Animal score.
7. Champion Showman of each class will compete in the Round Robin, using the animal they won the respective showmanship class with. If the Champion Showman in a class does not compete, the Reserve Champion Showman may take his/her place and will be required to provide the animal with which they won. Exceptions will be made only for safety concerns and are at the discretion of the Round Robin Superintendent and Extension Agent.
8. In the event that an individual is Champion in two classes, he/she must choose which species to show in the Round Robin and the Reserve Champion from the other species will be awarded the chance to compete (using the animal they won with).
9. Ribbons only. No prize money given in showmanship.
10. Showmen will be divided into three classes: Junior 7-9, Intermediate 10-13, Senior 14-19.
11. Each species rotation will be 2 minutes.
12. Tie breakers: highest score in qualifying species and then highest score in questions.
12. Animals entered in the Exhibition Beef class are eligible to be used by a Rawlins County 4-H or FFA member in a Showmanship class.

**SHOWMANSHIP**

**CLASSES**

Class 69a – Beef (Market and Breeding)

Class 69b – Swine (Market and Breeding)

Class 69c – Sheep (Market and Breeding)

Class 69d – Dairy

Class 69e – Horse

Class 69f – Goats (Meat and Dairy)

Class 69g – Exhibition Beef

**Novice 4-H Livestock Showmanship**

1. This is a showmanship class for 4-H members not enrolled in that specific livestock project currently. It is designed to promote interest and enrollment in different livestock projects. It is designed to provide a 4-H member with experience showing an animal and to learn fitting and showing techniques. 4-H age requirements apply.
2. The Novice Showman will need to make arrangements with someone showing an animal to borrow an animal to participate.

**NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP (Age 7 to 13)**

**CLASSES**

Class 70a – Beef

Class 70b – Swine

Class 70c – Sheep

Class 70d – Dairy

Class 70e – Horse

Class 70f - Goat

**Beef**  
**Superintendent: Don Holliman**  
**Beef Show: Wednesday July 22, 8:30 a.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. Open to Rawlins County 4-H and FFA Members.
3. Exhibitors must show their own animals. Exhibitors with two entries in the same class should make arrangements to have another exhibitor show the second animal. **No adult will be permitted to show 4-H or FFA livestock.**
4. All calves must be calved after January 1, of the preceding year. Judges will disqualify older animals.
5. Champion and Reserve Champion of each weight class will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion of the show.
6. ALL BEEF must be in place at the 4-H Livestock Building by Noon Monday, July 21, 2025.
7. **ALL BEEF MUST** be weighed in and tagged on the Official Beef weigh-in day. For those who do not attend, the animal must be tagged with an Extension Agent present, by March 15, 2026 or they must be entered into Open Class at the Rawlins County Free Fair. No replacement beef tags will be issued without the approval of the Rawlins County Extension Agent.
8. All market steers/heifers will be broken into subclasses by weight.
9. Market weight of beef projects are a minimum of 1000 pounds for steers and 900 pounds for heifers. Animals not meeting the minimum weights will be shown in a Prospect Class. Prospect animals will not qualify for Grand or Reserve Champion and will not qualify for the auction.
10. 4-H members can exhibit a total of 4 beef in any combination of market and breeding. See Livestock Auction section for details.
11. Class Champions and Reserve Champions will compete for Grand and Reserve of show.
12. Grand and Reserve Overall Animal Awards will be recognized during the annual awards ceremony and used as the Grand and Reserve Animals in the auction. See General Rules for details.
13. Market Steers and Market Heifers must be nominated for State Fair by May 1. Commercial Heifer and Registered Breeding Heifer nominations are due by June 15. See Extension Office for details.
14. Animals entered in a purebred heifer class must present registration papers in the exhibitor's name to the Extension Office/Agent before Noon on July 20 or they will be moved to the corresponding commercial class.

**4-H BUCKET CALVES**

Class 8 – Bucket Calves

1. Bucket calves-an orphan or newborn; male or female; dairy, beef or cross; fed on a bucket or bottle.
2. Bucket calves must be born after January 1 of current year.
3. **Bucket calves will not sell at the livestock auction. Participants are asked to participate in a “Bucket Calf Parade” at the start of the auction.**
4. Bucket Calf class may be divided into Junior and Senior Divisions at the Superintendent's discretion.
5. Bucket Calves will be judged on the following criteria: 35% appearance, 35% handling and 30% knowledge of project.

**MARKET BEEF DIVISION**

Class 9a—Market Steers

Class 9b—Market Heifers

**BREEDING HEIFERS**

Under One Year

Class 10—Commercial Heifer

Class 11—Purebred Heifer

Over One Year

Class 14—Commercial Heifer

Class 15—Purebred Heifer

**BEEF COW AND CALF**

Class 18 – Cow and Calf Pair

*Note: Cows must be shown with Calf at side. Any YQCA certified youth may assist the exhibitor by showing the cow or calf for the owner.*

## Beef (cont.)

### NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP

Class 70a– Beef

### SHOWMANSHIP

Class 69a– Beef (Market or Breeding)

## Exhibition Beef

1. The Exhibition Beef Showmanship class is open to ANY Catch-A-Calf (or similar program) participant and is NOT limited to Rawlins County 4-H or FFA members.
2. **Exhibition Beef will not sell at the livestock auction and are not eligible for premium money.**
3. Animals entered in the Exhibition Beef class are eligible to be used by a Rawlins County 4-H or FFA member in a Showmanship class.
4. Beef enrolled in Exhibition Class do not need to be eID tagged.

### CLASS

Class 19—Exhibition Beef

## Goats

**Superintendents: Donnie Wolters**

**Goat Show: Tuesday July 21, 9:00 a.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to a maximum of 4 goats. These can be any combination of dairy or meat classes. Each goat can be shown in one class. Animals shown in the market class are not eligible for show in breeding classes and vice versa. See General Rules for details.
3. Bracing goats will be allowed, but animals must be shown with all four feet on the ground. Animals must be shown with a collar, collar with a lead or a halter.
4. The project will begin on the Official Goat Weigh-In Day. Animals MUST be weighed in on the official goat weigh-in day. For those who do not attend, the animal must be tagged with an Extension Agent present by April 30, 2026 or they are only eligible to show in Open Class. No replacement goat tags will be issued without the approval of the Rawlins County Extension Board. The request must be made in writing.
5. Minimum market weight for meat goats is 40 pounds. Any goat not meeting the minimum weight will be shown in a Prospect Class. Prospect animals will not qualify for Grand or Reserve Champion and will not qualify for the Livestock Auction.
6. All goats must be in place by Noon on Monday, July 20, 2026. Goats must be pre-registered by Monday July 13, 2026.
7. Class Champions and Reserve Champions will compete for the Grand and Reserve of the show.
8. Grand and Reserve Overall Animal Awards will be recognized during the awards ceremony and used as the Grand and Reserve Animals in the auction. See Livestock Auction Section for details.
9. No bucks of any age will be allowed on the grounds.
10. Horns should be removed, disbudded or tipped & rounded.
11. Meat goat nominations for State Fair must be submitted by June 15. Contact Extension Office for details.

### DAIRY GOATS

Class 44a - Pre Junior Doe up to 6 months of age

Class 44b - Junior Doe 6-12 months of age

Class 44c - Intermediate Doe 12-24 months of age

Class 44d - Senior Doe over 24 months

*Note: Entries will be placed in classes by age with the day of judging being the base date.*

## MEAT GOATS

Class 45- Market Goat

Class 45a – Prospect Goat – under 40 lbs.

1. All meat goats must be born after November 1 of the prior year.
2. All “meat breed” goats must be slick shorn.

## BREEDING MEAT GOATS

Class 46a – Doe under 1 year

Class 46b – Doe from 1-2 years

Class 46c – Doe older than 2 years

## SHOWMANSHIP

Class 69f—Goats (Meat and Dairy)

## NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP

Class 70f—Goat

## Equine

**Superintendent: Melody Bearley**  
**Horse Show: Friday July 17, 8:00 a.m.**

*Equines are shown at owner's risk*

1. See General Regulations.

**2. All exhibits in the 4-H Horse Show must present proof of negative Coggins test within the last 12 months at check-in.**

3. The Rawlins County 4-H Horse show will be governed by the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.

4. Stallions (over the age of 1 year) cannot be exhibited in any class and are not permitted on Rawlins County Fair Grounds during the Fair.

5. A Horse Identification Certificate must be submitted to the Extension Office by June 1 of the current year on all horses shown.

Only the 4-H member(s) designated on the Horse ID Certificate will be permitted to show the animal.

6. Horses are only permitted to be ridden on Fair grounds during the 4-H Horse Show. Only 4-H members are permitted to ride horses.

7. Exhibitors are required to wear long pants and long-sleeved shirt or blouse **with a collar**, a western hat **or protective headgear** and boots.

8. All exhibitors will be separated into three classes: Junior 7-9, Intermediate 10-13, Senior 14-19.

9. The Grand Champion of each age division in Class 69e, Showmanship, will be eligible to participate in the Round Robin.

10. Senior, Intermediate and Jr. Showmanship Champions **MUST** provide their horses for use in the Round Robin competition.

11. Families interested in stalling their horses during Fair should pre-register all animals by the Livestock Deadline, July 13, 2026.

Stall availability will be determined by Fair Board.

12. High Point awards will be given to the exhibitor in each age division that accumulates the most points at the Rawlins County Horse Show. If a 4-H member exhibits more than one horse, the exhibitor's total composite score will be used.

13. High Point System: Participants accumulate points for every class they enter. Points are based on the number of participants in each class. First place will receive points equaling the number of participants plus one. Second place will receive two less points than first. Each subsequent placing will receive one less point. Points are based on class ranking, not ribbon color. (Ex: For a class with 5 riders, 1<sup>st</sup> place = 6 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place = 2 points, 5<sup>th</sup> place = 1 point)

14. In the event of a tie, the High Point award will be given to the participant placing highest in the Trail Class.

15. A time limit of 30 seconds will be enforced on each obstacle of the pattern classes. Animals refusing an obstacle will be advised to “go around” that piece of the pattern and continue on at that time.

## EQUINE EVENTS

Class 69e - Showmanship

Class 49 – Ranch Horse Rail

Class 52—Ranch Horse Trail

Class 53—Ranch Horse Pattern

Class 54—Reining—modified pattern

Class 55—Poles

Class 57—Barrels

Class 58—Dummy Roping

Class 59—Dummy Tie

Class 70e—Novice Horse Showmanship

## **Dairy Cattle Superintendent:**

**Dairy Show: Wednesday July 22, 8:30 a.m., following the Beef Show**

1. See General Regulations.
2. You must have carried the 4-H/FFA dairy project at least 100 days.
3. Dairy are permitted to leave the fairgrounds after being shown.

### **DAIRY HEIFER**

Class 23a - Purebred  
Class 23b - Commercial

### **DAIRY COW**

Class 24a—Purebred  
Class 24b - Commercial

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

Class 69d – Dairy

## **Swine**

**Superintendents: Ronnie Holub & Parker Merz**

**Swine Show: Tuesday July 21, 6:00 p.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. All Market Swine must be farrowed after January 1 of current year. **The project will begin on the Official Weigh-In Day.**  
Animals **MUST** be weighed in on the Official Swine Weigh-In Day. For those who do not attend, the animal must be tagged with an Extension Agent present by April 30, 2026 or they must be entered into Open Class at the Rawlins County Free Fair. No replacement swine tags will be issued without the approval of the Rawlins County Extension Agent.
3. Gilts will be judged by breeds and cross breed classes. Gilts may be moved from market to breeding at weigh-in if they do not make minimum market weight.
4. Market hogs will be judged by weight. All market swine will be broken into subclasses by weight.
5. Minimum market weight for swine is 220 pounds. Market swine not meeting the weight minimum will show in a Prospect Class.  
Prospect animals will not qualify for Grand or Reserve Champion and will not qualify to sell at the Livestock Auction.
6. 4-H members can show a maximum of 3 market and 3 breeding swine for a total of 6. See Livestock Auction section for details.
7. Class Champions and Reserve Champions will compete for the Grand and Reserve of the show.
8. Grand and Reserve Overall Animal Awards will be recognized during the awards ceremony and used as the Grand and Reserve Animals in the auction. See General Rules for details.
9. All swine must be in place by Noon on Monday, July 20, 2026. All swine must be pre-registered by Monday July 13, 2026.
10. Market hogs and breeding gilts must be nominated for State Fair by June 15. Contact Extension Office for details.

### **MARKET SWINE**

Class 20 – Market Swine

### **BREEDING SWINE**

Class 21 - Crossbred Gilt  
Class 22 - Purebred Gilt

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

Class 69b - Swine (Market and Breeding)

### **NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP**

Class 70b - Swine

# Sheep

Superintendent: Donnie Wolters

Sheep Show: Tuesday, July 21, following Goat Show (9:00 a.m.)

1. See General Regulations.
2. Market sheep must be lambled after November 1 of the prior year.
3. An exhibitor may show a total of 4 sheep (any combination of market and breeding). Each sheep may be shown in only one class. See General Rules for details.
4. The sheep project will begin on the Official Weigh-In Day. Animals MUST be weighed in on the official sheep weigh-in day. For those who do not attend, the animal must be tagged with an Extension Agent present by April 30, 2026 or they are only eligible to show in Open Class at the Rawlins County Fair. No replacement sheep tags will be issued without the approval of the Rawlins County Extension Agent.
5. Market lambs will be broken into classes by weights. Breeding sheep will be shown in classes by age. Sheep dropped during the current year are classified as lambs. Sheep born during the preceding year are classified as yearlings. All “meat breed” sheep must be slick shorn. All “wool breed” sheep should be shown in fleece.
6. Minimum market weight for sheep is 90 pounds. Any sheep not meeting the minimum weight will be shown in a Prospect Class. Prospect animals will not qualify for Grand or Reserve Champion and will not qualify for the Livestock Auction.
7. Bracing sheep will be allowed, but animals must be shown with all four feet on the ground.
8. Class Champions and Reserve Champions will compete for the Grand and Reserve of the show.
9. Grand and Reserve Production Animal Awards will be recognized during the awards ceremony and used as the Grand and Reserve Animals in the auction. See Livestock Auction Section for details.
10. All sheep must be in place by Noon on Monday, July 21, 2026. All sheep must be pre-registered by Monday July 13, 2026.
11. Market lamb and commercial ewe nominations for State Fair are due by June 15. Registered breeding ewes must be in the 4-H members name by July 1. Contact Extension Office for details.

## MARKET LAMBS

- Class 25 - Market Lambs – Wether or Market Ewe
- Class 25a - Feeder Lambs – under 90 lbs.

## BREEDING SHEEP

- Class 26 EL—Ewe Lamb
- Class 26 YE—Yearling Ewe
- Class 26 AE—Aged Ewe
- Class 26 RL—Ram Lamb

## BREEDING SHEEP (cont.)

- Class 26 YR—Yearling Ram
- Class 26 AR—Aged Ram

## SHOWMANSHIP

- Class 69c—Sheep (Market and Breeding)

## NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP

- Class 70c—Sheep

**Poultry and Eggs**  
**Superintendent: Wanda Poore**  
**Judging: Monday, July 20, 3:00 p.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. All poultry exhibits must be pre-registered by July 13, 2026.
3. Entries must be in place by Monday, July 20 at 1 p.m. and stay until Thursday, July 23, 2026.
4. All families need to bring & use their feed, feeders, & waterers. 4-H/FFA members are responsible for the care of their birds while at the Fair.
5. Judging on all classes will be done on the basis of exhibition (as described in “The American Standard of Perfection”) and producing qualities.
6. It is suggested that all birds be deloused prior to the show to assist in prevention of the spread of disease and parasites.
7. Exhibitors may show 5 exhibits per class and no more than 10 total exhibits. (A pen of 3 is considered one exhibit).
8. 4-H/FFA members are encouraged to be present for judging.

**POULTRY & EGGS CLASSES**

Class 59 - Standard Breeds; Large Fowl; One bird per pen.

Class 60 - Standard Breeds; Bantams; One bird per pen.

Class 61 - Production Pullets (Pen of 3). Standard bred, crossbred or strain cross pullets to be judged on egg production qualities.

Class 62 - Production Hens (Pen of 3). Standard bred, crossbred or strain cross hens to be judged on egg production qualities.

Class 63 - Dual purpose pullets; (Pen of 3). Such as Rhode Island Reds, New Hampshire, Plymouth Rocks, etc.

Class 64 - Dual purpose hens; (Pen of 3). Such as Rhode Island Reds, New Hampshire, Plymouth Rocks, etc.

Class 65 - Turkeys, all breeds; 1 bird of either sex

Class 66 - Ducks, all breeds; 1 bird of either sex

Class 67 - Geese, all breeds; 1 bird of either sex

Class 68 – 1 dozen eggs; to be turned in at the time of poultry judging at the judging location.

**Rabbits**

**Judging: Monday July 20, following Poultry (3:00 p.m.)**

1. See General Regulations.
2. Must have been owned by 4-H/FFA member prior to May 1, 2026.
3. All rabbit exhibits must be pre-registered by July 13, 2026.
4. All entries must be in place by Monday, July 20, 2026 at 1 p.m. and will be released immediately after the show is completed.
5. Families need to bring & use their feed, feeders, & waterers. 4-H/FFA members are responsible for the care of their rabbits at Fair.
6. All rabbits will be divided into classes by ages and judged according to their breed standard as listed in the ARBA “Standard of Perfection”.
7. Exhibitors may show 2 entries per class and no more than 8 total entries (Pen of 3 is considered 1 entry).
8. 4-H/FFA members are encouraged to be present for judging.

**CLASSES**

Class 71a - Pre-Junior doe (under 3 months)

Class 71b - Pre-Junior buck (under 3 months)

Class 71c – Junior doe (under 6 months of age)

Class 71d – Junior buck (under 6 months of age)

Class 71e – Intermediate doe (6-8 months of age)

Class 71f – Intermediate buck (6-8 months of age)

Class 71g – Senior doe (8 months or older)

Class 71h – Senior buck (8 months or older)

Class 71i – Meat Class.

Class 71j—Meat Class Pen of 3

*Note: (3) Rabbits, all one recognized breed and variety. Minimum weight 3 ½ pounds each. Maximum weight 5 ½ pounds each. May not be over 70 days of age. Will be judged on their meat qualities, condition, uniformity and fur.*

**Pets**  
**Superintendent: Melody Bearley**  
**Dog Obedience, Showmanship & Agility: Tuesday July 14, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Cat/Hand Pet Judging: Monday, July 20, following Rabbits**

**DOGS**

1. See General Regulations.
  2. The Dog Show will follow rules as listed in the published Kansas 4-H Dog rule books: Kansas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book 4H1120 January 2023.
  3. A well-fitting collar of leather, chain or fabric is to be used. No spiked, pinch, special training collars, and hanging objects from collars are allowed.
  4. Any abuse of dogs on grounds, or in ring, will result in disqualification.
  5. An animal cannot have more than one 4-H handler. Dogs must be designated to their owner at pre-registration.
  6. Cloverbuds are not permitted to participate in the Dog Show.
  7. Dogs will be released from the fairgrounds immediately following the show.
  8. **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RUN AT LARGE OR ACCOMPANY OWNER ANYWHERE ON FAIRGROUNDS AT ANY TIME.**
  9. **4-H Dog Show Immunization Record (MG-34 Revised) must be completed for each dog upon entering of the Rawlins County Fair. Required vaccinations include Bordetella, Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza and Rabies.**  
Proof of vaccination must accompany entry card. **All vaccinations must be current.**
- Dog Obedience, Showmanship & Agility will be judged on Tuesday July 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Rawlins County Fair Building.

**CLASSES**

- Class 72a- Dog Obedience (by Experience level)
- Class 72b- Dog Showmanship/Grooming (by Exhibitor Age)
- Class 72c- Dog Agility (On Leash or Off Leash)

**CATS**

1. See General Regulations.
  2. Cat will be inspected and judged on health and grooming. Items that will be considered are: coats-clean, smooth, free of loose hair; ears-clean, inside; eyes-clean, healthy; teeth-free of tartar; general absence of fleas, ear mites, lice and ticks; also free from worms; nails clipped; personality, disposition and color.
  3. No cats can be shown at the Kansas State Fair.
  4. 4-H members should be present during judging. Owners must provide pet taxi for animal.
  5. Cats will be released from the fairgrounds immediately following the show.
  6. Exhibits are limited to one cat per class, two cats total.
  7. FVRCP and rabies shots are required for cats to show. Proof of vaccination must accompany entry card. **All vaccinations must be current.**
- Cats will be judged on Monday, July 20, following Rabbits at the south end of the Exhibit Hall.

**CLASSES**

- Class 73a- Kitten (six months to a year)
- Class 73b – Adult (over one year)

## **Pets (cont.)**

### **HAND PETS**

1. Cage or tank must be provided by exhibitor.
2. No fish.
3. One entry per class per 4-H member
4. Hand pets will be released immediately following the show.

Hand Pets will be shown on Monday, July 20, following Cats.

### **CLASSES**

Class 73c- Reptiles/Amphibians

Class 73d – Rodents

Class 73e - Birds

## **Crops**

**Judging Time: Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. 4-H members need not be present for judging.
3. Exhibits need not be entirely mature.
4. All classes calling for a gallon sample (wheat, oats, barley) may have a 2 ½ - 3 inch diameter Styrofoam cylinder placed in the center of the container to reduce the amount of grain to about 3 qts.
5. Products exhibited in this division must have been grown by the 4-H member during the current year, with the exception of soybean seed and edible field bean seed.
6. Every entry must be identified by hybrid or variety name on the entry card.

### **CLASSES**

Class 74- Corn, 10 ears

Class 75a – Sorghum, Grain 10 heads

Class 75b – Sorghum, Forage 10 heads

Class 76- Wheat, 1 gallon

Class 77- Barley, 1 gallon

Class 78- Oats, 1 gallon

Class 79 – Edible Field Bean, bundle of 5 plants

Class 80 – Other crops

**Horticulture**  
**Superintendent: Marilyn Holub**  
**Judging Time: Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. Horticulture and Flowers/Houseplants will be conference judged at the same time. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 18, in the Exhibit Hall.
3. All vegetables should be washed for display.
4. Shelled vegetables should not be exhibited.
5. Quality and condition of vegetables will be considered. Choose vegetables that will hold up well during the Fair.
6. Flowers may be included in the exhibit, if desired, but they will have no bearing on rating of the exhibit.
7. A 4-H member may have a total of eight exhibits but is limited to two exhibits per class. Please display on plastic or paper plates and attach entry card to each exhibit.
8. Information about exhibiting produce is available online in the publication "Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables" available at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/c405.pdf>

**CLASSES**

Class 81a - Small vegetable plate (12 specimens) *Ex: green snap beans, yellow wax beans, radishes other small vegetables.*

Class 81b - Medium vegetable plate (5 specimens) *Ex: cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, tomatoes, beets, white onions, yellow onions, red onions, bell peppers, other peppers, okra, parsnips, turnips, sweet potatoes, red potatoes, white or Russet potatoes, carrots, miniature pumpkin, decorative gourds, or other medium vegetables.*

Class 81c - Large vegetable plate (1 specimen) *Ex: watermelon, summer squash, winter squash, large type pumpkin, eggplant, cabbage, cantaloupe, other large vegetable.*

Class 81d - Fresh Culinary herbs (6 bunches) *Ex: parsley, basil, dill, etc.*

*Note: Six stems (or a comparable quantity) of one variety of fresh herbs must be exhibited in a disposable container of water. Dried herbs are not accepted.*

Class 81e - Small fruits (one half pint box) *Ex. Strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, or other similar sized fruits.*

Class 81f - Tree fruits (plate of 5) *Ex. apples, pears, peaches, or similar sized fruits.*

Class 81g - Grapes (plate of 2 bunches).

Class 82 - Garden Display.

*Note: Each exhibitor in this class will be limited to four square feet of space. The Garden Display must be exhibited in a tray, basket or container that can be easily moved by the fair staff. Exhibit consists of five different types of fresh vegetables or fruits. Canned products and shelled vegetables are not acceptable. Only one variety of each type of vegetable or fruit may be exhibited.*

**Floriculture**  
**Superintendent:**  
**Judging Time: Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

**FLOWERS/HOUSEPLANTS**

1. Information about exhibiting flowers can be found online in the publication "Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibit", available at
2. <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H826.pdf>
3. All specimens shall be clean and displayed in clean clear glass bottle, to be furnished by the exhibitor.
4. A 4-H member may enter a total of 10 exhibits, but is limited to two per class.
5. Entries should not take over one square foot of table space.
6. Houseplants must be purchased and potted at-least two months prior to Fair.

**CLASSES**

Class 83a - Annual Garden Flower, cut specimen, single stem

Class 83b - Perennial Garden Flower, cut specimen, single stem

Class 83c - Fresh Flower Arrangement. Flower materials must be grown and/or collected by exhibitor, not purchased.

Class 83d - Dried Flower Arrangement, no fabric or plastic material allowed.

Class 84 - Potted Houseplant

**Visual Arts**  
**Superintendent: Gracyn Simminger**  
**Judging Time: Saturday, July 18, 1:00 p.m.**

Visual art exhibits are not judged for placement at State Fair, they are awarded participation ribbons only. Visual art exhibits will not be sent on past the county level.

**Crafts**

1. **Definition of Craft:** Is an item made from a kit, mold, pattern, copied designs from other sources, and etc.
2. **A total of 10 articles may be entered in crafts in any combination of classes.**
3. A Grand and Reserve Champion is given in each age division in Crafts.

**CLASSES**

Class 85- Ceramic Object	Class 88- Legos
Class 86- Holiday Craft	Class 89- Other Craft
Class 87- Craft from Recycled Material	

**Skilled Arts**

1. **Definition of Skilled Art:** Is an item that is ORIGINAL and CREATIVE in design. (In other words, the design has **not** been copied).
2. **A total of five articles can be exhibited in any combination of classes.**
3. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be given in each age division.

**CLASSES**

Class 90- Sketching, Drawing	Class 94- Leather
Class 91- Painting	Class 95- Visual/Music/Lit/Drama/Written
Class 92- Carving	Class 96- Other
Class 93- Ceramic/Pottery	

**Fiber Arts**  
**Judging Time: Saturday, July 18, 1:00 p.m.**

1. Fiber Arts is defined as any method of creating a unique design with fiber, fabric or yarn. This may include: making fabric (such as weaving, crochet, knitting or needlepoint); or when existing fabric is changed into something quite different (such as quilting or embroidery or ethnic art).
2. A total of two articles may be exhibited in each class.
3. All articles/garments should be finished for use.
4. Special consideration will be given to articles which are original design. Such articles should have a note attached explaining the original design.
5. When articles which are normally worn as a pair are exhibited, both articles must be shown together. Fasten articles together securely with yarn.
6. All classes listed are eligible to be exhibited at the State Fair upon qualification.

**CLASSES**

Class 125a - Crochet, an article including felted items  
Class 125b - Knitting, an article made either by hand or by knitting machine including felted items  
Class 125c - Needle Arts, an article created by hand using any of the following techniques:  
a) Embroidery and cross-stitch  
b) Needlepoint  
c) Candle wicking

## Fiber Arts (cont.)

- d) Crewel
- e) Lacework
- f) Appliqué.

Class 126a - Rug Making,

*Note: Acceptable techniques include braiding, latch hook, tying, floor cloth, etc. The finished product should be an item that would be an item used in the home.*

Class 127a - Spinning, a skein

*Note: minimum 10 yards in length*

Class 127b - Weaving, a woven article

*Note: Members should attach information about the type of loom or process used.*

Class 127c- Ethnic Art - Ex. batik, Swedish Huck Towel weaving, mud cloth, bobbin weaving and tatting.

Class 127d - Macramé, an article

Class 128- - Patchwork or Quilted article, including pillowcases and pillows

## Construction

**Judging Time: Thursday July 16, 9:00 a.m.**

**Judging Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church- Superintendent: Megan Rippe**

**Public Style Revue: Thursday July 16, 7:00 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church**

1. See General Regulations
2. All clothing must be freshly laundered and be presentable for exhibiting.
3. 4-H home economics exhibits will be divided according to age. Winners must be 9 years or older to compete at the Kansas State Fair.
4. **All Clothing exhibits must be in place at the 4-H Building by 12:00 Noon July 18, 2026.**
5. Be ready to be judged 5 minutes before the scheduled time. Any constructed garment may be entered in the Fashion Revue.
6. Only three garments can be exhibited in each class.
7. Pre-cut kits are acceptable for all clothing classes.
8. Since care labels are not always available now, no care label is required, however, you should know how to care for your fabric.
9. **Patterns must be presented at time of judging.**

### CLASSES

Class 108- A constructed article (bag, hat, accessory)

Class 120-A recycled article

Class 109- A constructed garment (single item such as blouse, top, bottom, etc.)

Class 121- A recycled garment

Class 110- A constructed outfit (top & bottom, dress, etc.)

Class 122- A recycled outfit

Class 123- Educational Exhibit

*Note: Recycled clothing project- An item made of at least 50% recycled material (recycled means reusing an existing item in a new way). Could be remaking or redesigning a garment, repurposing a clothing item for a new use, etc. Must include sewing of some kind.*

### INFORMAL PARTICIPATION AT STATE FAIR

4-H members may participate informally in the mini-style show at the State Fair. The mini-style show serves as “show window” to help inform the public of work being done in 4-H. Any girl or boy, 12 or older who has received a blue ribbon at the county fair in either the style revue or in construction on either clothing, knitting or crocheted garments may enter in the mini-style show. No garment which is entered in the State Fair Clothing Division may be worn in this show. Older 4-H members may volunteer to narrate mini-style shows. Members who qualify and wish to participate in the mini-style show should contact an Extension Agent.

## **Buymanship**

**Judging Time: Thursday July 16, 9:00 a.m.**

**Judging Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church – Superintendent: Megan Rippe**

**Public Style Revue: Thursday July 16, 7:00 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**\*\* Buymanship is a county level event and entries are not eligible for State Fair exhibition.\*\***

1. 4-Her must have selected clothing worn in the contest, or helped in selecting it.
2. Each contestant may enter one outfit in each of four classes:
  - Class 124g - Sport
  - Class 124h - Dress
  - Class 124i - School
  - Class 124j - Formal
3. Competition will consist of three divisions: Junior-7-9, Intermediate-10-13, Senior-14+.
4. Garments must be modeled and judged at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, July 16, at 9:00 a.m. to qualify for the Public Review.
5. Ribbons/Premiums will not be given to 4-H members who do not model in the Public Revue except in case of emergency.
6. Participants must bring TWO copies of a picture in their outfit – 1 for the judge, 1 for the display poster. No copies will be made the day of.
7. Posters for all Buymanship entries MUST be made and submitted to the Extension Agent before leaving the judging event. If no poster is made, the Buymanship entry will be disqualified.
8. Judging Guidelines for Buymanship Garments:
  - The 4-H member's
    - 1) Posture 2) Attitude 3) Poise 4) Modeling of Garment 5) Grooming
  - Outfit on the 4-H member
    - 1) Appropriate Selection 2) Fit 3) Overall Appearance 4) Choice of Accessories—appropriate color
  - Value of Money Spent

## **Home Environment**

**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

1. A 4-H member may enter only one exhibit in this department.
2. Educational poster or display or notebooks may include swatches, colors, stories, photographs, and project records which detail what was accomplished this year with a given indication of long-term plans.
3. Attach a 3" x 5" index card to single exhibit entries explaining how the item was made or refinished, costs involved and how it fits into the color and design of the room.
4. Posters must be no larger than 22" x 28" poster board. Displays are not to exceed a standard commercial 3' x 4' tri-fold display board.

### **CLASSES**

Class 129a - Single Exhibit.

*Note: An article made or refinished by the 4-H member for the home.*

Class 129b - Educational Poster or Display.

Class 129c - Notebook.

**Food Preparation**  
**Superintendent: Vanessa Merz**  
**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 1:00 p.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. All Food Exhibits will be brought at the time they are judged.
3. Exhibitor should bring a copy of the recipe for the judge and are encouraged to bring a 3" x 5" card that gives the judge additional information about their experience.
4. **Recipes must be attached to the food exhibit.**
5. Food exhibits will be sold during the Fair and income from the sale will be given to the 4-H Council.
6. **Participants are capped at 10 entries and 2 per class.**
7. All exhibits may be a mix.
8. Alcohol may **not** be an ingredient in food items. Exhibits containing alcohol will not be judged and will be disqualified.
9. All baked goods must be left whole and uncut. Small items, such as cookies and rolls, should be the same shape, size and from the same recipe. Exhibit 3 cookies, 3 muffins, 3 bread sticks, 1 loaf of bread, etc. The remainder of the "batch" should be brought to the fairgrounds and submitted to the Food Sale Superintendent.
10. All unfrosted cakes shall be exhibited in an upright position with the crust showing. The exception is for those cakes made with special designs such as Bundt cakes. They should have top crust side down.
11. Remove baked products from pan and place on paper or cardboard. **DO NOT BRING FOOD IN PANS OR DISHES. BE SURE ALL HOT FOODS ARE HOT & COLD FOODS ARE COLD. PERISHABLE FOOD WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE FOOD SALE.**
12. **Only non-perishable food items may be exhibited at the State Fair**

**Food classes ELIGIBLE for entry at the State Fair (must be 9 years old to exhibit) in Food Preparation.**

**CLASSES**

Class 150– 3 No Bake Cookies	Class 156– 3 Brownies	
Class 151– 3 Cookies (baked, any kind)	(any kind, frosted or unfrosted)	Class 162– Fruit Pie, Nonperishable
Class 152– 3 Cupcakes, Iced	Class 157– 3 Cinnamon Rolls	Class 163– Fruit Tart, Nonperishable
Class 153– Cake, unfrosted	Class 158- Quick Bread Loaf (any kind)	Class 164– Other, Nonperishable food item
Class 154– Cake, frosted	Class 159– Yeast Bread (any kind)	Class 165– Decorated cakes
Class 155– 3 Muffins	Class 161– 3 Yeast Rolls (any kind)	

**CLASSES**

- Class 166- Educational Food Exhibit
- Class 167- Food Gift Package.

***Note:** No alcoholic beverages will be accepted. A food gift package must contain at least 3 different food items (prepared for human consumption), made by the 4-H member, in a suitable container no larger than 18"x18"x18". Prepared food items must have recipes attached. Additional homemade food items or purchased items may be included. On a separate sheet, answer these questions: a) what is the intended use b) what food safety precautions were taken during and after preparation. This entry will count as a non-perishable food product.*

**Food Classes NOT eligible for entry at the state fair:**

**CLASSES**

- Class 168 – Salad
- Class 169 – Main Dish
- Class 170 – Perishable Pie (one or two crust)
- Class 171 – Other perishable food item

**Food Preservation**  
**Superintendent: Vanessa Merz**  
**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 1:00 p.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. Exhibits must have been preserved since the member's previous year's county fair, and not been exhibited at the previous State Fair.
3. Recommended method of processing must be used. Follow guidelines in KSRE Food Preservation publications or "USDA's Complete Guide to Home Canning", or "So Easy to Preserve, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, Cooperative Extension Service the University of Georgia"; or "Ball Blue Book of Preserving" (2012 or later). Open kettle canning, oven canning, sun canning and using electric multi-cookers will be disqualified. Pickles and sweet spreads must be processed using the water bath process for the altitude of residence. Homemade recipes or other untested recipes will be disqualified for safety reasons.
4. Alcohol is not allowed as an ingredient in food preservation entries. Exhibits containing alcohol will not be judged and will be disqualified.
5. Each member may enter up to 2 exhibits in this division, but only one entry per class.
6. Exhibits must be sealed in clean, clear standard canning jars with matching brand (Ex: use Ball lids on Ball jars or Kerr lids on Kerr jars, etc) two-piece lids. Do not use colored jars. Jars must be sealed when entered. Jelly must be in ½ pint or pint jar. All other products must be pint or quart jars. Use pint jar canning process recommendations for 12 oz. jars. Use quart jar recommendations for 24 oz. jars.
7. **One** jar is required for each class.
8. Each exhibit must have the complete recipe and instructions attached with the entry card, or it will be disqualified. Recipe must include exhibitor name, recipe source, date of publication and altitude of residence.
9. Each jar must be labeled. The label must not cover brand name of jar. The label must give: Class Number, Product, Altitude of residence, canning method (water bath, weighted gauge or dial gauge pressure method), Process Time, Pressure (psi), date processed including month and year, Name and County. Templates to make adhesive labels can be found at: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=46>
10. Hole punch the entry card and use a rubber band to attach the entry card and recipe around the top of the jar.
11. Containers may be opened at the discretion of the judges.

**FOOD PRESERVATION CLASSES**

- Class 199 - Sweet Spreads (fruit and/or vegetables), syrups; one jar  
Class 200 - Fruits, Juices, Fruit Mixtures (Salsa, pie filling, etc.); one jar  
Class 201 - Low Acid Vegetables (green beans, corn, etc. or vegetable mixtures); one jar  
Class 202 - Pickles (fruit or vegetable) Fermented Foods and Relishes or Chutney; one jar  
Class 203 - Tomato/Tomato Products, Tomato Juice, Tomato Salsas; one jar  
Class 204 - Meats; one jar

**SPECIAL FOOD PRESERVATION EXHIBITS (These exhibits are NOT eligible for State Fair)**

(All food preservation members eligible)

- Class 205 - 1 hiking meal of 4-5 dried foods, include menus.  
Class 206 - A fruit leather, any one flavor. 3 rolled pieces.  
Class 207 - A dried fruit or vegetable, about ½ - ¾ cup.  
Class 208 - 3 pieces of jerky, approximately 1 inch in width by 3 inches in length each.

**HONEY (These exhibits are NOT eligible for State Fair)**

- Class 209 - Liquid honey, light color, exhibit one-pound jar, 3 one-pound jars to each entry.  
Class 210 - Liquid honey, dark color, exhibit in one-pound jar, 3 one pound jars to each entry.  
Class 211 - Cut or section comb honey, 3 combs or sections to each exhibit; cut comb is to be approximately 4" x 4" packed in commercial trays or plastic boxes; section combs are to be approximately 4 ½" x 4 ½" or 4" x 5" packed in cardboard window cartons.

## **Notebooks, Posters & Reading**

### **Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. Members enrolled in any project may exhibit a notebook or poster for that project.
3. Notebooks should be entered in a 3-ring binder.
4. Posters should be at least 21" x 28" in size. Dominant posters will display meaning through minimum text. Posters can be made with paint, magic marker, ink or any other medium that does not smudge easily. Good use of color (contrasting letters to the background) is recommended. Posters will be judged on neatness, completeness & apparent age appropriate effort.

#### **CLASSES**

Class 212 – Project Notebook  
Class 213 – Historian Notebook  
Class 214 - Reporter Notebook  
Class 215 - Secretary Notebook

Class 216 – Reading Project  
Class 217—Poster

## **Club Bales**

**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 12:00 p.m.**

#### **BALE EXHIBIT**

1. See General Regulations
2. Bales are to be completed by Saturday July 18, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.
3. Each bale should be decorated as a promotion for 4-H/FFA group and/or the Rawlins County Fair.
4. The Fair Association will provide and place 1 round bale for decorating. Bales are not to be moved from their location but may be reoriented.
5. Basis of Awards:
  - General appearance and attractiveness—20%
  - Interest and originality—20%
  - Quality of display material—20%
  - Educational value—40%

#### **CLASSES**

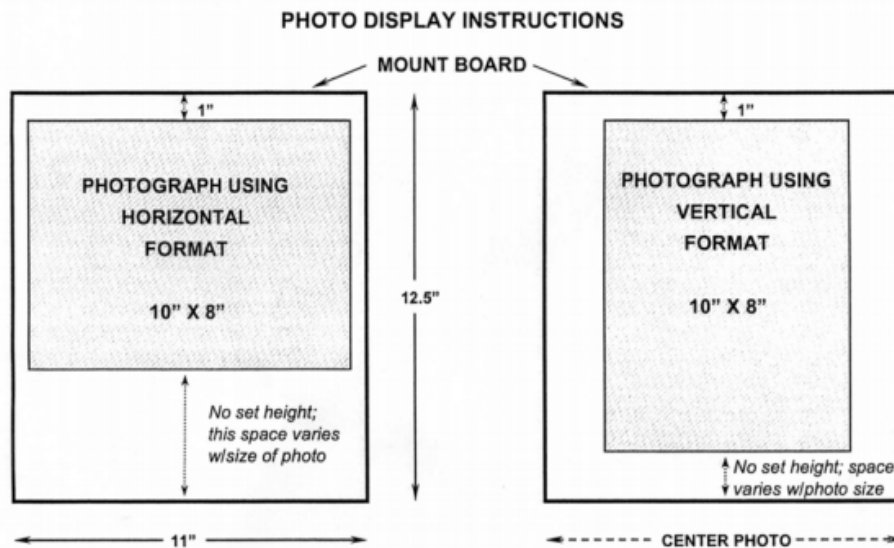
Class 227- 4-H Club Bale

# Photography

Superintendent: Hope McFee

Entry Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m. - NOON; Judge Comments: Saturday July 19, 12:00 p.m.

1. See General Regulations.
2. **All photography exhibits must be entered by NOON on Saturday July 18.**
3. **Photography judging feedback will be given in a congregate setting, beginning at 1:00pm Saturday July 18.**
4. Each exhibitor is limited to a total of 10 entries.
5. Photographs entered must be the result of the current year's project work by the 4-H member.
6. All enlargements must be no larger than 8" x 10" or smaller than 7" x 9".
7. Photos are to be mounted across the narrow (11 inch) dimension of an 11" x 12.5" sheet of white studio matte board.
8. Photos must be mounted with the top edge of the print 1" below the top of the mount (board is always oriented narrow side up).
9. A full coverage permanent mount (spray adhesive recommended or heat mount) must be made. Remove white border from the enlargement before mounting. Photos must be enclosed in plastic photo sleeve, **NOT SEALED**. Mounting board and photo sleeves may be purchased from the Extension Office.
10. No lettering is permitted on the mount or on the photo. No underlays or borders are to be used.
11. **On the back of the mount, write: Exhibitor's Name, Address, Photo class, Age division, Location where the photograph was taken.**
12. At State Fair, a maximum of one exhibit in each type of medium (photo print, video) for a total of 2 entries is accepted.  
**Exception: Exhibitor's with 8+ years of experience may enter 2 prints as long as the prints are in different classes.**
13. Please designate whether projects are within Junior Division 7 - 9, Intermediate Division 10 - 13 or Senior Division 14+.
14. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be given in Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions.
15. A total of 10 photos may be chosen for display in the meeting room of the Fair Building for a period of one year. Photos will be returned at the end of display period.
16. **Photos with live subject(s) on Railroad Right of Way or taken from Railroad Right of Way property will be disqualified.**



## PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

### Photography (cont.)

Class 230- Color Photos

*Note: A color photo taken with a digital camera and printed without any more enhancement than could be done in a photo darkroom would be no different than a photo from film. These photos should be entered in class 230.*

Class 231- Black and White Photos

Class 232- Digital Composite Image

*Note: Photo must be created from two or more originals taken by the exhibitor. Exhibitor must include a second 11"x12.5" matte board mounted with a standard size print of the original photo(s) and a 3"x5" card explaining what manipulation was done. For State Fair, matte boards must be placed in the same two gallon freezer bag. HDR photos do not qualify for this class. Photos will be judged on photogenic merit as well as manipulation technique and process.*

Class 233 – A Rawlins County Photo

Class 234- Photo Story

Class 235 – Conservation within Rawlins County

*Note: Class sponsored by Rawlins County Conservation District*

Class 236- Videos Entries

*Note: Videos must be full motion (not a series of still images with or pan or zoom motion added.) All content must be the result of the current year's project work. Entries must be one of the following production types: Instructional, Informational, Documentary, Persuasive/PSA, Story or Entertainment. Length must be no longer than 3 minutes with the exception of Persuasive/PSA which must be either 30 or 60 seconds. Videos must be in standard DVD format, playable on a laptop.*

## Woodworking

**Superintendent: Matt Micek**

**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

1. See General Regulations.

2. No exhibitor may enter more than 2 exhibits in each class. Each article must be accompanied by a plan or sketch used in construction. The plan may be a photocopy of the actual plan for a scale drawing. It must be complete and accurate to the extent that a duplicate article could be built using the plan as a guide.

## CLASSES

Class 242 - Articles for farm or shop use

Class 243 - Lawn Furniture

Class 244 - Household Furniture

Class 245 - Other woodwork articles (bird houses, bread boards, knife racks etc.)

Class 246 - Repaired or Refinished Furniture

Class 247 - Any article made from a kit

## Welding and Metal Fabrication

**Superintendent: Matt Micek**

**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

## CLASSES

Class 248- Welding and Metal Fabrication

# **Energy Management**

## **Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

1. See General Regulations.
2. All Energy Management classes are eligible for State Fair.
3. Articles that have been in use should be cleaned for exhibit.
4. A sheet of operating instructions must be furnished for all exhibits.
5. Exhibits must be operable. If battery power is required, batteries must be furnished.
6. Any project with a complexity of size or electronics must have:
  - (a) instructions for assembly and use and
  - (b) equipment available at the line for judging for actual testing of the exhibit.

### **CLASSES**

Class 249 - AC Electric Projects

Class 250 - DC Electric Projects

Class 251 - Electronic Projects.

*Note: Projects with a battery or direct current power source. This class includes kits or original projects. May be constructed using printed circuit*

*board, wire wrap, or breadboard techniques. Include instructions.*

Class 252 - Educational Display/Exhibit.

*Note: The purpose of the educational display and exhibit is to educate the viewer about a specific area of the 4-H electrical or electronics*

*project. The display or exhibit should illustrate one basic idea. Max tri-fold size of 3' x 4'.*

### **SMALL ENGINES**

Class 253 - Small Engines

### **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

Class 254 – Alternative Energy

*Note: A form of energy derived from a natural source, such as the sun, geothermal, wind, tides or waves*

**Entomology**  
**Superintendent: Jessica Withington**  
**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

General Regulations.

1. A 4-H member may choose to exhibit in the Collection, Notebook or Educational class for each phase in which they are enrolled.  
All County Fair classes are State Fair eligible.
2. All entries are to be placed in clear plastic/**Plexiglas** covered wooden boxes with outside measurements of 18" x 24" x 3 ½".  
Display boxes with glass covers will not be accepted.
3. Each exhibitor is required to identify each box by placing an identification label bearing the Exhibitor's Name, County and Class.  
One label goes in the upper left corner of the box (inside) and the other on the back of the box (outside). Arrange specimens in the box so it can be displayed lengthwise.
4. Exhibition of the current year's collection is encouraged. However, each specimen should have a value in itself. The "rare find" shown in a beginning phase should have a place in the more advanced phases.

**COLLECTION CLASSES**

1. 4-H members may choose to use one of two taxonomies:
  - A. as printed in "Insects of Kansas" book or
  - B. as printed on the "Insects in Kansas Book: 2016 Revised Taxonomy", which follows [www.bugguide.net](http://www.bugguide.net).
3. The number of orders, specimens (and families where required) must be included on the exhibitor's box identification label.  
Arrangement of specimens: The preferred method is to arrange the insects in groups or rows parallel to the short sides of the box.  
Specimens are to be arranged by Order in the box, then Family where required.
4. Two labels should be centered on the pin beneath each Specimen. First (closest to the specimen) is the common name label and the second label should include date/locality. Full county name, state abbreviation should be on the second label. Collector's name (or host) on the date/locality label is optional.
5. Emphasis in judging will be placed on the overall variety of insects represented in the collection, accuracy of identification, skill and technique acquired in mounting of specimens, and overall arrangement and appearance of the collection.
6. Specimens of soft bodied insects such as aphids, lice, termites, etc. should be exhibited in alcohol filled vials.

**CLASSES**

Class 269a-Beginning Entomology Collection.

*Note: Display in one standard box a minimum of 50 and maximum of 125 species representing at least 7 orders.*

Class 269b- Beginning II Entomology Collection.

*Note: Display in one standard box a minimum of 75 and maximum of 150 species representing at least 9 orders.*

Class 269c- Intermediate Entomology Collection.

*Note: Display a minimum of 100 and a maximum of 300 species representing at least 10 orders. Two standard boxes can be used.*

Class 269d- Advanced Entomology Collection.

*Note: Display a minimum of 150 and a maximum of 450 species representing at least 12 orders. Three standard boxes can be used. On a piece of paper, list what you did to improve your collection during the current year. Attach paper to the back of one of the display boxes.*

## Entomology (cont.)

### NOTEBOOK CLASSES

1. Individual entries are to be placed for display in a three-ring notebook for competition.
2. 4-H members may choose to use one of two taxonomies:
  - A. As printed in "Insects of Kansas" book or
  - B. as printed on the "Insects in Kansas Book: 2016 Revised Taxonomy", which follows [www.bugguide.net](http://www.bugguide.net)
3. Each exhibitor is required to identify the notebook by placing a Title Page in the front of the notebook bearing the exhibitor's name, county or district and class. The number of orders, specimens, families and taxonomy used must also be included on the Title Page.
4. Species pages should be grouped according to order and should include one page per species. If more than one insect is in the photo, an arrow to indicate insect should be used. Specimen page should have two different views of the insect if possible.
5. Date, common name, full county name, and state abbreviation should be included for each species. Collector's name is optional on the specimen page.
6. If picture is taken on different dates/localities include information for both. A statement describing the host plant/habitat should be included.
7. A divider page is to be placed in front of each order of insects with the order name printed on the tab for the page and also on the front of the divider page.
8. For the Intermediate and Advanced classes, insects are also to be grouped by family behind each order divider.
9. List on a sheet of paper how many years you have been in this division of the project and what you did this year to improve your project if you have been in for more than one year. Place the paper just behind the Title Page in the front of your notebook.

### CLASSES

Class 270a - Introductory Entomology Notebook

*Note: Display a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30 insect species representing at least 6 different orders.*

Class 270b- Beginning Entomology Notebook.

*Note: Display a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 60 insect species representing at least 7 different orders.*

Class 270d-Intermediate Entomology Notebook.

*Note: Display a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 100 species representing at least 9 orders.*

Class 270e- Advanced Entomology.

*Note: Display a minimum of 100 and a maximum of 200 species representing at least 12 orders.*

### EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

1. Share with others what you learned in this project. Exhibit any activity or learning experience related to the field of entomology or the Teaming with Insects curriculum that does not fit into Entomology Collection or notebook classes above.
2. Follow copyright laws as explained in the General Rules.
3. The exhibit may be, but isn't limited to, original works, digital presentations (must provide printed hardcopy for exhibit purposes for duration of state fair), programs, websites, games, apps, display box, notebook, display or poster which you have made.
4. If the exhibit is a wooden display box, it must be 18 X24 X 3.5 inches with a clear plastic top (such as plexiglass) and displayed horizontally. If the exhibit is a poster, it must not be larger than 22" X 28". If the exhibit is a display, maximum size is not to exceed a standard commercial 3' X 4' tri-fold display board.
5. Name and county/ district must clearly be marked on educational exhibits.

### CLASSES

Class 271- Beginning Educational Exhibit

*Note: Class for individuals that are exhibiting in the Beginning I and II Collection or Beginning Notebook Classes. If only exhibiting in this category, then ages 7-12.*

Class 272- Intermediate Educational Exhibit

*Note: Class for individuals that are exhibiting in the Intermediate Collection or Intermediate Notebook Classes. If only exhibiting in this category, then ages 11-14.*

Class 273- Advanced Educational Exhibit

*Note: Class for individuals that are exhibiting in the Advanced Collection or Advanced Notebook Classes. If only exhibiting in this category, then ages 13 or older.*

**Geology**  
**Superintendent: Jessica Withington**  
**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

1. See General Regulations
2. Exhibit boxes should be 18"x24"x3½". All specimens are to be arranged across the narrow (18") dimension of the exhibit box. Plexiglas covers are required. Screws, locks or other devices that would prevent the judges from removing the glass cover should not be used.
3. Each exhibitor is required to identify each display box by placing an information label bearing name, county and number of specimens in the upper left-hand corner of the box (inside), and by attaching a label with the same information to the back of the box (outside). The inside label is to indicate also the class number.
4. Exhibitor may enter in both geology and lapidary classes. County fair classes transfer to the Kansas State Fair, but additional exhibit rules apply.
5. Exhibits should be labeled with the number of specimens, date collected, specimen name or description and locality (county) where collected.
6. All specimens must be collected from the locations in Kansas. Out-of-state specimens will not count in the minimum number for the class, nor will they be considered in the judging.
7. Species should be mounted in the box by proper groups- rocks, minerals, and fossils.

**CLASSES**

Class 276- Geology

Class 279- Geology Educational Exhibit.

*Note: Special exhibit relating geology to everyday living; or to a mineral test, a rock formation, geological history, species of a fossil, forms of one mineral, a variation of one kind of rock, archeological artifacts, or Indian artifacts.*

**LAPIDARY**

1. Lapidary will be judged on the following criteria:

Workmanship and Content	60 points
Presentation and Showmanship	30 points
Accuracy and Information	<u>10 points</u>
	100 points

2. All lapidary specimens should be labeled with the following information:

Specimen Name, Place of Origin, Purchased or Self-collected, Date lapidary treatment began, Date lapidary treatment completed.

3. Display cases should be 18" across the top and 12" deep.

**CLASSES**

Class 280- Lapidary

**Self-Determined/Other Projects with no Class**  
**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

1. A 4-H member may exhibit 6 exhibits per project area.

**CLASSES**

Class 292- Self Determined

## Forestry

### Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m.

1. See General Regulations.
2. All exhibits to be mounted on 8 ½"x11" heavy stock paper and placed in loose leaf binders. Twigs and fruit collections may be exhibited in whatever manner you choose, maximum size 2'x3'.
3. Name, club, age and year in project should be on the front cover.
4. Prepare a label and place in the lower right hand corner of the page. Label should include proper common name as listed in the page. Label should include proper common name as listed in the 4-H bulletin 34, "List of Native Kansas Forest Trees", location (county), where collected, and date (day, month, year) or (month, day, year) collected.
5. Divide specimens into the following two sections: Native Kansas Trees and Non-Native trees.

#### **KNOWING TREES AS INDIVIDUALS CLASSES**

##### **Leaf Collections**

Class 283- Beginning.

*Note: Exhibit leaves of 10 different native Kansas trees, or leaf, twig and fruit of 5 different trees. Can exhibit non-native in addition to native Kansas trees category.*

Class 284- Intermediate.

*Note: Exhibit leaves of 20 (include 10 new and 10 previously collected in the beginning class) different native Kansas trees, or leaf, twig and fruit of 10 (include 5 new and 5 previously collected in the beginning class) different trees. Can exhibit non-native in addition to native Kansas trees.*

Class 285- Advanced.

*Note: Exhibit leaves of 40 (include 20 new and 20 previous class) different native Kansas trees, or leaf, twig and fruit of 20 (include 10 new and 10 from previous class) different trees. Can exhibit non-native in addition to native Kansas trees.*

**Exhibit one complete leaf where possible. Where leaf is too large, exhibit as much of terminal portions as possible. Sketch in reduced scale the entire leaf and illustrate where the exhibited portion comes from.**

##### **How a Tree Grows**

Class 286- Display requires project notebook with 10 or more seeds collected with pictures showing germination study.

##### **Tree Appreciation**

Class 287- Display requires project notebook of your work.

#### **DIVISION B - SR. 4-H FORESTER**

##### **CLASSES**

##### **Growing and Protecting Trees**

Class 288- Display requires project notebook telling about project and pictures above during and after planting seedling.

##### **Tree Culture**

Class 289- Display required project notebook showing your project work and include pictures of before, during and after woodlot improvement.

##### **How Forests Save Us**

Class 290- Display collected wood samples (all or partial) and 500 word essay. Wood samples display to be mounted on poster board or any stiff mounting material no larger than 2' wide x 3' high. Essay should be displayed in a covered binder.

#### **EDUCATIONAL/CREATIVE EXHIBIT**

##### **CLASSES**

Class 291- Exhibit must be directly related to tree identification of Forestry. Type of exhibit is open (notebook, poster, collection box & etc.) given in maximum size of 2' x 3'. This is a good class to exhibit an unusual collection.

**Space Tech**  
**Superintendent: Matt Micek**  
**Rocket Launch: Sunday July 12, 1:00 p.m. (dependent on conditions)**  
**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m.**

1. See General Regulations. This department will follow Kansas State Fair Book rules and guidelines.
2. This department is intended to show the principles of Architectural Block Construction, Rocketry and/or Robotics learned and applied to exhibitors.
3. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit per class.
4. The classes will be divided into two age groups: 7 to 13, and 14 and over.
5. Articles should be cleaned before exhibiting.
6. A report on the 4-H member's experience is to accompany the exhibit.
7. Report forms for Architectural Block Construction, Rocketry and Robotics can be found at [rawlins.k-state.edu](http://rawlins.k-state.edu) in the 4-H - Project Resources section.

**Rocketry**

- The 14 years and older will be required to fire one rocket.
- The report that accompanies the rocket must include a picture of the rocket at the launch site, record of it in flight, including altitude and summary or how the member constructed and flew the rocket.
- Plans (or a copy of) must accompany each exhibit.
- For original design rockets, describe in summary how the model was tested for stability prior to flying.
- Angles of fins must fall with a plus or minus 2-degree variation.
- Rocketry exhibits must be uniformly painted, smoothly finished, have decals applied smoothly and be properly assembled and painted according to accompanying plans. Exhibits damaged during flight will be examined based upon accompanying picture.
- Engines and igniters are not permitted with the exhibit.

**Robotics**

- Robots may be a maximum of 2'x2'x2' and not exceed 15 lbs.
- Robots must be free-standing and be powered by an electrical, battery, water, air or solar source only. (No flammable liquids)
- The report that accompanies the robot must include: operation instructions, plans for construction, photos of robot. If the robot can be programmed, programming information should be included in the report packet. NO VIDEO is required for county fair entries!

**Building Block Engineering**

- Total diorama dimensions may not exceed 2'x2'x2' but must be at least 6" wide by 6" deep.
- Exhibits should be placed in a sturdy see through enclosure with a top, bottom and four sides (outer dimensions of enclosure do not count towards total exhibit size but should not exceed).
- Primary building component should be interlocking blocks, commonly referred to by the brand name Lego®
- Use of existing "store bought" sets for major elements of the display is not allowed but pieces such as figurines from sets are allowed.
- Mechanical enhancements or motion elements that add motion to the diorama are acceptable and encouraged.
- Artistic designs, like recreating famous paintings or sculptures are not permitted and 1 ribbon placing will be deducted.
- Exhibit must include an Architectural Block Construction information packet with 1 to 5 pages of pictures of the creation of the exhibit and any appropriate operating instructions and "4-H STEM Architectural Block Construction Exhibit Information Form". Please contact the Extension Office for details.
- No video is required for county fair but will be required for exhibition at State Fair.

## Space Tech (cont.)

### CLASSES

#### Rocketry

Class 300:

- a. Rockets made from kit.
- b. Rockets made from original materials (no kit parts or rocket).

#### Robotics

Class 301:

- a. Robot from a kit (no programming, just assembly)
- b. Robot made from original materials (not a modified kit)
- c. Programmable robot made from a commercial kit
- d. Robot designed and constructed by exhibitor or from a commercial kit, that is operated by a remote-controlled device
- e. Junk Drawer Robotics

#### Building Block Engineering

Class 302:

- a. Interlocking brick diorama built from scratch

## Shooting Sports

### Shooting Sports Superintendent - Orrin Holle

**Judging Time: Saturday July 18, 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Shoot: Sunday July 12, 3:00 p.m. @ RCSA**

1. See General Regulations.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.
3. No "live" ammunition containing propellant or explosive powders may be used in any display (including live primers)! Artistic substitutes must be used in lieu of powder and "live" ammunition.
4. For competition BB targets, purple ribbons will be awarded to targets scoring 335+, blue ribbons will be awarded to targets scoring 300-334, and red ribbons will be awarded to targets scoring 299 and below.
5. For competition Air Rifle targets, purple ribbons will be awarded to targets scoring 450+, blue ribbons will be awarded to targets scoring 350-449, and red ribbons will be awarded to targets scoring 349 and below.
6. For competition Air Pistol targets, purple ribbons will be awarded to targets scoring 250+, blue ribbons will be awarded to targets scoring 225-249, and red ribbons will be awarded to targets scoring 224 and below.
7. **All Posters and/or Educational Displays MUST be approved by the Superintendent/Shooting Sports Coordinator prior to entry into the Fair and must follow Kansas State Fair guidelines.**

### CLASSES

Class 311 - Competition BB Targets

Class 312 - Competition Air Pellet Targets

Class 313 - Competition Air Pistol Targets

Class 314 - Poster on Shooting Sports Topic

Class 315 - Best of the Best Target - Practice or Competition.

Class 316 - Educational Display. Must be directly related to the 4-H shooting Sports Project. 3'x4' Standard Tri-Fold.

Class 317 - Promotional Poster. Must Promote 4-H Shooting Sports. Flat Poster, no larger than 22" x 28".

Class 318 - Shooting Aid - Any item the 4-Her makes which helps the shooter/hunter better perform their sport, examples: rifle sling, kneeling roll, arm guard, shotgun vest, target boxes, shooting stick, etc. Include your design, or plans you adapted, what the item is and used for.

Class 319 - Storage Case - Any item the 4-Her makes with the purpose to safely hold a firearm, bow, ammunition, and/or arrows. Examples: soft sided shotgun case, quivers, firearm safe, include your design, or plans you adapted. Explain how the storage case is used.

Class 320 - Practice Game/Activity - Invent or adapt an activity to practice or teach a project skill. Include pictures of youth playing the game, testimonials of 4-H members who played the game, what skill is being worked on, and directions for the game. Explain how you came up with the game or adapted it to fit the needs of your group members.

## Shooting Sports (cont.)

### Age Divisions for Shotgun

Junior: 9-13 yrs old prior to January 1, 2026

Senior: 14-18 yrs old prior to January 1, 2026

**\*\*Age divisions from FairEntry will be disregarded and manually classified\*\***

### Class 321 – Shotgun Skeet

- Competitors will shoot 2 rounds of 25 targets. Purple ribbons will be awarded for scores of 30+, Blue ribbons for scores of 23-29, Red ribbons for scores of 16-22 and White ribbons for scores of 15 or less.

### Class 322 – Shotgun Trap

- Competitors will shoot 2 rounds of 25 targets from the 16-yard line. Purple ribbons will be awarded for scores of 35+, Blue ribbons for scores of 28-34, Red ribbons for scores of 21-27 and White ribbons for scores of 20 and under