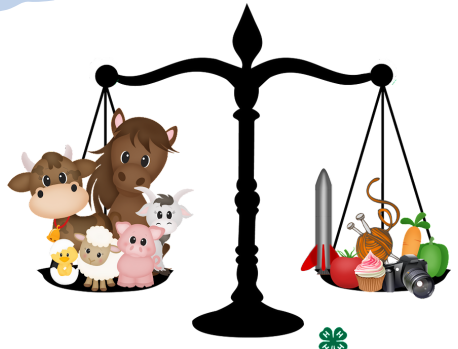


4-H Exhibitor Tips

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LIFE IS FAIR
Decatur Co Fair

ENTERING EXHIBITS

For 4-H and FFA members, exhibits must be entered at <http://decatourcountyfair.fairentry.com>. If you are a 4-H member, simply login with your 4HOnline account by clicking on the 4HOnline Login button. If you're an FFA member, please create an account and enter your exhibits. Please enter a description for each static entry if you can. For livestock, add your animal first, then create the entry. See your 4HOnline email for tag numbers if you don't have them handy as you register. Remember to also enroll in Showmanship classes if you wish to participate!

DEADLINE:
All 4-H & FFA Exhibits must be entered in FairEntry **by 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 21st!**

This year, we will print FairEntry cards during the week of July 25th. The earlier you register, the earlier cards will be ready for you! Once everything is printed, you will receive an email and can swing by the Extension Office to receive your cards. All Open Class entries can be entered in FairEntry or by using the old open class cards available in the Extension Office. See a handy guide for FairEntry here: <https://bit.ly/TCDFairInfo>.

DECATUR COUNTY FAIR BOOK

For all the rules of the Decatur County Fair, see the official Decatur County Fair Book! Get your paper copy in the Extension Office or view it online at: <https://bit.ly/TCDFairInfo>.

KANSAS STATE FAIR

Please check carefully to see if your purple ribbon exhibit is eligible for the Kansas State Fair. There are a number of classes in the Decatur County Fair that are not listed for the State Fair. A State Fair entry table will be set up during judging and at exhibit release. Please stop by the table and fill out the appropriate forms for your eligible projects. The Kansas State Fair Book is available at kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html. All entries are due to the Extension Office by Monday, August 8th!

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Open Class Horse Show
Saturday, July 9th
8 a.m. Registration,
9:30 a.m. Start



Petting Zoo
Wednesday, August 3rd
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Livestock Arena
If you would like to show your animal, let your club leaders know!

Pet Parade
Friday, August 5th
3 p.m.
Good Samaritan Courtyard



4-H Exhibitor Tips

PRE-FAIR EVENTS

4-H Clothing & Photography Judging

Tuesday, July 26th | 9 a.m.

Sunflower Rec & Golden Age Center

For clothing judging, see a letter with full details and necessary forms at the URL below. Following the Public Fashion Revue, we will parade to the south of the Good Samaritan Center in one outfit. For photography, find mounting instructions at the URL below too. Photo mats and sleeves can be purchased at the Extension Office.

<https://bit.ly/DCFairForms>

PUBLIC FASHION REVUE

Tuesday, July 26th

6 p.m.

Sunflower Cinema

Fair Clean-Up

Fair Clean-Up, both pre and post fair, is required for everyone exhibiting in the fair! Plan to be at the fairgrounds ready to work (and have fun!) by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 29th for pre-fair clean-up. Sign in at the 4-H Building, then head to your place of work. We're breaking this down differently than in the past, so sign up for the jobs you wish to help with when you arrive. Jobs will include setting up panels and pens in the livestock area, cleaning the 4-H Building and Exhibit Building, putting up banners on the back of the grandstands, and more. After we are done, 4-H Council has purchased pizza for us! Don't forget to come back for post-fair clean-up on Sunday, August 7th! Livestock members will clean the barns and tear down the arena beginning at 8 a.m. Static-only exhibitors will clean all other areas beginning at 1:30 p.m.

4-H Horse Show

Check-in will start at 8 a.m. Please leave your horses on the trailer until the vet has completed a vet check per Kansas Department of Agriculture guidelines. Don't forget to enter Horse Show entries in FairEntry! We will line up participants before each class enters the arena, so be listening closely and stay near the arena when you can.



4-H HORSE SHOW
Saturday, July 30th
8 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Start

FAIR WEEK

Static 4-H & Open Class Judging

Tuesday, August 2nd | Beginning at 9 a.m.

Entry & judging for all static entries (except clothing & photography) will be held the Tuesday of Fair Week. 4-H'ers will meet with each judge in the Exhibit Building at the south end of the fairgrounds, with the exception of Foods which will be held in the 4-H Building. We will set approximate judging times for foods entries again this year, so watch for an email with details after the FairEntry deadline. Superintendents are there to assist you, so if you need help, just ask them!

4-H Exhibitor Tips

FAIR WEEK

4-H Food & Photography Auction

Our Decatur County Fair Board kindly allows all our 4-H members to sell either two food items, two photos, or one photo and one food item at the Auction. If you wish to participate, be sure to read your Fair Book carefully for full details. Be sure to thank your buyers – both during and after the Auction! If you have questions about who bought your items, ask us at the Extension Office.

4-H FOOD & PHOTOGRAPHY AUCTION
Tuesday, August 2nd
6:30 p.m.
Arena

Foods Participants: Food boxes are available at the Extension Office, but we have a limited supply this year. Come in early to purchase yours! As you participate in judging, superintendents will have you draw numbers for the Auction order. Plan to arrive at the livestock arena at 6:15 Tuesday evening to grab your food item and line up in that order. After your food item has been purchased, you will receive a ribbon to give to your buyer in the stands.

Photography Participants: As you participate in judging, superintendents will have you draw numbers for the Auction order. You will be interspersed between the foods items. Text pictures of the two photos you wish to sell to Alyssa at 785-470-1663 no later than Tuesday, August 2nd at 1 p.m. After your item has been sold, you will receive a ribbon to give to your buyer in the stands. Following the Auction, you will return your photo for display in the Exhibit Building for the remainder of fair. During the week following fair, please take your purchased photos to your buyers' businesses.

Livestock Weigh-In

Wednesday, August 3rd | 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

We are continuing the veterinary check per Kansas Department of Agriculture guidelines. All animals MUST have a vet check BEFORE they are removed from the trailer or cage. For steers, please drive your trailer through the Heartland Veterinary Service parking area for a vet check before you weigh-in at the Oberlin Livestock Auction. For all other animals, the vet check will occur during weigh-in at the fairgrounds. All animals must be on the grounds by noon on Wednesday, August 3rd.

LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

Rabbit & Poultry Show
 Wednesday, August 3rd
 3 p.m.




Sheep & Goat Show
 Thursday, August 4th
 5:30 p.m.



Round Robin
 Saturday, August 6th
 9 a.m.



Swine Show
 Thursday, August 4th
 9 a.m.



Dairy & Beef
 Friday, August 5th
 8 a.m.



4-H Exhibitor Tips

FAIR WEEK

Livestock Checklist

- Enter your animals in the **FAIRENTRY SYSTEM** by July 21st
- If you have steers that have a 4-H tag that will not show in the fair but will ship to Tyson, please enter them in the **BLOCK SALE STEER** class
- Complete **STALL CARDS**. Hang cards above your animals as soon as possible. Blank stall cards will be in your entry card packets the week before fair. If you need more, get them at the Extension Office or Fair Office.
- BACKTAG NUMBERS** will be randomly assigned and put in your entry card packets for pick-up the week before fair.
- Have all market animals **WEIGHED IN** on Wed., August 3rd between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. All other animals must arrive on the grounds by noon.
- Turn in **TYSON BEEF AFFIDAVITS** for all market steers as you weigh in. The forms will be in your entry card packets and they are available here online: <https://bit.ly/DCFairForms>. They are required for processing at Tyson!
- Turn in a **MARKET CARD** to Extension Staff as soon as you know which animals you will be selling. Indicate where EVERY market animal you brought to the fair is going.

*If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us at the Extension Office!

Night Watch

Are you interested in spending the night under the stars at the fairgrounds with your friends? Check with your club leaders to sign up for Night Watch! Stick-To-It will coordinate volunteers for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night. Maverick will coordinate volunteers for Saturday night. Thank you for volunteering to keep our animals safe overnight!

Livestock Pictures

Abby Hissong has kindly agreed to take pictures of our 4-H'ers and their animals! She will be available right before the Livestock Auction for all our species, 4 p.m. to 5:30. Sign up for a timeslot here: <https://bit.ly/DCLivestockPhotos>. Please tell her "thank you" whenever you see her! What a great, free service she provides for us!

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4-H Exhibitor Tips

FAIR WEEK

Livestock Auction

4-H and FFA Youth may sell either 1 steer or 2 small animals in any combination (sheep, goat, or swine) at the auction. A Market Arrangement Card must be filled out and returned to Extension Staff immediately following the Beef Show or sooner, indicating where ALL market animals are heading following the fair. Cards will be in your entry card packet.

**4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK
AUCTION**
Saturday, August 6th
6 p.m.
Arena

YQCA

If you have not turned in your YQCA certificates to the Extension Office, please do so ASAP. They are REQUIRED for all animal exhibitors.

BEEF

Steers will be shipped to Tyson late Sunday night. Please take your steers up to Oberlin Livestock Auction and WATER AND FEED THEM THROUGHOUT SUNDAY! Steers in the auction will take first priority on the truck. If you have additional steers at home that have a 4-H tag, you MUST have those steers at Oberlin Livestock Auction on Sunday. Those steers must also be entered in the block sale steers class in FairEntry to be on the Tyson list. Please remember, EVERY steer that is sent to Tyson must have a completed Tyson Beef Affidavit that ships with the animal.

SWINE

For swine in the auction, arrangements have been made by Jesse Carter for processing. Again, swine that were in the Auction take priority, and other swine with 4-H tags may be processed if there is room available. Contact Jesse Carter if you have additional swine ASAP.

GOATS & SHEEP

Goats and sheep going through the auction will be sent to the Colby Livestock Auction at their next sale. Goats and sheep that were entered in the fair have first priority on transport to the sale. If you have additional animals with 4-H tags to be sent, contact Lynn Rippe ASAP.

Be sure to thank the volunteers who arrange processing and care for your animals after you sell them!

Livestock Release

All livestock are released Sunday morning beginning at 8 a.m. *Be sure to care for your animals that morning before they are picked up!*

4-H Exhibitor Tips

FAIR WEEK

Static Exhibit Release

Saturday, August 6th | 8 - 9 p.m.

Exhibit Building

Don't forget to pick up all your 4-H and Open Class static exhibits Saturday evening!

4-H Food Stand

Every 4-H'er MUST work one shift in the Food Stand - and it's fun! The Food Stand is the main 4-H Council fundraiser for the year and the proceeds go to so many things that make 4-H better - sprucing up the fairgrounds, scholarships to attend 4-H camps and workshops, fair t-shirts, project meetings, and so much more! Be sure to be present at your July club meetings to sign-up for your preferred Food Stand shift. Remember, everyone must pitch in to help one shift! We will also need families to bake pies to sell again this year. Sign up to bring pies here: <https://bit.ly/DCPieSignup>.

Many hands make light work!

Thank You

Remember to Say Thank You!

It takes our whole community to organize the fair! Remember to tell every person who helps you along the way "thank you" - from the superintendent to the ticket seller to the project leader to your parents. They make this week possible!

Still have questions? We're here to help!

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