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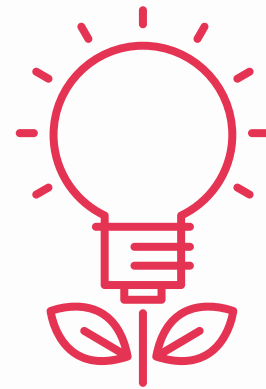


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Meat the Future

Written By: Jenilee Godsey
Youth Agriculture Agent



Engaging Our Youth in Agriculture - It's About More than Being a Farmer

When our youth hear the word "Agriculture", what are they associating it with? Somewhere along the way - our kids have developed a mindset that to be a part of agriculture, you must be a farmer. How do we change this and convince this generation that to be a part of agriculture, you are shaping the future - with so many avenues to take along the way!

As I have mentioned in a previous column, my passion for agriculture was cultivated at a very young age. I would spend weekends on the farm with my uncle and grandparents, I was showing pigs at the Missouri State Fair with my uncle before I was 4-H age, and I was there to watch boars and gilts being photographed for our family's annual production sale catalog at the age of three. By the time I was eight years old, my mom had asked if I wanted to enroll in 4-H - as she prefaced that with being able to show pigs (on my own), she had won my heart!

I spent summers walking and washing pigs, and searching for the perfect boar to use for next year's litters. I spent fall and early winter months anticipating litters of piglets, and most of January full of late nights in the farrowing barn. February, March and April were for picking out which pigs would make the cut for county and state fair, as well as weaning, vaccinating, castrating. Growing up on the family farm meant you were a part of every learning opportunity that presented itself in a year's time.

Although I grew up in a rural community, very few of my classmates were interested in agriculture. Many of their parents were directly connected to farming - cow/calf producers, row crops, and even several with parents who owned a commercial hog barn. It completely baffled me that these classmates could be so far removed from agriculture. When asked what their future plans were, they answered with emphasis on the fact that they would not stick around our little town "just to be a farmer".

In a blog post by Amie Alexander titled Next Generation 2018 - Engaging Youth in Agriculture: Challenging the Purpose Generation. The post on The Chicago Council on Global Affairs website inspired me to think a little deeper about why more of our youth do not pursue education or careers in agriculture.

In her blog, Alexander states. "The world is now home to the largest youth population in history, yet the world's workforce is unprepared to provide meaningful employment to this rising generation." She goes on to say that our growing youth population will be a contributor to continued social disruption and conflict, if they are not redirected. Alexander believes that our ability to get youth engaged in an ever evolving agricultural industry can transform up and coming youth into individuals who can shape the future of our world by impacting everything from global economic security to food security.

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"It's no surprise to anyone who works in agriculture that when trying to engage young people, we are fighting a stigma about agricultural employment" In her post, Alexander says that our instinct is to communicate to youth the reasons in which we are passionate about agriculture, about our own interests. I agree with her thoughts on this - as I see myself with an instinct to "show them from experience" exactly how agriculture can shape your life. With an "if you would just see it my way..." thought

process "It's certainly important for us to tell our stories, but it's more important to listen to the stories of others. Once we know what matters to young people, we show them the ways agriculture provides a meaningful context for advancing their passions.", says Alexander.

Alexander talks about her involvement in youth developing programs such as FFA and how they shaped her career objectives, as well as her love for agriculture. "We know increased investments into agricultural development propel society forward. Continued funding and investment into programs that present agriculture as a meaningful career option for youth are critical. The National FFA Organization was instrumental for me to see how an agricultural career was a mechanism to grow my passion and purpose of global food security. In the ninth grade, I was competing in a speaking contest and delivering a speech on gene editing technology. Ten years later, as a result of an incredible internship opportunity with the United States Department of Agriculture, I was attending a meeting with international regulators on the same topic. These programs matter, and they deserve continued development and investment."

And, I couldn't agree more with her! Although my passion for agriculture was cultivated on the farm - well before my school years... organizations such as 4-H, FFA and those I was involved in in college only grew my passion.

So, how do we encourage our up and coming youth to invest into an education, a career, and a passion in agriculture? Alexander believes that in order to accomplish this, we must provide what they are searching for. Today's youth are purpose driven, and as Alexander says, "the most entrepreneurial minded in history". They are looking for ways to use their talents and passion through a meaningful economic opportunity. "To tap into this transformative talent, we don't have to convince youth to work in agriculture. We only need to help them see how agriculture is the

perfect context to apply their skills and passions to advance global food security. By doing that, today's youth will empower a more sustainable world by advancing global economic, social, political, and food security.", says Alexander.

As stated above, information in this article is adapted from an internet blog post by Amie Alexander, titled Next Generation 2018 - Engaging Youth in Agriculture: Challenging the Purpose Generation.



Jenilee Godsey is a Youth Agriculture Agent for the Twin Creeks Extension District which covers Decatur, Graham, Norton and Sheridan counties. Email her at jenileem@ksu.edu or reach her by telephone at the Graham County Office, (785) 421-3411.

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Check your 4HOnline emails for the application link!

Check out these pics from the 2021 Achievement Banquets

Decatur



Norton



Graham



Sheridan



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Roots & Chutes

Written By: Alyssa Rippe-May
Interim District Director &
Livestock and Farm Management Agent



"Women in Agriculture"

Did you know more than 25,000 women are decision-makers for their Kansas farms? And did you know those decisions make an impact on over 14 million Kansas acres? More and more women are having an impact in agriculture, both directly and indirectly. These decisions and women's role on the farm are ever-growing, with far-reaching effects. To support Kansas farmers and ranchers as we move through this period of uncertainty in American agriculture, K-State Research and Extension has created another Women in Agriculture series focused on risk management skills.

This series, formulated after the popular Women in Agriculture series from two years ago, combines classroom time with hands-on practice as we delve deep into the topics of:

- Determining costs of production
- Utilizing crop insurance
- Crop marketing plans
- Government farm programs
- Family communication
- Mental health and stress

The workshop will be a 4-part series held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 beginning January 12th and ending February 2nd. Each session will build upon the last, so it's important to try and attend all sessions. An optional

fifth session is set for February 23rd focusing on cow/calf risk management, marketing, and cow/calf insurance options.



Robin Reid, a farm economist for Kansas State University's Department of Agricultural Economics, said the workshop title highlights the need for women to attend but it is open to all regardless of gender. As Robin states, "Over the years, many agricultural education efforts have been attended by men (more than women). We want to open this education to women so they can also have these risk management skills that are important to all farms and ranches."

The first iteration of KSU's Women in Agriculture series in 2020 hosted over 700 participants across the state. At our Twin Creeks District Selden location, a participant stated after the program had concluded "I have a much better understanding of key elements after this program. Getting out and being with other women (not having to cook) and getting exposure to proper bookkeeping was the best."

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We will again hold a local Twin Creeks District location, this time in Jennings at the Jennings Senior Center. Registration cost for the meal and supplies is \$50 if registered by December 31st. If registering after that date, the cost is \$75. The optional February 23rd date is an additional \$10 if you are already attending the rest of the program, and will be \$15 as a stand-alone event. Be sure to register early as the first 500 participants will receive a grain marketing handbook.

To register, visit agmanager.info or call your local Twin Creeks District office.

Decatur
785-475-8121

Graham
785-421-3411

Norton
785-877-5755

Sheridan
785-675-3268



Program Schedule

All Sessions begin with dinner at 5:30 pm and conclude by 8:30 pm.

January 12th, 2022:
Enterprise Budgeting

January 19th, 2022:
**Crop Insurance
Stress and Resiliency**

January 26th, 2022:
**Crop Marketing
Family Communication**

February 2nd, 2022:
Farm Bill Programs

Optional Session #5
Beef Cow/Calf Risk Management

February 23rd, 2022:
**Enterprise Budgeting
Cattle Marketing
Insurance Options**

Program Description:

This workshop series will teach principles of determining cost of production, developing a marketing plan, purchasing crop insurance, and participating in farm programs (ARC/PLC). Participants will work with a case farm to apply these topics to a real-world farming operation. An optional 5th session will cover similar risk management principles for beef cow/calf operations.

The program will be a combination of broadcasted keynote speakers, local speakers, and facilitators to assist in completing the hands-on activities. The goal is for participants to acquire risk management skills they can apply directly to their farming or ranching operations.

Registration Information:

\$50 registration fee will cover all meals and program materials if registered before Jan. 3rd (\$75 late registration fee)

Add \$10.00 registration fee for optional 5th session


Register for the series by visiting:
www.AgManager.info under "Events"
or contact the Twin Creeks -Decatur Office prior to December 30th at:
785-475-8121

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CONGRATULATIONS!

*to our Twin Creeks District's own Patsy Maddy
& the rest of Kansas Clover Classroom Team
on winning the:*

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ANNUAL TEAM AWARD**



Congratulations!

Jenilee Godsey, Patsy Maddy & Molly Maddy
of the Swine Across Kansas Team on winning the

ANNUAL KSRE TEAM AWARD





Chasing Clovers

Written By: Patsy Maddy
4-H Youth Development Agent

Communication: A Life Long Skill

Did you know..... According to a 2016 study by the National Institute of Health, the number one fear for adult Americans is public speaking. Even more interesting, 75% of American adults rank the fear of public speaking ahead of the fear of death, spiders and heights!

The ability to speak in public could easily make the difference between success and failure in life at home, work and in your community. Therefore, youth who have the ability to communicate effectively with peers or an audience develops a stronger sense of self-worth. They find empowerment in the ability to speak with confidence, poise and skill. Communication skills learned at an early age prepare youth for opportunities offered to them as young adults.

All 4-H programs recognize the value in providing youth the opportunity to develop and master effective communication skills. Youth enrolled in a 4-H program have opportunities during club meetings, presentation competitions, running for leadership positions, consultation judging events and promoting the 4-H program in general. Because of participation in these events and activities, youth gain public speaking experience as well as topic research, goal setting, organization of their thoughts and increased knowledge of their subject matter.



Public speaking programs have also shown additional youth benefits according to recent studies by North Carolina State University and the Statesman Debate Institute. These benefits include improved academic performance, increased listening skills, courage to voice opinions and influence others for good, empowerment to overcome fear and stronger preparation for the future.

Looking into the future for youth, one of the most desirable qualities sought by employers is effective communication skills. The wealth of benefits gained by youth who participate in programs that emphasize public speaking skills transfer to all areas of life - communication skills, independence, self-esteem, critical thinking and organizational skills and confidence. With these experiences and skills, youth can have a positive impact on the world around them in whatever situation they may find themselves.

February and March will find our 4-H youth preparing public speaking presentations for local "Club Day" events. "Club Day" is an event held for youth enrolled in our 4-H programs offering opportunities to present a project talk, demonstration, illustrated talk, reading, public speaking, job

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interview, extemporaneous speech, music, talent, and group presentations. Judges evaluate these presentations giving written and oral feedback. Top presentations in each category and age division have an opportunity to participate at the District level competing against youth in all four counties.

These Club Day events welcome community members to attend and watch as our 4-H members highlight their projects and public speaking and presentation abilities. Mark your calendars for March 4th in Graham County, March 27th in Norton County, March 28th in Sheridan County and TBD for Decatur County. Watch our Facebook pages and local newspapers for more detailed information closer to the events.

Some information in this article was adapted from a North Carolina Cooperative Extension information article on Public Speaking.

Wind damage? Fire damage? **Would you like to donate?**



Donations can be made through the
Kansas Livestock Association

For other resources visit the
Kansas Department of Agriculture



Uncertain times????
Are you wondering how
to get the most from
your fertilizer \$\$\$\$?

KSU Soil Fertility Management Meetings January 2022

Collaboration with KSU Western Extension Districts/Counties

January 12, 2022

GOODLAND

9:00 a.m to Noon
 Sherman Co. 4-H Building
 417 N. Main

Jeanne Falk Jones
 Multi County Agronomist
 Sunflower District
 785-890-4880
 jfalkjones@ksu.edu

HOXIE

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 4-H Building
 Sheridan Co. Fairgrounds

Keith VanSlike
 Agronomy & Natural Resources Agent
 Twin Creeks District
 785-877-5755
 Kvan@ksu.edu

Join us at either of the locations in NW Kansas to learn about optimizing your fertilizer applications especially with the high cost and limited availability!

Topics will include Storage methods; Maximum rate of return for N; “Growing N” with manure or cover crops; Application timing and methods along with KSU Research updates.

NO COST to attend, but registration is requested by **January 6 for any of the locations** ONLINE at:

bit.ly/2022KSUFertilityMeetings

If online is unavailable or you have additional questions contact your local Extension Office.

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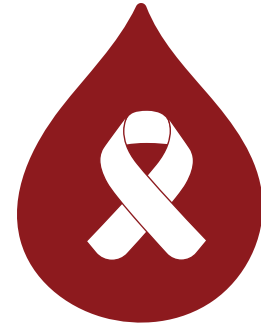
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Eating & Aging Well

Submitted By: Karen Shepard
Family Consumer Science Agent



Dining with Diabetes Classes are being Offered

Dining with Diabetes classes will be offered on Wednesday, January 5, Wednesday, January 12, Wednesday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 26 from Noon. to 1:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Hoxie. The program will be led by Lisa Stoll, Hoxie Medical Clinic Community Education RN and Karen Shepard, Twin Creeks Extension District, Family and Consumer Science Agent.

Did you know about 1 in 10 Kansans have been diagnosed with diabetes? This number is growing at an alarming rate, not just in Kansas, but across the US. Medical costs associated with diabetes total over \$250 billion each year, a number which continues to grow as well.

90-95% of adults diagnosed with diabetes are Type 2, which has risk factors that can be modified to decrease the likelihood of it occurring or delay its onset. Risk factors for diabetes include increasing age, being overweight or obese, physical inactivity, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, smoking, family history, and race/ethnicity.



Dining with Diabetes is a 4-week hands-on program that will feature information on diabetes and prediabetes management; planning healthy and balanced meals; food demonstration with taste testing's; goal setting; and lifestyle changes that can decrease the likelihood of diabetes and its complications from happening to you. Participants of this program may be diabetic, concerned about what they can do to decrease risk of diabetes or may just be looking for information on healthy living habits.

For more information and or register for these classes, please contact Karen at the Twin Creeks Extension Office at 785-421-3411 or kshepard@ksu.edu. A grant from BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas will be covering all costs for these classes so registration is free!



- DO YOU HAVE DIABETES?
- WANT TO MAKE THE BEST CHOICES FOR YOUR HEALTH?

WE CAN HELP...

Dining with Diabetes

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Date: First Session: January 5, 2022

Time: Noon to 1: 00 P.M.

Location: Sheridan County 4-H Building

Nutrition and physical activity are keys to managing your type 2 diabetes, but where do you start? The *Dining with Diabetes* program can help!

Designed especially for people with type 2 diabetes, this program will help you learn the skills needed to promote good health.

Dining with Diabetes is taught by trained and caring educators. The program includes:

- planning meals and snacks with delicious and healthy recipes
- cooking demonstrations and food sampling
- motivation and support — connect with others who are living with diabetes
- ideas for being more active
- an understanding of how diabetes affects your overall health

Classes will be offered on:

- Session 1-Wednesday, January 5, 2022
- Session 2- Wednesday, January 12, 2022
- Session 3 - Wednesday, January 19, 2022
- Session 4 - Wednesday, January 26, 2022

The program will be led by Lisa Stoll, Hoxie Medical Clinic Community Education RN and Karen Shepard, Twin Creeks Extension District Family and Consumer Science Agent.

For more information and/or register for these classes, please contact Karen at the Twin Creeks Extension Office at 785-421-3411 or kshepard@ksu.edu

Due to a Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance Grant these sessions will be FREE of charge!!

For more information visit k-state.edu/diningwithdiabetes

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Walk with Ease Program to start in January 2022

Intended as a six-week program, Walk with Ease is a national program developed by the Arthritis Foundation to encourage Americans to keep active and to improve overall health.

It is for those specifically with arthritis or who have issues with pain, walking is a way to help manage the pain; but it's also a program that can be applicable to anybody who just wants to be more active, particularly those who have been more sedentary.

Walk with Ease is designed as a six-week program that can be adapted to the needs and abilities of participants because they can make their own walking plan, tailor exercises and walking times to their needs, and go at their own pace.

Over six weeks, participants will work up to walking at least three times a week. The idea is to start at a reasonable amount of time and at a reasonable pace so that they build up to 30 minutes or more of walking each day you walk.

In addition to encourage walking, the Walk with Ease program provides three other components:

- Health information.
- Stretching & Strengthening exercises.
- Motivational tips and tools.

This program will be held at the Graham County Hospital Wellness Center, starting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

For more information and to enroll in this program, please contact [Karen Shepard](#), at the Twin Creeks Extension District- Graham office at 785-421-3411.

A walking program developed by the Arthritis Foundation



Classes start January 11, 2022 - 9:00-10:00

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - Three times a week for Six Weeks

Wellness Center - Graham County Hospital - Hill City, KS



NO REGISTRATION FEE

Please enroll by January 7th by calling:

Karen Shepard at (785) 421-3411

*Learn how to understand the relationship between arthritis, exercise and pain.
How to exercise safely and comfortably with arthritis and have fun doing it!*



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Views With Van

Written By: Keith VanSike
 Agronomy, Natural Resources,
 & Entomology Agent



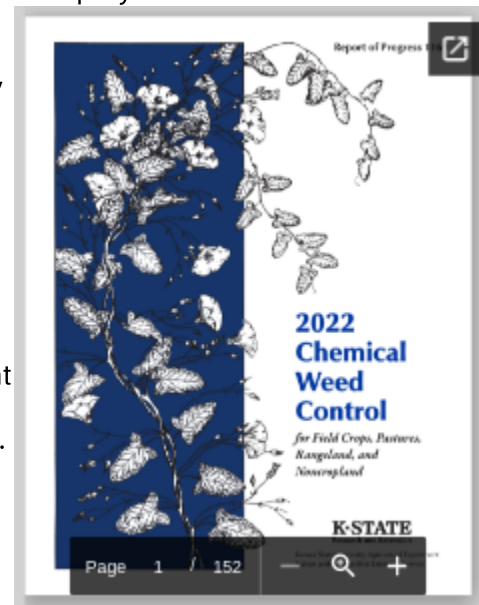
K-State 2022 Chemical Weed Control Guides Now Available

One of the most popular K-State Extension publications is here! The [2022 Chemical Weed Control Guide](#) is now available, download a copy from our bookstore or stop by one of our locations for a hard copy. Hard copies will be shipped soon to area offices.

To control weeds effectively, select control methods carefully and use them properly. Chemicals, tillage, crop competition, cropping rotation, mowing, and fire are alternative weed control methods that may be used alone or in combination. Available time, labor, equipment, and other costs as well as types of weeds and areas infested need to be considered when planning a weed control program.

To increase efficiency of crop production, use weed control practices in conjunction with other crop and soil management practices such as planting high-quality seed, planting at the optimum rate and date, and maintaining optimum soil fertility.

When opening the online Adobe PDF version, there are clickable bookmarks that will guide you to the first page of every section.



Monday, February 7th, 2022

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Join via ZOOM or at
 a location in your
 home county!**

*Watch for more info
 to come!*

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What is
 expected of
 me as a 4-H
 Club
 Leader?

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2022 SPEAKER TOPICS

Changing Strategies in Insect Management: Get updated on the latest in corn insect management trait technologies, changes in refuge requirements, and alfalfa insect management.

Current Financial Status of NW Kansas Farms: Using data from northwest Kansas farms, we take a look at opportunities for profitability and where producers should be alert for possible concerns.

Economics of Soil Fertility and Testing: How does fertility management change with today's fertilizer prices? Where are there dollars on the table from improved fertility management? We'll take a look

High Plains Weather: We'll take a look at the recent conditions and outlook for the coming year and what it means for agriculture.

Managing Hayed and Grazed Forages for Profit: How to optimize nitrogen in forage sorghum, oat, and triticale for yield and quality given current prices. Also a research update of grazing/haying cover crops.

Rolling with the Punches in Weed Management: Storing herbicide for extended periods, finding product substitutions, new uses for old herbicides, and the latest in weed control research.

Soil Carbon: What You Need to Know: A full discussion on the basics of building soil carbon, managing it, measuring it, and how it fits into current soil carbon credit programs.

Soil Health Strategies in Dryland: A look at the principles of soil health and discussion of field experiences in balancing the challenges and opportunities of improving soil health in our difficult environment.

Taking Weed Control to the Next Level: New problems require new strategies. A look at the latest research in weed control in dryland cropping systems using cultural, mechanical, and chemical methods.

Which Corners Can I Cut: Maximizing Fertilizer Value: We'll discuss where to find the biggest bang for your fertilizer dollar, how to weigh decisions on using starter, macros, micros, and efficiency enhancing products.



Cover Your Acres

Winter Conference

January 18 and 19, 2022
The Gateway, Oberlin, KS

Register Online at www.northwest.ksu.edu/CoverYourAcres

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
7:45 8:15	Registration			
8:15 8:20	Welcome			
8:30 9:20	Current Financial Status of NW KS Farms ¹ (J. Steele / M. Wood)	Changing Strategies in Insect Management ^{1,2} (A. Zulkoff)	Economics of Soil Fertility and Soil Testing ¹ (L. Haag)	
9:30 10:20	Which corners can I cut? Maximizing Fertilizer Value ¹ (D. Ruiz-Diaz)	High Plains Weather: Review and Outlook ¹ (J. Hutton)	Soil Carbon: What You Need to Know ¹ (P. Tomlinson)	The Importance of Adjuvants (EGE Bio) (I)
10:20 10:50	View Exhibits			
10:50 11:40	Taking Weed Control to the Next Level ^{1,2} (C. Crech)	Soil Health Strategies in Dryland Production ¹ (D. Younker / M. Stark)	Managing Hayed and Grazed Forages for Profit ¹ (J. Holman)	Understanding Biologicals and Bacteria (PathwayAg) (I)
11:50 12:40	Rolling with the Punches: Weed Management 2022 ^{1,2} (S. Lancaster)	Which corners can I cut? Maximizing Fertilizer Value ¹ (D. Ruiz-Diaz)	Lunch	
12:50 1:40	Economics of Soil Fertility and Soil Testing ¹ (L. Haag)	Taking Weed Control to the Next Level ^{1,2} (C. Crech)		
1:50 2:40	Soil Health Strategies in Dryland Production ¹ (D. Younker / M. Stark)	Soil Carbon: What you need to know ¹ (P. Tomlinson)	Rolling with the Punches: Weed Management 2022 ^{1,2} (S. Lancaster)	Corn Nematodes, More Common Than you Think (Pioneer) (I)
2:40 3:10	View Exhibits			
3:10 4:00	Panel Discussion: Successes and Failures in Herbicide Efficacy	Managing Hayed and Grazed Forages for Profit ¹ (J. Holman)	Changing Strategies in Insect Management ^{1,2} (A. Zulkoff)	
4:10 5:00	High Plains Weather: Review and Outlook ¹ (J. Hutton)	Current Financial Status of NW KS Farms ¹ (J. Steele / M. Wood)		

Tuesday: Social hour with

hors d'oeuvres begins at 5:00

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IS YOUR HOME SAFE?

January is National Radon Action Month...

Have you tested your home recently for Radon?

Radon is a natural, tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas that is found in nearly all soils and could be lurking in your home. Nearly one out of every 15 homes in the U.S. is estimated to have elevated radon levels. The only way to know the radon level in your home is to test, and it is recommended to test your home every two years.

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO SEE VIDEOS FROM OUR 2021 TCD RADON SERIES AND LEARN MORE ABOUT RADON IN YOUR HOME!



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<https://www.twincreeks.k-state.edu/fcs/home-family/energy-and-housing/free-radon-kits/index.html>

BEEF ACROSS KANSAS SERIES

'Ready for the Ring'



**JAN. 30TH
2:00 PM**

Are you doing what it takes to be ready for the show ring?

Join us as we learn about fitting and clipping, and hear from a panel of beef showman alumni on how they fine-tuned their showmanship skills!

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Clover Corner



Statewide Dates & Deadlines

January 9:	Registration Deadline for KS 4-H Horse Panorama
January 14:	Registration Deadline for KS 4-H Ambassador Training
January 23:	4-H Day with the Wildcat Women Game - Manhattan
January 28-30:	KS 4-H Horse Panorama - Rock Springs Ranch
January 30:	Beef Across Kansas Zoom: "Ready for the Ring"
February 1:	Registration Deadline for KS 4-H Citizenship in Action (CIA)
February 4-5:	KS 4-H Ambassador Training - Rock Springs Ranch
February 20-21:	KS 4-H Citizenship in Action (CIA) - Topeka
March 1:	KS 4-H Scholarship Deadline

County Dates & Deadlines

Dec 24 - Jan 2:	All Twin Creeks District Office Closed for KSU Holiday Leave
January 3	Norton & Sheridan County Offices Closed
January 6:	TCD New 4-H Family Orientation - ZOOM/In-Person
January 6:	Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training - Grainfield
January 10:	Registration Deadline for TCD Kansas Youth Agriculture Experience
January 10:	Sheridan County 4-H Council Meeting
January 11:	TCD New 4-H Family Orientation - ZOOM/In-Person
January 12:	Norton County 4-H Council Meeting
January 17:	Decatur County 4-H Council Meeting
January 17:	Graham County 4-H Livestock Committee & 4-H Council Meetings
February 7:	TCD 4-H Club Leader Orientation - ZOOM/In-Person
February 11-13:	TCD Kansas Youth Ag Experience - NW Kansas Trip
February 13:	Sheridan County Large Animal Weigh-In
February 17:	Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training - Grainfield
February 20:	Graham County Large Animal Weigh-In
February 21:	Decatur County 4-H Council Meeting
February 21:	Sheridan County 4-H Council Meeting
February 23:	Graham County Large Animal Weigh-In

Note: Youth events are open to ALL youth (with Extension agent approval for youth not currently enrolled in the 4-H program). If you have a youth that is interested in an event please contact Patsy Maddy, Twin Creeks Extension District 4-H Youth Development Agent pmaddy@ksu.edu.

Go to the Twin Creeks District website at <https://tinyurl.com/qukdd97> for a complete listing of all activities and events at the local, district, area and state levels.



Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day

March 19, 2022

Join us for Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 19, 2022, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and youth livestock quality assurance training. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. A complimentary lunch will be served and all participants who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. K-State COVID-19 policies in place at the time of the event will be followed.

Cost: \$15/person by February 25 or \$20/person after February 25

*Registrations received after February 25 will not receive a t-shirt.



Tentative Topics & Schedule:



- 8:30am Registration
- 9:30am Welcome & Opening Remarks
- 9:45am Project Selection
- 10:30am Morning Breakout Sessions
Nutrition, Facilities & Daily Care, Repro
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 12:45pm Sheep Health
- 1:30 pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions
Wool, Showmanship, Clipping, Meat Science
- 3:45pm Final Questions, Wrap-up, & Evaluation
- 4:00pm Instructor-led YOCA Training (optional)
State Livestock Nominations (optional)

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Kansas Jr. Sheep Producer Day: March 19, 2022



Register by February 25, 2022

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Adult Shirt Size: _____ or Youth Shirt Size: _____

Age Division: 11 & Under _____ 12-14 _____ 15-18 _____ Adult _____

Fee Enclosed: _____ County: _____ Phone: _____

Attending YOCA Session? Yes No If yes, is child active on 4HOnline? Yes No

Special Dietary or Participation Needs: _____

One form per participant, anyone attending must register (both youth and adults).

Make checks payable to: KSU Department of Animal Sciences & Industry

Mail payment & registration to: Lexie Hayes, 214 Weber Hall, 1424 Claflin Rd., Manhattan, KS 66506

To Register Online: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>

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Kansas Junior Producer Day

BEEF

March 5 2022



Join us March 5, 2022, for the Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This family event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided. K-State COVID-19 policies in effect at the time of the event will be followed.

Cost: \$15/person by February 11 or \$20/person after February 11

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Tentative Topics & Schedule

8:30am	Registration
9:30am	Welcome/Opening Remarks
9:45am	Beef Project Selection & Management
10:30am	Morning Breakout Sessions <i>Nutrition, Meat Science, Heifers, Fitting & Grooming</i>
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Beef Across the World and at Home
2:00pm	Afternoon Breakout Sessions <i>Health, Repro, Meat Science, Showmanship</i>
3:30pm	Final Questions, Wrap-up, & Evaluation
4:00pm	Instructor-led YQCA Certification (optional) State Livestock Nominations (optional)

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day: March 5, 2022 ~ Register by February 11, 2022

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ State: _____

Adult Shirt Size: _____ or Youth Shirt Size: _____

Age Division: 11 & Under _____ 12-14 _____ 15-18 _____ Adult _____

Fee Enclosed: _____ County: _____ Phone: _____

Attending YQCA Session? Yes No If yes, is child active on 4HOnline? Yes No

Special Dietary or Participation Needs: _____

One form per participant, everyone attending must register (adults and youth).

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INFORMATION ON UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Family & Consumer Science

- Dining with Diabetes - 6 week program starts January 5, 2022 in Hoxie
- Walk with Ease - 6 week program starts January 11, 2022 in Hill City

Ag & Natural Resources

- Soil Fertility Management Meeting - January 12, 2022 at the Sheridan County 4-H Building
- Cover Your Acres - January 18 & 19, 2022 at the Gateway Civic Center, Oberlin
- Winning the Game, Crop Marketing - February 2, 2022 at the Golden Age Center, Oberlin
- Weed Management Meeting - February 16, 2022, 9-Noon, at the Graham County 4-H Building

Youth Agriculture

- Beef Across Kansas ("Ready for the Ring") - January 30, 2022, via Zoom
- HOSTA (Hazardous Occupational Safety Training In Agriculture for Youth) - April 30, 2022, Hill City
- Livestock Showmanship Clinic (Beef, Goats, Sheep, Swine) - June 4, 2022, Norton

To stay current on upcoming program dates, registration info, etc. [follow us on Facebook](#) and/or check our [Twin Creeks District Website!](#)

Twin Creeks 4-H

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

Choose from two dates and join us via Zoom or in-person at a location in your home county!

January 6th *or* January 11th

6:30 PM 6:30 PM

More info to come!






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