

# K-State Youth Livestock Program Spring Update

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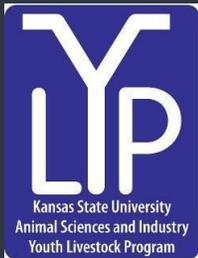
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## What's Been Happening in the YLP?

The K-State Youth Livestock Program capped off a great fall in 2015 and kicked 2016 off right with several activities! As a recap, in November and December coordinator Lexie Hayes provided an overview of the nomination process and livestock educational opportunities at the 4-H and Ag Agent updates held across the state. In January, she also attended the Kansas Fairs and Festivals Association Convention in Topeka to interact with county agents and local fair board members. In March, the K-State Youth Livestock Program, Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, and K-State Research and Extension held the Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day and the Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day. The 2016 nomination materials were also updated and released. We have had an exciting 2016 thus far and look forward to seeing Kansas families and county agents during this summer's activities!



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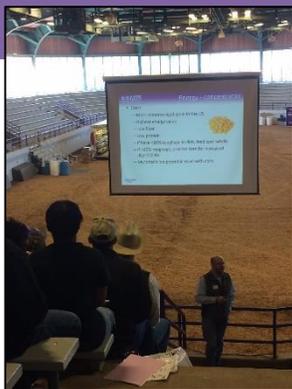
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## Helpful Handouts

Handouts and project show guides from Junior Producer Days can be found on the Youth Livestock Programs website at [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu).

These handouts provide knowledge of how to care for and maintain your youth livestock project. Please refer to these for beginner showmen who need guidance with their projects as well as experienced showmen looking to learn new things.



## Program Recaps

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day  
Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day



Over 350 people from 41 counties attended the **Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day** on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Kansas State University's Weber Arena in Manhattan, KS. Participants learned about nutrition and management from Dr. Bob Weaver, meat science, including meat cuts and grading, as well as BBQ 101 information from Dr. Travis O'Quinn and Master's student Maryann Matney, and communication and decision making from Dr. Michael Johll. The youth also participated in interactive workshops about beef reproductive physiology by PhD student Scott Hill, heat stress, show diseases, and biosecurity from Dr. Nora Schrag with the K-State Vet School, and a showmanship clinic provided by Brady Jensen, Reid Shipman, and the K-State Livestock Judging Team. Lexie Hayes also shared information regarding market beef and commercial heifer state livestock nominations. Thank you to Essential Feeds, Suther Feeds, BioZyme/Sure Champ, Valley Vet, Fink Beef Genetics, the Kansas Hereford Association, and the Kansas Beef Council for sponsoring and donating to the event. A special thank you goes to the KSU faculty and staff members, graduate students, undergraduate students, as well as 4-H extension/FFA staff for the help leading up to and providing assistance during the event.

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, the **Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day** was held in Kansas State University's Weber Hall. Over 130 attended the program, representing 23 counties from Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado. Gary Teague, of Teague Family Farms in Fort Morgan, CO, was the guest speaker for the day and shared his expertise regarding breeding and market lamb selection, feeding, nutrition, and management, and showmanship and grooming. Doug Linton, and youth producers Maddy Linton and Cale Langford also assisted with the showmanship and grooming clinic. Dr. Tucker Avra, from the K-State Vet School, shared information about sheep health, wellness, and show diseases. Dr. Travis O'Quinn, Extension Meat Specialist, gave a presentation on lamb meat cuts, grading, and cookery. Taylor Harrison, from the 2015 K-State Wool Judging Team conducted a workshop on wool education and judging, and a breed identification and function session was led by 2015 K-State Wool Judging Team Member Chelsea Kegler. Lexie Hayes also shared an overview and updates regarding the 2016 state livestock nomination process. Thank you to Essential Feeds, Valley Vet, Teague Family Farms, Stardust Sheep Farm, Harris Show Lambs, Dr. Clifford Spaeth, Sloan Acres Registered Columbia Sheep, and Todd and Charlene Sheppard for sponsoring and donating to the event. A special thank you goes to the KSU faculty and staff, graduate and undergraduate students, and 4-H Extension staff for helping prepare for and hosting the event.

## Upcoming Events

The Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and the Youth Livestock Program will host a large number of Kansas high school students during the **2016 4-H Discovery Days** by leading a variety of classes. Members planning to “Get a Clue and Discover You” are encouraged to check out the animal science and livestock-related workshop options. Classes include meat judging, pig farming, BQA, opportunities in the youth livestock program, chuckwagon cooking, and reproductive physiology, just to name a few.

The **K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy** is set to be held June 8-11, 2016 and June 29-July 2, 2016, in Manhattan, KS. This four-day event will focus on increasing young leaders' knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participants' leadership skills. Students will stay in university housing with event staff for the duration of the event. For the second year, 40 high school students (20 in each session) will be selected to participate based upon education, community and agricultural involvement; as well as through an extensive essay application. April 1, 2016 is the application deadline, which is approaching soon! The application may be found on the Youth Livestock Program website. The event is sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) and coordinated by academy director, Sharon Breiner, and the K-State Youth Livestock Program.

The **2016 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic** will be held July 8-9 at the Riley County Fairgrounds at Cico Park in Manhattan, KS. This 2-day event includes educational opportunities, a showmanship contest, and prospect and market hog shows and is sponsored by Kansas State University's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. Entry forms and registration will be due June 25. This year we will be offering a youth swine skillathon as an educational event. So, kids, use those hot summer days to study up and come prepared to show off what you know! Look for more information and forms to be posted in the future on the website, [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu), and on the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program Facebook page.

K-State Youth Livestock Program Coordinator, Lexie Hayes, will travel to various **county fairs** this summer to support youth livestock projects and to spread the word about Youth Livestock Program events. If you wish to have her visit your county, please contact her at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu) with information and a livestock show schedule.

The **2016 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes** will be held August 20-21 on the K-State campus in Manhattan, KS. Mark your calendars! This is the corresponding date to previous years. The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. The members who will represent Kansas at the national 4-H contest for each of these events will be selected during the livestock sweepstakes weekend. The tentative deadline to enter will be August 1. All entries must be made through the local Extension Office. Contact your local Extension Office for information regarding county level preliminary activities.



# Important Updates

## 2016 Nomination Update:

The 2016 nomination materials have been released and are posted on the Youth Livestock Program website under “Nominated Livestock”. All animals that are nominated for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair are required to be tagged with a Kansas 4-H EID tag. DNA hair samples are still required and must be submitted in an official DNA envelope. **New in 2016**, all swine nominations are also required to submit ear notches and sheep and goat nominations must include scrapie tag numbers. Exhibitors must contact their local Extension Office to obtain their tags and DNA envelopes.

May 2: Market Beef Nominations due (market steers and market heifers)

June 15: Lamb, Swine, Goat, Commercial Heifer Nominations due

\*Nomination information, checklists, “Rookie Guide” for first-time state nominating families, and forms are located on the Youth Livestock Program website, [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu).

**Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus Certification Date Clarification** - Youth PQA Plus is required by many shows, but more specifically the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. All youth exhibiting swine at one or both events must have a valid YPQA+ number by June 15.

The “Champions” Livestock Judging Camp will be held June 6-8, June 10-12, and June 17-19. This three-day, intense judging camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Chris Mullinix, coach of over 30 national championship teams and K-State Livestock Judging Coach, will conduct the training for each camp. For more information and registration visit the website, [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu), under the “Judging Camp” tab. The registration deadline is May 23.

Two separate **KSU Horse Judging Camps** will be offered this summer. Beginner camp is June 7 and Advanced Camp is June 8-9. Both camps will be held at Kansas State University’s Weber Hall in Manhattan, KS. Both camps will be limited to the first 30 participants who register. Registration materials and information can be found on the website, [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu), under “Judging Camp”. The deadline to register is May 13.

## 2016 Important Dates

May 2	Market Steer/Market Heifer Nomination Deadline
May 31-June 3	4-H Discovery Days
June 8-11	K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy
June 15	All Remaining Species Nomination Deadline
June 29-July 2	K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy
July 8-9	Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic
August 20-21	Kansas 4-H State Livestock Sweepstakes

## What the YLP Offers:

- Junior Swine Producer Day
- Junior Beef Producer Day
- Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
- Junior Sheep Producer Day
- K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy
- Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
- Livestock Nominations
- Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic
- Animal Science at Discovery Days
- Youth Livestock Educational Materials

Contact us if there is information you are looking for on your project that we do not have available. We may be able to direct you to the proper educational materials.

## Listserv

If you are a parent or project leader in your area and would like this update, as well as other updates on our youth events, e-mailed directly to your inbox, please e-mail Lexie and let her know which address to add to the listserv. We would love to hear from you!