What’s Been Happening in the YLP?

It’s an understatement to say that 2020 has been a wild and unpredictable ride. As the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the lives of Americans, we had to make some tough decisions to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the people we serve. This included having to cancel some of our events or transition them to a virtual format. It has been an inspiring and learning experience for everyone! During this unprecedented time, we appreciate the flexibility, cooperation, understanding, and creativity of Kansas families. It has been amazing to see youth showcase their projects and knowledge in unique ways, as well as develop new relationships throughout their communities. It has also been wonderful to see the cooperation of families and communities across the state to provide a positive experience for youth. Hopefully, we’ll be able to see your smiling faces, in-person, in 2021!

Program Recaps

♦ Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic
♦ Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
♦ Kansas State Fair
♦ Kansas Junior Livestock Show
Dr. Bob Hines Virtual Swine Classic

The 2020 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic was hosted virtually during the first week of July. Exhibitors submitted videos of their entries, including one showcasing their showmanship skills. The skillathon was also hosted through an online platform, as each of the three age groups had the opportunity to display their swine industry knowledge. Finally, youth were invited to submit swine-related photos, which were posted on the youth livestock Facebook page for people to vote on their favorite. There were 74 youth from 26 counties who submitted 137 swine projects. Youth exhibited pigs in the prospect show, market show and showmanship. There were also 34 participants who showcased their knowledge in the swine skillathon and eight photos entered in the “People’s Choice” photography contest. Next year’s event is scheduled for July 9-10, 2021. Mark your calendars now!

Kansas 4-H Virtual Livestock Sweepstakes

The annual Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes was hosted virtually August 22-23, using a variety of platforms. Approximately 225 4-H members from 61 Kansas counties competed in the state contests. This included about 160 youth who participated in video-based livestock judging through CEV, then gave reasons via Zoom. The meat judging contest included 110 youth who competed in a contest designed similarly to the livestock judging contest. The skillathon was hosted using Qualtrics with 125 competitors. Finally, 21 teams competed in the quiz bowl via Zoom. Complete results are available on the youth livestock website, under 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes. Plan to join us next year!
Save the Date!

**February 15-20**
Jr. Swine Producer Week

**March 15-20**
Jr. Meat Goat Producer Week

**April 1**
KASLA Applications Due

**May 1**
Market Beef Nominations Due

**June 15**
Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goat Nominations Due

We’re Social!

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**Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show**

The 2020 Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) were hosted during September and October in Hutchinson. Congratulations to the Kansas 4-H and FFA members who exhibited projects at the shows this year. Also, a shout out to all of the show managers, specie superintendents, staff and volunteers who made them happen! The Grand Drive had more than 825 exhibitors and approximately 3,500 entries. Almost 800 exhibitors participated in KJLS, including nearly 3,000 entries. Information about each show, as well as results, may be found on each show’s respective website and social media accounts — The Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Best of luck as we enter a new program year and youth select livestock projects for next year!

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**Upcoming Events - Kansas Junior Producer Days**

The 2021 junior producer days will be hosted as a virtual series during the course of a week. The **Junior Swine Producer Week** will be February 15-20. Presentations will be provided a couple of days during the week, with the final sessions and discussion being on Saturday morning. All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register. **Junior Meat Goat Producer Week** will follow a similar format March 15-20. All youth, parents, leaders and extension agents are invited to participate in these educational experiences. K-State faculty members, graduate students, veterinarians, extension agents, guest speakers and specialists will speak about youth livestock project management. More details and registration information will be released later this fall. Please watch the youth livestock program website and Facebook page for updated information and a link to register.

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*If you are a parent, extension agent or project leader and would like to be added to the KSU YLP listserv, please contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu.*