What's Been Happening in the YLP?

The KSU Youth Livestock Program had an exciting fall and is off to a fantastic start in 2019. In addition to distributing Kansas 4-H EID tags to counties across the state, we have been busy promoting the new youth quality assurance program, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), which will be required for all Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS exhibitors this fall. In March, the KSU Youth Livestock Program, Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, and K-State Research and Extension hosted the biennial Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day and Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day. The 2019 nomination materials were also updated and released. It’s been an eventful 2019 thus far, and we look forward to seeing Kansas families and county agents during this summer’s activities!

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Important Dates

- Market Beef Nominations Due May 1
- Small Livestock & Commercial Heifer Nominations Due June 15
Junior Swine Producer Day

Approximately 415 youth, parents, and project leaders from 62 Kansas counties attended the Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Kansas State University’s Weber Arena in Manhattan, KS. Dr. Evan Titgemeyer welcomed everyone to K-State. Then, Dr. Joel DeRouchey kicked off the morning with a presentation over project selection. During the morning breakout sessions, participants learned about meat science from Dr. Terry Houser in the “Meat 101: Know Your Pork!” session, Hayden Kerkaert and several swine graduate students led a workshop on Swine Breeds and Ear Notching, while Kiah Gourley and Cara Comstock spoke with participants about Equipment and Daily Care, and a discussion on the State Livestock Nomination Process was led by Lexie Hayes. After lunch, Dr. Joel DeRouchey spoke about Herd Health Management. For the nutrition session, beginner participants learned basic nutrition principles with Kiah Gourley and the swine graduate students, while Dr. Joel DeRouchey led an advanced discussion for the older youth and adults. The day concluded with a beginner showmanship workshop led by Cara Comstock and an advanced showmanship session by Kiah Gourley. After the program, youth had the opportunity to become Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified through an instructor-led training led by Lexie Hayes and Charlene Miller. The Kansas Pork Association, Valley Vet Supply, Essential Feeds, the Department of Animal Sciences & Industry, K-State Research & Extension, and the KSU Youth Livestock Program sponsored the program.

Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

Over 400 youth, parents, and project leaders from 61 Kansas counties attended the Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Kansas State University’s Weber Arena in Manhattan, KS. Dr. Evan Titgemeyer welcomed everyone to K-State. Then, guest speaker Spencer Scotten opened the morning with a presentation on project selection. During the morning breakout sessions, participants learned about meat science from Dr. Terry Houser, Dr. Alison Crane led a session on meat goat nutrition, and Lexie Hayes hosted a discussion over the state livestock nomination process. Then, Dr. Nora Schrag spoke about meat goat health and wellness. After lunch, Spencer Scotten shared a presentation on managing and developing does, as well as reproduction options. The program wrapped up with participants attending a session on facilities and equipment with Anna Wines and a showmanship class led by Spencer Scotten. After the program concluded, youth had the opportunity to become Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified through an instructor-led training provided by Lexie Hayes and Charlene Miller. Valley Vet Supply, Essential Feeds, Triple Creek Trail, McGuire Boer Goats, the Department of Animal Sciences & Industry, K-State Research & Extension, and the KSU Youth Livestock Program sponsored the program.

Plan to join us in 2020 for the Junior Beef and Sheep Producer Days!
4-H Discovery Days
The Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and the Youth Livestock Program are offering several classes during the 2019 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days. Members in livestock projects are encouraged to check out the animal science and livestock-related workshop options. Classes will include chuckwagon cooking, meat science, BQA, meat judging, and Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification, just to name a few.

KASLA Premier
The K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA) is offering an additional opportunity for alumni of the program. KASLA Premier is a three day event for previous KASLA graduates, ages 18-20, to continue expanding their knowledge and leadership skills. The program is scheduled for July 10-12, 2019. Please visit the KSU Youth Livestock Program website, under the KASLA tab, or follow the KASLA Facebook page for more information. The event is sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) and coordinated by Sharon Breiner.

K-State Horse Judging Camp
The K-State Horse Judging Team will host two camps this summer. A beginner’s day camp is scheduled for June 10, 2019 in Weber Hall. Registration is limited to the first 30 students and is $40 per person. The Advanced Camp will be hosted June 11-12, 2019 in Weber Hall. Registration is $130/participant. The registration deadline for both camps is May 10. More information may be found under “K-State Judging Camps” on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website.

K-State “Champions” Livestock Judging Camp
K-State Livestock Judging Coach Chris Mullinix and the K-State Livestock Judging Team will host three sessions of livestock judging camp this summer. The camp will be offered June 3-5, 11-13, and 14-16, 2019. This camp is open to 4-H and FFA members 14 years old and older. Each camp is limited to 35 students and will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. The cost is $300 and the deadline to register is May 20. More information may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website, under “K-State Judging Camps”.

Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic
The 2019 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic will be held June 28-29 at the Riley County Fairgrounds at CiCo Park in Manhattan, KS. This two-day event is comprised of educational opportunities, including a swine skillathon, pork cook-off, photography contest, showmanship, and a prospect and market hog show. All Kansas Youth ages 7 and older are invited to participate. Entry forms and registration will be due June 15. This information will be available soon on the KSU Youth Livestock Program and KSUswine.org websites. We will also share information about Swine Classic on our Facebook Page. This event is hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry.

Handouts and project show guides from Junior Producer Days can be found on the Youth Livestock Program website: www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu

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

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Save the Date!

May 1  
Market Beef Nominations Due
KASLA Premier Apps Due

June 5-8  
KASLA

June 15  
Small Livestock & Com. Heifer Nominations Due

June 28-29  
Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic

August 15-17  
Junior Dairy Show

August 24-25  
Livestock Sweepstakes

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2019 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be held August 24-25, 2019 on the K-State campus in Manhattan, KS. Mark your calendars now! This is the corresponding date to previous years. The Kansas 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 livestock sweepstakes weekend. The deadline to enter will be August 1. All entries MUST be made through local Extension Offices, using the Cvent system. Contact your local Extension Office for information regarding county level preliminary activities. Any questions regarding member eligibility need to be inquired through the local extension office before the entry deadline. Rules and further details will be available after June 1 on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website.

Going “Live”

The KSU Youth Livestock Program is continuing our efforts to enhance our social media presence. Make sure to “Like” us on Facebook, “Add” us on Snapchat, and “Follow” us on Instagram and Twitter. We use these platforms to release information, provide updates, and share photos. We also have a snapchat filter at most youth events, so we want to see your smiling faces in our filter!

We have started releasing a weekly tip for the nomination process on Tuesday evenings. Follow #NominationTipTuesday to learn more about making sure your nominations are complete. There will also be a couple of Facebook Live sessions over the state livestock nomination process this spring. On April 16, we will discuss the market beef nomination process. The session over small livestock animals will be held on May 28. Watch our Facebook page for more details!

The KSU Department of Animal Sciences & Industry also has active social media accounts, so go “Like” their page as well to follow all events related to KSU ASI!

The Kansas State Fair and KJLS disperse valuable information via their Facebook pages. If you are interested in those events, make sure you are following the Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new, national, multi-species livestock quality assurance program available for youth ages 8-21. This annual educational and certification program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development for youth producing and/or showing livestock. The curriculum grows with a child, so youth will expand their knowledge by covering new topics every year. Youth may participate in a 60-minute instructor-led training for $3/child, or complete the online certification course for $12/child. Families need to use their 4HOnline credentials on the YQCA website (www.yqca.org) to register for training. FFA Members may create an independent account. All Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified to participate in the 2019 shows. Visit the KSU youth livestock program website or local extension office for more details.
**2019 Nomination Information & Updates**

The 2019 state livestock nomination season has arrived! The current materials have been released and are posted on the KSU Youth Livestock website under “Nomination Information”. To be eligible to exhibit in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or at KJLS, market animals and commercial females must be formally nominated by the appropriate deadline. Also, there is not a registered breeding doe division at either show, so **ALL** meat goats (wethers and does) must be nominated to be shown. The major changes to the process this year are the YQCA certification requirement for all exhibitors and the addition of a doe show at the Grand Drive. Below is a brief overview of the process. New families are highly encouraged to visit their local extension office and refer to the “Rookie Guide” for further information and specific details.

- All animals that are nominated for the Kansas State Fair and/or KJLS are required to be tagged with a Kansas 4-H eID tag.
- DNA hair samples are required for all nominated animals and must be submitted in an official DNA envelope. The signatures of all exhibitors within the family and a parent/guardian are required on the DNA envelope.
- 2019 Declaration and Specie Nomination Forms must be used.
- Families need to attach a copy of the YQCA certificate(s) for each child to the Declaration Form.
- Kansas practices family nominations, so all paperwork needs to be signed by ALL eligible exhibitors within a family, a parent/guardian, and an extension agent (4-H) or ag advisor (FFA). Families should not use separate forms and individually nominate specific animals for children within their family.
- The nomination fee of $8.00/animal must be submitted with nomination materials, payable to KJLS.
- Continuing in 2019, all swine nominations are required to include ear notches, both written and drawn, and sheep and goats must submit full scrapie tag numbers (correct format: KSS0035 18151).
- Exhibitors will need to contact their local Extension Office to get their animals tagged and obtain DNA envelopes. Only County Extension Agents and FFA Advisors have the organizational authority to sign nomination paperwork.
- Deadlines are postmark deadlines, which are strictly enforced. No late nominations will be accepted.
- Nomination is NOT entry. After the nomination process is complete, families must officially enter each child for the show in which they would like to participate! Follow each show’s website and social media pages (Grand Drive, Kansas Junior Livestock Show) for specific details. Only online entries will be accepted for both shows.

**Deadlines**

**May 1**  
Nominations Due:  
Market Beef

**June 15**  
Nominations Due:  
Swine  
Sheep  
Meat Goat  
Commercial Heifer

**July 15**  
KSF Grand Drive Entries Due

**August 15**  
KJLS Entries Due

**Resources:**

- Rookie Guide  
- 2019 Updates  
- Specie Checklist  
- Deadline Table  
- YQCA Family Memo  
- #NominationTipTuesday  
- Grand Drive Rules  
- KJLS Rules

Nomination Page  
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*K Nomination information, forms, checklists, and the Rookie Guide may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock website: **www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu**.*
MEET THE YLP INTERNS

Look for these two smiling faces at KSU Youth Livestock Program events and activities! I am pleased to introduce Sierra Day and Kelli Schrag, who will be serving as our interns. They have already helped tremendously with the junior producer days, and we are excited to have them be part of the team as we gear up for this summer!

Sierra Day
A tenth-generation agriculturist from the Land of Lincoln, Sierra Day is no stranger to the livestock industry and youth livestock organizations. Currently a junior at K-State in Animal Sciences & Industry and Agriculture Communications, Sierra was heavily involved in raising Angus cattle, corn and soybeans on her family’s operation in central Illinois. Sierra spent her youth as a member of organizations such as 4-H, FFA and the National Junior Angus Association. Through these experiences, she was able to show Angus cattle on the local, state and national levels along with other opportunities that were presented through these programs. Although not a Kansas native, Sierra was a participant in many contests and activities that are similar to those offered by the KSU Youth Livestock Program such as skillathon, livestock judging, and quiz bowl. As a student, she remains active in collegiate clubs such as Block & Bridle and Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow. Sierra’s background and involvement in the agriculture industry has forever instilled a passion inside of her which fuels excitement for being an intern for the Youth Livestock Program. Sierra is eager to change roles this summer while remaining in the atmosphere that she truly enjoys while being a part of the KSU Youth Livestock Program!

Kelli Schrag
Though not born into a family operation, Kelli Schrag quickly became involved in the agricultural industry as a youth. Kelli’s love for animals soon made the pasture surrounding her family’s Hutchinson home become grazing land for her 4-H projects. Growing up, Kelli was heavily involved in 4-H, FFA and several breed associations. She showed horses, goats and Hereford cattle at the local and state level and judged the same throughout the country. Kelli is currently a senior at Kansas State studying Agricultural Communications and Journalism with a minor in Animal Science. During her undergraduate career, Kelli has participated on the K-State horse judging team and has held numerous internships within the livestock industry, including Legacy Livestock Imaging, American Royal and National Western Stock Show. Through these experiences, Kelli has developed a passion for the livestock industry and she is excited to serve the youth livestock families in Kansas this summer!