



# Youth Livestock Program

## K-State Youth Livestock Fall Update

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for the second **Youth Livestock Listening Session** on November 12 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. We will begin at 1:00 p.m. Representatives from Kansas State Fair, Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Kansas FFA, Kansas 4-H, and K-State Research and Extension will be on hand to hear your comments and suggestions. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send written comments to Sharon Breiner. You can contact her with questions at (785) 532-1264 or [sbreiner@ksu.edu](mailto:sbreiner@ksu.edu).

### PROGRAM RECAPS

Thank you to the agents and volunteers who helped make the first **4-H Livestock Sweepstakes** a success. This all-around event, held August 22-23, featured contests in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. Belt Buckles were awarded to the champion all-around team from Crawford County, as well as the high all-around individual Garrett Kays, also of Crawford County. For complete results and information visit [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu).

#### **Congratulations Champion and Reserve Champion Teams!**

##### Sweepstakes All-Around

Champion: Crawford County

Res. Champion: River Valley District

##### Livestock Skillathon

Champion: Barton County

Res. Champion: River Valley District

##### Livestock Judging

Champion: Crawford County

Res. Champion: River Valley District

##### Livestock Quiz Bowl

Champion: River Valley District

Res. Champion: Pottawatomie Co.

### Meats Judging

Champion: Crawford County

Reserve Champion: Montgomery County

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Twenty-five students from 22 Kansas counties gathered on the Kansas State University campus to take part in the first **K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA)** June 10-13, 2009.

This unique opportunity, gave high school students the chance to evaluate real life livestock situations, and tour many facilities within the animal sciences industry.

Academy participants included: Dustin Aherin, Phillipsburg; Jancy Alberding, Winfield; Brice Bailey, Winfield; Alissa Berger, Wichita; Billie Chesney, Woodston; Rachelle Coe, Soldier; Calvin Dix, Woodston; Lauren Gassman, Grainfield; Taylor Green, Sedan; John Holmquist, Smolan; William Holthaus, Baileyville; Cody Jensen, Courtland; Annette Jones, Cottonwood Falls; Garrett Kays, Weir; MaKayla LaRue, Chanute; Olivia Moore, Kansas City; Tanner Paxson, Medicine Lodge; Calli Ridder, Leoti; Austin Schmitz, Axtell; Jared Stieben, Bazine; Tyler Tebow, Courtland; Kaitlin Vaughn, Wellington; Ely Walker, Altoona; Destiny Wendland, St. John; and Kirk Woodruff, Ashland.

The event was sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) and coordinated by the K-State Youth Livestock Program located in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. For more information about the future of this program visit [www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu).

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A record number of participants attended the **Kansas Swine Classic**. On July 10-11 the Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic youth swine show was held at CiCo Park. There were 115 youth exhibitors from 38 counties showing 247 pigs at the event this year. Congratulations to the winners and participants in the show ring, swine skillathon, and swine photography contest!

Next year's event is planned for **July 9-10, 2010**.

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

The boards of the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show will use **DNA based nominations** in 2010. It is our belief that this will be a simpler and more scientific alternative to nose prints, that more equally includes all species.

Both shows will work together to determine how the specifics of the system will work at the conclusion of this show season. The timeliness of this change is understood, and we are confident the committees of both shows will work quickly to outline the new program.

At this time it has been decided that hair samples will be used to collect DNA. A booth has been developed for exhibitors, parents, and agents at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show that will feature educational information on how hair-based DNA works. We are also developing video modules and tip sheets for our website [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu).

Nominations will be a topic at the November Listening Session for those interested in expressing their questions and concerns.

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Please remember **Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling** guides are available on our website, as well as links to find more information about mCOOL. This information will be helpful in planning for your county fairs. For more information about mCOOL please contact Dr. Larry Hollis at [lhollis@ksu.edu](mailto:lhollis@ksu.edu) or (785) 532-1246.

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**Swine Biosecurity** information is available on our website at [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu). Please review this information in consideration of all swine events. For more information about H1N1 in livestock species please contact Dr. Larry Hollis at [lhollis@ksu.edu](mailto:lhollis@ksu.edu) or (785) 532-1246.

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Dr. Joel DeRouchey has recently made a **Show Pig Guide** available for 4-Hers. The packet features helpful information for 4-Hers from beginning to advanced. This valuable resource is available for everyone's use and can be found at [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu). If you have questions about the guide, please contact Dr. DeRouchey at [jderouch@ksu.edu](mailto:jderouch@ksu.edu) or (785) 532-2280.

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A **Meat Goat Project Guide** has been made available to 4-Hers by Dr. Brian Faris. The packet features helpful information for 4-Hers at all stages of meat goat production. This new resource is available for everyone's use and can be found at [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu). For more information, please contact Dr. Fairs at [brfaris@ksu.edu](mailto:brfaris@ksu.edu) or (785) 532-1255.

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Do you have an idea for improving Youth Livestock Programs at K-State? If so, please contact Sharon Breiner, Youth Livestock Coordinator, Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, at [sbreiner@ksu.edu](mailto:sbreiner@ksu.edu) or (785) 532-1264.  
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#### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 12	Youth Livestock Listening Session
March 27	K-State Youth Sheep Day
March/April	K-State Junior Beef Day
May 1	Market Steer/Heifer Nomination Deadline
June 15	All Remaining Species Nomination Deadline
July 9-10	Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic