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Monthly newsletter of the Wyandotte County 4-H Youth Development Program



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LIVING IN THE PRESENT

Written by Jessie Carr, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Every moment you live in the past is a moment you waste in the present." Wow, what a powerful statement. I recently read this quote and it has stuck with me. I have been working on being more mentally present in my own life and this quote made it a lot easier.

For me, being present has meant not checking my emails on the weekend, leaving my phone in another room, & only focusing on what is in front of me. This has been a game changer! I'm spending less time worrying about what happened yesterday or what will happen tomorrow. I'm fully connected & engaged in today!

We all get caught up in thinking about the past (& maybe the future too). You know, thinking about what we coulda, shoulda, & woulda done. These thoughts can take up a lot of our time and energy and can even keep us from making progress in our lives.

It is certainly okay to reminisce & reflect but keep those thoughts positive & keep

Important

DATES & DEADLINES



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IMPORTANT DATES

April

- 7 – Cattle Tagging Event
- 24 – DNA Envelope Order Deadline for Market Beef
- 26 – Small Livestock Tagging Event

May

- 1 – Project Add/Drop Deadline
- 1 – New Member Sign-Up Deadline
- 1 – Project ID Forms due for beef, goat, horse, sheep & Swine
- 1 – KSF Market Beef Nominations Due
- 1 – 2022 Discovery Days Registration will Close
- 4 – Small Livestock Tagging Event

June

- 15 – YQCA completion deadline for Local & State Fair
- 8 – DNA Envelope Order Deadline for Small Livestock
- 15 – KSF Small Livestock Nominations Due

SEEKING 4-H SUMMER INTERNS

There is still time to apply for a KS 4-H Summer Internship! Interns must have completed high school and be 18+ years old. Summer interns will be responsible for providing direct education programs in our community. Apply today!

LIVESTOCK TAGGING/WEIGH-IN

All market animals must be tagged prior to showing at the WyCo County Fair. Potential State Fair animals must also be tagged prior to nomination.

Livestock tags are \$4.00 and payment is due at the time of tagging.

Livestock Tagging & Weigh-Ins will take place in-person at the Wyandotte County Fair Ground on the following dates:

- April 12 – Large Livestock (cattle), 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- April 26 – Small Livestock (swine, sheep, goat) 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- May 4 – Small Livestock (sine, sheep, goat) 5:30pm – 7:30pm

We're Hiring!

4-H Program Assistant

- Full- time
- Benefits
- Pay commensurates with experience

WYCO 4-H

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1 Deadlines!

Each year May 1 is packed full of deadlines & this year is no different! Please make sure you are aware of these deadlines and do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions!

- Project Add/Drop Deadline: May 1 is the last day to add or drop projects. Remember, enrollment in project areas affects your eligibility to participate in local and state events including fairs. Contact 4-H Staff to add/drop projects.
- New Member Sign-Up: New 4-H'ers must be signed up by May 1. Any enrollments after May 1 will not be approved until the start of the new 4-H year in October. If you have friends or family that are interested in joining – make sure they join soon!!
- Project IDs: project IDs for beef, goat, horse, sheep & swine are due to the extension office by May 1. You can find form fillable project IDs on our website on the Summer Showcase tab. IDs will be accepted via email or in-person/mail.
- KSF Market Beef Nominations: State Livestock Nomination Information

WELCOME TO DENISE DIAS, WYCO COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR!

Effective April 4, 2022 Denise Dias has joined the WyCo Extension team as the county director. We are excited to have Denise joining us & hope you will help us welcome her too!

Denise earned her bachelor's degree in Home Economics from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, her master's degree in Marketing – Apparel and Textiles from Kansas State University, and her MBA: Global Leadership and Business Management from Friends University. Dias has most recently been employed as a Family and Consumer Sciences Agent for K-State Research and Extension - Johnson County in Olathe, KS.

Extension Directors provide administrative leadership for budget and fiscal operations, personnel management of local staff, overall program development, delivery and evaluation, and assurance of accessibility to local programming by all individuals

SUMMER SHOWCASE/FAIR

Summer will be here before we know it. Be sure that you are checking in with project leaders & 4-H Staff as you begin to plan for summer. Project ID & tagging Our goal is to release fair information in mid-May. There are a lot of new & exciting things coming this year!

LOCAL YQCA DEADLINE UPDATES

The local YQCA completion deadline has been moved to June 15 – this is the same deadline for Kansas State Fair. ALL youth who are planning to show animals at the Wyandotte County 4-H Summer Showcase/Fair are required to complete YQCA trainings. YQCA is also required for the Kansas State Fair.

USDA CONFIRMS HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN BACKYARD FLOCK IN KANSAS

Anyone involved with poultry production from the small backyard chicken owner to the large commercial producer should review their biosecurity activities to assure the health of their birds. Find guidance on biosecurity on the KDA Division of Animal Health webpage at agriculture.ks.gov/AvianInfluenza. More biosecurity resources as well as updates on the current HPAI status nationwide can be found on the [APHIS website](http://APHIS).

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ZOOM SESSION FOR NEW ONLINE STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

Lexie Hays will be hosting a zoom session for the new state nominations process. See her message below.

Good Afternoon Kansas Youth Livestock Families-

We will be hosting an informational session and demonstration via Zoom over the new online state livestock nomination system next Thursday, April 7 at 7:00PM. This will be in lieu of our annual Facebook Live event. All market animals and commercial females families would like to be eligible to show at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS need to be nominated. The session will be recorded and available for those interested to view later at their convenience. We will be focusing on market beef and commercial heifer nominations, but the information will generally apply to all species. Families will need to register in order to receive the link and participate. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Registration Link:

<https://ksu.zoom.us/join/register/tJEkdempqzkvHNBmosDiWhzd1GQJFT5je451>

Plan to join us to learn more about the system and prepare to successfully submit your state livestock nominations this year!

Thanks,
Lexie

REGISTRATION FOR DISCOVERY DAYS IS OPEN NOW!

Discovery Days is a unique hands on event that allows youth to explore and prepare for their future academic and career endeavors. Discovery Days takes place at Kansas State University. Discovery Day registration is now open! To learn more & register you can click [here](#).

- Help youth learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities
- Give youth in-depth training through hands-on educational sessions from content and youth development experts
- Prepare youth to make informed decisions about their careers and college path
- Enhance personal growth by giving opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time management skills
- Help youth meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds from across the state
- Provide an opportunity for youth to experience the K-State campus and its wealth of resources
- Develop college and career readiness skills which prepare participants academically and socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult

KANSAS STATE FAIR UPDATES

The 2022 Kansas State fair book has been published for viewing. There have been small adjustments to some areas – be sure to review project areas of interest. You can find the KSF fair book and more on the [Kansas State Fair - 4-H Division page](#).

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USDA Confirms Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Backyard Flock in Kansas

MANHATTAN, Kansas — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a non-commercial backyard mixed species flock (poultry) in Franklin County, Kansas. Samples from the flock were tested at the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and confirmed at the USDA-APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is working closely with USDA-APHIS on a joint incident response. KDA officials quarantined the affected premises, and birds on the property will be depopulated to prevent the spread of the disease.

Anyone involved with poultry production from the small backyard chicken owner to the large commercial producer should review their biosecurity activities to assure the health of their birds. Find guidance on biosecurity on the KDA Division of Animal Health webpage at agriculture.ks.gov/AvianInfluenza. More biosecurity resources as well as updates on the current HPAI status nationwide can be found on the APHIS website at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/avian-influenza/2022-hpai>.

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a highly contagious viral disease that can infect chickens, turkeys and other birds and can cause severe illness and/or sudden death in infected birds. Attentively monitor your birds for symptoms of HPAI which include: coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge, and other signs of respiratory distress; lack of energy and appetite; decreased water consumption; decreased egg production and/or soft-shelled, misshapen eggs; incoordination; and diarrhea. Avian influenza can also cause sudden death in birds even if they aren't showing other symptoms.

If these symptoms are observed in your birds, immediately contact your veterinarian. If you don't have a regular veterinarian, contact KDA's Division of Animal Health office toll-free at 833-765-2006.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the recent HPAI detections do not present an immediate public health concern. No human cases of these avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States. Birds and eggs from the infected flock will not enter the food system. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of all poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165 °F is recommended as a general food safety precaution.

As part of existing avian influenza response plans, federal and state partners are working jointly on additional surveillance and testing in areas around the affected flocks. The United States has the strongest AI surveillance program in the world, and USDA is working with its partners to actively look for the disease in commercial poultry operations, live bird markets and in migratory wild bird populations.

For more information about HPAI, including current status of the confirmed cases in other states as well as more information about biosecurity for your flock, go to KDA's avian influenza webpage at agriculture.ks.gov/AvianInfluenza or call KDA at 833-765-2006.

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