

June 4, 2026

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Dear 4-H/FFA Exhibitor,

**K-State Extension
Cowley County**
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620-221-5450

The 2026 Cowley County Fair will be here before we know it! Pre-entries will be completed online at <https://cowley.fairwire.com>. The entry site is live now and will be open until 11:59 p.m. July 1, 2026. Pre-entries enable us to print entry cards and reports for all exhibits and help determine how much space will be needed for each department.

Pre-entry of all 4-H/FFA exhibits is required.

Exhibitors, please verify in your account (4-H members) on v2.4honline.com, FFA members with the office, that you are enrolled in each project you intend to enter and exhibit at the fair. Exhibitors are asked not to enter any projects unless they add that project to their 4-H online account as well. Participants who missed select projects pre deadlines will not be eligible to exhibit said project (ex. Tagging Swine). All entries will be approved by Extension Staff. Any ineligible entries will be deleted.

Please complete your entry online by 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 1. Note: Late entries will be accepted within 3 business days (Monday, July 6th) of the published deadline accompanied with a late fee of **\$30/exhibitor**. Please contact the Extension Office for special permission to login and complete late entry. Late entries will not be allowed until the \$30 late fee is received in the Cowley County Extension Office. **Entries received after the 3 business day grace period will not be accepted.**

Families with multiple exhibitors should complete entries as a "Quick Group" for ease of entry. For club exhibits (banner, Group livestock exhibits), please designate one person to complete a club entry (i.e., club name listed for exhibitor name). No fees are collected or assessed for exhibits, however, exhibitors are required to "check out" to complete the online entry. Make sure to DOUBLE CHECK you completed your entries and received a confirmation.

Department and Class numbers can be found in the Fair Rule Book, which is enclosed in this packet and online as you enter. Please use correct class numbers. Complete an entry for **each** exhibit that you plan to bring to the fair. (Exception: Photography- Class #480X covers 4 photos, Horticulture-Class #250X up to 14 entries and Florals class #560X). Entries can be deleted at check-in time, they will not be added.

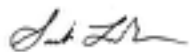
For all animal entries, please make sure to provide all necessary information. Reminder **EACH** animal exhibited needs its own entry. You will also need to have a separate entry for the Showmanship class.

If you have any questions, please contact the Cowley County Extension Office, 311 E 9th, or phone us at (620) 221-5450 or (620) 441-4565. If you do not have internet access, you may come to the Extension Office to use a computer.

We invite you to attend the Fair Family Kickoff on Sunday June 28, 2026 starting at 2:00PM at the Tisdale Methodist Church Gym.

We look forward to seeing you at Fair Set up on July 27th at 6:00 PM the Cowley County Fair, July 30- August 3, 2026.

Sincerely,



Sarah LaGrone
Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

DID YOU??

1. Log into www.v2.4honline.com to verify your enrolled projects?
2. Read the letters attached with important information
3. Log into <https://cowley.fairwire.com> to complete your fair pre-entries?
4. Receive a confirmation.

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Fair Pre-Entries 101...



Here are some tips that will be helpful when completing your fair pre-entries. It is your responsibility to read the fair rules for the departments in which you plan to exhibit. Reading the 4-H Fair Rules will answer most of your questions and help you fill out your pre-entry online.

Our regular office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Waiting until the last minute to ask questions/complete in your pre-entry results in increased stress to you and Extension professionals. We are happy to help you, but encourage you to ask for help in a timely manner.

How are pre-entries accepted?

Fair pre-entries will be accepted online only at <https://fairwire.cowley.com>. Cowley County Extension staff will not call families to ask for pre-entries. Late entries will be accepted within 3 business days of the published deadline and must be accompanied with a late fee of **\$30/exhibitor**.

Market Livestock:

Complete an entry for each Market Animal a member intends to exhibit. Tag numbers do not have to be designated with pre-entry, this will be designated at check-in/weigh-in time.

Check the fair schedule for appropriate check-in/weigh-in times for your specie(s).

Don't forget to enter Showmanship!

Exhibitors will submit the Wholesome Meat Statement online with entry.

A member may show a maximum of 4 head/specie and it may be any combination of breeding and market.

Breeding Livestock:

Include date of birth for all breeding females on pre-entry if prompted.

Include breed for registered females. Have registration papers in 4-H member's name to present at check-in at the fair.

Don't forget to enter Showmanship.

If you are not sure if you want your animal to show Market or Breeding yet, make only one entry in the breeding division and select "dual nomination" this will create another entry in the Market division

Bred and Owned

Bred and Owned classes are offered in the Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat Divisions. This is an "add on" class in addition to the breeding and market class that each animal will be required to show in. To comply with the definition of "Bred and Owned", the animal **must** be the offspring of a dam **owned and cared for by the 4-H member prior to breeding**, as well as during the gestation period, and after the birth of the animal. If youth have more than one Bred and Owned exhibit youth will only select the one of their animals they would like to exhibit in the Bred and Owned class.

NOTICE: When you are entering a Market or Breeding animal in its chosen class you have the option on that page to simply click "yes or no" to enter in the bred and owned classes.

Rabbits/Poultry Include tattoo, breed and variety (color) for all entries. Poultry-will need numbered leg bands on.

Fashion Revue:

Members are limited to two entries in the Constructed Revue and two entries in Fashion Revue. Each entry must be in different classes. The Fashion Revue schedule will reflect only two entries per member regardless of the number of classes entered.

Photography:

Photo mount boards may be purchased at the Extension Office and mounting instructions are available at the Extension Office. Exhibitors are limited to 4 photo exhibits. You don't have to choose color or black & white when pre-entering. The online entry class number will be 480X for a total of 4 photos. Please use this class number instead of doing 4 color and/or 4 B&W entries.

Fair Information:

Please ensure that the phone number provided in your fair pre-entries is an accessible number during the fair. For static entries you will see a Description option on each entry this is to give us a heads up on your projects size and any needs.

Lego KITS-Change made after books sent to print. You will enter a lego kit in the Building Block Engineering division in the Cowley County only class number- 5704