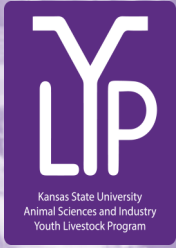


# KSU Youth Livestock Program Update

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## What's Been Happening in the YLP?

It was fantastic to interact with so many Kansas livestock families throughout the spring, summer, and early fall! Kicking it off with livestock nominations, to Discovery Days, to K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy, Swine Classic, Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, and wrapping it up with the Kansas State Fair and KJLS, it was an exciting time! Thank you to the youth and parents who enthusiastically participated in Youth Livestock and KSU ASI events over the last year. It is always wonderful to see so many smiling faces, of all ages, sharing their passion for youth projects and the livestock industry. We look forward to another great year and wish everyone the best of luck as you select projects for the new year!

## Program Recaps

- ◆ K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy
- ◆ Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic
- ◆ Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
- ◆ Kansas State Fair
- ◆ Kansas Junior Livestock Show



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## Helpful Handouts

Handouts and project show guides from Junior Producer Days can be found on the Youth Livestock Program website:

[www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://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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## K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Twenty students gathered on the Kansas State University campus June 21-24 to gain livestock industry knowledge and develop leadership skills. These participants comprised a 20-person cohort at the 14th annual K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy (KASLA) in Manhattan, KS.

During their time at KASLA, students participated in interactive leadership development and educational lab sessions led by faculty members from across the K-State campus. Participants completed the college experience by staying in the dorms, touring the animal science facilities, and engaging in several livestock industry tours. For their final project, the students were divided into groups during the week to focus on current issues affecting the livestock industry. ASI faculty mentors assisted each group in developing a presentation given as part of the closing reception.

Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc., the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a future in this field.

Plans are being made for the 2024 program! KASLA will tentatively be hosted in June, with applications being due in the spring. This program is open to students in grades 9-12. Please watch the [KASLA](#) webpage or Facebook page for additional details.



## Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic

The 2023 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic was hosted June 30 - July 1 at the Riley County Fairgrounds in CiCo Park. There were 117 youth exhibitors from 36 counties who brought 264 swine projects to the event this year. Youth exhibited pigs in the prospect show, market show, and showmanship. There were also 75 kids who showcased their knowledge in the swine skillathon and 11 photos entered in the "People's Choice" photography contest. The 2024 event is scheduled for July 12-13 in Manhattan, KS! Watch the website and Facebook page for entry details next spring.



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## The YLP Offers:

- Jr. Beef Producer Day
- Jr. Sheep Producer Day
- KASLA
- 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
- State Livestock Nominations
- Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic
- ASI @ Discovery Days
- Local Show & Clinic Links
- Educational Materials

Check out the [educational materials](#) posted on the [KSU Youth Livestock Program website](#).

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## Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

The annual Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes was hosted August 19-20 in Manhattan, KS, where youth displayed their livestock knowledge and talent in livestock judging, meat judging, skillathon and quiz bowl. Over 300 4-H members from 66 Kansas counties competed in the state contests. Complete results are available on the youth livestock website, under [4-H Livestock Sweepstakes](#). Plan to join us in late August next year to participate!

The top performing 4-H'ers earned the right to represent Kansas at the national contests this fall. Shout out to the Kansas 4-H Meats Judging Team for defending the title and winning Champion honors at the national contest! This is back-to-back wins for Kansas 4-H since initiating the all-star team! The all-star livestock judging team and skillathon and quiz bowl teams will compete later this fall in Louisville.



## Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show

The 2023 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. The Grand Drive had over 700 exhibitors, with KJLS having almost 650 showing a combined total of over 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 you select livestock projects for this year!



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## Save the Date!

**March 2**

Jr. Beef Producer Day

**March 16**

Jr. Sheep Producer Day

**May 1**

Market Beef Nominations Due

**June 15**

Commercial Heifer, Swine,  
Sheep, & Meat Goat  
Nominations Due

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## Important Announcements — Nominations & YQCA

We transitioned to an online state nomination system in 2022 and will be continuing the online platform in 2024. Families will need to plan ahead and prepare prior to the deadline to get everything completed on time. Please watch your email, the website, and the Facebook page for updates as we approach spring. Spread the word to any new families who will be nominating for the first time this year! Anyone who ordered extra DNA envelopes last year (or in 2022) will be able to use them in 2024.

YQCA will continue to be required for all Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS exhibitors. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-specie, youth livestock quality assurance program. Youth may complete the training online or through an instructor-led course with an approved instructor. Exhibitors will submit a copy of their certificate at the time of nomination, so make sure to download it to a device when they complete their training. It is an annual training. Certificates must be valid through October 1, 2024 to be accepted.



## Upcoming Events - K-State Junior Producer Days

We are excited to host the 2024 junior producer days on the K-State campus in Manhattan, KS! The **Junior Beef Producer Day** will be Saturday, March 2. Tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. The deadline to register is February 12. The cost is \$20/person by the deadline, or \$25 after. Only those registered by February 12 will receive a t-shirt. **Junior Sheep Producer Day** will be hosted Saturday, March 16. Tentative topics include selection, nutrition, facilities, meat science, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. The cost is \$20/person and t-shirts are only guaranteed for those who sign up by the deadline. Registrations received after February 26 will be \$25/person.

All youth, parents, leaders and extension agents are invited to participate in these one-day, family educational experiences. K-State faculty members, graduate students, veterinarians, extension agents, guest speakers and former exhibitors will provide the sessions. There will also be an optional instructor-led YQCA training at the conclusion of the program for both events, as well as a session over the state nomination process.

Participants may register online here: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>



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