

2026 Kay County Junior Livestock Show

Rules & Regulations

February 8-13, 2026

NOMINATION SCHEDULES FOR ALL SPECIES

NOMINATIONS:

Agriculture Instructors and the Kay County 4-H Educator may submit animal nominations through OYE or the county. If only county nominated includes a tag along with two pictures. Pictures include a head shot and a side profile of the animal with the exhibitor in each photo (Head shot must have a readable tag number affixed in the ear of the animal). Family-nominated animals will only require one exhibitor listed to be in the photo. County Tags may be acquired at the Kay County OSU Extension Office.

Nomination dates:

Commercial groups nominated, weighed, and priced on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Southern Plains Livestock Auction's regular Monday Sale.

All Animal nominations are due December 5, 2025. All nominations, including registered heifers and OYE nominations, must be reported to the Kay County OSU Extension Office by this date.

LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

Agriculture Instructors and 4-H Leaders must submit all animal entries to the Kay County OSU Extension Office no later than January 16, 2026. Late Fees will be applied after this date.

ALL animals will have a pen/stall assignment by club and chapter.

Sunday, February 8th

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Facilities open to bring in hogs for all exhibitors

10:00 p.m. Facilities close

Monday, February 9th

7:30 a.m. Facilities open to bring in hogs for all exhibitors

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Hog weigh-in and classification

11:00 a.m. Hog Show Begins (Purebred Gilts followed by Commercial Gilts, 20-minute break, Market Barrows, Showmanship, School Group Selection)

All Hogs must be removed one hour after the conclusion of the hog show. Once hogs have been removed, sheep and goats may begin to enter the facilities. Time for sheep and goat entry will be set and communicated by the Kay County Free Fair Board to FFA Advisors and the Kay County 4-H Educator.

10:00 p.m. Facilities close

Tuesday, February 10th

7:30 a.m. Facilities open to bring in sheep and goats for all exhibitors

8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Sheep weigh-in and classification

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Goat Weigh-in and classification

11:00 a.m. Sheep show begins (Registered Ewes, Commercial Ewes, Market Wethers, Showmanship, School Group)

*Goat show to follow 30 minutes after the conclusion of the sheep show (Breeding Does, Wether Dams, Market Wethers, Showmanship, School Group) *

Doe Fitting Contest to follow 30 minutes after the conclusion of the goat show

No cattle will be permitted to enter the show facilities until Wednesday morning. Cattle are permitted to stay overnight in the Whitman Arena

10:00 p.m. Facilities close

Wednesday, February 11th

7:30 a.m. Facilities open to bring in cattle for all exhibitors

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Cattle weigh-in and classification

12:00 p.m. Cattle show beings (Registered Heifers, Commercial Heifers, Market Steers, Showmanship, School Group)

Cattle Fitting Contest will begin 1 hour after the conclusion of the cattle show

Cattle must be removed from the barn one hour after the conclusion of the show

Preliminary Premium Lineup will be posted 30 Minutes after the Conclusion of the Cattle Show

10:00 p.m. Facilities close

Thursday, February 12th

8:00 a.m. Facilities open to bring in ag mechanics entries for all exhibitors

10:00 a.m. Ag Mechanics entries must be in place

10:30 a.m. Ag Mechanics Show begins

5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

Barn Clean Up- **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT**
Commercial Groups Interviews and AFR Speech Contest begin
Facilities close after the completion of barn clean-up

Friday, February 13th

TBD Facilities open for premium sale exhibitors to place projects
5:30 p.m. Facilities open for Premium Sale Dinner
6:30 p.m. Kay County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale begins

ANIMALS

1. Heifers, Does, Gilts, and Ewes will show in the breeding show only. Registered heifers, gilts, and ewes must submit registration papers with entry forms. Commercial heifers, gilts, and ewes will show by weight, not breed.
2. Goats will be broken up and shown in Divisions.
3. **Exhibitors must have possession and ownership of each animal by the nomination date.**
4. Breeds of livestock eligible for show and show order:

MARKET BARROWS

Berkshire
Chester White
Duroc
Hampshire
Hereford
Poland
Spotted Poland
Yorkshire
Light Crossbred
Dark Crossbred

BREEDING GILTS

Berkshire
Chester White
Duroc
Hampshire
Hereford
Landrace
Poland
Spotted Poland
Yorkshire
Light Crossbred
Dark Crossbred

WETHER LAMBS

Dorset
Hair
Hampshire
Natural
Shropshire
Southdown
White Face Crossbred
Dark Face Crossbred

EWES

Hair
Southdown
Shropshire
Dorset
Hampshire
Suffolk
Dorset Advantage
Commercial

HEIFERS

Registered breeds follow OYE
Rules
Commercial – (non-registered)

STEERS

Angus
Hereford
Shorthorn
Crossbred

GOATS

Wether
Breeding Doe

5. All crossbred steers, hogs, and lambs must be shown in crossbreed classes.
6. **Community Group:** Groups of three beef, five lambs, five goats, and five hogs exhibited by the 4-H Club and/or FFA Chapter. The communities will be Tonkawa, Ponca City, Blackwell, and Newkirk.
7. **Bred and Owned animals will return for a separate class at the end of each sex in each species.**

Entry Procedures and Fees:

All entries must be submitted by Agriculture Instructors and the Kay County 4-H Educator to the Kay County OSU Extension Office by January 16, 2026

Failure to submit entries by the entry date will result in a \$50 late fee per animal entered by January 23, 2026. Entries after this date will not be taken.

COMMERCIAL GROUP CONTEST

COMMERCIAL BEEF

Monday, November 3, 2025, Commercial Beef Groups priced and weighed at Southern Plains Livestock Auction Inc. in Blackwell, OK, at their regular auction time. The return to get weigh-out values will be on Monday, February 2, 2025 auction date.

1. Animals competing in this contest must have a minimum weight of 400 pounds at the initial weigh-in.
2. 2 commercial groups maximum per participant
3. All animals will be tagged at the Southern Plains Livestock Auction prior to group weigh-in with a provided EID tag
4. DNA will be pulled from each animal at nomination and final weigh-in and kept on file
5. The County Nomination Form will be filled out for each exhibitor upon check-in
6. An exhibitor or alternate showman, as allowed by these rules governing alternate showman, must be present at the time of weigh-in and weigh-out for their groups
7. Male cattle must be steers at the time of weigh-in.
8. No mixed-gender groups
9. Stockers should be grazed on winter pasture. Most are turned out on wheat pasture or other small-grain pasture. Some run on winter grass or are given free-choice hay and fed supplemental feed.

The pen will consist of three steers or three heifers. Animals must have been weighed and tagged by **Monday, November 3, 2025, at the Southern Plains Livestock Auction's regular Monday Sale.**

Cattle will have a price per lb. established by 4 independent cattle buyers on the auction sale day. On Monday, February 2, 2026, at completion of the contest, the cattle will be weighed again and another price per lb. established by the same 4 independent cattle buyers on the auction sale day.

A report will be required for **each pen** entered. The report will include a written stocker grazing summary page, a stocker budget with explanation page, average daily gain (ADG), and a photo page. The report will be evaluated and scored. A copy of the report and scoring rubric can be found at the Kay County Cooperative Extension website.

After the contest, each contestant will be interviewed based on their knowledge of their stocker grazing project and overall knowledge of the stocker cattle business. Two or three individuals with expertise in the beef industry will conduct interviews. Interview points will be assigned using a scoring rubric. Interviews will be conducted on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Kay County Farm Bureau Office in Blackwell, OK. FFA or 4-H official dress or business clothing is the attire for interviews.

If a grievance is filed that questions the DNA of any group, the individual who requested the DNA testing will be financially responsible for the initial cost of the processing. If the test result is positive for a change in DNA, the Kay County Free Fair Board will reimburse the individual for the full cost of the testing. If the test result is negative for a change in DNA, the individual who filed the grievance is responsible for the cost of testing.

Any exhibitor that is found to have used any drugs or changed DNA will forfeit all awards and be barred from competing in the contest for 1 year following the offense.

Placings will be established using the following: (for a grand total of 100%)

- 1/3 on value gained. **
- 1/3 on report sheet
- 1/3 on interview score

**Value gained equals value weigh-out less value weigh-in.

Each value gained score will be based on an index value derived from the average of the commercial groups for each contest year.

CARCASS CONTEST

CARCASS BEEF

1. Each exhibitor may enter two beef cattle.
2. Carcass beef entries must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs. live at sift and have a hanging weight of 600 lbs at slaughter date.
3. Due to the limited space and circumstances, **ONLY 6** beef can be slaughtered. In the event of more than 6 head entering, cattle need to be brought to the Blackwell Sale Barn on Saturday, January 31, 2026, to be sifted. Once chosen, cattle must be delivered **Monday, February 2, 2026, and Tuesday, February 3, 2026**, at 8:00 a.m. at the Tonkawa Meat Processing. **ONLY 6** beef cattle per day will be allowed, days will be assigned on day of sift. Judging will be on **Friday, February 6, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.**
****Carcass beef must have been entered on January 16, 2026, as a carcass beef to participate.**
4. Placing of the carcass will be based on:
Cutability - Yield Grade - Quality Grade
5. Carcass must have High Select or better to be considered for placing.

Points to be added for Yield Grade and Quality Grade are as follows:

YIELD GRADE	QUALITY GRADE	
#1 = + 15 pts.	High Select	= + 5 pts
#2 = + 10 pts.	Low Choice	= + 10 pts.
#3 = + 5 pts.	Average Choice	= + 15 pts.
#4 = + 0 pts.	High Choice	= + 20 pts.
	Prime	= + 25 pts.

Final placing equals: Cut ability percentage +
 Yield Grade Points +
 Quality Grade Points

6. Exhibitors are responsible for selling their own beef carcasses.
7. **All carcass animals must be processed by Tonkawa Meat Packing. Processing orders must be made at the time of delivery.**

CARCASS LAMB/GOAT

Lambs must be delivered to Tonkawa Meat Processing on **Tuesday, February 3, 2026** 8:00 a.m. so they may be weighed, slaughtered, and ready for judging on **Friday, February 6, 2026**.

****Carcass Lamb must have been entered on January 16, 2026, as a carcass lamb to participate.**

Purpose: To improve the carcass quality of lamb.

Requirements:

1. Breed – any breed or crossbreed.
2. Each exhibitor may enter two lambs.
3. Only the top ten lambs will be slaughtered.
4. Lamb carcass must have two break joints or one break joint and one spool joint.
5. Lamb carcass ribeye area must meet the weight-based schedule for a minimum of ribeye area.

Hot Carcass Weigh Lbs.	Minimum Ribeye Area Square Inches
Less than 49.9	2.0
50.0 – 54.9	2.1
55.0 – 59.9	2.2
60.0 – 64.9	2.3
65.0 – 69.9	2.4
70.0 – 74.9	2.5
75.0 – 79.9	2.6
80.0 – 84.9	2.7
85.0 – 89.9	2.8
90.0 – 94.9	2.9
95.0 – 99.9	3.0

6. Lamb carcass must quality grade Low Choice or better.
7. Lamb carcass must have accepted minimum subcutaneous fat thickness of .1 inches. If a lamb carcass does not meet all the above requirements, it will be ranked after the carcasses that meet all requirements.
8. Rankings will be determined as follows:
 - a) Determine the yield grade to the nearest 1/10th of a grade and convert it to the percentage of boneless, closely trimmed retail cuts.
Yield = $1.66 + (6.66 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness}) + (2.55 \times \text{estimated \% kidney and pelvic fat}) - (0.05 \times \text{leg conformation \#})$.
 - b) Add .3 to the estimated yield grade of retail cuts for each 1/3rd grade above Low Choice. However, no additional credit will be given beyond Low Prime.

EXAMPLE: A High Choice yield grade 2.5 lamb would be calculated as:

Estimated yield or cuts for YG 2.5 = 46.6%

High Choice QG = $.3 \times 2 = .6$

INDEX = $46.4 + .6 = 47.0$

9. Exhibitors are responsible for selling their lamb carcass.
10. **All Carcasses must be processed by Tonkawa Packing. Processing orders must be made at the time of delivery.**

CARCASS HOG

1. The exhibitor may enter two hogs. All entries will be slaughtered for the contest.
2. All carcass hogs are required to have current pseudo rabies papers, 840 EID tags, and OYE or county tags in their ears.
3. Due to the limited space and circumstances, **ONLY** 10 hogs can be slaughtered. In the event of more than 10 head entered, hogs need to be brought to the Blackwell Sale Barn on Saturday, January 31, 2026, to be sifted. Carcass hogs must be delivered to Tonkawa Meat Packing on ***Wednesday, February 4, 2026***, 8:00 a.m. for weighing and processing. Judging will be on ***Friday, February 6, 2026***.

****Carcass Hogs must have been entered on January 16, 2026, as a carcass hog to participate.****

4. All carcass hogs must have a minimum live weight of 200 lbs at sift, 140 lbs hot carcass weight at slaughter, or a minimum fat thickness requirement of at least 0.3 inches.
5. Color Requirement: Carcasses must have a lean color score of 2 through 5. Carcasses with a color score of 1 or 6 will be disqualified from the contest. Abnormally pale muscles (score 1) quickly turn gray in the retail display case. Dark muscles (score 6) will have a shorter shelf life as they are less acidic. (adapted from the new Swine Grading Standards)
6. Marbling Requirement: Carcasses must possess adequate marbling to obtain a marbling score of 2. Those carcasses with a score of 1 will be disqualified from the contest. (adapted from the new Swine Grading Standards)
7. Once carcasses have met these minimum requirements, they are ranked by their pounds of muscle.

Pounds of Muscle 8.8588
+0.465 X Adjusted Carcass Weight
+3.005 X Loin Eye Area (sq in)
-21.896 X 10th Rib Fat Depth

$$\text{Percent Muscle} = \text{Pounds of Muscle} \div \text{Adjusted Carcass Weight}$$

EXAMPLE: Hot carcass weight 210 lbs.
Actual 10th rib fat depth 0.7"
Actual loin eye area 8.0 sq. in.

$$\frac{8.588 + (0.465 \times 223.4) + (3.005 \times 8.0) - (21.896 \times 0.7)}{210 \div 0.94} = 223.4$$

=54.24%

8. Exhibitors are responsible for selling their own hog carcass.
9. **All Carcasses must be processed by Tonkawa Packing. Processing orders must be made at the time of delivery.**

HEIFERS

HEIFER EXHIBITORS:

1. All Registered and Commercial Heifers must be nominated for the Kay County Junior Livestock Show and turned in by December 5, 2025, to 4-H leaders or Agriculture Instructors. Nominations include a tag for Commercial Heifers, along with two pictures for Commercial Heifers and Registered Heifers. Registered Heifers can use the official tattoo and/or EID tag as tag number. Pictures include a head shot and a side profile of the heifer with the exhibitor in each photo (Commercial Heifer head shot must have a readable tag).
2. Commercial Heifer tags will be available through the Kay County Extension Office.
3. Every animal entered in the purebred breeding heifer show must have a pedigree issued by the respective breed organization and must be registered in the name of the junior exhibitor. All heifers without pedigrees must be shown in the commercial breeding heifer division. Heifers must be in the exhibitors' possession by December 6, 2025, to be eligible to show. (Taken from the Oklahoma Youth Expo rule book)
4. **Exhibitors may only show three heifer exhibits. Heifers must be born after January 1, 2024, and before August 31, 2025. Heifers may be divided into classes by the superintendent. Commercial Heifers will show according to weight.**
5. Heifers must be checked in immediately following the steer weigh-in. Heifers must be brought to the check-in chute along with **ORIGINAL PAPERS, (NO COPIES)** to check tattoos. All registered heifers must have a **READABLE** tattoo, matching the registration papers, in the appropriate ear. **A copy of registration papers must be turned in with entry forms.**

REGISTERED EWES

REGISTERED EWE EXHIBITORS:

1. All Registered Ewes must be nominated for the Kay County Junior Livestock Show and turned in by December 5, 2025, to 4-H leaders or Agriculture Instructors.
2. Ewes must be registered in the name of the junior exhibitor before JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR. No partnerships are allowed. (Taken from the Oklahoma Youth Expo rule book)

3. Ewes must be checked in immediately following the Wether weigh-in. Ewes must be brought to check-in chute along with **ORIGINAL PAPERS (NO COPIES)** to check papers and tags. **A copy of registration papers must be turned in with entry forms.**
4. Lambs must weigh at least 80 lbs for the show. All Ewe lambs must have Scrapie tags in their ear to be exhibited.

REGISTERED GILTS

REGISTERED GILT EHIBITORS:

1. All Registered Gilts must be nominated for Kay County Junior Livestock Show and turned in by December 5, 2025 to 4-H leaders or Agriculture Instructors.
2. Must present current pseudo rabies papers and have an 840 EID and OYE or County Nomination tag in ear.
3. All purebred breeding gilts will be shown by age. Purebred breeding gilts born between July 1st and October 31st the previous year are eligible to show. Commercial breeding gilts will show by weight. (Taken from the Oklahoma Youth Expo rule book)
4. Barrows must be checked in immediately following the Commercial Gilts weigh-in. Registered Gilts will stay in their pen, and the species superintendent or volunteer will check **ORIGINAL PAPERS (NO COPIES)** to verify ownership and ear notches. All registered gilts must have **READABLE** ear notches. **A copy of registration papers must be turned in with entry forms.**

CATTLE & DOE GOAT FITTING CONTEST

Entries must be submitted no later than January 16, 2026, to the Kay County OSU Extension office with money.

Each team must be comprised of the following regulations:

1. Each team member must be from Kay County.
2. Each team must be comprised of three members for cattle and 2 members for goats
3. For cattle, each team must have at least one member under the age of 13 (13 years or under on the day of the County contest). For goats, each team must have at least one member under the age of 15 (15 years or under on the day of the County contest).
5. If an exhibitor wishes to compete but does not have enough eligible contestants from their 4-H Club or FFA Chapter; they may enter their name into a random drawing, and teams will be drawn from those names submitted. Teams will be drawn until there are not enough remaining to meet the team requirements laid out in Rules 2 & 3 above.
6. The competition will include a showmanship element. Each animal will be presented to the judge (by one team member) after the allotted time.

Fitting Contest Rules

1. The contest will be 30 minutes in length. A 10 minute warning will be given. At the end of the 30-minute allotted time, clippers down and work stopped.
2. All grooming rules of the Oklahoma Youth Expo will be strictly enforced. Grooming rule copied from the OYE Cattle Rule book in the Market Steer Regulations Section on page 84 and OYE Goat Rule book in the Breeding Doe Regulations Section on page 34. **"No hair coloring of any type is allowed to be used on any exhibit above the flank of the animal. Added hair or other material, natural or man-made (excluding false switches) may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Any attempt to change the composition or appearance of any steer in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY."**
3. The animal must be provided by the team, being an eligible entry at the 2023 Oklahoma Youth Expo Steer, Heifer or Goat Show. The animal must also be owned by one of the team members and have been entered in the Kay County Jr Livestock Show.
4. Each animal must be completely clean and dry.
5. Students will be judged based upon the following criteria:
 - a. Quality of workmanship
 - b. Team Skills – Compatibility & Organization
 - c. Compatibility of the use of various types of clippers.
6. Neatness of individuals and the area will be considered during the judge's evaluation.
7. Contestants must have their equipment set up after check-in prior to the contest.
8. All Contestants must check in for location assignment before setting up equipment.
9. No drenching will be allowed during the doe goat fitting contest.
10. The top 2 Cattle Teams will compete in the OYE Cattle Fitting Contest, and the top Doe Goat Team will compete in the OYE Doe Goat Fitting Contest.

NOTE: In case of a power outage for one or more chutes/stands, an announcement will be made and all work halts on all teams.

AG MECHANICS CONTEST

AG MECHANICS EXHIBITORS:

1. Open to all FFA and 4-H members eligible to compete at the Kay County Junior Livestock Show
2. Schedule of events:
 - January 6 – Ag Mechanics Entry Form due to Kay County OSU Extension Office
 - February 12 – Projects must be in place by 10a.m.
 - February 12 – Judging of projects at 10:30a.m.
 - February 13 – Release of projects after Live Animal Auction
3. Classes will follow OYE Guidelines Divisions
 - a. Grand
 - b. Reserve Grand
 - c. Bronze Overall
4. Sweepstakes – Sweepstakes takes the highest number of points accumulated by a school group. Project placing will count towards Sweepstakes.
5. Articles exhibited must have been constructed by FFA or 4-H members during the current school year.
6. Entries may be individual or chapter-constructed.
7. An article can be shown only once at the Kay County Junior Livestock Show and must have been constructed during the current school year.
8. All entries must be clean and in presentable condition, even though they may have been used during the year.
9. Pictures showing the operation of the project may be displayed with the exhibit.
10. Each exhibit shall have a portfolio.
11. Entries will be judged based on workmanship, structure and design, practicality, safety, materials used, and knowledge of the project.
12. Where an exhibit is entered in the wrong class, the superintendent will make the determination and transfer it to the proper class.
13. The judge will not award premiums or points for entries in any class that does not meet acceptable standards of quality.
14. All exhibits are to be displayed in a safe manner.
15. Showmanship Awards will be presented to schools/clubs and individuals selected as having presented the best public image by an independent judge.
 - a. Judging will take place while projects are being judged.
 - b. Champion and Reserve Champion will be given in each category, and potential prizes will be given to the remainder of those chosen.
 - c. Students must be present during the judging of projects for showmanship.
 - d. Considerations will be, but not limited to:
 - i. Appropriate display and presentation of project, bill of materials, and photographs.
 - ii. The ability to discuss the construction, use, materials, etc., of their project.
 - iii. Appropriate dress, conduct, attitude, and participation of students.
16. Ag Mechanics Classification
 - a. Agriculture Machinery & Equipment Division
 - i. 1 – Tractor-mounted and/or pulled equipment
 - ii. 2 – Shop Tables
 - iii. 3 – Other Shop Equipment
 - iv. 4 – Truck and/or Tractor Accessories
 - b. Livestock Equipment Division
 - i. 5 – Gates, Panels, Etc.
 - ii. 6 – Chutes and Head Gates (all types – squeeze chutes, trim chutes, loading chutes, etc.)
 - iii. 7 – Other Livestock Handling Equipment (blocking tables, hoof trimming tables, crates, etc.)
 - iv. 8 – Livestock Feeding/Watering Equipment (creep feeders, hay feeders, mineral feeders, combo feeders, etc.)
 - c. Outdoor Recreation & Convenience Division
 - i. 9 – Stationary Smokers
 - ii. 10 – Fryers, Fire Pits, etc.
 - iii. 11 – Trailer Mounted Cookers (Trailer must meet ODOT regulations)
 - iv. 12 – Other Yard Conveniences (firewood racks, picnic tables, porch swings, lawn chairs) NO indoor furniture items.
 - d. Wildlife Equipment Division
 - i. 13 – Feeding/Watering Equipment
 - ii. 14 – Traps and Capture Devices
 - iii. 15 – Stands, Blinds, Observations Towers, Other Wildlife Equipment (drop chutes, working boxes, etc.)
 - e. Trailers Division
 - i. 16 – Single Axle Bumper Pull Utility Trailers (all lengths)
 - ii. 17 – Multi Axle Bumper Pull Utility Trailers (all lengths)
 - iii. 18 – Stock Trailers – Bumper Pull and Gooseneck (all lengths)
 - iv. 19 – Gooseneck Lowboys and Flatbeds (all lengths)
 - v. 20 – Other Trailers (Multi-bale, welding, tilt bed hydraulic dump, cargo, etc.)

- f. Decorative Division
 - i. 21 – Small Decorative Pieces (under 24 sq. inches)
 - ii. 22 – Medium Decorative Pieces (Between 24 and 48 sq. inches)
 - iii. 23 – Large Decorative Pieces (Over 48 sq. inches)
- g. Wood Only Division
 - i. 24 – Recreational (benches, patio furniture, indoor/outdoor)
 - ii. 25 – Livestock structures (chicken coops, sheds)
- h. Tractor Restoration Division
 - i. No yard tractors or riding lawn mowers
 - ii. Year, model, and serial number must be included with the description on entry.
 - iii. Project will not compete for Grand Overall Ag Mechanics Project
- i. ** Junior Division **
 - i. (ONLY open to students in 8th Grade and Under)
 - ii. 26 – Horseshoe Projects – Project must be constructed predominantly from horseshoes and fit inside a 2 cubic feet box.

AIMS AND PURPOSE

1. To promote 4-H and FFA youth work and provide initiative to keep young people striving to learn more about our free enterprise system.
2. To promote the development of quality livestock in Kay County.
3. To teach good sportsmanship and create a feeling of good will between all people, rural and urban in Kay County.

KAY COUNTY FREE FAIR BOARD

The Kay County Free Fair Board reserves the right to interpret the rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle all questions arising in connection with livestock show.

The Kay County Free Fair Board reserves the right to amend, add to or interpret these rules as they in their judgment deem admissible.

A person who violates any of the rules contained herein or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and shall be subject to such penalties as the Fair Board and Superintendents may order.

The Kay County Free Fair Board will have the power to remove from the show any animal, from any stall or pen, if neglected by the owner. The Board reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit animal or concession of the show that may have been falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, or to remove any sign, banner, identification marker of signature or advertising matter of any kind which may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable by them without giving any motive thereof.

All protests must be made in writing to the Kay County Free Fair Board and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50. This deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

EXHIBITORS RULES

1. Eligibility: This show is limited to Oklahoma 4-H and FFA club members in Kay County and attend an Oklahoma school. 4-H members must be 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade and not completed the 12th grade by **September 1st, 2025**, have a current 4-H enrollment card on file, paid state enrollment dues and **be a member in good standing** (see guidelines in Kay County Extension Office or your 4-H Leader) to participate in the Kay County Junior Livestock Show. FFA members must have paid state dues, be currently enrolled in an Agriculture class, and be in the 8th grade or above.
2. **SHOW RING ATTIRE:** All exhibitors will wear one of the following:
 - a) 4-H Member: An official 4-H vest, jacket, or pullover wind jacket. Must be of the appropriate colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white. Must have an official 4-H emblem of at least 2-1/2 inches permanently affixed to the front and left side of the vest or jacket. Must wear a collared shirt under the vest or jacket that is the appropriate colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white.
 - b) 4-H Member: A buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve, of the appropriate 4-H colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white. No third color mix or additional colors are allowed. Must have an official 4-H emblem of at least 2-1/2 inches that is permanently affixed to the front, left side of the shirt.
 - c) FFA Member: An official Oklahoma FFA corduroy jacket, pullover wind jacket, softshell jacket or vest. A pullover wind jacket, softshell jacket, or vest must be of the appropriate colors of solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow. Must have an official FFA emblem of at least 2-1/2 inches permanently affixed to the front and left side of the jacket options or vest. Must wear a collared shirt under any of the jacket options or vest that is of the appropriate colors of solid white, solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow.
 - d) FFA Member: A buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve, of the appropriate FFA colors of solid white, solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow. No third color mix or additional colors are allowed. Must have an official FFA emblem of at least 2 1/2 inches that is permanently affixed to the front and left side of the shirt.

In addition: No headgear is allowed, excluding cowboy hats and bows. The show ring dress code is also required and will be enforced during the Premium Sale, Presentation of Awards and Banquet. **NO** farm logos shall appear on any article of clothing. (Taken from the OYE rule book)

3. Only 3 animals of each division may be shown by an exhibitor. The exhibitor will be limited to three males and three females of each species. Two commercial groups of cattle and two carcass animals per species. Animals of each species must meet the rules and regulations as set forth by the Kay County Livestock Show Board.
4. All animals are to be exhibited in the ring by the owner except when the club member has more than one entry in the ring, or in case of acceptable reason for not showing. For such exception, animals must be shown by another club member or family member. Written approval from the species superintendent must be obtained prior to the beginning of the show, and communicated to the Livestock Show Board.
5. If proven that any exhibitor has made or caused to be made any false statement in regard to an animal; or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duty, he/she will be excluded from all competition or exhibition on the grounds of the show, and any awards he/she may have received may be forfeited at the discretion of the Livestock Show Board. No one but Exhibitors, Certified Volunteers, Judges and Show Officials will be allowed in the show ring.
6. **Exhibitors shall not unload swine until Swine Superintendent has checked their pseudorabies test papers.** A copy of test papers must be turned in to the Superintendent for Kay County Junior Livestock Show files. All market swine exhibits in the State of Oklahoma shows shall be individually identified with an official ear tag permanently affixed to the ear; have negative pseudorabies test conducted after December 1st, each year, and be identified on the test chart by official ear tag number; present test record at each exhibition; and after being exhibited, be kept separate and apart from all breeding swine until they are retested negative in not less than 14 days following last exhibition, or shipped direct to slaughter.
7. Any exhibitor and/or livestock that shows in any other county show, is not eligible to show in Kay County.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Youth who have been declared ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities by their local school administration will be declared ineligible to participate in this show.

- A. Exhibitors must be eligible the week that they show.
- B. If an exhibitor is ineligible to participate in the show for any reason, including rules of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association, (OSSAA), the animals entered by the exhibitor are also ineligible for the show.
- C. Ineligible youth who participate in the show will forfeit all show and/or sale premiums and awards; and will be subject to disciplinary action as provided by the local school policies.
- D. It will be the responsibility of the local school administration to notify the student's family and the show management or OSSAA if a particular student is ineligible to participate. Kay County 4-H members and homeschooled individuals must provide a letter of eligibility certified by their school to the Kay County Extension Office by Friday, February 6, 2026.

SHOW AND FACILITIES

**** **ONLY WOODCHIPS MAY BE USED AS BEDDING FOR ALL SPECIES******

1. All animals will weigh in and be in their places as indicated in the schedule.
2. This show will be a registered purebred gilt, heifer and ewe show. All gilts, heifers and ewes without papers will show as commercial animals by weight.
3. Doe goats will be shown as "wether dam breeding (slick) Doe kids" or "breeding (haired) Doe kids. Each exhibitor shall choose which division to show in and cannot show in both divisions with the same animal.
4. Any exhibitor may request an immediate scale rebalance and re-weigh of his animal if it is below or above approved show weight rules.
5. Market steers must weigh at least 900 lbs. at time of weigh-in at show.
6. Barrows must weigh between 175 – 290 lbs. at time of weigh-in at show.
7. Commercial Gilts must weight between 175 – 320 lbs. at the time of weigh-in at show.
8. All hogs must present current pseudo rabies papers and have an 840 EID tag and OYE or county tag in ears. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
9. Lambs must weigh at least 80 lbs. for the show. All Ewe lambs must have Scrapie tags in their ear to be exhibited.
10. Goats must weigh at least 50 lbs. for the show. Wether and doe goats must be shown with a collar or halter used only to control the animal. All Does must have a Scrapie tag in their ear to be exhibited.

11. Uncontrollable animals will not be allowed to show.
 12. Animals must have been continuously owned and fed by the exhibitor from time of nomination date.
 13. Every effort must be made to keep pens, alleyways, and grounds clean at all times. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the cleanliness of his/her exhibit at all times.
 14. All animals will be classified by breeds. Species Superintendents may either classify the animals. In either case, their decision is final. **No protest will be accepted**
 15. The Showmanship Contest is open to all exhibitors. **Exhibitors may only show animals checked-in at the beginning of species show under their name** in the Showmanship Contest. All ages are as of the day of the show:
 - Junior- 12 years of age and under
 - Intermediate- 13-15 years of age
 - Senior- 16 and over
 16. Any medication or drugs given to any animal must be administered by an attending veterinarian. This is a market animal show and FDA regulations must be observed requiring certain drugs to have withdrawal periods before slaughter. The Board reserves the right to draw blood from any animal which a protest has been lodged against, expense of testing to be borne by the protester. Protest fee of \$50 is also required.
 17. **Family nominations will be accepted. Each exhibitor must have at least one animal nominated in the species that they want to participate in. Within each family the exhibitors in that family will be able to switch animals if so desired, as long as they were nominated in a member of that family's name. If an exhibitor in that family is ineligible to show due to academics, etc. then those animals entered in that exhibitor's name are also declared ineligible.**
 18. Substitutions are allowed within the same species/sex, as long as the substituted animal is nominated under the exhibitor and satisfies all other show eligibility requirements. The substitution has been communicated to the species superintendent, and Livestock Show Board.
- Examples:
- An exhibitor may substitute a barrow for a barrow or a heifer for a heifer, as long as they are the same species/sex.
 - An exhibitor may NOT substitute a barrow for a gilt (different sex), or a wether for a steer (different species)
 - An exhibitor may NOT substitute a market wether lamb for a commercial ewe
 - An exhibitor may NOT substitute a live animal for a carcass animal, except under extenuating circumstances communicated to the Livestock Show Board prior to competitions.
19. Misconduct on the part of any individual (fighting, drinking, profanity, etc.) will be grounds for immediate removal from the premises and their animals (if an exhibitor) from the show. Superintendent will call on, the Kay County Junior Livestock Show Board, and/or the Kay County Free Fair, Inc. Board if needed.

Livestock Grooming & Fitting Regulations

20. **CATTLE:** No paint, dye, glue, or adhesives will be permitted on any cattle. Only clear colored coat dressing will be allowed. Any attempt to alter animal color or breed characteristics is prohibited. The Kay County Junior Livestock Show will be a "Blow & Show" exhibit.
21. **LAMBS:** All lambs will be slick sheared. No paint, powder or dyes will be permitted on any lambs. Only clear colored coat dressing will be allowed. Any attempt to alter animal color or breed characteristics is prohibited.
22. **HOGS:** No oil, paint, powder, dyes or other coat dressing will be allowed on hogs. Only water will be permitted.
23. **GOATS:** No paint, powders, dyes, or adhesives will be allowed on goats.

Premium Lineup and Sale

1. 5 Animals of each sex and species will sell, 1 carcass of each species, and 1 commercial group of 3 with a maximum number of 1 lot in the sale per exhibitor.
2. All animals will be selected for lineup by species judge.
3. Exhibitors must determine which one animal will be in the sale no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Steer Show on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, and notify the Kay County Junior Livestock Show Board in writing.
4. All animals that make the sale MUST be brought back for the auction, or they forfeit their spot in the sale NO EXCEPTIONS.

GROUND RULES FOR THE LIVESTOCK SHOW

1. Failure to abide by the rules and regulations could result in dismissal from the show and any premiums.
2. All exhibitors must pick up trash. Trash must be placed in trash barrels.
3. All bedding must be loaded on trucks.

4. No running on seats or in alleyways in the buildings.
5. Do not permit animals to enter the lobby area.
6. All Barns will be opened by 7:30 a.m. and closed at 10 p.m. nightly.

SPECIES SUPERINTENDENT DUTIES AND AUTHORITY

1. Be familiar with all rules of the show and settle all disputes regarding their species and rules interpretation.
2. Be responsible for weigh-in and classification of species and dividing into show classes.
3. Be responsible for overseeing Premium Lineup selection of their own species.
4. Assist General Superintendent with running of the Show.

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Kay County Free Fair Board

BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT

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