

SEDGWICK COUNTY

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MARCH

- 14 Sedgwick County Fair Board Meeting
- 15 Add/Drop Deadline
- 15 Manual Order Deadline

APRIL

- 1 State 4-H Scholarships due
- 3 Local 4-H Scholarships due
- 9 MQA-PQA, 4-7 p.m., Julesburg Fire Hall
- 11 Sedgwick County Fair Board Meeting
- 28 Horse, Dog ID forms due. Poultry, Rabbit, and all Breeding proof of ownership Deadline

MAY

- 7 Lamb and Goat weigh-in 1-2 p.m., Sedgwick County Fairgrounds
- 8 Swine ID's due in Extension office
- 9 Sedgwick County Fair Board Meeting
- 29 Memorial Day, Extension Office CLOSED



Add/Drop Deadline

The deadline for 4-H members to add or drop a project is **Wednesday, March 15th**. Members are encouraged to give serious consideration to the projects they are enrolled in. 4-H members must complete a record book, interview judging, and the exhibit requirements for each project they are enrolled in. Projects that do not meet these requirements are incomplete. Members who are incomplete in a project are required to “lay out” of that project during the next 4-H year. Incomplete projects count against the overall completion of their 4-H club. 4-H members are required to complete at least one project during the 4-H year. Now is the time to review your projects and consider the time and expense it will take to complete each project. If you feel you are not going to be able to complete one or more of the projects you are enrolled in please call the Extension office or visit with your club leader about your concerns. Those of you who think you may want to try another project that you have not yet enrolled in should also visit with your club leader or call the Extension office. You will want to add any new projects by March 15th to be eligible to participate with that project at the Sedgwick County Fair at the end of July. The Add/Drop forms are available at the Extension office.



MQA/PQA

The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) date for Sedgwick County will be **Sunday, April 9, 4-7 p.m. at the Julesburg Fire Hall**. If you are new to a 4-H livestock project, you are required to participate in the training the first two years of your project. You will need to re-certify when you are 12 and again when you are 15. The exception to this rule is the market swine project. Market swine members will need to take MQA/PQA each year he/she is a junior. At ages 12 and 15, market swine members are eligible to “test out.” Please contact the Extension office if you have any questions about this. Livestock projects that require MQA training include: beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry. Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) is included in the MQA training. We will be sending out postcards to those who need to attend this year’s session. If you haven’t met this requirement by **June 11, 2017**, you will NOT be eligible to show at fair. Contact the Extension office with any questions.

Market Livestock Weight Ranges

Weight ranges for Market Livestock are as follows:

Swine: 225-300
Lamb: 100-170
Goat: 40-110
Beef: 1050-1500

4-H Council Annual Pancake Supper

The date for the annual pancake supper will be **Sunday, March 26, 2017** at the Sedgwick Lion’s Den from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

4-H Scholarships

Attention graduating seniors!! The scholarship deadline for the Sedgwick County 4-H Council Scholarship and the Sedgwick County Commissioners Scholarship is April 3rd. Applications are available at the Extension office. You should also check out the list of state 4-H scholarships that are available. For more information on these scholarships go to: www.co4hfoundation.colostate.edu/scholarships.shtml.

Record Book and Project Requirements

It’s not too early to start thinking about your project’s requirements and record books! Electronic record books for all projects are available online. Go to: www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php for your livestock and general project record books. If you are enrolled in a general project, it is a very good idea to read through the State Fair Exhibit Requirements for your project; *these are the requirements you will be judged on in Sedgwick County*. To find your project requirements, go to https://colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf.

Project Manual Orders

Some of you have submitted your project manual orders when Honline and your leaders have this information. Some of you your orders to your leader. If you haven’t submitted your order, manuals is March 15. All orders must go through your club leaders. If you are unsure about your order, please check with your club leader first. For those in a livestock project, if you ordered a manual (Resource



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Handbook) in the Colorado State University Extension. The manual encourage one Resource Extension member family. Your leader will submit the orders will be GOLDEN PLAINS AREA 310 ASH, SUITE B WRAY, CO. 80758 sent to the Extension office and the leaders will be notified when the manual leaders will distribute your manuals to you, collect the charges and pay the Extension office.

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Swine ID's

Swine identification for 2017 will remain unchanged from last year. Ear tags and taggers will be available to pick up in the Extension office starting **April 3rd, 2017**. Members need to pick up their tags and ID forms at the Extension office. Members will tag their pigs, take pictures of both sides of the pig and a picture of the pig's ear with the tag in place. You will fill out a hard copy of the identification form and submit it to the Extension office. All ID's are due **Monday, May 8th**. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Horse & Dog Identification



The State 4-H Office is requiring that Horse and Dog members register their animals in 4-H online by **May 1st**. If you have question about this contact the Extension Office. The Sedgwick County office will still require 4-H members to submit a hard copy of the ID forms to the Extension office. The office will be mailing out forms to the Horse and Dog members by March 15th. These ID forms must be returned to the Extension office by

Friday, April 28th. **NO EXCEPTIONS! As a reminder if we do not have these forms by the deadline you will not be allowed to participate in the Horse/Dog Shows at the Sedgwick County Fair.**

Interview Judging

Interview judging for **All General** projects will be held Saturday, **July 29, 2017**. In order for projects to be considered a complete project and eligible for fair competition, you will need to participate in an interview for each project you are enrolled in. The interview judging schedule will be mailed out in June.

GOLDEN PLAINS AREA 4-H NEWSLETTER

- 1.....Calendar of Events
- 2.....Hunter Safety Class
- 2.....4-H Scholarships
- 2.....State 4-H Conference
- 2.....Colorado State Western Heritage Contest
- 2.....Be Somebody!
- 3.....Getting Information
- 3.....Record Books and Project Requirements
- 3.....Display Boards and Record Covers
- 3.....4-H 101
- 4.....How to Be a Great 4-H Parent
- 4-5.....Don't Come Up Short on Your Swine Project
- 6.....MQA Certification/Recertification Workshops
- 7-8.....Kit Carson Count
- 9-10.....Phillips County
- 11-12.....Sedgwick County
- 13-14.....Washington County
- 15-16.....Yuma County

