

# SEDGWICK COUNTY

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## MARCH

- 1 CWF Registration Ends
- 15 Project Add/Drop Deadline and Manual Orders Due
- 18 4-H Pancake Supper

## APRIL

- 1 State 4-H Scholarships due
- 1 Beef State Fair Nominations Due in Extension Office
- 8 MQA-PQA, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds

## MAY

- 1 Horse, Dog ID forms due. Poultry, Rabbit, and all Breeding proof of ownership deadline
- 4 Ag Fest – Phillips County
- 5 Market Lamb and Goat weigh-in, Sedgwick County Fairgrounds, Time TBD
- 8 Swine ID's due in Extension office

## JUNE

- 1 Lamb, Swine, and Goat State Fair Nomination Forms Due in Extension Office
- 9 Butterfly & Moth Seminar
- 19-22 State 4-H Conference



## 4-H Council Annual Pancake Supper



The date for the annual pancake supper is **March 18, 2018**. Be sure to check your mail for the schedule and keep up to date with the Facebook page.

## Add/Drop Deadline

The deadline for 4-H members to add or drop a project is **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Members should give each project they are enrolled in serious consideration. 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 or if you think you may want to try another project that you have not yet enrolled in, please call the Extension office or visit with your club leader about your concerns. You will want to add or drop any new projects by March 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Manual Orders

A crucial factor of a successful project is the right tools, such as a project manual. If you haven't submitted your order, the deadline to order manuals

is March 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 Handbook) in the last few years, you will not need to re-order, being that the manuals haven't changed. After you talk to your club leader about your project manual, your leader will submit the order to the Extension Office. Leaders will be notified when the manual orders arrive.

## Swine ID's

Swine identification for 2018 will remain unchanged from previous years. Ear tags and taggers will be available to pick up in the Extension office starting **April 1, 2018**.



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 **Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. NO EXCEPTIONS!**



## MQA/PQA

The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) date for Sedgwick County will be **Sunday, April 8, 2-4 p. m. at the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds.** 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 18, 2018**, you will NOT be eligible to show at fair. Contact the Extension office with any questions.

## 4-H Scholarships

Calling all graduating seniors!! The scholarship deadline for the Sedgwick County 4-H Council Scholarship and the Sedgwick County Commissioners Scholarship is April 1st. 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](http://www.co4hfoundation.colostate.edu/scholarships.shtml).

## Butterfly & Moth Workshop



Interested in an entomology or gardening project? Come join us Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. at the Welcome Center by the Pollinator Garden. Chuck Harp from the C.P. Gillette Insect Museum in Fort Collins will train interested participants how to identify area butterflies and moths. This workshop will show you key characteristics between the differences of butterflies and moths. This work shop is free for 4-H members.

## Record Book and Project Requirements

It’s never too early to start thinking about your project’s requirements and record books! Electronic record books for general projects are available online at [www.colorado4h.org/project\\_resources/index.php](http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php). It is a great idea to read through the State Fair Exhibit Requirements for your general 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](https://colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf). If you are enrolled in a livestock project, Sedgwick County made new record books. You will be judged on these and not the ones found online so please make sure to stop in the office and grab one or talk to your club leader.

