



Saturday, May 9, 2026

Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds -- Abilene, KS

619 N Rogers, Abilene, KS 67410

Online entries only:
[SHOWMAN APP](#)

Buckles awarded for grand and reserve champion market livestock & grand champion showmanship (3 divisions). Prizes awarded to breeding ewes/does, reserve champion showmanship (3 divisions), breed champions, and top 5.

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*Valley Vet trailer, sharpening service, and food truck available on the fairgrounds

*Photography by [Morayah Ashley Livestock Imagery](#) with free digital downloads following the show

The objective of this show is to provide an educational experience for youth in 4-H/FFA livestock programs with the primary purpose to create a safe, supportive environment for youth to practice livestock handling skills and further their knowledge of livestock production. K-State Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services, and activities. Discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, ancestry, disability, genetic information, military status, or veteran status is prohibited. Program participants may request information in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may also be requested. Language access services, such as interpretation and translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.

SHOW DIVISIONS

Judging of Prospect Market Hogs:

***Prospect Hogs may be barrows or gilts.**

*Prospect Hogs will show by breeds: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth, Yorkshire, Crossbred & Other Breeds.

*If less than 3 head per breed, classes will be determined by show management.

***Participants will declare weights, scale available.**

May be required to weigh back at discretion of judge.

***Maximum weight for prospect hogs to compete for champion is 200 pounds.**

Judging of Breeding Ewes:

*Ewes will show by breeds: Dorset, Hampshire, Natural, Shropshire, Southdown, Speckle, Suffolk, AOB, and Crossbred.

*If less than 3 head per breed, classes will be determined by show management.

*Classes will break on the following:

January 1 – September 30, prior year; yearling
October 1 - December 31, prior year; fall born
January 1, current and later

Judging of Prospect Lambs:

*Lambs will show by breeds: Dorset, Hampshire, Natural, Shropshire, Southdown, Speckle, Suffolk, AOB, and Crossbred.

*If less than 3 head per breed, classes will be determined by show management.

*Ewes may be shown in either market or breeding, but not both.

*** Participants will declare weights and breed, scale available. May be required to weigh back at discretion of judge.**

*** There is a 110-pound maximum weight limit to show for champion.**

*All four feet must be on the ground when lambs are being handled by the judge.

Judging of Meat Goats:

***Prospect Goats may be does or wethers.**

***Teeth:** All goats must have baby teeth in place with no visible signs of permanent teeth.

***Horns:** Goats if horned, must be tipped and rounded

***Shearing:** Equal amount of hair above the knee and hock. (Head and belly excluded)

***Bracing:** Goats must be shown with all four feet on the ground. Exhibitors may use a collar, a collar with a short lead, or a halter when showing. Medium (3mm or smaller) pinch collars will be allowed.

***Participants will declare weights, scale available.**

May be required to weigh back at discretion of judge.

***There is a 90-pound maximum weight limit to show for champion. Meat goats will be shown in six weight divisions.**

Judging of Breeding Meat Goats:

*Does may be shown in either market or breeding, but not both.

*All goats must have an identification number, whether it be an ear tag or a tattoo. **Breeding goats will be shown by weight.**

***Participants will declare weights, scale available.**

May be required to weigh back at discretion of judge.

Fitting and Showing Contests:

* No additional fee, but must be pre-entered

General Rules

- 1) This show is open to any bona fide 4-H or FFA member.
- 2) All animals must be owned and entered under the name of the exhibitor. Exhibitors must show their own animals unless they have more than one animal per class or another species being shown at the same time. No limit to number of entries. Animals shown in fitting & showing classes must be entered in the show.
- 3) **No refunds.**
- 4) All entries are accepted with the understanding that the Chisholm Trail District Extension Council and/or the Central Kansas Free Fair Board are not responsible for any loss or damage that may arise.
- 5) All straw, wood shavings, and bedding materials will be cleaned from the area used and placed in designated areas. If not cleaned, a \$50 fee will be assessed.
- 6) Each exhibitor must provide own bedding and supplies.
- 7) Entry fee is \$20.00 per head. Dickinson County 4-H member entry fee is \$15. **Pre-entries must be made in the Showman App by May 5, 2026.** Late and day of show entry fees are \$25.00 per head. All entries and payments must be made through the Showman App.
- 8) People who show unnecessary rough handling of animals will be asked to leave the show and forfeit any entry money and prizes. All four feet of the animal must be on the ground when being handled by the judge.
- 9) No entries or substitutions will be accepted after the completion of weighing/check-in, including showmanship.
- 10) The show committee reserves the right to decide on any questions that are not listed in the rules.
- 11) The decision of the judge is final. **Protests for any reason must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a \$100 fee.**

- 12) All animals will be judged as show prospect (not finished) animals.
- 13) All out-of-state animals must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). All animals must have an official ID, and ID must be individually listed on the accompanying CVI. **All sheep and goats are required to have a scrapies tag.**
- 14) **Grooming: All animals must be shorn prior to arrival. Violators will be disqualified.** Touchup clipping is allowed. All market lambs and commercial ewes must be "slick shorn," above the knee and hock joints, including the head, before arrival on the grounds. A maximum of 0.2 (two tenths) inch of wool is permitted.
- 15) 4-H/FFA members are subject to the code of conduct agreements of their respective organizations. Smoking and alcohol are prohibited on the fairgrounds.
- 16) Any animal determined to be infectious will not be allowed to enter. Show committee shall have the authority to disqualify other animals that have been in contact with an infected animal.
- 17) Swine exhibitors should educate themselves on the risks of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV) as communicable diseases are always a biosecurity concern. Exhibitors show at their own risk.
- 18) **Any rules or announcements at show will supersede these rules.**

Show Schedule

- 7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. – **Swine Check-in** (declare weights -Showman App)
- 9:00 A.M. -**Swine Show** (Small Livestock Arena)
 Swine Showmanship (Senior - 14 & up, Intermediate - 10-13, Junior - 7- 9)
 Swine Show
- 9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. – **Sheep Check-in** (declare weights – Showman App)
- 11:00 A.M. – **Sheep Show** (Large Livestock Arena)
 Breeding Ewes
 Sheep Showmanship (Senior - 14 & up, Intermediate - 10-13, Junior - 7- 9)
 Prospect Market Lambs
- 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. - **Meat Goat Check in** (declare weights -Showman App)
- 1:30 P.M. (or 20 minutes following sheep show) – **Meat Goat Show** (Large Livestock Arena)
 Breeding Does
 Goat Showmanship (Senior - 14 & up, Intermediate - 10-13, Junior - 7- 9)
 Prospect Meat Goats