

2025 Labette County Fair Book Changes

*KSF = Kansas State Fair

Schedule

- The dog show time has changed to the first Saturday of the fair at 5pm.
- Clarified that Beef AND Dairy Bucket Calves interview Tuesday night, but Dairy Bucket Calves show Thursday morning during the dairy show.
- Labette County Farm Bureau will be serving ice cream Wednesday night.

General Rules:

- Moved #14 out of this section to “Premium Sale Rules” and Dept. E and F General Rules:
 - **“Thank you cards to livestock premium sale buyers and reserve/grand champion awards must be completed by all 4-H and FFA exhibitors by Saturday, prior to picking up ribbon money.”**
 - Dept. E and F General Rules now has #7: **“Thank you cards to reserve/grand champion awards must be completed by all 4-H and FFA exhibitors by Saturday, prior to picking up ribbon money.”**
 - Dept F. General Rules has the above as #9.
 - Premium Sale rules now has #12: **“Thank you cards to livestock premium sale buyers must be completed by all 4-H and FFA exhibitors by Saturday, prior to picking up ribbon money.”**

Open:

- Dairy Goats updated to match 4-H Dairy Goats changes.

Department E and F General Rules:

- This is a brand new section, to make sure that the rules which apply to both E and F are located together instead of being divided between the sections.
- Added rule #5:
 - Age classifications for Departments E and F are based on the “4-H age” of the competitor (age as of January 1, current year). Classifications will be as follows:
 - Junior, 7-9
 - Intermediate, 10-13
 - Senior 14-18
- Added “Guide to Danish Ribbon System” from Kansas 4-H.

Dept. E General Rules:

- All the rules which applied to both E and F were moved to the E and F section.
- Rearranged numbers 16/17/18 (they are not changed, just reordered.)
- Sheep/Goat Division: removed the duplicate of #17.
- Moved previous #18 about selling Pork Tickets to “E and F General Rules”
- Premium Sale: moved #12 from the “General Rules” to the sale section.

Division E4: Dairy Goats:

- Re-arranged and worded for clarity:
 - o Previously read:
 1. All pens are to be cleaned at the end of the Fair.
 2. Exhibitors are limited to 2 animals per class and a maximum of 4 exhibits in this division.
 3. Only does may show and all breeds will show together.
 4. Goats must be owned by June 1.
 5. If not registered, will show as commercial grade. For those animals registered, classes will be offered in the following breeds if numbers allow (minimum of 4 in a class): Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf, LaMancha, Sable, Toggenburg, Saanen, Alpine and Oberhasli.
 - o Now reads:
 6. All pens are to be cleaned at the end of the Fair.
 7. Exhibitors are limited to 2 animals per class and a maximum of 4 exhibits in this division.
 8. Goats must be owned by June 1.
 9. Only does may show.
 10. For those animals registered, classes will be offered in the following breeds if numbers allow (minimum of 4 in a class): Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf, LaMancha, Sable, Toggenburg, Saanen, Alpine and Oberhasli.
 11. If minimum class numbers are not met, they will show in combined breeds.
 12. If not registered, will show as commercial grade.

Division E8: Horses:

- Updated to the KS 4-H Horse Show Rule issue November 2024
- Pulled individual rules out of the issue to list in our book, #4 and 5:
 - o At a 4-H horse show, each exhibitor is expected to care for and groom their own horse and may use the assistance of an immediate household member or another current Labette County 4-H member only.
 - o Trainers, other adults, and youth who are not members of Labette County 4-H are prohibited from providing training for or riding a horse for the duration of the

show. For the purposes of the Labette County Fair, the “duration of show” will apply to the Saturday of the horse show, as well as all day on the Thursday of timed events. Other activities, such as the rodeo grand entry, are excused from such restrictions.

- Added rules 17-20:
 - o **ALL EXHIBITORS must stall at least one horse (properly identified by June 1st, with current negative Coggins) at the fair from Monday until Saturday.**
 - o Exhibitors successfully completing a class will receive a ribbon according to the Dutch ribbon system utilized by Kansas 4-H.
 - o For the divisions below, those denoted with [*] will award one champion and reserve champion per class. The division Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected from the pool of champions and reserve champions representing each class of the division.
 - o For the divisions marked [***] that have one class per division, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected during the class.
- "Shetland" classes are now "Pony" classes.

Division E10: Poultry:

- Exhibitors will be limited to 10 poultry exhibits.

Division E12: Ag Mechanics:

- Updated classes to match the State Fair switch from “Phases” of experience to Jr./Int./Sr.
- Pulled specifications from state fair book about covering cutting edges, safety deductions, #s 11 and 12:
 - o Cutting surfaces or those that pose risk of injury upon contact should have a protective covering that can easily be removed for judging such as a pool noodle or multiple layers of cardboard.
 - o Safety violations noted by the judge, superintendents, or event staff will result in a lower ribbon placing or a participation ribbon.

Division E13: Agronomy:

- Re-ordered rules 5 and 6
- Changed flake size rule to match Kansas State Fair’s new rule and included in both hay sections:
 - o Hay samples should be approximately 15”x12”x6”, with a maximum thickness of 6” and minimum of 5”. Hay samples should be tied with a “T”. Wrap the twine horizontally around the hay and tie, then wrap vertically and tie.

Division F3: Visual Arts

- Added KSF entry restrictions and selection
 - o Only four exhibits (one per category) will be selected to advance to the Kansas State Fair. Selected exhibits must fill out the appropriate entry forms by August 2nd with the extension office.
- Added KSF rule about fractal burning:
 - o Exhibits created by using the “Fractal Burning” woodworking technique will be disqualified due to safety hazard.

Division F4: Fine Arts

- Added KSF entry restrictions and selection
 - o Only one exhibit will be selected to advance to the Kansas State Fair. Selected exhibits must fill out the appropriate entry forms by August 2nd with the extension office.
- Added KSF rule about fractal burning, matches Visual Arts

Division F16: Entomology

- Added KSF rule about including page of changes/updates:
 - o KANSAS STATE FAIR qualifying entries should include an 8.5x11” sheet of paper to their collection that states what they did to improve their collection for the current year. See state fair book for details.
- Added KSF rule about endangered species:
 - o The insects below are listed as Threatened or Endangered by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Because of this no specimens of the species below may be caught or displayed in insect collections or educational displays. If specimens of these species are included, it will be counted as a major violation. Any major violation of rules will result in the exhibit being dropped one ribbon placing. Please refer to www.kansas4-H.org on the Entomology project page for more information. Insects included:
 - American Burying Beetle
 - Monarch Butterfly
 - Eastern Regal Fritillary Butterfly
 - Western Regal Fritillary Butterfly
 - Great Spangled Fritillary Butterfly
- Split Beginner Notebook Class into “Beginning I” and “Beginning II”
 - o *Matches KSF, entirely too much text to include.*

Division F20/21: Foods and Nutrition

- Added KSF Requirements and Eligibility

Division F22: Foods Preservation

- Added #15 to summarize added KSF rule
 - o Recipes using white peaches or elderberry are NOT state fair eligible, as there are no approved methods for preservation.

Sewing and Textiles:

- Switched labeling requirements to match KSF:
 - o Each article is to have an identification label. Type or print on 3 x 2 ½ inch piece of cloth: Class; County; Name; Address. Attach labels on the inside of the garment (back of neck, or center back of waistband, etc.) with a safety pin or corner stitch.
 - o Multiple-piece exhibits should be fastened together and noted on the identification card how many pieces are included, 1 /2 , 2/2, etc.

Division F15: Electrical and Renewable Energy

- Removed Phase III, duplicate of Small Engines section F40
- Also Removed Class 501, duplicate of Small Engines
- Renamed both areas previously named “Wind Energy” to “Alternative Energy” and added examples from KSF:
 - o Alternative energy sources could include: wind, solar, hydroelectricity, etc.
- Added KSF Class about Computers:
 - o **Phase IV : Computers**
 - o **508 Newly built or repaired computers** - This class is for newly built or repaired computers (laptop or PC) and allows 4-H members to demonstrate skills integrating the various parts of a computer into a single unit. Displays should show either a fully functional computer or show what the individual components do. The display should be free of dust and cabled neatly. Fully functional computers should boot up and do not need to include a monitor, keyboard or mouse.

Division F23: Forestry

- Added information about 2026 requirements to 2a.
 - o Leaves should be identified with an appropriate label located near the leaf on the same page. These labels should include:
 - The proper common name as listed in the List of Native Kansas Forest Trees *In 2025, the scientific name is also recommended, it will be required for 2026.
 - Location (city and/or county) where collected
 - Date (month, day, year) collected.

Division F25: Interior Design and Architecture

- This section has been COMPLETELY changed to match KSF updates.

Division F26: Horticulture

- Specified that educational exhibits are not KSF eligible

Division F27: Miscellaneous

- Added projects not previously included:
 - o This division is open to youth enrolled in projects with no division in this department. Including: Civic Engagement, Communications, Environmental Science, Family Studies, Health and Wellness, Leadership, and Performing Arts. Notebooks are to be exhibited in either division F28 or F29.

Division F31: Photography

- Added KSF Rules as #s17-19:
 - o Photo subject matter is expected to follow 4-H Code of Conduct. If in general it is not allowed at 4-H events, it should not be photographed.
 - o Photos with live subjects on a railroad right of way or taken from a railroad right of way will be disqualified.
 - o Copyright protections must be observed.

Division F34: Shooting Sports:

- Added KSF Rules as #s 2, 8,9:
 - o No “live” ammunition containing propellant or explosive powders may be used in any display!
 - o Exhibits should not display, describe, or depict firearms or firearm components that are not allowed by 4-H Shooting Sports National Standards.
 - o National Minimum Standards and Best Practices: <https://4-hshootingsports.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/12.13.23-Minimum-StandardsUpdate.pdf> MUST be followed as well as Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Handbook. https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/kansas-4-h-shooting-sportshandbook_4H1101.pdf *Exhibits outside these standards will be disqualified.

Division F36: Computer Science

- This section has been COMPLETELY changed to match KSF updates.

Division F38: Rocketry:

- KSF sections of rules for each type of rocket were added.

Division F41: Vet Science:

- Class age/display type updates

Division F42: Wildlife:

- Added KSF Rules as #s 8-10:
 - o National Minimum Standards and Best Practices: <https://4-hshootingsports.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/12.13.23-Minimum-StandardsUpdate.pdf> MUST be followed as well as Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Handbook. https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/kansas-4-h-shooting-sportshandbook_4H1101.pdf *Exhibits outside these standards will be disqualified.
 - o No “live” ammunition containing propellant or explosive powders may be used in any display!
 - o Exhibits should not display, describe, or depict firearms or firearm components that are not allowed by 4-H Shooting Sports National Standards