



May 2025

Shout Out!!!

May Shout-Out:

This month, we're shining the spotlight on the incredible team of Livestock Superintendents who go above and beyond for our 4-H youth! These dedicated individuals have spent countless hours combing through project member lists and cross-checking them with tagged animal records, not just once, but twice, three times, even four! They've made phone calls, sent emails, and visited farms, all to ensure every detail is accurate and that our 4-Hers have the best possible experience. But they don't stop there. With a clear vision for the future, they've been working hard to align our local livestock program with current industry standards, making sure our members are learning skills that matter beyond the show ring. They've patiently answered a flood of questions from me, everything from "What are the State Fair rules?" to "What the heck are milk teeth?", and have offered the same support to families across the county. Their number one guiding question in every situation is: **"What is best for the kids?"** We are incredibly fortunate to have such knowledgeable, passionate, and forward-thinking professionals leading the way. Thank you to each of our Livestock Superintendents for your tireless commitment to youth in Pottawatomie County 4-H! Swine: Joel DeRouchey, Kade Hummel, Alvin Stutzman, Beef: Bob Weaber, Sheep/Goats: Rebecca Rookstool, and Overall Livestock: Darrin Figge. Thank you all so much all you have done to "Make the Best Better"!



If you have anyone that you would love to recognize for going above and beyond in 4-H please email a brief description and a photo if you have one to asharpe@ksu.edu.

Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates

Congratulations! This May we celebrate not just the end of your high school journey, but the incredible accomplishments you've achieved as 4-H members. You've shown leadership, commitment, compassion, and a willingness to learn and grow: all the hallmarks of true 4-H spirit.

Whether you were leading a project meeting, mentoring a younger member, presenting at the fair, or lending a hand in your community, each of you has left a mark that will be felt for years to come. You've demonstrated that "making the best better" isn't just a motto, it's a way of life.

As you step into this next chapter whether it's college, the workforce, the military, or another adventure, carry those Head, Heart, Hands, and Health with you. The world needs your kind of leadership. Remember, you will always have a place in 4-H. Once a 4-H'er, always a 4-H'er.

KSU Judging Camps

- June 2-4 and June 9-11 in Manhattan, Kansas
- Camp is designed for 4-H/FFA Members ages 14-18 who are serious about enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills
- Registration is \$350 and Open Now! Apply [HERE!](#)
- For More Information contact Payton Dahmer: dahmerp@ksu.edu/417-448-4934
Rachael Stadel: rmkstadel@ksu.edu/785-532-2996

Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic 40th Anniversary

- July 11-12 at the Riley County Fairgrounds
- This two-day event includes an educational swine skillathon, photography contest, showmanship, and a prospect and market hog show.
- It is open to Kansas youth ages 7-18 as of January 1, 2025.
- Online entries are required at [HERE](#) by June 24. Checks to accompany entry receipt must be postmarked by June 24, 2025

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

- June 11-14: This academy will develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.
- Four-day session will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participants' leadership skills.
- For questions visit www.asi.ksu.edu/KASLA or contact Sharon Breiner, Director (sbreiner@ksu.edu)

County Fair Leadership Opportunities (Evolving List)

- Calling all Youth & Adults!!! If you have always wanted to help with some behind the scenes portions of the Greatest Four Days of Summer (Pottawatomie County Fair) let Amber know! So many cool and fun things happen at the fair and we need YOUR help to keep making the Best Fair even better!!! Below are some opportunities, but this list will keep growing! Come Join the Fun!!!
 - Horse Show: Gate Attendant, Ring Stewart x 2
 - Beef Show: Ring Stewart x2, Grand Drive Music, Champion Photographer
 - Sheep Show: Ring Stewart, Grand Drive Music, Champion Photographer
 - Meat Goat Show: Ring Stewart, Grand Drive Music, Champion Photographer
 - Dairy Show: Ring Stewart, Grand Drive Music, Champion Photographer
 - Swine Show: Ring Stewart x3, Grand Drive Music, Champion Photographer

Club Responsibilities at the Fair

- The 2025 Fair Book is Online [Here](#)!!! The printed copies should be in the office before the end of the month!
- Early Pre-Fair Clean Up: Blackjack 4-H Club: Wednesday, July 23rd 6:00pm
- Pre-Fair Clean Up: Everyone Else: Monday, July 28th 6:00pm
- The Food Stand Schedule has been changed and will be revamped every 3 years to promote equity in shifts as our demographics of the clubs change! Please take note when your club is scheduled to work and make arrangements! Many hands make light work!

FOODSTAND 4-H CLUBS WORK SCHEDULE

Rotation will be reviewed on a 3 year rotation. (2028)

Wednesday	11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Triple V
Thursday	7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Blackjack Olsburg Boosters Triple V
Friday	7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Kaw Valley Blackjack Lucky 'Leven
Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Dutchmill Jayhawkers Lucky 'Leven Blackjack
Sunday	7:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Clean Up	Shining Star Olsburg Boosters Olsburg Boosters



Horse ID Papers

- Due June 1st!
- New Form this year can be found [HERE](#)!

Southeast Area Livestock Contest

- June 3rd: Allen County Fairgrounds, Iola, KS
- Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon

County Council Updates

- The next County Council meeting will be held on 6/02/25 at 7pm in the Sunflower room!
- **2025 Fair Theme is Grit, Grace and Grand Champion!**

Cool Careers Video Contest

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at video production? Kansas 4-H and HirePaths are introducing a Cool Careers 4-H Video Contest, so here's your chance to become director, cinematographer, editor and/or producer of your own video! This competition allows members to learn about a career and then produce a video to create their own episode of the series Cool Careers. Click [HERE](#) for more information!

Fair Awards

Thank you to all of our Fair Awards Sponsors! It is because of your support we are able to have the Best County Fair in America!!!


Listed here are the awards that still need sponsored for the 2025 fair!

- Int. Livestock Judging Notebook (\$20)
- Livestock Judging: Prize Donations
- Call Jeanna with Champion Breed Award Interest in all Species (\$20)

Tractor Safety

June 2nd-3rd at KanEquip in Wamego, KS! Youth aged 10-16 to learn more about tractor and machinery safety in agriculture production and rural life! If you are interested please give Shannon Blocker a call at 785-457-3319 to register! Attached to this newsletter is a larger flyer!

4-H TRIPle E Exchange Experience

- Multi-County 4-H Interstate Exchange Trip and 4-Hers 12-18yrs old by June 10th 2025 are eligible
 - Recent Trips include Ohio in 2023 and North Carolina in 2024: We stayed with 4-H families to learn their customs, lifestyle, 4-H activities, and toured educational and historical sites in their states, plus en-route.
 - Week of July 6th 2025, we will be hosting 4-Hers/Chaperones from North Carolina and Pennsylvania
 - 2026 we will travel to Eastern Pennsylvania
 - Currently seeking families to become involved with the only cost being a \$75 application fee per 4-Her, and requirement to help with fundraisers and activities. Expenses covered by 4-H TRIPle E through fund raising.
 - Interested?? Contact Cherie Trieb at 785-844-0781: Next meeting: February 25th, 7:00 PM at Green Valley Community Center, Green Valley Road, Manhattan. Please plan to arrive early, if this is your 1st meeting.
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KSRE Insect-Themed Art Contest

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas! This year, the theme is “By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night.” The goal is to explore which insects are active or inactive at night and why, then create artwork that fits the contest theme.

Kansas Youth Range Camp

- June 10-13, Council Grove, KS
- \$300 Registration Fee with scholarships available!
- See Attached Flyer
- Register [HERE!](#)

4-H Camp 2025

All 4-H camp sessions are now available for registration online at www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions.

Citizen Washington Focus

Greetings CWF delegates and families! We will be attending the 2nd Session 6/14-6/20: Leaving Manhattan on 6/11 and returning on 6/21/25! Our last meeting before departure will be held in Portoff Hall at 7pm on **May 20** with the departure on June 11 (early a.m. from the Riley County Extension Office). The tentative conference schedule can be found [HERE](#).

ZBooks - Project Reports Online!

A new online record book option is here for Kansas 4-H youth. Zbooks provides an online platform for keeping and organizing project report records. Zbooks should make project reports a lot easier to make and maintain!

-The website for zbooks is: 4h.zsuite.org

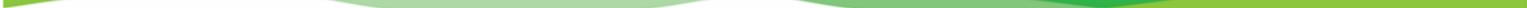
-Visit the Kansas information site [here](#).

-Find a quick video overview of using [Zbooks for record projects at this link](#).

Also, some perks of Zbooks are:

- Mobile friendly- jot down notes, weights, ear tags, expenses, etc on the spot!
- Internet based- you can work on them from any device that is connected to the internet.
- Unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted- youth select the allowed number of entries to print on final report, allowing them to prioritize, summarize, etc.
- Permanent Record is also included possible awards to think about!







Dates to Remember

May

- 1 Market Beef Nominations Due for State Fair and KJLS and DNA Postmarked
- 15 Tagging Deadline for ALL Livestock
- 20 CWF Meeting: Portoff Hall: 7pm

June

- 2 County Council Meeting: 7pm: Sunflower Room
- 2-3 Tractor Safety: Wamego, KS
- 3 Southeast Judging Day: Iola, KS
- 5 Last Day to order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
- 4-6 Discovery Days
- 2-4 KSU Judging Camp
- 9-11 KSU Judging Camp
- 10-13 KS Youth Range Camp
- 11-12 KSU Animal Science Leadership Academy
- 11-21 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
- 15 Small Livestock Nominations Due for State Fair and KJLS and DNA Postmarked
- 11-21 Citizen Washington Focus Trip
- 13-15 State Geology Field Trips
- 22-28 National Shooting Sports Championship

July

- 10 Fair Entries Due on Fair Entry
- 11-12 Dr. Hines Swine Show, Manhattan, KS
- 15 Kansas State Fair Grade Drive Entry Deadline
- Rock Springs Camp


August

- 30-3 The Best Fair in America! Pottawatomie County!
- 1 Cool Careers Video's Due to HirePaths
- 15 KJLS Entry Deadline

September

- 5-14 Kansas State Fair
- 5-7 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive

October

- 1 New 4-H Year
 - 3-5 KJLS
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GRAND DRIVE & KJLS IMPORTANT DATES

April 20	Last Day to Order Beef DNA Envelopes
May 1	Market Beef Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
June 5	Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
June 15	Small Livestock Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked -Market Swine, Commercial Breeding Gilt -Market Lamb, Commercial Breeding Ewe -ALL Meat Goat (<i>Market & Breeding</i>)
	Commercial Heifer Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
	Registered Breeding Heifer Papers in Exhibitor's Name
	Registered Steer Papers in Exhibitor's Name
	Registered Breeding Gilt Papers in Exhibitor's Name
July 1	Registered Breeding Ewe Papers in Exhibitor's Name
July 15	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline
July 25	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Late Entry Deadline
August 15	KJLS Entry Deadline
August 31	KJLS Late Entry Deadline
Sept. 5 - 7	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
Oct. 3 - 5	KJLS

*All market animals must be nominated to be eligible for either show, regardless of breed or gender.

**All commercial breeding females must be nominated to be eligible for either show.

***Registered breeding females must be in the exhibitor's name by the appropriate date to be eligible for either show. Refer to show rules for details.

****All meat goats, including market, commercial breeding does, and registered breeding does must be nominated to be eligible for either show.

TRACTOR AND MACHINERY SAFETY TRAININGS

Presented by **K-STATE**
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of Douglas, Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie
and Shawnee Counties

Join youth aged 10 to 16 on June 2nd and/or 3rd to learn more about tractor and machinery safety in agriculture production and rural life! This year, we are offering two tracks of learning for youth to engage with our trainings.

**KanEquip of
Wamego**

18035 East Hwy 24,
Wamego, KS 66547



Certification Track

**June 2nd and 3rd +
Online Training Sessions**

If you are a 14 or 15-year-old, you must complete Tractor and Machine Operation training to operate most tractors and common farm machinery when working for someone other than a parent or a person standing in the place of a parent on a farm owned or operated by such parent or person. Successful completion of this track will allow you to leave on June 3rd with a certification to be employed off the family farm for non-parents in operating tractors and specific farm machinery.

\$40 Registration Fee



General Safety Track

June 2nd

In this 8-hour track, you will learn about farm and rural safety in all aspects, including machinery, animal, recreation and more. This track is focused on ways to keep you and other youth safe in everyday operations. **This training will not certify youth for employment off the family farm but is intended for educational purposes only.*

\$15 Registration Fee



Registration closes May 16th. Call 785-232-0062 or your local extension office to register for this event.

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2025 CHAMPIONS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

CAMP ONE: JUNE 2-4 | ~~CAMP TWO: JUNE 9-11~~ Camp 2 is full!!

LEARN MORE AT: [ASI.K-STATE.EDU/JUDGINGCAMPS](https://asi.k-state.edu/judgingcamps)

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APRIL 1

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN



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Southeast Area LIVESTOCK CONTEST

June 27, 2024

Held at Allen County Fairgrounds at Riverside Park, Iola, KS. Open to all 4-H members. Registration will be at the Community Building- cost \$10.00 per contestant paid at check in. There will be a lunch served. To pre-register click [HERE](#)- coaches, agents, or individuals can sign up. Sign up as a team or individual.

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Livestock Judging

Registration from 8:30-9:30 AM

Contest starts at 10:00 AM

2

Meats Judging

Registration at 7:30 AM

Contest starts at 8:00 AM

3

Livestock Skillathon

8:00 AM- 10:00 AM - Come and participate at your leisure.



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40th Annual — **DR. BOB HINES** KANSAS SWINE CLASSIC

JULY 11-12, 2025

ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 24



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JUDGE: AUSTIN THOMPSON - WARREN, INDIANA

FRIDAY, JULY 11

8:30 a.m. — Barn open for arrival

Noon — All pigs in place

1 p.m. — Swine photo check-in by the showing

1 – 3 p.m. — Skillathon in the showing

4 p.m. — Ice cream party by the showing

5:30 p.m. — Showmanship contests

SATURDAY, JULY 12

8 a.m. — Prospect Pig Show followed by Market Pig Show

***All educational contest awards will be presented on Saturday between the prospect and market shows.**

***Follow our social media and website for updates on additional events scheduled to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic.**

SUPERINTENDENTS

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Joel DeRouchey — 785-532-2280
Lexie Hayes — 785-532-1264
Katie Smith — 785-532-1267

HOUSING

Hotel information can found at bit.ly/swineclassic.

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

The showmanship contest will be open to any Kansas Swine Classic exhibitor. Swine exhibited in the showmanship classes must be owned by the showmanship exhibitor except for the Future K-Staters division in which a pig entered by a 4-H exhibitor must be used. Showmanship will be divided into three divisions. Divisions will be determined by age as of January 1, 2025. Top 5 showmen in the Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions will be presented with an award.

Senior Division — 15-18 years of age

Intermediate Division — 11-14 years of age

Junior Division — 7-10 years of age

Future K-Staters — Youth who are not exhibitors

MARKET SHOW AWARDS

Premiums will be given to the top half of each class.

Grand Champion Market Pig — \$150 plus buckle

Reserve Champion Market Pig — \$125

3rd Overall Market Pig — \$100

4th Overall Market Pig — \$75

5th Overall Market Pig — \$50

PROSPECT SHOW AWARDS

Premiums will be given to the top half of each class.

Grand Champion Prospect Pig — \$150 plus buckle

Reserve Champion Prospect Pig — \$125

3rd Overall Prospect — \$100

4th Overall Prospect — \$75

5th Overall Prospect — \$50



ENTRY LINK:

bit.ly/swineclassic

**ENTRY CHECK MUST BE
POSTMARKED BY JUNE 24, 2025**

***Make check payable to: Kansas Swine Club**

***Include receipt from online entry with payment**

GENERAL RULES

1. Online entries are required at bit.ly/swineclassic. Checks to accompany receipt from online entry system must be postmarked by June 24, 2025. The entry fee is \$25/pig.
2. All market pigs (weighing between 220 to 290 lbs) will be divided into classes based on weight. There will be separate classes for all breed classes with at least 3 entries and crossbred classes. All breed classes without 3 entries will be shown as "All other breeds; AOB". All classes will be established by weight at the show.
3. All prospect pigs (weighing between 125 to 219 lbs) will be divided into classes based on weight. There will be separate classes for all breeds with at least 3 entries and crossbred classes. All breeds with less than 3 entries will be shown as AOB. The minimum weight for prospect pigs to show is 125 lbs at show weigh-in.
4. Registration papers will be required on all purebreds shown in the prospect and market show. The exhibitor's name must be listed on the registration paper. A copy of registration papers can be provided with entry submission or at weigh-in. No exceptions.
5. All pigs must be owned by the Kansas 4-H or FFA exhibitor and tagged with official Kansas 4-H ear tags by June 15, 2025.
6. An exhibitor may enter up to four pigs.
7. Pigs will be penned upon arrival off the trailer. 2 pigs/pen. Due to barn capacity and limited pen space, show management reserves the right to reduce the number of entries allowed per family.

SWINE SKILLATHON

Youth will have the opportunity to test their knowledge and compete for prizes in a Swine Skillathon. This interactive event will offer three age divisions: 7-10, 11-14, and 15-18. The skillathon will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday in the show barn. During that time frame, it will be come-and-go and youth may participate at their convenience. It will take approximately 30 minutes for youth to complete the skillathon stations. Each participant will need access to a mobile device. After the completion of the skillathon contest, all youth and adults will have the opportunity to view the answers and other age division's stations. Prizes will be given to Swine Classic participants only.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Youth may submit up to two swine-related photos for the photography contest. The photo entries are to be taken by the exhibitor. Check-in will be at 1 p.m. on Friday. Photos should be 8x10 size and should not be framed or matted. Photos will be placed in plastic sleeves and displayed throughout the weekend. We assume no responsibility for lost or damaged photos. There will be no age group divisions. Prizes will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champion "The People's Choice" award. Voting will be open at 1 p.m. and close at the conclusion of Showmanship on Friday.

PHOTO RELEASE

By submitting a show entry, participants authorize Kansas State University, and/or K-State Research and Extension or its assignees to photograph and record their image and/or voice (or that of their child under age 18) for use in current or future research, educational, promotional programs, and printed or electronic publications. Families understand the results for the show will be shared via an online platform. To withhold consent, email adhayes@ksu.edu to communicate those wishes.

T-SHIRTS

Each exhibitor will receive a t-shirt to be worn for Showmanship. Families may order additional t-shirts through the registration link for \$15/each.

2024 DR. BOB HINES KANSAS SWINE CLASSIC DONORS



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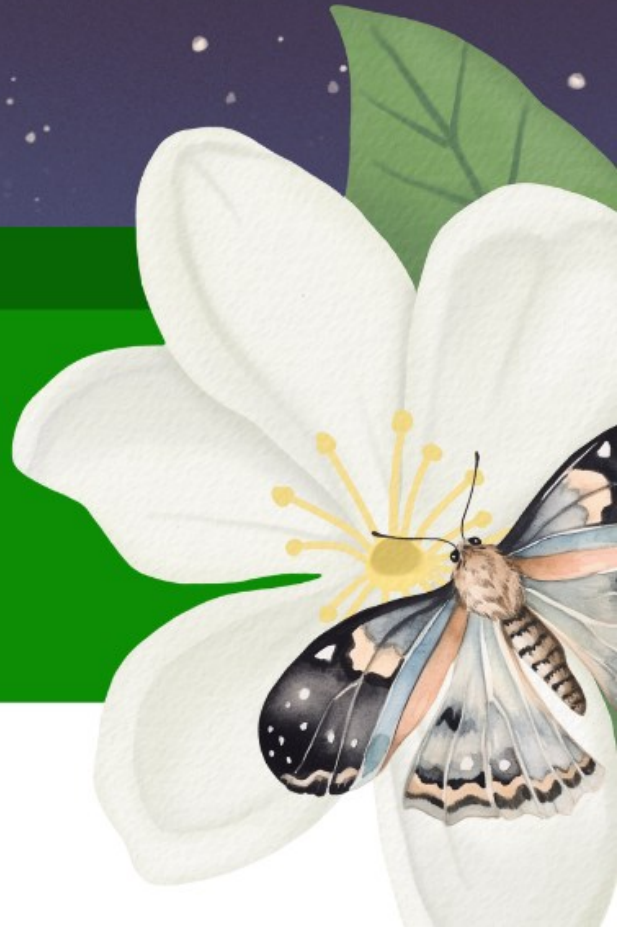
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2025 ART CONTEST BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON INSECTS AT NIGHT

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[https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/
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Submission Deadline:
April 15, 2025



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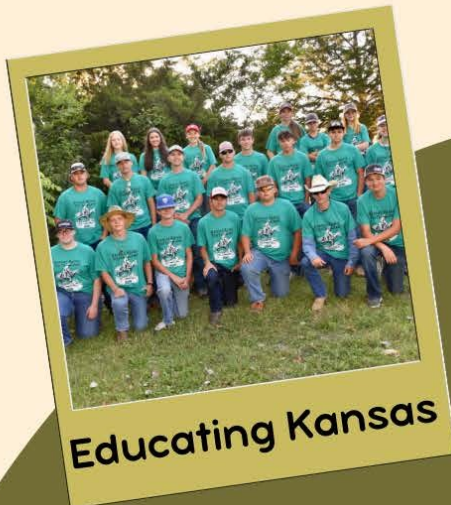
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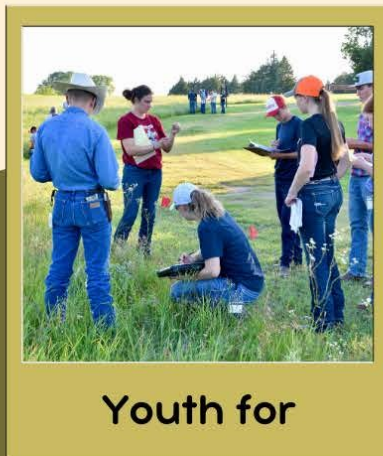
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