

2024 Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo in Pratt

Join us for the 2024 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Monday, August 12th in Pottorf Hall at Cico Park in Manhattan, KS. We are excited to provide a fun, educational and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects to participate.

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. Everyone will participate in the same tour with the group splitting into two equal groups, with each group then flipping to the other tour after about one hour. This year's tours include the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center and the Hal Ross Flour Mill. The Kansas Wheat Innovation Center is a facility at Kansas State University where scientists create new varieties of wheat that will have greater yields and/or quality. It has research laboratories where different traits are selected to create new wheat varieties and greenhouses where new varieties are grown and tested for yield and quality. The Hal Ross Flour Mill is a facility at Kansas State University where wheat is brought in and made into flour. The mill is used to teach students and wheat industry workers about the process of making flour from wheat, and is used to perform research on ways to improve the flour milling process.

Eight contests are open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Classes include: (1) 1 lb. bin run for crops members; or (2) 1 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer"; (All wheat samples must be **postmarked to KSU by July 20** so testing can be completed). Youth may bring multiple exhibits in Divisions 3-9. A maximum of two placings per individual in each division, 1-8 will be awarded. (3) 1 quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; (4) three standard yeast rolls; (5) three standard sized cookies; (6) three standard muffins; (7) wheat photography contest; (8) wheat educational posters and (9) Cloverbuds, (5-6-year-olds) with participation ribbons.

Cost will be \$10 per person and registration will be open online through visiting <https://bit.ly/3Wrq7Uh>. Registration will go live June 1st. Pre-registration will be required by July 25th, 11:59 p.m. to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, contact Kelsey Nordyke at 620-222-1311 or e-mail; knordyke@ksu.edu.