

Kansas 4-H Youth Shine at 2026 Wheat Expo

Kansas 4-H members from across the state showcased their agricultural knowledge, creativity, and wheat project skills during the 2026 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo. Youth competed in crop production, grain quality, foods, photography, educational exhibits, crop identification, and judging activities.

In the Bin Run Wheat Crop Production division, Nathan V. of Walnut Creek District earned first place, followed by Grayson M. of Pawnee County. Addison M. of Pawnee County won the Adopt-a-Producer division. In the Cleaned Wheat contest, Sterling H. of Harper County placed first.

Food contest winners included Addison M. (Yeast Rolls), Grayson M. (Cookies), and Harley B. of Shawnee County (Muffins).

In photography, Kole M. of Pawnee County earned first place, followed by Nathan V. and Grayson M.. The Wheat Education Poster contest was won by Nathan V., with Sterling H. placing second and Addison M. third.

The judging activity challenged participants to evaluate wheat-related exhibits. Top honors went to Grayson M. (241 points), followed by Kole M. (234 points) and Addison M. (223 points).

In the Crops Identification Contest, Kason B. of Southwind District earned first place with 32 points. Nathan V. placed second, while River H. of Butler County finished third.

The Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo continues to provide hands-on learning opportunities that connect youth with Kansas agriculture while building skills in communication, problem-solving, and leadership. Congratulations to all participants, families, volunteers, Extension professionals, and sponsors who helped make this year's event a success.