

# KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW



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## IMPORTANT DATES

In its second year, the KJLS LEAD Challenge will provide Kansas youth an opportunity to learn about critical agricultural issues and apply that information in a competitive environment.

**In 2017, the LEAD Listen & Learn will be held on Friday, Sept. 29, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

Also in 2017, all exhibitors will participate in skills stations, with juniors completing two stations, intermediates four stations and seniors six stations. All exhibitors will also participate in an interview competition and are required to compete in showmanship.

More schedule details are available at [www.kjls.org](http://www.kjls.org).

The skills stations will take place on **Friday, Sept. 29** and interviews on **Saturday, Sept. 30**. A resource packet to help exhibitors prepare for the LEAD Challenge will be distributed via email by **Sunday, Aug. 20**.

## KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW LEAD CHALLENGE

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For a second consecutive year, KJLS is offering exhibitors an opportunity to participate and compete in the **KJLS LEAD CHALLENGE**.

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## THE KJLS LEAD CHALLENGE

The KJLS LEAD Challenge is an educational and advocacy event that provides an opportunity to learn about current industry issues as well as production, husbandry and animal care issues, and then apply those learnings in a multi-event competition, which will be phased in over several years.

Kansas is recognized around the United States and even internationally as a leader in livestock production. Part of ensuring that tradition continues is the development of well-rounded, educated and confident leaders who are not only equipped with the knowledge necessary to contribute to a productive, innovative and successful livestock industry but who are also able to confidently and accurately educate others and advocate for the industry.

Competition in the KJLS LEAD Challenge encourages KJLS exhibitors to develop not only the ability to show livestock, but also to develop a more well-rounded knowledge of animal agriculture.

## FORMAT

The centerpiece of the KJLS LEAD Challenge will be focused on education. During the 2017 LEAD Listen & Learn, exhibitors will participate in educational-based workshops with their age groups. Topics will be focused on current issues in the food and agricultural industries. Participants will receive a resource manual by August 20 with class information and preparatory materials.

Exhibitors will be divided into three age divisions, junior (7 to 9), intermediate (10 to 13) and senior (14 and over). Exhibitors will participate in the following categories: LEAD Listen & Learn, Showmanship and Skills Stations and Interview. The Skills Stations will give exhibitors an opportunity to demonstrate and apply key learnings about livestock production, management skills and life skills in a competitive environment. Junior exhibitors will compete in two stations, intermediates in four and seniors in six.

The interview competition will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be three rooms for each age division and all interviews will begin at 7:30 a.m. The interview will be 5 minutes for junior exhibitors, 7 minutes for intermediate exhibitors and 10 minutes for senior exhibitors. It will primarily focus on the material provided during the Listen & Learn session but could also include discussion on topics included in the LEAD Challenge resource manual.