

## Happy New Year Kiowa County!

Starting the New Year, we have re-vamped our newsletter in hopes to bring knowledge about deadlines, events, and services we provide in Kiowa County. Remember if you ever have any questions feel free to contact us at (620)-723-2156 or [kw@listserv.ksu.edu](mailto:kw@listserv.ksu.edu).

*Good things are manifesting;  
better things are happening!*

## Important Dates

- **January 11<sup>th</sup>** - Kiowa County 4-H Club Meeting 4:00PM @ Community Building
- **January 21<sup>st</sup>** - Kiowa County 4-H Council Meeting 4:00PM @ Extension Office
- **February 18<sup>th</sup>** - Weed Management School 12:00 PM @ Coldwater Veterans Building
- **February 19<sup>th</sup>** - Great Plains Cotton Conference 8:00AM-5:00PM @ Pratt County Fair Grounds
- **February 28<sup>th</sup>** - Kiowa County Local 4-H Club Days

## Office Closed

- January 19<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> - KSE Event

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SAVE THE DATE FOR  
**THE 7TH ANNUAL  
GREAT PLAINS  
COTTON  
CONFERENCE**

Please join us to hear important  
information and updates on cotton in  
Kansas from industry professionals.

**February 19, 2026**  
Lunch will be provided.  
**Pratt County Fairgrounds**  
81 Lake Rd, Pratt, KS 67124

**Wednesday Night Happy Hour!**  
More info coming soon!





# Kiowa County 4-H



Join 4-H!

## Welcome New and Returning 4-H Members!

I hope you are looking forward to a fun filled year as we are getting started! If you have not enrolled yet please do so. I am going to start letting leaders know about project enrollments and start setting up events accordingly. If you don't want to miss any project opportunities or 4-H events scan the QR code or follow the link!  
<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

## 4-H Club Days

**Local 4-H Club Days** will take place on **February 28<sup>th</sup>** this year with **Regional Club Days** on **March 21<sup>st</sup>**. This is a great opportunity to grow for 4-H members to plan, prepare, and present a variety of public speaking, music, drama, and parliamentary presentations. There are group and individual options. We will follow our regional guidelines and breakouts. Please reference the Regional Guidebook for ideas and options. I encourage every member to try at least one activity!

[Regional 4-H Days Guidebook](#)



## Announcements

Make sure to follow the Kiowa County 4-H Facebook Page for more updates and state events! [Kiowa County 4-H](#) If you have any questions about 4-H please reach out to Josey Albers at [joseya@ksu.edu](mailto:joseya@ksu.edu).

## Club Corner

*Reporters Report from Avery*

We had our 4-H Christmas party at our December meeting. First, we ate pizza. Then we got to make Christmas cards and candy canes out of bracelet beads. After that, we got to paint the 4-H symbol on wood, and we had a snowball fight. We got to pick out some light up items and then we got on the float for the Lighted Christmas Parade. It was a fun meeting!

## Dates at the Community Building:

- **January 11<sup>th</sup>** - Club Meeting @ 4:00PM
- **February 8<sup>th</sup>** - Club Meeting @ 4:00PM



### Weed Management School



**February 18, 2026, at 12:00pm at the Coldwater Veterans Building.**

To start off our 2026 programs, we are partnering with Comanche County as an extension to our Sprayer School program we hosted in 2025. We are excited to cover drone usage in agricultural spraying as it is becoming an adopted practice for operations throughout our county. Please join us for a provided lunch and expand your knowledge on advancements in agriculture! **RSVP by Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> to Comanche County Extension Office at (620) 582-2411.**

Topics Covered by KSE Specialists:

- Handling hard to control weeds - Palmer, tumble windmill grass.
- Update on current research.
- Any new herbicides coming onto the market?
- How do we keep a handle on fallow?
- The use of Drones in Agricultural Spraying.

### Crops 101



**March 18, 2026, at 10:00 am at the Kiowa County Community Building.**

New and experienced producers are invited to learn more about current crop issues impacting our area. Each crop will be discussed individually, allowing participants to focus on topics most relevant to their operation. Join us for a provided lunch and expand your knowledge of the crops produced in the county! **RSVP by Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> to Kiowa County Extension Office at (620) 723-2156.**

Topics Covered by KSE Specialists:

- Primary grain crops: wheat, sorghum, corn, and alfalfa.
  - Agronomics & Water
  - Weeds
  - Insects/Diseases

# **Kiowa County Extension Services & Equipment**

## **Free Services & Material**

- Forage and Soil Sampling
- Crop and Horticulture Diagnostics (*unless samples need testing*)
- Water, forage, and soil sample testing kits
- K-State Extension publications

## **Equipment to sign out**

- Forage, Soil and Soil Moisture probes
- Drill
- Vaccine cooler and repeater syringes

## **Materials for purchase**

- Radon test kits - \$8.50 per kit
- Neutroleum Alpha 8 oz bottles - \$40.00 per bottle
  - a commercial perfume compound primarily used as a powerful odor neutralizer, especially for strong smells like skunk spray, dead animals, or kennel odors, masking them with a pleasant, minty scent. While effective for surfaces and air, it doesn't chemically neutralize the sulfur compounds in skunk musk but rather covers them up.
- Photo mounting boards - \$1.00 per board

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