

As a 4-H and FFA member I have spent numerous hours at the Kansas State Fair. Simply being at the State Fair, I have learned a number of lessons from life skills, to leadership, to simply making connections with people from around the state, that otherwise I would not have the opportunity to meet.

I have had the opportunities to develop many skills that I hope will last me a lifetime at the Kansas State Fair. I believe that one of the most important things that agriculture teaches youth is the ability to work hard. For youth, exhibiting at the state fair is no easy task. They must put in the time and effort to have a project prepared to go to the fair. This includes taking care of livestock, preparing demonstrations, and constructing projects to be exhibited. Learning how to work is an advantage that youth at the State Fair have over other students.

At the State Fair I have spent most of my time in the 4-H building or the State FFA barn. Through 4-H, I have had the opportunity to give demonstrations and exhibit my horticulture, foods, and buymanship projects. As a district FFA officer, I have invested my time in the FFA barn teaching and discussing with students and visitors about agriculture and the happenings in the ag industry. These projects have also given me the chance to network with people from across the state. I have met FFA advisors, state leaders, and made friendships with my peers that will last a lifetime. These opportunities have allowed me build upon my leadership abilities that I have used in 4-H, FFA, school, and sports.

The Kansas State Fair has given me the amazing opportunities of making lifelong connections and developing my leadership and live skills that I will use throughout my career in agriculture.