

Email via 4HOnline sent April 27, 2020

Happy Friday, Tuscarawas County 4-H!

I held our third weekly 4-H Advisor Zoom last night. It's so important to continue to connect with one another, especially now. Below is a summary of what I discussed with advisors and various updates from this week. A lot more info will be coming in the near future too!

Virtual Quality Assurance

As announced previously, we are going to begin offering virtual QA options. YQCA continues to be an option but please remember YQCA does cost a small fee and because the platform does not belong to OSU, I cannot waive that fee. However, you can complete YQCA at any time that works for you. No appointment needed! If you complete YQCA, just email me a copy of the certificate you receive after completion so we can enter that into your 4HOnline profile. The virtual QA's that ANR Educator, Chris Zoller and myself will be offering will not cost a fee. Please be on the lookout for a Qualtrics survey for QA sign-up's via email through 4HOnline. We are asked to not have more than 40 participants/households on each Zoom so that it's easier to keep track of attendance and interact with everyone. Options so far will include: April 29, May 7, May 19, May 28 and June 8. All will begin at 6:30 p.m. After those five dates, we will re-evaluate to see how many youth still need QA and set the appropriate number of QA sessions we still need to hold.

We had the Jr. Fair Supplements printed and ready to go before we held the first QA in February. Most likely, we will set out a plastic box outside the Extension Office for people to swing by and grab the number of supplements they need. Please take ONE per member. This supplement includes all of the 2020 Jr. fair rules and information as well as the 2020 fair entry form which is due, like always, **by August 7 at 4:00 p.m.** We will send out an email once those are ready to be picked up.

Livestock Updates

Instead of a county-wide tag-in for market sheep and market goats, we are going to utilize an ID form with pictures for 2020. We hope to have this form ready to go next week. Pictures will need to be submitted of your animal's scrapie tag showing the ENTIRE number along with a head shot of the animal(s). These forms will be due to the Extension Office by June 15.



Market Hogs – The Market Livestock Committee and Senior Fair Board are in the process of discussing setting up a few dates to have a “drive-through” tag pick-up process. To eliminate as much contact as possible, most likely, the cost of the tags may be taken from sale checks to keep things fair for those who purchased tags at the February QA. ID forms with pictures of the hogs and tags IN the hog’s ear will also be due by June 15. Once we have these dates/times determined, we will release that information to the county (hopefully by mid-week next week).

Poultry & Waterfowl – My thanks goes to Dave Miller and Heritage Country Store for agreeing to order and distribute the birds for our members enrolled in market poultry & waterfowl projects. We are also trying a new hatchery this year based on feedback from the past few years. We will be ordering from Myers Hatchery which means costs of birds will be a little higher than previous years. Due to the hatchery schedule, the dates of bird pick-up’s will be a little different than the dates that were tentatively listed in the county 4-H calendar. I will put together a letter of cost and pick-up dates/times once I have all of the information and send that out to members enrolled in those projects.

Rabbits – I will be working with our rabbit advisors from Small Animal Committee on alternatives for rabbit check-in that was originally scheduled in June. More info to come! However, we started using a form last year for breeding rabbits that had previously been tattooed. Please continue to utilize that form this year if your breeding rabbit was previously tattooed so there’s no need for it to be “checked in” in person.

Non-market Animals – Registration and ID forms are due by June 15. No change from previous years on this.

ALL livestock ID/Registration forms can be found here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/animal-sciences>

COVID-19 Commemorative Shirts

Friendly reminder that if you’re interested in purchasing one of these shirts, orders are due by May 1 and \$3 from every shirt will benefit 4-H Camp Piedmont so don’t forget to include that in your order! Camp Piedmont has no revenue coming in at this time as all events were forced to cancel so every little bit helps! We’re also beginning to raise money for the new pool campaign. I ordered shirts for our county camp counselors earlier this week on behalf of the Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee who is purchasing these shirts for our counselors. Here’s the link to order those shirts: <http://4hCOVID19camp.cssprinting.org/>

Camp refunds were also sent out in the mail earlier this week. Please look for those if you had already paid for camp. A few people have requested that we donate their refunds to the camp so THANK YOU to those families!

Horse Safety & Ethics

Chris Kendle sent out information for Horse Safety and Ethics and an update for the horse program for 2020 directly to clubs with horse members on Thursday, April 23. Please read over that information carefully! She sent out the email and some reported they did not receive it so she sent it out again. Please contact Chris (kendle.4@osu.edu) if you did not receive an email for horse information.

Kids in the Kitchen

Chris Kendle and I had planned to offer multiple Kids in the Kitchen events throughout 2020 and unfortunately were forced to cancel our spring and summer dates so Chris and her family have been busy working on videos and resources for virtual Kids in the Kitchen! See our Kids in the Kitchen page on our county website: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/kids-kitchen>

4-H Project Books

Remember to order your books if you have not already done so. Sounds like the warehouse is keeping very busy but getting books mailed out to families in a timely manner. The link for ordering books can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> and don't forget you can take advantage of one of two coupon options (either free shipping or 20% off your entire order). Guidelines for all of the projects can be found on our website: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects>

Chicken BBQ Benefit

May 16 is a Chicken BBQ at the fairgrounds. This will benefit the Tuscarawas County Agricultural Society to help them offset expenses since as they are unable to rent out facilities at this time. It will be "drive-through" only. Please see their Facebook page for updates and additional info.

Have a nice weekend!

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