

Email via 4HOnline sent May 1, 2020

Hello 4-H friends!

We've officially made it to May! Not quite how we expected the spring to look but at least we're moving toward some warmer months. I want to start off first by giving a shout-out to the 4-H advisors. You guys are working SO hard to help our members get the most up-to-date info! You are learning things you never dreamed of to help our 4-H'ers keep up with info and technology overload. I'm so proud and grateful. We're all doing the best that we can and thank you for caring so much about our 4-H family.

This has been another busy week! As we're moving toward our busiest months, we have had to make some adjustments and there are bound to be bumps in the road so I want to extend my appreciation and thanks for your patience and cooperation as we continue to move forward. Here's a few updates from this past week:

COVID-19 Commemorative Camp Shirts

FINAL chance to purchase these shirts! Orders are due by today (May 1.) Use this link to order: <http://4hCOVID19camp.cssprinting.org/>

Remember that \$3 for every shirt will go toward our camp (make sure you specify Camp Piedmont in your order).

I ordered shirts for the camp counselors and they arrived yesterday! Several other families have reported they have also received their shirts.

Virtual Livestock Quality Assurance

An email was sent out last Friday via 4HOnline regarding the option of virtual QA now that we have permission from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. We held our first virtual QA Wednesday night and it was a full session!

Due to the stay-at-home order from Governor DeWine as well as the no contact policy implemented by The Ohio State University, we have begun conducting Quality Assurance training online via Zoom. All youth who wish to complete a LIVESTOCK project for 4-H or FFA are required by Ohio law to complete this training before exhibition.

If you are not taking a LIVESTOCK project you do NOT need to sign up for Quality Assurance. However, it would be greatly appreciated if you would make sure that your friends and fellow club members are aware of this option.

Please note: Equine, Dog and PET rabbit projects do NOT need to attend a QA session. These are the only exceptions.

Below is a link that will take you to Quality Assurance Registration.
https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Y2dcC3R7CbSgxD

Other Details:

- Training will be limited to a maximum of 40 families per session.
- Families only need to register once if all family members will be participating at the same time (we had to go back through and delete out duplicate members for those who registered multiple kids from the same family)
- At least one parent or guardian needs to sit in on the training with their youth exhibitor.

Please register within 48 hours of the session you would like to attend. There are still openings for the May 19 and June 8 sessions.

For those of you that need assistance using Zoom - here is a link that provides an EXCELLENT tutorial that will take you through the steps to join:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7xXZxRDFUU&t=1s>

YQCA is still an option if none of the virtual QA sessions work for your schedule. Do keep in mind that there is a small fee that cannot be waived if you choose to take this route.

Once we're able to begin conducting face-to-face programming again, I still hope to offer a session or two of face-to-face QA but for those who just want to get your QA completed, virtual live QA with myself or YQCA are two options.

We typically pass out the Jr. Fair supplements during our QA trainings. These supplements were ready to go in February and were distributed at the first QA. Since the majority of our members were unable to receive them, we have placed a plastic tote right outside the Extension Office next to the black drop-box with the supplements inside. You can swing by and grab them when you're in town. The box will be replenished regularly. Please only take ONE supplement per member to ensure we don't run out. These are **not** the fair books. Only the Jr. Fair section that houses the policies and Jr. Fair entry forms. We have been asked if the supplement is housed anywhere online. We are unable to post the supplement on our county website as it does not belong to Ohio State but we are looking at alternatives.

Market Hog Update

An email was sent out to hog exhibitors earlier this week regarding swine tag pick-up procedures. The Tuscarawas County Market Livestock Committee has decided, in order to limit contact as much as possible, that they will not be collecting fees for hog ear tags this year. If you purchased ear tags at the February Quality Assurance, you should have received a separate email regarding reimbursement for those who would like their fees back. Otherwise, they can be counted as a donation to the program. For those who still need tags, MLC has set up a few dates/times for a “drive-thru” tag pick-up process. Please see below for your options:

- TODAY: Friday, May 1, 4:30-6 p.m. at the fairgrounds (right inside the Tuscarawas Avenue gate).
- Saturday, May 16 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds right inside the Tuscarawas Avenue gate (this is also the same date the Senior Fair Board is holding a Chicken BBQ at the fairgrounds as a fundraiser – see their FB page for more details!).
- Wednesday, May 27, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds (right inside the Tuscarawas Avenue gate).

* If you purchased a hog from Belden Valley and are picking up on May 9, Brett will have tags for you at his farm so there’s no need to go to the fairgrounds to get tags.

Please remember that hogs MUST be tagged and pictures of the hog with the tags in its ears must be submitted on the hog registration form to the Extension Office, no later than Monday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m. These forms will be available at tag distribution but can also be found here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-livestock/large-livestock-projects>

We are not collecting DNA on hogs this year and are instead, using a two-tag system. A county tag and EID tag (which will take the place of the DNA process). It is also strongly suggested that you send a representative per club or for every few families to pick up tags so we don’t have 300 people swarm the fairgrounds and sit in a long line waiting on tags. If possible, please work together to make sure everyone gets the number of tags they need.

Market Goat/Sheep Update

Another email was also sent out earlier this week to those enrolled in market goat and market sheep projects. For 2020, Tuscarawas County will not hold a county-wide tag-in process for market goats and market sheep. Instead, a Registration form with pictures of the animal(s) head and scrapie tag in the ear will serve as proof of possession. The

scrapie tag must be placed in the ear and visible in the pictures.

Complete the Project Registration Form for each animal, including back-up animals. Fill out the form completely and include color photos of each animal. One picture is to show the scrapie tag number in the animal's ear and the second photo needs to be a headshot of the animal. Pictures need to be 2"x3" (wallet size). Forms and instructions can be found here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects>

Rabbit Update:

We will not hold a rabbit check-in/tattoo procedure in June as we have done in the past. For ALL breeding rabbits, tattooed or not, please utilize the Project Registration form found on the guidelines page: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects>

Market does will not need to be checked in either. If you are enrolled in the market rabbit project, you should have received an email this week with a couple of options for your project. If you have questions, you can contact Tammie Gordon.

Virtual Camping Opportunities

Many of us are still disappointed that we will not be holding our regularly scheduled 4-H camp in June this year. However, the state will be offering some virtual camping opportunities in early June where youth will have the opportunity to experience the types of activities we do at camp, from the comfort of home and for FREE. Some counties will also be holding virtual camping opportunities. Instead of focusing on developing virtual camps, our camp counselors and county camp staff have all agreed to resume virtual training in the near future and begin planning for a TENATIVE weekend at 4-H Camp Piedmont in early September (yes, two weeks before fair. We're crazy and we know it!). There is no guarantee it will happen but we're going to try. There are still a lot of unknown factors but we will keep you updated.

Ohio 4-H Conference

Over 30 of us recorded the sessions we were scheduled to teach back in March at the Ohio 4-H Conference and they are now posted to the state website for your viewing pleasure: <https://ohio4h.org/about/ohio-4-h-conference/2020-ohio-4-h-conference-presentations>

Final Reminder to Order Project Books

If you haven't already done so, please order your 4-H project books here: <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources>

All project guidelines can be found on our county's website:

<https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects>

Please continue to check our Facebook pages and our website for the most up-to-date information.

Have a nice weekend!

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