

Email via 4HOnline sent May 8, 2020

Happy Friday, 4-H Family!

Well, it's been a fairly quiet week! Which means, I don't have any major news to share with you (maybe that's a good thing). The main question we've been getting lately is "are we going to have project judging?" The answer is yes. However, it most likely won't look like what we are used to when it comes to judging. Will it be all face-to-face? Probably not. Some of it may be virtual. We are discussing various options and would like to have a few different ways for our 4-H members to complete their judging this year in a way that is comfortable to them and their families. One of our top priorities is the health and safety of our 4-H families as well as our project judges! Once, we have hammered out details, we will release our plan but know we are working on it!

Just a few reminders and updates (most of this was included in last Friday's email):

4-H Club Insurance

Clubs are encouraged to renew their usual club insurance if you have the funds to do so.

Virtual Livestock Quality Assurance

It appears that we've filled up the five planned virtual QA sessions. We held the second one last night. We know there are some people who want a virtual option and didn't get a spot in one of the five planned sessions. Don't panic! We'll be setting up a few more options but we are limited to 40 family spots which is why the five filled up so quickly. Once we have those dates determined, we'll send out another sign-up link!

Other Details:

- 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.

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 Tag Reminder

An email was sent out to hog exhibitors earlier last 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:

- 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 Reminder

Another email was also sent out last 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 Reminder:

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.

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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