

4-H Newsletter 1/26/2024

The Ashland County Extension Office is located at 110 Cottage Street, First Floor. This is the same building as the Ashland County Commissioners and Board of Elections.

Our normal business hours are:

Mondays 8:30-4pm

Tuesdays 8:30-4pm

Fridays 8:30-3pm

Market Lamb Pool: Orders Due January 31st!

One option to purchase your 2024 market lamb is through the lamb pool. The Sheep & Swine Committee finds the lambs and distributes them to members through a predetermined process. Cost is current market price per pound.

Information and Rules:

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Lamb%20Pool%20Rules%20and%20Regulations24.pdf>

Order Form: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Lamb%20pool%20application24.pdf>

Searching for Jr. Fair Board Members!

Jr. Fair Board is designed for youth who have proven leadership abilities. Jr. Fair Board members serve on livestock committees, assist in planning fair activities, shows, help judges and ring officials, and have lots of fun doing it! Come join us!

To apply, go to: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cCvoj4nNwf0f60m

Mandatory Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance training is MANDATORY FOR ANYONE TAKING A LIVING, BREATHING ANIMAL PROJECT TO THE FAIR. This must be completed by June 1.

Ashland County 4-H will hold QA trainings on

- March 20, 27 and 28 at 6pm on the Fairgrounds in Mozelle Hall.
- April 10 and 17 at 6pm on the Fairgrounds in Mozelle Hall.

Other options to complete this mandatory QA training are:

- Ohio Junior Swine Day
- Ashland County Cattleman's Quality Assurance: You must be taking a beef project to attend, but this QA training will count as fulfilling the requirement for all your animal projects. (see info farther down in newsletter for more info).
- Hammertime Show Clinic by Northwestern FFA (see farther down in newsletter for more info).

Quality Assurance Test Out Option

Youth ages 12 - 18 as of January 1, 2024 are eligible to take a test to fulfill their QA requirement.

4-H members aged 15 and over who pass the test will be exempt from the quality assurance requirement for the rest of their 4-H/FFA career. Members aged 12-14 who pass the test are marked complete for their QA requirement until the year they turn 15. At that time, they will need to attend QA training or take the age 15-18 QA test.

If interested in taking the QA test, sign up at https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e4NdSovq0VdBNIO or call the Extension Office at 419-281-8242. Test out dates are:

Monday, February 18 9 am - 12 pm

Tuesday, April 2 9 am- 12 pm

Comment on Proposed Ohio Livestock Exhibition Rule Changes

The Ohio Department of Agriculture's proposed Ohio Livestock Exhibition rules have been made available for public comment. See below for the link to the rules that allow you to see changes proposed. If you are involved with youth livestock exhibition, please take time to carefully read over these and leave comments. These rules are open for comment between January 26, 2024 and February 16, 2024.

The rules in Chapter **901:1-18** of the Ohio Administrative Code outline the rules and requirements for animals which are imported into or moved within Ohio for exhibition purposes. Pursuant to section 941.02 of the Revised Code, the Department, through the Chief of the Division of Animal Health, shall promote and protect the livestock, poultry, and other animal interests of the state, prevent the spread of dangerously contagious or infectious disease, provide for the control and eradication of such disease, and to cooperate with the United States Department of Agriculture in such work. The rules of this chapter meet this directive. More specifically, the rules outline the disease testing requirements as well as proof of ownership of all animals coming into Ohio. These rules are necessary in ensuring that all animals in the state of Ohio remain disease free.

The rules in Chapter **901-19** of the Ohio Administrative Code outline the regulations for the exhibition of livestock in the state of Ohio. Exhibition of livestock generally occurs at a livestock show held at the Ohio State Fair or a fair under the control of a county or independent agricultural society. The rules in this chapter set forth the governance and administration of these exhibitions and standards related to food safety and the health, safety, and welfare of livestock including grooming, commercial, or medical practices that are generally accepted in the community. The rules have been reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Livestock Exhibitions which advises the Director on topics pertaining to the administration of the exhibition of livestock program. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 901.72, the rules adopted under which apply to exhibition related food safety and the health, safety, and welfare of livestock shall apply to every exhibition. However, exhibitions may choose to adopt rules which do not apply to those issues. The rules as drafted indicate which rules are mandatory and which rules are optional for adoption by the exhibition.

- (Amended) OAC 901:18-01 to 11 and 901:19-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 10, 12, 13, 19, 21, 31, 32, 35, 39 and 40
- (No Change) OAC 901:19-33
- (Rescinded) OAC 901:19-09, 11, 34, 38,

[View Business Impact Analysis and Proposed Rules](#)

Please send your written comments on these rules to

eComments@agri.ohio.gov and CSIPublicComments@governor.ohio.gov

Join the Food & Fashion Board Team!

The Ashland County 4-H Food & Fashion Board is now accepting applications!

The Food & Fashion Board organizes the 4-H Bake Sale Fundraiser on the last day of the fair. They also do community service projects and more. Last year they put together care packages for the women's shelter.

Members must be at least 13 years old. Application can be found at:

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Cfub37W0ItaPX0

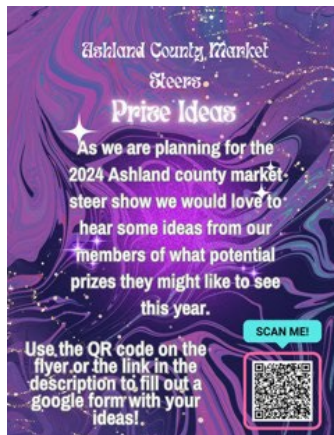
Applications are by March 1st with the first meeting on March 19th at 6pm - location to be determined.

Time to Order Your 4-H/FFA Turkeys!

It's time to order you 4-H/FFA turkeys! Any market turkeys shown at the Ashland County Fair MUST be purchased through the Poultry Committee and the following order form.

- To have a chance to WIN your turkeys, there is an essay contest at:
<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20turkey%20essay.pdf>
- For more information visit our website at:
<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Turkey%20Order%20Letter%202024.pdf>
- To order your turkeys, go to: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_digwkyzrlxauJH8

Market Steers



The Market Steer Committee is asking it's members to make suggestion for what they would like to see given as prizes at this year's fair. Scan the QR Code or go to: <https://forms.gle/KuqZh73wv8m3cw9Y7> to give your input!

4-H Volunteers Background Check Renewal Notice

Reminder to those 4-H Volunteers who received a notice to complete their background check for 2024. This is to be completed by February 15 to continue in your 4-H volunteer role. Please sign the bottom of the form that gives you all the information and code number, then send it to aulger.3@osu.edu. This lets us

know you have completed your requirement and allows us to send a request to the State Office for you to be reimbursed.

Save the Date! Mandatory 4-H Volunteer Training

Volunteers may attend the required annual 4-H volunteer training on:

Sunday, February 18

OR

Tuesday, February 20

Location and times to be announced. Look for our updated 2024 4-H calendar in next week's newsletter!

Club Organizational Advisors and Committee Treasurers

Each year 4-H Clubs and Committees are responsible to turn in the following documents. THANK YOU for ensuring we are following Ohio State University guidelines! Please email documents to: ashland4H@osu.edu or you may bring them in or mail to the Extension Office.

DUE JANUARY 31

- Club charter checklist (4-H clubs only) <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204-H%20Club%20Charter%2010.2022%20Final.pdf>
- 2023 Financial Summary: Please use this form. We are required to upload it into your club/committee's 4Honline profile.
https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204H%20Club%20Affiliate%20Yearly%20Financial%20Summaryfillable_0.pdf
- Last Bank statement of 2023 showing the December 31, 2023 balance.

DUE APRIL 15

- Constitution <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204-H%20Club%20Constitution%2010.2022%20Final%20Fillable.pdf>
- Schedule of your club/committees events and meetings.
- Inventory Checklist: If your inventory is the same as last year, please just state so on the form and turn it in. <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/EquipmentInventory.pdf>

First Year Goat Members: Chance to WIN Your Meat Market Goat

The Ashland County Goat Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for an opportunity for first year goat members to win a free meat market goat. For more information and the form, visit our website at:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/goat%20essay%202024%20fillable_0.pdf

County Dog License Deadline is January 31

All dogs showing at the Ashland County Fair are required to show proof of county dog license.

Ohio State Law requires any dog over the age of three (3) months to have a license within 30 days of ownership. Any license purchased after thirty (30) days of ownership, or renewed after January 31 must

include a penalty equal to the cost of the license. Your dog's license may be purchased at the Auditor's office Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or

Purchase your dog license online at <http://www.doglicenses.us/oh/ashland>.

Ashland County Cattlemen's Quality Assurance

Beef Quality Assurance

Presented by the Ashland County
Cattlemen's

FEBRUARY 15TH 5:30 - 8:00 PM
LOUDONVILLE FARMER'S EQUITY
803 N MOUNT VERNON AVE, LOUDONVILLE OH
FREE TO ATTEND! Dinner included.



ASHLAND COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS: THIS WILL COUNT TOWARDS
YOUR 2024 QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENT AS LONG AS YOU ARE
EXHIBITING A BEEF PROJECT.

FOR QUESTIONS ON QA REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT JACKIE WASILEWSKI
OWASILEWSKI@GMAIL.COM, PHONE: 419-281-4042

Please email Zane Gross at zgross.erbeef@gmail.com to RSVP

4-H & FFA Beef project members: An opportunity to complete your mandatory Quality Assurance training.

Online Show Pig Conference Opportunity

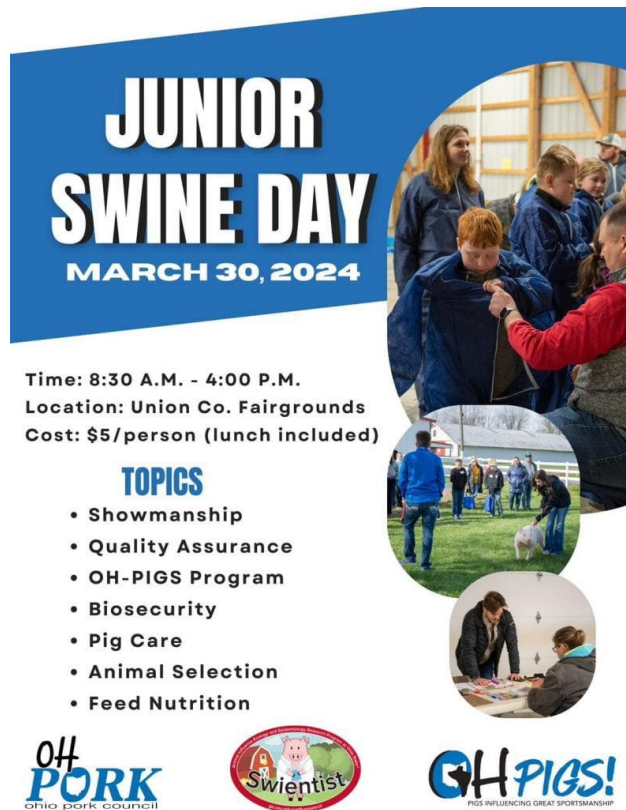


Sponsored By:



2024 virtual show pig conference organized by a local family. This year's event will feature 20 speakers who are excited to help you learn and succeed. You will be able to ask show pig experts the questions you have always wanted answered.

Ohio Junior Swine Day



JUNIOR SWINE DAY
MARCH 30, 2024

Time: 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Location: Union Co. Fairgrounds
Cost: \$5/person (lunch included)

TOPICS

- Showmanship
- Quality Assurance
- OH-PIGS Program
- Biosecurity
- Pig Care
- Animal Selection
- Feed Nutrition

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OH PIGS!
PIGS INFLUENCING GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP

The poster features a blue header with the event title and date. Below the header, it lists the time, location, and cost. A list of topics is provided, followed by logos for the Ohio Pork Council, Swinetist, and OH PIGS!. Three circular images on the right show participants in various activities: a group of people in a barn, a person with a pig in a field, and two people looking at a chart.

Ohio Pork Council along with OH-PIGS and the Swinetist Program are excited to bring you Junior Swine Day 2024 at the Union County Fairgrounds. Participants will spend the day rotating through sessions while hearing from pork industry experts about animal nutrition, showmanship, animal health, biosecurity and so much more. Additionally, parents will have the opportunity to attend a session designed specifically for parents involved in the show pig industry. We would encourage all of our swine project members to attend this event!

Junior Swine Day

Saturday, March 30, 2024 | 8:30am-4:00pm at Union County Fairgrounds

\$5 per person, lunch included

Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#)

Livestock Clinic Opportunity in Wayne County



NORTHWESTERN IFA PRESENTS THE 2ND ANNUAL
HAMMER TIME
LIVESTOCK CLINIC

MARCH 16TH
START TIME: 10 AM
\$10 ENTRY FEE
WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - COLISEUM
WOOSTER, OHIO
QUALITY ASSURANCE CREDIT INCLUDED


WEATHERED
BORN TO CHANGE

WHERE WINNERS ARE MADE

The poster has a purple and black design. It features the event title in large, bold letters, followed by the date, time, entry fee, location, and a QR code. The bottom of the poster has a black banner with the slogan 'WHERE WINNERS ARE MADE'.

The Hammer Time Livestock Clinic sponsored by Northwestern FFA returns March 16th, 10am, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Coliseum. Entry fee is \$10.

Quality Assurance credit is included!

Register at: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSf.../viewform>

Turkey Order

Ashland County 4-H Horse Tack Auction



Come support our 4-H Horse program!

Horse 4-H clubs, please donate a \$10 item to the tack auction.

Ohio 4-H Conference

The 2024 Ohio 4-H Conference will bring together 4-H **volunteers and teens** (age 13 and older) from across Ohio. You can participate in a variety of educational sessions that offer something for everyone!

Sessions will start at 9:00 am on March 9, 2024.

To register, fill out the registration form below and turn it into the Ashland County Extension Office.

Ohio 4-H Conference Sessions:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20O4HC%20Reg%20Book_0.pdf

Registration Form: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20O4H%20conference%20reg.pdf>

The Ashland County 4-H Committee has paid for a limited number of adult volunteers to attend. Teens may apply for a scholarship to attend by filling out the Trip/Event scholarship application below.

2024 Equistep is now open!

EquiSTEP (Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program) is an ANNUAL statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities and/or enrolled in a 4-H horse project. Must be completed by MAY 1 to eligible to show.

To complete this requirement, go to <http://go.osu.edu/equistep2024>

- Enroll using your own unique email address. DO NOT use your school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system.
- MAKE SURE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION THAT ASKS WHAT COUNTY YOU ARE FROM AND CLICK THE LAST RED ARROW TO SUBMIT AFTER THE FEEDBACK SURVEY. Otherwise, our office does not get notified that you have completed the course.
- You will receive a confirmation email from Equistep when you have successfully completed the course. Keep this confirmation email for your records.

4-H Spark Expo

From June 12-15, teens at the Spark EXPO will learn about agriculture and related STEAM fields from industry experts, and faculty and staff of the Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). Open to all Ohio students who have completed the eighth grade or ninth grade at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. Participants do not need to be enrolled in the 4-H program. The event includes on-campus accommodations, meals, program materials, and transportation. Supervision is provided by adult program staff.

As part of Spark EXPO, students visit Ohio State's Columbus and Wooster campuses and learn from Ohio State students, teachers, scientists, and researchers. Students explore careers, hear from Ohio 4-H alumni who share their career stories, and learn about the college and career-readiness program: Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future.

Parents will have the opportunity on the final day of Spark to meet the CFAES admissions team and learn how to better prepare their students for their post-high school education and careers. Parents and students can find more information [here](#) or by contacting Margo Overholt-Seckel, program manager, Ohio 4-H Workforce Development & Pathways at overholt-seckel.1@osu.edu.

To learn more about the event or to register visit: go.osu.edu/4Hsparkexpo

- Space is limited to 75 youth so register soon if you are interested!
- COST: Thanks to generous financial support from the Ohio 4-H Foundation and others, the registration fee is \$75.
- Fill out a trip award application farther down in this newsletter to apply for a scholarship from the Ashland County 4-H Committee!

2024 Ohio 4-H Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp

Join Ohio 4-H, Hocking College & ODNR professionals at Canters Cave 4-H Camp for a weekend of learning about forestry and wildlife education, fishing, hiking, tree climbing, outdoor survival, ODNR careers & college opportunities and more!

- This camp is designed for youth grades 7-11. Participants DO NOT need to be 4-H members to attend camp.
- Friday, April 19-Sunday April 21 at Canter's Cave, Jackson, Ohio
- Cost: \$115.00
- Registration Deadline is March 28, 2024

For more detailed information go to: <https://ohio4h.org/camp/forestry-and-wildlife-conservation-camp>

To register, go to: www.go.osu.edu/24ForestryWLCamp

Statewide, there are 15, \$60 scholarships sponsored by the Ohio 4-H Foundation. Leaving the final cost of camp at \$55 (total price is \$115 this year) The Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp Scholarship application is at www.go.osu.edu/24ForestryScholarship
This Scholarship Deadline is March 1, 2024.

Sea Camp

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp at Kelleys Island has offered hundreds of young people the opportunity to learn about aquatic science and experience a variety of recreational watersports on Lake Erie. Sea Camp is offered to youth ages 14-17 (age as of the first day of camp).

The mission of Ohio 4-H Sea Camp is to offer teenage youth an introduction to the Great Lakes through hands-on experiences in a variety of aquatic-based programs. Sea Camp will enable participants to experience Lake Erie-based activities and culture such as aquatic science, water recreation, and fishing.

For more information, go to: <https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp>

To apply for a scholarship to attend, fill out the Ashland County Trip/Event Award application below.

Trip/Event Scholarship Opportunities

Interested in an advertised State 4-H event?

- Ohio 4-H Conference
- Sea Camp
- Leadership Camp
- Ohio 4-H Spark Expo
- Forestry Camp
- Many Others: If you are interested in a 4-H event not on the application, just write it in!

Through the generosity of our Ashland County 4-H Committee, there are scholarships available to help cover cost of attending! Fill out the application below and return to the Extension Office by February 5.

Ashland County Trip Award Application:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20trip%20award%20app%20final_3.pdf

New 4-H Volunteer Application

Want to inspire youth to become the leaders of tomorrow? Become a 4-H Volunteer! We are accepting new Ashland County 4-H Volunteer applications until February 15. For more information and the application, go to our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/become-volunteer>

4-H Day At Columbus Blue Jackets



<https://bluejackets.spinzo.com/?group=4h-foundation-7ush>

Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future



Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future eNewsletter is an electronic newsletter is sent to the family 4Honline email for those 4-H youth in 8th grade or above. 4-H youth that meet the school grade requirement will be automatically enrolled in Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future with their annual enrollment within the local 4-H program.

Each email will include helpful tips, resources, and opportunities to help 4-H youth explore career and post-high school paths to help set them up for future success.

For all things college and career readiness and workforce development, Ohio 4-H Pathways also has a website at: <https://www.facebook.com/4hpathways>

Top Shots Scholarship

Top Shots members that are a current High School Senior and will be enrolled in an accredited college or trade school this fall may be eligible for a scholarship. For more information and the application, go to our website at:

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/top%20shots%20scholarship.pdf>

4-H Enrollment is Open!

The new 4-H year has begun! You may now log into <https://v2.4honline.com/> and enroll in 4-H for 2023-24.

- **Cloverbuds:** Enroll in Project 710 Cloverbud Activities
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Enroll as a PROGRAM VOLUNTEER, then choose your committee as your "unit". DO NOT select any projects.
- **Club advisors,** enroll as a Club Volunteer with your club. DO NOT select any projects.

- Volunteers will not be approved until they have met all requirements, including annual advisor training to be offered early in 2024.
- **HORSE Members:** New Projects with project books include 186 Gymkhana Animal Sciences and 187 Roping Animal Sciences. You must be enrolled in 187 Roping if you want to participate in ground roping classes. For Ohio State Fair and Ashland County PAS shows, the 187 Roping Project book will be required. Part of your score at the Ohio State Fair will be from your roping project book. If you want to participate in the State competitive trail ride in September, you must be enrolled in 188 Trail Riding project.

Enrollment tips and videos may be found on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-online-enrollment-information> or you may contact the Extension Office for assistance.

FFA Members in 4Honline

Any FFA member that is taking ANY animal to the fair, will need make a 4Honline account if they do not already have one.

- **FFA Members:** Choose "yes, I want to enroll in 4-H". When you choose your FFA chapter as your club, the system is set up to realize you are not actually enrolled in a 4-H club.
- Please list your FFA chapter as your "club".
- Choose COP: Animal, FFA (market goat, dairy cow, market hog, etc..) as your project.

Ohio State Fair Possession Deadlines

If you plan to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, animals MUST be entered and approved in the 4-H/FFA member's 4-H Online account by the deadline below!

Below is a listing of the possession deadlines for the Ohio State Fair. ***Note, the MAY 1 market goat possession deadline.*** This also means, **if you plan to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, these animals MUST be entered in the 4-H/FFA member's 4-H Online account by this deadline!** When verifying OSF entries, the Extension Office will now have to verify possession date and if it's not in 4-H online by the possession date, there is no way for us to verify this requirement.

In order to be more consistent with statewide livestock exhibition ownership rules, the Ohio State Fair has listed animal ownership dates below:

MARKET ANIMALS -

- Market beef – January 1
- Market swine – May 26
- Market lambs – May 26
- Market goats – May 1
- Dairy feeders – May 26
- Market rabbits – June 1
- Market poultry – within 5 days of hatch

BREEDING ANIMALS -

- Breeding Beef – June 1
- Breeding Swine – June 1
- Breeding Sheep – June 1
- Breeding Goats – June 1
- Breeding Poultry – June 1
- Breeding rabbits – June 1
- Dairy Cattle – June 1

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Our June 1 deadline for Quality Assurance meets the State Fair QA Deadline for all species.

2024 Ashland County 4-H Calendar: ***Updated 1/23/2024 with Committee Meetings, QA, Skill-a-thon dates and more!***

The 2024 4-H Calendar is posted on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/breaking-news>

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https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_39M4tSvTaliJniR

Find us on Facebook at: [Ohio State- Ashland County 4-H Facebook page](#)



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