

4-H Newsletter 5/12/2023

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.

We are open:

Mondays 8:30-4pm

Tuesdays 8:30-4pm

Fridays 8:30-3pm

FCS Make It/Take It Succulent Garden Clinic

There are a few spots left! Register now and pay at the Extension Office by Monday, May 15.

Come and make a succulent garden to take home with you!

May 20 2-4 pm at Honey Haven Farm

Cost \$10 per person

Sign up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DAEA62EABF49-fcsmake>

Quality Assurance Training

Any 4-H or FFA member taking a live, breathing animal to the fair, must attend a Quality Assurance training before June 1. Ashland County does not have anymore QA training dates available, but members may:

- **Find and attend another county that is offering QA.**
- **Complete QA online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> Cost for online QA is \$12. If you choose the online option, you must email your certificate of completion to the Extension Office.**

[Help sheet to register for online QA](#)

Ear Tags for Beef/Dairy Feeders & Market Animals



If you have a market animal or beef/dairy feeder, you will need to tag your animal with an ear tag from the Extension Office.

Sheep, goat and feeders will have the 840 EID tags.

This year, swine tags will be the traditional fair tag (not 840 EID tags) due to an issue with our tag order. If your hog already has an 840 EID tag, do not remove it. You should record that 840 EID tag number in 4Honline. If you need an 840 EID tag for your hog to show at the State Fair, please contact your breeder, vet or the Extension Office.

- **Hog tags should be placed in the RIGHT ear for ease of viewing during fair check in.**
- **Sheep/Goat/Feeder tags can be placed in either ear and as the picture above shows.**
- **Enter the ENTIRE 15 DIGIT EID TAG NUMBER IN THE RFID tag number location in 4Honline.**

We ask that club advisors survey their members to know how many tags their club will need for this year.

- **You will need to know how many swine tags and how many tags for other market species. (Goats , sheep and feeders will have the same type of tag).**
- **Tags may then be picked up for the club at the Extension Office or at the Senior Fair Office on the Fairgrounds. Advisors, you may delegate this task.**

- Remember to log back into 4Honline and enter your animal under your profile. For those animals with the round 840 EID tags, You MUST ENTER THE ENTIRE EID TAG NUMBER INTO 4HONLINE in order for it to match the electronic scanner at fair check in.

Identify Your Animal in 4Honline by June 1!

All market animals (except poultry), beef/dairy feeders, dogs, and BREEDING RABBITS must be entered in the member's 4Honline profile by June 1. Market rabbits must be entered in 4Honline by August 28.

NEW THIS YEAR: Breeding Rabbits must be entered in 4Honline by June 1.

- If your animal has an 840 EID tag, ENTER IT IN THE RFID TAG NUMBER FIELD. YOU MUST ENTER ALL 15 DIGITS!! By entering all 15 digits, it will match when they scan your animal's tag at fair check in.
- Beef/Dairy Feeders: You may also enter this 840 EID number in the second Tag number field that is required.
- GOATS & SHEEP: Will have 2 tags in. The round 840 EID tag and their scrapies tag from the breeder. Enter your Scrapies tag number in the Tag number field. The 840 EID tag number will be entered in the RFID tag field. We must be able to read the Scrapies tag and the EID tag number in at least one of your photos! (Perhaps a close up picture in the identifier photo location)
- Hogs: Enter your hog's tag number in the Tag number field that is required. We must be able to read the number on your hog's tag in at least one of your uploaded pictures.
- HELP sheet to enter your animal in 4Honline:

https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/animals%20tab%20Ashland%204honline_7.pdf

Sheep & Swine Clinic

There will be a Sheep and Swine Clinic on June 13 in the Swine arena at the fairgrounds.

At 6 pm we will start with Swine showmanship/ fitting (approx. 45 min) followed by a feeding clinic for Swine & Sheep (approx. 30 min) and then conclude with a Sheep showmanship/ fitting clinic.

We encourage you to come watch, listen and bring your questions!

This is NOT a hands-on clinic so no animals.

Dairy Clinic



Lorain County 4-H Animal School Opportunity

4-H ANIMAL SCHOOLS

The Lorain County 4-H Animal School objective is to provide a safe, fun, and hands-on opportunity for 4-H animal project members. Youth will gain knowledge and skills from well-respected and approved experts in various *Interest Areas*. Interest areas will rotate each year.

Registration for each species will close one week prior to the event.
Spaces are limited and filled on a first come, first serve basis.
Click on the species below to be directed to the registration link.

Date	Species	Time	Location	Sponsor	Cost
May 13	Goat/Lamb	11:30 am- 3:00 pm	Lorain County Fairgrounds	OSU Extension	\$5
May 20 & 21	Dog	9:30 am-4:30 pm, 11:00 am-2:00 pm	Lorain County Fairgrounds	OSU Extension	\$5 per day
June 3	Horse	9:00 am-2:30 pm	Lorain County Fairgrounds	OSU Extension	\$15
June 11	Swine	1:00-5:00 pm	Lorain County Fairgrounds	4-H Alumni	\$10
June 18	Beef	1:00-5:00 pm	Lorain County Fairgrounds	4-H Alumni	\$10
June 24	Dairy	9:00 am	Lorain County Fairgrounds	Lorain Co. Dairy Youth Auction	-
June 27	Fowl	6:00- 8:30 pm	Lorain County Fairgrounds	OSU Extension	\$5
July 26	Rabbit	6:00- 8:30 pm	Lorain County Fairgrounds	OSU Extension	\$5

For more information visit the [4-H Educational page](#) of our website



A nearby county is offering a hands-on learning opportunity for 4-H members. For more information go to:

<https://lorain.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-educational-board>

Links to Ohio Youth Livestock Webinars

- If you would like to see the Ohio Youth Livestock **Beef** Webinars that happened in December but were unable to join links can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/beef-cattle> .
- Ohio Youth Livestock Small Ruminant (Sheep/Goat) Webinars that happened in February but were unable to join, links can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/small-ruminant-sheepgoat#Sheep%20web>

Ohio Administrative Code Livestock Exhibition Rules

When reviewing the *OAC 901-19* (Ohio Administrative Code Livestock Exhibition Rules), here is a document to help clarify definitions and understand the expectations that must be met for all youth Junior Livestock Exhibitions in Ohio.

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%20Youth%20Livestock%20Exhibition%20Rules%204.17.23.pdf>

- **PLEASE NOTE:** counties may have ADDITIONAL rules in place and guidelines to meet, in order to be eligible to exhibit. For Example: *The deadline for Quality Assurance completion in Ashland Co. is June 1- even though it is well before the 45 day deadline outlined in this document*
- Please refer to Project Guidelines on our website and the Jr Fair Book for additional information on county specific rules.

Livestock Project Judging You will be required to come to project Livestock judging before the fair with a completed record book! You may re-use a current project book and update the topics of interest, project activities, youth parent agreement etc.(dates will need to reflect current year) however you are going to be required to have CURRENT YEAR, completed records, for each livestock project!

For example:

- If you have two market goats, that is the same project and those records may be combined in the same book
- If you have a breeding goat and a market goat, those are separate projects and will require separate records. You may use a second project book OR you may use the following tool--2023 Livestock Record--in addition to your one book to meet the record keeping requirement for the second

project. If you keep another form of electronic records covering these items, you may print and submit those at judging.

2023 Livestock Record : Use if you are re-using a project book more than one year or need an additional record keeping tool. This ensures you have current year records for each project.

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Project Requirements are Posted!

2023 project requirements are now posted on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-requirements>

Please review the project requirements so you are familiar with the requirements that need to be met in order to exhibit your project at the Ashland County Fair.

For Swine members purchasing Ashland County Born & Raised eligible hogs: [2023 Ashland County Born & Raised Form for Swine](#)

If you need encouragement to pick up your tags and/or books soon, see below!

Extension Office Parking Lot

We recently received notice that the large parking lot across from our building will be closed starting Monday, April 3 for renovations. For now, if space permits, visitors may park in the small parking lot on the same side as our building, but please respect the parking spots that have signs posted.

The small parking lot beside our building will also be closed for renovation soon. When this lot also closes, the county has asked that anyone needing to park for our office park at the county lot north of the Courthouse on 3rd street or in the visitors lot east of the Jobs and Family Service Center 15 W. 4th Street.

We realize this is an inconvenience, especially at such a busy time of year picking up tags and project books. An alternative is to pick up your tags at the Fair Office on the Fairgrounds Monday-Friday 8am-4pm.

2023 Ashland County 4-H Calendar

The 2023 4-H Calendar is posted on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/breaking-news>

4-H Newsletter

If you have a second email you would like to add to the list or need to change your email it is sent to, please use the link below:

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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