

# Ashland County 4-H Newsletter

## January 31, 2020

### **Ractopamine in Swine**

The 4-H Sheep and Swine Committee and Ashland County Senior Fair Board, at their January meetings, voted to ban the use of ractopamine (i.e. Paylean® or Optaflexx®) in market hogs at the Ashland County Fair in 2020.

As you may have heard, this issue is affecting all fairs (and pork production in general) in Ohio.

**As of yesterday, the Ohio State Fair is also banning the use of this drug in market hogs this year.**

We are still awaiting word from the state level as to whether any affidavits will be required going forward and will pass this information along as soon as we get it.

They will also be sharing factsheets on the particulars which we will distribute shortly.

### **Sheep and Swine Give-Away Contest**

The Ashland County 4-H Sheep and Swine Committee is sponsoring two essay contests for all youth who would like to show market lambs or market hogs this year at the fair.

To be eligible, youth must agree to join 4-H or FFA this year and use the animal as an Ashland County Junior Fair project.

Up to two market hogs and two market lambs will be awarded this year.

Members wishing to win a lamb should also indicate if they would like an Ashland County Pool Lamb or a standard market lamb.

See attached for more information.

### **Wanted: 4-H Camp Counselors**

All youth who will be at least 15 by July 5, 2020 are eligible to apply to serve as a 4-H Junior Camp Counselor this summer.

We will have an orientation meeting on Wednesday, February 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for anyone interested in applying for a position as a camp counselor.

Please email Kathy at [blackford.10@osu.edu](mailto:blackford.10@osu.edu) so I know you will be attending.

If you have an unavoidable conflict that evening, please let me know so I can get you the necessary paperwork to you.

## **Ohio 4-H Conference**

**The Ohio 4-H Conference will be held Saturday, March 14  
at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.**

**The 4-H Committee will pay your \$40.00 registration to attend.  
Registration deadline is February 6 but turn in your session choices to me  
as soon as possible to get your first choices!**

**The registration booklet and reservation form are attached.**

**You can also find them online at**

**<https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>**

**Hard copies are available at the Extension Office.**

**4-H volunteers and teens are eligible to attend.**

## **Quality Assurance**

**Quality Assurance for 2020 will be done in a similar fashion as last year  
with club advisors responsible for teaching the course work.**

**Volunteers wishing to obtain initial certification (good for three years) or whose  
initial certification expires this year,  
must attend QA Certification on either Friday, February 14 at 10 a.m. or Tuesday,  
February 25 at 7 p.m.**

**Both trainings will be held at the Extension office.**

**Those whose certification is current will need only to go through a brief update  
on the materials for this year when they pick up their QA materials for their clubs.**

**Materials can be picked up by appointment after February 17.**

**CONTINUING FOR 2020 - QA Training for youth must be completed at least 45  
days prior to the start of the exhibition.**

**This includes youth exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair.**

**If exhibition at the Ohio State Fair is before their county fair, youth must have  
completed that training at least 45 days  
prior to the opening day of the Ohio State Fair.**

**This means that although our county deadline is June 15, members wishing to  
show at the state fair must have completed their training by June 14.**

## Quality Assurance Instructors

### QA Instructors with 2021 Expiration Date

Alicia	Ables	2021
Amanda	Atterholt	2021
Cassandra	Kelley	2021
Linda	McCoy	2021
Kate	McGovern	2021
Carol	Morrison	2021

### QA Instructors with 2022 Expiration Date

Susan	Brown		Kent	McGovern
Rochelle	DuBois		Sheri	McGovern
Courtney	Crossen		Angie	McQuillen
Missy	Eaton		Dave	McQuillen
Patty	Fliger		Andrew	Motter
Valerie	Hall		Amy	Nalley
Amy	Heller		Kim	Ramey
Cindey	Jones		Heather	Rebman
Susan	Brown		Matthew	Rebman
Rochelle	DuBois		Stephanie	Schaefer
Courtney	Crossen		Connie	Schoenberger
Missy	Eaton		Phoebe	Spidel
Patty	Fliger		Joan	Stauffer
Valerie	Hall		Lisa	Stout
Amy	Heller		Pam	Summerfield
Cindey	Jones		Baylin	Thompson
Vella	King		Candace	Wagner
Kellie	Light		Tonya	Welch
Kristine	LaFever		Lisa	Wilfong
Michelle	Maynard		Keelie	Wurster
Michelle	McEwen		Vicky	Van Horn
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## Upcoming Meetings

**Feb. 1 FCS Workshop Candy Making 1-4pm Ext. Office**

**Feb. 3 Food & Fashion Board 7pm Ext. Office**

**Feb. 3 Dairy Committee 7pm Ext. Office**

**Feb. 4 4-H Committee 7pm Ext. Office**

**Feb. 7 Radical Robots 5:30-7pm Ext. Office**