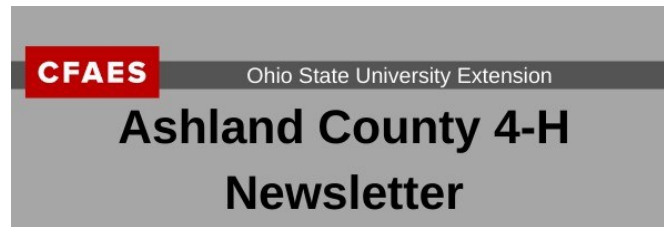


# 4-H Newsletter 2/26/2021



## Turkey Order & Give-a-way

It is time to order your 2021 Market Turkey! If you plan to show a market turkey at this year's fair, you must order your turkey through this order form. Breed turkeys do not have to be purchased through this program – members may get their breed turkey on their own if they wish but remember, they must be a Heritage breed.

**Click the links below for more information and the order form.**

**Orders are due postmarked and paid by Friday, March 26. If you mail your order and payment to Amy Pickering, please send her a text to let her know it is coming due to postal delays.** Another option this year, is to drop off your order form and payment at the Extension office.

[2021 Market Turkey Ordering Information](#)

[2021 Market Turkey Order Form](#)

The 4-H Poultry Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for all youth who would like to take turkeys this year at the fair. The youth must agree to join 4-H this year and use the turkeys as a 4-H project.

Youth may enter to win both market turkeys and breed turkeys this year! In order to be considered for both classes, youth **MUST** submit **TWO** essays, one for each class. Three turkey poultts will be awarded for each class.

**Click the link below for more details on this essay contest give-a-way!**

[Turkey Essay Contest](#)

## 4-H Committee and Kathy Blackford Scholarship

The Ashland County 4-H Committee scholarship was established in 2014 to help out local youth 4-H members towards higher education opportunities. This scholarship will be awarded annually to current active High School Senior members in the Ashland county 4-H program. Ashland County 4-H Committee will be awarding a one-time minimum \$500 scholarship in addition to a Kathy Blackford Scholarship. See the link below for an application.

[4-H Committee and Kathy Blackford Scholarship application](#)

## 4-H Volunteer Yearly Training

Returning volunteers may do their required yearly Policy 1.50 training online.

[4-H Volunteer Policy1.50 Training](#)

## Free 4-H Book from 4-H Committee

Once again, the Ashland County 4-H Committee has voted to pay for one book for each 4-H member!

Please remember to send write them a Thank you note as a club and/or as an individual. You may drop off or mail the note to the Extension Office at:

Ashland County Extension Office, 1763 State Route 60, Ashland, Ohio, 44805

and I will be sure the Committee receives it.

## Quality Assurance

- Youth age 12 or older can test out of their annual QA program for up to three (3) years by passing the QA test.

There is a small and a large animal version. Youth ages 12-14 years old who pass the QA test would need to re-test or complete QA the year they are age 15 as of January 1. Youth ages 15-18 years old who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program permanently.

**Any youth interested in taking the Quality Assurance test-out option, please contact the Extension Office.**

- QA instructors who need to recertify this year should have received an email from Scarlet Canvas**, an OSU online course platform with instructions on how to complete your QA instructor recertification online this year. You need to be currently certified to pick up your QA materials.

The QA instructors below need to recertify this year: Some of you may have already completed this online recertification training.

**Alicia Ables, Mandy Atterholt, Cassandra Kelley, Linda McCoy, Kate McGovern, Carol Morrison**

All other Ashland County QA Instructors will be due to recertify in 2022.

- QA Instructors, please use the link below to request your QA material.

[QA material list](#)

## 2021 4-H Calendar Changes

The 2021 4-H Calendar has been revised and the new version is posted (see link below). Revisions include:

- Market goat weigh in corrected to June 1
- Market goat born and raised class entry deadline added
- Swine born and raised entry deadline added

[2021 Ashland County 4-H Calendar](#)

## 2021 Project Requirements

The 2021 project requirements for **most** species have been posted on our website. Click the link below to start your search for your specific project requirements.

## **2021 Ashland County Project Requirements**

They will be inserted in the project books, so when you pick up your book, you will have a paper copy.

## **2021 Sheep and Swine Give-Away Essay Contests**

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.

Click below for a more details.

[Sheep and Swine Essay Contest](#)

## **2021 Ashland County Swine Born & Raised Class**

The Sheep & Swine Committee is offering a class for market hogs born and raised in Ashland County. The nomination form must be signed by the breeder and is due June 4. Nomination forms are available at the Extension Office or click the link below:

[2021 Ashland County Swine Born & Raised Form](#)

If you so choose to show in the born and raised class you will not be eligible to show in the weight class meaning you are not eligible to show the hog twice.

ALL market hog participants will be required to sign the Ractopomine Free Avidavit. This will be turned in with the Hog Tagging forms for each member. A second copy must be signed and turned in at the time of fair weigh-in on September 18.

[Ractopomine Free Avidavit](#)

## **Trips Available to 4-H Sea Camp and Ohio 4-H Youth Leadership Camp**

**The 4-H Committee is sponsoring two trips to each of these camps in 2021. Dates and ages eligible for these camps are on the application--see link below.**

[4-H Trip Application](#)

**Trip award applications are due to the office by March 1.**

## **Beekeeping Essay Contest**

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees is once again sponsoring the 2021 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. The essay competition is open to active 4-H Club members only.

### **2021 Essay Topic: Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats**

**Deadline for submission to the Ohio 4-H state office is March 29, 2021. Submit essays to Lisa Jinks, [jinks.2@osu.edu](mailto:jinks.2@osu.edu) by midnight. Each submitted essay will be reviewed by a panel of writing professionals and the top essay selected will be submitted for national competition. Be sure to see important requirements and guidelines on the Foundation's website. [Click here for rules and overview.](#)**

## Stay-at-Home Projects

Click the link below for a list of perfect stay-at-home projects with free printable books!

[Stay-at-Home Projects](#)

## Feeder Calf News

**All members taking a feeder calf project must tag their animal(s) and return the signed feeder calf registration form (available at the office beginning in April) to the Ashland County Extension office by June 1 of the current project year.**

Members are responsible for tagging their own animals. Tags are to be signed out from the Ashland County Extension office anywhere from late April through the end of May. Taggers are also available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members may tag any number of animals. Members may bring two beef and two dairy feeders for a maximum of four. Calves should be tagged in their left ear. Market Steer Committee members may verify tags with farm visits anytime after June 1. If a tag is lost, member must notify the Extension office (419-281-8242) within 24 hours.

## Enroll in 4-H Today!

Enroll at this link: [4Honline 2.0](#)

For guidance on how to enroll/re-enroll: [4Honline 2.0 Help Sheet](#)

## Extension Office Hours

We are open:

Monday 8:30-4pm

Tuesday 8:30-4pm

Friday 8:30-3pm

Please email [aulger.3@osu.edu](mailto:aulger.3@osu.edu) or call 419-281-8242 for an appointment.

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