

Ashland County 4-H Newsletter

March 20, 2020

Pork Quality Assurance for State Fair Participants

Youth entering a market swine project at the 2020 Ohio State Fair will be **required to have a parent/guardian Pork Quality Assurance certified** in order to meet packer requirements.

See the attached flyer for more information.

4-H Online Enrollment Deadline Extended

Because clubs will not be able to have another meeting until after April 20, we have made the decision to extend the 4-H

Enrollment Deadline to May 1, 2020.

This will be extended for this year only.

Members have to be enrolled by May 1, 2020 in order to be able to be eligible to participate fully at the 2020 Ashland County Junior Fair.

Of course, 4-H members can join 4-H any time of year.

Volunteers still need to complete their Policy 1.50 training online by April 15, 2020.

Schedule Changes due to ban

Each day we are learning more about changes happening in the 4-H program (and the world for that matter!).

Here are some updates:

- **Clubs are encouraged to meet virtually (Google meeting, Zoom, etc.) between now and April 20. We understand that this is not an option for everyone but it may be a good alternative for your club.**

Please continue to work with members to sign up for 4-H in the online system. You can also have new members sign up, even if they have not attended a meeting in person yet.

- **Camp counselors** will receive training materials through the mail in the next week or so, so that we can keep on schedule with our training.

Much of this work can be completed through correspondence and we will transition into planning when we are able to meet face-to-face again. The mandatory Camp Counselor Weekend is still scheduled - information will be shared with those needing to attend in the near future.

- **Since 4-H clubs are unable to meet until April 21 or later, Quality Assurance trainings** are going to be pushed later into the year. However, they must still be completed by June 15 (June 14 for state fair). Advisors may still send in their material request form (attached) so that we may prepare your club packet.

- **The National Robotics Challenge** has been rescheduled to May and members have been notified. Your advisors will let you know when they are continuing their meetings (on April 21 or later).

- **All remaining shooting sports** discipline meetings have been cancelled. It is unlikely that any of them will be rescheduled. Please continue to watch your email for dates when project judging and the banquet will be rescheduled.

- **We are currently trying to get answers about our Tractor Certification program** and whether we will be allowed to hold the test as scheduled or if we will need to move it. We will let participants know with a direct email as soon as we have information.

Market Turkey Order Market

**For anyone interested in taking a market turkey,
I have attached information on ordering.**

Deadline to order is Friday, March 27.

**Reminder: To bring a market turkey to the fair,
it must be ordered through the Poultry Committee.**

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.**

Big Green Garage Sale Dates

The Big Green Garage Sale will be held on Friday, June 26- Sunday June 28.

Drop off dates for the sale will be Friday, June 12-Sunday June 14

**with times TBA. A sign-up sheet has been emailed
to each Club's Organizational Advisor.**

from the Garage Sale Committee for Clubs to help.

The 4-H Calendar has been updated with this information.

Baby Beef Club

The Ashland County Baby Beef Club is celebrating their 75th anniversary in 2021. Currently they are looking for past participants, parents, etc. to work on a committee to plan the celebration.

They are also wanting old clippings, programs, photos and other memorabilia to display at events next year.

If you are interested in helping out or have any materials you would like to donate, please

contact Bobbi Jo Litten at bjlitten1@frontier.com