

Weekly 4-H Word

April 26, 2021

PLEASE BE SURE TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER. There is important information throughout. Look for new information about dates for things like QA towards the end of the newsletter.

EXTENSION OFFICE AND 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Now that Preble County is an orange county, our office will be open with limited walk-in hours. Walk-in hours will be Monday—Thursday from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. We will be available other hours by appointment.

To contact us use the information below:

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Find Current 4-H Meeting Guidelines at: <https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected>



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TAGGING FOR MARKET LAMBS, MARKET GOATS AND MARKET SWINE

Mandatory tagging for **Market Sheep and Market Goats** is scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 2021 from 1—5 p.m. All market lambs and market goats must be brought to the fairgrounds. Information about tagging can be found at <https://preble.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/preble-county-fair>. You will also find a tagging form on our website that we ask you to complete and bring with you to the tagging.

Swine can be tagged prior to May 2 by purchasing tags at the Senior Fair Board office. Taggers are available to be borrowed. Swine may also be tagged from 1-5 p.m. at the fairgrounds on May 2. ALL DNA samples and paperwork must be turned in on May 2 from 1-5 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Information about tagging can be found at <https://preble.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/preble-county-fair>. You will also find a tagging form on our website that we ask you to complete and bring with you to the tagging.

ENTERING ANIMAL INFORMATION INTO 4-H ONLINE

We ask that 4-H members enter information about market lambs, market goats and swine into 4-H online. Instructions about how to do this can be found in the tagging document. This should be done for each animal. This information will be able to be attached to your Fair entry when those are completed. We would like to be able to access this information at the tagging on Sunday.

2021 4-H CAMP

We were excited to find out last week that we are able to have overnight 4-H camp this summer. While things may look a little different, all the things we love about camp will be there! **Look for registration and camp scholarship information later this week.**

Remember that 4-H camp is not just for 4-H members. Any youth meeting the age requirements is welcome to attend.

Camp dates are June 28—July 2.



HORSE ID INFORMATION

Again this year, we are asking all members with horse projects to enter ID information into 4honline. This replaces the paper form that has been used in the past. Information must be entered **no later than May 15, 2021**. Be sure to add information about a back up horse if that applies.

If you need help with entering your animals in 4honline, you can find basic information in the document titled: 2021 Tagging Instructions for Lambs, Goats and Hogs which is found on the Preble County Fair page on our website. Scroll to the end of the document. You can also contact us at the numbers listed at the beginning of the newsletter for help.

COUNTY 4-H MEETINGS

If you would like to attend our May meeting, please register by noon on Saturday, May 15.

Join us for monthly county meetings for updates, learning and club time. Even if your club is not participating for a meeting, all are welcome to attend. Meetings are scheduled from 4 until done (end time will depend on if club's are using the meeting time) on the following dates:

May 16 speaker: Ryan Vonderhaar

4-H Families: Please use this link to register for the county meeting <https://go.osu.edu/preblecountymeetingmay2021>. You only need to register one 4-H member per family.

Club Advisors: Please use this link to let us know how your club will participate: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42TyXVeJJnOYrem

PROJECT BOOKS

4-H project books may be purchased for the Extension Office. This will save on shipping. We prefer that club's place one order for all the member's books but can fulfill family orders as well. You can email or call ahead to make sure that we have a book in stock.

You can also order directly from Extension Publications as you did last summer. You will find information for doing that at <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources>. There are also a few Stay at Home Projects (including Cloverbud Activities) that can be downloaded for free.

JUNIOR FAIR ROYALTY

Applications for Junior Fair royalty are now posted on the Extension website. Applications are due by May 1. Applications can be left on the bookcase outside the Extension Office door or slipped under the door if our office is not open.



QUALITY ASSURANCE

Each Junior Fair youth taking a market or lactating animal to the Preble County Fair must participate in the Quality Assurance Program (QA) by attending a QA class each year OR by choosing the “test out” option. A reminder that a parent or guardian MUST attend QA with any exhibitor in grades 3-8.

A flyer will be posted by Friday with information about 2021 Quality Assurance. This will include information about how to register. With COVID guidelines still in place, we will be offering the majority of sessions via ZOOM.

In person sessions can have no more than 50 people and require masks to be worn, social distancing and sanitizing of chairs etc. Anyone who comes to an in person session needs to be prepared to follow the guidelines.

Registration will be required for both ZOOM and in-person sessions. Only those who have pre-registered will be allowed to attend a particular session. Register at: <https://go.osu.edu/prebleco2021qa>

ZOOM -		In-Person—Toney Building	
April 29	6:30—8 p.m.	May 5	7—8:30 p.m.
May 6	6:30—8 p.m.	May 13	7—8:30 p.m.
May 16	2:00— 3:30 p.m.		
May 17	6:30—8 p.m.		

RABBIT CHECK INS — *new information as of April 26*

All breeding and market rabbits are required to come to check in days. Mark your calendars...

Breeding Rabbit Check-In	Saturday, June 19 from 8-10 a.m. in the <u>Toney Building</u>
Market Rabbit Check-In	Friday, July 9 from 7-9 p.m. at the rabbit barn

If an exhibitor is not available to bring the rabbit(s) to the check in, a representative may bring the animal(s).

POULTRY CHECK IN AND POLLURUM TESTING — *new information as of April 26*

All fancy birds are required to come to a check in Saturday, June 26, 2021—8AM to 10AM. The bird's information will be verified and committee members will be available to answer questions.

Pollorum testing: Any show bird coming to the fair needs to be tested with the exception of birds under one year that have hatchery papers. The fee for testing is \$1 per bird. Turkeys must be tested by a veterinarian. We just verified with ODA in mid-April that anitgens are available and testing is required.

Saturday, June 26 8 —10 a.m. Dairy Show Arena (next to FFA building)

**TAKE PART IN THE BUCKEYE BRIDGE RIDE—CLUB INCENTIVE FOR PARTICIPATION! -
new information as of April 26**



The Friends of Preble County 4H group is encouraging you to enjoy their annual Buckeye Bridge Ride! The activity will take place this year on Saturday, June 26th. You can find more information at <http://www.buckeyebridgeride.org> and click on registration. To encourage more 4Hers to participate in this activity, the FOPC4H group will be awarding **\$500 to the 4H club** with the most riders who sign up and ride in this year's event! You can have your club 4Hers, parents, alumni, and others count toward your number of participants by completing the registration in advance OR on the "day of" the event and marking the "I would like to ride for _____ 4H."

Clarification: Anyone can ride for a 4-H club and be counted toward that club's number of riders—they just need to designate that they are riding for that club. For example, a 4-H member brings 2 non 4-H friends to the ride. On the registration from those non 4-H friends would designate their 4-H friend's 4-H club and then would count towards the total club numbers.

Monies raised at this event benefit our Preble County 4-H program. Riding in the Bridge Ride could count as community service as part of a 4-H project. Plus it is a fun way to get out and do something active! Friends of 4-H encourages 4-H members to come and support this event.

PREBLE COUNTY BRED AND BORN SWINE SHOW

The **Preble County Swine Breeders Association** is pleased to sponsor the first Preble County Bred and Born Show at the 2021 Preble County Fair. The show will be held on Tuesday August 3rd following showmanship. Only market hogs purchased from a member of the PCSBA are eligible for this special event. The show will follow the Open Class rules. No exhibitors under the age of 3 years old are allowed in the show ring. Out of county exhibitors are permitted. In addition to cross bred classes, we intend to have pure bred classes if numbers warrant. Once you purchase your animal, there will be no additional entry fees required from you. You will be automatically entered into the show. The **PCSBA** will be presenting cash awards plus additional prizes to all participants.

Preble County Jr. Fair exhibitors can now show up to four (4) head of market hogs. We hope you purchase one or more of your market hogs from a PCSBA member so you can be a part of this new adventure.

- PCSBA** members:
- Ballinger Family Farms 937-533-8396
 - Boone's Showpigs 937-313-4995
 - Mort & Buck Combs 937-336-0815
 - Groh Family Farms 937-533-0613
 - Lee Family Farms 937-733-8741
 - Swihart Family Farms 937-336-2041

We are hoping for more members to join our association in future years. If you are interested in joining the PCSBA, please contact a current member for more information.

Friend us on Facebook @ PREBLE COUNTY SWINE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (all capitals)

STILL LOOKING FOR GOATS TO SHOW?

Sunvold Farms Boer Goats

January born wethers and doelings available.

Contact 937-232-6768

Eligible for Born and Raised in Preble County Show.

FOR CLUB ADVISORS —

YEARLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY— due by January 31

If you have not turned in your yearly financial summary please do so ASAP. You can find the form at: <https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders/finances/clubaffiliate-yearly-financial-summary>. You can email the form to Nancy or I or slide it under the door at our office (the building itself is usually open during the day).

ADVISOR and MEMBER EMAILS

As we have transitioned to the new version of 4honline, there have been some issues with emails. If there are advisors or members in your club who are not receiving communications from our office, please let Nancy know so that we can make sure that everything is correct in 4honline. Please continue to also update your profiles.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EVERYONE

May 1		Royalty Applications due
May 2	1—5 p.m.	Mandatory Lamb and Goat Weight in
May 2	1—5 p.m.	Hog DNA and paperwork due at fairgrounds
June 15		Fair Entries Due —information on how to make entries will be shared later this spring
June 19	8—10 a.m.	Breeding Rabbit Check In
June 26	8—10 a.m.	Fancy Poultry Check In and Pollorum Blood Testing
June 28—July 2		Preble County 4-H Camp
July 9	7—9 p.m.	Market Rabbit Check-In
July 19—23		Project Judging Week—Livestock and Non-livestock
July 31—August 7		Preble County Fair