

Weekly 4-H Word

April 15, 2020

ANSWERS TO LOCAL FAQs.

We thought it might be helpful to share information from some of the questions we have been receiving.

How can I get my project books?

See the information below. For books from Ohio 4-H.

The Preble County Livestock Project Supplement can found at: https://preble.osu.edu/sites/preble/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/NancysContent/2020%20Preble%20County%20Livestock%20Project%20Supplement.pdf

Do we still have to complete project/record books?

Yes, completing project books is part of the 4-H program. While we are doing 4-H a little differently right now, the basic parts of our program are still the same.

Will there still be a Preble County Fair?

Many of you may have seen that our Indiana neighbors cancelled the Wayne County Fair yesterday. Here in Preble County, plans are still proceeding to have a Fair. As shared by Ohio 4-H, "The decisions regarding how fairs will be held are determined by local health departments, county commissioners, and ag societies, as well as Governor DeWine's administration. 4-H and FFA support the education and development of youth for the fairs, but the decision about whether fairs will occur is in the hands of other partners." Our Senior Fair Board is still working hard to put everything in place to have a Fair in 2020.

Will the Fair requirements be relaxed?

Currently, deadlines and other requirements are still in place but may be accomplished differently in 2020 (i.e. spring market livestock tagging). If changes are made (and there will most likely be some), we will communicate those as soon as possible.

What about Quality Assurance Training?

The May trainings have been postponed due to not being able to do Face to Face activities until July 6. QA will be offered in 2020, the timeline of the no face to face will have an impact on how this is accomplished. Continue to look for information as these decisions are made. Youth who are in high school can complete the online YQCA training. Information about that can be found on the 2020 QA information posted at preble.osu.edu.

How can I contact the Extension Office?

Below you will find detailed information about how to contact us. We are working from home and email is truly the easiest way to contact us. You will also see phone numbers. Please remember that we are maintaining our regular office hours of 8:30—4:30 p.m.

4-H BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS—new as of April 15

from <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources?fbclid=IwAR0l6zKhwpPWgxQ96j3ZWGwaMMDMB3vkK2O0W73qF6kRRu2JQerVzYTV6A8>

WONDERING HOW YOU CAN GET A 4-H PROJECT BOOK?

While county offices are closed and local distribution of project books is on hold, choose one of these methods:

Download one for free.

A special collection of project books is available for free on the Perfect Stay-at-Home Projects web page. Click on the book you want, and when the file opens on your screen, save or print it from there. Horseless Horse and Science Fun with Physics are being added soon! (For accessible formats of these publications, visit cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility.)

Buy one online.

If you would like to buy a print copy of a Perfect Stay-at-Home project or any other project book, you can order directly from extensionpubs.osu.edu with one of these special discounts for Ohio residents: FREE2020 (for free shipping) OR 20IN2020 (20% off the entire order). Use the coupon that works best for you. Orders can be shipped directly to a person's home as long as it is an Ohio address.

Please review your order carefully. Extension Publishing is unable to take returns. There is no restriction on the number of times a coupon can be used. See printable ordering instructions [HERE](#).

Make your own.

If you would rather not purchase a book in this way, self-determined projects are an excellent choice for self-motivated members eager to get started by creating their own projects. Although self-determined projects may be better suited for older 4-H members, they are available for any member and are often based on idea starters already available online. Many of the idea starters are great stay-at-home projects too, for example, Music, Bats, String Art, Climate Change, American Sign Language, etc. Our extraordinary educators are even preparing one called My Stay-at-Home Summer! (For project judging, self-determined projects are judged in self-determined categories.)

If none of these options work for you and your family because of affordability or internet access, contact Jane Wright, 4-H curriculum manager, who may be able to help (wright.646@osu.edu).

INFORMATION ABOUT LAMB AND GOAT TAGGING—new as of April 10

We are all adjusting to doing things differently this year. Just to clear up some confusion...The tags that are being used this year for lambs and goats are not the same ones that were used last year. The tags require 2 taggers. One for the DNA and one for the tag.

There are a limited number of taggers to borrow, so the SFB asked that we reach out to all of you to be sure that your members know that 2 taggers are needed and that the ones from last year will not work. Also, it might be helpful for advisors to coordinate the tagging amongst club members. Your members can let you know when the animals will be secured and ready to tag. You can reach out to Senior Fair Board members or Beth at the SFB office (937-456-3748) to schedule a time for tagging. Again, please work to get animals tagged as soon as possible so that there are not a need for last minute tagging.

You can find a guide for using the tissue sampling tagger at: <http://www.allflexusa.com/assets/Detail-Sheets/TSU-Application-Guide-R6-LR.pdf>

There is also a video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_LgBQlmaU8&feature=youtu.be

(Both of the these video show cattle but the technique is the same for other species)

MAY TAGGING DAY—LAMBS, GOATS AND HOGS

The Senior Fair Board made the decision to cancel the May 3 weigh in/ tag in for lambs and goats. This applies to the collection of hog DNA and paperwork as well. Therefore, all sheep/goats/hog tags can be purchased at the Sr Fair Board office starting March 23rd. Use the walk up window to pick up tags. Paperwork and DNA tubes need to be returned to Sr Fair Board office by close of business on May 4th. If you need help with tagging, please contact the office at 937-456-

3748.

Please tag your animals as soon as possible and return paperwork and DNA to office to avoid large crowds of people doing that at the same time.

4-H ENROLLMENT

Thank you to everyone for enrolling by our April 1 deadline. Many of you will see your profile still saying pending. This is a good thing. It will remain pending until both your advisor and our office have reviewed your profile and confirmed you as a member.

Advisors: Please keep confirming your members. Nancy will be watching and confirming members as well.

HOW TO REACH US—new information added March 30



With the transition to teleworking, how we communicate will change only slightly. At this time, e-mail is truly the easiest method of communication. **Please use the numbers below to contact us. No one will be answering our office number.**

Nancy Tilton, Office Associate:	937-583-1131	tilton.47@osu.edu
Christy Millhouse, 4-H Educator:	937-419-4242	millhouse.10@osu.edu

We will be communicating via e-mail and Facebook. If you have not liked our Facebook page, now might be a good time to do that. We will also continue updating our website.

STAY CONNECTED RESOURCES—new as of April 10

Ohio 4-H has created a new page on the website with resources for advisors and families. Links to educational videos and other things are being posted there. Check it out at: https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected?fbclid=IwAR0Siyog2dRDd_zwnIJsKLC6VPPKtb_l88fqNs0IGTjhkDbaYeX8HGEws1E .

STATE HORSE EVENTS—new as of April 15

Please note—that there may be updates/changes to this information soon.

State Junior Horse Show

With the cancellation of 4-H horse shows and PAS qualifying shows, the PAS and Dressage qualifying requirements for this year's Junior Horse Show are waived.

- The show will be limited to 850 entries on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to senior 4-H/FFA members in their last year of eligibility. The entry window opens June 1st.
- Exhibitors are still required to enter and pay the \$50 stall fee online at ohiostatefair.com.
- Exhibitors are required to email a copy of their equine's current negative Coggins test (dated after January 1, 2020 to Christy at millhouse.10@osu.edu. by Friday, July 3, 2020 at 4:30 pm.
- A list of the classes in which the exhibitor will or have entered must also be emailed to Christy by Friday, July 3, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

Additional State Horse Events

- Virtual Horse Bowl will be held April 25. The entry deadline date is this coming Monday, April 13.
- The Virtual Communications contest will be May 16. The entry deadline is May 4.
- Horse Judging will be a virtual contest held June 15.
- Hippology will be a virtual contest held June 15.

Refer to the document posted on our website about the Junior Horse Show.

PROGRAMMING UPDATES– please be sure to check out this information

- *These are the most current updates about Preble County 4-H Programming. We will continue to provide updates as they are available.*

4-H Clubs:

Many 4-H Clubs are beginning to meet virtually. This is the only option for club meetings from now until July 6.

County Programming:

Rescheduled or Newly Scheduled Virtual meetings

- Horse Advisor Meeting Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. (this is a change from the originally published April meeting date) An email invitation to the meeting will be sent to this group
- Junior Fair Board Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. (a meeting invitation will be sent to this group)

Postponed

- 4-H night with the Dayton Dragons originally scheduled for April 25
- Quality Assurance Face to Face meetings originally scheduled for May 2,4,5,7 and 12.

NEW ADVISORS

We are continuing to process new advisor applications. Reference are being sent and as those and background checks are completed, interviews will be scheduled. We will be doing interviews virtually as well as the new advisor training scheduled for April.

If you have submitted an application, please remind your references to return the form they receive in the mail. This is the hold up right now for processing quite a few applications.

Also, we know that at this time, you cannot complete your background check. The Sheriff's office is not doing background checks right now. You can get these done once things return to normal.

