

Weekly 4-H Word

June 9, 2020

Please read carefully...there are new updates included below.

PREBLE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES

IMPORTANT ... PLEASE READ

JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES—DUE JUNE 12, 2020

- The online system for Junior Fair entries is now open. FAIR ENTRIES ARE NOT MADE USING YOUR 4HONLINE ACCOUNT. Follow the link at <http://www.preblecountyfair.com> to make your entry. *Be sure to keep reading for important information about making entries.*
- Each year, you must create a new account. Be sure to write down your user name and password or be sure you remember it so that you have those on hand, if needed.
- Each Exhibitor must have their own individual online account in order to submit entries but you should submit for multiple clubs/organizations on one account. (i.e. FFA and 4-H under the same account).
- On your account, you can attach documents. If you are submitting hog registration papers, hatchery papers, a born and raised sheep registration form or a meat breeding doe registration form, please attach these documents to your entry. You can scan these documents and attach them. While beef registration papers are not required, those may also be attached for easy access during the show, if needed. We will still accept hard copies of the paperwork this year, but would really like to have these attached to the accounts for easier and more efficient management of the paperwork.
- Check your entry before you submit. Print a copy of the confirmation so that you have record of your entry.
- Fair books are available at the Senior Fair Board office on the Fairgrounds.
- Please try to narrow down what you are entering to only the classes in which you plan to participate. For example, in the horse department please do not enter every class. When this is done, it make a lot of work to be sure that we have accurate class sheets and can slow down the show when we have to verify this information then.
- Parade entries - We are now going to move forward with the 2020 Fair parade. The parade entry form is updated on our website. Please help us spread the word in the community...
- ADVISORS—Nancy will be sending reports to you on Thursday,

PREBLE COUNTY BORN AND RAISED AND MEAT BREEDING DOE REGISTRATION FORMS

These forms are posted on the Fair page of our website—www.preble.osu.edu. If you are entering these classes, the forms must be completed by June 19. (we extended the deadline by a week) Ideally, attach to your fair entry .

FEEDER CALF TAGS

This year tags will be purchased at the Senior Fair Board Office. Tags are \$4 each. DNA and paperwork must be returned to the Sr Fair Board office by close of business on June 22, 2020. If you need help with tagging or need to borrow a tagger, please contact the Senior Fair Board office at 937-456-3748.

OHIO STATE FAIR CANCELLATION

From Ohio 4-H...

Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development respects the decision made by the Ohio Expositions Commission. We recognize this was incredibly difficult. Ohio 4-H youth remain resilient and will have the ability to complete their 4-H project work, although their experiences will be different this year due to COVID-19. We remain committed to working with our partners and stakeholders to elevate the important role played by Ohio's agricultural community and that commitment to Ohio's youth. We look forward to continuing our collective work and a brighter 2021. Ohio 4-H is the youth development program of OSU Extension, which is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Due to COVID-19 and in alignment with the cancellation of the Ohio State Fair, there will be no 4-H state fair project judging this year. However, we know how important it is to recognize 4-H members for the time and effort in completing their projects. While we are still working on the details, we are excited to announce there will be an Ohio 4-H Project Showcase. All members will be invited to submit a photo of themselves with their 4-H project. These photos will be added to a gallery page on the state 4-H website and we're working on plans to highlight members in additional ways. We'll share the information about posting photos by June 15.

NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECT COMPLETION

A reminder in this unusual year as members are working on completing non-livestock projects... Each year, a 4-H member is expected to complete a new project/ new activities. There are some projects that are designed as multi year projects with new activities for each year.

For example, a member who is completing a clothing project cannot use the outfit that was constructed in 2020 again in 2021. A member who completes Family History Treasure Hunt in 2020 would need to complete all new activities in 2021.



With no Ohio State Fair competition this year, 4-H Members who have that as a goal need to remember that what you complete in 2020 cannot be used again in 2021.

With that being said, to help us as we are planning for project judging this year, **PLEASE LET US KNOW** if you do not intend to complete a project that you enrolled in this year. If you have not completed your Fair entry, do not put a project on the entry that you do not intend to complete—we use these entries for planning. Knowing a number to expect at judging helps us plan for the judges that we need and for any social distancing guidelines related to Covid-19 that we have to follow. You can email Nancy at Tilton.47@osu.edu or Christy at millhouse.10@osu.edu. As you make this decision, remember that for you to be considered a 4-H member in good standing and to receive credit for this 4-H year, you must complete one 4-H project.

JUDGING SCHEDULES AND FAIR RELATED DETAILS

Specific schedules and details will be provided after fair entries are completed. This is the information that we use to build our schedules.

FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT JUDGING

With the cancellation of the Ohio State Fair, there is not the need for us to do pre-fair judging where the primary purpose has been to select State Fair delegates. In 2020, there will be NO pre-fair food and nutrition judging. The Food Show at the Preble County Fair will serve as the project evaluation for members with foods projects. As of now, the judging will be held in the same manner as the past, however, there may be some modifications to logistics to meet social distancing guidelines.

CLOTHING JUDGING

Prefair clothing judging has also been for the main purpose of selecting Ohio State Fair participants. This year, we will NOT be having pre-fair judging for clothing projects. Interviews with judges to evaluate construction will be held in the morning on Saturday, August 8 followed by the Style Revue at 2 p.m.. This will allow members more time to complete projects as clubs begin to meet face to face after July 6.

SKILLATHON AND LIVESTOCK BOOK EVALUATIONS

Skill a thon and livestock book evaluations will be held the week of July 20. This is a change from the original calendar. Again, this will give clubs an extra week with members before these evaluations.

A skill a thon study guide is posted on our website.

Livestock project books should have been purchased through Extension Pubs in Columbus. Information about this process can be found in previous newsletters or at ohio4h.org. If you need project books and have not purchased those yet, please do so as soon as possible. We have not been able to order books while teleworking and were just getting ready to place our spring order when everything shut down so our supply of books in stock at the office is low.

For those members in the 2nd year of a project or beyond our livestock supplement can be found on the project completion page at preble.osu.edu. This can be used instead of purchasing a new project book.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

This year quality assurance will be held virtually via ZOOM. In order to use this option, ODA gave us strict guidelines to follow which includes a limited number of participants per session. A new flyer with details is posted on our website. Please be sure to look for this. Dates, registration information etc. is on the flyer.

Since registration is limited, registration for sessions will be required. Use the link below. ZOOM connection information will be sent to those registered for the sessions.

[2020 QA Registration](#)

DUNF COLLECTION

This year, the Ohio Department of Agriculture is offering the option for online collection of Drug Use Notification Forms. The advantages of this method are many including that we will no longer have a set time for collection at the Fair which will help this year with social distancing. There will still be a set due time which is still being determined. Once we get more details on how this will work, we will share.