



## LICKING COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE

*As of March 27, 2020 (4:00 p.m.)*

As we continue to monitor the spread and impacts of COVID-19 within Ohio, additional schedule changes have been needed, on a rolling basis. OSU Extension has announced that counties should cancel, postpone, or offer virtually, any programming that takes place prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>. With this extension, we wanted to address a few specific topics that you may have thought about – or have had questions! As we learn more, we will continue to pass along updates... We promise! Stay home and stay well!

### LICKING COUNTY 4-H | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION and UPDATES

#### — COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS.

- Although you are not able to be together to do service projects in person, there are still lots of options for clubs to consider. Consider encouraging family members to donate blood, or drop off items to the local food pantry, on their way home from the grocery store. Maybe consider making calls to those in your community that are home alone, or unable to leave their homes due to delicate health conditions. Although not face-to-face, our service can continue...

#### — ENROLLMENT MATERIALS.

- Across County Line Forms.
  - Any members who live outside of the county and are new to Licking County 4-H, or have moved out of county, requiring that they submit an Across County Lines form for consideration, can email their form to [mccutcheon.46@osu.edu](mailto:mccutcheon.46@osu.edu), or mail the form to the Extension Office. We will work to continue the process of having that form approved. Those forms are needed by no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment deadline.
- Club Information Form.
  - Each club should complete their Club Information Form and email their form (the preferred method) to [mccutcheon.46@osu.edu](mailto:mccutcheon.46@osu.edu), or mail the form to the Extension Office. This will allow us to update your club information in our system.
- Participation Fees.
  - Realizing that some clubs haven't been able to collect Participation Fees from their members, and knowing that our enrollment deadline is now June 1<sup>st</sup>, we are asking that all Participation Fees be submitted to the Licking County 4-H Committee (name and address in your enrollment packet) by no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Permission Forms (Dog / Horse / Shooting Sports).
  - For those clubs that have Dog, Horse or Shooting Sports projects, we are asking that the club advisor(s) collect these forms and hold on to all permission forms for now. Those can be submitted to the Extension Office after the office re-opens. We want to avoid having members mail them individually to the office, as the forms do not ask for the name of the member's club. It would be quite the undertaking to look up each and every member in the system in order to sort them by club for our records. We'd like to keep this simple – hold on to them for now.

— **GROUP PROJECTS.**

- For clubs that had decided to do Group Projects this year, it is up to you as to how you should proceed. You can opt to forego the Group Project this year, or – depending on the project that had been chosen – you may find this is the perfect setting to tackle a Group Project. Should you choose to move ahead, but only be able to do a portion of the project in 2020, you will be granted much grace during judging. It is understood that you will not have as much time as normal to pull things together. As advisors have questions, please reach out to Adrienne and Lisa.

— **HORSE SAFETY & ETHICS.**

- Horse Safety & Ethics training will resume once we are permitted to meet in groups once again. The date by which this training must be completed by new horse project members, and advisors new to working with horse projects, is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Once we are able to continue meetings, June training dates will be announced.

— **LIVESTOCK DETAILS.**

- Turkey Pool.
  - Turkey Pool orders were submitted following the March 6<sup>th</sup> deadline. Those birds will be available to be picked up, on schedule, on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The only thing that has changed is that the birds should be picked up at the Fairgrounds, rather than the Extension Office. An email with additional details will be sent to all who placed orders, one week in advance of delivery (early next week).
- Chicken and Duck Pool Orders.
  - Those wishing to participate in Meat Chicken or Meat Duck classes during the fair are reminded that their orders are due no later than Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Meat Chicken should then be available for pickup on June 18<sup>th</sup>, while Meat Ducks should be available for pick-up on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Purchasing Market Livestock.
  - We understand concerns that some fairs may not be able to take place this year due to the global pandemic health emergency. Any decision to cancel a local fair, festival, parade or other large group gatherings will be made by those authorized to protect the health and wellbeing of all Ohioans. 4-H members and their families should consider a number of factors as they make their decisions to purchase 4-H market livestock projects. Risks and rewards must be taken into account. For example, we encourage families to consider their overall available budget, space to care for livestock, availability of alternative markets, availability of local processing, family freezer space, and needs of local food pantries.
- Ohio State Fair – Swine Exhibitors
  - Market Hog exhibitors must be aware that the Ohio State Fair, like the Hartford Fair, is expecting that all market hogs will be Ractopamine-free, in order to exhibit. This applies to all market hog entries at the Ohio State Fair – both open class and junior fair. Members are asked to be very careful that hogs are not fed Ractopamine, and do not come in contact with it through cross-contamination from other animals in their possession.
  - OSF Breeding Swine exhibitors are reminded that in order to show breeding swine in Junior Fair classes at the Ohio State Fair, they must be enrolled in #140 Swine Breeding Project.

— **PROJECT BOOKS.**

- An update is coming next week (week of March 30<sup>th</sup>)... Many are asking when they can purchase their projects books, and we are currently on hold with a response. We are hoping to be able to provide an opportunity to purchase books online, in advance of our office re-opening. More will come within a few days! In the case that the advisor typically purchases the books, we would encourage the advisor to contact each family to discuss who should place the order – should the opportunity be presented!

— **PROJECT JUDGING.**

- Our 4-H project interview judging for clothing, foods and special interest project is currently scheduled for Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. It is expected that we will know that status of July events by no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> – at least that is the current plan. We are moving ahead with plans, but will keep you posted as details are confirmed or change. It is our intent, that regardless of timeline, an interview judging will be made available to project members at the conclusion of the project year.

— **QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING.**

- Deadline.
  - As noted in the March 18<sup>th</sup> Hartford Fair COVID-19 Update, the deadline by which all Quality Assurance training must be completed for the 2020 Hartford Fair is July 1<sup>st</sup>. <https://u.osu.edu/licking4h/2020/03/20/hartford-fair-update-march-18-2020/>
- Format.
  - Multiple formats are available. Once we are able to continue face-to-face meetings, we will schedule multiple training programs to be held in Licking County for both 4-H and FFA members. As we've only had 189 persons attend training, we have nearly 1,100 more to reach at this time. We fully plan to offer ample opportunity for members and advisors to attend a training. In addition, we have extended the opportunity for youth to obtain their certification (2020 only) through an online YQCA Certification. The only downside to this is the fact that there is a cost for this training – and it's only intended for youth (not advisors). The cost was initially announced as being \$12, but that program has dropped the fee to \$9 during April (details will come out next week). We also anticipate that there will be an online test-out opportunity for those ages 12 and older. Details on that will be forthcoming.
- SFB Talking Points.
  - During Quality Assurance training programs, we take time to discuss items of information from the Hartford Senior Fair Board. These "Talking Points" are intended to make our 4-H and FFA members aware of new information, changes in schedule, or other pertinent details to make the fair experience more successful. These items are being shared, in the final pages of this document. Please review the Talking Points thoroughly.

— **ROYALTY APPLICATIONS / INTERVIEWS.**

- Any and all changes to royalty application / interview details have been shared in previous updates. In many cases, application deadlines are remaining in place, with acknowledgement that interviews may take place in person or virtually. Once applications are submitted, applicants will be contacted with all needed details.
  - Additionally... Only Rabbit and Poultry Royalty applications had been noted as postponed in the most recent update, and those dates were updated earlier today, so those revised applications are now re-posted to the website / blog page. Deadlines and interviews have been moved to May, in both cases.

— **VIRTUAL MEETINGS.**

- Although we initially hoped that the lapse in 4-H Club meetings would be brief, we now realize that it is going to be a much more extended period of time. Due to that fact, we are now urging 4-H Club advisors to find a way to connect with their respective 4-H club families in a virtual format. Whether it be through Zoom, Skype, conference calls, etc., we are hoping that all 4-H Clubs will make plans to hold meetings soon! Although we cannot be face-to-face, we need to continue our 4-H program – in whatever format works for your club! As help is needed in setting up these meetings, or learning these programs, we invite club advisors to visit [go.osu.edu/4hadvisorinfo](http://go.osu.edu/4hadvisorinfo) and reach out both Lisa and Adrienne for assistance!

— **OUR CURRENT TIMELINE.**

- April 15.
  - To be proactive about contingency plans for upcoming summer programs, we have been asked to refrain from sending camp registration materials or accepting camp payments until April 15. Once we hit April 15<sup>th</sup>, if we are permitted, Licking County 4-H Summer Camp registration materials will be on their way to our families. Don't forget, summer camp is scheduled to take place June 13-17, 2020 at 4-H Camp Ohio.
  
- May 1.
  - With regard to hosting other large group activities this summer, we plan to have a decision by May 1 for those taking place during the month of June .
  
- May 15.
  - The prohibition of in-person programming has been extended from April 20 to May 15. As we get closer to that date, yes, it's possible that it could be extended further. As we know more, we will share with you
  
- June 1.
  - With regard to hosting other large group activities this summer, we plan to have a decision by June 1 for those taking place in July (should it be necessary).

**REMEMBER...**

Adrienne and I encourage that if you have any questions, to contact us directly and we will do our best to assist you. The Licking County Extension Office is currently closed, and we will notify you as soon as we receive word that can return to the office. Mail is picked up weekly, and voicemails are returned within 24 hours. Please feel free to contact us at [mccutcheon.46@osu.edu](mailto:mccutcheon.46@osu.edu) or [anderson.1410@osu.edu](mailto:anderson.1410@osu.edu). Email is likely the easiest way, right now!

# 2020 HARTFORD SENIOR FAIR BOARD TALKING POINTS

## VARIOUS ANIMAL UPDATES AND REMINDERS...

- Some livestock possession dates (and tagging dates) have been updated / extended. Be sure to check your species for accurate information.
- Dairy Feeder calves may be only of 100% Holstein or Brown Swiss breeding.
- All goats must have approved Scrapies identification! Note that this is a change from previous years, when only does and wethers over 18 months were expected to have Scrapies tags.
- Horse Department schedule has been changed... Dressage Show will take place on Monday, English Show will take place on Thursday. Please see fair book for updated schedule and rules.
- Market Lamb tagging: Please be aware, any lamb not tagged on Tagging Day will not be allowed to be shown in Junior Fair classes at the fair.
- Market / Breeding Sheep must have USDA approved Scrapies tags in all ewes and wethers over 18 months.
- Wash racks will remain open during Market Lamb show. However, all lambs must enter show ring dry – or they will not place.
- Licking County Sheep Improvement Association will sponsor a Carcass Contest for Market Lamb exhibitors. Entry can be made at time of weigh-in for \$5.00 fee. Ultrasound will determine placing. Cash prizes will be awarded.
- Rabbit & Poultry Departments will be hosting mandatory Barn Meetings during the fair. Check fair schedule for posted times.
- Hog Identification Forms are required of all junior fair hogs. Forms must be submitted to the Hartford Fair Office by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Up to four (4) hogs may be identified.
- Market Hog Show has been designated as Ractopamine-free. Exhibitors are asked to ensure that their hogs have not consumed, nor had access to Ractopamine products. Exhibitors and their parents will sign a form to confirm that they have followed this rule. If hogs have had access to Ractopamine, they should be left home, and scratched from the show.
- Market Hog Show will offer divisions beginning in 2020. Classes will be broken in to lightweight, middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight divisions, with division winners advancing to final drive.
- There will be no Jackpot Hog Show during the 2020 Hartford Fair. All hogs will be transported off the grounds for harvest on Thursday evening. All pens should be cleaned by exhibitors on either Thursday or Friday.
- Junior fair animals are not permitted to show in both market and breeding shows. Animals must be designated to a single project.
- All exhibitors are reminded that they are expected to clean stall / bedding areas both during the fair, and then at the conclusion of the fair prior to removing their animals from the grounds.

## **FACILITIES AND BARN SAFETY.**

- Two new buildings will be erected prior to the 2020 Harford Fair!
  - A show and sale pavilion will be building parallel to the new Beef Bar, on the north side of the grounds. This structure will be used for small animal shows, open sheep and goat shows, and the small animal sale.
  - A small animal building will be erected parallel to the current sheep barn, also on the north side of the grounds. This new building will be similar in size to the current Rabbit & Poultry Barn, but with the full space dedicated to pens and housing.
    - This will allow all Rabbit & Poultry exhibitors to park in North parking lot and carry their animals in to the barn, using the designated gate and applicable Vet Check requirements.
- The current Rabbit & Poultry Barn is being renovated... The back portion of the building will be used for storage, while the front of the building will become a permanent location for the Buzz In The Barn children's activity center.
- No floor fans will be permitted in the barn areas. All fans must be hung. This if the safety of small children.
- Electrical cords must be good repair and in a safe condition. Unsafe cords will be confiscated and destroyed.
- Regulations are in place for pop-up tents placed near and around barns during the fair.
  - They can't be put up prior to NOON on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Saving space for chutes or tents prior to Friday at noon is not permitted – no vehicles or other equipment may be placed in the area as a means of saving spaces.
  - No pop-up tents will be permitted in the area of the new beef barn.
  - Goat exhibitors will only be permitted to have tents on show days (Sunday, Monday and Friday). This will hopefully help with an air flow issue on the south side of the goat barn.

## **LIVESTOCK SALES.**

- Livestock sales checks will be mailed no earlier than 30 days following the sale. All checks will be mailed, no checks will be held for pick-up! There will be a \$25 charge to re-issue a check with a stale date past the 60 days cashing period.

## **TRAFFIC AND PARKING.**

- Updated traffic patterns for livestock to unload on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> will be announced closer to the fair. Be watching for updates!
- Two areas of preferred / paid parking are available. First, east of the hog barn will be a preferred parking area for cars / trucks (no trailers) at a cost of \$20 per permit. The second area, to the east of the Sheep and Goat barns will be preferred parking for trailers at a cost of \$30 per pass. Trailers remaining on the grounds will be placed in a specific parking area that does not interfere with visitor parking needs.

- Exhibitor vehicles coming on to the grounds in the morning to deliver feed and hay may only do so prior to 10:00 a.m. Those vehicles must return to a parking lot prior to 10 a.m.
- Camper arrival... Campers are permitted to enter through Gate D beginning at noon on Tuesday - No campers are permitted to park alongside road prior to that time (SAFETY ISSUES). Campers will then be lined up in the North Parking Lot and be permitted to enter the campground on Wednesday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m.

### **...AND OTHER ITEMS.**

- Fair Book will be available only in electronic format, via website.
- Exhibitors will not have the ability to stay in the Dorms beginning in 2020. The dorms are being discontinued due to low participation, and will be utilized for other programming opportunities.
- Additional camp sites are planned for 2020 – be watching for updates!
- Daily admission will be \$8, with season passes being sold for \$40 at the Fair Office.
- Be sure to stay up to date through the Hartford Fair website and Facebook pages. A new website is coming – and will be more mobile-friendly!