



Dear 4-H member,

You have signed up for a livestock project. This email provides you with important information to complete your project and to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair. If you have questions about educational activities such as Quality Assurance or Skillathon Judging, be sure to contact the Extension Office. For questions about livestock entries or livestock tag in, please direct your questions to the Livestock/Sale Committee at picksalesoffice2@gmail.com or Jeff Wippel at oink.berks@gmail.com.

Happy Spring!

Joy

Junior Fair and Livestock Possession Dates

Market and breeding livestock possession dates are set in the Ohio Administrative Code, 901-19-39: <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901-19-39v1>. The possession dates for Pickaway County 4-H and FFA projects are: **November 30** for Market Steers; **April 1** for dogs; **April 15** for horses; market and breeding sheep, goats & hogs, breeding cattle, llamas/alpacas, breeding poultry, breeding rabbits, dairy; **May 15** for market rabbits and market chickens.

Quality Assurance

ALL exhibitors with market or lactating animals must complete Quality Assurance Training through the on-line YQCA training or through a state approved program like a BEST show. All QA must be completed by **May 1** with proof provided to the Extension Office by May 3 by mailing a certificate to OSU Extension, 110 Island Rd, Suite B, Circleville, OH 43113 or emailing to sharp.5@osu.edu. **Extensions on the May 1 deadline will not be given as this is an Ohio Department of Ag timeline requirement.**

For YQCA Training: All market/lactating livestock project members should go on-line and complete YQCA Training and Quiz at <http://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

- Sign in as an Independent or as a 4-H member – 4-H members can use either method this year. FFA must sign in as an Independent.
- Create an account for EACH exhibitor The name on the account will be the name on the certificate. Each member must have their own account, complete their own training and receive their own certificate.
- Complete the parental consents and fee payment. (There is a cost of \$12 per exhibitor.)

- Once the account is created, the system will walk you through how to use the training modules and quiz. In order for the on-line training to count, each youth must complete the module and quiz that is the correct age as of January 1 for the youth.
- Training must be completed annually between October 1 of previous year and May 1 of current year.
- Submit their completion certificate to sharp.5@osu.edu or bring to the Extension Office by May 3.

Pickaway County Junior Fair Livestock Tag-In is Saturday, April 17 - You are asked to remain in your vehicle until directed otherwise. Please read on for additional details.

Youth signed up for market projects including: **Hogs, Goats, Lambs, and Dairy Beef Feeders** must have their animals tagged at the **April 17** Tagging Day to be eligible to exhibit in the 2021 Pickaway County Junior Fair. Tagging will take place at the Pickaway County Fairgrounds. Enter the parking lot from Stoutsville Pike and follow the signs/instructions from there.

Dairy Beef Feeders will be tagged and weighed from **9:00 am-11:00 am**. All calves are to be vaccinated, castrated and dehorned by tag-in day. Veterinarian Dr. Davis will be on hand to perform these services plus optional growth implants if they have not already been completed. Proof of vaccination is required or cattle will be vaccinated. The exhibitor will be responsible for paying all veterinary services that day. Dairy Beef Feeder exhibitors are being sent their own email with additional details and a price list of vet services.

All other market animals (market hogs, market goats and market lambs) will be tagged from **9:00 am-12:00 noon**.

Exhibitors can tag a maximum of three animals for each specie plus an additional family animal for families with multiple siblings. (Pickaway County allows 10 maximum animals, with a maximum of 5 market animals allowed to be shown at the fair, 2 maximum market animals in a specific specie, and one market animal through the sale ring per exhibitor.)

Bio-security measures will be taken to ensure the safety of the animals and the exhibitors. Except for Dairy Beef Feeders, all animals will be tagged on their trailer. If the exhibitor does not want anyone to enter their trailer, then the exhibitor will be handed the tagger and be responsible to tag their own animals using tags and equipment of the Pickaway County Sale Committee.

HOGS MUST BE RACTOPAMINE FREE

Again this year, Pickaway County Junior Fair and the Ohio State Fair are requiring that all hogs must be ractopamine-free. What does that mean? It means hogs may not be fed ractopamine (commonly known as Paylean) at any time from birth to harvest. Youth and their parents must complete an affidavit stating they did not feed ractopamine to the exhibitor's hog. This affidavit and additional information about this issue can be found on the Pickaway County Fair website at: <http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/fair/livestock-1.html> This affidavit is required and is due at fair weigh-in. More information on completion will be provided later this spring.

Pullorum Test for Poultry – IMPORTANT!

All turkeys, pullets, broilers and fancy poultry require NPIP papers to enter the fairgrounds. These are also known as “pullorum papers”. These papers should come from the hatchery or store you purchased your birds from (this is the preferred method for newly purchased birds!!). If you do not have the certificate from the hatchery you will need to get your birds tested by a certified tester. Results of testing chickens is immediate, but the results for testing turkeys takes 2 weeks and must be done by a veterinarian, so do not wait until the last minute to have this done. For breeding animals, Pullorum papers are good for up to one year if the birds have not been co-mingled with other birds at their residence. If you need to find a pullorum certified tester for your chickens, please contact the Extension Office.

Junior Fair LIVESTOCK Registration

Livestock/Sale committee will again use an on-line registration system for all exhibitors to sign up for Junior Fair classes for market, breeding and showmanship classes. This system will not include horses or dogs who should be watching their mail now for their registration packets. The system will be live from **April 15 to May 15**; however if you are entering market animals that will be tagged on April 17 it is best to wait until after that date to complete your on-line registration. **Entries must be completed by May 15. Late entries will not be accepted.**

It is each exhibitors responsibility to include all necessary information concerning their animals. For example: If an exhibitor is taking a breeding animal they must include the breed (except poultry and goats); If that specie has age divisions the correct class must be selected; All breeding animals except poultry should have an ID; Breeding rabbits must have the correct breed, age, **and a tattoo ID**; Female sheep and goats must have a scrapie ID. Between now and registration make sure your animals have ID, and you have the required information on hand. Instructions for on-line entries will be emailed in April and will also be available on our website at: <https://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/pickaway-county-fair>.

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON JUDGING

Livestock Skillathon is required for all livestock exhibitors (both 4-H and FFA) and will take place at the fairgrounds on **June 10 and 11**. A schedule by club/chapter will be posted at www.pickaway.osu.edu by May 1. If you are not able to attend Skillathon Judging on those days, Early Judging day is **June 2** from 9:00am-3:00pm by appointment. Contact the Extension Office at 740-474-7534 to schedule a time for Early Judging.

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