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News from Putnam County 4-H

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4-H Enrollment Open

It is time to start enrolling for 2025. This is open to all advisors, volunteers, and members. Go to https://v2.4honline.com Remember there is one account per family, family accounts never expire, please do NOT make a new profile! If you need assistance, please contact the Extension office at 419-523-6294 and we will be happy to assist you. The 4-H Enrollment deadline is March 1.

4-H Project Guide

The name has changed slightly from Ohio 4-H Family Guide, but the information is still about the same. The 2025 Project Guide is now available online at https://ohio4h.org/projectguide. Our office will have copies for new families, so they are welcome to stop by the office to get a copy. Copies of the Project Guide will be mailed directly to 4-H families and volunteers who were enrolled in 2024. A huge thank you to the Ohio 4-H Foundation and Kroger for making this possible again!

Volunteer Background check/Fingerprinting

The volunteers below are required to complete the BCI rescreening this year. Letters from the 4-H State office were sent in early November outlining details.

Lynn	Bryan
Amy	Burgei
Marilyn	Calvelage
Brandon	Cox
Lisa	Felkey
Janice	Gerten
Velda	Good
Angela	Grothause
Emily	Haselman
Anne	Hemker
Taryn	Homier
Mark	Hoorman
Greg	Kamphaus
Kaitlynn	Keller
Christine	Kuhlman
Steven	Langhals
Jennifer	Maag
Jeremy	Maag
Lois	McKnight
Heather	Meyer
Beth	Moening
McKenna	Morman
Heather	Palmer
Julie	Recker
Aaron	Ricker
Shirley	Ricker
Catherine	Schroeder
Dennis	Schroeder
Amy Jo	Schumaker
Mary	Siefker
Mary C	Siefker
Abbey	Sudlow
Dakota	Sudlow
Megan	Tobe
Tracy	Unterbrink
Kendra	Von Lehmden-Wentz
Alan	Wrasman

For those who received a letter as a reminder:

- You must (re)enroll in 4HOnline before going to have your fingerprints taken.
- You MUST (re)enroll with your full legal name and verify your date of birth is accurate.
- You may choose to be reimbursed for your fingerprints. Please bring receipt of completion to the office.

Please note: even if we have a receipt from you and/or date that the check was completed, it does NOT mean you have successfully passed the background check.

4-H Advisor Kick – Off

We are asking all advisors to attend the Kick-Off training. We will review 4-H materials at this time, review program changes. The Advisor Kick- Off is scheduled for January 14 starting at 6:00pm at the Putnam County Event Center at the Putnam County Fairgrounds. We will provide light hors d'oeuvres between 6-6:30pm and start our program at 6:30pm. Make up training (and new advisor training) is schedule for January 30 at 6:00pm at the Extension office.

4-H Council

We are looking for volunteers/parents who would have interest in serving on the 4-H Council. These are three-year terms, and the council meets four times annually. The council coordinates the chicken BBQ, the silent auction, the distribution of scholarships, and provides input and guidance to the 4-H program. If you have interest or want to learn more, please contact Jason before the January Advisor Kick-Off.

Ohio State Fair Steer ID Information

The Ohio State Fair requires all market beef entered in the 2025 Ohio State Fair to have individual DNA samples taken from each animal that may potentially be entered. These DNA samples must be in the possession of the Ohio State Fair by **January 15**. Note – this is for Ohio State Fair Steer Show only. These kits can be picked up at the Extension Office.

2025 Turkey Order

It is now time to order market turkeys for the 2025 Putnam County Fair. All turkey orders must be received by **4:30 pm on January 23, 2025** in order to meet the deadline with Cooper Farms Hatchery. Cooper Farms have been a wonderful supporter of the Putnam County 4-H and FFA programs and once again is offering up to five free poults for each youth taking a market turkey project. Youth may order more than five poults but must pay for each poult after five. The prices are as follows: $3.50 per extra hen, $3.88 per extra straight run, and $4.25 per extra tom. Please remember that this offer is only good for youth in 4-H and FFA who will be completing the market turkey project in 2025. The date for turkey pickup is Thursday, February 27, from noon to 4:30pm at the Extension Office. If you ordered additional poults, your payment is due at pick up. You need to submit your order online by going to www.go.osu.edu/2025Turkeys. If you have any questions, please contact hoffman.1458@osu.edu or you may call the Extension Office at (419)-523-6294.

EID Tags

The Senior Fair Board will provide EID tags free of charge up to the number of project animals you can enter into the junior fair. You still have the opportunity to ID twice as many at possession deadline, but you must cover the $3 cost per tag beyond what the board will provide and must document all animals tagged by ID deadlines. Taggers will be available with a $30 deposit. Deposits will be refunded if tagger is returned within two days of sign out.

Family Tagging

Market animals within the same project can be registered and tagged as family animals in 2025. Family is defined as immediate family members only. Youth must register all animals in their own 4-H online profile by possession deadline if they want the option to choose that animal by fair entry deadline.

Youth must declare which market animal they are bringing to fair by the Junior Fair Livestock Entry deadline. Changes after the deadline will make the market project ineligible for competition/champion.

Example: Smith family has two children. Child 1 and Child 2 are both enrolled in the 4-H market swine project. The family can tag up to 6 hogs (no more than three per child) and register all animals in each child 1 and child 2's own 4-H online profile by possession deadline if they want the option to choose that animal by fair entry deadline. The Smith family will have to choose which market swine animals go with which child by the junior fair entry deadline in June. Any swine tag changes or substitutions after the June deadline will make the project animal ineligible for competition/champion. The changed/substituted market project can still go through the premium sale and be sold to market.

Junior Fair Steer Exhibitors

2025 market beef/dairy steer exhibitors are required to pick up EID Tags from the Extension office. You can pick up tags from November 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 in our office. Please complete an ID Form, take photos of tagged animal, and send photos along with the form back to the Extension office. Deadline for materials is January 6, 2025. All materials must be sent to hoffman.1458@osu.edu by deadline.

If your steer already has an EID Tag, simply complete the ID Form and submit pictures of your steer by the deadline. The form includes DETAILED instructions about what photos are needed and how to submit them to the office. ID Forms completed after January 6 will be assessed a $10 late fee and could be ineligible for fair competition.

Beef Breeding: if you are planning to bring beef breeding to the junior fair, you must enroll in the beef breeding 4-H project and enter the animal to 4-H Online by April 16 deadline and Fair Entry by June 6.

Dairy Feeder/Crossbred Feeder

2025 beef feeder/cross bred feeder/dairy feeder exhibitors are required to pick up EID Tags from the Extension Office between March 1 and April 15 and complete the online entry process using 4-H Online. You will need to take photos of the tagged animal and submit an online entry form by April 16, 2025. If your feeder already has an EID Tag, you may use this. DETAILED entry instructions are available online. We will not accept any photos that are emailed or dropped to the office. However, we are always willing to help you complete the online process.

Junior Fair Feeder Calf Crossbred Class – There will be a feeder calf crossbred class in the Junior Fair feeder calf show. The same weight requirements will apply, and these animals will be selling in their own in the calf sale. They will show after the dairy feeders and can participate in the dairy showmanship.

Required Feeder Calf Classification Date

Senior Fair Board will be requiring ALL FEEDER CALVES to be 'officially' classified as a beef feeder, dairy feeder or crossbred feeder on Saturday April 26, from 8am -10am at the Putnam County Fairgrounds. This is to ensure proper identification for fair show/sale. All feeders are to be on grounds by 10am.

All feeders MUST be tagged prior to the Classification date. Tag and registrations are due April 16, 2024.

Each Junior Fair exhibitor is allowed a maximum of two feeder calves per class division but no more than four total feeder calves can be entered into junior fair.

Youth Quality Assurance

As a youth livestock exhibitor taking one of the following—feeder calves, market lambs, market goats, market beef, lactating dairy, market poultry, market rabbits, and swine-- you will be required to complete a Youth Quality Assurance (YQA) Program in 2025. This requirement is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The Putnam County Ag Society has asked OSU Extension, Putnam County to coordinate this educational effort. If FFA and 4-H members do not complete YQA this year, you will not be eligible to show and sell your project at the Putnam County Fair.

Last day to complete Putnam YQA will be May 9, 2025. YQA must be completed 45 days prior to fair. Note: The BQA/PQA online courses do not meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA certification requirement. QA calendar year (October 1st – September 31st).

There are several ways to get the YQA training in 2025. Please review your options below and select one.

OPTION 1:
April 1 – 7:30pm at the Putnam County Event Center – no pre-registration required.
In Person Putnam Livestock Youth Quality Assurance. Parents may drop off and pick up.

April 10 – 7:30pm at the Putnam County Event Center – no pre-registration required.
In Person Putnam Livestock Youth Quality Assurance. Parents may drop off and pick up.

OPTION 2:
April 26 – 9am Small Animal Clinic followed by small animal YQA 10am-11am at the Extension Office – no pre-registration required. In Person Putnam Livestock Youth Quality Assurance. Parents may drop off and pick up.

OPTION 3: Web based Online Training Option
Any Putnam County youth exhibitor (8-18) may take the online YQCA certification. Web link will be released early 2025. Approximate cost is $12 per child and a completion certificate must be submitted to our office for each youth. Certificates have individual completion numbers so one certificate cannot be used for all youth in the same family.

OPTION 4: Test Out
Market exhibitors ages 15-18 can take an exam and test out of YQCA. If youth pass the exam, it will be good for three years. The YQCA exam is not one that you can simply show up and take without preparation. Please call our office for study materials. Test times are Monday – Friday, March 17 -28 and April 7 -18, 8:00am – 4:30pm. Scheduled times are required, but please note tests will not be given out within a half hour of office close. There will be a $10 test fee to take the exam.

OPTION 5: Youth can attend other county/regional YQCA trainings but must ensure their attendance is sent to the Putnam County Extension Office from the hosting event. Call our office for other dates and locations in NW Ohio.

Important Dates

4-H Camp Dates – July 13-17, 2025

Putnam County Fair – June 23- 28, 2025

Scholarship Opportunities

a) Putnam County Beef Committee Scholarship: Visit https://go.osu.edu/2025cattlemenscholarship for more information. Application deadline January 17, 2025. The winner will be announced at the 2025 Cattlemen's Association Banquet on January 29, 2025

b) Grow Ag Leaders, a Bayer Fund program, awards scholarships to students pursuing ag-related fields of study. To learn more about Grow Ag Leaders, program rules and eligibility requirements, visit www.fund.bayer.us Application deadline January 9, 2025.

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*Skillathon and Still Project Judging will be held at the Putnam County Event Center

Tentative 2025

June

*Make Up Judging will be held at the Extension office, call the office to schedule a time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Livestock Entries Due	7
8	9	10 Camp Counselor Meeting Skillathon Interview Time Sign Up Due	11	12 Skillathon Judging King/Queen Interviews	13 Early Bird Camp Registration Deadline	14 Horse/Pony Fun Show
15 Horse/Pony PAS Show	16 JFB Work Day	17 Still Project Judging JFB Meeting	18 Make-Up Judging Booth Set Up	19 Juneteenth - Office closed to the public	20	21 Fair Parade
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	July 1 4-H Camp Registration Due				

Putnam County Fair

*State Fair Orientation Meeting will be held at the Extension Office

Tentative 2025

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4-H Camp Registration Due	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5
6	7	8 Camp Counselor Meeting	9	10 Camp Counselor Make Up Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 State Fair Orientation Meeting, 10AM or 2 PM	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Putnam County 4-H Camp

Ohio State Fair