

Welcome to the 2022 4-H Season to 4-H Advisors and Families!

There is lots of information in this news release so be sure to read carefully!

Our 4-H enrollment will be completed soon. Deadline to register for 4-H is March 1, but if there are families expressing interest in joining after the date, please have them contact our office and we can explore late entry possibilities (and in some cases discuss limitations they may have).

4-H Advisor Training: We have several 4-H volunteers that are still in need of 2022 4-H advisor training. This is required. We have been delayed in communicating how this can be done because we are waiting for the State 4-H office to release some details about online modules that we can use. More information will be sent directly to those advisors still needing training.

4-H Senior Spotlights: Parents, if you have a 2022 senior who is in 4-H we are highlighting them through our OSU Extension Facebook page and High School Senior Board in the Junior Fair Building during fair. Please send email to downing.310@osu.edu for more information.

2022 Fair Theme: Stars, Stripes and Fair Delights

Youth Quality Care for Animals Options for 2022: As a youth livestock exhibitor taking one of the following: market lambs, market goats, market beef, lactating dairy, market poultry, market rabbits, and swine; you will be required to complete a Youth Quality Assurance (YQCA) Program in 2022. 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. There are three ways to get the YQA training in 2022. Please review your options below and select one.

OPTION 1: In Person Putnam Livestock Youth Quality Care for Animals - Parents may drop off and pick up youth.

April 5 – 7:30PM – 8:30PM at the Kalida K of C Hall

April 23 - 9AM Small animal focused YQCA or 10:30AM large animal focused YQCA. Can attend either one regardless of project.

OPTION 2: Web based Online Training Option

Any Putnam County youth exhibitor (8-18) may take the online YQCA certification.

<http://yqca.org/>

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.



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MORE about Online Youth Quality Care for Animals:

If you or family members have elected to use YQCA's online platform to complete your QA this year, we have some important updates:

- YQCA will no longer be working with RegistrationMax and will be transitioning to a new platform. They are preparing for the move to the new platform which will launch on March 23, 2022!

What this means for youth that use YQCA to complete their 2022 QA requirement:

- Each youth that has a current and valid certification (taken from October 1, 2021 to now) will need to download their certificate **before March 23, 2022**.
- *If you plan to use YQCA but haven't purchased the course, please wait until March 23 when the new platform is launched.* YQCA will host a webinar open to the public announcing the change and answering user questions sometime in March. This will be followed by a final webinar that will provide a tour of the new and improved online experience. As these dates are announced, we will pass them along.

Last day to complete Putnam YQCA will be May 5, 2022. Must have done 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).

Lamb and Goat Identification Deadlines and Process - There will be no April Lamb and Goat Weigh-In for 2022. Instead, we will use the scrapie ID tag as the official fair ID. For 2022 market goat and market sheep exhibitors are required to complete an ID Form, take photos of the Scrapie tagged animal, and send photos along with the form back to Extension Office no later than April 18, 2022. The ID Form includes DETAILED instructions about what photos are needed and how to submit them to the office. We will not accept any photo that is unclear, or directions not followed.

- **Sheep Exhibitors:** if you are planning to bring Ewes to the junior fair, you have the option to enter the project in either the commercial breeding class (they do not sell to market) or the market ewe class at the fair. In order to have this option, 4-H members must enroll in both the Sheep breeding *and* the Market Lamb project, complete both books, and skillathons. Ewes must be scrapie tagged and complete ID Form in April to be eligible for the market class. If all the above are met, then you must indicate which class you will enroll your ewe in at the time of Junior Fair Livestock Entry deadline (June 3, 2022).

Feeder Calf Identification Deadline and Process - There will be no Feeder Calf Weigh-In for 2022. Instead, 2022 beef/dairy Feeder exhibitors are required to pick up EID Tags from the Extension Office between now and April 15, complete an ID Form, take photos of tagged animal, and send photos along with the form back to Extension Office no later than April 18, 2022. If your Feeder already has an EIN Tag, simply complete the ID Form and submit pictures of your calf. The Feeder Calf ID Form includes DETAILED instructions about what photos are needed and how to submit them to the office. We will not accept any photo that is unclear or directions not followed.

Swine Identification Deadline and Process – All market Swine exhibitors are required to pick up EID Tags from the Extension Office between now and April 15, complete an ID Form, take photos of tagged animal, and send photos along with the form back to Extension Office no later than April 18, 2022. The Swine ID Form includes DETAILED instructions about what photos are needed and how to submit them to the office. We will not accept any photo that is unclear, or directions not followed.

- All pigs entering the junior fair will be expected to be ractopamine free. Our hog buyers will be requiring exhibitors to complete an affidavit upon entry to fair.

Email all Identification Forms to meyer.524@osu.edu An email receipt will follow, if you do not get one, assume your electronic entry has not made it to the office and resend – keep this email confirmation as proof your forms arrived and have been entered.

EID Tags and Cost (for all animals that get EID tagged) – 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 on the ID Form.

4-H Chicken BBQ: The 4-H Chicken BBQ is scheduled for Sunday, April 24th at the Putnam County Fair Grounds. The 4-H Council will serve chicken carry out only again this year with the help of Uncle Buck's. Tickets will be \$9.00 this year and will be sent to all advisors soon. Please help your clubs sell tickets! The success of our BBQ is critical to help offset the costs of providing 4-H books and scholarships to our 4-H youth. Hopefully we can continue the great support. Final ticket sales and money are due to the Extension Office no later than April 15, 2022. WE MUST HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT SO WE DO NOT RUN SHORT ON MEALS.

4-H CLUB DUES: Thanks for supporting Putnam County 4-H again this year! Club dues will again include annual group accident insurance for members/advisors. An outline of how the dues will be utilized by council is below.

Dues for all members (not including horse members) will be \$8.00 each.
\$7.00 of the fee will be used to cover books (4-H Council will absorb the remainder of the balance of the book bill again for 2022) and \$1 of the dues will be used to purchase the county wide insurance policy. The Club Dues will not cover the cost of resource books. Members will have to purchase those individually from the Extension Office.

Dues for horse members will be \$9.00 per member.
\$7.00 will be used to cover book costs (4-H Council will absorb the remainder of the balance of the book bill again for 2020). \$2.00 will be used to purchase the county wide insurance policy.

4-H Council decided to extend the policy for all 4-H advisors. Each advisor (not including horse advisors) is asked to provide a \$1 for their coverage. Horse advisors are asked to provide \$2.00 for their coverage (as required by the policy). Please submit the club dues plus advisor contributions together. Bills will be generated and mailed 2 weeks after enrollment deadline. Payment due June 4th but 4-H Council would like to request early payment of dues if possible.

2022 Junior Fair Judges: Junior Fair Judge contracts are nearly all collected and set to be approved by Senior Fair Board week of Feb 14-18. Once approved, the SFB will post to public.

Misc 4-H Items:

1. 4-H Dog project judging moved to Miscellaneous judging this year (no skillathon).
2. We will not offer Flipgrid 4-H judging this year. Other than scheduled county 4-H judging, Skillathon Make-Up and Project Make Up judging will be on June 16. Advisor judging, as needed, can also occur provided it is before start of fair.
3. Skillathon judging will be scheduled by time slots using Qualtrics sign up as we did last year.
4. Club Booth requirements – we ask that you have name of club, have a booth watch time, and displayed exhibit cards on all projects securely.

Misc Junior Fair Items:

1. Junior Fair Livestock Sale moved to Friday of fair. Will sell alphabetically A-Z. One trip per exhibitor.
2. All the open class Bred and Fed Shows have been scheduled on Thursday of fair.
3. Junior Fair Show of Showman Contest – Friday of fair at 5PM.
4. Dairy Steer/Dairy Feeder show Tuesday morning and Steer/Heifers/Beef Feeders are scheduled for Tuesday evening.
5. Dairy feeders will be showing in weight divisions to reduce oversized champion drive.
6. Drug Use Notification Forms for market livestock entering junior fair will be collected online this year per ODA requirements. Information and links to the online DUNF will be shared later in the 4-H season.

Turkey Orders: Turkey order pick up is February 25 (12PM – 4PM) at the OSU Extension office.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Darren Langhals Memorial Scholarship: In 2022- Two \$1000.00 non-renewable scholarships will be awarded. These scholarships will be sponsored by Patricia Langhals. Application deadline is March 25, 2022 at 4PM. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Goat & Sheep Committee Scholarship: Two \$250 scholarships will be given to senior goat or sheep exhibitors. Deadline: April 15, 2022. Application will be finalized soon and will be posted [HERE](#)

Jeff Kleman Memorial Scholarship: In 2022, one \$250 nonrenewable scholarship will be awarded. This scholarship is sponsored by: Friends of Sandy and Jeff Kleman. Application deadline is April 15, 2022. Click [HERE](#) for more information

OSU Extension Staffing – Norma Unverferth has retired from our office as of December 2021. After more than 2 decades of 4-H support, we will miss her and wish her well! Our office is in a state of restructure. We have filled the office associate position with a shift in Ann Meyer’s responsibilities (Congratulations Ann). She will be handling our Agricultural and Natural Resource program support and fiscal roles in the office. We recently posted an office assistant position to support 4-H programming and Junior Fair. After some consideration, we are re-evaluating how those duties are assigned so we have halted that search for now. Thanks to the many of you that have provided feedback and showed interest in the job!