



4-H NEWS BLAST

September 21, 2020



It's hard to believe today is the last day of summer. It has definitely been one to remember. Hope you are able to get out and enjoy it.

OSU EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS

The office is now open Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm. OSU still requires employees work virtually as much as possible. With that said, staff in the office is limited. Our current office coverage is as follows:



- Monday – Amanda Douridas, Ag Educator or Jenni Nott, 4-H Program Assistant
- Tuesday – Kelly Lemly, Family and Consumer Science Educator
- Wednesday – Kiley Horn, 4-H Program Assistant
- Thursday – Deb Knowles, Office Associate
- Friday – Melinda Ryan, 4-H Educator and Jenni Nott, 4-H Program Assistant

Staff will be in office on other days as needed for special appointments or program planning.

NEW GOAT BARN WILL BE UP FOR 2021 FAIR

HELP IS NEEDED FROM ALL GOAT MEMBERS AND FAMILIES THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AT 10AM TO HELP TEAR DOWN ALL THE PENS. The Old Barns are ready to come down so the new one can go up. The more hands, the quicker it will go.

2021 4-H CALENDAR

We are working on the 2021 Calendar and plan to have it ready for distribution in December. **We need your HELP!!** Please send any pictures you have from 2020 that we may be able to use on the 2021 Calendar. Pictures can be from virtual meetings, members working with projects at home, club meetings or activities, fair photos. Send photos to Deb Knowles at Knowles.104@osu.edu All pictures need to be sent no later than October 15th.

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SILO MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN LOCALLY IF YOU MISSED IT THE FIRST TIME

If you missed this highly impactful and emotional screening of SILO this past winter at the Gloria, you have the opportunity to view it from the comfort of your home, but you do need a ticket! SILO is based on the true story of a grain entrapment. It is eye opening film for those who work in and around agriculture.

[Register here](#) for Tuesday at 7pm.

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JUNIOR FAIR BOARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

[Click here for JFB application](#)

CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

[Click here for counselor application](#)

Those applying to be counselors, please read all information carefully and submit required information to be eligible for one of the counselor positions.

GOOD NEWS FOR NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Many of you were disappointed that we were unable to judge projects this year. The quick change in judging made it difficult to find judges. Many felt that they could not fairly judge projects without seeing projects in person, especially the clothing and quilting projects. It was not an easy decision nor desired to do how we had to do things, but under the circumstances, everyone did a great job!!

The good news. The State is allowing anyone who did a non-livestock project in 2020 can carry that project forward to 2021. All of your hard work will be judged and have an opportunity to go to State Fair in 2021.

When you sign up for projects for 2021 in 4-H on-line, be sure to leave 2020 project listed and simply add your new projects for 2021. This will allow you to have both year's projects eligible for judging next summer.

OUTSTANDING CLUB PAPERWORK

There are some clubs that have not turned in your paperwork for the year. Kiley sent out an email to those advisors this morning, September 21. Please complete and return by dropping off in office, drop box or emailing horn.217@osu.edu

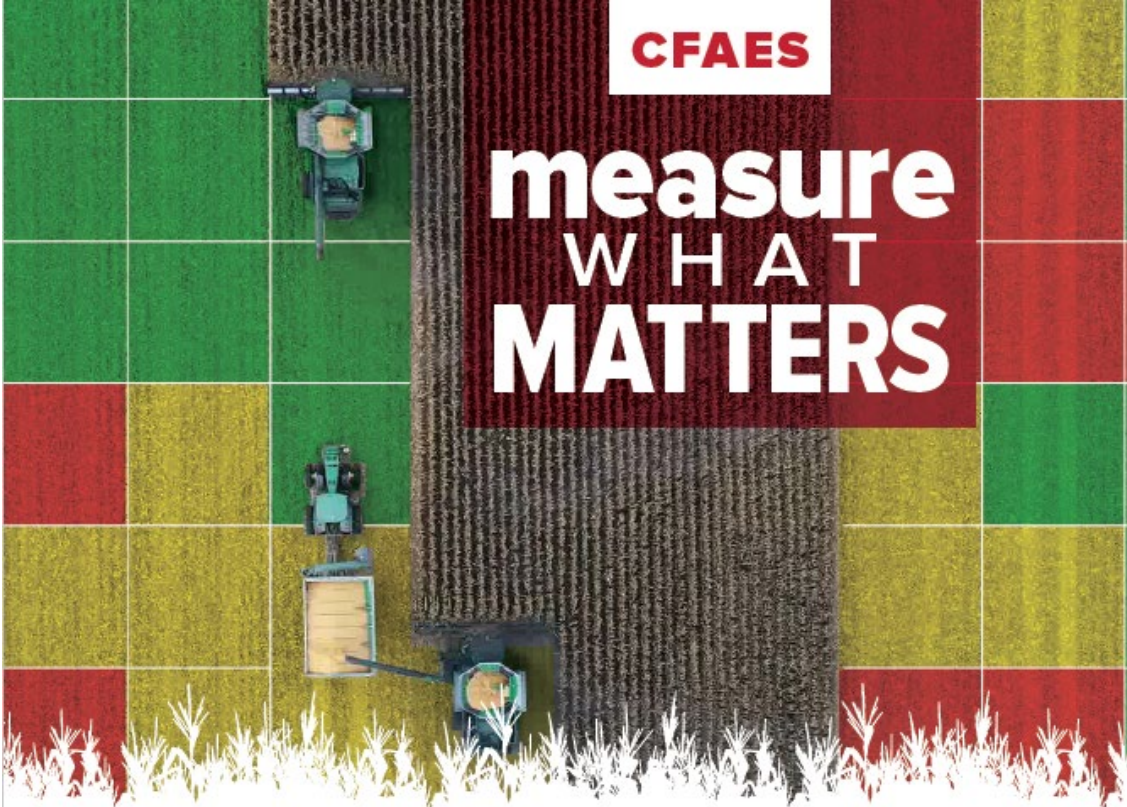
SHOW OPPORTUNITY FOR FANCY POULTRY MEMBERS

Info is posted at: <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-national-virtual-poultry-show> and on the 4-H Animal Sciences Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Ohio4HAnimalSciences>.

This year's Ohio National Poultry Show, the largest poultry show in the nation, has gone virtual! This gives open and junior exhibitors a new way to compete and still be a part of the Ohio National. Information, including the catalog, can be found on their website at www.ohionational.org and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheOhioNational>.

The entry deadline is Saturday, October 17, with Class Champions announced Saturday, November 14 and the Show Champion announced Sunday, November 15. Show awards will be mailed the week after announcing the champions. There is no cost to enter.

For Open Show questions contact Tim Johnson at tejpoultry@gmail.com or Newt Long at wnewtlong@gmail.com. For Junior Show questions contact Tim & Mary Neviska at blackstumpfarm@aol.com or Clell Agler at cagler@columbus.rr.com



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September 22-24



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Farm Science Review Online begins this week! To make sure you have the best experience, I want to share some information on how to participate. This [News Release](#) shares information on how to join and there is also a [How-To on the FSR](#) site. You do need to create an account to view live presentations!

We will also host "Harvest Live" at 1:30 on [Tuesday](#) and [Wednesday](#). This includes harvest of corn and soybeans, field tiling demos and more. Watch from the [FSR YouTube Channel](#).

The AgCrops team put together a really cool virtual tour of the Agronomic Plots area so be sure to check that out along with small farms, conservation, STEM activities and more!

SENIOR SPECIE ORGANIZATIONS

The University is requiring we still meet virtually at least until January. The following links are for the meetings. You can use the same link each month. The meetings are open to Champaign County 4-H Advisors and parents of 4-H members interested in being involved in a particular specie group to assist in running events, working to make the program better and focusing on what is best for youth and their projects. The specie groups are part of the OSU Extension 4-H Program and **we always welcome new attendees, ideas, and extra hands.**

4-H Committee – Next Meeting September 21, 2020 5:00pm. If you wish or know of someone who would like to be part of the 4-H Committee, contact Melinda Ryan with your nomination for 2021.

[4-H Committee Members Click Here for Meetings](#)

Dairy Council – Next Meeting October 12, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Dairy Meetings](#)

Rabbit and Cavy Council – Next Meeting October 5, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Rabbit and Cavy Meetings](#)

Poultry Council – Next Meeting October 13, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Poultry Meetings](#)

Goat Council – Next Meeting October 14, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Goat Council Meetings](#)

Horse Council – Next Meeting October 7, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Horse Advisor Meetings](#)

Pork Council and Cattlemen's are separate entities not under the OSU 4-H Umbrella. We will announce their meetings when we receive information.

DON'T FORGET - Thank You Notes

Who should write thank you notes?

All 4-H members should write at least one or multiple thank you notes at the end of their project year.

Why should you write one?

Thank you notes show that you appreciate what someone has done for you. This could be giving you money, donating trophies and other awards, donating their time to help you or did something to encourage or support you in your efforts.

Buyers of projects and people who sponsor awards especially like to receive thank you notes because it acknowledges that the person who received the award is grateful.

When should I write one?

Thank you notes should be written and received by recipient within two weeks of the award, sale or end of project.

Where should I send the note?

Most awards given at the fair have a tag attached by string or taped on the bottom the sponsor and the sponsors address.

Buyers' addresses can be found on-line if they are a business or you can contact the Extension Office and we can give you a list of all your buyers and their addresses.

What should you write?

Writing a note can be very simple. Most important words to use are THANK YOU.

Write in your note the donation that you are thanking them for.

Write a sentence of how the donation benefited you.

You can include a picture of you and your project.

Encourage for the person to be supportive in the future.

Sample phrases to use:

grateful that you....

touched by your generous gift...

thank you for...

thank you for taking the time to attend the Champaign County Fair..

I really appreciate....

thank you again for....

..greatly appreciated...

I will use the money for

I will use the money to help with my project next year.

You are a great supporter of the fair and I hope you will continue.

Thank you so much for all you have done....

Samples for a trophy letter:

Dear Company XYZ,

Thank you for sponsoring the Champion Market Lamb trophy. I was so excited to win this year. I put a lot of hard work and long hours into my project. Receiving the trophy you sponsored made me feel like my hard work paid off. Thank you for supporting the 4-H program and the Champaign County fair.

*Sincerely,
Jane Doe*

Dear Company XYZ,

Thank you for supporting 4-H and Fair by sponsoring the trophy I received for my Champion Market Lamb. I was excited to receive it and will enjoy seeing in sitting in my room.

Regards,

Jane Doe

Sample Buyer letter:

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for supporting me in the dairy sale this year at the fair. I will use the money to help with my project next year.

Sincerely,

Jane Doe

Dear Mr. Smith,

I wanted to take the time to thank you for supporting me and many during the goat sale at Champaign County Fair. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and I will use the money to pay my feed bill that my parents helped me with and use the rest to help buy my project next year.

I hope you will continue to support the fair and kids like me in the future.

Regards,

Jane Doe

Sample letter to advisor or someone who helped you with your project:

Dear Adam,

Thank you so much for the help you gave me with my project this year. You made my first year fun and I am excited to do it again next year. You taught me a lot.

*Thanks again,
Jane Doe*

HOPING YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY!!

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