

Clark County 4-H Weekly Update

March 3, 2023

Clark County 4-H Families and Volunteers:

A special thanks to Clark County 4-H camp counselors, committees and volunteers who helped to make the 2023 4-H Kick-off a great success. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed all of the hands-on activities, food and fellowship. What a wonderful event to kick-off the 4-H season!

This week is Ohio 4-H Week! This week we challenge you to:

- Encourage a friend to join 4-H.
- Invite a friend or a family to come to your next 4-H club meeting to check out all the 4-H opportunities.
- Make posts on your personal Social Media platforms about "This is Clark County 4-H", "What 4-H Means to You", "What Your Favorite 4-H Project is and Why", "What Your Favorite 4-H Event is and Why", "Why You're in 4-H and Why Others Should Join Too". This is a great time to fill social media with all the great things you are doing in 4-H and why it means so much to you to encourage others to join the Clark County 4-H Fun.

4-H Enrollment Deadline April 15 – Don't Wait Enroll Now!

Every 4-H member, Cloverbud, and volunteer must enroll or re-enroll in 4-H using 4-H on-line at <https://oh.4honline.com/>. You may access the direct link to enroll on the Clark County 4-H App under Clubs and Enrollment and complete enrollment off your phone.

Need Assistance to Enroll or Change Something In your Enrollment:

Call: Linda: 937-398-7604, Jaycie: 937-398-7596, Patty: 937-398-7599, Laura: 937-398-7597

E-Mail: newman.221@osu.edu, patterson.1312@osu.edu, house.18@osu.edu, dillion.26@osu.edu

4-H Activity Fees – Don't Wait Pay Now!

All 4-H members and cloverbuds must pay their annual 4-H activity fee no later than May 24.

2023 Activity Fees:

- \$25 per member and \$5 per cloverbud if paid by 7 PM, May 24
- \$30 per member and \$10 per cloverbud if paid after May 24

Fees may be paid in the following ways:

- Mail check to Clark Co. 4-H Committee, P.O. Box 444, Springfield, OH 45501
- Pay by cash or check on May 23 or May 24, 11 AM to 7 PM, Extension Office
- Earn your activity fee by participating in the County Fundraisers

4-H and FFA Rabbit & Cavy Clinic & QA

Sat. March 4, Youth Bldg., Clark County Fairgrounds

Quality Assurance – 10 AM-11 AM Open to any market livestock exhibitor that needs to complete their annual quality assurance training.

Clinic – 11 AM to Noonish: Rabbit cages and equipment will be available for purchase. Selection, care, and health related topics will be covered as well as review of the rules. Door prizes too!

4-H Project Books will be available for purchase. Checks payable to OSU Extension, Clark County. If paying by cash, please have exact cash. You may also pay by credit card.

- Rabbit Book - \$8.58
- Rabbit Resource Handbook - \$12.87
- Cavy Book - \$8.58
- Cavy Resource Handbook - \$17.59

CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a non-discriminatory basis. For more information: <http://go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity>. OSU Extension, Clark County and 4-H Youth Development educational programs provided with major support by the Clark County Commissioners: Melanie Flax Wilt, Lowell McGlothlin, Sasha Rittenhouse



Spring Beef Classic – Sat. March 11- New Location Sheep Arena**Schedule:**

8 AM to 9 AM – Check-In and Weigh-In Cattle – Cattle Stalled in Barns 2 & 3

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM – Quality Assurance in the Sheep Arena

11 AM – Showmanship

1 PM – Show

All Clark County Beef members are encouraged to participate in the Spring Classic Beef Show. Scramble exhibitors must bring their scramble steers to Spring Classic.

Youth Quality Assurance Required by June 6, 2023 – Chance to Win Prizes TOO!

Youth with market animals **MUST** complete the annual Youth Quality Assurance no later than June 6, 2023, to show at the Clark County and/or Ohio State Fair.

Members With One Or More of the Following Projects Must Attend: Market Beef, Market Dairy Steers, Market Goats, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Meat Chickens, Meat Ducks, Meat Turkeys, Market Rabbits, Lactating Dairy Cows and Lactating Dairy Goats

How Can You Attend: Please plan on attending one of these countywide QA sessions or a club based one if your club is eligible to offer one

- **March 4, 10 AM-11 AM, Youth Bldg.**
- **March 11, 9:45 AM-10:45 AM, Sheep Arena**
- **March 28, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, Arts & Crafts Bldg.**
- **April 1, 11 AM-Noon, Youth Bldg.**
- **April 19, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, Arts & Crafts Bldg.**
- **May 2, 6 PM-7 PM, Youth Bldg.**
- **May 31, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, Arts & Crafts Bldg.**
- **June 6, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, Arts & Crafts Bldg.**

Complete the Survey to Win Prizes: Complete the 2023 Youth Quality Assurance Evaluation on-line after you participate in any 2023 Clark County Youth Quality Assurance Program. Prizes will include project books and fair passes sponsored by the Clark County 4-H Committee.

Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2023clarkcoqaevaluation> to complete the evaluation. You can also scan the QR Code to scan the link. Your answers will not be connected to you personally. If you choose to provide your contact information at the end of the survey, you will be entered into the monthly prize drawings.



Drawings will take place on March 15, April 15, May 15, and June 15. Winners will be announced in the Weekly Updates and notified by their contact information.

Anyone that completed QA during the Dairy Clinic on Feb. 11 may complete the on-line evaluation now. Anyone that completes Quality Assurance on March 4 at the Rabbit Clinic or March 11 at the Spring Beef Classic may complete the evaluation after and prior to the March 15 drawing. Anyone that participates in a 4-H Club QA prior to March 15 may complete the evaluation for the March 15 drawing.

2023 Clark County Fair Book Cover Contest – Entries Due April 1

Get your creative juices flowing and design a cover for this year's Clark County Fair Book. Your design may be hand drawn or computer generated and must be 8 ½ x 11 portrait design. Please incorporate this year's Fair theme into the design **Harvesting Fun @ Clark County Fair**. Submissions are due by March 20 to laura@clarkcoag.com. The winning entry will receive 2 fair passes to the 2023 Clark County Fair (one 4-H member pass and one adult pass).

Purchasing 4-H Market Project Animals

Many of you are or soon will be purchasing market animals. Here are some important points to keep in mind:

All Market Animals:

- Purchase healthy animals from reputable breeders.
- Know what vaccinations and parasite control has been completed by the breeder.
- Ask the breeder what feed the animal has been on to be able to transition the animal to the feed you want to use.
- Quarantine animals bought if you have other animals at home.
- Observe purchased animals closely for signs of illness – take their temperature, monitor eating and drinking, observe changes in feces, etc.
- Monitor animal growth to know the animal is on target to meet weight requirements.
- Establish a valid VCPR (vet, client, patient relationship) for preventative care and treatment if, and when needed.
- Properly handle your animals and provide proper animal care to assure you have a healthy animal to bring to Fair. All animals must be free of contagious disease – this includes ring worm, sore mouth, club lamb fungus, warts, lice, etc.

Market Goats and Lambs

- **ALL market goats and market lambs must have a scrapie tag or tattoo.** Scrapie tags must come from the breeder of the lamb or goat and are needed for on-line exhibitor registration due by May 1. Market lambs or market goats without scrapie tags will not be tagged in on May 13 and will not be eligible for show at the Clark County Fair.
- **Market goats must be properly castrated and healed or banded and disbudded and healed by May 1.** If not, they will not be tagged in on May 13.
- **Market wether lambs must be properly castrated.**

Market Hogs

- **Must be ear notched.** Know your pig's ear notches. Record in your project book animal inventory section to have to complete your on-line Fair entries due by May 15. Required to submit 2 photos with your market hog entries. **One must be a side profile and the other one must be a head shot with ear notches of both ears clearly shown.**
- Purebred market hogs must have registration papers in the exhibitor's name by fair weigh-in. Make sure you work with the breeder to have registration papers processed at purchase time. Don't wait!

Dairy Feeders

- Must be purebred, single breed, Holstein or Brown Swiss, male calves.
- **Must be properly castrated and dehorned before the May 13 tag-in and weigh-in.** If not, they will not be tagged or weighed-in – NO EXCEPTIONS! You will have until June 1 to have your calf properly dehorned and/or castrated, receive first vaccinations, if completed by June 1, calf will be tagged, but will not be eligible for Rate of Gain.

Market Rabbits

- Roasters must be purebred, single breed, commercial rabbits, born after Jan. 22 and at least 8 weeks old on April 8, Rabbit I.D. Day. **Roasters MAY BE PURCHASED** or be offspring from your rabbits.
- **Single Fryers and Meat Pens MAY NOT BE PURCHASED.** Must be the offspring from a mating of the same single breed buck and doe owned by the member brought to Rabbit I. D. Day on April 8.

Market Turkeys, Ducks and Chickens

- **Must be purchased and shown** from the Clark Co. 4-H & FFA Rabbit & Poultry Com. bulk order. Market Turkeys were due March 1, Market Duck and Market Chicken orders by May 1.
- **Must purchase required minimum.** Market Turkeys – min. of 6, Market Ducks – min. of 3, Market Chickens – min. of 6 per family with at least 3 per member in family. No 4-H Club or Chapter Orders. Order at <https://clark.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/application-and-forms>



Opportunities to Explore Careers and Navigate Your Pathway to the Future

Pathways to the Future Quarterly E-Newsletter

Did you receive your first copy this week? All 4-H members in the 8th grade and above will be receiving Pathways to the Future e-newsletter. This newsletter will be sent quarterly through 4-H on-line by Margo Long, Workforce Development and Pathways Program Manager for Ohio 4-H. The newsletter will share opportunities for 4-H members to participate in career readiness programs to help them navigate future plans after high school graduation.

Anyone can access the newsletter and additional career pathways resources at

<https://ohio4h.org/workforce-development>

Take the Leap Career Readiness Day

Who: 4-H members age 13-18

Where: Ohio 4-H Center, Columbus, OH

What: Engage in activities focused on social media and networking, dealing with comfort zones, handling stress, goal setting, interview skills and more with activities and speakers to help you with your career readiness journey. Youth should dress in business casual attire.

Cost: \$10/participant

Deadline: March 15 Go to https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eyyHbCVmXIQ4FIIs

Ohio 4-H Spark Expo

When: June 14-17

Who: Youth completing 8th grade in 2023

Where: Ohio 4-H Center and OSU Campus, Columbus

What: Explore career paths in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, field trip to ATI Campus in Wooster, discover career opportunities within majors in CFAES and participate in enriching learning experiences in those disciplines.

Stay in OSU Campus Housing: Experience what it is like to live in a college dorm for three nights.

Cost: \$75 per participant

Registration Deadline: April 1 https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5axmiCchd2ppuuO

For more information go to <https://ohio4h.org/workforce-development/4-h-spark-expo>

Explore Ag Camps

Who: H.S. students

Weeklong Camps

- OSU Main Campus, June 11-16
- OSU Wooster Campus, June 18-23
- University of Findlay, July 9-14

Mini Camps

- COLT Electric Lineman Training, June 9
- Rio Grande, June 30
- Wilmington College, June 4-7
- Hocking College, July 31 - August 2

All camps are free and sponsored by Ohio Farm Bureau. To attend you must apply by April 10. To apply go to <https://ofbf.org/community/youth-in-agriculture/exploreag/>

World Food Prize Ohio Youth Institute

Who: H.S. students

When & Where: April 17 at Ohio State University

What: Research and write a research paper for resources visit www.worldfoodprize.org/ohio

Register: By March 20 and upload your research paper Go to

https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/ohio/



2023 Clark County 4-H Fundraisers – Two ways to earn your 2023 4-H activity fee.

- Must sell \$100 to earn activity fee & 1 \$8 project book or campership coupon
- For every additional \$35 in product sold earn 1 \$8 project book or campership coupon
- High Sellers Earn Cash Awards
- Clubs Earn 10%

Sell Otis Spunkmeyer Frozen Cookie Dough and Other Products

- Take orders now until April 14
- Pick Up Orders on May 23
- Product would be available for pick-up on May 23
- Order Forms Available at 4-H Kick-Off
- Have People Purchase on-line at <https://go.osu.edu/2023clarkco4hfrozenfoodfundraiser>
- Clark Co. 4-H School Code is CLAR48

Sell Anthony Thomas Candy Bars

- Club Candy Orders Due March 24 <https://go.osu.edu/2023clarkco4hcandybarfundraiserorder>
- Pick Up Candy Bars on April 14
- Turn in Candy Money May 24

Start Sewing at 4-H Clothing Clinics

Join 4-H clothing volunteers and Food & Fashion Board members for hands-on sewing fun. Learn the skills necessary for clothing project success – understanding your color palette, pattern and fabric selection, sewing techniques, and so much more.

- **March 12, 3 PM to 5 PM at the Extension Office Reg. by March 8**
- **April 1, 3 PM to 5 PM at the Extension Office Reg. by March 28**

Register go to <https://go.osu.edu/2023clarkco4hclothingclinics>.

4-H College Student Summer Assistants

Would you like a summer job helping with the Clark Co. 4-H Program? **To apply college students can go to:** <https://hr.osu.edu/careers/>

- **OSU Students** – Click on the box Current OSU Employees and students
- **Non-OSU Students** – Click on the box Non-Ohio State Employees

Non-OSU Students Click on the Location box and type in Satellite Campus then all the Extension Jobs will appear then make sure you are applying for R70768. OSU Students log-in with your OSU info.

Apply by March 28. Interviews week of April 3. Questions contact house.18@osu.edu or 937-398-7599.

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