



MAY 2021



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Iowa 4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences.

Iowa 4-H Vision

Preparing Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society.

Animal Identification Deadline

4-H Members will use 4-H Online 2.0 to identify their animals for the county and state fair by **May 15, 2021**. Access 4-H Online 2.0 by visiting <https://v2.4-HOnline.com>. Only FFA members will use Google Forms to identify animals. All animals, except market beef, must be entered by the 4-H/FFA member before the end of the day on **May 15, 2021**. If you do not enter your animal into 4-H Online 2.0 or the FFA Google Form by 11:59 p.m. on May 15, it will not be eligible to be exhibited at county and/or state fair! This is a statewide change, we appreciate your understanding.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO ID YOUR ANIMALS!

Now is also a great time to complete your YQCA training, additional details can be found on page 11 of this newsletter.

Clover Kids Corner

May's theme is "Pollinator Pals".

Clover Kids groups are meeting in person. Masks/face coverings are required through May 8, unless a written doctor's note is provided. All groups will practice 6' physical distancing mitigation efforts. At-Home Clover Kids members may pick their bags up from the tote outside of the Extension office after May 3.

A Summer Fun Day for all Mahaska County Clover Kids will be held in June with the date TBD. The fun day will be held at the Extension office.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Brainard at vermeerA@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841 ext. 28.

4-H Honor Council

The next Honor Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 24. We will be celebrating our seniors! If you are unable to attend, please let Amy, Megan, or Trisha know in advance.

New 4-H Members

New 4-H members, who have not been in Mahaska County 4-H in the past, have until May 15, 2021 to enroll and pay their registration fee and be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair. Please note that the 75% attendance policy will apply, so attendance at all club activities from the time of enrollment until July 1 is very important!

4-H Club Attendance Policy

Mahaska County has a 75% attendance policy in place for 4-H members of community and special-interest clubs. Members attending at least 75% of their clubs' meetings, activities, and/or pre-approved 4-H experiences will have eligibility to exhibit at the county fair. Clubs can set their own parameters within the 75% policy. We recommend that if members are part of an *additional* special-interest club, like Honor Council, that their attendance combined for both will count toward the 75%.

Welcome, Sara!



Sara Martindale has been hired as our 4-H County Youth Coordinator and she will start her duties on May 10. Sara will oversee the 4-H clubs and Clover Kids groups, including volunteers, members, recruitment & retention, workshops, county fair, and general questions regarding 4-H Club or Clover Kids group experiences. Ex: special events, project work, state fair, animal identification & registration, YQCA, weigh-ins, etc.

Below is a little bit about Sara...

Hello Mahaska County 4-H families! I'm Sara Martindale and I am excited to be a part of the Mahaska

County Extension team. I grew up in Eastern Iowa and was a member of Fulton Industrial 4-H Club in Muscatine County. I attended Iowa State to study Anthropology and Art and Design. I met my husband Chad there and we ended up moving back to Southeast Iowa to be close to family and his job. I have two daughters Julia, age 5 and Audrey, age 9. As a family we love to hike the trails of the state parks around Iowa, cheer on the Iowa State football team and are also frequently found at the library. In my spare time I love to read, cook, and hit garage sales and thrift shops to find mid century modern treasures. After May 15, Sara can be reached at 641-673-5841 ext. 11 and saram2@iastate.edu.

Amy's Position Transition

Amy Brainard is transitioning to the County Youth Outreach Coordinator position where she will oversee youth outreach programs, like In-school visits, 4-H Afterschool, Day Camps, and other special events that are open to the public. This is a great opportunity for Amy to utilize her degree in education and further her work with youth in the county. She is especially looking forward to the new STEM Scale-up Ioponics program as a partnership with North Mahaska High School and growing the Ricochet Leadership program. Be on the lookout for her Invent Tent at the Southern Iowa Fair this summer! Amy will still be working with the 4-H Clubs & Clover Kids groups throughout the summer as she trains Sara in her new role. After May 15, questions regarding 4-H or Clover Kids should be directed to Sara Martindale.

*This newsletter was prepared and written by
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Amy can be reached by calling 641-673-5841 ext. 28 or by
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Exhibit Hall Service Project

The 4-H Honor Council is hosting a service project in the Exhibit Hall for anyone. Individuals, families, and clubs are welcome to help out. The Council will be pulling staples, cleaning, and painting in the Exhibit Hall. Wedding season is upon us and the fair will be here soon, let's get the Exhibit Hall spruced up! Register for a shift at <https://tinyurl.com/exhibithallservice>.

Mahaska County Code of Conduct

Every 4-H member in Mahaska County is required to complete the Mahaska County 4-H Code of Good Conduct form one time. Deadline to complete the Code of Conduct, either paper form or electronic form, is May 15, 2021. This form must be submitted in order for 4-H members to be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair. Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/mahaska-county-4-h-code-good-conduct-form> to learn more.

Family Feature

Would you like to be spotlighted on our social media accounts?

Would you like to nominate someone to be spotlighted?

We know we have some amazing 4-H families in our county and we want to recognize you for that!

Complete the 4-H Family Feature/Spotlight form at <https://tinyurl.com/4Hfeature>. Keep an eye out for 4-H Family Features on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages!

Class Exhibiting Requirements

Mahaska County 4-H has a policy for classes and shows for the county fair. In order to hold a show at the Southern Iowa Fair, we must have a **minimum of 3 youth from 2 different families (4-H or FFA)** registered to exhibit a particular species. Don't forget that animals must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15, 2021. Classes with fewer than 3 exhibitors from 2 different families will be placed on hold for the current year. Classes will be determined after all ID information has been received on May 15. If classes meet the minimum requirement by identification in May, the show(s) will be held.

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Spring Leader Meeting

We will hold our annual Spring Leader Meeting on Wednesday, May 12 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Auditorium at the Extension office. We plan to hand out printed fair rule booklets and other fair forms at this meeting, as well as answer questions. RSVP is required by May 3rd.

Congratulations, Seniors!

Congratulations to our graduating Senior 4-H members!

Macy Moore of the Heartland Helpers 4-H Club

Teale Pose of the Garfield Boosters 4-H Club & Honor Council

Trisha Van Donselaar of the Honor Council

Katelyn Vos of the M&M Peppy Pals

Katherine Wielard of the M&M Peppy Pals

We wish you the best in all of your future endeavors and THANK YOU for your dedication to Mahaska County 4-H! These seniors are spotlighted in the Mahaska County 4-H Senior Spotlight Magazine, copies are available at the Extension office.

Attention Seniors!

If you are attending Iowa State University this fall, continue your 4-H adventure with Collegiate 4-H! Collegiate 4-H is a club that is open to all majors and focuses on service, leadership, and fun. Joining Collegiate 4-H is a great way to stay connected with 4-H programs and also build valuable professional skills. Look up Collegiate 4-H on any of their social media or contact Courtney Vondracek at courtvt@iastate.edu.

Summer Fun Day Camps

We will once again hold in-person day camps this summer for those who have recently completed Kindergarten-8th grade. These camps fill quickly, so register ASAP!

June 7-9 - Babysitting Basics - 5th-8th grade - \$30.00

June 10 - Let's Make a Meal - 4th-7th grade - \$20.00

June 14-15 - NASA Astro Camp® - 3rd-5th grade - \$20.00

June 16-17 - Mission to Mars - Kdg-2nd grade - \$20.00

June 21 - Invent STEM Oskaloosa - 3rd-5th grade - \$20.00

June 22 - Invent STEM Leighton - 3rd-5th grade - \$20.00

June 23 - Invent STEM New Sharon - 3rd-5th grade - \$20.00

June 24 - Intent STEM Eddyville - 3rd-5th grade - \$20.00

June 28-29 - A Taste of Iowa - Kdg-2nd grade - \$20.00

June 30 - Spa Day - Kdg-3rd - \$15.00

July 1 - Making It - 5th-8th grade - \$15.00

Find camp details & a registration form at

www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/

State 4-H Youth Conference in Ames



This year's State 4-H Youth Conference will look a bit different, but it will be happening IN-PERSON!

Each area of the state has been assigned a day for State Conference attendance. The Central date is Wednesday, June 30.

Registration is open until all slots are filled or June 1.

Registration must be completed in 4-H Online under Events.

Additional details can be found at [https://](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference)

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.

Pop Tabs for Jacy 2021

We are collecting pop tabs to donate during the State 4-H Youth Conference in June. If you have any unwanted pop tabs, please turn them in to the Extension office by June 20.

Congratulations, Abby!

Congratulations to Abby Drost on being selected to serve as a 2021-22 State 4-H Council Member, Iowa 4-H Reporter, and STEM Leadership Accelerator. Abby will represent Mahaska County and SE Iowa as a point of contact for the State 4-H Council, State Conference, State Recognition, and the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign. Abby will assist with the statewide NASA Astro Camp® this summer and be present at the 2021 Iowa State Fair to create news and media clips in conjunction with Iowa Public Television and iHeart Radio. We are very proud of Abby for these wonderful accomplishments! Abby is a junior at Oskaloosa Senior High School and is a member of the Mahaska Masters 4-H Club and 4-H Honor Council.

Iowa 4-H Guidance & Expectations

We expect the Iowa 4-H Guidance & Expectations (Best Practices) will be updated soon. To see the current list, please see the April 4-H Newsletter. These expectations are in regards to COVID-19 mitigation efforts, as well as food policies related to ISU Extension and Outreach program insurance.

Market Broiler Poultry Project

Chicks will arrive 6 weeks before the fair, be looking for an email from Sarah Hol at holskitchen@yahoo.com with more details. Chick Pick-up will take place at the Extension office. Date & time TBD. If you have any questions regarding the Market Broiler project, please contact Sarah.

Horse Clinics & Ride Night Requirement

Every 4-H & FFA member who plans to exhibit horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules at the 2021 Southern Iowa Fair must complete **at least 1 clinic and 2 ride nights to gain eligibility at the county fair.** This requirement is subject to change due to 2021 COVID-19 best practices.

Remaining Clinic & Ride Night Dates and Topics are below:

May 4—Western Pleasure Clinic

May 18—Ride Night

June 1—Trail Clinic

June 12—4-H & FFA Invitational Show

June 15—Ride Night

July 6—Speed Games Clinic

Vet Check Date TBD

All clinics & ride nights will be held at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds—Outdoor Arena from 6:30-7:30 PM. You may arrive early and stay later, but must have your horse and participate from 6:30-7:30 PM for credit.

If you have any questions about the Horse Project Area, please contact a Horse Superintendent listed below:

Jennifer Fynaardt—jenniferfynaardt@gmail.com, 402-917-0533

Lisa Fields—fieldsl599@gmail.com, 563-212-2905

Heather Angle-Gardner—h_ponygirl@yahoo.com, 641-777-2334

Dog Classes

Dog classes will start soon! Classes are held at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds from 6:00-7:30 p.m. First year DOGS must attend at least 8 classes and second year DOGS must attend at least 6 classes. All dogs, including Clover Kids dogs must be identified by May 15.

Classes will be held:

May 3 (first class, no dogs)

May 10, 17, 24, 31

June 7, 14, 21, 28

July 5, 12

Clover Kids classes will begin on May 17. Pre-registration for classes is not required. If you have any questions, please contact a Superintendent listed in the 2021 Fair Rule Booklet.

Bucket/Bottle Animal Packets

Now that it is May, all bucket/bottle animals must be in the youth exhibitor's possession within **two** weeks of the animal's birth (must have been born by April 30) and must be bottle/bucket fed. Packets for Bucket/Bottle animals are available at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>.

Pre-Fair Superintendent Meeting

All livestock superintendents are invited to attend the Pre-Fair meeting to set stall assignments on **Thursday, July 8 at 7:00 PM** in the DAV Building. Note that this is 2 weeks before fair!

Static Exhibit Judging at Fair

Static exhibit judging will be held on **Saturday, July 17**. We will offer conference (in-person) and non-conference (drop off) judging this year. If you would like to request non-conference judging, please complete this survey by **June 15**: <https://tinyurl.com/nonconferencejudging>. Non-conference exhibits will be dropped off at the individually assigned time between 10:00 AM-Noon. Judges will judge the non-conference exhibits prior to the in-person conference judging. If selecting non-conference judging, written comment sheets will be provided. If selecting in-person conference judging, written comment sheets will not be provided. Each club has been assigned a time for in-person conference judging.

Saturday Exhibit Judging Schedule:

1:00-1:15 PM – 4-H Honor Council

1:00-2:00 PM – K-3 Clover Kids Judging at Clover Kids booth

1:25-1:55 PM – Harrison Hustlers, Heartland Helpers

2:00-2:30 PM – Independent 4-H, Jefferson Go-Getters, Leighton Strivers

2:45-3:30 PM – Mahaska Masters, Mahaska Livestock Special-Interest Club, Maker Club, M&M Peppy Pals

3:45-4:15 PM – Spring Creek Achievers, West Des Moines Livewires, Adams Champs

4:30-5:30 PM – Cedar Livestock, Garfield Boosters

5:30 PM - Exhibit Buildings Close

5:30-6:30 PM - State Fair Selection

Tentative Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 17

1:00 PM-6:30 PM - Static Exhibit Judging in Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building, state fair selection to follow

Monday, July 19

7:00-10:00 AM - Swine Weigh-in at scale

9:00-11:00 AM - Poultry Check-in at cages

10:00 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale

10:00 AM-Noon - Rabbit Check-in at cages

10:30 AM - Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale

10:30 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Interviews at pens

11:00 AM - Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Interviews at pens

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Sheep Weigh-in at scale

1:00-2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Check-in in barns

1:00-2:00 PM - Myotonic Goat Check-in at pens

2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Llama & Alpaca Show in Pavilion

4:00-5:00 PM - Meat Goat Weigh-in at scale & Breeding Check-in at stalls

5:00 PM - 4-H, FFA, & Clover Kids Dog Show in Pavilion

5:30-7:00 PM - Beef Weigh-in at scale, Breeding Check-in at West end of B/B Barn

by 6:00 PM - Dairy check-in at stalls with Superintendents

by 6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Check-in at stalls with Superintendents

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 AM - Poultry Show in Sale Ring

9:00-1:00 PM - Communications: Educational Presentation, Share the Fun, Extemporaneous Speaking, & Working Exhibit Judging at Free Stage

10:30-11:30 AM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

1:00 PM - Advanced Feeder Pen Conferences in Fair Board Office

2:00-4:00 PM - 4-H Horticulture Judging in 4-H Building

3:00-4:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Interviews

4:00-6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Horse Check-in at barns

6:00 PM - Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Meeting at check-in area

6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Swine Show in Pavilion

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Sheep Show in Pavilion

9:00 AM-Noon - Communications Working Exhibit Judging in Free Stage

10:30-11:30 AM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

11:30 AM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Goat Show in Pavilion

12:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb Show in Pavilion

12:30-2:15 PM - Dairy Cattle & Goat Show in Pavilion

1:00-3:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews

2:30-3:30 PM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

2:30-4:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show in Pavilion

5:00 PM - Auction Exhibitor Verification in Fair Board Office – by 5:00 PM, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

6:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Rabbit Show in Sale Ring

Thursday, July 22

8:00 AM-Noon approx. - 4-H & FFA Beef Show in Pavilion

10:30-11:30 AM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

1:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in Pavilion

2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat Show in Pavilion

2:30-3:30 PM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

5:00 PM - Farm Bureau BBQ at Free Stage

Friday, July 23

9:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Horse Show at Outdoor Arena, will follow K-3 Open Horse Show

10:00 AM - 4-H & Clover Kids Pet Show at Free Stage

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

12:00-4:00 PM - Supreme Showmanship Contest in Pavilion

1:30-2:00 PM - Livestock Judging Contest Registration in Sale Ring

2:00-4:00 PM - Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest in Sale Ring

2:30-3:30 PM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

4-H Office will be CLOSED

8:00 AM - Livestock Ribbon Auction (following Buyer's Breakfast) in Sale Ring

12:00 PM - ALL Livestock & Non-Livestock Exhibits Released (no early release due to weather)

Sunday, July 25

Animals Must Be Gone by 5:00 PM

Exhibits Must Be Gone between 1:00-3:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

This schedule is subject to change due to pandemic restrictions, conflicts, and weather.

4-H & Clover Kids Clothing Event

Do you like to shop, find a bargain, or just assemble fashionable outfits? You should take part in the 4-H & Clover Kids Awardrobe Clothing Event! This event is open to any 4-H or Clover Kids members in Mahaska County. 4-H members may exhibit as many outfits as they'd like and Clover Kids may exhibit one outfit in each class.

Classes include:

Clothing Selection - purchased garments of any price

\$15.00 Challenge - purchased garments from consignment, outreach, or garage sale totaling under \$15.00. **MUST** have receipts!

Fashion Revue - garments made by the exhibitor via hand sewing, machine sewing, or other method (knitting, crocheting, felting, etc.)

Judging will take place on June 10 from 3:30-6:00 PM at the Extension office, you will be judged wearing your garment.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/awardrobe> by Tuesday, June 1.

Southern Iowa Fair Contact Info

If you would like to inquire about camping, renting a fairgrounds building, or exhibiting in the Open Class/Open Bucket/Bottle Show at the Southern Iowa Fair, please contact Erica Antolik at the Southern Iowa Fair office at 641-673-7004 or email sifair@mahaska.org.

Fair Help Me Guide

This guide will be helpful for new families or those needing a refresher. It is currently being updated and will be posted to our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms soon!

4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklets

The 2021 Southern Iowa Fair 4-H & FFA Rule Booklet has been updated and is available at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms. We are happy to provide you with a printed copy, but you must sign up to receive one. Sign up for a printed booklet by May 3 at <https://tinyurl.com/2021rulebook>.

YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors

We are now using YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) for all livestock/animal exhibitors—4-H & FFA. *Excludes Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Dog, & Pet.*

WE WILL NOT OFFER AN IN-PERSON YQCA TRAINING. FSQA is no longer being utilized. YQCA is a yearly online interactive training that can be completed at home or at the Extension office (by scheduled appointment). Cost to take the online training is \$12.00 each year. Those who complete a financial aid application at the Extension office will automatically receive a coupon code to use.

YQCA must be completed by **JULY 1** for members to be eligible to exhibit livestock at the county and/or state fair. The YQCA online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development): 1) knowledge building, 2) skills lab, 3) quiz for each content topic, and are designed specifically for each age group. The online program is very interactive, bright, colorful, relatable, and fun! More information can be found at <http://yqca.org/about/curriculum>.

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR YQCA CERTIFICATION NUMBER AS IT WILL BE REQUIRED WHEN REGISTERING IN FAIRENTRY!

A Help Sheet is available at the Extension office and at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>.

4-H Livestock Rules (4H 202)

If you plan to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair in 2021, please read the 4H 202 document very thoroughly. The 4H 202 can be found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194.pdf>. It includes important information for each species, including identification requirements. It is the responsibility of the 4-H family to read these requirements and abide by the rules set by the county and state 4-H program.

Livestock Summary Guide

This is a helpful guide for any 4-H or FFA member planning to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair. Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/mahaska/Livestock%20Summary%2020-21.pdf>.

Bucket'o'Junk Contest

Bucket'o'Junk registration is now closed. All participants have been contacted via email from Amy. Bucket pick up will be during Extension office business hours (8:00 AM-4:30 PM) from May 3-7 at the Extension office. Members do not need to be present for pick up. Please note that the buckets will be full of scrap metal and will be heavy!

4-H Accommodations

Any program participants needing accommodations for participation in any 4-H activities is asked to complete a 4-H Accommodations form for each year of participation. The 4-H Accommodations form can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/how-do-i-enroll-4-h-club>.

If assistance is needed to complete the 4-H Accommodation form, please call 641-673-5841 or email vermeerA@iastate.edu.

FairEntry Opening June 1

PLEASE READ THIS ARTICLE THOROUGHLY IF YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT AT THE SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR!

We will once again use FairEntry for 4-H & FFA animal and static exhibit entries for the Southern Iowa Fair. We are in the process of setting up this year's fair and will open the system on June 1, 2021.

Animals MUST BE IDENTIFIED IN 4-H ONLINE or on the FFA ID GOOGLE FORMS by May 15 for any animals to be eligible to be exhibited at the fair.

Don't forget to complete your YQCA training if you plan to exhibit Rabbit, Poultry, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Meat Goats, or Myotonic Goats. YQCA is not required for Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Dog, or Pets. Your YQCA certification number will be required in your animal entry in FairEntry, so please have it available.

Livestock Entry for the Southern Iowa Fair will close on July 9, 2021. Static exhibit entry will close on July 15, 2021.

Rabbit Tattoo Clinic May 1

Anyone with rabbits that need tattooed for fair identification purposes can attend the clinic on **Saturday, May 1** between **9:00-10:00 AM** in the Maintenance Shop on the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds. Adam Antolik, Rabbit Superintendent, will be present to answer questions and to tattoo rabbits. Rabbits that are already tattooed do not need to attend this clinic. Youth are not required to attend this clinic, it is just an option available to families. Please note that the Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in will be happening at the same time. Please park in the grassy area to the east of the 4-H Building or in the grass parking area. Please allow space for the livestock trailers to get through.

Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in

Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in—Saturday, May 1 8:00-10:00 AM
Southern Iowa Fairgrounds Scale

Tags are \$3.00 each. State Fair Verification is \$5.00/hd. Breeding Lambs & Goats do not need to attend this weigh-in, unless you plan to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Retinal Images will need to be taken on all lambs & goats going to the Iowa State Fair. All Lambs & Goats **MUST** be entered into 4-H Online by the families by May 15. Bottle Lambs & Bottle Goats are not required to attend the weigh-in.

Pre-Fair Barn Clean-up

Last year's barn clean-up and set-up night was a great success! We will hold the work night on **Thursday, July 15** from **5:00-7:00 PM** in the barns on the fairgrounds. We hope to have a To-Do list for each barn. Some barns may require more work than others. Stall Assignments will be posted in each barn at 7:00 PM.

FFA Animal Identification

FFA members will once again use Google Forms to identify their animals for the fair. The Google Forms are **NOW OPEN!**

FFA Animal IDs are due May 15, 2021 (with the exception of Market Beef as outlined on page 1 of this newsletter). Forms can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>.

Livestock Identification Details

If you plan to show small animals, livestock, and horses at the Southern Iowa Fair or Iowa State Fair, please read on. Each species is listed with details for identification in 4-H Online. If you plan to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair, the animal must first be identified in 4-H Online by May 15 to have state fair eligibility. The only species requiring photos is Horses. You do not have to upload a photo for any species, besides horses.

Market Beef (incl. Carcass & Advanced Feeder Pens) - These animals were identified at the weigh-in last December. Members should have gone into 4-H Online and entered ID information before February 1st.

Breeding Beef—We will not hold a Heifer Tattooing this year. Please make sure your heifer either has a registration tattoo or 4-H ear tag and identify using 4-H Online. The tattoos must match the registration papers and tags must match the identification report at fair check-in or the animal will be disqualified.

Market Sheep (Market, Derby, Commercial Ewes)—These animals will be identified at the May 1 weigh-in. All information from the ID form will be entered into 4-H Online by the families. Please check the paper ID form for accuracy, if you find a mistake, please call us to get it fixed. If the information is correct, please identify each animal in 4-H Online by May 15.

Breeding Sheep (Purebred & Yearling Ewes)—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under *Sheep* (*NOT Weighed In*) by May 15. Ear tag can be a 4-H tag or farm tag. Scrapie tags are required for any sexually intact lamb.

Meat Goats (Market & Breeding)—These animals will be identified at the May 1 weigh-in. All information from the ID form will be entered into 4-H Online by the families. Please check the paper ID form for accuracy, if you find a mistake, please call us to get it fixed. If the information is correct, please identify each animal in 4-H Online by May 15.

Myotonic (Fainting) **Goats**—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under *Goats, Meat* (*NOT weighed in*) by May 15. Type MYOTONIC in the Scrapie Flock ID line to notify us that the goat is a Myotonic goat. Myotonic goats must be registered with the Myotonic Goat Registry.

Dairy Goats—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under *Goats, Dairy* by May 15. Tattoo and birthdate are required. Scrapie tags are required for any sexually intact goat.

Livestock Identification Details (cont'd.)

Dairy Cattle— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under *Dairy Cattle* by May 15.

Swine—These animals were already identified at the weigh-in in March. All information from the ID form will be entered into 4-H Online by the families. Please check the paper ID form for accuracy, if you find a mistake, please call us to get it fixed. If the information is correct, please identify each animal in 4-H Online by May 15. All Iowa State Fair Swine must be tagged with special DNA punch tags (tagged by families) and entered into 4-H Online by May 15.

Bucket/Bottle Calf, Goat, & Lamb—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under *Bucket/Bottle Calf, Bucket/Bottle Goat, or Bucket/Bottle Lamb* by May 15.

Animals must have a tag, either 4-H or farm tag in their ear to be eligible for the fair. Exhibitors may identify more than one in each division, but only one in each division may be exhibited at the fair.

Llamas/Alpacas— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under *Llamas* by May 15. If leasing a llama/alpaca, the lease must be turned in to the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on May 15. Lease forms are available on our website and at the Extension office.

Rabbits— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under *Rabbits* by May 15. All rabbits must have tattoos in their ears, left ear preferred.

Poultry—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under *Poultry* by May 15. If you have a pen of the special Market Broilers, please be sure to note that in your entry

Dog—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under *Dogs* by May 15. We must have the rabies vaccination serial numbers and dates in 4-H Online by May 15. If your puppy is too young for the rabies vaccination, please contact the Extension office as soon as the vaccination is given. All dogs must be vaccinated to be eligible for the fair.

Horses—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under *Horses* by May 15. Photos of horses must be uploaded. If you are leasing a horse, the lease must also be uploaded to 4-H Online. If you plan to exhibit your horse at the Iowa State Fair, you must also upload your Registration Form to 4-H Online.

Scrapie Tags—ANY sexually intact sheep or goat must have a scrapie tag or scrapie tattoo prior to leaving home to arrive at the fair. You may obtain more scrapie tag info from IDALS at 1-866-USDA-TAG or <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry/scrapieProgramIDrequirements.asp>.



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