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Clarke County 4-H Newsletter

APRIL 2020

Hello, Clarke County 4-H members and families!

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Deadline for Fair shirts is approaching fast! Everyone including leaders, and clover kids needs to turn in a form to receive a shirt.

Make sure to check out the Fair Book! There are lots of big changes! It can be found at our website or stop by the office and we can print one out for you!

Our office will remain closed until further notice!

4-H activities including monthly meetings until school is back in session!

SWINE EXHIBITORS

A letter containing information about how the swine sale during the county fair is changing and information about premise Id was sent out via email. If you are planning on showing swine this year and did not receive this letter please Contact the Extension Office to receive this letter.

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March 26th, 2020

Clarke County Livestock Exhibitors and Families,

All **county weigh-ins for meat goats, sheep and/or swine are to be cancelled**. This is for the health and safety of our 4-H families and staff. Unfortunately, that means fairs that conduct rate of gain contests will not be able to do so for the 2020 fair season.

Tagging Procedures for county fair swine, sheep, and goats – Families will pick up their 4-H tags from the extension office. The office is currently closed to the public. Please watch for more details about office hours and tag hand out procedures. **Additionally, for Identification purposes, we are asking all tagged animals to be documented by photo that is uploaded Online. We want at least one photo of the animal with the ear tag IN THE ANIMAL'S EAR.**

FFA livestock ID for County Fair – Identification forms can be found on our website at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke/content/clarke-county-fair these forms will now be submitted online along with the photo of the animal with the ear tag in the animal's ear at https://forms.gle/SH9o9j3upVynsG8o7 by June 1.

Tagging procedures for State Fair swine – State fair tags will be $8.00 apiece. DNA packets will be available after the office opens back up to the public. Due to the current situation, families can return their envelope to the extension office by May 25 or mail their own large white envelopes with the DNA samples inside (one envelope per 4-H member) directly to the State 4-H Office if need be. You can mail them directly to: State 4-H Office Attn: Swine ID 1259 Stange Rd. Ames, IA 50011

Retinal Images for Sheep/Goats for Iowa State Fair – We will schedule a date in toward the end of May to retinal image state fair sheep/goats. If you are interested in retinal imaging please fill out this form at https://forms.gle/8AkeUfDoaZfdj3TJ9 by April 15th and then we will schedule times to retinal image all state fair sheep and goats.

The May 15 livestock ID deadline will be moved back to June 1. This applies to ALL livestock that are usually identified by May 15 including: Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Poultry, Sheep and Swine. Rabbits and bottle animals will remain at the July 1 deadline.

Don't forget about Entry Deadline – ALL exhibitors must enter the animals they are bring to the county fair from June 1 - July 1 on FairEntry.com

We will continue to monitor and re-evaluate the situation and make additional adjustments as needed. We appreciate your understanding and want you to know we have our 4-H staff, families and youth members' absolute best interest at heart. We understand these are unprecedented times and will do everything we can to ensure youth can exhibit their livestock projects this summer.

Youth for the Quality care of Animals

All 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors will be required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for the following: Beef, Dairy Cattle/Goat, Meat Goat, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine. Certification due by May 15th to the Clarke County Extension Office.

Online - At https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login - Make sure to log on with 4HOnline information. Your participation will automatically be recorded - $12 per youth

The YQCA Board is announcing a 25% flash sale on the web based certification.
Here is how to take advantage of this opportunity.

1. Only offered during the month of April (April 1 – April 30), YQCA will be offering a 25% discount on web -based trainings, making them $9.
   A. Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase $9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. Coupon order forms are attached to this message or may be obtained by emailing sales@yqca.org. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED PRICE.
   B. Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days.
   C. Coupons MUST be put towards a web-based training in the month of April.

2. Youth who have already paid for a YQCA instructor-led training (on a date that has not yet passed), may log into their account and cancel their registration.
   a. If payment was received via credit card, their payment will be refunded.
   b. If payment was received via coupon code, that coupon code will be active again. This coupon code does not expire and would be able to be used in future years.
   c. To cancel a registered training

1. Go to https://yqca.learngrow.io and login to the account.
2. Select the course - you will have an option to "Cancel Registration". This will cancel the training and refund the payment/re-activate the coupon code.

Animal Identification

If you plan to show any beef, sheep, goats, dairy, swine, horses, pets, or dogs at the Clarke County Fair you MUST have these animals identified in 4-H online before **June 1** at 11:59 p.m.

PLEASE do not wait until the last minute to complete this process.

Rabbits, poultry and bottle animals have an extended deadline of July 1 to enter their information in 4-H online. Clover kid deadline is July 1.

Visit https://iowa.4honline.com to identify your animals. If you have questions, stop by the extension office or give us a call.

Clarke County Fair Shirts—DEADLINE APRIL 15

To: Clarke County 4-H Club Leaders & Members FFA Advisors & Members

From: First National Bank- Nicole Jacobson American State Bank – Ethan Abbott

Re: 2020 Clarke County Fair Official T-Shirt

American State Bank (ASB) and First National Bank- Osceola (FNB) are joining together as partners in support of all 4-H and FFA participants at the 2020 Clarke County Fair. ASB & FNB will provide the Official Clarke County Fair Shirt (as referred to under the General Rules in the fairbook) for all 4-H and FFA Members –ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!

This year's shirts will be specially designed with full color emblem for 4-H and FFA both prominently displayed and the logos and names of the two sponsoring banks.

The Clarke County Fair Board has designated this as the Official 2020 Clarke County Fair Shirt and to be worn when all participants of the fair are showing their projects, either livestock or as an exhibit in the building, excluding horses. We understand that there may be a need for an additional t-shirt(s); therefore you may order additional shirts at your expense. Please note the cost of the shirts at the bottom of this letter. The shirts from previous years may also be worn during the fair, but ONLY the Official 2020 shirts are to be worn when showing an exhibit, in either the show ring or the building, per the Clarke County Fair Board's request.

Please complete the form at the bottom and get it back to your leader, advisor, or the Clarke County Extension Office before **Wednesday, April 15, 2020**. You MUST complete this form to receive a shirt. If you are ordering an additional t-shirt, THE MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY THE ORDER. Checks or Cash will be accepted, checks may be made payable to Clarke County Extension.

Our shirt supplier will not be ordering extra shirts so please make sure to have your orders in by April 15th, 2020.

Please email Nicole Jacobson at First National Bank - Osceola (nicole.jacobson@fnb247.com) with any questions. The t-shirts will be delivered to the leaders before fair time for distribution.

NAME OF MEMBER: _____

CLUB NAME: _____

Size of t-shirt—please circle the appropriate size you wish to order.

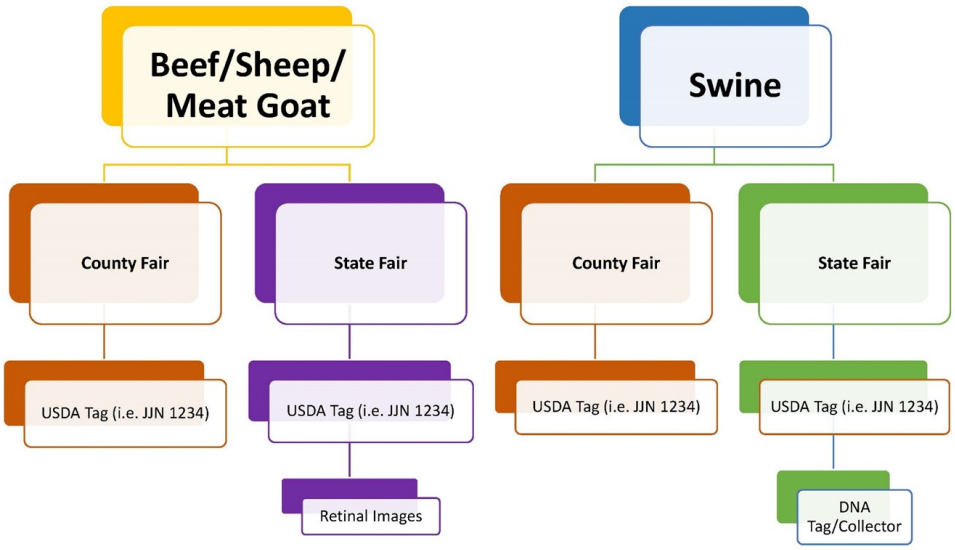
Youth sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large

Adult sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large 3X-Large 4X-Large 5X-Large

I would like to order an additional shirt in size: _____ (Please include payment at time of ordering.)
Cost of additional shirts: All sizes: $12.00

Forms can be emailed, mail or put in the drobox at the Clarke County Extension Office. Dropbox is located on the downspout, south of the door.

2020 4-H Livestock Tagging Procedure



State Fair Swine

ALL State Fair swine (market and breeding), Required a DNA punch tag and a USDA 4-H tag.

Tags must be purchased at the Clarke County Extension Office.

Tags are $8.00 per tag.

June 30-July 2, 2020

ANIMAL SCIENCE ROUNDUP

All youth in 8-12th grades are invited to apply to attend this 3-day conference all about animal science.

Species you may choose from:
Beef, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Horse, Poultry, Goat (Meat and Dairy)

Hands-on learning from the top scientists in the country.
Activities include:
Dissection, ration formulation, meats, reproduction, selection, careers, competitions and more!

For more information and application, visit:
extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup

Apply by April 15.
Participants will be notified by May 1.

SAVE THE DATE!

Clarke County 4-H Youth Dog Show

May 31, 2020

Open to all youth who are members of Iowa 4-H

Obedience, Agility, and Rally Classes!