



April 10 Weekly Update

Due to the ever-changing news in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided to offer weekly bulletins on Fridays, instead of an April 4-H Newsletter.

Dog & Horse Educational Events

Dog Classes and Horse Clinics & Ride Nights are currently postponed until at least May 30. The Dog & Horse Superintendents are considering alternate options to earn credit for clinics with the possibility of instructional videos or webinars. We will be figuring out the details soon and will share in a future weekly update, add to our website, and post to our Facebook page.

Purebred Breeding Beef Survey

Ashtin recently sent a 1-question survey out to our 4-H Beef Project Members. We are setting up our new FairEntry system and want to be sure we include all of the possible breeds. Please visit bit.ly/2xW4geK to complete the 1-question survey by April 15.

Tagging Procedures

We will be assembling ear tag packets for families to pick up in May. Ashtin will be posting a registration form to our website where families can indicate the number of ear tags they will need for Sheep, Meat Goat, Bottle Lamb, Bottle Goat, and Bucket/Bottle Calves and State Fair Swine DNA punch tags. We will assemble tag packets and arrange for contactless pick-up. Payments can be mailed or placed in an envelope and slid through the Extension office entry doors. Please be sure to include who the payment is for in the envelope. We are still trying to figure out the logistics for this process, so please be patient with us.

10,000 Masks Project

Iowa 4-H has a goal to donate at least 10,000 face masks during the pandemic. They have asked each county to find 10 people to make and donate 10 face masks to those in need. 10 people x 10 masks x 100 county programs= 10,000 masks! If you participate, please send Amy a picture at vermeerA@iastate.edu or PM the 4-H Facebook page—ALSO—be sure to register your donation. Full details about this project can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-creates-face-masks>.

Project Goals...Prepping for Fair

Have you been working on your project goals? Do you need help working on a fair exhibit? Unsure which class to put exhibits in? Now sure how to complete a goal card? Wanting to start working on your records? Amy would love to help! Email vermeerA@iastate.edu or call at leave a voicemail at 641-673-5841 ext. 28. Not sure what you need for your fair livestock? Needing help figuring out what to put in your show box? Unsure about livestock classes? The project area superintendents would love to help, as well as Ashtin! Ashtin can be reached at acharris@iastate.edu or leave a voicemail at 641-673-5841 ext. 11. The 2019 Southern Iowa Fair 4-H & FFA Rule Booklet is still available on our website and in our Mahaska County 4-H app—most of the rules remain the same. The 2020 rule booklet cannot be completed until we have the details figured out for tagging, Swine Classes, Dog training, and Horse clinics & ride nights.

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