Animal Exhibitors-
We have so many changes and new opportunities this year for our Shelby County animal exhibitors we felt it made sense to create this newsletter to share with everyone to encourage another successful year for our 4-Hers. In general, go to our county website for the 4-H 202 Livestock show requirements. Clover Kids can show bottle/bucket calves, sheep, goats, rabbits, cats, small pets, dogs and poultry. This year you must do all your Aksarben entries by yourself. State Fair entries must be completed between June 15th and July 1st. We will go through each of the species in this newsletter with:

- Superintendents
- Training opportunities
- New Events
- Changes (if there are any)
- Dates to remember

YQCA
Attention 4-H Livestock Exhibitors:
YQCA Training must be completed before May 15th to show at the Shelby County Fair!
Check in 4-H On-line to see if your FSQA testing is still in effect (there are just a few of you who are still covered). Even if you took the on-line certification for YQCA last year, you will need to take it again this year. At this point, you have two options:

1. You may take it on-line for $12 go to https://yqca.learngrow.io and log in using your 4-H On-line user name and password.

2. You can take a face to face training at the extension Office for $3. You still need to log in through your 4-H On-line account to sign-up for the class before you take it https://yqca.learngrow.io

Please remember that the purpose of YQCA is to help you be good stewards of the livestock industry. You learn about best practices for feed, care and welfare. It would be best if you got that training before you are heavily into the care of your animals so that you are doing your best and making the best better!
You will need to have training if you are planning on exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit and/or poultry.
The next face to face training for YQCA in Shelby County is March 26th from 6:30-8 pm. We have coupons for face to face. They will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis to enrolled 4-H members. Contact pmadson@iastate.edu for a coupon.

Herdsmanship
Superintendent: Jennifer Sellner
Herdsmanship is going to look a little different this year. As I have taken over as herdsmanship superintendent, I have revised the rubric for which herdsmanship will be scored. The new rubric will be printed in the fairbook for all to access it. The plan is to have agriculture leaders in the community complete the scoring each day once between the hours of 8 AM and 10 AM and again between the hours of 6 PM and 8 PM. We will have a herdsmanship clinic following fair clean up in July for all livestock exhibitors. I look forward to working with all of you this year. Jennifer Sellner
**Market Beef**

Mike Thraen—Market Beef Superintendent

I want to encourage our members showing beef to attend the required Beef Workshop on January 17th from 7-8:30 at the Extension Office. Start working with your calves early and often so both you and they are ready for the fair. We have set that they will have been on 214 Days on Feed for this year, from the Shelby County weigh-in. Make sure you are completing your beef affidavits and bringing them with you to the fair. I look forward to working with you all, again, this year. This is a new class we are offering this year. Please consider participating.  

**MARKET FEEDER CALF**

- Market Feeder calves may be owned by exhibitor or in partnership with parent or guardian.
- Market Feeder calves must be born before January 1st of the current year.
- An exhibitor may show a maximum of two animals per organization (4-H and FFA).
- All market feeder calves must be identified in 4-H Online prior to May 15.
- There will be two different classes: steer and heifer class.
- Classes will be divided by weight if numbers merit.
- Market feeder calf steers must weigh less than 900 pounds at fair weigh-in
- Market feeder calf heifers must weigh less than 850 pounds at fair weigh-in
- Potential for future development will be considered in this class.

We had 62 cattle weigh-in on December 8th. Six pens of 3 and 38 individuals.

**4-H Bottle/Bucket Calves**

Jana Schmitz and Brenda Hansen—Bottle/Bucket Calf Superintendents

The Bottle/Bucket Calf project is a great way to get started into the beef project area. This project gives the Clover Kid/4-Her an opportunity to learn how to care for an animal and then show off their hard work at the fair! The project is 3 requirements, a report or poster depending on the child’s age, an interview, and showing the animal in the show ring. See the fair book for all of the details.  

Kirkman Dairy is again donating bottle/bucket calves. We will be giving you more information. The day of distribution there will be a workshop on care and preparing your calf for the fair May 4th!

We are looking for 4-H senior volunteers to help with the workshop and if anyone else has calves to donate. There is no longer the 200 pound limit for Clover Kids to show. The same is true as last year that we need each exhibitor to have an adult in the ring with them to help with managing their calf.

**Notes to Remember:**
- Clover Kids are not required to have YQCA Training or attend the Beef Workshop to show bottle/bucket calves.
- 4-H members need to have YQCA Training and attend the Beef Workshop to show bottle/bucket calves.
- Calves must be born after January 1, 2019
- Calves must have a tag or tattoo and be entered into 4-H on-line animal identification by May 15th
- Calves must be entered into Fair Entry by June 15th
- Weigh-in and judging is Thursday, July 11th.
Swine
Stephanie McDonald - Swine Superintendent
I want to encourage our members showing swine to attend the required Swine Workshop on March 5th from 7-8:30 at the Extension Office. Make sure you are completing your swine affidavits and bringing them with you to the fair. There will not be a swine weigh-in this year, we are adding the Carcass Value Class - information is below. Start working with your pigs early and often so both you and they are ready for the fair. I look forward to working with you all, again, this year. Stephanie McDonald

This is a new class we are offering this year.

Carcass Value Class
THERE IS NO SPRING WEIGH IN FOR THE CARCASS CONTEST. EXHIBITORS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CLASS.

- Exhibitors may nominate both barrows and gilts.
- All carcass pigs must have been ear notched and tagged by the exhibitor by May 5th. The notches and tag numbers must be reported in 4-H on-line by May 15th.
- Nominations must be submitted online by May 15th.
- Pigs must be entered on or before June 15th in Fair Entry.
- Exhibitors are allowed a maximum of two carcass pigs.
  (One per organization - 4-H and FFA)
- Pigs must weigh a minimum of 225 pounds at the time of weigh – in at the fair. Entries weighing less than 225 pound must participate in the prospect class.
- Carcass swine entries will be ranked according to a matrix: “Carcass Weight, Percent Lean Premium/Discount, Carcass loin area larger than 10 sq. in, Carcass with less than .5 in back fat.”
- Carcass Value pigs may be shown as individuals and/or pen of three.

Swine Notes to Remember:
- Get your YQCA Training and attend the Swine Workshop March 5th
- Identify your swine by May 15, 2019 (maximum of 15) Must be ear-notched and tagged.
- State Fair Swine need DNA tags by May 15th to office
- Enter your swine into Fair Entry by June 15, 2019
- Fair Weigh-in is Wednesday, July 10, 2019 (Limit of 8 total - maximum of 5 per organization.)
- Judging Day is Friday, July 12, 2019
- “You will need to complete an intent to sell card this year to have your animal(s) in the auction

Breeding Beef and Dairy
Erin Buck - Breeding Beef Superintendent
Sara Eggerss - Breeding Beef Superintendent
We want to remind our members showing breeding beef and dairy to attend the required Beef Workshop on January 17th from 7-8:30 at the Extension Office. Start working with your cattle and calves early and often so both you and they are ready for the fair. Make sure you are completing your beef affidavits and bringing them with you to the fair. We look forward to working with you all this year. Erin Buck and Sara Eggerss

Notes to Remember:
- Get your YQCA Training & attend the Beef Workshop
- Identify your breeding beef or dairy by May 15th in 4-H on-line
- A maximum of three entries.
- Please have clear tattoos in livestock that require them. All breeding heifers need tattoos for registration # plus calfhood vaccination (metal tag) or 4-H ear tag.
- Enter your beef into Fair Entry by June 15, 2019 – include scanned registration papers when needed
- Fair Weigh-in is Thursday, July 11, 2019 – bring original registration papers
- Judging Day is Thursday, July 11, 2019
- You will need to complete an intent to sell card this year in order to have your animal(s) in the auction

Sheep
Trent Heimerman - Sheep Superintendent
I want to remind our members showing sheep to attend the required Sheep Workshop on February 11th from 7-8:30 at the Extension Office. We will be talking about feed and selection. Start working with your sheep early and often so both you and they are ready for the fair. Make sure you are completing your sheep affidavits and bringing them with you to the fair. I look forward to working with you all, again, this year. Trent
Notes to Remember:
♦ Get your YQCA Training and attend the Sheep Workshop February 11th.
♦ Identify your breeding and market sheep by May 15th in 4-H on-line
♦ A maximum of 10 breeding/15 market entries.
♦ Sexually intact sheep must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin tag.
♦ Enter your sheep into Fair Entry by June 15, 2019
♦ Fair Weigh-in is Wednesday, July 10, 2019
♦ Judging Day is Saturday, July 11, 2019
♦ You will need to complete an intent to sell card this year in order to have your animal(s) in the auction

Goat
Trent Heimerman - Goat Superintendent
I want to remind our members showing goats to attend the required Goat Workshop on February 11th from 7-8:30 at the Extension Office. We will be talking about feed and selection. Start working with your goats early and often so both you and they are ready for the fair. Make sure you are completing your goat affidavits and bringing them with you to the fair. I look forward to working with you all, again, this year. Trent

Notes to Remember:
♦ Get your YQCA Training and attend the Goat Workshop February 11th.
♦ Identify your breeding and market goats by May 15th in 4-H on-line
♦ A maximum of 3 breeding/6 market entries.
♦ Sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin tag or by an official registered tattoo.
♦ Enter your goats into Fair Entry by June 15, 2019
♦ Fair Weigh-in is Wednesday, July 10, 2019
♦ Judging Day is Saturday, July 11, 2019
♦ You will need to complete an intent to sell card this year in order to have your animal(s) in the auction

Horses
Amy Thygesen-Horse Superintendent
I want to remind our members showing horses to attend the required three horse project meetings in May and June. Start working with your horse(s) early and often so both you and they are ready for the fair. Make sure you are completing your horse affidavits and bringing them with you to the fair. I look forward to working with you all, again, this year. Amy

Notes to Remember:
♦ 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza, March 22-24 Ellsworth College, Entry Deadline March 1
♦ Attend three horse project workshops
♦ Identify your horses by May 15th in 4-H on-line
♦ A maximum of 3 animals
♦ Leased horses must have a completed lease form on 4-H Online.
♦ Enter your horses into Fair Entry by June 15, 2019
♦ Judging Day is Saturday, July 11, 2019

Cats and Small Pets
Amy Rushenberg-Superintendent
I want to encourage our members to show cats and small pets. Start working with your cats early and often so both you and they are ready for the fair. Make sure you know how to take care of your pet when you come to the fair. I look forward to working with you all, again, this year. Amy

Notes to Remember:
♦ Enter your cats and small pets by June 15th in Fair Entry
♦ Make sure your cats have their current rabies and distemper shots—bring proof to check-in.
♦ Bring pets in escape proof containers.
**Dogs**

Linda Heflin—Superintendent

I want to remind our members showing dogs to attend two required Dog Workshops in May and June at the fairgrounds. Start working with your dog early and often so both you and they are ready for the fair. Make sure you are rabies and distemper shots updated before you attend the first workshop and bring them with you to the fair. I look forward to working with you all, again, this year.

*Linda Heflin and Pat Wohlhutter*

**Notes to Remember:**
- Attend at least two dog workouts in May and June
- Identify your dog(s) in 4-H on-line by May 15th
- Enter your dog(s) into Fair Entry by June 15, 2019
- Judging Day is Sunday, July 7, 2019

Fair classes include:

- **Obedience**
  - Pre-Novice A (Beginning Obedience)
  - Pre-Novice B (Intermediate Obedience)
  - Novice A (Advanced Obedience)
  - Novice B (Advanced Obedience)
  - Graduate Novice
  - *You can only compete in two obedience classes and can only win in one once.*

- **Grooming**
- **Conformation and Costume**

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**Rabbits**

Jennifer Obrecht—Superintendent

The rabbit project area is a great way to get involved with 4-H. This project area is a very fun and rewarding experience! Shelby County 4-H’ers enrolled in this project area are invited to a number of workshops to learn tons of new things about rabbits, to meet other Shelby County 4-H’ers with rabbits, and to spend time with your rabbits. During these workshops you will learn how to care and feed for your rabbit, how to handle your rabbit, rabbit safety, how to show your rabbit and so much more! Most importantly - you will meet and make new friends!

Other ways to get involved in the rabbit project area include attending our rabbit agility and hopping workshops. Bring your rabbits and we all work together to train our rabbits to run a straight line, work through an obstacle course, and see how high they can jump. Lots of fun and lots of laughs!!

Also, check out the Shelby County Fair book for our rabbit poster class! This is a class where you can share what you have learned about rabbits by creating a poster display. This year we have two senior 4-H’ers working on a new format for our Shelby County Fair Rabbit Show. We are so happy they are working on this for us. Check out their practice run later this spring - practice showing your rabbit, hone in on your showmanship skills, and have a great time with others. Watch your email and newsletters for more details and workshop dates. *Jennifer Obrecht*

**Things to remember:**
- * Clover kids do not have to have YQCA training
- * 4-H members are required to have YQCA training and attend the rabbit workshop January 29th to show at the Shelby County Fair
- * Rabbits need to be owned and identified on or before May 15th to show at the Shelby County Fair
- * You will need to know your rabbits breed, gender, and age for Shelby County Fair entries
- * Rabbits need to be identified online by July 1st to show at the Iowa State Fair
- * Shelby County Fair check in is on Wednesday July 17th, rabbit agility and hopping on Friday July 19th, and the rabbit show is on Saturday, July 20th
**Poultry**

**Pam Borkowski-Poultry Superintendent**

I want to encourage our members showing poultry to start working with your poultry early and often so both you and they are ready for the fair. Make sure you get to the blood test and bring your forms with you to the fair. I have added a new class this year for those wanting to get a taste of showing poultry, see below. Please encourage members to take advantage of this new class. I look forward to working with you all, again, this year. Pam Borkowski

**Notes to Remember:**

- Order your broilers in April
- Enter your poultry into Fair Entry by June 15, 2019
- Take your poultry to have their blood tested in June
- Can enter only 3 broilers
- Entry day is Wednesday, July 10, 2019
- Judging Day is Thursday, July 11, 2019
- You must complete an intent to sell, if you want your poultry in the auction.

**NEW CLASS!**

**Lend a Hen! Poultry Showmanship** - Members don’t own

Open to Juniors (grades 4-6) and Clover Kids (grades K-3)

Limit enrollment to 10 participants

One Class by themselves-judged separately

- Ribbons— Purple/Lavender/Blue/Red/White
- Participation ribbon for Discovery and Clover Kids
- Judge evaluates 4-Her, not chicken

- **Must choose one of these six options to be eligible to participate:**
  - Communications –
    - Educational Presentation on Poultry
    - Working Exhibit on Poultry
    - Public Speaking on Poultry
  - Static—
    - Poster or Display Board on Poultry
    - Portfolio on Poultry
    - Exhibit to Use with Poultry (care kit, etc)

  Examples of possible topics: Parts of a chicken, chicken breeds, chicken diseases, etc.

- **Must attend two meetings:**
  1. During Pullorum testing day in June to learn about chickens and prepare their options.
  2. At 6:00 on Wednesday, July 10th to learn how to show chickens and who gets what chicken, Pam Borkowski will give a quick presentation to prepare for the judging the next day.

(Participants do not have to take the YQCA training to participate since they will not be making choices about the care of the poultry or sell them. It would be recommended to take the YQCA training to start learning about animal care.)

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