The Greene Clover

Greene County / 4-H   April / 2020

Welcome to April. What an interesting few weeks we have had. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility. Please let us know if you have any questions! As we get more information on how the covid-19 is affecting the county program, I will send another update. Please continue to be on the look out for these.

For calendar, reminders, and more, download our app!

Search 4-H Now in your app store. Click on Greene County and you are ready to go!
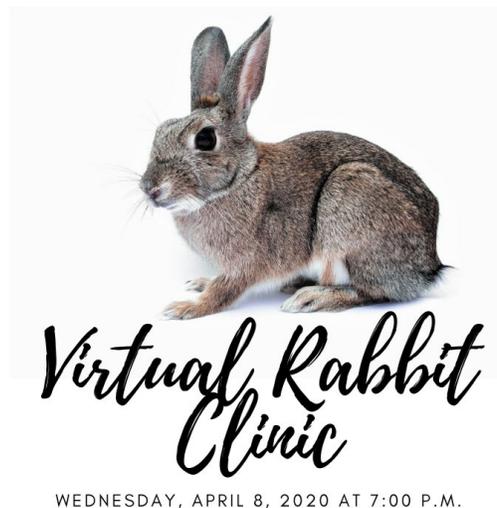
We updated some of the information in March so take a look! It is also easy to upload your animal pictures.

Virtual Rabbit Clinic

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

DOWNLOAD THE OFFICIAL APP

GREENE COUNTY 4-H

https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/4-h-now/id1330050098/

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.grandstand.now4h

Available on the iPhone **App Store**

ANDROID APP ON **Google play**

Please join us as the 4-H Rabbit Committee hosts a "Virtual Rabbit Clinic." What better time to learn and get prepared for fair!
Come to learn and get your questions answered. This is geared towards first and second year exhibitors but all are welcome to join in the fun!
We hope to "see" you then! It will be **Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.**
You will join using zoom. Here is the connection information. You can join by clicking the link below or calling in.

Topic: Virtual Rabbit Clinic
Time: Apr 8, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://osu.zoom.us/j/502206512

Volunteer Updates:

ALL CLUB MEETINGS need to be <u>CANCELLED</u>. This includes all social events, service projects, fundraising events, hands-on events like field trips, shoots, etc., and regular club meetings. This needs to be cancelled until at least May 15.

Club enrollment changes and all dues- clubs that have not turned this in yet have until May 18 to do so. This can be mailed or brought to the office on May 18. Project age members: $10, Cloverbud members: $5

Are you planning on taking a breeding or market rabbit project for 4-H? These are important birth dates to keep in mind:
Meat Pen and Single Fryer = 5/26/20
Seniors = 12/03/19 and earlier
6/8 = 12/04/19 - 02/03/20
Juniors = 02/04/20 - 05/03/20
Pre-Juniors = 05/04/20 and after
Fancy D&L = 06/08/20 - 06/22/20
Commercial D&L = 05/26/20 - 06/22/20
Matching Breeding Pair = 02/03/20 and earlier

4-H Project Books- Please continue to email Pat Zehring at Zehring.5@osu.edu with your club book orders. As this time we want members to be working on books if they have them. Currently we are not receiving new book shipments. We will have more information next week regarding plans for 4-H project book distribution. There are several details the state is working through. As we get more information, I will pass it on.

Quality Assurance

There are some changes to 2020 Quality Assurance for exhibitors. To be eligible for participation in the Greene County Fair, potential youth exhibitors must participate in one of the following Livestock Quality Assurance Programs. If youth are taking the following projects, this is required: Beef (market steers, breeding, feeder calf), Dairy (heifers, feeders and cows if lactating or have lactated and feeders if selling- heifers before lactation do not need it), goats (all), poultry (all), rabbit (all), sheep (all), llamas & alpacas, and swine. **Parents are encouraged to attend but not required except for PQA for youth participating at the Ohio State Fair.**

June 1 at 9:00 a.m. This will meet the county requirement for beef, pork, and regular QA. We will look at scheduling an additional one in early June.

https://greene.osu.edu/sites/greene/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Livestock/updated%20qa.pdf

Advisors are welcome to hold meetings virtually if they have the means and have important matters to discuss. Clubs can use Google Hangout or Zoom or any other platform to conduct these meetings.

For the 2020 year only, QA must still be completed before the opening day of exhibition, however the 45-day requirement will not be enforced.

Market Chicken and Duck Order Forms due to the fair office by May 8.

https://greene.osu.edu/sites/greene/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Livestock/2020%20Market%20Poultry%20Order%20Forms.pdf

Upload the following to the virtual mailbox:
1.   -Hog, goat, and sheep pictures
2.   Livestock location form

Virtual Mailbox!

We wanted to make sure you saw the update last Friday. We have set up virtual mailboxes for you to upload pictures and more. Please note the change for 2020. Since we can't have tag-in we need pictures for the following:

Market sheep: www.go.osu.edu/greenecosheep

Market goat: www.go.osu.edu/greenecogoat

Market hog: www.go.osu.edu/greenecohog

We also have the option to upload additional paperwork if it applies for market sheep and market goat. This includes the homegrown form and the dairy goat form if needed.

The livestock location form has a virtual mailbox too. Please visit www.go.osu.edu/greenelivestocklocation . You can find the form to upload on our website by clicking here. If you would rather, you can fill in the blanks at the www.go.osu.edu/greenelivestocklocation instead.

Please note that the pictures and the livestock location form need to be completed by May 8.

Lastly, before submitting the links, please make sure the information is completed. This includes selecting the picture, uploading the document, and filling out the blanks. Otherwise, it will be considered incomplete. Please make sure you continue to fill in the information and click next until the survey is completed!

Let any of us know if you have any questions. Just a reminder that our office is still closed but we can be reached by email or you can call the office and the call will be forwarded to us.

ALL HOG EXHIBITORS: PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PAYLEAN

The Greene County Agricultural Society (GCAS) voted at the January 2020 board meeting to ban the use of paylean (Ractopmaine) in all market hog projects at the 2020 Greene County Fair from birth to time of slaughter. This decision was based on two major issues:

1.   Packers will be testing for and rejecting any hogs that have been fed paylean at any time during their life.
2.   Union Stockyard will not accept any market hogs that have been fed paylean at any time during their life.

Union Stockyard and the GCAS will be requiring all market hog exhibitors, and their parent/guardian, to sign an affidavit stating that the hog(s) exhibited/sold have never been exposed to paylean. Affidavits will be turned in at weigh in with DUNF forms. Greene County Fairboard reserves the right to test hogs, feed, or equipment for traces of ractopamine residues.

More information will be made available as we receive it from the State. This is also a requirement from OSF.

Hog pictures:
All exhibitors will need to upload pictures by May 8.
www.go.osu.edu/greenecohog

Goat & sheep pictures:
All exhibitors will need to upload pictures by May 8.
Market Sheep-
www.go.osu.edu/greenecosheep
Market Goat-
www.go.osu.edu/greenecogoat

Don't forget to review 4-H project requirements to ensure you complete everything you need to do. Visit
https://greene.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-judging-and-skill-thons

Livestock location form:
Due by May 8.
www.go.osu.edu/greenelivestocklocation

Facebook: OSU Extension Greene County

Instagram: #4hgreenecounty

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2. Go to My Account
3. Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards info and input your Kroger Plus Card number
4. Enter Number: DX823 and organization name: Ohio State University Extension, Greene County