

Weekly 4-H Email Update  
September 29, 2023

Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:

**Weekly Update Topics:**

**-Ohio State Fair Beef Information**

**-Thank You Notes**

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**-Teens!**

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**Ohio State Fair Beef Information**

The Ohio State Fair requires all market beef entered in the 2024 Ohio State Fair to have individual DNA samples taken from each animal that may potentially be entered. These DNA samples must be in the possession of the Ohio State Fair by January 15. **NEW for 2024: Ohio State Fair will NOT be providing EID tags for market beef entries.** Exhibitors must get their own 840 tags for their entries. The EID 840 tag number **MUST** be listed on the envelope with the DNA sample.

DNA sample collection kits may be picked up at the Clinton County Extension Office in early December and will be available at the December 6, 2023, Beef Tag In. Prior to submission, the nomination envelope for each sample kit remitted must be signed by either the 4-H professional or FFA advisor, depending on which organization the youth is taking the market animal(s).

Also note that youth showing at any of the BEST sanctioned shows must have EID tags in their calves prior to the first show in which they exhibit. BEST shows prior to the January 15 deadline to submit samples to OSF include: *Mardi Gras Masquerade* (November 17-19, Circleville), *AGR Holiday Classic* (December 8-10, Columbus), *Saddle & Sirloin Spectacular* (December 29-31, Circleville), and *Scarlet & Gray Midwest Showdown* (January 5-7, Columbus).

**Jr Fair Thank You Notes**

Please take a few minutes to send your junior fair award donor a thank you note. We wouldn't be able to provide awards for the junior fair without our wonderful community donors. If you need a donor's name or address, please email [foxworthy.1@osu.edu](mailto:foxworthy.1@osu.edu). Most fair awards had a label with the donor's name and address. When writing a thank you note let the donor know you appreciate the award they provided and maybe tell them something about your project or about your fair experience this year!

**Jr Fair Sale Exhibitors**

Thank you to all of our Jr Fair Members that participated in the sale. We had a record sale this year! Over 600 buyers supported the 4-H and FFA members in Clinton County. Please take the time to send

your sale supporters a thank you note and let them know how much they are appreciated! Checks are currently being printed and signed. We hope to be able to send checks next week. Thank you for your patience as our team works to collect all donations. Please continue to watch the email updates for more sale information.

### **Teens!**

Please look for a mailing regarding teen opportunities. This is your time to learn about and apply for awards, scholarships, Camp Counselor, Car teens or Junior Fair Board. Most county and state opportunities are available for 4-H youth 14 years and older. If you want to learn more visit our website at <https://clinton.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>. If you can't find the application, you are looking for please contact our office at 937.382.0901.

### **2024 Junior Fair Board**

The Clinton County Junior Fair Board (JFB) application has been posted! If you want to get more involved with the fair, JFB could be for you. Members announce at events and shows, work with committee members, media, senior fair board, OSUE staff and more. They complete fundraisers, service projects and more. The Clinton County Junior Fair Board is open to any youth age 14 by Jan. 1, 2024, who is interested in obtaining leadership and public speaking skills. The application is due October 2nd to OUSE Office. The selection night will be held on Monday, October 23.

### **Club Officer Books**

Calling all officers that completed a book this season. We want your books! The 4-H Committee provides cash prizes for outstanding officer books. Please finish them up for the season and drop them off at the OSUE Office by October 2. (Secretary, Treasurer, News Report & Historian.)

### **OSU Extension, Clinton County Office Hours**

Our office is open M-TH 8:30-4:30 pm. We continue to respond to phone, email and voice messages during normal office hours (M-F | 8:00 am – 4:30 pm).

### **Upcoming 4-H Events**

#### **October**

- 2 Junior Fair Board Applications Due
- 2 4-H Officer Books Due to OSUE
- 2 SFB, 7pm (Fair office)
- 9 4-H Comm., 7pm
- 12 Car teens, 6-8pm
- 16 Horse Comm., 7pm & Dog Comm., 6:30pm
- 19 New Volunteer Orientation, 6:30pm
- 23 JFB Selection Night, 5-8pm

\*OSUE Clinton County will be closed on Tuesday, November 14 for a regional in-service.

\*2024 Camp Dates:

- Jr Overnight Camp-June 17-21
- Multi-County Cloverbud Overnight Camp-June 2 &3
- Cloverbud Day Camp at the Clinton County Fair-TBD

**Key**

JFB, Junior Fair Board

SFB, Senior Fair Board

Comm., Committee

Mtg., Meeting

FCS, Family & Consumer Sciences

QA, Quality Assurance

OSUE, Ohio State University Extension

Please visit the county website for additional 4-H information: [clinton.osu.edu](http://clinton.osu.edu).

Please contact our office with any questions at 937-382-0901.

Thank you,

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This email provides information for 4-H members, Junior Fair for FFA members, and Junior Fair events and requirements.

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