

May 19, 2021

To: 4-H and FFA Swine Exhibitors

Congratulations on enrolling in a market hog project this year! This letter contains very important information about your project, so please read it carefully. Also, be sure to read the project guideline sheet found in your 4-H project record book.

**Swine/Ractopamine affidavits must be turned into 4-HOnline by June 1.** The Swine affidavit is a fillable PDF available on the Wayne County 4-H website at <https://wayne.osu.edu/swine>. The affidavit is to be uploaded into your 4-HOnline animal ID account by June 1 at midnight. One form is required per exhibitor – however, we would appreciate if you upload the same form for each hog entered by that exhibitor. If an affidavit is not turned in, you will not be permitted to exhibit your animal at the Wayne County Fair. The affidavit states that you have not knowingly fed a diet containing ractopamine to your fair project hog. When you check in your hog during the fair, we will ask you to sign an additional affidavit stating that you did not feed the animal any ractopamine.

**For 2021, it is REQUIRED for exhibitors to tag their own market hog prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>,** instead of having the animal tagged at the fair during check-in. Tags are now available for pick up at the Extension office. Exhibitors are limited to entering a total of four hogs per exhibitor, and animals can be shared between immediate family members/siblings.

### **Swine Clinic**

This year's swine clinic will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Goat/Sheep arena at the fairgrounds. You may also wish to follow the Wayne County 4-H Swine Department Facebook page for additional resources regarding your swine project.

### **Skillathon/Project Judging**

Please see the Wayne County 4-H website for full details. Skillathon will be held virtually again in 2021 and will be open from July 1 through July 23. A link will be sent to your email and posted on the Extension Office website, which will direct you to the 2021 Swine Skillathon. You may also complete a Livestock Project Interview instead of completing Skillathon. Livestock Project Interviews will be conducted during early project judging on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. Look for more information coming soon in our weekly 4-H news and notes email updates about how to sign up for a Livestock Project Interview.

### **Quality Assurance:**

Quality Assurance training is required for all members planning to show at the Wayne County Fair. If you were unable to complete Quality Assurance during our regular sessions, a last chance QA session will be held on July 26 (fee will be charged). You may also participate in the YQCA program to complete the QA requirement. More information is available at <https://go.osu.edu/wcqa>.

## Important Reminders

**Weight Limit:** The maximum weight limit for market hog projects is 300 lbs. Any hog weighing under 200lbs and over 300lbs will leave the fairgrounds that night and be given market price. The family may have that hog processed at any custom shop served by HMI.

Please read your weekly 4-H News & Notes email and check the OSU Extension Office website and Wayne County 4-H Swine Department Facebook Group for updates. Our 4-H staff is always available to answer questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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