QUALITY ASSURANCE TEST-OUT OPTION

All market and lactating dairy animal exhibitors must attend a Quality Assurance Session within the State of Ohio in order to exhibit an animal at the Miami County Fair. The session must be conducted by a qualified instructor. Exhibitors ages 12-18 have the option to take a test given by a qualified instructor to test out of Quality Assurance.

There are two categories: large animals and small animals. There are also two age groups: 12-14 year olds and 15-18 year olds (ages as of January 1). The testing will be held at the Miami County Fairgrounds in the Secretary’s Office on two dates. Pre-registration is required.

- Saturday, February 23, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm
- Monday, February 25, 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Please pre-register by February 18 at http://go.osu.edu/QATest or phone the Extension Office at 440-3945. Further details are available at http://go.osu.edu/MCQA.

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMPLETION DATE REMINDER

Junior Fair exhibitors must complete Quality Assurance not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate. The Miami County Fair Quality Assurance completion deadline is June 21. For the Ohio State Fair, QA must be completed by June 9 (for goats, June 2).

Please visit http://go.osu.edu/MCQA for the Miami County QA schedule. All sessions will be held in the Duke Lundgard Building at the Miami County Fairgrounds.

ANIMAL CLINICS

The following animal clinics will be held between Quality Assurance sessions:

- Rabbit Clinic - 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 30
- Poultry Clinic – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 4

Please save the dates for additional information in future updates.

2019 PORK OR WOOL ROYALTY

Are you interested in being the 2019 Pork or Wool Queen or Princess? Queen contestants are girls ages 14-18 (as of Jan. 1), and Princess contestants are girls ages 8-13 (as of Jan. 1). You must be exhibiting a lamb or pig at the county fair in 2019. The completed application and essay are to be received by a representative below NO LATER THAN Friday, February 22, 2019. No late applications will be accepted. The interviews and contest will be held on Saturday, March 2, at the Elizabeth Township Community Center. Please call or text Melissa at (937) 418-2627 or Deanna at (937) 726-4394 with an email address to forward an application to you.

STATE ANIMAL SCIENCES INFORMATION

Check out the State 4-H Animal Sciences page at https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences for the Meat Judging Calendar, Livestock, Companion and Small Animals Event Calendar, the Ohio State Fair Skillathons Calendar and more.
2019 HOMESTEAD FEED & SUPPLY PROJECT RALLY

The Homestead Feed & Supply Project Rally will be held 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 9. It is limited to the first 125 children. Featured activities include Quality Assurance and live animal displays. The registration deadline is February 16. Online registration is available at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948a4ab2cabfe3-homestead.

2019 OHIO STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK ANIMAL OWNERSHIP CHANGES ANNOUNCED

In order to be more consistent with statewide livestock exhibition ownership rules from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio State Fair has modified ownership rules beginning with animals exhibited at the 2019 Ohio State Fair. Specifically, some market animals (swine, lambs, goats and poultry) have ownership date changes.

To help prepare exhibitors for this change, a list of these modified rules are below:

Market animals – SOME CHANGED FOR 2019 OHIO STATE FAIR
Market beef – January 1
Market swine – May 26 (changed for 2019)
Market lambs – May 26 (changed for 2019)
Market goats – May 26 (changed for 2019)
Market rabbits – June 1
Market poultry – within 5 days of hatch (changed for 2019)

Breeding animals – dates have not changed for 2019:
Breeding Beef – May 1
Breeding Swine – June 1
Breeding Sheep – June 1
Breeding Goats – June 1
Breeding Poultry – June 1
Breeding rabbits – June 1
Dairy Cattle – June 1

FOOD AND FASHION BOARD

The Miami County 4-H Food & Fashion Board application is available on our website at http://go.osu.edu/MC4Hforms. Members who are at least age 12 (as of Jan. 1) or older, have been enrolled in 4-H for at least two consecutive years, and have previously completed (or will be enrolled in 2019) at least one Family and Consumer Sciences project, are eligible to apply. Applications are due at the Extension Office by March 1.

4-H MALL KICKOFF

We hope that you can join us as we promote the 4-H program at the 2019 4-H Mall Kickoff 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, at the Miami Valley Centre Mall. Clubs can help by bringing small animals, conducting project demonstrations, setting up club tables, and other activities. If you would like a table reserved, or would be willing to help with other items, please contact Demetria at woods.372@osu.edu by Monday, February 11.

4-H YEARLY CALENDAR

The Miami County 4-H Yearly Calendar has been posted at http://go.osu.edu/MC4Hforms. Please check out January and the previous update for upcoming deadlines and activities.