

# Lyd's Landing

Fayette County



March 6, 2026

## Quality Assurance (QA)

All youth planning to exhibit a market or lactating dairy animal are required to complete QA per the Ohio Revised Code. QA must be completed by June 3, 2026. In Fayette County all FFA students receive certification through their class instruction (including 8<sup>th</sup> grade). County dates are shared below, and more details and Out of County Options and requirements can be found here:

<https://fayette.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-families/quality-assurance-qa>

The poster features the title "Quality Assurance (QA)" in large white text with a black outline. Below the title, on the left, is a red silhouette of Ohio with "OH-QA" in white, and below that, silhouettes of a cow, pig, and sheep with the text "Educating youth livestock producers". On the right, the dates "March 17", "March 18", "April 6", and "April 7" are listed, followed by the time "6:00 ~ 7:30 pm". A green 4-H logo is on the right, and a brown pig is in the bottom right corner. A white rabbit is in the bottom left corner.

## 2026 EquiSTEP Training (Horse Exhibitors)

Ohio 4-H Horse Program's Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program (EquiSTEP) is MANDATORY for 2026 for all 4-H members taking a 4-H Horse Project except for Horseless Horse. This program is designed to ensure that 4-H horse members get all the necessary training to keep them safe while working with horses.

Here is the link to enroll in/access this year's EquiSTEP:

[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3ZQjc2WznHVx8Bo](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3ZQjc2WznHVx8Bo) (This link is also available at the bottom of the home page for horse.osu.edu.) If you have questions about the on-line course, contact Kimberly Cole at [cole.436@osu.edu](mailto:cole.436@osu.edu) or Dani Seitner at [seitner.2@osu.edu](mailto:seitner.2@osu.edu).

## Food & Nutrition Project Update

"The Ohio 4-H program is aware of the newly released Dietary Guidelines for Americans (Real Foods). We are also aware that many counties have already started their 4-H program year. Members in these counties have ordered their books and are already well on their way to completing their projects. For the 2026 4-H program year, the guidance provided in current 4-H food and nutrition books will be used for Ohio State Fair Food and Nutrition judging. The Healthy Living Design Team is working with Extension Publications to provide supplemental resources which will be available for the 2027 4-H program year.

## Jr Superintendent Applications

The Jr. Superintendent applications are online this year. In the attached image is a link, <https://go.osu.edu/fayettejrsuper> or QR code members can use to apply. All details of requirements are in the application, but here are some key bits of information:

Applicants must be a 4-H, FFA, or Girl/Boy Scout member who is at least a 12-year-old as of January 1, 2026, must have completed a project at the Fayette County Fair in 2024, and is in good standing. Applications will be due Wednesday, March 18th by 11:59pm. Selections interviews will be Tuesday, March 24th, starting at 5:45 pm.

<https://go.osu.edu/fayettejrsuper>



**Jr Superintendent Applications**

Due Mar 18 @11:59 pm  
Online Application

Selection Interviews March 24  
5:45-7:00 pm

[go.osu.edu/fayettejrsuper](https://go.osu.edu/fayettejrsuper)

740-335-1150  
740-335-5856

Join the Fun at the Fair!  
-Be a leader in the community  
-Learn new skills

fayette.osu.edu  
fayettecofairoh.com

## 4-H Camp

“Disney” taking place May 30 – June 3 ,2026 at Camp Clifton  
Cloverbud Day Camp (Finding Nemo) May 31 and June 1 at Camp Clifton

Registration: April 1-24, 2026, Fees Paid in Full: May 1, 2026

Camper Scholarships Upon Request: March 23-April 13, 2026

<https://fayette.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-families/4-h-camp>

## Fayette County Senior Scholarships

Applications are available [here](#).

Due April 20<sup>th</sup> to the Extension Office by 4:30 pm



## Forms Due to the Mahan – May 15 by 4 pm

All forms can be picked up at the Mahan building.

### **Breeding Animal Lease Forms**

- NO MARKET ANIMALS CAN BE LEASED! ODA, Ohio 4-H and FFA rule.

### **Market/Breeding Swine Ear Notch Cards**

**Horse ID Sheet (forms can be found at [horse.osu.edu](https://horse.osu.edu))**

**Housing/Boarding Forms (For all animals not housed at your address)**

## **\*\*Publications Price Adjustment\*\***

In the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide, the standard project book price is \$12. Bulletins and 4-H resource handbooks vary in price based on page count. This move to a tier-pricing structure is intended to create pricing consistency over formats, regardless of distribution numbers. Extension Publishing is committed to changing prices only once a year, in the fall, across all program areas. This pricing schedule is intended to remain in place for the upcoming three to five years. Learning Lab Kits are not affected by this increase.

Purchasing publications through the club via the Extension office will still be the best price for members. It allows for in-state price, tax exempt and no shipping cost to members. (This is not an Ohio 4-H decision).



## **Fairs and Exhibitions FAQ and Hot Topics Edition**

ODA's new Livestock Exhibition rules that were put in place May 2024, the Division of Animal Health has put together a special Fairs and Exhibitions Edition Newsletter. It covers a lot of great topics and has Non-Livestock our references, rules and regulations, and FAQ documents in one place. The newsletter includes 5 of the major FAQ questions, RFID tags and wand reader information, Ringworm disease information, and who to contact if you have questions or want ODA to speak at an event (4H groups, extension agents, fair board, etc.). [ODA NEWSLETTER](#)

## **OHIO STATE FAIR 2026 UPDATES**

Dates July 29- August 9

New Schedule = New Ownership Dates

<https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-competitions>

Are you interested in learning how to exhibit or the requirements to show an animal project at the Ohio State Fair? Visit their website for details and rules.

<https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-schedule>

## **Ohio State Fair – Non-Livestock Projects**

For all our non livestock project exhibitors, peek at the 2024 Project Guidebook and information on your projects for the upcoming year and what expectations are set as you begin your 2025 4-H year.

\*Must qualify/be selected at the county level to participate at state.

<https://ohio4h.org/ohiostatefair>





# All About Poultry! Webinars

**April-November**  
 Fourth Wednesdays of the month  
 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. EST  
 Hosted via Zoom

[go.osu.edu/poultry26](http://go.osu.edu/poultry26)



## Jr. Swine Day

Learn from veterinarians, industry leaders, and experienced swine educators.



**MARCH 28**

08:30 AM - 03:30 PM



### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Biosecurity Bootcamp
- Show Pig 101
- Selecting Your Pig
- Feeding & Managing Your Pig
- ★ Optional Quality Assurance Training

THINKING ABOUT GETTING INTO SHOW PIGS? START HERE!



**REGISTER TODAY**

OSU College of Vet. Med.  
 1900 Coffey Rd. Columbus, OH



## Horse Webinar Series

**CFAES**

The Equine Extension Team is excited to bring you exciting new topics and content for the 2026 series!



Photo: Standardbred stallion, Credit Fashion, at the Ohio State ATI Equine Center in Wooster, OH.

### Horse Webinar Series

Free and open to the public.

Registration: [go.osu.edu/equinezoomseries25](http://go.osu.edu/equinezoomseries25)

Register for just one or for all three free webinars!

#### January 21st

**Emergencies with horses and annual wellness ideas, keeping/establishing a VCPR**

Presenters: Dr. Shaver & Janessa Hill

#### February 18th

**Trailing Safety: Preparing to reach your destination.**

Presenter: Amanda Barnum

#### March 18th

**Protecting Your Equine Partner: Understanding and Preventing Tick-Borne Illnesses**

Presenters: Dr. Tim McDermott & Dr. Antoinette Marsh

Webinars are hosted via Zoom (12:00-1:00 PM EST)

Webinars will be recorded and links to recordings will be sent out after live zoom.

Speaker Biographies on back

# 2026 Youth Poultry Clinic

**April 11<sup>th</sup> 2026**



Registration and Payment information will be sent out soon

**Cost** \$25 per person (Includes lunch)

**Contact** Michael Cressman, [cressman.2@osu.edu](mailto:cressman.2@osu.edu)

### Sessions

Laying Hen Necropsy and OSU CVM Tour, and Meat Bird Selection and Products

### Location

OSU Columbus Campus

### Registration

Registration will be open soon. Look for another flyer with links to an online sign up and to register by mail



# SKILL-A-THON & SALESMANSHIP REGISTRATION OPEN



- Skill-a-thon gives juniors an opportunity to showcase their knowledge on topics associated with the Beef Industry including: reproduction, nutrition, health, and meats.
- Sales gives juniors a glimpse at a real-life situation of selling while promoting the importance of communication skills, marketing technique and an understanding of performance, pedigree and market information.

**REGISTER BY  
APRIL 4**



Contact us: (614) 873-6736 [www.ohiocattle.org](http://www.ohiocattle.org)

## OHIO 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

[www.horse.osu.edu](http://www.horse.osu.edu)



### 2026 Calendar

JANUARY 31 <sup>st</sup>	State Horse Advisor/Volunteer Training
MARCH 7 <sup>th</sup>	Horseapalooza (Clinic) Communications Contest (Oral & Poster) Year End Awards Ceremony
APRIL 18 <sup>th</sup>	Horse Bowl & Hippology
JULY 20 <sup>th</sup>	Horse Judging Contest Horse Skillathon In-Person
JULY 20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show
AUGUST 29 <sup>th</sup>	Groom & Clean Contest
SEPTEMBER 11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Competitive Trail Ride
DECEMBER 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ohio 4-H Horse Judges Clinic

**OHIO STATE ATI  
LIVESTOCK JUDGING  
CAMP**

**JUNE 19, 20 & 21**

**3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON**

U For more information, visit [www.horse.osu.edu](http://www.horse.osu.edu) U

## **Fayette County 4-H Fundraiser**

The Fayette County 4-H Committee are selling these awesome 4-H Signs, \$40! Proceeds from this fundraiser will be put back into the program to assist youth through scholarships (senior and camping), youth who cannot afford membership dues or project books, in addition to updating the 4-H Chuckwagon that all clubs work at during the Fayette County Fair.

By purchasing one of these amazing metal 4-H signs you will be supporting a local business and the 4-H program! The signs are 13"x 14" and weigh 2lbs 8oz. They are heavy-duty, durable, and can be displayed anywhere. Whether you are a 4-H alumni of the county or a current member this sign would make a fantastic gift or keepsake to honor your time as a member or even as one of our amazing volunteers.

If your interested in purchasing your very own, please contact the Extension office 740-335-1150 or stop in and place your order today! We do ask that you pay at the time of ordering.



### **Follow US on Social Media**

<https://www.facebook.com/FayetteCounty4HOHIO>

## **Additional Resources**

[Fayette County Extension Website](#)

[Enrollment Information](#) – Due March 1, 2026

[4-H Project Guide](#)

[Quality Assurance](#) – must be completed 45 days prior to exhibition

[Volunteers](#)

### **Important Dates**

Market Turkey Hatch Date – 3/4/26

Sewing Clinic – 3/12/2026

Quality Assurance (QA) – 3/17/2026

Quality Assurance (QA) – 3/18/2026

Jr Superintendent Apps Due– 3/18/2026

Camp Scholarships Available – 3/23/2026

Jr Superintendent Selections – 3/24/2026

Camp Registration Available – 4/1/2026

Quality Assurance (QA) – 4/6/2026

Quality Assurance (QA) – 4/7/2026



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