

I hope everyone had a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. It's the time of year again where we are starting to plan the 2024 Attica Independent Fair. Last year we had a wonderful fair (other than the downpour on Saturday!). All livestock projects were up in numbers and our kids did really well in the sale, thanks to all the amazing support of the kids. Again, I am Erin Swartzmiller and I am your Attica Junior Fair coordinator. This is my second full year and man did I learn a lot last year! I am hoping to do an even better job this year. Thanks for all of your patience and understanding as I navigate through all the learning.

The 148<sup>th</sup> Attica Independent Fair will be August 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Theme: (Not yet decided, I will send an email with the themes as soon as we get it)

Colors: Gray and Maroon

Tractor: John Deere

I will be having two advisor meetings but you only need to attend one. March 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 2pm and March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you cannot make either, please let me know and we will set up another time that works for you. Like last year, all entries will be due June 15<sup>th</sup> 2024. I will have office hours on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am and then again from 5-7pm.

I want to thank my wonderful Junior Fair Board kids. They are great and wonderful kids. Here is the list of members that I have this year: John Reer, Logan Snavelly, Sayge Miller, Cami Lantz, Brycen Lantz, Ella Martin, Adalyn Lutz, Brooklyn Mahl, Luella Burkholder, Leah Drown, Ellie Vanderveen, Cadi Schwab, Jack Ziegler, Addison Dawson, Jaidyn Kagy-Alexander, Kayleigh Walliser, Allie Smith, Lilly Burkholder, Ellen Sayre, Jase Ziegler, Avery Schwab, Baylee Schwab, Landon Martin, and Amber Bischoff.

We will be holding our annual Jr Fair Reverse raffle March 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in a ticket, please let me know. Also, if you would like to donate an auction item, let me know and I can meet with you to pick it up! All money raised goes towards the Junior Fair building fund and Junior Fair projects.

I know and appreciate that a lot of the clubs try to work around our scheduled Jr Fair Board Meetings so I just to update everyone on the meeting dates:

January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>- August 2<sup>nd</sup> (work nights)

Here are some updates and new rules that we have put into effect this year by departments. In all departments the Pee-wee showmanship will be at the end of the show.

### **Department 1: Steers**

Any purebred breeding stock being shown at the Fair must turn in paperwork at the vet check the day of move-in, this will then be kept in the office so please be sure that you have a copy of your paperwork. This is not a new rule it just has been very lax the last few years but is mandatory per fair book.

### **Department 2: Feeders**

The weight limit is 350lbs to 600lbs for all feeder calves being shown at the fair. The underweight and overweight will show in their own class but will not have a chance of grand or reserve.

We will be mandating Feeder calf vaccinations this year. Each exhibitor will need to bring the calf/calves they are registering for the Attica fair to one of the two vaccination clinics Dr. Prices will hold for us. The sale committee will also be EID tagging each feeder. This is becoming mandatory per ODA regulations.

Also, this year feeder calves have to complete a DUNF form before crossing the scales. The vaccines given have a minimum of a 21 day withdrawal, so please make sure the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is given no later than July 10<sup>th</sup> to make sure the feeders are cleared by fair time. The DUNF is not just an Attica Fair thing, but is mandatory per ODA.

### **Department 3: Goats**

Changes coming

### **Department 4: Hogs**

Again Attica fair is a Ractopamine Free Fair - this is so the kids get more money from the producers. If the kids are selling clean hogs to the packers, they should get better packer prices.

There is still only one pen per exhibitor but if approved by your superintendent (Paul Weaver) you can bring your own gait to split the pen.

### **Department 5: Poultry**

Meat geese have to be 14 weeks of age and at least 20 pounds per pen

Meat ducks must be hatched on June 1<sup>st</sup> or later max weight of 18 pounds per pen

Turkey hatch date is February 26<sup>th</sup> or later. They should be 17 weeks old at the fair with weight being 25-50 pounds at weigh in to be eligible for grand and reserve.

If exhibiting in other breeding poultry and want to provide their own cage it shall be approved by superintendent (Gina Aichholz) a week before the fair.

### **Department 6: Rabbits**

No Changes

### **Department 7: Sheep**

Changes coming

### **Department 8: Showmanship**

No changes

### **Department 9: Showman of showman**

Each contestant will be given a shirt with their department number on it to wear the day of the showman of showman show. They will not wear their species attire.

### **Over-All Exhibitor**

We are adding in points that each participant can earn if they turn in a poster for the livestock poster contest.

### **Miscellaneous**

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Livestock Skills Test (Mandatory), & Livestock Turn in Completed Project Books (Mandatory)

2:00-5:00 p.m. Miscellaneous, Home Economics: Judging (including sewing, cooking & cake decorating),

There will be absolutely no reweigh-ins for any animal on move-in day.

Sheep/Goat tagging- May 4<sup>th</sup> 9-11am

Vet Vaccination Clinic: May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> 9-11am

Clinic Days: TBA (these again will go towards over all exhibitor points)

The Sale committee just wanted to remind everyone that you can take the same project to the Seneca county and Attica but if it is a market project it has to be a different animal. So you cannot bring the same market animal to Attica that you did to Seneca County.

The last new update I would like to inform all clubs about is, the Junior Fair Board is holding a contest for anyone that is taking project *593 Seeing Through Graphic Design*. For one of their activities, we are asking them to produce and design senior banners. The winner will be determined by the Jr fair board and will be used for the 2025 banners that will be hung to acknowledge and commend the hard work put in by the seniors.

### **Ohio 4-H Week**

Ohio 4-H week is March 3rd-9th. Have you or your club celebrated 4-H week? This is a great time to represent Seneca County 4-H and spread awareness about this great organization. You could wear your club and county 4-H apparel, paint windows, set up a booth, create posters and flyers, present in schools, or work with Tractor Supply Company to set up a table. These are just some ideas in which you can spread the word about 4-H. Please send us your pictures and share how you are celebrating Ohio-4-H week to [cole.537@osu.edu](mailto:cole.537@osu.edu) or [Mancuso.48@osu.edu](mailto:Mancuso.48@osu.edu). All individuals who submit photos will represent their 4-H Club in a drawing. Multiple pictures do not warrant multiple entries. The winning 4-H Club from the drawing will win a special treat for their entire club!

### **Ohio 4-H Conference**

End Ohio 4-H week by attending the Ohio 4-H Conference at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on Saturday, March 9th. This conference has something for everybody to enjoy and leave with, whether you are a teen 4-H member, parent, or volunteer. The registration fee is \$40 and registrations and fees are due to the Extension Office by Monday, February 5th. Registrations and registration booklet with session descriptions and offerings are now available at the Extension Office or on the website <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference> Register now to ensure your spot in the sessions and workshops you want to attend as they fill up fast! Returning Volunteer Information

### **Annual 4-H Update and Mandatory Policy 1.50 Training**

Volunteers, please mark your calendars to attend one of the mandatory Youth Activities and Programs Policy trainings, 4-H update, and rotating sessions of your choice. Any active volunteers must attend a training to be a volunteer in 2024. Seneca County volunteers MUST attend one of our scheduled trainings. Attending another counties volunteer training is NOT an option and will not be considered for fulfilling the annual training requirement. New volunteers in 2024 do not have to attend this, as it is all covered in your new volunteer orientation.

All trainings will be held at Sentinel.

- Thursday, January 11, 2024 6:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 12:00-2:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 6:00-8:00 pm
- Saturday, January 20, 2024 9:00-11:00 am

## **2024 4-H Enrollment**

Volunteer enrollment on 4-H Online 2.0 must be completed by March 15th. 4-H member enrollment must be completed by March 20th. Help sheets, tutorials, videos, etc. to help with this process are available on our website at <https://seneca.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4honline-20>. If you already have an account, please DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT!

## **Quality Assurance for Livestock Exhibitors**

Every member taking livestock (not horses or dogs) must attend Quality Assurance training. First year members taking a livestock project must attend a county wide Quality Assurance session put on by the Seneca County OSU Extension office and Jr. Fair and a parent/guardian must be present the entire time. There are NO exceptions to this.

There are four options for completing Quality Assurance Training:

\*Attend one of the county wide trainings offered in Seneca County.

There will be a test out option for those members who are 15-18 years old (as of January 1, 2024). This is only offered at County Wide QA sessions. Once a member tests out of QA they no longer have to attend a QA session or test out the following year. You are done for the remainder of your 4-H career. '

- Monday, February 26, 2024 at Bellevue High School, 6:00 pm. Test out beginning at 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at Mohawk Schools, 6:00 pm. Test out beginning at 5:00 pm.
- Sunday, April 28, 2024 at Sentinel, 1:00pm. Test out beginning at 12:00 pm.

\*Attend a qualified Quality Assurance training with/in your club

Certified Assistant Instructors will be able to teach Quality Assurance at the club level. If they choose to open it up to others to attend, we will compile a list and you will be notified. \*\*These do not qualify for first year members.\*\*

\*Attend a qualified Quality Assurance training in another Ohio county- fees may apply. You can call the Extension office for dates and times. \*\*These do not qualify for first year members.\*\*

\*Attend a qualified Quality Assurance training at an Ohio 4-H approved event.

These could be at a clinic, Junior Swine Day, Ohio Beef Expo, Dairy Palooza, Buckeye Young Shepherds' Expo, Ohio 4-H Conference, etc. \*\*These do not qualify for first year members.\*\*

**Quality Assurance must be completed May 1, 2024 for all livestock exhibitors. This is strictly enforced.**

**There are ZERO exceptions.** Members who do not complete QA by the county deadline will not be eligible to show livestock at the Seneca County Fair.

### **New for 2024- Rabbit and Poultry Quality Assurance**

The Seneca County Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator, Pressley Buurma, will be hosting a Youth Quality Assurance training on April 15th from 6-8pm at the Seneca County Fairgrounds in the food court next to the Sr. Fair office. This YQCA will be available for all Junior Fair members who are taking the rabbit or poultry projects; this includes the pet rabbit project and all poultry projects. This training will allow those members to better understand Quality Assurance and Animal Care as it relates to their animal. This is a free event and counts for the county Quality Assurance requirements unless they are a first-year member. All first-year members must attend one of the three in-person Quality Assurance trainings put on by the Extension Office and Jr. Fair. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to learn about species specific Quality Assurance, do hands-on activities and discuss various clinical topics about rabbits and poultry. For any questions, call the office at 419-447-9722. This is not mandatory but would be very beneficial.

### **Backyard Poultry Certification Course**

This certification course contains 6 modules as a self-paced course to learn about husbandry, nutrition, biosecurity, egg production, and disease prevention in backyard poultry. The flyer has a QR code to access the course which costs \$25. It can also be accessed at [www.go.osu.edu/chicken](http://www.go.osu.edu/chicken)

### **Important Dates!**

February 26 or later	Meat Turkey hatch date
February 26	Quality Assurance – Bellevue High School 6:00 PM
March 16	Attica Jr Fair Reverse Raffle
March 17	Advisor Meeting – Attica Fairgrounds 2:00 PM
March 19	Advisor Meeting – Attica Fairgrounds 7:00 PM
March 20	4H membership enrollment needs to be completed
March 26	Quality Assurance – Mohawk School 6:00 PM
April 15	Rabbit and Poultry Quality Assurance- Seneca County Fairgrounds
April 28	Quality Assurance – Sentinel Career and technology center 12:00 PM
April 30	Feeder calves must be born and in possession Feeder calf pictures due (NO EXCEPTIONS) (Office will be open 11:00-1:00PM to drop off pictures.)
May 1	QUALITY ASSURANCE DEADLINE

May 1	Rabbits must be in possession
May 4	Sheep & Goat tagging @ 9:00-11:00AM
May 15	Hogs must be in possession
May 25th	Mandatory Vaccination clinic with RFDI tagging 9-11am
June 1 or later	Meat Duck hatch date
June 1 & July 1 (on or around)	Feeder calves must be vaccinated no later than July 10th for second vaccine
June 8th	Mandatory Vaccination clinic with RFDI tagging 9-11am
June 10 – 25	Meat Chicken hatch date (no later than June 25th)
June 15	Feeder calves must be castrated and dehorned
June 15	ATTICA JR. FAIR ENTRY FORMS DUE!! NO EXCEPTIONS!! (Office will be open 8-10am and 5:00-7:00PM to drop off entries.)  Booth size & booth patrol sign-up due
August 1	Style Revue forms due
August 6th- August 10th	Attica Independent Fair

### **Enrolling in a project for Seneca County Fair and Attica Independent Fair**

Members can now enroll in the same project for both fairs. All projects will be run through the members club rather than their club and the Attica Fair Club we created last year for enrollment.

All projects are listed twice in the system. Projects for the Seneca County fair are listed like normal:

Example: 459 Let's Start Cooking

Projects for the Attica Fair are listed as county projects and in a section under the regularly listed projects. All Attica Fair projects will have Attica Fair in the project name.

Example: COP FCS 459 Let's Start Cooking Attica Fair.

Members taking to both would have projects listed on their enrollment then as:

459 Let's Start Cooking

COP FCS 459 Let's Start Cooking Attica Fair

If you have a member who is taking a project just to Attica, they will need to enroll in the project listed for Attica only.

Example: Tom Jones would like to take Market Goats to the Attica Independent Fair Only. His project would be listed in the system as:

COP Animal 135M Market Goats Attica Fair

The only exception to projects listed in with the Attica Fair projects are:

The Cookie Project

Crops

These will read as the standard project: COP-FCS 004 The Cookie Project COP Science Corn

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\*\*Please note all projects going to the Attica Fair need to have Attica Fair Project listed in the project name.