

Happy New Year everyone. I hope this newsletter finds you well. I cannot believe we are heading into another year to gear up for the fair. I, first off, would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support and hard work that was put into the fair last year. Your service and help does not go unnoticed. We had very minimal issues, so thank you for following the rules that we have set in place for everything safety and to adhere per ODA regulations.

This will be the 149<sup>th</sup> Attica Independent Fair, the colors are burnt orange and silver! The Seneca County Fair theme is *“Seneca County Junior Fair Has Gone Wild!”*, we will decide and announce our theme soon.

First things first, we have started a new program in the office. We will be utilizing **Fair Entry**. This is a cloud-based program where everything is done electronically. This means you will do registration through a website. This will help cut down on any mistakes. Please be patient with the transition, I am planning on having a meeting about completing entries, explain the system, and meet with all 4H/FFA groups to help register. These dates are in the Important Date sheet at the end of the newsletter.

The Senior Fair Board and I attended the Annual Fair Convention in Columbus. While there, we attend meetings to better our fair and see what other fairs are doing that works and that doesn't work. One meeting is with the ODA that is led by the head state Vet, Dr. Summers. In this meeting he stressed to have all exhibitors read and go over the rules and laws for the fair before the fair. Here is the link: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901-19>

These are the rules and regulations that we have to follow and abide by to continue with our fair. One of the other laws they hit on hard was **901-19-02 All livestock shall be exhibition drug residue legal prior to the start of the show in which the livestock is entered into for exhibition.** This goes for both market and breeding animals. So, this means they have to be drug free, slaughter eligible by the time of the show. This is all vaccines, drugs, and prescriptions.

We will be RFDI tagging all feeder calf's again this year - this is mandatory. Dr. Price will hold optional vaccination clinicals along with our tagging dates. Dates are at the end of the newsletter in the important dates. Hogs will still be tagged at the fair at this time, but that is likely to change for the 2026 fair.

Another change being made is that Overall Grand and Reserve steer, pig, champion and reserve market lamb and market goat will go to Bellevue Meats. The exhibitor will be responsible for getting the meat sold. When the time comes, please see Mark Beat or Brenda Snively with any questions.

Lastly, we are planning a project for the Clover Buds that is very exciting. To go with our sensory trailer from last year and to make it even better, we are asking all the groups with Clover Buds to come up with a sensory bin/activity bin. The junior fair will supply the bins, and will distribute them to clubs by June. These will then be judged and on display for kids to play in throughout the 2025 fair! More information to come in the Spring newsletter.

Erin



*Next are updates from the Seneca County Extension Office newsletter that are relevant:*

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

Ohio 4-H week is March 2nd-8th. 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-4H 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 does 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 8th. 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 Friday, February 7th. 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!

### **New Volunteer Information**

Anyone who would like to apply to be a 4-H volunteer for the 2025 4-H year must submit a volunteer application online by January 31st, 2025 to be considered for the 2025 4-H season. After this deadline, they must wait for the following year. Applications can be filled out electronically and can be found here: <https://go.osu.edu/newvolapp> Following the January 31st deadline, you will be contacted by Katie to schedule an interview. Become a 4-H Volunteer!

### **2025 Volunteer Background Checks**

If you are selected for background check rescreening, you will receive your paperwork from the Extension office via letter at mandatory volunteer training in January. You will have until February 15, 2025 to complete your fingerprints. If this is not completed by the deadline, you will not be considered a volunteer for 2025. Be sure to keep the receipt and reimbursement forms and turn them into the Extension office following the completion of your fingerprints.

### **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 five options for completing Quality Assurance training.

1. Attend one of the county wind trainings offered in Seneca County. Countywide Quality Assurance will be offered on the following dates. All first-year members taking a livestock project must attend one of these sessions with a parent/guardian present the entire time. The test out option will be offered only at the countywide Quality Assurance options listed below. Youth ages 15-18 who pass the Quality Assurance test can test out of their annual Quality Assurance program permanently. These ages are as of January 1, 2025 – a youth's 4-H age.

- Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Test out starting at 5:00 pm at New Riegel Schools
- Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Test out starting at 5:00 pm at Seneca East Schools
- Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 1:00 pm. Test out starting at 12:00 pm at Sentinel.

2. Attend one of the species-specific trainings offered in Seneca County. Species specific Quality Assurance will be offered on the following dates. All first-year members taking a livestock project must attend one of these sessions with a parent/guardian present the entire time.

- Monday, March 31, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Seneca County Fairgrounds-POULTRY ONLY
- Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Seneca County Fairgrounds- RABBITS ONLY

3. 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.\*\*

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

5. 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 by a county deadline of May 1, 2025.**

## Attica Jr. Fair 2025 Important Dates & Times

\*Please keep this paper on your fridge or mark them on your calendar. All of these dates are important to remember for this year's Attica Jr. Fair. \*

<b>January 1</b>	Steer nose prints due
<b>January 21</b>	Volunteer Orientation 12-2pm at OSU Extension Office
<b>January 21</b>	Volunteer Orientation 6-8pm at Sentinel
<b>January 25</b>	Volunteer Orientation 9-11am at Sentinel
<b>February 26 or later</b>	Meat Turkey hatch date
<b>February 24</b>	<b>Quality Assurance – New Reigel School 6:00 PM</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Advisor Meeting – Attica Fairgrounds 2:00 PM</b>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>Advisor Meeting – Attica Fairgrounds 7:00 PM</b>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>Quality Assurance – Seneca East School 6:00 PM</b>
<b>April 30</b>	Feeder calves must be born and in possession
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Quality Assurance – Sentinel Career Center 1:00 PM</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>QUALITY ASSURANCE DEADLINE</b>
<b>May 1</b>	Rabbits must be in possession
<b>May 3</b>	Sheep & Goat tagging @ 9:00-11:00AM
<b>May 15</b>	Hogs must be in possession
<b>May 18</b>	<b>New system training- 2pm entertainment building</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>RFDI tagging with optional vaccination clinic with Dr Price</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>New system training- 7pm entertainment building</b>
<b>June 1 or later</b>	Meat Duck hatch date
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Entry registration opens</b>
<b>June 1 &amp; July 1</b>	Feeder calves must be vaccinated
<b>June 7</b>	RFDI tagging with optional vaccination clinic with Dr Price
<b>June 7</b>	Clinic Days(more info to come)
<b>June 10 – 25</b>	Meat Chicken hatch date (no later than June 25 <sup>th</sup> !)
<b>June 15</b>	Feeder calves must be castrated by
<b>June 15</b>	<b>ATTICA JR. FAIR ENTRY FORMS DUE!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!</b>
	Booth size & booth patrol sign-up due
<b>June 21</b>	Clinic Day (more info to come)
<b>August 1</b>	Style Revue forms due