

WYOMING COUNTY 4-H E-NEWS

MAY 26, 2023

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us with your question(s)!

OFFICE CLOSED

- Our office will be closed Monday, May 29th. We will resume normal business hours Tuesday, May 30th. Please utilize the drop box in the foyer for any paperwork!

NON-OWNERSHIP/LEASE LIVESTOCK POLICY

- There have been several questions recently about youth leasing animals for exhibition at the Wyoming County Fair as 4-H project animals. The NYS 4-H Policy on non-ownership/lease animals is as follows:
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) encourages the use of written lease agreements, however, it is the responsibility of the owner and exhibitor to agree upon the lease terms. Neither CCE nor Cornell University is legally involved in writing, implementing or terminating any lease agreements. The following bill was legally adopted by the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets July 1987. Exhibits shall have been owned by the exhibitor for a period of at least (30) days prior to the entry of the exhibit provided, **however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition or 4-H show or exhibition shall have been in the care of the exhibitor for a period of at least (60) days prior to entry of the exhibit.** CCE staff and state program administrators have maintained the following philosophy since 1987. **Non-owner/lease opportunities are intended for youth who do not already own an animal of this type (species.)** For exhibition purposes, youth are limited to one non-owned breeding class animal of this type (species).
- The dairy and horse programs have longstanding lease policies within in our 4-H program. Traditionally we have not required lease or grade animal paperwork on beef, sheep, swine, or goats. We are however considering implementing lease/grade paperwork for 2024 so that we can keep better track of animal science projects, in addition to fair entry forms. Rabbit and poultry members should own their own project animals. If you have any questions about leasing animals, please reach out to us in the 4-H office as we would be happy to talk through your scenarios.

DAIRY GRADE AND LEASE PAPERWORK

- If you are planning on leasing a dairy calf or showing a grade animal, you are required to turn in paperwork to the 4-H office by June 1st. Lease and Grade papers are available on our website; <https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/resources/dairy-grade-lease-papers>, or there are hard copies available in the 4-H office. Any questions, please contact Stephanie.

LIVESTOCK MARKETING MEETING

- Saturday, June 10th @ 9:30AM at the Ag & Business Center, Warsaw
- Learn more about how to market your livestock auction projects at this meeting. We will also allow time for youth to work on their auction posters. Families do need to register in advance, so we have enough materials on hand. Call the 4-H office to register.

LEADLINE CLINIC

- Tuesday May 30th, 6pm Kingbrook Farms, Chaffee
- Want to better understand what leadline classes are all about? Come to this event! New to Wyoming County 4-H this year, we will be hosting 4 leadline classes during the Western Show at the Wyoming County Fair. Cloverbud participation will count as an educational event to show horses at the 2023 Wyoming County Fair. Please call the 4-H office to register for this event. Participation will count as an educational event to show horses at the 2023 Wyoming County Fair.

RIDER EVALUATIONS

- 4-H'ers who are new or need to move up a riding level must complete a rider evaluation to participate at the Wyoming County Fair! Opportunities are as follows:
 - Tuesday May 30th, 6pm Kingbrook Farms, Chaffee
 - Wednesday June 14th, 6pm at Bridgman Stables, Varysburg
 - Monday June 19th, 6pm at Wolcott Farms
 - Saturday June 24th, 9am at Diana Henry's home, Bliss
- Participants MUST pre-register for these opportunities!! Please call the 4-H office to register for one of these events.

HORSE CERTIFICATES CLINIC

- Any 4-H member who plans to ride at the Wyoming County Fair needs to complete a horse certificate mailed or submitted to the 4-H office by June 1st. Late entries will not be accepted. A horse certificate must be on file for any horse and rider combination, and once we have a horse and rider on file, a new certificate DOES NOT need to be completed year to year. You can find the horse certificate and rules on our website; <https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/resources/horse-certificate>.

MARKET POULTRY CHICK DELIVERY DAY

- Market poultry chicks are tentatively planned for delivery/pickup on May 30th. If you are registered for this program, watch your email over the weekend for additional information. Feel free to email Holly at hmh62@cornell.edu with questions.

FOLDSCOPES WORKSHOP - CANCELLED

- This workshop, which was scheduled for Tuesday, May 30th, is **CANCELLED!**

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