

April 30, 2020

Dear 4-H Families,

Due to the suspension of face-to-face 4-H events through June 30, the Jennings County 4-H Council has decided to host 2020 4-H fair events virtually through the Fairentry system. 4-H members will enter their project information into Fairentry as usual, but they will also upload photos of their building projects and animal projects in the system. Judges will review the member's project photos and award ribbons and placings for each project. For **most** projects and classes, placings/ribbons/awards will be the same. Showmanship will be judged differently this year with members being judged on their own personal skills. Our staff members are working with the state 4-H staff to update Fairentry and are creating instructional materials to explain what photos will be required for each project.

Proposed Timeline:

June 1:

- Members **MUST** be enrolled in 4HOnline and pay their program fee by June 1.
- Members may drop or add projects until June 1.
- All animal identification information **MUST** be entered into 4HOnline by June 1 for members wishing to exhibit their projects in the 2020 Jennings County 4-H virtual fair. We are in the process of determining how animal identification tags will be distributed to members. More information about tag disbursement will be mailed to all members as soon as possible. Please note, if a member's animal identification information is **NOT** entered into 4HOnline, the member will not be able to enter those projects into the Fairentry system. (Rabbits and Poultry do not enter their animal id into 4HOnline. Those species are only entered in the Fairentry system)

June 8-July 3:

- Fairentry will be open June 8-July 3. Members may start entering their project information and photos into Fairentry starting June 8. Livestock members will be able to enter their animals in the 4-H virtual fair during the originally scheduled fair week, allowing them to keep pre-arranged locker appointments and livestock sales agreements. The 4-H Council wants to give members sufficient time to enter their projects into Fairentry since we are not sure when our office will be open to distribute tags, poster boards, manuals and other 4-H project related items. Also, many craft and specialty stores are closed, limiting members' access to materials. Specific Fairentry information will be mailed to members mid to late May.

Week of July 5th:

- Project judging will begin the week of July 5th. Our goal is to have 4-H results by the third or fourth week of July. This is new to us, so please be patient with this process! Once results are finalized, some type of virtual presentation will be made. The 4-H Council has discussed hosting an awards ceremony when face-to-face 4-H events resume.

The 4-H Council, the 4-H Livestock Committee and the Purdue Extension Jennings County staff are working together to determine how to proceed with some events that may not be held virtually through Fairentry. These events include the Fashion Revue contest, public speaking contests and 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Ambassador contests. More information about these special events and the Jennings County 4-H virtual fair, will be shared with members when plans are finalized. At this time, there has been no decision made about the livestock auction.

Please follow the Purdue Extension Jennings County Facebook page, frequently check your 4HOnline email account and visit our website www.extension.purdue.edu/jennings for updated information. Animal ID information for 4HOnline, tag disbursement instructions and Fairentry instructions and photo requirements will be mailed to each 4-H family! As always, if you have questions, please contact me at mwieseha@purdue.edu.

We want to assure families that the Jennings County 4-H program will still be celebrating all of our 4-H youth and their accomplishments this year, but with a unique virtual experience!

Sincerely,

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