

# Osceola County MSU Extension 4-H Newsletter

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## 4-H UPDATE

July/August 2016

Dear 4-H Members, leaders, parents and supporters,

Greetings to everyone. I hope that your summer is going well. As you probably know, we have already been busy with lots of programs these past few months. There has been the County Goat Clinic, The Marion Fair, Exploration Days, Rabbit and Cavy State Quiz Bowl, as well as PEP and Point Shows. Congratulations to the youth that participated in those events—you are representing your county well. Thank you to the parents, leaders, superintendents, and volunteers that have made these programs and this organization such a success.

### Online Registration for Evert Fair is due July 15th!!!!

The Osceola County Fair takes place on July 23–30. Some important dates prior to fair include: July 19, starting at 8 am camping registration, July 20 at 6 p.m. is the small animal work bee and 7 p.m. is the fair work bee for all large animal. At 7 p.m. there will be an exhibitor meeting at the livestock show arena. July 23 is the start of the fair. Please make sure you have your Market Release and PAC forms filled out prior to unloading. PAC forms can be turned in on set-up night.

### Evert Entry Schedule

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

4-7 p.m. All rabbit/cavy and poultry must be moved in.

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

9-1 p.m. Goats, Lamb & Swine weigh-in starts at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
12-6 p.m. Beef can be put in their stalls once your trailer is in the fairgrounds (not on the road) and will be weighed in starting at 6 pm.

1-6 p.m. Horse and ponies can be moved in (Remember a copy of your negative Coggins must be given to horse superintendent prior to penning your horse/ pony).

8 p.m. All fair exhibitor meeting in show arena

Sincerely,

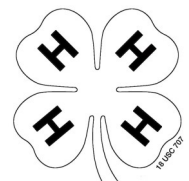
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## GENERAL 4-H NEWS

While you are participating in 4-H events this summer, please be on the lookout for those people or businesses who deserve to be recognized for their support of the 4-H program. The 4-H Awards Banquet will be held in October, but it's not too early to nominate someone for **awards** ranging from 4-H Leader of the Year, Friend of 4-H, to a Citizenship or Leadership Award. Contact the 4-H office for a form, or just write up your nomination on a piece of paper.

This fall at the awards banquet, we will also be electing **4-H Council members**. If you would be interested in serving on the 4-H Council, please consider this opportunity. We will elect adults and youth to the Council. The Council meets every other month, and serving on it is a great way to learn about opportunities in the 4-H program. Contact Jacob at 231 832-6139 if you are interested.

If you take lots of pictures, could we use some in the **4-H video** this year? We would like to include all different kinds of events, so go through your pictures and see what you can find. Get them to the 4-H office as soon as possible. Put an address label with your name on the back if you would like them back.



### 2016 National 4-H Congress -

Get your Passport to Excellence and participate in the 2016 National 4-H Congress! This event is held on November 24—29 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Michigan youth, ages 14 to 19, are invited to apply for this leadership, citizenship and community-service event. Youth from across the U.S. will come together to experience an exciting program, full of educational, service and leadership opportunities. Cultural highlights include an International Dinner and Dance and a trip to the Atlanta History Center. Participants have the option to tour Centennial Olympic Park, the Georgia Aquarium, CNN, the Carter Presidential Library and the Martin Luther King Center. Plus, some of the nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators will present the most current and timely information. National 4-H Congress is considered the capstone event of 4-H. The cost is \$1500 per participant plus about \$100 extra for luggage fees, meals

to and from Atlanta, and souvenirs. For more information, the 4-H office at 832-6139.

## CADILLAC FAIR NEWS

**August 16-22**

The **pre-registration deadline for the Cadillac Fair is July 29/30, 2016.** Books are available at the 4-H office. Health requirements for the animals are the same as Evert – RFID for cattle, scrapies tags for lambs and goats, and Coggins tests for horses. Pseudorabies tests and PQA certification are not required for pigs this year. If you wish to camp, you should register as soon as possible as only 40 campsites are available and will be given on a first come-first serve basis.

Cadillac livestock exhibitors—if you would like to help Lee Hebner work on the livestock barn at the Cadillac fairgrounds contact him at 829-3215. Please find time to lend a hand.

## EVART FAIR NEWS

Again this year, each exhibitor who will be bringing an animal to the Evert Fair is required to sign a **Project Animal Certification Form**. By signing this form, you and a parent are stating that your animal has had, and will have during fair, proper and ethical care. The form also certifies that proper drug use and withdrawal procedures have been followed. You may obtain these forms from the fair office or 4-H office and they may be copied. Use one form per family per species. These forms are to be turned into the barn superintendent during weigh in or check in.



**Help is needed** before, during and after the fair! Many events are held

at these grounds that help to keep the fair financially sound! People from all over the world spend time here and marvel at the fact that they may use the barns to play music, or carve wood in, and not worry about allergies, etc. Let's do our part to keep the grounds as beautiful as they are! Events are held all summer, and your club can volunteer to help with set up or clean up. Just contact the Fair Office at 734-5481 to see where you are needed.

**EVART FAIR NEWS cont.**

A **Fair Set-Up Work-Bee** will be held on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. for all 4-H exhibitors. During the fair, help is needed selling and taking tickets for grandstand events, hauling trash, keeping the grounds picked up, watching or clerking the exhibit building (if you have exhibits in this building, you **must** take a shift to help watch it!), and moving and setting up equipment. Just taking the trash from your camper to the dumpster yourself, would help out a lot! If you could volunteer a couple of hours in the mornings to help dump the trash barrels, check at the fair office.

If you have a **market animal** (large or small), you will need to register for 3 classes – the market class, showmanship class, and the record book class. Remember there are forms just for market animals that will make your registration much easier. If you have market animals, **and** exhibit building entries or breeding stock, complete the market animal form for your animal, and the other form for exhibit building entries. Don't put your animal classes on both forms! Remember that your fair age is computed as of January 1, 2016 this year.



**Camping reservations** may be made beginning Tuesday, July 19, at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$75 for the week. Check out the map in the fairbook (page 64) to see where to park your vehicle and stock trailers this year.

Each exhibitor is responsible for registering their projects for fair and placing an entry tag on his or her still exhibits. Exhibitors are required to pick up their pre-printed exhibit tags from the fair office. They will not be mailed. When you bring your entries (including record books), to the exhibit building on Monday, July 25, please have your **exhibit tags** attached. The doors will be closed at 11:00 a.m., and no late entries will be accepted.

**Read your Fairbook!!** Our fair volunteers have spent a lot of time putting this together, and answers to many of your questions can be found in the book. If you do not understand something, ask about it before fair starts if possible. Also, watch for signs in the barns. Some barns have certain

rules about feeding and cleaning. Show orders and weight classes are also posted. It is your responsibility to know the rules and follow them!

If you have **market animals**, large or small, be sure you do your part to help with the sales and dinners. It takes lots of people to make these run smoothly, so ask your barn superintendent what you can do to help. There will be sign up sheets at the mandatory livestock meeting on Sunday night. I would like to ask members and parents to stay until the end of the sale to support the buyers who are still bidding on and purchasing animals. If there are no members or spectators there to applaud and support our buyers, it does not reflect well on our 4-H program. When you leave to take care of your animal, come back and **support the buyers** for the rest of the sale. And you can also help with the dinner and clean up when it is over. Thanks in advance for your support!

After the fair, we need everyone to help with **clean up – especially on Sunday!** It is **not** enough for your family to just clean out your pens and your campsite. Check with the barn superintendents to see what the plans are for cleanup. Some of the extra things that need to be done are: dumping trash barrels, tear down and clean up exhibit building, tear down and clean all barns and wash racks, put away gates and pens, pick up trash, clean spreaders, take down gates on show arenas, and clean dairy parlor and booth. One place that always gets forgotten is the covered area in the back where beef stocks are set up, and breeding stock sheep are housed. The barns will be sprayed on the Wednesday after fair, so everything needs to be done ASAP. Let's all do our part to help out.



## EVART FAIR NEWS cont.

The last thing for you to do is to **thank** all of those people who made your 4-H year possible. This would be your buyers, trophy sponsors, barn superintendents, 4-H leaders, someone who hauled your animal for you, fairboard members, and even your parents!! Send a thank you card, or offer to help them in return – wash their car, rake leaves, babysit, clean their barn, whatever you can think of!!

**IMPORTANT:** For all animals, large and small, be sure to check your feed labels to be certain you are following the law for withdrawing medicated feed at the proper time!! It is illegal to sell an animal with drug residue at **any** sale, 4-H or private!!

If you are exhibiting any animal at the fair, (including horses), you must sign a Project Animal Certification (PAC) form, stating that you have used ethical treatment in caring for your animal. These must be turned in to the superintendent at check in or weigh in.

If you are selling a market animal (small or large), you must sign a market release form before the respective sale. These forms also go to the superintendents.



Both of these forms are available at the fair office.

All animal project posters must be 28"x22" size.

Any non-market exhibits may be removed at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday. All market exhibits will not be released until 6:00 a.m. on Sunday.

## LIVESTOCK

All market animals must have the proper tags when you arrive at the fair. If your animal loses a tag, you must contact the 4-H office or your barn superintendent ASAP!

**Days on feed** for Evart are:

Beef	232
Lambs	78
Goats	78

**Market prices** will be posted at weigh-in. Record

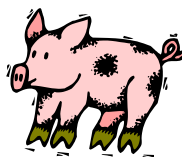
books must be signed by your leader, and turned in to the Exhibit Building by 11:00 a.m. Monday of Fair. Be sure you have the correct book for your age group, and that you enter the correct class as well.

**Sale order** for 2016 is: **steers, dairy steers, pigs, milk, and lambs**. The fair board made the decision to sell steers first every year, with pigs and lambs alternating each year.

**Pictures:** All market pictures will be taken during the day of the show with the exception of pigs on Monday night. **Pictures will be 5x7**. On sale night the youth must pick up pictures and buyers ribbon from their superintendents.

The **Rabbit, Horse & Livestock Costume Classes** will be held again this year on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. All members are invited to enter. Costumes must be homemade.

Remember, the Osceola Livestock Club will hold a **dinner** the night of the large animal sale. Be sure to mention this in your buyers' letters. The menu will include Pork and BBQ beef, so remind them not to eat before they come! Each family is asked to bring a pie or bowl of fresh fruit, cut up.



## PIGS

**Wash your pigs before you come to the fair!**

All pigs must have a minimum of ½ inch of hair. This rule is required by the packing plants who process the pigs. Also, only water based sprays may be used on the pigs, no oil based sprays.

**All members selling market pigs must be certified in the PQA (Pork Quality Assurance) program.**

## SHEEP

All sheep must have a scrapies tag in their ear before unloading. The market lambs must also have the 4-H ID tag. If your lamb loses either of these tags, contact the 4-H office or barn superintendent ASAP! The minimum weight for market lambs is 90#. Wood shavings, (not chips) are preferred in the sheep barn. PAC (Project Animal Certification) forms and market release forms are due to the superintendent at weigh in.

## GOATS

Dairy goats and market goats must also meet the scrapies tag requirements. If you are exhibiting dairy goats, be sure to use the dairy goat record book. If you are exhibiting market goats, be sure to use the market goat record book. Both are the same color, so check the wording and the picture on the front.

Market goats will be weighed in from 9 am to 1 pm on Sunday. Goats must weigh between 40 - 100#'s to be sold at the small animal auction on Thursday night. Youth may sell only 2 small animal market projects. Market goats will stay at the Fairgrounds until Sunday, July 31 haul-out day.

## CATTLE

All beef and dairy animals will need to meet the TB requirements, which is a RFID tag in the left ear. Market beef must also have the 4-H ID tag. Colored beef must weigh a minimum of 950#. Dairy beef (Holsteins) must weigh 1050# or more. See the fairbook for other breeds.

**Remember:** The Evert Fair Youth Dairy Members Judging Contest will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. during the fair.

## SMALL ANIMALS

**Rabbit weigh-in/check in and Poultry weigh-in/Pullorum testing is Sat., July 23rd from 4-7 pm**

### **Evert Fair Poultry procedures:**

Poultry will be shown on Monday according to schedule set by superintendent. Market poultry will leave on Tuesday for processing and will be back on Thursday so that the poultry buyers may take their processed birds with them the night of the sale. It is the responsibility of the seller to ensure poultry has been picked up.

**Attention all market rabbits exhibitors:** Processing will be done by B & V Processing. Rabbits that go to processor will leave Saturday and be available on Sunday for pick up by exhibitor to distribute to Buyer. They will be vacuum sealed.

During the Small Animal Sale there will be a buyers appreciation dinner. There will be no charge to the youth/families this year. This replaces the buyers banquet.

**Pictures:** Market Rabbit and Poultry pictures will be taken on Monday, July 25th (show day). Market Rabbits will be at 8:30 am with Market Poultry following at 9:00 am. Goat Pictures will be Tuesday Morning (show day) at 8:30 a.m. **Pictures will be 5x7.** On sale night the youth must pick up pictures and buyers ribbon from their superintendents.

Each youth may sell only two of the following: Pen of 3 Broilers or Single Broiler; Pen of 4 Cornish Hens; Market Turkey; Pen of 3 Rabbits or Single Fryer; Market Goat; at the Fair. The member may choose to sell only 1 market chicken project or 1 market rabbit project. (i.e. Not a Pen of 3 Broilers and a Single Broiler.)

## HORSE

All horses must have a negative Coggins test taken in 2016. **You will need to show that paper before you unload your horse!**

The Youth Trail Class & Western Riding will be held on Tuesday; English Classes will be held on Thursday, both at 9:00 a.m. The Horse Judging Contest will be held after the English Classes at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. Horse exhibitors will need to make their own **back-tag numbers**. Consider making enough to attach them to your show clothes ahead of time. Your exhibitor number is the same one you had at Evert last year. If you have not shown at Evert before, your exhibitor number will be assigned to you when you pre-register.

Horse members may type their **Record books**, if they prefer.

## 4-H DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP

The Osceola County Dairy Boosters will grant college scholarships to graduating seniors in the 4-H Dairy program. For 2016, \$100.00 awards will be presented to 2016 graduates. Must be an active 4-H member for past 3 years. Criteria includes:

- ◆ Must be enrolled in Osceola County 4-H Dairy Project.
- ◆ High school graduate in current year
- ◆ Must participate in the Marion Fair, Osceola County Fair, or Dairy Days

# July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Paper Copy Evert Fair Regis- tration Deadline	2
3	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6 <i>4-H Council</i>	7	8	9 <i>PEP Benefit Show 9am at Posse Grounds</i>
10 <i>Pleasure Point Show 9 am Posse Grounds</i>	11	12 <i>Cadillac Cornish Arrive</i>	13 Cadillac Area Livestock Mtg. 7pm Fairgrounds	14	15 <i>Online Fair Registration Deadline</i>	16 <i>PEP Benefit Show 9am at Posse Grounds</i>
17 <i>Pleasure Point Show 9 am Posse Grounds</i>	18 Marion Fair Board 7:00 pm Fairgrounds <hr/> Evert Fair Board 7:30 pm Fairgrounds	19 <i>Evert Fair Camping Sign up 8:00 am</i>	20 Fair Work-bee 6:00/7:00 pm Evert Fairgrounds	21 Horse Develop- mental Comm. Mtg. 7:30 pm 4-H Office	22	23  Evert Fair- Rabbits/ Poultry move in
24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Cadillac Registration due</i>	30
Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair July 24—30						

# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Marion Fair Board 7:00 pm Fairgrounds	16	17	18	19	20
Northern District Fair August 14—August 20						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
SHS cont'd	Evert Fair Board 7:30 pm Fairgrounds					
28	29	30	31			



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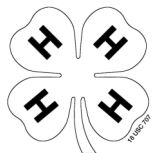
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### 2016 FAIR DATES

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(Pre-Registration Deadline July 1st)

Northern District Fair: August 14-20  
(Pre-Registration Deadline July 29th/30th)

