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Dear Beef, Sheep and Swine Shawano County 4-H members and expected Shawano County Fair Jr. Fair Participants,

On behalf of the Shawano County 4-H Livestock Key Committee, we know many of you have questions regarding how to move forward within the livestock project this year due to the effects of COVID-19. Keep in mind the role of 4-H is education. To that end, we are doing our best to keep you informed as to educational opportunities. If you have not yet picked up the handouts for this year, you can find them online at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/animal-sciences/livestock-project-information/>. We hope you have been reading the e-mails sent regularly through 4hOnline to keep up updated. We want to provide this information in writing in case your access to internet is not reliable. A copy of this letter will also be available on that website for easy access to the links.

To reiterate what has been e-mailed:

- Shawano County Fair Weigh-Ins have been cancelled for 2020 by fair officials.
- Please contact Terri Brunner or your species chair (contact info follows) if you are not planning to exhibit a livestock (beef, sheep or swine) animal at the 2020 Shawano County Fair. We will still update you on educational opportunities as they come up but will not harass you regarding fair requirements.
- Pick up deadline for eartags and DNA samples has been postponed to May 15 (more on that later).
- **New in 2020:** YQCA training is mandatory for all livestock participants hoping to sell in the 2020 Shawano County Fair auction. YQCA stands for Youth for Quality Care of Animals. This counts as one of your educational credits. The in person YQCA training offered in Shawano County has been cancelled. You *can* earn this educational credit online at <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>. Once at that site, login through 4hOnline, using that login information so that we can track your participation to give you credit. The online cost is \$12 per person unless you complete this in April using the info below.
  - This announcement came from the folks running the YQCA program:
    - In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the YQCA Board is announcing a 25% flash sale on the web-based certification. During the month of April (April 1-April 30), YQCA will be offering web-based training for \$9. Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase \$9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. The coupon order form link is below. This is the **ONLY** way to receive this discount. Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days (so procrastinators, plan ahead!). These coupons must be put towards web-based training in the month of April.
    - Youth who have already paid for a YQCA instructor-led training (on a date that has not yet passed), may log into their account and cancel their registration. If payment was received via credit card, their payment will be refunded. If payment was received via coupon code, that coupon code will be active again. This coupon code does not expire and would be able to be used in future years. Details on how to cancel registrations and additional information can be found in the COVID-19 memo. The coupon order form is below. There is also a document that assists users in navigating the online platform.
    - The formal announcement, coupon code form and other details can be found at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/2020/03/26/yqca-certification-flash-sale/>

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- If you still need educational credits there are numerous online educational opportunities being shared which are species specific. With the options available, we strongly encourage you to view videos related to the project you are enrolled in.
  - There are videos available from the University of WI Madison-Division of Extension WI Youth Livestock website. They are YouTube videos and their links can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI3EqGUag9cyb6E-R0Sfj7syeme0g0Ch>
  - There are also videos available through Show-Rite. They are species specific and cover a wide range of topics with a total of 4 sessions per species. Week one covers selection, Week 2-getting them off to a good start, Week 3-Strategic Feeding and Week 4-Tips and tricks for breaking and training. You should watch videos related to the species you are working with this year. You can view past videos and just track YOUR start time and finish time. You can find these videos at: <https://go.alltech.com/showrite-stock-show-classroom-videos>
  - **One additional IMPORTANT point**, in order to get credit for watching, you must complete a SHORT online google form. And, yes, families can watch together, in fact it is encouraged. BUT, you each need to complete the form separately. The link to the form is: <https://forms.gle/LSFfjwNDP9w7vVdn9>
- Don't know if you still need additional educational credits to be eligible to show and sell at the county fair? We have put a listing of members in good standing (those who earned all three credits) on the Shawano County 4-H website at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/animal-sciences/livestock-project-information/>. There is also a listing of those needing just YQCA. If you don't see your name on either list, you still need educational credits. Contact Terri at [terri.brunner@co.shawano.wi.us](mailto:terri.brunner@co.shawano.wi.us) or 715-526-6136 if you have questions. If you participated in another event, also share with her the documentation needed to earn that credit.
- Back to that deadline for **picking up eartags and DNA samples**, the livestock officers and species chairs are offering a drive through service to pick up necessary supplies on **Saturday, May 2, 9 am-noon**. We will be set up at the 4-H food stand on the Shawano County Fairgrounds. You will drive up and we will meet you at your vehicle's window. If you complete the online form found at <https://tinyurl.com/May2Livestock>. We will have your packet ready for pickup in a Ziploc bag ready to go when you arrive. The complete eartag and DNA kits are \$11. DNA envelopes are \$6. If you have tags from last year you can use those, but you **MUST** purchase DNA envelopes from us as we are going back to hair samples this year. Please be ready to pay exact amounts. Checks preferred, payable to Shawano County 4-H Livestock. If you can't come that day, please contact Terri Brunner PRIOR to that day so we can arrange something. We may be able to send your packet home with a volunteer who lives closer to you.
- Deadline for submitting DNA samples to the Extension-Shawano County Office remains May 21. Samples may be delivered or postmarked by that date. No late submissions will be accepted.

We realize this is a lot of information to absorb. Please be sure to read your blue 2020 Shawano County Market Livestock Program Rules carefully. If you have ANY questions, contact your species chair. The livestock key committee has set a new standard for 2020; species chairs will not be contacting you to inform you of things you may be missing. We would hate for you to expect to show at the fair and sell in the auction only to find you missed a critical deadline! This project is your responsibility and if you have any questions or concerns it is up to you to reach out to them.

Sincerely,

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