

HARDIN CO. 4-H

April 2025 Newsletter



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JOIN 4-H NOW

4-H Enrollment is currently OPEN!
Members and volunteers must log into their account and enroll by April 15.
DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE! If you need assistance, email Amanda at Raines.74@osu.edu or call 419-674-2297.

Website: <http://oh.4honline.com>

FAMILY HANDBOOK

Each 4-H family will receive the Hardin County 4-H Family handbook. This is your top resource for all things 4-H this season. The guide includes:

- 4-H Calendar
- Important fair dates/deadlines
- Club member expectations
- 4-H Lingo Glossary
- Winning 4-H Plan information
- OSU Extension Staff Directory

If you have a question, you'll probably find the answer in the handbook!



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Winning 4-H Plan Request Form

An Accommodation Plan for 4-H Participants with Disabilities

This form must be completed by the child's parent/guardian and submitted to their county 4-H professional. A 4-H professional will contact the parent/guardian to arrange a meeting to discuss the request in more detail.

4-H Participant's Name (first & last) _____
 Age (as of 1/1/current year) _____ Birth Date _____ Years in 4-H _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Parent/Guardian Name (first & last) _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____
 Name of 4-H Club or Activity _____
 Name of 4-H Volunteer(s) _____
 4-H Activity or Project(s) Participant is doing this year: _____

 Describe 4-H Participant's Present Level of Needs and Current Diagnosis: _____

Accommodations Being Requested to Help Meet 4-H Participant's Needs (include any special procedures the 4-H volunteer(s) or staff would need to know): _____

I agree to adhere to the accommodations specified in this W4HP. I (parent/guardian) give permission to share information provided on this form with Extension staff, 4-H volunteers, and Jr. Fair personnel, volunteers and judges. I understand that this information will only be shared and used as necessary to provide assistance to help my child with his/her 4-H project(s) and that additional information may be requested.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____ Updated 10/29/2022

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WINNING 4-H PLAN

The Winning 4-H Plan is a tool for 4-H families to use in partnership with the 4-H Educator, Advisors, and Fair Board to ensure all members have what they need to be successful in our program. If your member needs accommodations of any type (physical, learning, etc.), please fill out this form and return to the OSU Extension office, so we can work together to come up with the best solutions for your child.

Form: <http://go.osu.edu/win4hplan>

LIVESTOCK HUB

The Hardin County Livestock Hub is a new resource that has everything you need to complete your livestock project and prepare for fair. You will find information about each species, Quality Assurance, EquiSTEP, livestock interview judging, commodity royalty, and more.

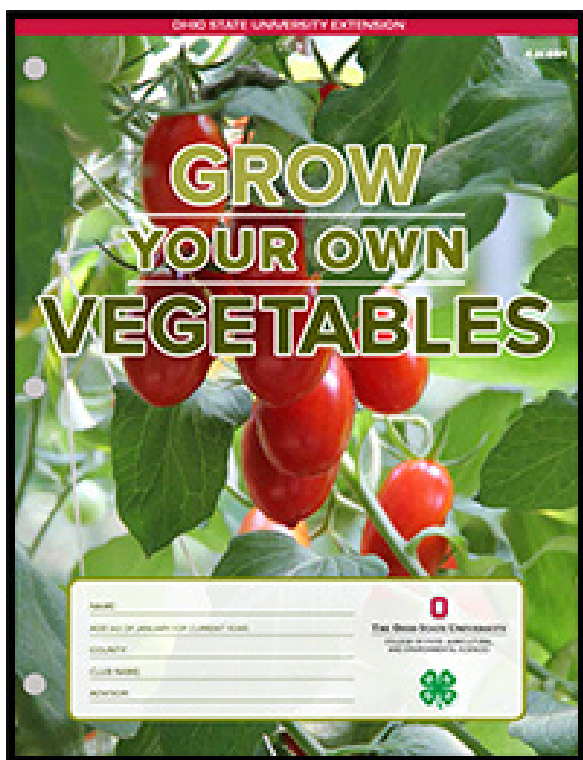
Print your project's checklist today so you know everything you need to do to complete your project and be fair eligible.

This website will also link to the 2025 Hardin County Fair book, when it is released.

<http://u.osu.edu/hardinlivestock>



We are in the process of updating the Livestock Hub for 2025. Please be mindful that some 2025 information is TBA or coming soon!



PROJECT BOOKS

MOST project books are available at the OSU Extension office. You can stop by to pick up your books during regular business hours, Monday - Friday from 8:00 to 4:30. We recommend calling ahead to make sure what you need is in stock and ready, 419-674-2297.

The 2025 Livestock PDF is allowable for youth who have taken their livestock project before AND still have the project book.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

If you are a new 4-H volunteer this year, or would like to become one, make sure you complete this checklist:

- Application:
<http://go.osu.edu/hardinvolapp>
- Interview - scheduled with Amanda at Raines.74@osu.edu
- BCI Background check - need from from OSU office
- Enroll in 4HOnline
- New Volunteer Orientation

The required orientation class will be part of this year's 4-H LEAD Conference on April 13, 2025 at the Forbing Center at 2:00. Youth are invited to attend for office training at the same time.





4-H COUNCIL

Hardin County 4-H Council has voted to restructure council to gain more club involvement and provide better support to our members.

Each club is required to send a representative to serve on 4-H Council, which will involve 4-5 meetings a year. Meetings last from 7 to 8 p.m. Club representatives can be Advisors, Teens, or a Parent, who will come to the following dates:

2025 - 2026 Dates:

June 30
August 25
January 26
March 30

Please have your club's representative complete the Representative Form at <http://go.osu.edu/HardinCouncil>

QA & EQUISTEP

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Quality Assurance is **REQUIRED** for all market and lactating livestock projects in order to show at the fair. There are two countywide Quality Assurance trainings left for 2025:

- Sunday, May 18 from 2:00 - 3:00 at the Fairgrounds Community Building
- Monday, June 30 from 6:00 - 7:00 at the Fairgrounds Community Building

EquiSTEP is **REQUIRED** to anyone taking a horse project (except Horseless Horse) in order to show at the fair. This training must be complete by June 1. There are two options for completing training:

- Online by June 1st - go to Horse.osu.edu and click EquiSTEP at the bottom
- In-person on Sunday, May 18 from 3:30 - 4:30 at the Fairgrounds Community Building ***NOTE this is a date change from the 4-H handbook***

2025

4-H LEAD CONFERENCE



APRIL 13, 2025

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

FORBING CENTER

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- New 4-H Volunteers
- 4-H Club Officers
- Any 4-H member who wants to run for a club office.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- It is FREE!
- Any Hardin County 4-H member or volunteer can attend free of cost. We just ask that you RSVP by April 10 so we know who's coming.

REGISTRATION

<http://go.osu.edu/LEADConference>

2 TRAINING TRACTS



CLUB OFFICERS

Officer Training

You've been elected a club officer, so now what? This session will help you prepare for your club leadership role.

Running Meetings

Learn how to make the most of your club meetings. We'll explore parliamentary procedure and how to build an engaging agenda that gets all members involved.



NEW VOLUNTEERS

New Volunteer Orientation

Now that you've completed the application and screening process, this training is the last step to becoming a 4-H volunteer. This session is required for all 2025 new 4-H volunteers. You'll learn how you fit into the 4-H program, get important resources, and earn your status as a 4-H advisor.



Call the OSU Extension Office for more info
(419) 674-2297

Register by April 10

<http://go.osu.edu/LEADconference>

