March 26, 2020

To: Barron County Junior Livestock Members

From: Barron County Junior Livestock 4-H & FFA Executive Committee

Subject: 2020 COVID-19 Barron County Junior Livestock Committee Changes To Youth Program

This letter contains important information and updates happening in the Livestock Project. Due to the recent Covid Pandemic and numerous Federal and State rulings, the Barron County Junior Livestock Executive Committee met virtually to make required changes to the 2020 Barron County Junior Livestock Fair requirements including weigh ins, tagging, and YQCA programming. These are temporary changes and are not going to be in effect for the 2021 Fair and beyond.

Lamb and Hog Weigh-in Changes and Modifications

1. Lamb and Hog registrations are due Monday, May 11th. You will need to provide a clear profile photo (showing the side profile rear leg to head) of each animal and a photo of original tags and/or notches that are already in the animals ear. Photos need to be postmarked by May 11th and mailed to the Barron County Extension Office or emailed to Kim Grover (kim.grover@wisc.edu).
   a. Mail to:
      
      Extension Office, Barron County 4-H
      Barron County Government Center
      330 E. Monroe Avenue, Room 2206
      Barron, WI 54812
   
      b. Due to the cancellation of initial weigh ins, there will be no Rate of Gain awards for Hogs or Lambs.

2. All exhibitors that have not attended the YQCA Meeting will need to be certified using the online YQCA program and watch an online video regarding things specific to Barron County. Each member will then need to complete a short Google Survey to verify that they watched the video. This will serve as the member Project Card signature that we have to do at the YQCA Meeting. You will need to complete this by May 11th as well. These links can be found below, the Barron County 4-H Livestock webpage, or the Barron County Jr. Livestock Facebook Page
   a. YQCA Website http://yqca.org/
   b. Please select this link to view the video prepared by the Barron County Jr. Livestock Committee regarding the information that was covered at the first YQCA meeting https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tgG8_rm8pRj6QmT2e9oyatxPeZEWDPWvk/view
c. Complete this survey to verify that you watched the video. Each individual needs to complete this survey.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EiPECpJx3lGVUNGwQy9CGbYaYoUG8LlzW44cPA3E/viewform?edit_requested=true

d. RFID tags will be handed out at the June 24th Kick Off meeting at the Barron County Fairgrounds.

We are following guidelines established by the Federal and State, along with guidelines received from UW Extension Livestock Specialist. These are uncertain times and we do not want to put people at risk.

Be sure to follow the Barron County Junior Livestock Facebook Page or Barron County 4-H Livestock page https://barron.extension.wisc.edu/4hyd/projects/livestock/ to follow the latest details. Information will also be sent via email and mail.

**Other Reminders**

Cost of RFID tags are $3.50 each and can be paid for at the Kick Off Meeting.

Kick-Off Meeting, June 24th, 7pm, Barron County Fairgrounds, Youth Expo Building

Forms you should complete and bring to the meeting are as follows:

- Livestock Project Signature Card
- Code of Ethics & Exhibitor Expectation Form
- Livestock Compliance Certificate

**The Code of Ethics and Livestock Compliance certificate need to be signed by exhibitor and parent.

The Animal Health Form (for cattle only) and the “COOL” (Country of Origin) should be brought to the Fair Office.

Stall and Pen requests should be given to your club leader. The club leader will turn them in to species Superintendents. Changes for pen and stall requests can be made until July 8th.

If you are unable to attend the Kick Off Meeting, contact the Extension Office to have your name put on the “unable to attend” list. A Make-Up Meeting will be scheduled at a later date. You will be contacted as to the date, time, and place of the meeting.

**Note**- 2020 Fair Book is completed and is now online. Members may start signing up for fair entries immediately. Deadline for fair entries: Hard Copy-June 5th, Online entries-June 19th.