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Dear 4-H Poultry Participants;

As you may have heard, the Ohio Department of Agriculture has placed a ban on all poultry shows in the state of Ohio for the remainder of 2015. Please find enclosed the plan that we will be using in Belmont County for youth enrolled in poultry projects so that you can still complete your project and be a part of the Belmont County Junior Fair Program. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call me at 740-695-1455.

Sincerely,

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Belmont County 4-H Poultry Projects –

Reaction to Ohio Department of Agriculture Announcement Regarding Ban on Poultry Shows in Ohio

Members of Belmont County 4-H Council, Belmont County Senior Fair Board, Belmont County Livestock Sale Committee and officials with the OSU Extension Office of Belmont County met and made the following decisions regarding completion of Poultry Projects for 2015 in the county.

Completing the Poultry Projects

1. Following the Ohio State 4-H office directive, switching to a different project or adding another project is not permitted.
2. Belmont County 4-H members should continue to raise poultry projects in their possession as planned.
3. Participants without birds in their possession currently (Market Chickens and Market Ducks) may order birds on their own if they wish to do so.
4. Members will participate in livestock skillathon as planned on July 7. Market Chicken and Market Duck members will participate in livestock skillathon on August 11.
5. If a member chooses not to raise birds for their project, the project is considered complete after the member attends livestock skillathon. These participants will receive full credit for the record keeping portion of their project.

County Fair Participation

1. All poultry project members (those choosing to raise their poultry as planned, as well as youth choosing not to raise live birds) will develop a tri-fold display for each project previously enrolled. The displays will be exhibited in the poultry barn during the Belmont County Fair.
2. Poultry projects will be judged with the youth present answering questions about their display during the regular poultry show judging day and time. This will be done in the style of a science fair.
3. All members will participate in poultry showmanship during the fair. The fairboard will hire a judge as usual for the competition on September 9.
4. The winner of the Master Poultry Showmanship Competition will participate in the Showman of Showmen Competition on Saturday during the fair.
5. Fair premiums will be paid on the each project exhibited at \$3.00 each.

Livestock Sale Participation

Market Turkey Projects and Breeding Bird Projects

including Fancies, Egg Layers, and Breeding Ducks and Gees

1. Market Turkey project members will be eligible to participate in the sale if they raise their project animals, attend livestock skillathon, participate in poultry showmanship, and exhibit and participate in judging of a tri-fold display of their market turkey.
2. Market Turkey project members will participate by taking their display into the sale ring.
3. Sale order will be determined by Master Showmanship placings followed by the others in random order .
4. Members will be expected to contact prospective sale buyers as usual. Exhibitors should take this opportunity to educate potential buyers about Avian Influenza and how the poultry projects will be sold at the fair.
5. Buyers will not take possession of any poultry project. Members will retain possession of the birds for home processing or delivery to a processor. Participants will then deliver processed packaged meat to the buyer.
6. When you turn in your Livestock Registration Forms (Due August 1) you will receive a tri-fold display board for each project.

Market Chicken and Market Duck Projects

1. Market Chickens and Market Duck project members will be eligible to participate in the sale if they order and raise their own project animals, attend livestock skillathon, participate in poultry showmanship, and exhibit and participate in judging of a tri-fold display of their market chickens and ducks.
2. Market Chicken and Market Duck project members will participate by taking their display into the sale ring.
3. Sale order will be determined by Master Showmanship placings followed by the others in random order .
4. Members will be expected to contact prospective sale buyers as usual. Exhibitors should take this opportunity to educate potential buyers about Avian Influenza and how the poultry projects will be sold at the fair.
5. Buyers will not take possession of any poultry project. Members will retain possession of the birds for home processing or delivery to a processor. Participants will then deliver processed packaged meat to the buyer.
6. When you turn in your Livestock Registration Forms (Due August 1) you will receive a tri-fold display board for each project.