



JUNE 2020

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

June 10 - SF Lamb & Goat Nominations
 June 10 - SF Premier Swine Nominations
 June 20 - SF Horse Entries
 June 20 - Henry Fair Projects
 July 1 - Mercer Fair Projects
 July 6 - RI Fair Projects
 July 15 - SF Livestock Entries
 July 17 - Stark Fair Projects

Events:

In-Person Events Moved to Virtual through July 31.



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Virtual Fairs



Deadlines and Important Links

Fairentry.com

Henry County:
 Submission deadline is **June 20**
<https://extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/4-h-henry-county>

Video Uploads:
<https://go.illinois.edu/Henryfairvideo>

Mercer County:
 Submission deadline is **July 1**
<https://extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/4-h-merc-county>

Video Uploads:
<https://go.illinois.edu/mercercfairvideo>

Rock Island County:
 Submission deadline is **July 6**
<https://extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/4-h-rock-island-county>

Video Uploads:
<https://go.illinois.edu/RICOfairvideo>

Stark County:
 Submission deadline is **July 17**
<https://extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/4-h-stark-county>

Video Uploads:
<https://go.illinois.edu/starkvideo>

Contact Us

We will not be back in the offices with any regularity until August. Please use these phone numbers if you need to contact us. They connect you directly to our computer Skype.

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Virtual Fair Documents

You've received numerous documents via email in the last few days. It might have seemed a bit overwhelming. Here is a breakdown of documents that are *required* to complete a fair submission.

Necessary Documents:

- 2020 Fair Entry Exhibit Requirements**

This was emailed out as an Excel file. It also exists on our website as a pdf file. It gives the exact number and types of pictures that are required for **General Project** exhibits.

- 2020 Fair Book**

As always, the fair book provides the basic information for exhibit requirements and entry limits. Electronic copies of all books are available on our website.

- Livestock Information Document**
(unique to each county)

This document was sent out as a pdf and is available as a pdf on your specific county's 4-H page. See left for links. It lists the video requirements for each species along with the information you'll be required to include with your submissions.

- Project Report**

This is a required document for all general projects and a couple animals classes (bucket calves). It was emailed as a word document and is available on our website.

All these documents and other helpful tip sheets can be found on your county's website. See the links to the left.

Remember that all videos are uploaded to a specific county site (see links to left) and all entries are completed in **fairentry.com**.

Club News and Notes



New State Fair Deadlines:

*** Subject to change at a moment's notice***

June 10

Lamb nomination forms & pictures

Goat nomination forms

Premiere Swine nomination forms

--No weighing/tattoo, breed & ear notch only

Contact Jennifer if you need any of the nomination forms.

June 20

State Fair horse entries due along with ownership/lease papers and color pictures. Entries go directly to the State Fair office listed on entry sheet.

July 15

All livestock entries due to State Fair

If the State Fair is cancelled, the livestock shows will move online. Info on that will be distributed if necessary.

State Livestock Judging:

The State livestock judging contest will be held online this year through livestockjudging.com.

- Will be placings & questions only, no reasons
- There will still be junior & senior divisions
- Registration will still be required, info to come
- Date is to be determined, but it will be held in June.

Master Showmanship:

The process for selecting a Master Showmanship delegate from each county will be done via Jotform application. Any youth ages 14-18 is welcome to apply. The form has been created by the Farm Bureau and can be found at here:

<https://form.jotform.com/201266390431044>

* Health Papers *

Health papers are not required for a virtual show. Please see the instructions on the livestock information sheet for your county. It will tell you everything you'll need to include when submitting exhibits.

Please keep your own copy of all records, things like weight, date of weighing, animal ID (ear notch, tag, tattoo, etc.) until judging is completed. This will help us in case we need to double-check a submission or verify information matches the correct video.

General Project Tidbits

1. If you need a manual for Foods 101, 201, 301 or 401, contact Jennifer. She has pdf copies that can be emailed.
2. Check the 2020 General Project Exhibit Requirement document before panicking about not having a project manual. Some exhibit requirements in the fair book say to include a page from the manual. If the Exhibit Requirement document does list it, you aren't required to include with your submission.
3. Judges will only look at portions of exhibits that fit the requirements. For example, if the requirement is pictures only, don't include a video. If the requirement is max 10 photos, don't include 15 photos.
4. Normal fairentury.com rules still apply. Once you hit submit, you have to wait for us to approve entries before you can log back in to the website.

Attention: Dog Obedience Exhibitors



The State is holding a Zoom meeting in regards to dog obedience in a virtual format. They will go over the modified score system, what that means for the state show, and answer questions about the video process.

The meeting will be held on **June 10 at 7 p.m.**

You can join the meeting using this link:

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/95747081373?pwd=YkZ5dEZndnlMbWNaNitPY1Q5Nndhdz09>

Phone option:

+1 312 626 6799 US

Meeting ID: 957 4708 1373

Password: 732179



NEWS & notes

Miscellaneous

Kimel 4-H Report **Submitted by Macy DeBlock**

Due to coronavirus, the Kimel 4H club was not able to get together so our meeting this month was our first-ever zoom meeting! To start off our meeting everyone just got comfortable with the new way of seeing each other and then we started. We talked about future events and what has been canceled like the Soup cook-off. You have until May 1st to switch any projects or add them. As far as we know, the Mercer county fair is still on which is July 7th-11th and the horse show is July 19th. The decision made on whether we will have the fair will be made on June 1st.

Hamlet Handy Helpers **Submitted by Megan Gray**

The Hamlet Handy Helpers held their virtual meeting on May 17, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The Vice President, Matthew Gray, called the meeting to order. Addison Monson led the pledges. Roll call was taken and 5 members were excused. The secretary, Megan Gray, read the last month's minutes, and they were approved. The treasurer's report was given by Caidel Monson and was approved. Under old business, all fairs were cancelled through July 5th and we should know the decision of the Mercer County 4-H fair by June 1. Reminder that fair entries are due online by June 1st. Under new business, everyone needs to send their picture and write up to Brenda Close by May 27th. Our club will be published in the Times Record Newspaper on June 3rd. Also, leader Kathy Gray gave an update on the YQCA, which needs to be completed by June 1 for livestock members. Members were encouraged to participate in the online record book pilot program. Members need to make sure they read the monthly newsletter in order to stay up-to-date on all the correct information. Olivia Andresen gave a talk on her cake decorating project and is looking forward to working with fondant. Mason Gray gave a talk about his rabbit project and showed 2 week old kits of the lionhead and californian breeds. Our next meeting will be on June 14 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned.



AWARDS

State award applications aren't due until November, but now is a great time to start looking at the requirements, especially for experience awards.

There are many new awards this year, and they all have \$1,000 scholarships tied to them. These new awards are taking the place of the old State 4-H Awards.

The Experience awards still exist. These awards are open to all ages. Take a look at the application and see what level you meet. If you start marking these applications now, it will be much easier to get questions answered closer to the deadline.

All award applications and descriptions can be found on the Illinois State 4-H page here:
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>



Livestock Videos

Example livestock videos can be found here:
<https://www.virtualstockshow.com/theamerican-videos>

They are about 30 seconds longer than our 1 minute requirement, but will give you an idea of what to film.



The 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge is currently underway and runs continuously until July 15, 2020.

Interested 4-H Members are presented with three sportsman's skills at a time which they learn by viewing suggested videos.

Once they've mastered the skills, they contact their 4-H leader or 4-H staff person to communicate what they've learned. Each skill level mastered gets the 4-H member entered into a drawing for a high quality multi-tool sponsored by Illinois Pheasants Forever. Click here for details:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-everyday-sportsmans>



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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

The calendar says it is June, but it certainly doesn't *feel* like June. It is amazing how many things are the same while being glaringly different. For example, the pre-fair panic is still present, but for very different reasons. We are still going to spend the summer celebrating youth and all their achievements. It is just going to be in a different way.

We are all a little resistant to change. 4-H is about innovation and growth, but there is always that drive to cling to the known. 4-H is also about belonging, and the fair was always an integral part of creating that sense of community. Not having that in-person experience hurts - especially at this time in the world.

All we can do is make the best of the situation, support each other, and find new ways to put positive light into the world.

Thank you all for your patience with the vast amount of new things we've thrown at you over the last few weeks. There will undoubtedly be more to come, but we are here to help. Contact us if you're having trouble with any of the systems, if you have questions about exhibit requirements, or even if you're just feeling overwhelmed. You are definitely not alone.

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Tracy, & McCaala*



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<https://www.facebook.com/StarkCounty4H?ref=hl>

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https://twitter.com/HMRS_Counties4H

HMRS Counties 4-H



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Programs and activities sponsored by University of Illinois Extension are open to anyone. If a special accommodation must be addressed in order for any individual to participate, please contact Jenny Garner at 309-932-3447 in advance of the event.