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Highlights and Important Information

First of all, thank you to everyone who ordered plants from the plant sale! We exceeded our predicted numbers and are very appreciative of the support. That being said, we could use all the hands we can get to unload the truck and pass out orders on May 11 or 12. For more information turn to page 3.

Upcoming Trips:
A newsletter was sent on 4/17 to all families regarding upcoming state trips including Academy, Round-Up, Vet Camp, Junior Leader Conference, Band and Chorus, and Camp. Be advised that many of the trips have registration deadlines of either May 1 or May 15. If you would like more information, feel free to reach out to Rebecca. Register can be completed on 4-H online with checks being mailed or dropped off to the extension office.

Livestock kids:
Remember that you have to complete either YQCA or the in-person QLC. If you complete the YQCA certificate online or attend another county's QLC, please email certificates to Rebecca at rcclay@purdue.edu so she can check off the requirement on 4-H online. If our records indicate you have not completed either by May 15th, you will be receiving an email and follow up phone call from Rebecca. She is trying to ensure all livestock members complete the requirement to show their animal(s).

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News for Everyone

4-HOnline enrollment & payment of program fees is due by May 15, 2023.
If you enroll May 1-15, you must use a major credit card for payment.
Note: some animal projects have an earlier deadline.
Fair Entry will open May 1-19, 2023
Failure to do so will result in those projects placing no higher than a blue ribbon (no honor, division reserve champion, division champion, State Fair Entry, reserve grand champion or grand champion).

Rules Book Available

There is a 2023 Rules Book which is available online at www.https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/allen-4h.html It is highly recommended each 4-H household print off a 2023 Rules Book.

We are asking for a 72 hour notice for pick up of manuals, poster sleeves, or materials. We do not have access to these storage rooms as freely as we use to. Thank you.

Add/Drop Deadline - May 15

Remember, you have until May 15, 2023 to add or drop projects on 4-HOnline. You MUST be enrolled in a project by May 15,2023. This will make fair Entry easier for you. Drops not as important but the adds are important. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Fair Entry is Due May 19, 2023. Think of Fair Entry as a RSVP for a class, pen, poster rack spot or a table spot for your project. Fair Entry is also where your project labels are configured from by the Extension Office. Fair Entry is to be completed by all in grades K-12. There will be a help session on May 17th from 5-8pm (open house style) for families who need help completing fair entry.

Check List for 4-H Members

___ May 15: All Livestock ID'ed in 4-HOnline(except Poultry & Rabbits)

___ May 15: Add/Drop Deadline. Absolute deadline to add or delete any 4-H Projects in the 4-HOnline

___ May 19: 4-H Member MUST complete FairEntry to exhibit at the County Fair (Open May 1-19)

___ May 31: Activity Sheets for Livestock Projects due to Extension Office by 4:30 pm.

Exhibit Hall Project Record

The web site has the 2022 Exhibit Hall Project Record posted. Right now we have one person trained to do web posting. We are attaching the 2023 Exhibit Hall Project Record to this newsletter.

4-H Plant Sale Help Needed

We are looking for Youth and Adults to help with the 4-H Plant Sale, May 11 or 12.
The number of orders is higher than past years, so more help is appreciated.
May 11 we need workers from 8 am-8 pm (in 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 hour shifts) and on May 12
we need workers from 8:45 am-1:30 pm. Workers are needed to unload, count, distribute
and carryout plants. Call the office at 481-6429 or email jkendall@purdue.edu if you
can help.

Project Information

Consumer Clothing and Fashion Revue Judging will be Tuesday, June 6, with Check in starting at 4:30 pm at the Allen County Extension Office. Details to be sent later.

Food, Microwave, and Homemade Ice Cream Judging will be Monday, June 12. Check-in is 5-6 pm with judging starting at 6:00 pm at the Allen County Fairgrounds in the Home and Family Arts Building.

STEAM Workshop

May 18th 6-8 pm

Do you have an interest in science? Well, hop on over for a frog dissection lab. Participants will get to experience a hands on dissection with real frogs. We will learn about the different organ systems in frogs that are similar to humans. In addition, participants will learn fun facts about frogs. More details will be emailed in the future. Location and cost are still being finalized but we estimate the workshop will cost $10 for supplies. Please email Rebecca at rcclay@purdue.edu if you think you would like to attend/ want more information when it comes out.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

2023 Livestock ID and Workshop Dates

April 20	Goat/Sheep Tagging/ID 6-8 pm @ FG's
April 29	Poultry Workshop 9:30 am @ Schaefer's Happy Goat Christmas Tree Farm Pavilion, 7602 Butt Road, Fort Wayne
May 9	Rabbit Workshop 6:30 pm @ FG's
May 15	Livestock Hair Samples Due @ County Extension Office
May 15	4-H Livestock ID Due in 4honline
May 18	Dairy Goat Workshop, 6;30 pm @ FG's
May 19	Fair Entry done online (what I am Exhibiting at the County Fair) by11:59 PM
May 21	Rabbit Ambassador Contest, 2 pm, Whitley County Fairgrounds
May 21	Swine Workshop 3 pm @ Kneubuhler Farm 23033 Antwerp Road, Harlan
May 31	Activity Sheets due to the Extension Office @ 4:30 pm
June 1	Rabbit Tattoo Event 6:30 pm @ FG's
June 12	Swine Workshop/Set Up/Check paperwork over 4:00 pm @ FG's

2023 Animal Deadlines

Please try to complete all enrollment in animal projects ASAP. We send information electronically to youth enrolled in specific 4-H projects. We cannot send you the information if you have not enrolled in that specific project. This will be important information on ID dates,4HOnline deadlines, etc.

Premise ID
Do you need a Premise ID? Do you have livestock housed somewhere besides your place. Premise ID numbers can be applied for at the Indiana State Board of Animal Health.

Grooming Assistance at the Indiana State Fair

Just a reminder that if you are planning to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair you need to make sure that you are in compliance with the Grooming Assistance rule. 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H Member; and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. The Grooming Assistance application can be found at http://bit.ly/animalgroominglist. Please note that this program is only for Indiana residents and must be completed.

Transitioning from YQCA to the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program

Indiana 4-H is transitioning away from the national YQCA program and creating our own Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program for those exhibiting cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Allen County dates for the Quality Livestock Care course:

Monday May 8, 6-7:30 pm @ the Allen County Extension Office on the PFW Campus

We need a RSVP so we have enough chairs set up and enough copies to hand out. Please email jkendall@purdue.edu to reserve that spot. **As per state, in-person sessions will cost $3 per person at the door**.

National YQCA certificates will still be accepted in Indiana and can be completed online like in the past. So, you are welcome to attend one of the courses OR you may compete YQCA online. Both will be honored and accepted at the Allen County Fair as well as the Indiana State Fair. Some large livestock shows in other states are still requiring YQCA, so check with the show managers to determine what best suits your needs. If you do the National YQCA program you will need to acquire a certificate to prove completion. **Please email your certificate to Rebecca at rcclay@purdue.edu to ensure your requirement is marked complete in 4-H online.**

Ideally we would like you to complete the program by May 15. If you are in possession of the animal, you should have taken the class already.

If the Allen County dates do not work for your family, you may register your child for another county's QLC program on 4-H online. Within your child's profile find the events tab and click register for a new event. Select the county's program you want to attend. Once you click on the name of the event, it will allow you to see the dates.
Adams: Thursday April 20: 7:30 pm
Steuben: Wednesday May 3: 5 pm
Dekalb: Saturday May 13: 10 am

Every member exhibiting cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine has to complete one of the 2 programs or they cannot show their animal at fair!

Exhibiting Livestock at Fair:

This is a reminder to all members showing livestock at the Allen County Fair. **As per the rule book**, "All exhibits brought for judging **MUST** remain until the scheduled release." All projects will be released on Sunday 6/25 at 6pm. You must pick up your project on Sunday. If you have an animal that will be in the auction, those remain at the fairgrounds. "If projects are removed before being judged they cannot be returned to fair for judging. Early removal after being judged will result in the loss of awards in that project and the exhibitor's ineligibility to compete in that project in the following year."

Cattle, Horse, Llama, Swine, Sheep & Goat Animals identification must be entered in V2.4honline by May 15.

Please read this important animal information for 2023. **Please review the table in the newsletter with updated Animal ID requirements. All Cattle, Horse, Llama, Swine, Sheep, and Goats must be in V2.4honline on or before May 15.** DNA Envelopes must be back in the office's hand by 4:30 on May 15. The Indiana State Fair Entry deadline is July 1.

Ear Tags

Tag orders must have a 72 hour notice in order to be pulled. You can email **jkendall@purdue.edu** to request your tags. She will pull and let you know when you are good to pick up your tags. (No orders can be placed May 11 & 12 because Becca and Jean are out at Plant Sale Fundraiser). Not everyone in the office can pull tags so you must contact Jean.

Swine Members: Tags cost is $5.00 each.

Beef Feeder Calves & Junior Heifers – Tags & RFID tags may be purchased by emailing jkendall@purdue.edu 72 hours in advance These will not be available until after April 20. Cost is $7.00 for the set of tags.

Goats/Sheep Your tags will be available April 20 at weigh in/tagging. Cost is $5.00.

Indiana State Fair DNA Hair Collection
Official DNA collection envelopes can be requested from Jean. All DNA Envelopes are due back to the Extension office by **May 15, 2023.** Envelops will be available at the sheep and goat tagging on 4/20.
Cattle DNA Sample Collection: https://bit.ly/DNACattle
Sheep and Meat Goat DNA Sample Collection: https://bit.ly/DNASheepMGoat
Swine DNA Sample Collection: https://bit.ly/DNASwine

Identifying Animals in 4HOnline
Horses and Llama will be the only species requiring photographs in 2023. You will need to upload two images of your animals in V2.4honline for verification purposes. The first colored photo will be of the animal's head showing all required tags in the animal's ears. The second colored photo will be a full body image showing all 4 feet and the head of the animal must be in the photo. If families need assistance in adding the photos in 4HOnline, please call the office at 260-481-6429. Additional detailed instructions for identifying each species in 4HOnline are located on the home screen of 4HOnline after logging into to your family profile.

2023 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2023 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.

	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	40 total	May 15

Dairy Goat
   Females, Registered
 	
   Wethers
	Breed Registry Tattoo
	
	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo
		40 dairy goats total	May 15

Meat Goat Wethers
 	
   Boer Goat Females, Registered
 	
   Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)
	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample
	
	Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample
	
	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample
		40 meat goats total	May 15
			
			May 15
			
			May 15

Pygmy Goats
   Registered
 	
   Unregistered
	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers
	
	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo
		40 total	May 15

Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15

Sheep
   Market Lambs
 	
   Commercial Ewes
 	
   Registered Ewes
	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample
	
	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample
	
	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample
		30 sheep total	May 15

Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15

HORSE & PONY INFORMATION

Horse identification must be entered in V2.4honline by May 15.

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News for 4-H Volunteers

Desserts and Discussions April 26: 4-7 pm at the Extension Office

Come and meet our new 4-H educator and enjoy some sweet desserts. Rebecca is excited to meet our volunteers and get to know them and their interests. The format will be like an open house where you can come and go as you please. Please RSVP to Rebecca at rcclay@purdue.edu so she can purchase enough desserts. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

JUNIOR LEADERS

Next Meeting is April 25 6:30-8 pm @ the Allen County Extension Office
Open to those currently in grade 6-12.
This month is team building and board games
Come gain leadership skills, have fun and meet other Junior Leaders from Allen County. This month will be team building exercises, table top games, Bring a friend!

4-H Dates for Fair Schedule

To the best of our knowledge, here are the dates you might need to put on your Calendar for the upcoming Allen County Fair. Some items have not been scheduled yet, so please sit tight for those to be announced.

June 12, Foods, Microwave, Homemade Ice Cream Judging 5-6 check in and 6 pm judging
June 15, 6 pm Exhibit Hall Set up
June 16, 3-6 pm Exhibit Hall Project Check in
June 17, 9 am - 12 Noon Exhibit Hall Project Check in
June 17, 12;30 pm - Exhibit Hall Project Judging

Livestock Set up - not penciled in yet

Monday, June 19
Livestock Check in: late afternoon/evening Times to be determined.

Horse Check in TBD

Tuesday, June 20:
Llama Check in: June 25, 8 -11 am
10 am English Horse Classes
10 am Rabbit Show
4 pm Poultry Show (this has been moved to the Show-barn)
 8 pm Top & Honor Achievers Recognition (Moved to Activities Stage/Tent)

Wednesday, June 21:
5:30– 8 am Swine Check in
10 am Horse Showmanship & Versatility
Noon-Dairy Show
6 pm Llama Miniapalooza
5 pm (Change) Meat Goat Show

Thursday, June 22
9 am Llama Showmanship
10 am Horse Trail & Western Classes
12:30 Dairy Beef Show
1 pm Llama Judging Contest
7 pm Sheep Show

Friday, June 23
9 am Llama Performance Classes
9 am (Change) Dairy Goat & Cart Performance Classes
10 am Horse Mini Classes
12 noon Horse Contesting Classes
7 pm Beef Show

Saturday June 24
8 am Swine Show
10 am Horse & Pony Grand Entry
12 noon Horse Fun Classes
6 pm Llama Fun Show
8:30 4-H Fun Night

Sunday, June 25
8 am Swine Carcass Show
Noon Showman of Showmen Contest
5 pm 4-H Awards Ceremony
6-7 pm 4-H Project Released
6-9:30 pm Non Auction Animals Released

Monday June 26
8 am-10 am Clean up Exhibit Buildings
12:30 Auction
Final Clean up Follows Auction

* All Times are subject to change up or down a little

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 2023
17 4-H Food Booth Committee 6 pm @ CEO
18   Horse & Pony Volunteers Mtg 7:15 pm @ CEO
20 Goat/Sheep Weigh-in/Tagging, 6-8 pm @ FG's
25 Junior Leaders, 6:30 pm @ CEO
26 Volunteer Desserts, 4-7 PM @ CEO
29 Poultry Workshop, 9:30 am at Schaefer's Happy
Goat Christmas Tree Farm Pavilion

May 2023
2   4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
3   Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
8   Quality Livestock Care Program 6-7:30 pm @ CEO
9   Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 pm @ FG's
10   Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
11 4-H Plant Sale, Unloading and Sorting all day-Help
    is needed, RSVP to jkendall@purdue.edu
11 4-H Plant Sale Pick up 5-8 pm @ FG's
12 4-H Plant Sale Pick up 9 am-12 noon @ FG's
13 Horse & Pony Fun Speed Show @ FG's
14 Horse & Pony Mothers Day Show @ FG's
15 DNA Hair Samples due to CEO by 4:30 pm
15 Animal ID's due in 4-Honline
16 Horse & Pony Volunteers Mtg 7:15 pm @ CEO
17   Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
18 Goat Workshop, 6:30 pm @ FG's
19 Fair Entry Due in computer
20   Fairgrounds Clean up Day 8 am
21   Rabbit Ambassador Contest 2 pm @ Whitley Co
21 Swine Workshop, 3 pm @ Kneubuhler Farm
24   Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
24   Livestock Executive Meeting, 6:30 pm @ FG's
29 Office Closed - County Holiday
29   3 Rivers Horse & Pony Show @ FG's
**31 Activity Sheets, Consumer Clothing, Creative
    Writing due 4:30 @ CEO**
31 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's

June 2023
1   4-H Rabbit Workshop/Tattoo Event, 6:30 pm @ FG's
2   Dog Agility & Showmanship Judging 6 pm @ FG's
3-4 Llama Open Show @ FG's
3   Dog Obedience Show 9 am @ FG's
6   Fashion Revue & Consumer Clothing Judging 4:30
     Check in @ CEO
6   4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
7-9 4-H Camp
7-9 State Academy Trip @ Purdue University
7   Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
9   Dairy Beef Open Show @ FG's
10   Fairgrounds Clean up Day 8 am
12   Foods, Microwave, Homemade Ice Cream Check in
     5-6 pm with Judging at 6 pm @ FG's
12   Swine Workshop, Pen Set Up, verify entries & clean up
     grounds 4 pm @ FG's
13-16 State Junior Leader Conference
14   Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
15   Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
19   Office Closed - County Holiday
20-25 ALLEN COUNTY FAIR
26 Livestock Auction 12:30 @ FG's
26-28 Purdue Round Up @ Purdue University

July 2023
1-7 Citizenship Washington focus Trip to DC
4 Office Closed - County Holiday

CEO = County Extension Office
FG's = Fairgrounds
Subject to Change

2023 Allen County Fair June 20-25

2023 Indiana State Fair July 28-August 20

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April 2023

On behalf of the Allen County Fairgrounds, we would like to provide all 4-H families with the following updates and announcements.

Fair Committee
Interested in volunteering during the fair? Fill out this easy form so we can reach out to match you with an activity or event: https://forms.gle/Gu6Tzx7oYvvh5Abm7 Or stop in at an upcoming meeting to learn how you can volunteer and be involved in the Allen County Fair. Next Meetings: April 6th, May 4th and June 8th. Watch the website as we start to populate more and more information on activities and events.

Grounds
Much needed electrical upgrades will begin in the exhibit/home loan bank building to be completed by fair. Workdays are scheduled for April 22, May 20 and June 10th starting at 9am. Look at our Facebook page for more info on what will be addressed each day. More hands make all the difference!

Old Business
Some might know that the Allen County Fairgrounds has been challenging a decision by the Allen County Auditor's Office to assess property taxes in the sum of $30,000 a year for the past two years. It is with great pleasure that the committee reports that after much effort, the Auditor's Office has looked into our situation again and determined that we only need to pay property taxes on around 25% of our grounds. This is a huge financial burden lifted.

It's looking good for a rodeo!
Did you hear that we are trying to host a full rodeo at the Allen County Fair on Tuesday, June 20th to kick off the fair with bulls, broncos and barrels!?!? Attached is a letter seeking sponsors. If you know if a business that would be interested, please reach out to the fairground's office. We are close enough to our minimal fundraising goal that we are pretty confident the rodeo will be a reality! Still seeking other sponsors.

Miss Allen County
We have a great group of young women signed up to compete for Miss Allen County on Sunday, April 23rd at 5pm at the Allen County Fairgrounds. We invite you all to attend. If you own a business and would like to donate a silent auction item, seeking items until April 19th. Email or call Michelle Love at missallencounty@gmail.com or 260-710-0101. Be sure to watch for info on Little Miss Allen County. This event will still be hosted in June during the fair and online registration will begin in early May. We can only accept the first 25 littles.

Watch our Facebook page and this newsletter update for upcoming workdays.
Allen County Fair, June 20-25, 2023

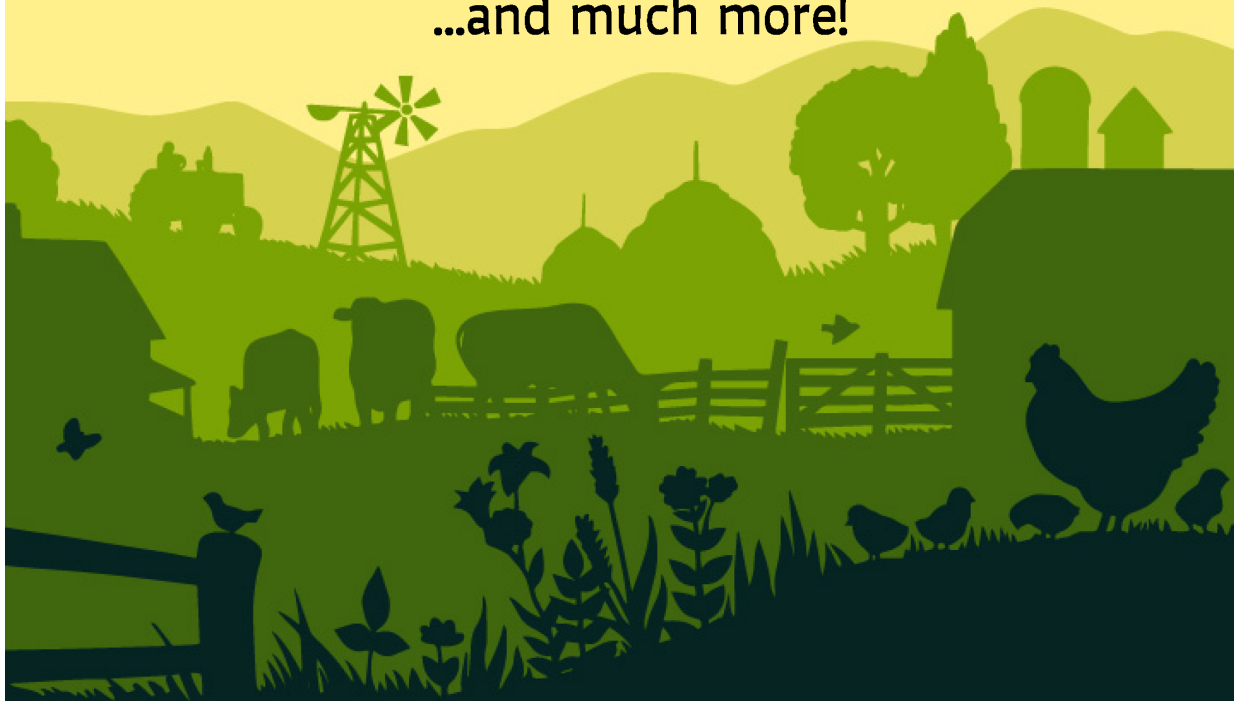# 4-H Clean Up Day

ALLEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

May 20 & June 10 - 9a-12p

PLEASE PARK BY CATTLE BARN

Several livestock groups will be hosting open shows in the next couple of weeks. Let's pull together and make a great showing with friendly and clean fairgrounds.

WE WILL BE CLEANING:

Show Barn
Mulching & Weeding
4-H Food Booth
...and much more!

For more information, contact Roger Clark at Roger.C3204@hotmail.com