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URGENT MEMO

TO: All Junior Fair (4-H and FFA exhibitors) enrolled in Market Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Rabbit, Market Poultry (chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, pheasants, quail, etc.), Lactating dairy Goat, Lactating Dairy Cows, Dairy/Beef Feeder Calf, or Veal Calf projects **and their Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)**

FROM: Charles Breiding, President, Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board
 Heather Neikirk, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, & County Extension Director
 Ed Werner, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

RE: Mandatory Quality Assurance Training for the 2006 Portage County Randolph Fair

In accordance with **Ohio Revised Code, Section 901-19-36 of Ohio's Livestock Tampering and Exhibition Rules**, all junior fair exhibitors enrolled in a food animal project (Market Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Rabbit, Market Poultry (chickens, ducks, turkeys, etc.), Lactating Dairy Goat, Lactating Dairy Cows, Dairy/Beef Feeder Calf, or Veal Calf projects) are again required for the 2006 fair season to complete mandatory quality assurance training in order to participate with their food animal project at county's junior fair.

In 2000, the Randolph Senior Fair Board and the Portage County 4-H Program cooperated in forming a county Quality Assurance planning committee to address the requirements of ORC 901-19-36. Upon the requirements for training set forth by the State of Ohio, the committee has established the following requirements for the 2006 Portage County Junior Fair Food Animal Exhibitors in regards to Quality Assurance Training:

GENERAL INFORMATION

✓ Dates, Times and Location

Please hold the following dates/times listed below on your calendar. **You will only need to attend one of the three sessions in order to meet the requirement.** Please plan to attend the session of your choice, and be sure to select a backup date in case circumstances arise that you cannot attend the session of your choice. **NO MAKE-UP SESSION WILL BE OFFERED!**

✓ Clinic Style Training for RETURNING EXHIBITORS

For the 2006 season, the county program will offer a clinic style Quality Assurance training for all returning junior fair food animal exhibitors. **This year, separate livestock and small animal sessions WILL NOT BE OFFERED.** Each session will continue to have separate, limited registration and session times. Listed below are the specific registration times and session times for all returning exhibitors.

Saturday, April 22nd Randolph Fairgrounds

(9:00 a.m. registration) 9:30-10:30 a.m. Returning Exhibitors Training (Merriam-Hubbard)

Sunday, May 7th Randolph Fairgrounds

(2:00 p.m. registration) 2:30-3:30 p.m. Returning Exhibitors Training (Merriam-Hubbard)

Thursday, May 25th Maplewood Career Center

(7:00 p.m. registration) 7:30-8:30 p.m. Returning Exhibitors Training (Cafeteria)

✓ **Station Style Training for NEW AND/OR FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS**

For the 2006 season, the county program will offer a five-station Quality Assurance training for all new and/or first time junior fair food animal exhibitors and their ONE parent or legal guardian. Each session will continue to have separate, limited registration and session times. Listed below are the specific registration times and session times for all new and/or first time exhibitors.

Saturday, April 22nd Randolph Fairgrounds

(8:30 a.m. registration) 9:00-10:30 a.m. New and/or First Time Exhibitors Training (Dining Hall)

Sunday, May 7th Randolph Fairgrounds

(1:30 p.m. registration) 2:00-3:30 p.m. New and/or First Time Exhibitors Training (Dining Hall)

Thursday, May 25th Maplewood Career Center

(6:30 p.m. registration) 7:00-8:30 p.m. New and First Time Exhibitors Training (Conf. Room A)

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

A set registration time will be enforced for **BOTH** new and/or first time and returning exhibitors. **Registration will begin approximately 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the training session and end when the training session is underway.** *If a returning exhibitor or a new/first time exhibitor and the required one parent or legal guardian fail to make the set registration time, the returning exhibitor or the new/first time exhibitor and the required one parent or legal guardian will be asked to attend another quality assurance session.* Please refer to the information listed below for specific registration times for returning and new and/or first time exhibitors.

Saturday, April 22nd Randolph Fairgrounds

(8:30-9:00 a.m. registration) New and First Time Exhibitors (Dining Hall)
(9:00-9:30 a.m. registration) Returning Exhibitors (Merriam-Hubbard)

Sunday, May 7th Randolph Fairgrounds

(1:30-2:00 p.m. registration) New and First Time Exhibitors (Dining Hall)
(2:00-2:30 p.m. registration) Returning Exhibitors (Merriam-Hubbard)

Thursday, May 25th Maplewood Career Center

(6:30-7:00 p.m. registration) New and First Time Exhibitors (Conference Room A)
(7:00-7:30 p.m. registration) Returning Exhibitors (Cafeteria)

REQUIREMENTS

General (Applicable to all junior fair food animal exhibitors)

- All Quality Assurance Training must be completed **annually** by the county junior fair enrollment deadline of June 1.
- Any **new and/or first time** junior fair food animal exhibitor and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s), or any **returning** junior fair food animal exhibitor, who **DOES NOT** attend one (1) of the three (3) mandatory quality assurance training sessions or meet the stated requirements **will be ineligible to participate in the Portage County Randolph Junior Fair.**

New and/or First Time junior fair food animal exhibitors

- **All new and/or first time junior fair food animal exhibitors and at least ONE parent or legal guardian MUST** attend one (1) of three (3) quality assurance training sessions.
- All **new and/or first time** junior fair food animal exhibitors and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will be asked to sign-in upon arrival and sign-out upon departure in order to receive credit for attending the session. **Both junior fair food animal exhibitors and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) MUST stay for and PARTICIPATE in the entire session.**

Returning junior fair food animal exhibitors

- **All returning junior fair food animal exhibitors MUST** attend one (1) of three (3) quality assurance training sessions.
- **Parents are NOT required to attend with returning junior fair food animal exhibitors, but are encouraged to do so if desired.**

TIME COMMITMENTS

- **New and/or First Time** junior fair food animal exhibitors should plan to spend approximately 60-90 minutes for registration and training.
- **Returning** junior fair food animal exhibitors should plan to spend approximately 60-90 minutes for registration and training.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we continue to implement this requirement. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Heather Neikirk, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, and County Extension Director at neikirk.2@osu.edu or (330) 296-6432.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these events!