



April 20, 2020

Hello All,

It is past time for me to touch base with all of our 4-H Dairy youth and volunteers about our activities, both upcoming and recently postponed. I have been putting this off, in the hopes that I would have a more definite answer and thus, avoid the need for continual communication. If you are like me, you are receiving plenty of emails, and virtual meeting opportunities with the lockdown already! First, let me reassure everyone that it is my intention to do my absolute best to hold any and all 4-H Dairy activities. Obviously, this means that both the 4-H/FFA Dairy Judging contest and Dairy Quiz Bowl will be rescheduled since they have fallen into the quarantine timeframe. The Europe trip for the 2019 Ohio dairy judging team has also been postponed until next June (see below). I am optimistic that we will have State and county fairs, but unfortunately, we aren't sure what that will look like either. The extension date to resume in person activities (for now) is July 6th, so any rescheduling will need to be after this date. With this in mind, I am asking again for thoughts and suggestions. I have listed some possible alternatives below:

Dairy Judging contest

- 1) Schedule to be held during a county fair. Would need to be one that is centrally located if possible
- 2) Have it at State fair- thinking we could have the traditional Dairy judging clinic on the first Friday and then have the contest on the second Friday. This could give the kids a "practice" the first week but it would make the awards for the clinic be the first week and we would need to make the judging contest acceptable to qualify for the Dairy incentive program.
- 3) Hold at County fairgrounds(not during the fair) and have cattle brought in from surrounding area.
- 4) Schedule either a live contest if possible or virtual contest (video taped) at John and Bonnie Ayars farm. They have graciously offered to host. This would give us flexibility to adapt to either possibility.
- 5) OTHER ideas

Quiz Bowl – was scheduled for June 12th

- 1) Move this to a later time-may be difficult to have it at the 4-H building but we can move it to Animal science building or other location if necessary.

Things to consider

- * Need to move to a date with least amount of scheduling conflicts- challenging even in normal years
- * Have it early enough to select a National team – typically this needs to be done by the end of August
- * Note: I did just see another species moved to October – could do this and simply enter a team and supply names at a later date.

- 2) Have a virtual contest- Horse folks are doing this. I have no thought on how to pull this off but will do my best to put it together if needed.

I value your opinions and ideas!! Please share them via email or give me a call. I hope this letter finds you all healthy and doing well and pray that we all see the light at the end of this tunnel very soon. Feel free to pass along to anyone that is interested.

Hope to see you all soon!

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Dear Friends of Ohio 4-H Dairy Youth,

I hope this letter finds all of you healthy and that this crazy covid19 blows out of here soon! This has been life altering in many ways and I believe all of us are going to remember this year for a long time to come. First, I want to say a huge thank you from the 2019 Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging team for your generous contributions toward our Europe trip. Unfortunately, like all scheduled activities over the past month, the contest and trip for 2019 has been canceled. The good news is that we have been invited to compete at the Scottish Highland contest in 2021! This should be a big challenge since the winning teams from both 2019 and 2020 will be competing against each other. As a fervent Buckeye, I am hopeful that, by then, we will have 2 teams going! That would definitely make up for the delay!!

We are very close to our goal and it looks like we will have a little extra time to reach it. I want to assure all of you that your donation is being held in the 4-H Dairy Europe fund account and will be used for this special trip.

If you have questions, please feel free to call or email. Again, we thank you so much for your support!

As always
GO BUCKS!

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