

# 4-H Happenings

## Hocking County / 4-H Youth Development

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April 2023

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!

I hope everyone's spring so far has been full of warm days, looking forward to summer, and settling in with your 4-H projects. We have so much to look forward to this year and it is hard to believe we are already in April! First off, some of you may already know, but we have had some changes here in the office. Marilyn, our Office Associate of 10 years took her much deserved retirement at the end of 2022. We miss Marilyn but are excited for the new faces here in the office. Angie Seum, our former Program Assistant has moved into the Office Associate Position, and we have hired a new 4-H Program Assistant, Stephanie Blackford. Stephanie was part of 4-H in her youth and was a volunteer for 28 years! Even with all the changes we have hit the ground running with the program.

We have so much to look forward to this 4-H Year. We have officer clinics, SPIN Clubs, Camps, Project Judging/Skillathon, awards, banquets, and so much more! We look forward to seeing you at our numerous events.

With that, READ this entire newsletter to help keep you, your families, and clubs better informed. We have many updates and a few changes this year that you need to be aware of. If you have any questions, please call the office so we can help you. Be sure to check our website and calendars regularly to stay up to date.

Again, we look forward to seeing you through out the 4-H Program Year.

Here's to a great Year ahead!

*Kayla and the Hocking County 4-H Staff*

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## April

- 4/3 4-H Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center  
4/4 Camp Counselor Training 9 am-12 pm at the Youth Center  
4/11 Hocking County Fair Board Meeting 7 pm  
4/12 Quality Assurance Training, 6 pm, Youth Center \*RSVP required  
4/14 QA Test out Date at Logan High School and SAE/FFA Fair Projects Sign up  
\*See *AgEd Instructor* for details  
4/18 4-H Horse Sub-Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center  
4/17 4-H Secretary's Workshop Registration Due  
4/19 4-H Secretary's Workshop; 6 pm at the Youth Center  
4/20 OFFICE CLOSED for training  
4/21 4-H Club Treasurer Workshop registration due *\*Hosted by Merchants National Bank*  
4/22 Camp Counselor Training 9 am-12 pm at the Youth Center  
4/22 Hocking Co. Fair Market Broilers Orders due to Chieftain Feed and Supply by 1 pm  
4/25 Youth Board Meeting, 6 pm, Youth Board  
4/26 4-H Club Treasurer Workshop, 6 pm, Youth Center \*Hosted by Merchants National Bank  
4/28-30 Forestry Wildlife Conservation Camp – Canter's Cave 4-H Camp  
4/29 Quality Assurance Training, 9 am, Youth Center \*RSVP required  
4/31 Cake Decorating SPIN Club registration deadline

## May

- 5/1 4-H Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center  
5/2 Camp Counselor Training 5-7 at the Youth Center  
5/3 Horse Possession Deadline  
5/3 Cake Decorating SPIN Club, 6-7:30 pm, Youth Center  
5/4 Quality Assurance – Last Training Date, 6-8 pm \$20 Fee, \*RSVP Required  
5/5 ALL horse paperwork & fees due to Extension Office before 4 pm  
5/5 Breeding Lease Forms due to Extension Office by 4 pm  
5/9 Hocking County Fair Board Meeting 7 pm  
5/10 Cake Decorating SPIN Club, 6-7:30 pm, Youth Center  
5/12 Beg/ Jr 4-H Camp Registrations Due to Extension Office by 4 pm  
5/12 Sew Fun Registrations Due to Extension Office by 4 pm  
5/13-14 AG Days, Hocking County Fairgrounds  
5/15 Market Turkey Possession Deadline  
5/16 4-H Horse Sub-Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center  
5/17 Camp Counselor Training 5-7 pm at the Youth Center  
5/22 Deadline to Complete YQCA course (QA option)  
5/23 Sew Fun Clinic Orientation Meeting, 6 pm, Youth Center  
5/24 Cake Decorating SPIN Club, 6-7:30 pm, Youth Center  
5/26 QA Certificates for Out of County and YQCA Due to office by 4 pm  
**\*Note: YQCA certificates must be dated no later than May 22, 2023**  
5/29 Office Closed (in observance of Memorial Day)  
5/30 Youth Board Meeting, 6 pm, Youth Board  
5/31 CARTEENS, 3:30-5:30 pm at the Youth Center

## June

- 6/1 Sew Fun Clinic Shopping Trip (optional); 6 pm; JoAnn Fabrics in Lancaster  
6/1 Sheep, Goat, Swine possession deadline  
6/1-5 Leadership Camp at Camp Ohio  
6/3 Sheep, Goat, Swine tagging/weigh-in, 7 am to 10 am at fairgrounds  
6/4 PAS, Hocking County Fairgrounds  
6/5 4-H Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center  
6/6 Onsite Camp Counselor Training - **Mandatory** 9 AM to 4 PM  
6/11-13 Beg Jr Camp at Tar Hollow  
6/11-15 Camp Canopy  
6/13 Hocking County Fair Board Meeting 7 pm  
6/15 Camp Counselor Post-Camp Training  
6/18-23 Citizen Washington Focus Trip



6/19	Office Closed (in observance of Juneteenth)
6/20	Sew Fun Clinic, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Youth Center
6/20	4-H Horse Sub-Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Youth Center
6/22	Last Day for Skillathon Kit Check out for clubs
6/23	Creative Writing Projects Due to office by 4 pm
6/23-25	Jr Shooting Sports Camp
6/24	Point Show - Hocking County Fairgrounds
6/30	Cloverbud Camp Registrations Due to the Extension Office by 4 pm

Dates are added to the 4-H calendar as they become available. Please check the 4-H calendar posted at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu) for the most up-to-date information.

### OSU Extension Office Staff Changes

As many know, our Office Assistant, Marilyn Fisk retired at the end of 2022. Marilyn will be greatly missed by not only the office, but our 4-H volunteers and families. Angelia Seum, the former 4-H Program Assistant has been hired for the Office Associate position.

We are excited to announce that Stephanie Blackford has been hired as the 4-H Program Assistant. Stephanie is a Hocking County 4-H Alumni and has been a 4-H volunteer for many years. She began her role as the 4-H Program Assistant in February of 2023. Welcome Stephanie!



### The 4-H NOW App for Hocking County 4-H has now launched!

For the past few months we have been working to bring another method of communication for our 4-H Program. We are excited to say the Hocking County 4-H portion of the App is up and running. This app will serve as an extension of our website for updates, calendars, events, project help, and much more! You can download the 4-H NOW app from your phone's app store and when you get the main screen for the app just type in "hocking" in the search bar. Click on the Hocking results and you can explore our new method of communication. This is still a work in progress, and we will be updating frequently. You can turn on alerts for the app to get reminders and even sync the calendar with your own. We are still learning everything this new piece of technology has to offer. More to come! Thank you to the 4-H Committee for covering the cost.

### Officer Workshops

Two upcoming officer workshops for Hocking County youth.

The workshops are open to any traditional 4-H Aged Youth who are currently serving as a club officer or would like to in the future. We have currently set workshops for Treasurers and Secretaries.

**Secretary Workshop** – April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Center – 6PM Hosted by Jennifer Cox and OSU Extension.  
**Registration due April 17<sup>th</sup>!**

**Treasurer Workshop** – April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Center – 6PM Hosted by Merchant's National Bank – this is also open to youth who are taking the Money Wise Project. **Registrations due April 21<sup>st</sup>!**

### Secretary Registration



### Treasurer Registration





#### 4-H Club Requirements

- Must have a minimum of 5 members from 3 separate families
- Hold a minimum of 6 meetings per year
- Perform a minimum of 1 community service project per year

All members should be involved in the selection, planning, and implementing of the project. Refer to the 2023 Club Handbook for more information.

<https://hocking.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms>

#### Requirements for 4-H Project Completion

Each year, 4-H members are considered “complete” or “incomplete” in each of their projects. Those who have at least one project that is considered “complete” receive a fair pass, compliments of the Hocking County 4-H Committee and the Hocking County Sr Fair Board. Only “completed” projects are permitted to exhibit at the Hocking County Fair. Those that are “incomplete” in all their projects do not receive a fair pass and are ineligible to exhibit in the Hocking County Fair.

To be “complete” in 2023, 4-H members must:

- Purchase a project book for all projects in which they are enrolled.
- Participate in the 4-H judging/skillathon with a minimum of one project.
- Present a minimum of one project demonstration at a club meeting.
- Complete Quality Assurance Training if enrolled in **ANY** livestock project  
(Includes **ALL** beef, goat, llama/alpaca, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine projects)
- Abide by their 4-H club’s attendance and other requirements as outlined in their club by-laws.
- Abide by OSU Extension rules and requirements.

Some 4-H projects have special completion requirements. Project specific letters will be mailed to 4-H members enrolled in the following projects explaining the requirements. This information will also be posted at [hocking.osu.edu](https://hocking.osu.edu). Click on 4-H Youth Development, then on Judging-Skillathon Information.

Projects with special requirements include:

Cake decorating  
Clothing

Dog  
Food/nutrition

Poultry  
Self-determined

Writing  
Woodworking

Refer to the 2023 Fair Completion Guidelines for all projects at [hocking.osu.edu/program-area/4-h-youth-development/skillathon-information](https://hocking.osu.edu/program-area/4-h-youth-development/skillathon-information). The guidelines for 2023 will be posted soon.

#### Winning 4-H Plan

Your goal as a 4-H volunteer is to provide a positive, enriching experience for every 4-H member. Families with special needs children enrolled in 4-H are encouraged to complete a Winning 4-H Plan Form. Even though this is optional, the information can assist the club volunteers and county Extension professional in planning a positive 4-H experience for all youth. A parent or legal guardian is to complete this form and submit to the club organizational advisor. Advisors are not permitted to complete this form.

Kayla will contact families and work with them regarding accommodations. You can find the form at [hocking.osu.edu](https://hocking.osu.edu), then 4-H Youth Development, then Forms – listed under Forms for Club Advisors and Volunteers. You may also call the Extension Office at 740-385-3222.

#### Cloverbud Volunteers

The office has Cloverbud Activity Kits you may borrow for your Cloverbud programming at your club meetings. We have a variety of topics to choose from. You may pick them up at the office during regular business hours.

Other Cloverbud resources:

- 4-H Cloverbud Volunteer Guidebook, pub 711AG
- 4-H Cloverbud Connections Blog at [u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections](https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections)
- The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities, pub 710GPM
- Choose & Tell Cards, pub 713R
- Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Leaders webpage - [ohio4h.org/forcloverbudleaders](https://ohio4h.org/forcloverbudleaders)





## 4-H Project Books

Project books may be ordered online at [extensionpubs.osu.edu](http://extensionpubs.osu.edu). When checking out be sure to use promo code **FREE2023** for free shipping on orders of \$20 or more. Books may be purchased at the Extension Office, but we have a limited stock. Please call to verify that we have what you need. **June 30 is the final day to purchase project books from the Extension Office.**



## Ohio State Fair Exhibition of Livestock and Other Competitions

4-H families planning to exhibit livestock during the Ohio State Fair are reminded to check the state fair's website for registration deadlines and requirements. Keep up to date on the latest requirements for Ohio State Fair competitions at [ohiostatefair.com](http://ohiostatefair.com).

### Mandatory – Animal Quality Assurance Training

This training is a requirement of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Failure to complete QA will result in the exhibitor not being permitted to show or sell at the fair. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

All 4-H and FFA members enrolled in the following livestock projects - **beef, swine, sheep, goat, llama/alpaca, rabbit, and poultry** - are required to attend one Quality Assurance training before May 26, 2023. This includes **ALL** (market, breeding, pet, etc...) projects in these species.

#### OPTIONS:

- a) In-person classes will be held at the Youth Center and RSVP is required.

#### Available In-Person QA Training Dates:

Thursday, May 4, 6-8 PM (April 12 & 29 sessions are FULL)

Because of limited seating, preregistration is required. The May 4 session will be free.

- b) Members may complete the online YQCA option at <https://yqcaprogram.org>. This is a national program recognized by ODA and OSU that Ohio youth may utilize to complete the required QA training.

This option is available to youth ages 8-18. A fee is associated with this option.

Deadline to complete this option is May 22. Copy of certificates must be sent to Angelia at [seum.6@osu.edu](mailto:seum.6@osu.edu) before 4 PM, May 26.

**Certificates dated after May 22 and certificates received after 4 PM, May 26 will not be accepted.**

- c) An Older youth test-out will be offered at Logan High School in the FFA classroom on Friday, April 14. This option is available to all youth age 15 and older as of January 1, 2023. Youth must arrange testing time with the FFA instructor. *Note: Testing after attending a training is NOT permitted.*

Older youth may also attempt to test-out individually at the Extension Office during regular business hours from March 1 thru April 30. Call the office to schedule an appointment.

- d) Out of County QA – Youth may attend an out of county QA training. Youth **MUST** pick up a form from the Hocking County Extension Office and take it with them to be signed by the presenting county's educator. The completed form must be returned to our office before 4 PM on May 26, 2023, to receive credit for QA attendance.

RSVP by calling 740-385-3222 or email to [seum.6@osu.edu](mailto:seum.6@osu.edu).



## Community Service Opportunities

- ❖ The Hocking County Master Gardener Volunteers are always needing help with the many projects they have throughout the county. They would appreciate any extra help with planting, mulching, weeding, etc. If your club is interested in this community service opportunity or would like more information, contact Sheree Cole at 740-279-9000
- ❖ SE Ohio Foodbank has a need for the Meals on Wheels program for pet food, especially dog food. Providing clients with the ability to keep their pets is beneficial in many ways. Not only financially, but also reduces stress and increased mental wellness of the clients. If your club is interested in sponsoring a Pet Food Drive, the Foodbank is happy to assist you. Contact Jen Steward or Jason Hudson at 740-385-6813.
- ❖ Community Food Pantry Box sponsored by: Hocking, Ross, Vinton Foster Youth and LHS Industrial Technologies Program. Seeking non-perishable good, pet food, and toiletries. Donations may be dropped off at South Central Ohio Job & Family Services at 389 W Front St, Logan, Ohio. A food donation box is outside 24/7, or you may drop donations off inside the SCOJF office and place in the blue food cart during office hours. Please contact Amy Guda with any questions at 740-380-4009.
- ❖ Hocking County Food Bank – Contact Jenn Steward [Jennifer.steward@hapcap.org](mailto:Jennifer.steward@hapcap.org) or 740-385-6813

### 4-H Projects = Fair Entry Classes Helper Guide

The 4-H Projects = Fair Entry Classes Helper Guide has been developed to help members and families enter the correct county fair class for the livestock project(s) being taken. You may find the document on our website at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu), then choose 4-H Youth Development, and then Forms & Applications. The Guide will be updated as soon as the 2023 Fair Book is released.

## Livestock Dates & Requirements Chart

A chart has been created to help members keep track of important dates and fair exhibition requirements regarding livestock projects. This document can be found on our website at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu), then choose 4-H Youth Development, and then 4-H Announcements.



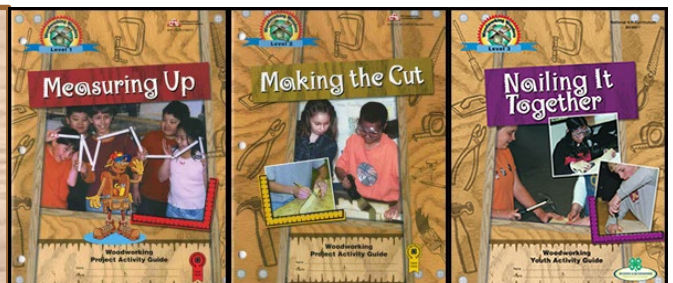
### Reminder E-postcard Tax Filing

Kayla will file e-postcards on behalf of 4-H Clubs and Committees. If volunteers receive any correspondence from the IRS, please bring it to the Extension Office.

## Woodworking Project Guidelines

2023 Woodworking Guidelines are posted at the following link [ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook](http://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook).

*Be certain to use the appropriate tools for each project.*



## Broiler Chicken Orders

4-H and FFA members enrolled in the Market Broiler Chicken Project will receive a letter with details for ordering chicks. Members must order a minimum of six (6) chicks at \$3 each. Additional chicks cost \$3 each. Orders must be submitted to Chieftain Feed & Supply **before 1 PM, April 23**. Please take the order form that will be included with the letter.



## Turkey Info

4-H and FFA members are allowed to exhibit two turkeys at the Hocking County Fair. The minimum weight to show a turkey at the fair is 25 lbs. There is no upper weight limit. Hens are allowed. Toms and hens will be shown together. Members may purchase their turkey from any hatchery, but it must be certified pullorum free. Keep the certification paperwork as you will need to show it at fair check-in. Members must have turkeys in their possession by **May 15**.

## Market Animal Tagging Dates

Sheep: June 3: 7-10 AM

Hogs: June 3 7-10 AM

Goats: June 3: 7-10 AM

Feeder Calf: August 12: 8-10 AM

Rabbits: August 14: 6 -8 PM



Exhibitors interested in signing up for Beef Futurity for 2022 or 2023, need to contact Jeff Snider at 740-808-0156.

## Swine/Goat/Sheep Tagging

Please note – those entering Kid to Finish, Farrow to Finish and Lamb to Finish must be enrolled in a **breeding project** through 4-H or FFA and the animal must be born on the exhibitor's farm or usual place of keeping of his/her animals. Exhibitors entering any of these projects are required to bring a signed letter from their 4-H or FFA advisor to tagging, stating the exhibitor is enrolled in the required projects for these classes. No entries will be accepted without this required letter.



## Scrapie ID Tags

**ALL** goats and sheep are required to have a scrapie tag, per the Hocking County Fair Board. This includes breeding stock, fiber, market, pack, and pygmy types.

## Animal Records Retention

Reminder:

- Ohio law requires records retention for livestock other than sheep and goats for at least one year.
- Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) prescriptions must be retained a minimum of two years in the form they were written.
- Recommended records retention per specie:

Poultry & Rabbit – 1 year  
Beef & Dairy Beef – 2 years  
Swine – 3 years  
Sheep & Goats – 5 years (required per federal law)  
Dairy Cows & Heifers – 5 years



## Lease Paperwork

Hocking County is permitting specific livestock projects eligible for members to lease.

- **BREEDING STOCK ONLY** (market animals are required to be owned by member/family)
- Eligible species- beef, sheep, goat, llama ONLY\*
- Lease packet must be picked up from the Extension Office, and returned by 4 PM, May 6
- Only permitted with specific circumstance/reason
- 4-H Educator must approve or deny request

*\*Horse projects leases are a separate form.  
Information will be included in horse project packets.*

## Camps and Clinics

### Beginner/Junior Camp – June 11-13

Beginner/JR Camp is for all youth who are age 8 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through age 13 as of January 1, 2023. All youth are welcome and 4-H enrollment is not required!

Youth will be part of an overnight residential camp adventure in cabins with other campers and counselors at the **Tar Hollow State Park 4-H Camp**. Many activities such as team building, swimming, canoeing, fishing, creek, gaga ball, and much more!

The camp application can be found at [hocking.osu.edu](http://hocking.osu.edu) under the camps and clinics tab or by stopping by our office to pick up a packet. This year's camp theme is **AROUND THE WORLD!**

**Cost of Camp is \$75.00 per youth**



### Cloverbud Camp – July 22

Cloverbud camp is for youth who are Age 5 and in Kindergarten up to age 8 and in second grade as of January 1, 2023.

We are excited to host our Cloverbud Camp OUTDOOR ADVENTURE at **ALLEY PARK** this year!

Cloverbud Camp is a 4-H Day Camp with many adventures for our Cloverbuds to become immersed in. We will have crafts, games, creek, snacks, and so much more. The camp application can be found on our website, or you can pick up a copy in the office.

**Cost of Camp is \$15.00 per youth**

### Sew Fun Clinic – June 20-22

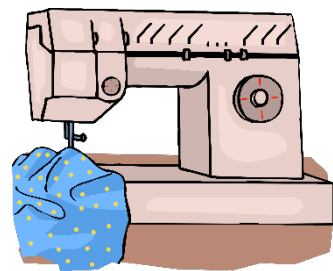
Our Sew Fun Clinic is open to any youth who are at least 8 years old and in third grade up to 18 who have 3 years or less experience in sewing. The clinic is a great jump start for those who are interested in taking sewing projects in the future or who just want to improve their sewing skills. The clinic is led by our Master Clothing Educator, Kathryn Coursen, along with other support volunteers during the clinic.

**Sew Fun Orientation Date: May 23<sup>rd</sup> 6PM Youth Center**

**Sew Fun Shopping Trip Date: (Optional) June 1<sup>st</sup> 6PM at JoAnn Fabrics in Lancaster**

**Sew Fun Clinic: June 20-22; 8:30AM – 12:30PM**

**Cost of the clinic for all 3 days is \$15 per youth**



### 4-H Master Clothing Educator Volunteer – Online Textile and Clothing Trainings for 2023

A great learning opportunity for 4-H youth interested in sewing at any level of experience.

- **Beginning Level:** April 18 from 7-8 PM ; complete survey by April 13 at 4:30 PM at <https://go.osu.edu/beginninglevelsewing2023>
- **Intermediate Level:** April 27 from 7-8 PM ; complete survey by April 24 at 4:30 PM at <https://go.osu.edu/intermediatelevelsewing2023>
- **Advanced Level:** May 4 from 7-8 PM; complete survey by April 28 at 4:30 PM at <https://go.osu.edu/advancedlevelsewing2023>



## Skillathon Study Materials

The following are subjects' youth should study to best prepare for the 2023 Skillathons. You can find this information on our website [hocking.osu.edu](https://hocking.osu.edu), on the 4-H Now App under Project Help and be sure to utilize the skillathon practice kits that can be signed out to the Organization Advisor of each club.

### Rabbit

- Body Parts
- Hip Conformation and Ear/Tail Conformation
- Reading Medication Insert and Medication label ID

### Horse

- Body Parts
- Hoof Anatomy ID
- Plant Identification ID

### Sheep

- Body Parts
- Wholesale and Retail Meat Cuts ID
- Medication Label Task/Medication Injection Site ID

### Poultry

- Body Parts
- Medication Label/Insert ID and Medication Task ID
- Poultry Wholesale and retail cuts

### Swine

- Body Parts
- Pork Wholesale and Retail Cuts ID
- Medication Label/Insert ID and Medication Task ID

### Beef

- Body Parts
- Beef Wholesale and Retail Cuts ID
- Medication Label/Insert ID and Medication Task ID

### Goat

- Body Parts
- Medication Label/Insert ID and Medication Task ID
- Goat Tattooing procedure

Skillathon study material will be posted soon at:  
<https://hocking.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/skillathon-information>

## OSU Extension Food Handling Policy and Food Safety Training

Ohio State University Extension has a Food Handling Policy [extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/v-legal-matters-and-risk-management/food-preparation-and-service](https://extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/v-legal-matters-and-risk-management/food-preparation-and-service), which is part of the Faculty and Staff Policy and Procedures Handbook. This policy is to protect those individuals who are involved in food preparation as part of university business and to ensure safe food. All Extension Staff and volunteers who are involved in food preparation need to be aware of the policy. OSU requires a minimum of one volunteer to take and pass their food safety training for each 4-H event where food is sold – including events where food is sold for a donation. Every 4-H club is encouraged to have at least one volunteer trained. Parents and older youth are also welcome and encouraged to complete the free, on-line training.

Log-in information and instructions are posted at [<hocking.osu.edu>](https://hocking.osu.edu). Click on 4-H Youth Development, then on “4-H Announcements” and scroll down to “Occasional Quantity Cooks.” When participants complete the post-test with a passing score, a Certificate of Completion will be generated. Participants should submit the Certificate of Completion to the Extension Office when they finish the program. The certificate is good for three years.



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