

Tuesday News



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4-H Volunteer News!

New Volunteer Hours Reporting Program!

Beginning July 1, we have been rolling out the implementation of our new volunteer hours reporting program. Each enrolled volunteer should have received an email inviting you to claim your account on GivePulse from your county office. Please claim those accounts as soon as possible. All resources you need to learn how to report your hours are located on the State 4-H Webpage:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/volunteer-hours-report/>



Volunteer Education Study

Each enrolled volunteer received an email on Monday asking them to complete a Volunteer Education survey. This is your chance to let the state office know what you think is appropriate for volunteer education. Of course, all volunteers will still need to take the basic modules and Put the Child First; beyond that, however, we are asking for your input. AND, you get the chance to enter your name in a drawing for a \$50 give certificate to the National 4-H Store. We will give away 6 gift certificates. The survey will close on Friday, September 23. We are looking forward to your responses!

Contributions Needed to support State 4-H Horse Medals for State Fair Awards

Jennifer Leach, 4-H Faculty and State Equine Specialist



Contributions toward providing Champion, Reserve Champion and 3rd Place Medals for all Classes at the 2022 Washington State 4-H Equine Exhibit are needed! The cost of the 160 Medals needed are estimated at \$1,400. There was a small amount left over from donations for 2021 medals, but that residual will not cover this year's awards.

County programs have been the most consistent contributors, but business and individual donations are also very much appreciated. All Contributors will be recognized on posters in the Barns at Fair.

Contributions will first purchase Champion Gold Medals, then Reserve Champion Silver Medals and finally Bronze Medals, depending on the amount of donations received prior to State Fair.

Please make checks payable to Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program (who have operated as our treasurer since the 80s!) and mail ASAP to:

Snohomish County Horse Program
c/o Pat Pehling
7310 83rd AVE SE
Snohomish WA 98290-5849

Thank you so much for your support!



4-H International Exchange Program Update

The Inbound Labo Japanese delegates arrived Saturday morning, July 23rd. They had an overnight orientation and departed to their host families' homes after a short cultural presentation on Sunday. The delegates will stay with their hosts until August 15th, experiencing American life and working on their English skills.

This year we have delegates in Whitman, Walla Walla, Thurston, Spokane, Pierce, Grant and Clallam counties. A big thank you to all who helped spread the word about this learning opportunity, those who assisted in the screening process and especially those who opened their hearts and homes to welcome a Japanese delegate.



State 4-H Ambassadors Present the 4-H Youth of the Month for July!

The Washington State 4-H Ambassadors recognize the 4-H Youth of the Month honoree for July, Aubree Triplett of Pacific County! The Ambassadors are proud to highlight 4-H youth monthly throughout the year!



4-H YOUTH OF THE MONTH



Aubree Triplett

Hobbies: She is involved with FFA, speaking competitions, Washington State Junior Hereford Association, and Running Start.

Favorite 4-H Memory: Show days/auction days at fair each year with the community are her favorite as everyone comes together and helps each other.

When Did You Join 4-H? Aubree started when she was 5 years old! She is part of a multi-generational 4-H family that started with her grandparents.

Biggest 4-H Achievement: She has won awards at state for cattle showmanship, helped younger 4-Hers, and seen the real impact of her work.

Biggest Impact 4-H Has Had on Her Life: She believes that learning the importance of leadership, responsibility, and persistence has had the largest impact.

Future Career: She hopes to take on a managerial position within an agricultural company.



Aubree Triplett

*Senior
Pacific County*

PROJECTS:

**Beef Cattle,
Swine, and
Sheep**

Washington State 4-H

Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest Recap



The Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging contest took place on Saturday, June 25th, with over 110 attendees including participants, parents and volunteers. The event was a success as a result of the many hands that pulled it together. Seven Junior, twenty-five Intermediate, and thirty Senior participants competed in eight evaluations and classes with: four sets of reasons (class 1, 2, 3 and 4) for Seniors, two sets of reasons (class 1 and 2) and two sets of questions (class 3 and 4) for Intermediates, and one set of reasons (class 3) and one set of questions (class 1) for Juniors.

Congratulations to Adams-Ritzville, Asotin and Grant for winning travel rights to the BIG three contests (NAILE in Louisville, KY, American Royal in Kansas City, MO, and the Western National Roundup in Denver, CO). The teams' decision regarding which contest they choose to participate in will be shared in a future update. A shout-out to the High Individuals, Landon Williams (Adams County), Jaycee Cox (Columbia County) and Alyssa Williams (Adams-Ritzville) for their efforts in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior contests, respectively. **Overall contest summaries, the top team placings and the high individuals overall for each of the three divisions can be found by clicking [HERE](#).**

A big thank you goes out to my colleagues and volunteers, our sponsors for the event, and most importantly to the Grant County Fairgrounds and Staff – their in-kind donations of staff and facilities made this event possible.

Alert your teams and prospective teams of the opportunity to participate in the 2023 Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging contest at the Grant County Fairgrounds next June! Exact dates will follow in a future update – stay tuned!

Paul Kuber, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, State 4-H Agri-Science Specialist

It's Time For 4-H Hall of Fame and State Recognition Award Nominations!



Our volunteers are outstanding! To let them know we think so, and to acknowledge their contributions to the Washington 4-H Program, the time to nominate them for a state award is NOW! **All state award nominations are due by August 1 to Tony Dell at adell@wsu.edu. The deadline for the Hall of Fame nominations has been extended to August 1! You will find all nomination forms, including criteria for nomination, at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/wastate-volunteer-recognition/>.**

Also, remember to honor that volunteer and teen from your county as Outstanding Volunteer and Outstanding Teen of the Year. These forms are due no later than October 1; a

picture of your honoree(s) is required by the same date – October 1. If a volunteer/teen does not have a picture submitted, we'll use a clover logo in its place for the recognition slide show.



Washington Pork Producers Summer 2022 Newsletter Is Here!

The Summer 2022 edition of the Washington State Pork Producers Newsletter has just been released! Sarah Smith, Extension Regional Animal Sciences Specialist from the WSU Grant/Adams Extension Office, does a great job of providing up-to-date swine information two to three times per year. Included in this issue is information about 4-H/Swine Biosecurity Recommendations, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals information, the impact of high feed costs on youth swine projects, and preventing sunburn in pigs.

To download the newsletter, click [HERE!](#)

There are lots of youths participating in swine projects in the State of Washington. Please share this information widely throughout our 4-H community!



Washington State Veterinarian Releases Letter Addressing Avian Influenza and Fairs Recommendations



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The WSDA strongly recommends temporarily suspending poultry shows, exhibitions, or swap meets until **30 days after the last detection of HPAI** in the state. Commingling birds from many farms is extremely high-risk for disease transmission and has potential to create a superspreader event.

Read and download the complete letter **HERE**

AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATES

Articles and Links

All About Avian Influenza

If you have poultry or know someone who does, please read through this material and use the links as needed. Currently, the surveillance areas are for 10 kilometers/about 6.2 miles and for 30 days from the point of origin, current information at **<https://agr.wa.gov/departments/animals-livestock-and-pets/avian-health/avian-influenza/bird-flu-2022>**, you can see when and where there are confirmed cases around the state. This first one is the updated WSDA website it has the daily update and a brand-new interactive quarantine area map. There is also a new map showing all of the positive locations in the U.S. As of May 17th, at 10 AM there are eight confirmed positive backyard flocks (small flocks), in eight different counties in the State of WA.

Fairs will make their own decisions but remember it is still early for most fairs to make a call on hosting poultry shows at county/community fairs and the surveillance is for 30 days. At this time, this is not a quarantine other than for the properties that have been depopulated.

Currently, migrations of wild waterfowl are the major mode/vector/fomite that is spreading Avian Influenza. However, attention to bio-security practices should be enhanced so that we (people) and our modes of transportation as well as other animals do not become fomites. There is MUCH more information below and many links to help answer your questions and a link to watch a recorded broadcast via YouTube with our WA State Veterinarian Dr. Amber Itle from 5/12/22.

Pam Watson, WSU Lewis County Extension 4-H and Poultry

Avian Influenza in Washington State – What all bird owners should know and think about ...

Avian Influenza is in Washington State and since birds use a flyway and don't stick to the freeways it should be considered everywhere. Be extra careful during wild bird migration seasons (spring and fall) particularly wild waterfowl, to protect your flock from infectious diseases. Where possible

keep birds inside or undercover and check coops, pens, and poultry houses regularly for areas that allow wild birds to perch, nest, or interact with domesticated fowl. Learn more about biosecurity at: bit.ly/DefendtheFlock-Resources (available in several languages).

Please report any unusual or high rates of illness or death in your flocks: WSDA Sick Bird Hotline at 1-800-606-3056.

For food safety questions, call WSDA Food Safety Program at 1-360-902-1876 Contact the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to report sick or dead wild birds [Report Wildlife Observations \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

The infographic is titled "Where do I report sick/dead birds in WA?". It is divided into two columns: "Domestic" and "Wild".

- Domestic:** Features a photograph of a rooster. A speech bubble next to it says "WSDA Sick Bird Hotline!". Below the photo is the phone number "1-800-606-3056".
- Wild:** Features a photograph of a Canada goose swimming in water. A speech bubble next to it says "WDFW online reporting form!". Below the photo is the URL "bit.ly/sickwildbirds".

AVIAN INFLUENZA – HOW POULTRY OWNERS CAN PROTECT THEIR FLOCK

Below is a recording of a 2021 WSDA webinar on highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and steps poultry owners can take to protect their birds from this disease. In this webinar you will learn:

- What HPAI is and signs to look for in your flock
- How the global conditions are similar to the 2014/2015 outbreak of HPAI that reached Washington
- What effective biosecurity means and practical steps you can take to protect your flock
- Where to find additional resources about biosecurity

- When and how to report bird health issues, including suspected avian influenza

You can [watch the avian influenza webinar on YouTube](#).

Pam Watson, M.Ed.

WSU Lewis County Extension

4-H Youth Development Agent, WSU Faculty

May 13, 2022 | Contact: [State](#) Veterinarian (360) 902-1878

Quick Links to HPAI Information in Washington

Dr. Amber Itle, Washington State Veterinarian

Good morning! With an all-hands-on-deck response effort at WSDA to contain HPAI, I'm having trouble getting these emails out to you all in a timely way. Please regularly check these resources for up-to-date information. You can join our WSDA bird flu Facebook group, watch pre-recorded you tube videos, monitor our bird flu website and check our WSDA new release website for information about detections in new counties, as well as any guidance about shows and fairs. Please distribute widely. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns. Responses may be delayed, but we will get back to you as soon as we can.

[Washington Bird Flu Updates 2022 | Facebook](#)

[WA State Veterinarian Bird Flu Q and A](#)

[WSDA News Releases-](#)

[2022 Washington Bird Flu Detections](#)

[2022 Confirmations of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Commercial and Backyard Flocks](#)

[2022 Detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Wild Birds](#)

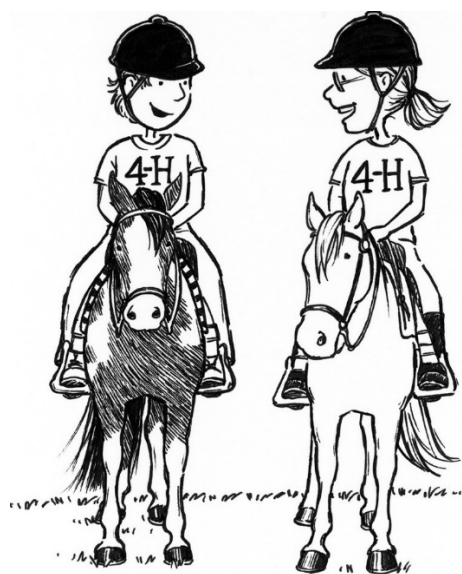
State Equine Presentations Date Has Been Set; Event Will Be Virtual

The Washington State 4-H Equine presentations, as part of the Washington State 4-H Fair, will once again be a "virtual" contest. It will be held on Sunday, September 11th within the time frame of 10 am to 5 pm. Please connect with your county 4-H staff person with regard to the registration form for this contest for State Fair. **The registration form is WS4HF/1.06 and your county 4-H staff person is aware of the usual state fair registration process for state fair events and activities. Your county 4-H staff person must complete the WS4HF/1.06 to verify eligibility for this state contest.**

Contest rules are in process, and will be posted soon on the State 4-H Webpage's Horse page: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/>. Please keep in mind – the Equine presentations are part of the National Eastern 4-H Horse Roundup and are not the usual public presentations. The rules have strict time limits and must be focused on the equine industry. So please be familiar with the rules that that will be posted to the state website.

For contest information, education or helpful hints, registration details and eligibility contact Jennifer Leach, 4-H Equine Specialist and State Equine presentation coordinator at jleach@wsu.edu.

Small Equine to Be Offered at 2022 4-H State Fair



New this year for our 4-H horse members with small equines are show rules for those counties who are interested in expanding their equine program. The Small Equine program was approved at the State Council meeting in October 2019. And yes...we are now getting them out. A thank you to the “ad hoc” Small Equine Committee of Connie Medeiros, Pat Pehling, Kim Lansing, Laura Shackley; Shelby Gossett, and Hannah Kruchek. Small equine will be offered this year at State Fair. If you have questions about Small Equine—please reach out to Connie at her email address of mythicalmeadows@gmail.com. Connie is also the State Fair Small Equine and Harness Driving Superintendent. More information will soon be coming regarding the details of the Small Equine classes being offered at the 2022 4-H State Fair.

Small Equine Show Rules are now posted on the State 4-H Webpage! Click [HERE](#) to download them!

Submitted by Jennifer Leach, 4-H Equine Specialist (.25FTE)

COVID-19 RESOURCES

4-H COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS UPDATED MARCH 12, 2022

Washington State University has adopted the Governor's updated mask policy which is effective March 12, 2022. This policy eliminates the general masking requirement in both indoor and outdoor situations, unless specifically required for a particular location for health reasons (such as clinics). Also eliminated is the general requirement for social distancing among vaccinated individuals. WSU has extended the relaxation of the masking and distancing requirements to those employees who have exemptions from the vaccine requirement (for religious or medical reasons) and have approved accommodations at their workplace.

WSU Extension has therefore adopted the following:

Vaccination Requirements Continue

The vaccine mandate for WSU employees and volunteers remains in place. WSU employees and volunteers must be fully vaccinated or have an approved exemption with an accommodation on file to engage in work with WSU Extension.

Masking Policy Changes

WSU Extension has adopted the Governor's mask policy effective March 12, 2022. This policy eliminates the general masking requirement in both indoor and outdoor situations, unless specifically required for a particular location such as health care settings and public transportation. This extends to individuals who have an approved accommodation based on a medical or religious exemption, who no longer are required to wear a mask as a condition of that accommodation.

Social Distancing Changes

WSU Extension applies the relaxation of social distancing requirements to those volunteers who are fully vaccinated or have an approved exemption with an accommodation (for religious or medical reasons) on file at their workplace or county office.

PLEASE NOTE – individual offices and locations may continue to require masking and/or distancing at the office level for all office programs in light of local risks and conditions.

GOVERNOR INSLEE'S VACCINATION PROCLAMATION

Announcement Revised September 7, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee issued a health and safety proclamation on August 20, 2021, in response to a continued state of emergency that exists in all counties due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The health and safety proclamation, as ordered by the Governor, includes employees, contractors and volunteers engaged in activities with state agencies and in educational settings. **Therefore, WSU (including WSU Extension and the 4-H program) is required to comply with Governor Inslee's recent vaccination proclamation directives.**

With regard to volunteers, below are a series of references, deadlines and explanations that provide further details.

- **The Proclamation (21-14.1) can be found [HERE](#).**
- **Deadline:** All current WSU Volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated or exempted by October 18th. Volunteers who are not fully vaccinated or who do not have an approved exemption on file by October 18 will be put on inactive status. They will not be able to engage in any volunteer activities with WSU Extension until proof of full vaccination can be observed or until an exemption request has been reviewed.
- **Proof of vaccination:** Contact your local 4-H office for information on how to share proof of your vaccination status..
- **Exemption process:** The state-level exemption process (for religious or medical reasons) can be found at <https://extension.wsu.edu/volunteer-exemption/>

More information on WSU's Vaccination Policy is available on the web at <https://extension.wsu.edu/vaccination-policy/>.

Questions regarding WSU's Vaccination Policy can be directed via e-mail to extension.vaccinepolicy@wsu.edu

A Reminder: COVID-19 Resources Available from WSU Extension

The WSU Extension COVID-19 Updates and Resources page is updated as new information becomes available. The Link to the page is <https://extension.wsu.edu/covid-19/>

WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families has created a resource for parents during COVID-19. The WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19 was developed to help parents and their families navigate the pandemic and the days to follow.

The publication is available at

https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/FS_0039.pdf
