



January 2021 Moos-letter

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Hello Larimer County 4-H Dairy members, families and sponsors,

So happy to announce that Amanda and I went through the new application and interview processes and will continue to be your Co-4-H Dairy Cattle county project leaders and Co-fair superintendents for 2021.

2019 was a challenging year with the vesicular stomatitis virus and then 2020 was an even more challenging year because of Covid-19!

2021 is also going to bring some challenges as well. With Covid-19 still with us, it will change how we have some learning opportunities. Most of you already are used to using your computers for Zoom meetings. I'm going to be learning how to create Zoom meetings/clinics for our January, February and March meetings/clinics. These will be held on the last Fridays of every month. Times are yet to be announced. Hopefully, in April we will be able to meet as a group again in person. We will know more as April approaches.

Do you have any subject you would like to learn about? Please let me know and we can explore the topic. Subjects could possibly be about the Virtual shows. How to prepare, photograph and or video your cattle for these fun events. Robotic dairy farming, breeding for a Champion, etc.... send me ideas!

Time for the Hoards Dairyman's Judging Contest! I have received the paper copies of the contest. If you would like the paper version, please let me know and one can be mailed to you. Most of you have knowledge how to view the contest through the Hoards Dairyman website. Website link can be found through our website, www.larimercountydairyproject.com, For the zoom meeting we will be talking about this contest in more details. This is a required event for Lease A Dairy members. ***Remember you will need to send me your judging results(by March 10th)*** so I can enter us as a 4-H group and Larimer County group. I also need it for our county judging award. (this includes ages from 0 to 100) You are welcome to enter as individuals, families or 4-H clubs through the Hoards Dairyman website.

Lease A Dairy participants: some of the guidelines will be unable to be followed as written again this year. You will still need to attend zoom meetings, plan on doing a informational poster for fair, do record books, work cattle (when allowed.) The extension agents and some staff members are working with the State office to hopefully get exemptions so you can choose and work with your project animals sooner this year. Also because of Covid may restrict how many project animals we may have. We will try our best to find everyone a project.

At this time the Dairy Youth Extravaganza is still on. This year it is moving from the first Sunday/Monday/ Tuesday after Memorial day to the second Sunday/Monday/ Tuesday. Dates for this years event will be June 13-15, 2021. More information coming as I get it.

Changes are being made to the Larimer County Fair starting this year. Amanda and I have our first meeting with the new group coming up soon. We will share details as we can.

As always any questions please contact Amanda or myself. Check out our Facebook page and website too! www.larimercountydairyproject.com

Have a Mooey Great Day!

Shari