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Winter is Livestock (*and Horse*) Banquet Season

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Hardin County – Hardin County has a rich tradition of active livestock commodity group organizations. There are organizations for each of the major livestock species, and these groups have royalty and scholarship opportunities to recognize the youth of the county. In addition, each livestock organization has directors that plan and lead activities for their membership throughout the year. In addition to promoting the youth of the county who have livestock, each group provides programs and activities for the adult producers.

One of the most common programs offered to livestock producers during the winter months in Hardin County are the livestock banquets. Most of the banquets have a speaker or entertainment as part of the program, along with a meal and often door prizes sponsored by the generous donations of local agribusinesses and individuals. Most of the livestock banquets have been ongoing events for many years, with the exception of the Horse Banquet, which is new this year.

The Dairy Service Unit will kick-off the winter livestock banquets with the Dairy Banquet held February 21 at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church. This banquet will of course feature dairy products as part of the menu and will begin at 12:00 noon. Later that same day at 6:30 pm will be the first annual Horse Banquet, celebrating the equine industry. It will be held at the Community Building located on the fairgrounds.

The Sheep Improvement Association will be holding their annual Lamb Banquet on March 7. This event will be at St. John's United Church of Christ, starting at 6:30 pm and will feature different cuts of lamb on the menu. The Pork Producers will hold their annual Pork Banquet at

St. John's United Church of Christ as well at 6:30 pm on March 14. This organization is getting back to sharing the traditional date of the annual Farm Machinery Consignment Sale held at the fairgrounds. Both events will be held on the same day this year.

The Cattle Producers will hold their annual Beef Banquet March 28 at the Community Building on the fairgrounds, beginning at 6:00 pm. Tickets for any of the livestock commodity and horse banquets can be purchased from each organization's directors or from the Hardin County Extension office, located at 1021 W Lima Street in Kenton. Get your tickets for your family soon to be able to enjoy these wonderful events that bring together the agricultural community.

For more information about this year's livestock commodity group banquets, contact OSU Extension, visit the Hardin County OSU Extension web site at hardin.osu.edu, the Hardin County OSU Extension Facebook page, or call Mark Badertscher, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator at 419-674-2297.