

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES FOR SPECIES

Quality Assurance Training, Drug Use Notification Forms, Project/Record Books, Skillathons

Quality Assurance Training

Exhibitors that are enrolled in following areas (breeding and market) are required to participate in an annual Quality Assurance (QA) Training: Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goats, Meat/Market Goats, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits (not including pet rabbits), and Poultry.

Junior Fair Exhibitors must complete the Quality Assurance requirement by June 30th of the current year (all documentation from Club/Chapter QA clinics is due to the OSU Extension Office by June 30th).

For youth who wish to exhibit livestock in the Junior Division of the Ohio State Fair, they should have Quality Assurance completed by June 1st of the current year.

4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters can host their own Quality Assurance Clinic. Club/Chapter QA clinics must be taught by trained and certified assistant instructors (for a complete list of Fairfield County Certified QA Assistant Instructors, contact the OSU Extension Office). Members are required to attend one Quality Assurance Clinic taught by a Certified Assistant Instructor. QA clinics can be set up at the club or chapter level by the advisor.

If a Junior Fair exhibitor's club/chapter does not host a QA clinic or they miss their Club/Chapter QA clinic there will be two countywide makeup dates for exhibitors. These makeup dates are Thursday, May 1st, 2025, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Fairfield County Ag Center/OSU Extension Office.

Exhibitors also have the option of attending approved out-of-county events to meet this requirement. There are opportunities at different clinics, meetings, and livestock shows around the state that offer approved Quality Assurance Trainings. Examples of these types of sessions that would fulfill an exhibitor's Quality Assurance requirements are: The Ohio Beef Expo, Junior Swine Day, Youth Poultry Clinic and other counties' countywide Quality Assurance Clinics. For a list of approved QA training events throughout the state, contact the OSU Extension Office. If a club member chooses to attend one of these types of sessions, they need to provide the OSU Extension office with proof of attendance by June 30th so accurate records will be available for verification if necessary.

Additionally, youth can complete this requirement online through the Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Program. This is the ONLY approved ONLINE Quality Assurance Program for youth in Ohio. Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> for the training and quiz. Exhibitors must complete this option by June 30th of the current year. There is a cost of \$12 per member per year for this training. When complete, members should email their completed YQCA certificate to cooksey.25@osu.edu for documentation by June 30th.

When an exhibitor attends a Club/Chapter QA clinic, he or she has met the QA requirement to exhibit at the fair in all species listed above for the current year. (So, if Chris Clover is taking Beef, Dairy, and Market Goats, he only needs to attend one QA clinic). If exhibitors do not attend an approved QA clinic, they will be ineligible to show at the Fairfield County Junior Fair that year.

Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)

A valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) must be submitted online immediately prior to the Fairfield County Fair for each market or lactating animal that is exhibited by a youth participating in Junior Fair. Animals requiring a DUNF indicating the animal is free from any/all drugs in its system on fair weigh-in/move-in day are:

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| • Market Beef
(Steer or Heifer) | • Dairy Steer | • Market Goat | • Market Duck |
| • Beef Feeders | • Dairy Cow (Lactating) | • Dairy Goat (Lactating) | • MQP Lamb |
| • Dairy Beef Feeder | • MQP Hog | • Market Chickens | • Market Lamb |
| | • Market Hogs | • Market Turkey | • Market Rabbits |

A separate form must be completed for each animal being brought to the Fair (market chicken exhibitors should complete 1 form for their pen of chickens and market rabbit exhibitors should complete 1 form for each pen of market rabbits). For market poultry/rabbits, DUNF forms will be due after fair weigh-in and must be submitted by MIDNIGHT, Saturday, October 4th, 2025. **New for 2025: Market Turkeys will be identified with leg bands at check-in and should enter this number in the identification field in the DUNF form.**

If the information on the form regarding drug use changes or if a drug is subsequently administered at any time after the drug use notification form is filed, an updated drug use notification form shall immediately be filed with the records official.

To submit your form for each animal, visit: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfielddunf>

Forms should be completed no sooner than 5 days prior to animal weigh-in/check-in to be sure that their animal is drug free during the fair. Forms submitted prior to that timeframe will be deleted and exhibitors will be asked to resubmit the DUNF form closer to their animal's weigh-in.

2025 DUNF Forms will be due as follows:

- MQP Goats: NOON, Friday, August 22nd, 2025
- MQP Lambs: NOON, Friday, August 29th, 2025
- MQP Hogs: NOON, Friday, September 5th, 2025
- BPQC (Beef Carcass) - Harvest Date #1: NOON, Friday, August 15th, 2025
- BPCQ (Beef Carcass) - Harvest Date #2: NOON, Friday, September 19th, 2025
- BPCQ (Beef Carcass) - Harvest Date #3: NOON, Friday, September 26th, 2025
- All Market/Lactating Animals (as listed above): NOON, Friday, October 3rd, 2025
- All Market Poultry and Rabbits: MIDNIGHT, Saturday, October 4th, 2025



Fairfield DUNF Form

Project/Record Books

1. 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
2. 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
3. 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Skillathon.
 - For those who forget or don't bring their book – the book will need to be completed and turned into the OSU Extension Office by Friday, September 19th, 2025.
 - Exhibitors who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - No books will be reviewed after September 21st, 2025.

Project Books are required for each project coming to fair.

- Cakes/Pies/Pastries/Candies – Bring complete/up-to-date book to judging at fair.
- Companion Animals – Bring complete/up-to-date books for judging at fair.
- Dogs – Bring complete/up-to-date books to You and Your Dog judging on Sunday of fair.
- All livestock/horse completed/up-to-date project books should either be:
 - a. Brought to their respective Skillathon Day (if participating in that specie's county Skillathon), or
 - b. Turned into the OSU Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19th, 2025 (if Ohio State Fair Skillathon or no county Skillathon is being completed).
 - **ALL LIVESTOCK/HORSE PROJECT BOOKS WILL BE REVIEWED ON SKILLATHON DATES BY OUR BOOK JUDGES. THEY MUST BE COMPLETE IN ORDER TO SHOW AT THE FAIR.**
 - **INCOMPLETE BOOKS WILL HAVE FAIR ENTRIES DENIED.**
 - **We will not collect books or give more time for books to be finished between the last Skillathon date and fair.**

Skillathons

Skillathons are events for youth to show what they know about a species and to be recognized for their knowledge and skills. The Fairfield County Junior Fair requires the completion of at least one Skillathon per 4-H/FFA exhibitor in order to show at 2025 Fairfield County Junior Fair for all beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit (except pet rabbits), sheep, swine, dog, horse, and alpaca/llama projects. Fairfield County Skillathons may include (but are not limited to) animal anatomy/body parts, breeding and reproduction, feeds and nutrition, current events, diseases and animal health, equipment ID, feed ID, Quality Assurance, breeds, marketing, meats, and recordkeeping. **2025 Fairfield County Skillathons will include breeds, parasites/diseases, feeds and nutrition, a completed project/record book and an interview.**

Here are options to meet this Junior Fair requirement:

1. Participate in a Fairfield County Skillathon event to be held September 6th and 21st at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.
 - Fairfield County youth interested in competing for any Fairfield County Premier Exhibitor Award must complete the COUNTY Skillathon in each respective specie they play to compete in.
 - Example: Exhibitor wishes to compete for Swine Premier Exhibitor Award and Poultry Premier Exhibitor Award must complete both the swine and poultry Fairfield County Skillathons on September 6th, (swine) and 21st (poultry).
 - For more information about Premier Exhibitor Contests, see the next page.
 - Youth will be asked to complete a tiebreaker question at Skillathon – this will be used to break ties for Premier Exhibitor and/or Skillathon if needed.
 - Skillathon Species for Saturday, September 6th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. includes Beef, Dairy Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Cattle.
 - Skillathon Species for Sunday, September 21st from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. includes Pygmy Goats, Dairy Goats, Horses, Alpacas/Llamas, Poultry, Rabbits, Dogs.
 - Fairfield County Skillathons will take place in the Ed Sands Building at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.
 - Scheduling for Skillathon will open in August.
 - Click here to schedule for each Skillathon you wish to participate in: <http://go.osu.edu/signup4skillathon>.
 - Top 20% Junior and Senior Skillathon Awards will be awarded at the fair.
2. **Participate in the Ohio State Fair Virtual Skillathon.**
 - **Ohio State Fair Virtual Skillathons are open May 26th through September 1st.**
 - To complete an Ohio State Fair Virtual Skillathon, visit: <http://go.osu.edu/osfskillathon>.
 - Youth do not have to be exhibitors at the Ohio State Fair to participate.
 - Fairfield County youth must complete Ohio State Fair Virtual Skillathon by September 1st if they choose this option to meet the county Skillathon requirement.
3. **Participate in the Ohio State Fair In-Person Skillathon.**
 - Registration takes place on the day event at the Ohio State Fair.
 - Youth do not have to be exhibitors at the Ohio State Fair to participate.
 - For in-person Ohio State Fair Skillathon information, dates and times, visit: <http://go.osu.edu/osfskillathon>.
4. **Makeup Skillathon**
 - The makeup Skillathon will take place on Monday, September 22nd, 2025 (by appointment) from 4-8 p.m. at the **Ed Sands Building at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.**
 - Exhibitors can schedule to take a makeup Skillathon by calling the OSU Extension Office at 740-653-5419.
 - Youth completing the makeup Skillathon will not be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor Contest in that specie.
 - If youth need to complete the makeup Skillathon option, they will need to have all 4-H/FFA record books turned into the OSU Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19th, 2025, so that project book judges can review them on the second Skillathon day (September 21st, 2025).



Signup for Fairfield County Skillathon