

Junior Fair Rules and Awards Book

Fairfield County Junior Fair

OCTOBER 5-11, 2025

Junior Fair Entry Deadline:
11:59 p.m. Friday, August 29th



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Livestock Sale Information can be found at u.osu.edu/livestocksale

Junior Fair Awards have been omitted from the
Junior Fair Book until sponsors are finalized.

2025 Fairfield County Junior Fair Schedule

Saturday, March 8th 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.	Market Beef and Dairy Steer Possession and Weigh-In (by appt) Dog Possession	Fairfield Cattle Company
Tuesday, April 1st		
Tuesday, April 15th 11:59 p.m.	4-H Online Enrollment Deadline for all 4-H Members & Advisors MQP Application (MQP Swine, Lambs, Goats) due	Online Online
Thursday, May 1st 11:59 p.m.		
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Homegrown Market Wethers (Goats) & Homegrown Market Rabbit Forms due Countywide Quality Assurance Clinic	Online OSU Extension/Ag Center
Saturday, May 17th 8:15-9:15 a.m.	MQP Goat Possession Date/Weigh-In & Tagging	Sheep/Goat Barn, Fairgrounds
Tuesday, May 20th 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Countywide Quality Assurance Clinic	OSU Extension/Ag Center
Sunday, June 1st 4 p.m.	Horse Possession	
4 p.m.	Horse ID Forms (with photo), Negative Coggins Test, EquiSTEP, Lease & Pony Form due	OSU Extension
4 p.m.	Horse Permission to Participate (FFA Members) due	OSU Extension
11:59 p.m.	Dog Identification and Vaccination Certificates due Quality Assurance Deadline for Livestock Exhibitors showing at the Ohio State Fair	OSU Extension
Saturday, June 28th 7-11 a.m.	Market Check-In/MQP Hog Check-In/Weigh-In & Possession	Fairgrounds
8-11 a.m.	Market Check-In/MQP Lamb Check-In/Weigh-In & Possession	Fairgrounds
8-11 a.m.	Dairy Feeder Check-In/Weigh-In/Possession	Fairgrounds
8-11 a.m.	Market Goat Check-In/Possession	Fairgrounds
Monday, June 30th	Quality Assurance Deadline for Livestock Exhibitors showing at the Fairfield County Fair	
Tuesday, July 1st 4 p.m.	Dairy Cattle, Beef Breeding, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Goat, Meat Does, Pygmy Goats, Alpaca/Llama, Breeding Poultry, Market Turkeys (no earlier possession than May 1 st), Breeding Rabbits, Companion Animals Possession	OSU Extension
4 p.m.	Dairy Cattle, Beef Breeding and Breeding Sheep Notarized Letter due	OSU Extension
Monday, July 14th 11 a.m.-5 p.m.	4-H Project Judging (by appt) - Creative Arts, Cake Decorating, Family Life, Clothing, Food & Nutrition, Health, Home Decorating & Design, All Self-Determined, Registered and Crossbred Beef Breeding Identification due 4-H Style Revue	Ed Sands Building Quilting OSU Extension Liberty Union High School
4 p.m.		
7 p.m.		
Tuesday, July 15th 11 a.m.-5 p.m.	4-H Project Judging (by appt) - Leadership, Natural Resources, Shooting Sports, STEM, Vet Science, Welding, Woodworking, Workforce Prep	Ed Sands Building
Tuesday, July 29th	4-H Late Judging (by appt)	OSU Extension
Friday, August 1st	4-H Booth Requests Due	OSU Extension
Monday, August 11th	FairEntry Opens for Junior Fair Entries	Online: http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairetry
Friday, August 15th	Market Duck and Beef Feeder Possession DUNF Form due for BPCQ (Beef Carcass) Harvest Date #1	Online: http://go.osu.edu/fairfielddunf
Sunday, August 17th	4-H Summerfest (6 p.m.)	TBD
Tuesday, August 19th	BPCQ (Beef Carcass) Final Weigh-In - Harvest Date #1	Fairgrounds
Wednesday, August 20th	Beef Feeder Identification due	OSU Extension
Friday, August 22nd 12 p.m.	DUNF Form due for MQP Goats	Online: http://go.osu.edu/fairfielddunf
Sunday, August 24th 3-4 p.m.	Meat/Market Goat Pre-Fair Exhibitor Meeting and MQP Goat Final Weigh-In	Fairgrounds
Friday, August 29th 11:59 p.m. CST	FairEntry Deadline (Reg. Beef Breeding Registration Numbers due w/FairEntry)	Online: http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairetry
12 p.m.	DUNF Form due for MQP Lambs	Online: http://go.osu.edu/fairfielddunf
Monday, September 1st 11:59 p.m.	Market Chickens Possession	
12:30 p.m.	Ohio State Fair Virtual Skillathon Deadline MQP Lamb Final Weigh-In	Online Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
Friday, September 5th 12 p.m.	DUNF Form due for MQP Hogs	Online: http://go.osu.edu/fairfielddunf
4 p.m.	Junior Fair Queen & Commodity Rep Applications	OSU Extension
11:59 p.m.	Junior Fair Entry Verification Due (by advisors)	OSU Extension
Saturday, September 6th 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Skillathon (by appt) - Dairy Feeders & Cattle, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats	Ed Sands Building, Fairgrounds
Sunday, September 7th 1 p.m.	MQP Hog Final Weigh-In	Swine Barn, Fairgrounds
Saturday, September 13th 8:30-11:30 a.m.	Market Rabbit Possession and Tattooing/Tagging	Fairgrounds
Friday, September 19th 12 p.m.	DUNF Form due for BPCQ (Beef Carcass) - Harvest Date #2	Online: http://go.osu.edu/fairfielddunf
4 p.m.	4-H/FFA Project/Record Book Deadline	OSU Extension Office
Saturday, September 20th	Horse Stalling Requests due to Horse Superintendent (by advisors)	
Sunday, September 21st 11 a.m.-4 p.m.	Skillathon (by appt) – Dogs, Horses, Dairy Goats, Pygmy Goats, Alpaca/Llama, Poultry, Rabbits (Dog Agility 1-3, Feeder Creek)	Ed Sands Building, Fairgrounds
Monday, September 22nd 4-8 p.m.	Make-Up Skillathon (by appt)	Ed Sands Building, Fairgrounds
Tuesday, September 23rd Friday, September 26th 12 p.m.	BPCQ (Beef Carcass) Final Weigh-In - Harvest Date #2	Fairgrounds
Tuesday, September 30th Friday, October 3rd 12 p.m.	DUNF Form due for BPCQ (Beef Carcass) - Harvest Date #3 BPCQ (Beef Carcass) Final Weigh-In - Harvest Date #3	Online: http://go.osu.edu/fairfielddunf Fairgrounds
2-7 p.m.	DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON (all market and lactating animals) 4-H Display Booth Setup	Online: http://go.osu.edu/fairfielddunf 4-H Display Barn

Saturday, October 4th

8 a.m.-12 p.m. Dairy Goat Check-In
 9 a.m. Horses and Poultry can begin to arrive
 9-11 a.m. Pullorum Testing available for Market Chickens
 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Breeding Rabbit Registration
 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Market Rabbit Weigh-In
10 a.m. Meat/Market Goat Exhibitor Meeting
 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Market Beef and Beef Feeder Weigh-In
 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Pygmy Goat Check-In
 10 a.m. 2 p.m. 4-H Display Booth Setup
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Alpaca/Llama Arrival and Check-In
10:30-11:30 a.m. **Meat Doe Weigh-In (Junior Does) and Check-In**
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Poultry Check-In (except market chickens/ducks)
 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Beef Heifer Papers/DNA/EID/Tattoos Checked
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Market Goat Weigh-In**
 12 p.m. All Beef Animals must be stalled
 12 p.m. All Rabbits must be in place
 12 p.m. Dairy Goat Exhibitor Meeting
 1-5 p.m. Market Hog Weigh-In
 1 p.m. Rabbit Exhibitor Meeting
 1 p.m. Breeding Poultry must be in place
 1:30 p.m. Poultry Exhibitor Meeting
 2 p.m. Sheep Exhibitor Meeting and all sheep must be stalled
 2:30-4:30 p.m. Market Chicken and Market Duck Weigh-In
 2:30-4 p.m. Market Lamb Weigh-In
 5:30 p.m. Swine Exhibitor Meeting
 4 p.m. Market Poultry must be in place
 6 p.m. Beef Exhibitor Meeting
 7 p.m. FFA Ag Engineering & Production entries in place
 7 p.m. Junior Fair Panorama and Queen's Contest
 MIDNIGHT DUNF forms must be filled out (all market rabbits and market poultry)

Sunday, October 5th

8-10 a.m. 4-H Endowment Breakfast
 8 a.m. Dog Show Registration, Dog Show to follow at 8:30 a.m.
 9 a.m. Horses must be stalled **and ready for inspection for premiums**
 10 a.m. Pet Rabbit Judging (by appt)
 10-11 a.m. Dairy Feeder and Dairy Steer Weigh-In
 11:30 a.m. Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Meeting
 11:30 a.m. Cavies/Amphibians/Birds/Reptiles Judging (by appt)
 12:30 p.m. Livestock Judging Contest Registration, Contest to follow at 1 p.m.
 1 p.m. Cat Judging (by appt)
 1:30 p.m. Rodents/Ferrets Judging (by appt)
 4 p.m. Swine Showmanship
 5 p.m. Pygmy Goat Exhibitor Meeting (followed by fun show)
 6 p.m. Poultry Showmanship

Monday, October 6th

8:30 a.m. Breeding Turkeys can arrive
 8:30 a.m. Market Hog Show (Purebreds, Crossbred Gilts, Crossbred Barrows)
 10 a.m. Turkey Show
 11 a.m. Pygmy Goat Show
 12:30 p.m. Breeding Poultry and Market Poultry Show
 3-6 p.m. Cakes, Pies, Pastries, Candies Judging (by appt) - Awards at 7 p.m.
 6 p.m. Dairy Judging Contest

Tuesday, October 7th

8 a.m. Beef Show (Showmanship, Breeding, Feeders, Market, BBR)
8:30 a.m. **Market Rabbit Show**
 9 a.m. Dairy Goat Show
12:30 p.m. **Rabbit Showmanship**
 1 p.m. Alpaca/Llama Show
 4 p.m. Dairy Beef Feeder and Dairy Steer Show and Showmanship
 6 p.m. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship
 7 p.m. Junior Fair Night (sponsored by Junior Fair Board)

Wednesday, October 8th

8 a.m. Meat/Market Goat Show (Does, Market)
 8:30 a.m. Saddle Horse Show
 10 a.m. Dairy Breeding Show and Showmanship
 12:00 p.m. (approx.) Sheep Showmanship, Breeding, Market Lamb Show

Thursday, October 9th

8 a.m. Super Showmanship
 11 a.m. Breeding Rabbit Show
 10 a.m. Saddle Horse Show
 5 p.m. Livestock Sale (**Sale Order is Pending**)

Friday, October 1st

9 a.m. Champions on Display
 10 a.m. Livestock Sale (**Sale Order is Pending**)
 1 p.m. Saddle Horse Show Contesting Classes

Saturday, October 11th

9 a.m. Champions on Display

Release Times: Check Specie Rules

Ed Sands Building

Poultry Barn (former Meat Goat Barn)
 Rabbit Barn
 #50 Show Arena
 Goat/Sheep Barn (former Beef Barn)
 Swine Barn
 Ed Sands Building
 4-H Display Barn
 Ed Sands Building
Goat/Sheep Barn (former Beef Barn)
 Poultry Barn (former Meat Goat barn)
 Beef Barn (L Barn)
Goat/Sheep Barn (former Beef Barn)
 Beef Barn (L Barn)
 Rabbit Barns
 Ed Sands Building
 Swine Barn
 #50 Show Arena
 Poultry Barn (former Meat Goat barn)
 #50 Show Arena
 Goat/Sheep Barn (former Beef Barn)
 #50 Show Arena
 Goat/Sheep Barn (former Beef Barn)
 Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
 Poultry Barn (former Meat Goat barn)
 Shelter House by Feeder Creek
 4-H/FFA Display Barn
 Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
 Online: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldundf>

Rickett's Hall
 Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
 AAA Building
 #50 Show Arena
 Round Cattle Barn
 Round Cattle Barn
 #50 Show Arena
 Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
 #50 Show Arena
 #50 Show Arena
 Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
 Ed Sands Show Arena
 #50 Show Arena

#50 Show Arena
 Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
 #50 Show Arena
 Ed Sands Building Show Arena
 #50 Show Arena
 4-H/FFA Display Barn
 Round Cattle Barn

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
#50 Show Arena
 Ed Sands Building Show Arena
#50 Show Arena
 Ed Sands Building Show Arena
 Round Cattle Barn
 Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
Location TBD

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
 Outdoor Horse Arena
 Round Cattle Barn
 Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
 #50 Show Arena
 Outdoor Horse Arena
 Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena

Ed Sands Building
 Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena
 Outdoor Horse Arena

Ed Sands Building

Fairfield County Junior Fair Board Members



Makenna Lybarger
President



Brin Leigh Hoisington
VP Publicity & Finance



Carter Bergados
VP Programming



Charlie Sponseller
VP Programming



Addie Dennis
Secretary



Rachel Sponseller
Corr. Secretary



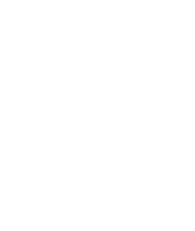
Aubrey Duke-Ward
Junior Advisor



Henry Hoisington
Junior Advisor



Reagan Thomas
Junior Advisor



Paisley Alt



Raelyn Bader



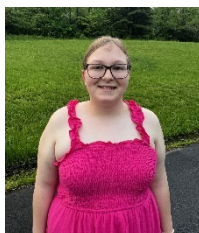
Samantha Bader



Julia Barber



Ryan Buchwalter



Isabella Busey



Katie Cade



Zoey Comston



Julia Cowdrey



Brianna Downey



Ashley Duke-Ward



Trishelle Heck



Emilyn Kanet



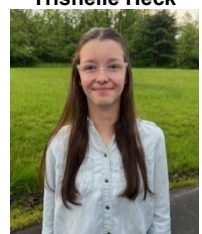
Blake Krile



Zoey Matz



Madison Menke



Braeden Neff



Ashley Orth



Izabel Peters



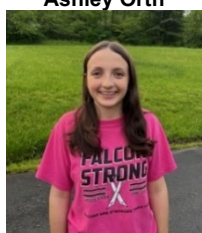
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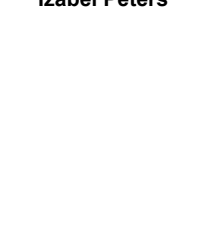
Robyn Rex



Chelsea Steitz



Kaitlyn Stonerock



Taylen Thompson

Junior Fair Board Advisors

- Leslie Cooksey, 4-H Extension Educator
- Greg Coulter, 4-H Advisory (4-H Advisory Committee)
- Aubry Fowler, 4-H Extension Educator
- Blake Fox, 4-H Advisor (4-H Advisory Committee)
- Doug Shell, Junior Fair Director/Senior Fair Board
- Abby Skinner, 4-H Advisor (At-Large)
- Sydney Burns, FFA Advisor (Bloom Carroll)
- Elisabeth Williams, FFA Advisor (Fairfield Career Center)

Fairfield County 4-H/FFA Committee Constitution

(Rev 1988, 1992, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2017)

ARTICLE I – Title

Section I: This organization shall be known as the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

Section I: The purpose of this group shall be to promote the interest of Fairfield County 4-H and FFA youth through their experience and activities at the Fairfield County Fair.

Whenever possible, activities of Junior Fair Exhibitors shall be coordinated by the Junior Fair Board for the benefit of the 4-H and FFA organizations. They shall assist and cooperate with the Senior Fair Board by carrying out the activities and events of the Fairfield County Junior Fair.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section I: Membership of the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board is open to Fairfield County 4-H and FFA youth between the ages of 14 and 18 years old. New 4-H and FFA Members applying to be members of the Junior Fair Board must turn 14 years old by October 1st of the current year to serve at that year's Fairfield County Fair.

Section II: Members must be a member in good standing with the 4-H and/or FFA organization(s) they represent during their year(s) of service.

Section III: Members should have at least two years of Junior Fair project exhibition experience.

ARTICLE IV – Board Members

Section I: Membership of the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board shall consist of representatives from FFA and 4-H organizations in Fairfield County. Total membership not exceeding 30 members, plus Junior Advisors and advisors.

Section II: Membership of the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board may also include up to 5 Junior Advisors who have previously completed at least two years of service to the Junior Fair Board but will be seniors or older at the time of the Fairfield County Junior Fair. Junior Advisors must still be eligible to be an exhibitor at the Junior Fair at the time in which they serve.

ARTICLE V – Selection

Section I: The selection of Members and Junior Advisors to the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board will be as follows: The Fairfield County Junior Fair Board Adult Advisory Committee (c/o the 4-H Extension Educator) will select representatives from 4-H and FFA organizations for a one-year repeatable term following an application and interview selection process. The Fairfield County Junior Fair Board Adult Advisory Committee will determine which returning Junior Fair Board Members may need to repeat the interview selection process beyond their first year.

Section II: Each member of the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board must reapply to remain a board member each year by January of the current year.

Section III: Terms shall not be repeatable for members missing more than two unexcused meetings per year or who do not fulfill their fair time responsibilities fully. It shall be the member's responsibility to have a substitute at the meetings should they be required to miss one. Members serving as a Junior Advisor will not be held accountable for this meeting requirement but must attend every meeting possible.

Section IV: Terms will run from March 1st of the current year through February 28th of the following year.

Section V: Junior Fair Board Members who fail to perform their duties in a responsible and timely fashion may be removed from the Junior Fair Board by the Junior Fair Board Adult

Advisory Committee. Junior Fair Board Members may also be removed from their position for inappropriate personal conduct.

ARTICLE VI – Board Supervision

Section I: This organization will be under the supervision of the Junior Fair Director and the Junior Fair Board Adult Advisory Committee.

Section II: This Adult Advisory Committee will consist of two representatives from the Senior Fair Board, two Fairfield County 4-H Advisors, two Fairfield County Agricultural Education Teachers, Representatives of OSU Extension, and 1 At-Large Advisor which is selected by the Junior Fair Board Adult Advisory Committee and does not have a term limit but is reviewed by the adult advisors of this committee annually.

ARTICLE VII – Officers

Section I: The following officers will be elected: President, Vice-President of Programming, Vice President of Publicity and Finance, Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary.

Section II: Officers will serve a term of one year in a non-repeatable position.

Section III: Officers shall be elected by majority vote of a quorum of Junior Fair Board Members and Junior Advisors present at their organizational meeting.

Section IV: Members should have completed at least one successful year on the Junior Fair Board before running for an officer position.

Section V: Junior Advisors cannot run for officer positions.

ARTICLE VIII – Meetings

Section I: Meetings and other required events/activities of the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board will be held as outlined in the schedule included in the application packet each year.

Section II: Meetings of the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board may be called by the President, Vice President, the Adult Advisory Committee, or the Junior Fair Director.

Section III: Members of the Adult Advisory Committee may bring any item of business to the floor and move motions but are ineligible to vote.

ARTICLE IX – Amendments

Section I: An amendment to the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board Constitution must first be approved by the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board Adult Advisory Committee to be presented before the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board.

Section II: Amendments will then be submitted to the members of the Junior Fair Board in writing at least one week prior to the meeting time at which action will be taken.

Section III: A 2/3 vote of the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board membership must be in favor of any amendment added to the constitution.

ARTICLE X – Board Responsibilities

Section I: Under the direction and supervision of the Junior Fair Director and the Fairfield County Junior Fair Board, all members will aid in planning, conducting, and evaluating the Fairfield County Junior Fair activities, shows, and events.

Section II: Members will assist in determining the Junior Fair Rules and activity schedule.

Section III: Members will assist at Quality Assurance Countywide Trainings, weigh-ins, taggings, check-ins, and other events prior to fair.

Section IV: Members will assist in getting Junior Fair facilities ready for shows and events.

Section V: Members will assist judges and show superintendents with show ring responsibilities and recordkeeping during the fair.

Section VI: Members will attend all regular and special meetings and special events of the Junior Fair Board and Show Committees.

Section VII: Individual Junior Fair (4-H and FFA) exhibit areas are as follows: Dairy Cattle, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Horses, Dairy Goats, Market/Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Llamas, Poultry, Rabbits, Crops, FFA Engineering and Production, Dogs, Companion Animals, 4-H Miscellaneous, 4-H Environmental Sciences, 4-H Engineering, 4-H Nutrition, 4-H Clothing, 4-H Health and Family Consumer Sciences, Livestock Judging Contest, Super Showmanship, and Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

Junior Fair Board Sponsorships

New Junior Fair Board Members	Farm Credit Mid-America 4-H Advisory Committee	Jackets
New Junior Fair Board Members	In Memory of Louisa & Eleanor Mosley	Name Badges
All Junior Fair Board Members	Un-sponsored	T-Shirts
Skillathon Volunteer Thank You Gifts	Repairs Unlimited	Sandwich Coupon

Junior Fair Queen Awards

Junior Fair Queen	Angela Krile Friendly Bremen Banking Center Classic Images by Dave Saunders Angela Krile Jake's Sportswear Promotions by Design/School Colors Ava Jewelers Fitzpatrick Enterprises/Krile Communications Natalyn Wymer	Tiara Sash Gift Certificate Arm Bouquet Trophy Blanket Pendant Queen's Luncheon Crown Box
1 st & 2 nd Attendants	Friendly Bremen Banking Center (2) Angela Krile (2) Angela Krile (2) Promotions by Design/School Colors (2) Ava Jewelers (2) Natalyn Wymer (2)	Sashes Tiaras Arm Bouquets Blanket Pendants Crown Boxes
Queen Contestant Finalists	Angela Krile Friendly Bremen Banking Center	Corsages Interview Location

**Please review rules in detail due to numerous updates and changes.
Effective May 23, 2024**

OHIO'S LIVESTOCK HEALTH EXHIBITION RULES

901:1-18-01 Chapter's application.

1. Animals when moved within or imported into Ohio solely for exhibition purposes shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.
2. Animals imported into Ohio for any purpose in addition to exhibition purposes shall meet all movement and import requirements of Chapter 901:1-17 of the Administrative Code.

901:1-18-02 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Official veterinarian" means any licensed and accredited veterinarian approved by the Ohio department of agriculture, or an employee of the Ohio department of agriculture or the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services.
- (B) "Certificate of veterinary inspection" means the same as an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection as defined in 9 C.F.R. 86.1.
- (C) "Contagious or infectious disease" means any disease, including any foreign animal disease, or vector, capable of transmission by any means from a carrier animal to a human or to another animal and includes dangerously contagious or infectious diseases.
- (D) "Department" means the Ohio department of agriculture or its designee.
- (E) "Exhibition" means the same as defined in section 901.70 of the Revised Code.
- (F) "Licensed and accredited veterinarian" means a person who is licensed by the state of Ohio to practice veterinary medicine and who is certified by the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services, to be an accredited veterinarian.
- (G) "Official ear tag" means a United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection services approved electronic identification device that is both visibly and electronically readable.
- (H) "Residue" means any poisonous or deleterious pesticide governed by 40 C.F.R. 180 (2017), any poisonous or deleterious substance governed by 21 C.F.R. 109.6 (2017), or any other substance governed by 21 C.F.R. 556 (2019).

901:1-18-03 Exhibitions: sanitation, inspection and records.

- (A) Each entity sponsoring an exhibition shall have in attendance an official veterinarian for the duration of the exhibit.
- (B) Each entity sponsoring an exhibition shall:
 - (1) Under the direction of the official veterinarian, thoroughly clean and disinfect each building, pen, stall, ring, or other enclosure in which animals are to be quartered for exhibition immediately prior to the exhibition;
 - (2) Have the official veterinarian:
 - (a) Examine the certificate of veterinary inspection when required for an animal brought to the exhibition;
 - (b) Inspect within a reasonable time of arrival each animal brought to the exhibit for any clinical signs of any infectious or contagious diseases;
 - (c) Inspect each animal daily that is present at the exhibition for symptoms of infectious or contagious disease.
 - (3) Maintain a record for one year from the date of the exhibition of each animal present at the exhibit. The records contain the name and address of the owner of each animal, the species, official identification (if applicable), and breed of the animal.
 - (4) Order the immediate removal of any animal which, in the opinion of the official veterinarian, places other animals at unacceptable risk of any infectious or contagious disease.
- (C) The department may grant an exemption from paragraph (A) and (B)(1) of this rule upon request and for good reason.

901:1-18-04 Exhibitors. An exhibitor, owner, or bailee shall:

- (A) Not present for exhibition or exhibit livestock which exhibitor, owner, or bailee knows or has reason to suspect is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease or residue.
- (B) Immediately remove livestock with any clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease from the exhibition premises when directed by an exhibition official, the official veterinarian, or the department.
- (C) Present a certificate of veterinary inspection, registration certificate, vaccination certificate, or other document to exhibition officials, the official veterinarian, or the department upon request.
- (D) Failure to comply with the rules of this chapter may result in the department taking action pursuant to section 941.10 of the Revised Code, issuing a quarantine order, or issuing a notice of violation until such time that the violation has been remedied.

901:1-18-05 Poultry and fowl.

1. All turkeys, chickens and gamebirds exhibited in Ohio must either:
 1. Originate directly from a flock or hatchery which is a participant in the national poultry improvement plan (NPIP) for the eradication of disease and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph; NPIP status is only valid for one year.
 - 2) Originate directly from a flock which has had a negative test for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease within twelve months preceding the opening date of exhibition and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph;
 - 3) Have had a negative test for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease, within ninety days, preceding the opening date of the exhibition and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph; or
 - 4) Be tested for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease upon arrival at the exhibition by a tester approved by the Ohio department of agriculture and found negative.
- (B) Any co-mingling of birds voids national poultry improvement plan status from the original flock or hatchery.
- (C) The rapid whole blood test shall not be used to test turkeys for compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (A)(2), (A)(3) and (A)(4) of this rule.
- (D) Waterfowl, doves and, pigeons are exempt from this rule.

901:1-18-06 Cattle.

- (A) Cattle moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (B) All cattle imported and upon entry into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule 901:1-17-03 of the Administrative Code and be identified with an official ear tag.

901:1-18-07 Goats.

- (A) Goats moved within Ohio for exhibition:
 - (1) The animal presented for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
 - (2) All sexually intact animals and any wether eighteen months of age and older must be identified with an official identification as defined in rule 901:1-13-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Goats imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule 901:1-17-06 of the Administrative Code.

901:1-18-08 Horses, mules and ponies.

- (A) Horses, mules, asses, and ponies moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease. If the animal is twelve months of age or older, the exhibition may require that the animal has been tested and classed negative to an official test for equine infectious anemia within twelve months of the opening date of the exhibition.
- (B) Horses, mules, asses, and ponies imported into Ohio for exhibition shall comply with rule 901:1-17-07 of the Administrative Code.

901:1-18-09 Sheep.

- (A) Sheep moved within Ohio for exhibition:
 - (1) The animal presented for exhibition must show no symptoms or clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease.
 - (2) All sexually intact animals and any wether eighteen months of age and older must be identified with an official identification as defined in rule 901:1-13-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Sheep imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule 901:1-17-08 of the Administrative Code.

901:1-18-10 Swine.

- (A) Swine moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (B) Swine imported and upon entry into Ohio for exhibition shall comply with rule 901:1-17-09 of the Administrative Code and be identified with an official ear tag.

901:1-18-11 Camelids.

- (A) Camelids including, but not limited to, llamas, alpacas and vicuaas moved within Ohio for exhibition purposes must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (B) Camelids including, but not limited to, llamas, alpacas and vicuaas imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with paragraphs (A), (B)(3), and (C) of rule 901:1-17-15 of the Administrative Code.

OHIO'S LIVESTOCK TAMPERING EXHIBITION RULES

901-19-01 Definitions. As used in Chapter 901-19 of the Administrative Code:

- (A) "Accessory reproductive tissue" includes testicular tissue and epididymis.
- (B) "Agricultural society" or "society" means a county agricultural society or an independent agricultural society that is organized under the laws of the state of Ohio.
- (C) "Approved drug" means a drug with an established tolerance approved by the United States food and drug administration listed at 21 C.F.R. Part 556 when used according to label directions for the species indicated on the label.
- (D) "Breed show" or "breed class" means a show or class limited to breeding stock of a specific breed of livestock.
- (E) "Class" means a division within a show or exhibition as defined by a sponsor.
- (F) "Department" means the department of agriculture created under section 121.02 of the Revised Code.
- (G) "Designee" when used in reference to an exhibitor, means a member of the exhibitor's family or household or any other registered or authorized representative of the exhibitor.
- (H) "Director" means the Ohio director of agriculture appointed pursuant to section 121.03 of the Revised Code.
- (I) "Drenching" means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.
- (J) "Drug" means drug as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code and its metabolites.
- (K) "Drug use notification form" means the declaration statement or document completed by the exhibitor attesting to responsible drug stewardship and to the slaughter eligibility of the livestock for food safety purposes.
- (L) "Exhibition" means any of the following:
 - (1) A show or sale of livestock at a fair or elsewhere that is sponsored by the control of a county or independent agricultural society organized under section 1711.01 or 1711.02 of the Revised Code.
 - (2) A show or sale of livestock at the Ohio state fair.(3) A livestock show at a fair or elsewhere or a livestock sale at or associated with a fair or livestock show that is assembled for any length of time.
 - (4) A livestock show at a fair or elsewhere or a livestock sale at or associated with a fair or livestock show that includes livestock with origins outside this state.
 - (5) Any show or sale of livestock at a fair or elsewhere that is specified by rule of the director of agriculture adopted under section 901.72 of the Revised Code.
- (M) "Exhibition drug residue legal" means livestock:
 - (1) Have only been administered an approved drug, for which the withdrawal time has elapsed and met tolerance;
 - (2) Have not been administered an unapproved drug; and
 - (3) Do not contain an unlawful substance.
- (N) "Exhibitor" means any person who shows, displays, or exhibits livestock at an exhibition.
- (O) "Extra label use" or "extra label" means the same as the definition as listed in 21 C.F.R. 530.3.
- (P) "Fair" means the annual exhibition held by the Ohio expositions commission, pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 991.03 of the Revised Code, or a county agricultural society or independent agricultural society, as reported to the director pursuant to rule 901-5-11 of the Administrative Code.

- (Q) "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- (R) "Grand champion" means the highest placing livestock entry of a show.
- (S) "Household" means the permanent residence address of the exhibitor.
- (T) "Internal rule" means any rule adopted by a sponsor or applicable to the sponsor's exhibition, and includes all mandatory rules and those optional rules from which the sponsor does not exempt itself or its exhibition.
- (U) "Junior livestock show or junior livestock exhibition" means a show limited to exhibitors eight years of age and in the third grade through nineteen years of age, or as authorized to participate in either 4-H, FFA, or other youth organization.
- (V) "Label" means the attached label, labeling statement, or the accompanying brochure that lists the approved species, dose, route of administration, withdrawal time and any cautionary statement as permitted by the United States food and drug administration; a prescription label; or the requirements of labeling for an extra label use drug as permitted by the United States food and drug administration.
- (W) "Licensed livestock facility" means a livestock facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 943. of the Revised Code or a similar law of another state.
- (X) "Livestock" means any animal generally used for food or in the production of food, including cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, swine, alpacas, and llamas.
- (Y) "Mandatory rule" means any rule adopted by the director relating to food safety or the health, safety, or welfare of livestock and from which a sponsor may not exempt itself or its exhibition.
- (Z) "Market flock style project" means ownership including an individual junior exhibitor, family of a junior exhibitor or a cooperative made up of junior exhibitors. Through this type of ownership, the junior exhibitor(s) are to care for, groom, and select any and all birds to be used in exhibitions as well as actively participate in any decision making processes for the flock.
- (AA) "Market livestock" means exhibition livestock bred, raised, and intended for slaughter for food purposes. For the purposes of this chapter, horses are not considered livestock.
- (BB) "Market poultry" means birds including, but not limited to, meat chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks.
- (CC) "Non-terminal show" means a show in which no livestock is required to be slaughtered.
- (DD) "Official ear tag" means a United States department of agriculture animal and plant health inspection service approved electronic identification device that is both visibly and electronically readable and approved by the department.
- (EE) "Official veterinarian" means any licensed and accredited veterinarian approved by the Ohio department of agriculture, or an employee of the Ohio department of agriculture or the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services.
- (FF) "Optional rule" means any rule adopted by the director from which a sponsor may exempt itself or its exhibition.
- (GG) "Partial terminal show" means a show in which no fewer than the grand champion and reserve grand champion in each show or market class of livestock are sent directly to slaughter or to a licensed livestock facility no later than or immediately following the conclusion of the exhibition.
- (HH) "Prescription" means prescription as defined in division (H) of section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.
- (II) "Quarantine" means isolation pursuant to section 941.07 of the Revised Code.
- (JJ) "Reserve grand champion" means the second highest placing livestock entry of a show.
- (KK) "Residue" means residues as defined in section 941.01 of the Revised Code.
- (LL) "Show" means that part of the exhibition restricted to competitively exhibiting a single species or category of livestock.
- (MM) "Slick clipping" or "body shaving" means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.
- (NN) "Terminal show" means a show in which all livestock entered in the show are sent directly to slaughter or to a licensed livestock facility no later than or immediately following the conclusion of the exhibition.
- (OO) "Tolerance level" means the lowest of the maximum concentrations of a marker residue, or other residue indicated for monitoring, that can legally remain in edible tissues of a treated animal species according to label instructions under United States food and drug administration regulations found in 21 C.F.R. Part 556.
- (PP) "Unapproved drug" means:
1. Any drug, chemical, or pharmacologic compound not approved for use in livestock by the United States food and drug administration;
 2. A drug, or approved drug used extra label, for which no established tolerance has been listed by the United States food and drug administration under 21 C.F.R. 556, but has been detected through testing;
 3. Any drug, chemical, or compound that alters the mental or behavioral status of the animal, including, but not limited to sedatives, tranquilizers, depressants, stimulants or dissociative or psychoactive compounds;
 4. Any drug prohibited by division (E)(1)(b) of section 901.76 of the Revised Code; or
 5. An unapproved drug administered to livestock not in accordance with paragraph (M) of rule 901-19-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (QQ) "Unlawful substance" means any of the following:
- (1) A substance which is not normally found in or does not naturally occur in livestock; or
 - (2) A substance which is normally found in or does naturally occur in livestock, but is detected or discerned in an amount or area greater than normal; or
 - (3) Any drug required to be listed, but which is not listed on a drug use notification form; or
 - (4) Any unapproved drug present in livestock regardless of how the drug came to be present; or
 - (5) Any other drug, chemical, or compound which is not considered an approved drug.
- (RR) "Veterinarian" means any person licensed to practice veterinary medicine under Chapter 4741 of the Revised Code or under the similar laws of another state.
- (SS) "Withdrawal period" or "withdrawal time" means the period of time from when a drug is administered to when the drug concentration falls below the tolerance.

901-19-02 Types of shows; slaughter. This is a mandatory rule.

- (A) The sponsor of an exhibition shall designate each of the shows held at the exhibition as one of the following types: terminal show, partial terminal show, or non-terminal show.

- (B) All livestock shall be exhibition drug residue legal prior to the start of the show in which the livestock is entered into for exhibition.
- (C) All of the following junior livestock shows or classes at a fair are terminal shows or partial terminal shows unless at least thirty days prior to the opening of the show, the sponsor has submitted a written request to exempt a show from this provision, and the director has provided written authorization granting this request prior to the start of the fair:
 - (1) Market beef;
 - (2) Market hog;
 - (3) Market lamb;
 - (4) Market dairy cattle;
 - (5) Veal calf; and
 - (6) Market goat.
- (D) All livestock which participate in a terminal show shall be exhibition drug residue legal and be consigned to slaughter either at the conclusion of the show or exhibition.
- (E) In a partial terminal show at least the grand champion and the reserve grand champion shall be slaughtered. Prior to the show, the sponsor of the exhibition may require that additional livestock from a partial terminal show shall be slaughtered. The livestock shall be consigned to slaughter either at the conclusion of the show or exhibition.
- (F) All livestock required to be slaughtered under this rule shall be slaughtered at a meat establishment either licensed by the department or granted inspection by the United States department of agriculture.
- (G) Livestock required to be slaughtered under this rule may, at the option of the sponsor of the exhibition, be consigned to a licensed livestock facility for sale provided that:
 - (1) The livestock is consigned either at the conclusion of the show or exhibition; and
 - (2) The livestock is sold only for slaughter.
- (H) From the beginning of the exhibition until departure for slaughter or consignment to a licensed livestock facility, the exhibitor or the exhibitor's designee shall be responsible for caring for the livestock.
- (I) Livestock destined for slaughter or consignment to a licensed livestock facility shall not be removed from the exhibition grounds until the livestock is transported to slaughter, to the licensed livestock facility, or until the sponsor approves movement of the livestock to another secure area for:
 - (1) Disease control in accordance with paragraph (B)(4) of rule 901:1-18-03 of the Administrative Code; or
 - (2) Quarantine for residue to allow a withdrawal time as determined by the approved fair veterinarian or in accordance with the instructions listed on the drug use notification form to elapse and may be subject to testing.
- (J) All livestock destined for slaughter may be subject to testing by the director in accordance with section 901.73 of the Revised Code.
- (K) Livestock carcasses passing inspection may be released for normal disposition.
- (L) During inspection or testing, if the livestock carcass is preliminarily determined to have been tampered with or found to contain an unlawful substance, one of the following shall occur:
 - (1) If the livestock carcass must be trimmed or reconditioned to comply with the meat inspection requirements, the carcass shall be trimmed and reconditioned and released to the exhibitor, unless the successful bidder accepts the trimmed or reconditioned carcass.
 - (2) If the livestock carcass cannot be trimmed or reconditioned, it shall be condemned in accordance with the meat inspection requirements.
- (M) Livestock entered in or eligible for a carcass contest prior to or during a terminal, partial terminal or non-terminal show must be exhibition drug residue legal at the time of show and eligible for immediate slaughter.

901-19-03 Auction sales at terminal or partial terminal shows. This is a mandatory rule.

- (A) A sponsor may hold an auction sale of livestock exhibited at a terminal or partial terminal show.
- (B) An exhibitor who exhibits livestock at a terminal show or partial terminal show consents to participating in the subsequent auction sale.
- (C) All bidders at an auction sale following a terminal show or partial terminal show consent to the slaughter of the livestock or delivery to a licensed livestock facility.
- (D) Title to livestock sold at an auction sale and subsequently presented for slaughter or sale at a licensed livestock facility shall remain vested in the exhibitor. If the exhibitor is not the owner, the title to the livestock shall remain vested in the owner until the livestock has been passed by inspection and released in accordance with paragraphs (L)(1) and (L)(2) of rule 901-19-02 of the Administrative Code and passes all testing performed by or at the direction of the department or the sponsor.
- (E) At the discretion of the sponsor, the sponsor may collect the sale proceeds from the successful bidder and retain the proceeds until the carcass of the livestock has been released, or may allow the successful bidder to withhold payment of the proceeds until the carcass is released. In the event the carcass is not released, the sponsor shall return the sale proceeds to the successful bidder.
- (F) Prior to the auction, the sponsor shall announce the identification of the exhibition livestock which have been administered drugs for which the withdrawal time has not elapsed.

901-19-04 Prohibited practices. This is a mandatory rule.

It is a prohibited practice to do any of the following:

- (A) Show, sell, or offer for sale any livestock, including the sale or offering for sale in an auction at a terminal or partial terminal show, which:
 - (1) Has been subjected to unacceptable practices as outlined in rule 901-19-13 of the Administrative Code;
 - (2) Is not exhibition drug residue legal; or
 - (3) A withdrawal period for extra label use has not elapsed.
- (B) Make a false statement on a drug use notification form.
- (C) Fail to file or update a drug use notification form as required by 901-19-06 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) Knowingly, recklessly, or negligently cause an unapproved drug or unlawful substance to be present in livestock.
- (E) Fail to sign a chain of custody form.
- (F) Violate a mandatory rule.
- (G) Violate any optional rule from which a sponsor or exhibition did not exempt itself.
- (H) Fail to render assistance as provided by section 901.73 of the Revised Code.

901-19-05 Responsibilities of an exhibition sponsor. This is a mandatory rule.

- (A) Every sponsor of an exhibition shall appoint a person as its records official. The records official shall receive and maintain the drug use notification forms filed under rule 901-19-06 of the Administrative Code.
- (1) The records official shall:
- Reject any drug use notification form that is incomplete, illegible or unsigned. At the close of the exhibition the records official shall turn over the drug use notification forms received by the records official to the sponsor.
 - Prior to the show, ensure the submitted drug use notification forms are in compliance with paragraph (I) of rule 901-19-06 and rule 901-19-07 of the Administrative Code.
 - Review the submitted drug use notification forms for compliance with paragraph (K) of rule 901-19-13 of the Administrative Code if applicable.
- (2) The sponsor shall maintain all drug use notification forms for a period of one year from the close of an exhibition. The drug use notification forms shall be made available to the department for inspection and copying upon request.
- (B) Prior to the start of an exhibition, the sponsor shall establish a method of identifying each animal in a terminal, partial terminal, and non-terminal show and maintain a chain of custody for each market livestock animal from the show through consignment to either slaughter or a licensed livestock facility for sale. In addition, effective January 1, 2027, cattle and swine are to be minimally identified with an official ear tag. The sponsor shall maintain a record of the identity of each animal and its chain of custody for a period of one year from the date of the last day of an exhibition.
- (C) All county and independent agricultural societies and the Ohio expositions commission shall provide the uniform resource locator (URL) in the premium book for the current year to the effective version of all of the following:
- Chapter 901:1-18 of the Administrative Code, exhibition of animals;
 - Chapter 901-19 of the Administrative Code, livestock exhibitions;
 - Sections 901.70 to 901.76 of the Revised Code.
- The effective version of the Ohio Administrative Code and the Ohio Revised Code can be located on the "Ohio Laws and Administrative Rules" website, codes.ohio.gov, maintained by the Ohio Legislative Service Commission.
- (D) All other exhibitions shall provide to exhibitors, upon request, a copy of Chapters 901:1-18 and 901-19 of the Administrative Code and sections 901.70 to 901.76 of the Revised Code and include the following statement in at least one written or electronic announcement prior to the beginning of the exhibition:
- "The exhibition's management will provide, upon request of an exhibitor, a copy of Chapters 901:1-18 (Ohio's livestock health exhibition rules) and 901-19 (Ohio's livestock tampering exhibition rules) of the Administrative Code and sections 901.70 to 901.76 of the Revised Code.

901-19-06 Drug use notification. This is a mandatory rule.

- (A) The exhibitor and the owner of livestock are responsible for completing and filing out the drug use notification form in the manner required by this rule.
- (B) The drug use notification form shall be signed by either the exhibitor or the owner. If the person signing the form is a minor child, the form shall be cosigned by a parent or guardian of the minor child.
- (C) The director shall require a drug use notification form to be completed for the following livestock exhibited in a junior livestock show:
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| (1) Market beef; | (5) Market dairy cattle; | (9) Markets rabbits; and |
| (2) Market hog; | (6) Market goats; | (10) Feeder cattle. |
| (3) Market lamb; | (7) Market poultry; | |
| (4) Veal calf; | (8) Lactating dairy animals; | |
- (D) Additionally, a drug use notification form shall be completed for all livestock eligible for a drug or residue test sample collected at every terminal, and partial terminal, or non-terminal show, and for every animal that is administered an approved drug either immediately before or during an exhibition.
- (E) The drug use notification form shall be filed with the records official prior to the show in which livestock are entered.
- (F) The director may require a drug use notification form to be completed for livestock exhibited at any type of show including a non-terminal show.
- (G) 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.
- (H) No person shall submit an incomplete, illegible or unsigned drug use notification form.
- (I) When a drug use notification form is missing, incomplete, illegible, or unsigned neither the exhibitor nor the owner shall, until the defect is corrected:
- Receive any prizes or awards from shows in which the livestock was exhibited prior to the time the drug use notification form was to be filed; or
 - Participate in any shows or sales held subsequent to the time the drug use notification form was to be filed.

901-19-07 Quality assurance. This is a mandatory rule.

- (A) Except as stated in paragraph (B) of this rule, sponsors shall require exhibitors at fairs sponsored by county or independent agricultural societies or the Ohio exposition commission to annually attend or complete a quality assurance program sponsored and conducted cooperatively by the exhibition sponsor, Ohio state university extension, Ohio agricultural education, or agricultural commodity organizations.
- (B) At the discretion of Ohio State University Extension, or Ohio Agricultural Education, an exhibitor may pass a test based on the appropriate skill level for their age (twelve to fourteen or fifteen to eighteen) under the supervision of Ohio State University Extension or Ohio Agricultural Education before exhibiting terminal or partial terminal market livestock, including market poultry, and lactating dairy animals in a junior livestock show. Youth who pass the test will be exempt from annual quality assurance re-certification until they move to the next age bracket, or they are no longer a junior exhibitor (nineteen years of age or older on January first of their last year). Minimum standards for youth food animal quality assurance are as set forth in appendix A to this rule.
- (C) Exhibitors who fail to attend or complete a quality assurance program or fail to pass the exam as outlined in paragraph (B) of this rule are subject to the disciplinary actions listed in rule 901-19-21 of the Administrative Code.

901-19-10 Testing requirements and test results. This is a mandatory rule.

- (A) Urine, blood, tissue and other test samples shall be collected in accordance with the department's protocol for the collection of livestock test samples at exhibitions. Test samples may be collected before, during, or immediately after a show. Deviation from the protocol shall be noted by the official veterinarian.
- (B) The director may at the director's discretion, collect any urine, blood, tissue, or other test samples from exhibition animal.
- (C) The collection of samples and coordination activities are the responsibility of the official veterinarian.

901-19-12 Acceptable practices. This is a mandatory rule.

The following practices are acceptable practices for the purposes of this chapter:

- (A) Treating livestock:
 - (1) Humane;
 - (2) In accordance with acceptable commercial practices to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the livestock; and
 - (3) In accordance with the Ohio livestock care standards located in division 901:12 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Adding caffeine free soda pop, gelatin, or other sweeteners to drinking water in nominal amounts to encourage water consumption;
- (C) Hoof trimming;
- (D) In preparation and prior to exhibition in accordance with sponsor and best management practices:
 - (1) Cosmetic dehorning in market class livestock;
 - (2) Castration;
 - (3) Beak trimming;
 - (4) Dehorning;
 - (5) Hot or freeze branding;
 - (6) Humane ringing; and
 - (7) Tail docking in accordance with division 901:12 of the Administrative Code.
- (E) Using collodion as a teat sealant, but for no longer than eighteen hours;
- (F) Adding molasses or other sweeteners to feed to encourage consumption;
- (G) Properly administered and approved growth implants;
- (H) Tattooing;
- (I) Ear notching;
- (J) Ear tagging;
- (K) Shearing;
- (L) Acceptable surgery, including clamps, bands and chemical castration;
- (M) Treatment and administration of livestock with approved drugs during an exhibition under the following conditions:
 - (1) By or under the supervision and direction of an official veterinarian;
 - (2) In conjunction with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship;
 - (3) Only in accordance with label directions;
 - (4) For a valid medical purpose;
 - (5) A drug use notification form is completed and filed in accordance with the applicable requirements of rule 901-19-06 of the Administrative Code;
 - (6) The livestock remain exhibition drug residue legal at the time of the show; and
 - (7) If applicable, an extended withdrawal time is assigned to the drug by the veterinarian as part of the extra label directions and reported on the drug use notification form.
- (N) Application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses prescribed to relieve heat stress or a medical condition diagnosed and prescribed by the official veterinarian at an exhibition.

901-19-13 Unacceptable practices. This is a mandatory rule.

The following practices are unacceptable and prohibited:

- (A) Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance to livestock repeatedly or for a prolonged time period in violation of 9 C.F.R. 313.2 (1979) or division 901:12 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock.
- (C) Applying any physical practice, electrical or mechanical appliance, device or apparatus that enhances, transforms, or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock, unless prescribed by the official veterinarian for the immediate treatment and welfare of the livestock. If such treatment is applied during the exhibition, the livestock are ineligible to be shown.
- (D) Plugging of teats.
- (E) Sealing of teats using unapproved substances or for longer than eighteen hours using approved substances.
- (F) Injecting material into udders or teats for non-medical purposes or otherwise artificially modifying the appearance or conformation of the udder or teat.
- (G) Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses internally or externally other than in accordance with paragraph (N) of rule 901-19-12 of the Administrative Code during an exhibition.
- (H) Using a stomach tube or pump for any purpose other than for the relief of tympany or gas during an exhibition.
- (I) Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited, unless prescribed by the official veterinarian.
- (J) Castration of livestock for the purposes of this rule which exceed the following criteria:
 - (1) Cattle over eight months of age;
 - (2) Swine over one hundred and fifty pounds;
 - (3) Sheep over seventy-five pounds; or
 - (4) Goats over fifty pounds.
- (B) Showing any market livestock which have been treated with an approved drug when a side effect or pharmacological effect of the drug conceals, enhances, transforms, or changes the natural conformation, physiological status, or condition of the livestock.
- (C) Any natural occurrence or surgical process which results in testicular tissue remaining in the body of exhibition livestock, except rabbits and poultry.

901-19-19 Absolute liability. This is a mandatory rule.

- (A) Both the exhibitor and the owner of livestock are absolutely liable to discipline under rule 901-19-21 of the Administrative Code for the presence of an unapproved drug, residue, an unlawful substance, or an approved drug that exceeds tolerance in livestock and unacceptable practices.

- (B) If the exhibitor or the owner was a minor child at the time the unapproved drug, residue, unlawful substance, approved drug exceeding tolerance, or unacceptable practice was detected, the parent or guardian of the person shall also be absolutely liable to discipline under rule 901-19-21 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) The director or the sponsor when imposing discipline under paragraph (A) of this rule upon a person, may mitigate the discipline imposed based upon one or more of the following facts if established.
 - (1) The person did not introduce the unapproved drug, residue, or unlawful substance into the livestock or do any unacceptable practices;
 - (2) The person had no actual or constructive knowledge that the unapproved drug, residue, unlawful substance, or approved drug exceeding the tolerance was introduced into the livestock or that unacceptable practices were detected;
 - (3) The unapproved drug, residue, unlawful substance, or approved drug exceeding tolerance was not introduced into the livestock and the unacceptable practices were not detected through the person's negligence.

901-19-21 Disciplinary action. This is a mandatory rule.

- (A) Any person who violates a provision of sections 901.70 to 901.76 of the Revised Code or any provision of this chapter is subject to any of the following disciplinary actions:
 - (1) Disqualification from any exhibition;
 - (2) Disqualification of the exhibition livestock from any exhibition;
 - (3) Continuing education;
 - (4) Written letter of reprimand;
 - (5) Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums, or proceeds; or
 - (6) Pre-exhibition drug testing.
- (B) Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.
- (C) Failure to comply with the rules of this chapter may result in the department taking action pursuant to section 941.07 of the Revised Code, issuing a quarantine order, or issuing a notice of violation until such time the violation has been remedied.

901-19-31 Responsibilities of and assistance of junior fair exhibitors

This is an optional rule. The Fairfield County Ag Society opts out of this rule. Please review Fairfield County Junior Fair General Rules.

901-19-32 Breed shows or classes

This is an optional rule. The Fairfield County Ag Society opts out of this rule. Please review Fairfield County Junior Fair General Rules and Specie Rules.

901-19-33 Prohibited grooming practices. This is a mandatory rule.

The following grooming practices are prohibited in junior market livestock shows unless those grooming practices are permitted under rule 901-19-32 of the Administrative Code:

- (A) Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves;
- (B) Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders;
- (C) Pigmented grooming aides or materials; and
- (D) Slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on the ears and tails.

901-19-35 Recognition of disciplinary actions. This is an optional rule.

- (A) Disciplinary action by a sponsor against a person for a violation of sections 901.70 to 901.76 of the Revised Code or Chapter 901-19 of the Administrative Code shall be given full faith and credit and shall be honored at all exhibitions.
- (B) A person who has been convicted of violating sections 901.70 to 901.76 inclusive of the Revised Code shall be prohibited from participating in any exhibition for a minimum period of three years.

901-19-39 Ownership requirements.

- (A) No exhibitor shall register, enter, or exhibit in a junior livestock exhibition any of the livestock listed in paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(7) of this rule unless the household, as defined in rule 901-19-01, at which the exhibitor is registered at has owned the livestock for not less than the length of time listed:

(1) Market beef - one hundred fifty days;	(6) Veal calves - sixty days; and
(2) Market dairy cattle - one hundred fifty days;	(7) Market poultry - within five days of hatch including all individual participants in a cooperative.
(3) Market hogs - sixty days;	
(4) Market lambs - sixty days;	
(5) Market goats - sixty days;	
- (B) No exhibitor shall register, enter, or exhibit livestock in a junior breeding livestock exhibition unless the household, as defined in rule 901-19-01, at which the exhibitor is registered:
 - (1) Has owned the livestock for at least sixty days;
 - (2) Has had the livestock registered under the exhibitor's name for at least sixty days; or
 - (3) Has leased the livestock under the exhibitor's name for at least sixty days.
- (C) For any exhibition other than those listed in paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(7) and paragraph (B) of this rule, the length of time a person shall own livestock before the person may register, enter, or exhibit the livestock at an exhibition may be set by either the sponsor of the exhibition or a breed association.
- (D) For the purposes of this rule, no exhibitor will be considered to own livestock if the livestock has been:
 - (1) Leased to an individual after the applicable possession date; or
 - (2) Exhibited in an exhibition outside of a junior livestock exhibition by an individual other than an immediate family member after the applicable possession date.

901-19-40 Meetings of the advisory committee on livestock exhibitions.

- (A) Board meetings - A regular meeting of the committee shall be held at least once annually after the fifteenth day of October and before the first day of December. The committee may meet at other times as the chairperson or a majority of the committee members considers appropriate, provided the chairperson gives members notice of any meeting at least seven days prior to the meeting.
- (B) Notice of meetings
- (1) Regular meetings: Notice of all of the advisory board's regularly scheduled meetings, including date, starting time, and place shall be sent to the committee members by either regular or electronic mail at least seven days prior to the meeting, and will be posted on the department's web site www.agri.ohio.gov at least ten days in advance of all regularly scheduled meeting.
 - (2) Special meetings: Notice of date, time, place, and purpose of any special meetings shall be placed on the department's website www.agri.ohio.gov and sent to media outlets that requested such information, at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting.
 - (3) Emergency meetings: Notice of date, time, location and purpose of all emergency meeting shall be given to all news media who requested prior notification, and on the department's website www.agri.ohio.gov.
- (C) Any person may obtain prior notice of the date, time, and place of any regularly scheduled, special, or emergency meetings by requesting prior notification in writing from the "Ohio Department of Agriculture, Office of Animal Health, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068"; or by calling the animal health division at (614) 728-6220.

LIVESTOCK SHOW REFORM LAW**As used in sections 901.70 to 901.76 of the Revised Code****Sec. 901.70**

- (A) "Exhibition" means any of the following:
- (1) A show or sale of livestock at a fair or elsewhere that is sponsored by or under the control of a county or independent agricultural society organized under section 1711.01 or 1711.02 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) A show or sale of livestock at the Ohio state fair;
 - (3) A livestock show at a fair or elsewhere or a livestock sale at or associated with a fair or livestock show that is assembled for any length of time;
 - (4) A livestock show at a fair or elsewhere or a livestock sale at or associated with a fair or livestock show that includes livestock with origins outside Ohio;
 - (5) Any show or sale of livestock at a fair or elsewhere that is specified by rule of the director of agriculture adopted under section 901.72 of the Revised Code.
- (B) "Livestock" means any animal generally used for food or in the production of food, including cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, swine, and any other animal included by the director by rules adopted under section 901.72 of the Revised Code.
- (C) "Sponsor" means any of the following:
- (1) A county or independent agricultural society organized under section 1711.01 or 1711.02 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) The Ohio State Fair;
 - (3) Any other public or private entity sponsoring an exhibition.

Sec. 901.71.

- (A) There is hereby created the advisory committee on livestock exhibitions consisting of not more than 21 members, as follows:
- (1) The director of agriculture, or the director's designee, who may be the chief of the division of fairs;
 - (2) The state veterinarian, or the state veterinarian's designee;
 - (3) A representative of the Ohio Cattlemen's Association, the Ohio Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, the Ohio Pork Producers Council, the Ohio Poultry Association, the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, the Ohio Fair Managers Association, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Ohio Farmers Union, the Ohio Department of Education's Agricultural Service, the Ohio State University Extension, the National Farmers Organization, and the Ohio State Grange, or their designees. Each of these members shall be chosen by the organization the member represents.
 - (4) The chairperson of the Ohio Expositions Commission, or the chairperson's designee;
 - (5) Three persons who shall be appointed by the director, each of whom shall serve as a member of a board of directors of a county or independent agricultural society organized under section 1711.01 or 1711.02 of the Revised Code. Of the initial appointments made by the director, one shall be for a term ending on December 31, 1996; one shall be for a term ending on December 31, 1997; and one shall be for a term ending on December 31, 1998.
 - (6) Not more than three additional members appointed at the option of the director. If the director appoints one or more additional members, the first additional appointment shall be for a term ending on December 31, 1996, the second additional appointment shall be for a term ending on December 31, 1997, and the third additional appointment shall be for a term ending on December 31, 1998.

Following the completion of the initial terms of the appointments made by the director, each term of office shall be three years, commencing on the first day of January and ending on the thirty-first day of December. A member appointed by the director shall hold office from the date of the member's appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office or until a period of ninety days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

Members may be removed from the committee only for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance. A vacancy on the committee shall not impair the right of the other members to exercise all of the functions of the committee. A simple majority constitutes a quorum for the conduct of business of the committee. On request, each member shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of the member's duties as a committee member.

- (B) The committee shall be considered a part of the department of agriculture for the administrative purposes required by this section, including the payment of expenses authorized to each member of the committee under this section. The director or the director's designee shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The director shall designate an employee or official of the department to act as the secretary of the committee. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the committee's meetings and a permanent journal of all meetings, proceedings, findings, determinations, and recommendations of the committee, including an itemized statement of the expenses allowed to each member of the committee under this section. The committee may request from the director, and the director shall provide, meeting space, assistance, services, and information to enable the committee to carry out its duties.
- (C) The committee shall meet at least once annually after the fifteenth day of October and before the first day of December. The committee may meet at other times as the chairperson or a majority of the committee members considers appropriate, provided the chairperson gives members written notice of any meeting at least seven days prior to the meeting.
- (D) The committee may propose rules and may advise and counsel the director on all matters relating to the administration of exhibitions and any other matters that the committee and the director consider appropriate in carrying out sections 901.71 to 901.76 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 901.72.

- (A) The director of agriculture, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may adopt rules for the governance and administration of exhibitions, and to provide for related food safety and the health, safety, and welfare of livestock, and may adopt by reference rules adopted by other public or private agencies such as the Ohio farm animal care commission. Rules of the director may specify those grooming, commercial, or medical practices that are generally accepted within the community of persons exhibiting livestock and may specify false, deceptive, misleading, unethical, or unprofessional practices that constitute grounds for disciplinary action under section 901.74 of the Revised Code.
- (B) Rules of the director that apply to exhibition-related food safety and the health, safety, and welfare of livestock shall apply to every exhibition operated within this state and to every sponsor. A sponsor may exempt itself from any other rules adopted by the director under this section that do not apply to food safety or the health, safety, or welfare of livestock, including, without limitation, rules for the governance and administration of exhibitions, by, not later than thirty days before the commencement of its exhibition, filing with the director, on a form prescribed and provided by the director, a list of the rules that shall not apply to its exhibition.
- (C) The director may provide mediation, dispute resolution, and arbitration services in any dispute involving an alleged violation of a rule adopted under division (A) of this section from which the sponsor could have exempted itself under division (B) of this section, but chose not to.
- (D) Nothing in this section or in sections 901.73 or 901.74 of the Revised Code precludes any sponsor from doing any of the following:
 - (1) Adopting rules or written policies for the governance and administration of its own exhibition, including, without limitation the adoption of any rule by reference to a rule adopted by other public or private agencies;
 - (2) Adopting rules or written policies providing for appeals regarding alleged violations of rules or written policies adopted by the sponsor;
 - (3) Taking any disciplinary action established in the rules or written policies adopted by the sponsor in connection with violations of the sponsor's rules or written policies for the governance and administration of its exhibition. Any such disciplinary action taken by a sponsor in regard to its own exhibition is in addition to any disciplinary action taken by the director under section 901.74 of the Revised Code.
 - (4) Establishing by rule or written policy criteria and procedures for the reinstatement of any person disqualified from participation in the sponsor's exhibition by a disciplinary action taken by the sponsor and for deciding requests for reinstatement submitted under those rules.

Sec. 901.73.

- (A) (1) The director of agriculture may inspect and investigate any matter involving livestock that is not present at an exhibition, but is registered or entered in an exhibition, or raised with the apparent intent of being so registered or entered, when the director reasonably suspects any of the following:
 - (a) There has been a violation of section 901.76 or 2925.04 of the Revised Code or a rule adopted under section 901.72 of the Revised Code;
 - (b) The livestock's health, safety, or welfare may be threatened;
 - (c) The livestock constitutes a threat to or may adversely affect food safety.
- (2) The director may conduct random inspections and investigations regarding any matter involving livestock present at an exhibition.
- (3) With the consent of the property owner and the livestock owner, the director or the director's designee may enter at all reasonable times any premises, facility, pen, yard, vehicle, or means of conveyance for the purpose of sampling and testing livestock registered or entered in an exhibition or raised with the apparent intent of being so registered or entered. If the director or the director's designee is denied access to any premises, facility, pen, yard, vehicle, or means of conveyance by the property owner or to livestock by the livestock owner, and if the director reasonably suspects that food safety or the health, safety, or welfare of livestock is threatened, the director may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the premises, facility, pen, yard, vehicle, means of conveyance, or livestock are located for a search warrant authorizing access to the premises, facility, pen, yard, vehicle, means of conveyance, or livestock for the purposes of this section. The court shall issue the search warrant for the purposes requested if there is probable cause to believe that livestock is involved that is registered or entered in an exhibition or raised with the apparent intent of being so registered or entered, and that food safety or the health, safety, or welfare of livestock is threatened. The finding of probable cause may be based on hearsay, provided there is a substantial basis for believing that the source of the hearsay is credible and that there is a factual basis for the information furnished.

The director may designate employees of the department of agriculture, employees of the United States Department of Agriculture, licensed veterinarians, or employees or students of an approved or accredited veterinary school or college to perform the inspecting, sampling, and testing. The director may contract with laboratories, universities, or other persons or institutions, both public and private, to perform the livestock testing.

- (B) While the director or the director's designee is sampling or testing the livestock, the owner or custodian of the livestock shall render assistance in accordance with sections 941.05 and 941.08 of the Revised Code. Any person who refuses to cooperate with the director or the director's designee in the inspection, sampling, and testing of livestock may be prohibited by the director acting under section 901.74 of the Revised Code from participating in any exhibition.
- (C) A person may register, enter, or exhibit at any exhibition only livestock owned by that person for the length of time specified by rule of the director, unless one of the following applies:
 - (1) The livestock owner suffers from a recognized physical handicap that prevents the owner from showing the livestock;
 - (2) The sponsor provides written permission to someone other than the livestock owner to register, enter, or exhibit the livestock;
 - (3) A rule of the director provides that this division shall not apply to an exhibition.

Sec. 901.74.

- (A) Any person involved in any activity in connection with exhibiting livestock at an exhibition or with raising livestock with the apparent intent that the livestock eventually is to be entered in an exhibition is subject to disciplinary action by the department of agriculture for any of the following reasons:
 - (1) The person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of section 901.76 or 2925.04 of the Revised Code, or has been found by the director of agriculture to have tampered with or sabotaged livestock;
 - (2) The director reasonably suspects that the person's conduct in regard to raising or exhibiting the livestock threatens, endangers, or adversely affects food safety or the health, safety, or welfare of livestock;
 - (3) The person has refused to cooperate with the director or the director's designee in the inspection, sampling, and testing of livestock under section 901.73 of the Revised Code, unless the person withheld consent to the inspection, sampling, and testing and no search warrant was issued;
 - (4) The person has violated a rule adopted by the director under section 901.72 of the Revised Code from which the sponsor of the exhibition at which the violation occurred could have exempted itself under that section, but chose not to.
- (B) If one or more of the grounds for disciplinary action listed in division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section exist, the director, upon the director's own initiative, may conduct an adjudication in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and may take any disciplinary action established by the director by rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If one or more of the grounds for disciplinary action listed in division (A) of this section exist, the director, upon the request of a sponsor, may conduct an adjudication in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and may take any disciplinary action established by the director by rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Disciplinary action imposed under this section by the director may include disqualifying the person, the person's family, members of the person's household, or any other person associated with the activity resulting in the disciplinary action from participating in any class or with any species of livestock in any current or future exhibition.
- (C) The director, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may adopt rules establishing the criteria and procedures for the reinstatement of any person disqualified from participation in an exhibition as a result of disciplinary action taken by the director under this section. Any person disqualified by disciplinary action of the director may file a written request with the director to seek reinstatement after the period of disqualification ends or at any other time established by rule. Upon the written request of the person seeking the reinstatement, the director shall conduct an adjudication in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 901.75

No person shall exhibit livestock owned or raised by another person if the person owning or raising the livestock has been disqualified by the director of agriculture under section 901.74 of the Revised Code or has been disqualified from exhibiting livestock by any court having jurisdiction.

Sec. 901.76.

- (A) No person shall tamper with any livestock.
- (B) No person shall sabotage any livestock exhibited at any exhibition.
- (C) In addition to the penalties established in section 901.99 of the Revised Code, whoever violates division (A) or (B) of this section is subject to disciplinary action by the director of agriculture under section 901.74 of the Revised Code.
- (D) This section does not apply to either of the following:
 - (1) Any action taken or activity performed or administered by a licensed veterinarian or in accordance with instructions of a licensed veterinarian in the action or activity was undertaken for accepted medical purposes during the course of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship;
 - (2) Accepted grooming, commercial, or medical practices as defined by rules of the director adopted under section 901.72 of the Revised Code.
- (E) As used in this section:
 - (1) "Tamper" means any of the following:
 - (a) Treatment of livestock in such a manner that food derived from the livestock would be considered adulterated as defined in division (A),(B),(C),(D),(E),(H),(I), or (J) of section 3715.59 of the Revised Code;
 - (b) The injection, use, or administration of any drug that is prohibited under any federal law or law of this state, or any drug that is used in any manner that is not authorized under any federal law or law of this state. Whenever the commissioner of the United States food and drug administration or the secretary of the United States department of agriculture, pursuant to the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, or the federal "Virus-Serum-Toxin Act," 37 Stat. 832 (1913), 21 U.S.C.A. 151, as amended, approves, disapproves, or modifies the conditions of the approved use of a drug, the approval, disapproval, or modification automatically is effective for the purposes of division (E)(1)(b) of this section, unless the director, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, adopts a rule to alter for the purposes of that division the action taken by the commissioner or secretary. The director may adopt such a rule if the director considers it to be necessary or appropriate for the protection of food safety or the health, safety, or welfare of livestock or to prevent the use of a drug for the purpose of concealing, enhancing, transforming, or changing the true conformation, configuration, or condition of livestock. No such rule shall authorize the use of any drug the

use of which is prohibited by, or authorize the use of any drug in a manner not authorized by, the commissioner or secretary under either of those acts.

- (c) The injection, or other internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to livestock for the purpose of concealing, enhancing, transforming, or changing the true conformation, configuration, condition, or age of the livestock or making the livestock appear more sound than it actually is;
 - (d) The use or administration, for cosmetic purposes, of steroids, growth stimulants, or internal artificial filling, including paraffin, silicone injection, or any other substance;
 - (e) The use or administration of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system of the livestock;
 - (f) The use or administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes;
 - (g) The surgical manipulation or removal of tissue so as to change, transform, or enhance the true conformation or configuration of, or to conceal the age of, the livestock.
- (2) "Sabotage" means intentionally tampering with any livestock belonging to or owned by another person that has been registered, entered in, or exhibited in any exhibition, or raised with the apparent intent of being entered in an exhibition.

Sec. 901.99

- (A) Whoever violates section 901.51 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
- (B) Whoever violates section 901.75 or division (C) of section 901.73 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (C) Whoever violates division (A) of section 901.76 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree on a first offense. On each subsequent offense, the offender is guilty of a felony of the third degree.
- (D) Whoever violates division (B) of section 901.76 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

Sec. 941.043.

If the owner of the animal or the operator of the vehicle or conveyance is unable or refuses to comply with the permit issued under division (C) of section 941.04 of the Revised Code, or if necessary during a detention or impoundment in accordance with that division, the director of agriculture or the director's authorized representative may order the immediate slaughter of the animal in accordance with division (D)(3) of section 941.10 of the Revised Code and in the manner the director determines is most efficient, or may board or stable the animal at a location that can provide and care for the animal. All costs incurred as the result of a slaughter or boarding under this section shall be assessed against the owner of the animal, and the department of agriculture shall provide written notice to the owner demanding reimbursement for the costs. The owner shall reimburse the department for any such costs it has incurred within seventy-two hours after receiving the notice. The director may retain any proceed from the slaughter of the animal to apply against any costs the department has incurred.

No person taking action as authorized by this section is liable for any losses incurred as the result of that action.

Sec. 2925.04.

- (A) No person shall administer, dispense, distribute, manufacture, possess, sell, or use any drug, other than a controlled substance, that is not approved by the United States food and drug administration, or the United States department of agriculture, unless one of the following applies:
 - (1) The United States food and drug administration has approved an application for investigational use in accordance with the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, and the drug is used only for the approved investigational use;
 - (2) The United States department of agriculture has approved an application for investigational use in accordance with the federal "Virus-Serum-Toxin Act," 37 Stat. 832 (1913), 21 U.S.C.A. As amended, 151, as amended, and the drug is used only for the approved investigational use;
 - (3) A practitioner, other than a veterinarian, prescribes or combines two or more drugs as a single product for medical purposes;
 - (4) A pharmacist, pursuant to a prescription, compounds and dispenses two or more drugs as a single product for medical purposes.
- (B)
 - (1) As used in this division, "dangerous drug," "prescription," "sale at retail," "wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs," and "terminal distributor of dangerous drugs," have the meanings set forth in section 4729.02 of the Revised Code.
 - (2) Except as provided in division (B)(3) of this section, no person shall administer, dispense, distribute, manufacture, possess, sell, or use any dangerous drug to or for livestock or any animal that is generally used for food or in the production of food, unless the drug is prescribed by a licensed veterinarian by prescription or other written order and the drug is used in accordance with the veterinarian's order or direction.
 - (3) Division (B)(2) of this section does not apply to a registered wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs, a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, or a person who possesses, possesses for sale, or sells, at retail, a drug in accordance with Chapters 3719., 4729., or 4741. of the Revised Code.
- (C) Whoever violates division (A) or (B)(2) of this section is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree on a first offense. On each subsequent offense, the offender is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

Section 1.

That sections 901.99 and 941.043 be amended and sections 901.70, 901.71, 901.72, 901.73, 901.74, 901.75, 901.76, and 2925.04 of the Revised Code be enacted as above.

Section 2.

That existing sections 901.99 and 941.043 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 3.

This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that livestock exhibitions are seasonal and are largely held in May through September. For this act to have a uniform application, it must be effective at the commencement of the exhibition season. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.

Fairfield County Junior Fair General Rules

1. All exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H club or FFA chapter in Fairfield County during the current year.
2. All still projects must have been selected and started by June 1st of the current year.
3. Only active members in good standing of Fairfield County 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters are eligible to exhibit at the Fairfield County Fair.
4. All livestock, unless otherwise stated under specific rules, must have been selected & started by July 1st of the current year.
5. Eligibility of 4-H membership begins when a child is age 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade, or age 9 and in any grade, as of January 1st of the current year. Ohio 4-H membership ends December 31st of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.
6. To be eligible for FFA exhibits, the individual must be a member of a Fairfield County FFA Chapter (minimum of 9th grade as of county fair time) and must not have reached his/her 19th birthday before January 1st of the current year. Exhibits must be part of the FFA SAE program. All possession times must be met.
7. No exhibit- No pass!
8. Separate and different projects must be taken if a member belongs to both 4-H and FFA or 4-H and FCCLA. The same project cannot be used for competition in more than one organization.
9. No Junior Fair exhibitor shall remain in the barns on the fairgrounds during the night, except with written permission from the Senior Fair Board Office.
10. The drinking of intoxicating beverages will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds.
11. All grand and reserve champion animals will be released by the Senior Fair Board (or Sale Committee). Check with the Sale Office for times.
12. No scales other than the official certified scales are permitted on the fairgrounds.
13. Each of the following shows will be planned and conducted by a Show Committee consisting of a Superintendent(s), Assistant Superintendent(s), 4-H Advisors, FFA Advisors, and Junior Fair Board members: Dairy Cattle, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Horse, Dairy Goats, Meat/Market Goats, Pygmy Goats, Alpacas/Llamas, Poultry, Rabbits, Dogs, and Companion Animals (no FFA advisor required for Companion Animals).
14. Each show (above) will have a Steward Committee composed of one FFA advisor, two 4-H advisors, and one Junior Fair Board member. They will be present at all show functions to assist the superintendent with show decisions.
15. All animals must be shown by the owner unless written permission is given by the superintendent in charge. If an animal is shown by someone other than the owner (with permission of the superintendent), the showman must be an eligible 4-H or FFA member of Fairfield County. Exception may be made for horses - refer to the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.
16. Each division official will expect courteous and orderly conduct by the exhibitors and their attendants (parents or person responsible for exhibitor). Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward fair officials, judges, fair managers, 4-H/FFA Advisors, 4-H Educators, Show Superintendents, show helpers, or fellow exhibitors or attendants (parents or person responsible for exhibitor) will not be tolerated. Any violations of this rule would warrant withholding of any premiums won and eviction from the Fairfield County Fair. If any of the above occurs, the first violation the Show Superintendent will discuss with the 4-H/FFA advisors. The second violation the Show Superintendent will discuss with the 4-H/FFA advisor present with the exhibitor along with the attendants (parents or person responsible for exhibitor) and Junior Fair Director. Third violation would result in eviction.
17. Management aims to provide prompt and efficient removal of manure, garbage, rubbish, and control of flies and mosquitoes. Full cooperation of concessionaires and exhibitors will make it possible.
18. No hay or straw will be permitted in the 4-H/FFA Display Barn.
19. Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock and Horse Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. **This form has been updated as of 2025.**
 - Deadline for completing this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal, as follows:
 - 2nd Saturday of March: Beef Carcass Steers, Beef Market Steers/Heifers, Dairy Steers
 - After May 1st but before July 1st, within five days of hatch: Market Turkeys
 - June 1st: Horses
 - Saturday, May 17th: MQP Goats
 - July 1st: Breeding Beef, Dairy Females, Breeding Sheep, Goats - Pygmy/Dairy/Meat Does, Breeding Rabbits, Breeding Poultry
 - Last Saturday of June: Dairy Beef Feeders, Market/MQP Lambs, Market/MQP Hogs/MQP, Market Goats
 - After August 1st but before August 15th, within five days of hatch: Market Ducks
 - August 15th: Beef Feeder Steers and Feeder Heifers
 - September 1st: Market Chickens
 - 2nd Saturday of September: Market Rabbits
 - If the Livestock and Horse Housing Form is not on file by the date required for possession of the animal, and it is discovered that animals are being housed on property other than the owner's resident property, the animal will be ineligible to show in the current year's Junior Fair Show.
 - If no Livestock and Horse Housing Form was filed and extenuating circumstances require you to move your animal, a Livestock and Horse Housing Form must be filed with the OSU Extension Office within 48 hours (subject to Senior Fair Board approval). The animal will be ineligible to show in the current year's Junior Fair Show if failure to file form for this situation.
 - If the Livestock and Horse Housing Form is on file and the animal is moved after the possession date, a new form and documentation (reason) for the animal moving must be submitted to the OSU Extension Office within 48 hours. The animal will be ineligible to show in the current year's Junior Fair Show if failure to file form for this situation.
20. All livestock trailers must be removed from the fairgrounds during the week of the fair. The only trailers allowed on the grounds will be those used for beef cattle tie-outs, or those with the approval of the Senior Fair Board.



Link for Housing Form

21. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to care for the animals through Saturday when they are released (**Sunday for Poultry**). Any animal not being properly cared for will first receive a verbal warning from the Superintendent. If the situation is not corrected, the exhibitor will be reported to the Junior Fair Director and then the situation will be addressed. If the situation is still not corrected, the exhibitor will be barred from exhibiting that species at the following year's fair.
22. Grooming chutes may only be placed in designated areas. No chutes are to be placed in areas used for parking. If chutes are placed in a restricted area, they must be removed immediately. If the chutes are not removed, participants will be disqualified from showing at the current year's fair.
23. Parents or legal guardians of 4-H/FFA participants with disabilities may request accommodations for their child.
- 4-H Member Request Process:
 - The Winning 4-H Plan enables youth to tailor the 4-H project experience to their needs and helps maintain a positive relationship between the youth's family, 4-H volunteers and the county 4-H professionals. A specific diagnosis is not required. Families should submit a Winning 4-H Plan Request Form annually to the Extension Office by April 15th, or an updated request can be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the event that accommodations are being sought. 4-H professional will review the request and contact you with questions as needed.
 - The form and additional information can be found online: <http://go.osu.edu/fcmemberresources>. Winning 4-H Plan requests should be sent to the OSU Extension Office, c/o 4-H Educator, 831 College Avenue, Lancaster, OH 43130.
 - For Livestock Skillathon, relevant information will be provided to the judge(s) during orientation. This will help the judge be better prepared to meet the member's needs during the judging experience. If the member is enrolled in a livestock project, the specie barn superintendent will be notified and will make appropriate accommodations during the fair if it is feasible and agreed upon by the Senior Fair Board, Species Superintendent and OSU Extension 4-H Educators.
 - The OSU Extension Office and the Junior and Senior Fair Boards will work with the parents and the child to provide necessary accommodations. Should the child need specialized assistance (ex: language interpretation), the parents will be asked to assist in procuring it. Each request will be handled individually, and every effort will be made to accommodate the child's special need to make their 4-H experience as beneficial as possible.
 - FFA Member Request Process:
 - Students who currently have an active Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) or a 504 Plan on file with one of the Fairfield County or Lancaster City Schools, or homeschooled students with documented physical or mental disabilities should submit a letter of request to the Junior Fair Director.
 - The letter should state specifically the accommodations that are needed to provide the child with equal opportunity to fulfill the FFA obligations for completing projects or exhibiting at the current year's Junior Fair.
 - The FFA Advisor, Show Superintendent, Junior and Senior Fair Boards will work with the parents and the child to provide necessary accommodations. Should the child need specialized assistance (ex: language interpretation), the parents will be asked to assist in procuring it. Each request will be handled individually, and every effort will be made to accommodate the child's special need to make their 4-H experience as beneficial as possible.
24. If an animal leaves the fairgrounds for any reason, it may not return for the duration of the current Fairfield County Junior Fair. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that particular specie at the fair the following year.
25. Animals may not be weighed in after the scheduled fair arrival/weigh-in time unless permission is previously granted by the Junior Fair Director. There will be NO re-weighs. The animal will be considered ineligible to show for class placing. The animal will not be unloaded after the scheduled arrival time has passed. The DUNF must be completed online by NOON the Friday before final weigh-in (exception - Market Poultry and Market Rabbits will complete DUNF AFTER fair weigh-in on Saturday by MIDNIGHT). Market animals and any species that requires a DUNF must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.
26. Once a class has concluded and an exhibitor has been presented with an award, placement/award cannot be changed. The only exception to this rule is if a rule has been broken by an exhibitor and premium/award is to be taken away.
27. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up hair clippings left on the ground (even if they are outside).
28. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their animals, especially if they are taken outside the designated area. (Example: manure, hair, straw, etc.)
29. All exhibitors of livestock must clean their pens at the end of fair (including cardboard, plywood, wire, etc. that have been added to the pen). Excluding dairy cattle.
30. The Fairfield County Fair will operate under the provisions of Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Act and under all applicable Ohio Department of Agriculture Administration Code Rules. These rules are available on the preceding pages.
31. All market animals must have an owner designated after being weighed and during weigh in.
32. Any market animals being taken home after the show must have a Take Home Form filled out, signed, and turned into the Superintendent of that Species or member of the Show Committee **at that species' fair/final weigh-in. Take home forms will be available at each species' fair/final weigh-in. The NUMBER of take home animals must be declared on this form at the scale (no exceptions). Additionally, tag numbers of take home animals must be declared to the Show Superintendent within one hour of the conclusion of that species show.**
33. **All breeding animals must have an owner designated at fair check-in.**

Premiums

1. Premiums will be awarded only if the exhibitor has satisfactorily completed a 4-H project and/or complied with the FFA chapter requirements.
2. The OSU Extension Office and FFA Advisory Committee assumes the responsibility for furnishing the necessary information for payment of all premiums. All prejudged projects must be available to the Fair Board Office on or before August 20th.
3. All grades for projects judged during the fair MUST be available to the Junior Fair Office by 12:00 p.m. following the day of judging.
4. Premiums will be paid on the fair exhibit grade.
5. Premiums on such projects will be paid on two (2) per 4-H/FFA exhibitor.
6. If paid on more than two projects, or projects are removed before the appropriate release time, premium money must be refunded.
7. All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting at the fair MUST collect their premiums from the Entry Clerk's Office Small building on the north side of the grounds by Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena during fair week; Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Premiums will be forfeited if not collected on above mentioned times.
8. Premiums will be forfeited if aisles and pens are not kept clean.

Entries

1. No member will be permitted more than one (1) entry per class (except in market lamb, dairy feeder, beef, market goat, market swine, market rabbit, and breeding rabbit).
2. Animals of different breeds as well as registered or grade may be considered in different classes. Other projects, if taken as part of different project books, will be in different classes, unless otherwise noted.
3. If satisfactory housing is not available, the Senior Fair Board reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any category in which the exhibits exceed the amount of space available.
4. 4-H families will make Junior Fair entries online in FairEntry beginning Monday, August 11th. Entries are due at 11:59 p.m. CST on Friday, August 29th, 2025.
5. FFA families showing livestock will make Junior Fair entries online in FairEntry beginning Monday, August 11th. Entries are due at 11:59 p.m. CST on Friday, August 29th, 2025.
6. FFA Advisors will provide a spreadsheet with all entries for Department 12 FFA Agriculture Engineering and Production by Friday, August 29th at 11:59 p.m. to the Junior Fair Director and OSU Extension Office.
7. 4-H Advisors and FFA Advisors will verify entries of exhibitors and indicate they are members in good standing after receiving reports from the OSU Extension Office. Exhibitor entry verification will be due by Friday, September 5th, 2025.

Violation of Rules

1. If a Junior Fair Exhibitor is barred from the Ohio State Fair, an Independent or County Fair, the exhibitor will be barred from the Fairfield County Fair for the same amount of time.
2. The Senior Fair Board reserves the right to interpret all rules. Their decision is final.
3. Exhibitors who neglect their livestock at the fair will be banned from the fair for one or more years.

Reporting of Rule Violations and Procedure

PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1st

1. Rule violations should be brought to the attention of the Show Superintendent(s) or Assistant Superintendent(s).
2. If the decision of the Show Superintendent(s) is not satisfactory, then an appeal may be made to the Junior Fair Director.
3. If the decision of the Junior Fair Director is not satisfactory, then a formal protest may be filed with the Fair Manager. It must be filed in writing, signed by the party or parties making protest, and filed with the Senior Fair Board Office within 5 days of the decision by the Junior Fair Director, accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 cash.
4. The Senior Fair Board and the Superintendent of the department involved will then consider the protest at a time set by the Fair Manager and voted on by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting of the board and report in writing the approved decision within 24 hours of that meeting to all parties involved including 4-H, FFA, protesters and individuals involved.

AFTER OCTOBER 1st AND DURING FAIR WEEK

1. Rule violations should be brought to the attention of the Show Superintendent(s) or Assistant Superintendent(s) no later than two hours after the show and decision made no later than two hours after the show.
2. If the decision of the Show Superintendent(s) is not satisfactory, then an appeal may be made to the Junior Fair Director no later than six hours after the show in writing with evidence and description of the violation. A decision will be made by writing by 8 a.m. the next morning.
3. If the decision of the Junior Fair Director is not satisfactory, then a formal protest may be filed with the Fair Manager within four hours after the 8 a.m. decision.
4. Any violation concerning the sale of an animal should be referred to the Fairfield County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee. They will report to the exhibitor their decision in writing and file it with the Senior Fair Office.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERINTENDENTS/ JUNIOR FAIR DIRECTOR

In the question of a rule violation the following due process will be used: The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by Superintendent(s) or Assistant Superintendent(s) and/or fair officials. If it is felt a violation has occurred, the Superintendent(s) / Assistant Superintendent(s) and/or fair officials will make recommendations to correct the situation based upon current rule book. Superintendent(s) and Assistant Superintendent(s) will report their decision to the Junior Fair Director immediately. Superintendent(s) will consult within four hours of the ruling. The Junior Fair Director, in consultation with the Senior Fair Board Representative and Show Committee of that specie, will research the case based upon the provided information. The decision will be made by writing by 8:00 a.m. the following day.

Protests

1. If a protest of the Junior Fair Director's decision is desired, it must be filed in writing, signed by the party or parties making protest, and filed with the Senior Fair Board Office within four hours after 8 a.m. decision by the Junior Fair Director, accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 cash.
2. The Senior Fair Board and the Superintendent(s) of the Department involved will then consider the protest at a time set by the Fair Manager.
3. A committee will be selected from a pool of all Superintendents, County Agriculture Teachers, members of the 4-H Advisory Committee not involved with that committee and no more than 2 Senior Fair Board members. The committee will be composed of at least 5 people from this pool with all groups represented if possible.
4. The committee will interview, investigate, and hold hearings with all parties involved within 12 hours of filed time. Failure to attend the meeting waives your rights in the hearing. The committee will make a recommendation based upon collected data.
5. The Senior Fair Board will report in writing the approved decision within 24 hours of the time the appeal was filed to all parties involved including 4-H, FFA, protesters and individuals involved.
6. All decisions of the Senior Fair Board are final. If the protest is granted, the \$100.00 fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the \$100.00 fee will not be returned.

Rules Violation

When satisfactory evidence has been obtained that rule violations, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family will be barred from showing in any future agriculture fairs for a period of 1 to 5 years. The minimum number of years for a livestock disbarment and the right to review is 3 years. In the case any premium has been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Senior Fair Board will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons, and sale money under each violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.

Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation

1. Any tampering or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody, and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
2. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the Agricultural Society (Fairfield County Senior Fair Board) reserves the right to disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistants who fitted the animals involved. Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dyeing, or coloring hair, adding artificial tail heads, switches, polls, hair and heels, as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness, by administration of fluids or air internally or externally in a liquid, solid or gaseous state. Only transparent grooming materials may be used.
3. The use of Clenbuterol and other unapproved drugs is prohibited.
4. All exhibitors, their immediate family, and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at this fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize money, and awards won in any junior fair and/or open class divisions. Should fraud or deception, and proof, as determined by the Agricultural Society, be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. The animals placed next in line at the show shall move up. Should a violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer, and the animal, carcass, or carcass value shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in the show will stand. No animals will move up. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete. If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited, and the loss of the animal shall be incurred by the exhibitor.
5. The Fairfield County Senior Fair Board shall have the right to require any suspected animal to be subject to examinations or tests prescribed by the fair officials to determine if a substance has been administered to the animal to change the conformation or temperament of the animal. The cost will be paid by the exhibitor.

Prohibited Conduct (for the duration of the fair)

1. NO exhibitor shall enter an animal in competition in the Junior Division of the Fairfield County Fair that has been handled, fitted, groomed, shown, or exhibited at any time during the Fairfield County Fair by another person except a member of the exhibitor's immediate family or other junior exhibitor. Each exhibitor showing a beef, sheep, or swine market animal shall register with the Junior Fair Director or his designee (Show Superintendent) on the day of weigh-in at the Fairfield County Fair. The name of the person (if any) from the immediate family or another Fairfield County Junior Fair Exhibitor who can assist the exhibitor in the preparation or grooming of the animal entered in a competition must be registered with Show Superintendent at weigh-in. Any person(s) meeting the definition of immediate family can be registered. 4-H and FFA instructors can instruct only. Immediate family includes including but not limited to the exhibitor's parents, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, or guardian.
2. NO exhibitor shall enter an animal in a Junior Division competition of the Fairfield County Fair that has been administered, fed, given, or injected a drug or any other substance including tranquilizers, natural or otherwise, except those given or injected by a licensed veterinarian. Animals of market class must have met withdrawal times and have a valid Drug Use Notification Form submitted online by noon on Friday prior to final weigh-in (exception - Market Poultry and Market Rabbits will complete DUNF AFTER fair weigh-in on Saturday by MIDNIGHT). Market animals and any species that requires a DUNF must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.

Code of Practices

The following describes the general responsibilities of the exhibitor and all persons in their authority, in the proper care and handling of animals raised for food and fiber.

1. To provide food, water and care necessary to protect the health and welfare of my animals.
2. To provide a safe and healthy environment for my animals, that is clean, well-ventilated and provides ample space.
3. To provide a well-planned disease prevention program to protect the health of my herd or flock. This includes a strong veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR).
4. To use humane and sanitary methods when it is necessary to dispose of my animals.
5. To make timely inspections of all animals to evaluate their health and ensure that all basic requirements are being met.
6. To ensure proper handling techniques are used to eliminate any undue stress or injury when manual manipulation is necessary.
7. To provide transportation for my animals that avoids undue stress or injury caused by overcrowding, excessive time in transit or improper handling when loading or unloading.
8. The willful mistreatment of my animals or the mistreatment of any animal will not be tolerated. In cases of mistreatment, the proper authorities will be notified.
9. To make management decisions based on scientific facts and to consider the welfare of the animals.

Special 4-H Rules

Age Requirements: Eligibility for 4-H Cloverbud membership begins when a child is enrolled in kindergarten and has reached age 5 as of January 1st of the current year. Cloverbuds is a non-competitive, activity-based program. Membership to the traditional 4-H club program begins when a child is enrolled in the 3rd grade and is age 8 as of January 1st of the current year. Any youth aged 9 or above as of January 1st of the current year is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional(s) or an approved adult volunteer. 4-H membership ends December 31st of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19. Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University.

4-H Member Guidelines: Members are responsible for meeting all deadlines and requirements for participation. Failure to meet a deadline or requirement may result in the status of member not in good standing or ineligibility for Junior Fair participation and other opportunities. OSU Extension is not responsible for missed deadlines. All information is published in advance. If you are uncertain of a deadline or requirement, contact the OSU Extension Office.

A 4-H member in good standing:

- Must be enrolled in a club and have project enrollment submitted to the Extension Office by April 15th of the current year to participate in judging and exhibit at the county fair.
- Must attend a minimum of six meetings. Attendance at more meetings is encouraged and may be required in the club by-laws. Extenuating circumstances preventing attendance at 4-H meetings can be reviewed by the 4-H organizational club volunteer if a written request describing the circumstances is presented. Examples of extenuating circumstances include death in the family, serious injury/illness of self/family member, and displacement from home due to natural disaster. If the case cannot be resolved in the local club, the member and volunteer can present the case to the county 4-H professional staff for review.
- Must complete at least one project in order to receive credit for the year in 4-H.
- Must follow the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct as agreed to during enrollment.
- Clubs may implement additional requirements in their club bylaws. (Examples: participation in a community service project, fundraiser, or special activity; completion of a demonstration).
- Clubs are required to submit the Club Update Form to the OSU Extension Office prior to the fair. Incomplete members are not eligible for county fair exhibition and will not receive a fair pass. Incomplete status does not prevent youth from joining 4-H or enrolling in the same project the following year.

Traditional 4-H Clubs: Must have at least five youth members from three different families. At minimum, three of the five youth must be at least age 8 and enrolled in the 3rd grade, or age 9 and above regardless of grade level for parliamentary procedures to be followed. A project book or record book is required of all members for each project. No club member may change clubs after enrollment changes are submitted.

Cloverbud 4-H Clubs: Because Cloverbuds are activity based, project and record books are not required for these members. Cloverbud Advisors should put what curriculum they are using on the enrollment sheets in the project area. Cloverbud groups must be a part of a Traditional 4-H club.

4-H Membership Across County Lines Policy: Youth are expected to affiliate with the 4-H program in their county of residence. However, in some circumstances, it is acceptable for a youth to participate in a county other than their county of residence. This can be done with the approval of the 4-H professionals in both the county of residence and the county of request. Once granted, the permission for membership across county lines shall be permanent and stable for the duration of the youth's 4-H membership. If the youth's circumstances change (e.g., residence, school, or custody), the cross county lines membership can be reevaluated. This privilege is extended only when a fully funded 4-H program is present in both counties and the youth maintains membership in good standing. If county financial support for Ohio State University Extension ceases to exist, 4-H membership status already established in that county will end on the date the funding ends (established by Extension Administration). 4-H membership of youth, residing in a county that has lost funding, who have pre-established cross-county line 4-H membership agreements in place will be permitted to continue participation in their non-resident county through December 31 of that 4-H membership year.

4-H Membership Across County Lines Procedures: Ohio State University Extension administers our 4-H Youth Development program. Our mission is to empower young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. We help youth thrive so that they are supported in reaching their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring, and contributing citizens. To affirm Ohio State University Extension's position concerning 4-H cross county lines (or cross state lines) membership, we provide the following philosophy and process:

- 4-H membership in two counties (or two states) is not permitted.
- Cross state lines membership has the same considerations as cross county lines membership.
- When the county of residence does not have a 4-H program (due to financial or other reasons), youth may not join 4-H in another county. Previously approved cross county/state lines memberships are revoked.
- Consideration for membership may not be motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage in another county, any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations.
- Should families own residences in more than one county, the county of residence is determined by the public school system in which the youth would be enrolled, regardless of actual attendance.
- Parents, guardians, and youth should become familiar with all policies, procedures, and guidelines for the county in which membership is requested. Some Ohio counties limit participation in the county junior fair to those who reside in the county.
- In situations where membership in a county other than the county of residence is desired, the 4-H professionals in both counties will review the application and make a determination for the level of review needed and either complete a county review ("accepted") or move to the state review team. The determination made by the county 4-H professionals in the county of request and the county of residence will be fully supported by the state organization.
- If county 4-H professionals cannot come to a mutual agreement on the review level, the membership application will move to the state level for review.
- Any consideration for membership in a county other than the county of residence, within the limits of this policy and not addressed by the above statements, should be brought to the attention of the Ohio 4-H Youth Development assistant director or associate state leader to identify a course of action in these special situations.
- The request for cross county membership form should be completed and submitted by the parents/guardians as soon as possible but preferred at least 30 days prior to the 4-H membership enrollment deadline in the county being requested. Late submissions will not be considered for the current program year.

Parents seeking 4-H membership for their child in a county in which they do not reside must complete the Request for 4-H Membership Across County Lines form. It should be submitted to the county OSU Extension 4-H professional in the county of request as soon as possible and preferred no later than 30 days prior to the 4-H membership enrollment deadline of the county being requested. That professional then contacts the 4-H professional in the county of residence, discusses the circumstances and context of the request and then takes appropriate action given their determination. Please allow at least 30 days from submission for final notification.

4-H Projects and Participation in FFA, FCCLA, School, Science Fairs, Scouts, Etc.

Eligible youth may be members of both a 4-H club and any other group. When a member belongs to two or more organizations, projects carried, in all cases, must be separate and different (also different animals and/or products) in an effort to broaden the member's experience and learning. The following examples will be considered separate and different projects: Dairy Cows and Management (cows in production), Dairy Calves and Heifers (not freshened); Sheep Breeding, Market Lambs; Beef Breeding, Market Beef; Swine Breeding, Market Swine; Market Goats, Breeding Goats; Laying Flock, Broilers, Fancy Poultry, Pigeons; Market Rabbits, Breeding Rabbits; Agronomic crops such as corn, soybeans, wheat and specialty crops such as vegetable gardening, strawberries, other specialty animals, crops; electric and woodworking; which must also be separate and different. When project selection is a problem, a conference should be held with 4-H Extension Educators, the 4-H Advisors, and the parents to discuss the situation and resolve the problem for the benefit of the member involved.

Livestock and Horse Housing Rule

Youth housing an animal in a location other than their own home or farm need to file a Livestock and Horse Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office.

4-H Completion and Exhibition Requirements

Project completion requires that all the above rules must be followed, and that the advisor be satisfied with the project. Anything less than this should be considered INCOMPLETE.

Exhibition is an option beyond completion.

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

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR EXHIBITORS

Premier Exhibitor Contests, Showmanship, Super Showmanship, Livestock Judging Contest

Premier Exhibitor Contests

The objective of the Premier Exhibitor Contest is to encourage youth exhibitors to explore multiple aspects of the livestock specie project they are enrolled in, and to reward those youth that participate at the highest level. While some exhibitors may choose to only participate in a single aspect of an animal project, the reality is that all the various opportunities available for any given project are interrelated and participation can enhance the knowledge, skills, and enjoyment gained from the project.

- Exhibitors will learn that market animals originate from breeding stock.
- Performance is vital to the profitability of livestock production.
- Efficient record keeping allows the owner to determine if the project was profitable.
- Livestock evaluation is the foundation for selecting both breeding and market livestock.
- Knowing breeds, body parts and muscle names and locations complements one's ability to evaluate livestock.

It's all interrelated and encouraging youth to expand their knowledge of their project by participating in a variety of opportunities while also in a competitive environment will enhance the learning experience.

Requirements

- Exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H/FFA project in that species in their respective 4-H Club/FFA Chapter.
- FairEntry is made in the respective species by August FairEntry deadline.
- The exhibitor must complete the Fairfield County Skillathon for the species they plan to compete in Premier Exhibitor. Those exhibitors who participate in the alternative Skillathon options will not be eligible for Premier Exhibitor (i.e., Ohio State Fair VIRTUAL Skillathon, Ohio State Fair IN-PERSON Skillathon, and/or Fairfield County Make-Up Skillathon). Project books will be reviewed as part of the county Skillathon event.
- **The exhibitor must complete and turn in their project record book at the species' scheduled Fairfield County Skillathon to participate in Premier Exhibitor for each respective species. Books will not be accepted on any other date for Premier Exhibitor participants.**
- An exhibitor must complete a Skillathon for each specie they plan to compete for Premier Exhibitor. If an exhibitor does not participate in the Fairfield County Skillathon for that specie, they will be ineligible for Premier Exhibitor in that species.
- Exhibitors must show their own animal(s).

Eligible Species

Dairy Cattle	Sheep	Pygmy Goats	Dogs
Beef	Dairy Goats	Poultry	Alpacas/Llamas
Swine	Meat/Market Goats	Rabbits	Horses

Scoring

The Premier Exhibitor for each species will be the exhibitor with the highest point total from the activities listed for each specie (dropping the scores as mentioned below).

The goal is to encourage exhibitors to explore various opportunities available to them within their species and allow for lowest scores to be dropped when sufficient experiences can be offered (for example, Beef Exhibitors have far more project opportunities available to them than Pygmy Goats). The objective would be to encourage exhibitors to earn points for exhibiting animals in at least two ways at the Fairfield County Fair in addition to participating in Skillathon, showmanship, rate of gain (if applicable), and judging contests (if applicable). If exhibiting more than one animal in an activity, the highest placing animal will be used for the Premier Exhibitor scoring.

- **Dairy Cattle:** The Dairy Cattle Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 6 of the 7 following Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Dairy Skillathon*, Showmanship, Fairfield County Dairy Judging Contest, and Breeding Class, Market Class, Feeder Class, and Rate of Gain.
- **Beef:** The Beef Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 5 of the 8 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Beef Skillathon*, Showmanship, Fairfield County Beef Judging Contest, Breeding Class, Feeder Class, Market Class, Carcass Class, and Rate of Gain.
- **Swine:** The Swine Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 4 of the 5 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Swine Skillathon*, Showmanship, Fairfield County Swine Judging Contest, Market/MQP Class 1, and Market/MQP Class 2.
- **Sheep:** The Sheep Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from 5 of the 6 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Sheep Skillathon*, Showmanship, Fairfield County Sheep Judging Contest, Breeding Class, Market/MQP Class 1, and Market/MQP Class 2.
- **Dairy Goats:** The Dairy Goat Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from all 4 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Dairy Goat Skillathon*, Showmanship, Breeding **Animal 1**, and Breeding **Animal 2**.
- **Meat/Market Goats:** The Meat/Market Goat Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from 5 of the 6 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Meat/Market Goat Skillathon*, Showmanship, Fairfield County Meat Goat Judging Contest, Breeding (Meat Doe) Class, Market/MQP Class 1, and Market/MQP Class 2.
- **Pygmy Goats:** The Pygmy Goat Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from all 4 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Pygmy Goat Skillathon*, Showmanship, Wether Class, and Doe Class.
- **Poultry:** The Poultry Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from 4 of the 5 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Poultry Skillathon*, Showmanship, Breeding Class, Layers Class, and Market Class.
- **Rabbits:** The Rabbit Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from all 4 of the 6 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Rabbit Skillathon*, Showmanship, Breeding Class 1, Breeding Class 2, Market Class 1, Market Class 2.
- **Dogs:** The Dog Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 4 of the 5 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Dog Skillathon*, You & Your Dog Interview, Showmanship, Obedience Class, and Agility.

- **Alpacas/Llamas:** The Alpaca & Llama Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 4 of the 5 following Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Alpaca/Llama Skillathon*, Showmanship, Public Relations Class, **Trail Pack Class**, and Obstacle/Agility Class
- **Horses:** The Horse Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 4 of the 5 following Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Horse Skillathon*, Showmanship, Pleasure Class, Pattern Class, and Contesting Class.

The ***Fairfield County Skillathon** will be a mandatory activity for participation in the respective species' Premier Exhibitor Contest. A Skillathon is an activity to test knowledge of specific subject matter in a hands-on experiential learning model. Skillathons will take place on the assigned day and times in September, and this will be the only opportunity for participants to complete the Skillathon for their respective species and be eligible to participate in the respective Premier Exhibitor Contest. Exhibitors will earn corresponding Premier Exhibitor points based off of their raw score (out of 100 points). Skillathons will be comprised of four stations. A completed project book is required at Skillathon.

The **Fairfield County Livestock Judging Contest** will take place on Sunday of the Fairfield County Fair for swine, beef, sheep, and goats. Exhibitors will earn corresponding Livestock Judging Contest points based off of their raw score. Total points possible will be determined on the day of the contest. The Fairfield County Dairy Judging Contest will take place on Monday of the Fairfield County Fair for dairy cattle.

Rate of Gain will be available to all market beef, dairy steer, and dairy feeder exhibitors.

Breeding/Market/Showmanship/Rate of Gain class/heat points will be assigned according to class rankings (placing 1st through 5th, followed by participation points).

Livestock Sale: If the Premier Exhibitor has a market animal in that respective species, they will sell third in the market sale for that species following the Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animals. If an exhibitor chooses to take home and earns Premier Exhibitor, they will lose their sale slot. (In that case second place Premier Exhibitor will not move into that sale slot).

Ties: Exhibitors will complete a tiebreaker station at Skillathon for their respective species. Scoring from the tiebreaker station will only be used to help break ties for the overall rankings of each specie's Premier Exhibitor.

Awards will be given for 1st place winners of each age group (Age 8/9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18), from which, overall 1st through 3rd place winners will be chosen for the Premier Exhibitor Program for each specie.

- 1st Place Awards for each age group (Age 8/9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18) will receive a rosette and coupon to be used at the fair for a free sandwich at the Fairfield County Cattlemen's Food Booth.
- 1st Place Award Overall for each specie will receive a vinyl banner and \$100 cash award.
- 2nd Place Award Overall for each specie will receive a vinyl banner and \$75 cash award.
- 3rd Place Award Overall for each specie will receive a vinyl banner and \$50 cash award.

Showmanship

Showmanship is an optional event for the Fairfield County Junior Fair (**EXCEPTIONS: Horse exhibitors are required to participate in at least showmanship class. Alpaca/Llama exhibitors are required to participate in their respective showmanship class to receive a grade**). However, all 4-H/FFA members are strongly encouraged to participate. The purpose of showmanship is to encourage 4-H/FFA members to learn and acquire animal handling skills by presenting their animal to the judge to the best of their ability. Showmanship allows opportunities for the judge to ask questions of the exhibitor about their animal/species. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship, and the animal must be entered in the market/breeding Fairfield County Junior Fair Show. The judge may ask exhibitors to show another exhibitor's animal during the showmanship show.

Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship age divisions are age as of January 1st of the current year. Showmanship age divisions vary by species (please see specie rules). Additionally, awards will be given for each showmanship division. Showmanship is an area where exhibitors can earn points for the Premier Exhibitor Contest.

New in 2024 and continuing for 2025: A Showman of Showmen class will be held at the end of the Showmanship Show for each species. All showmanship division winners (age groups) from the current year only will compete against each other for the title of Showman of Showmen. The 1st place winner will represent the species at Super Showmanship held on Thursday morning of the fair at 8:00 a.m. in Feeder Creek Arena. If the Showman of Showmen winner has previously won Super Showmanship overall representing their specie or is unable to participate, the 2nd place winner will be next in line to compete representing that specie (followed by 3rd, 4th, etc.).

Check out this livestock showmanship resource for additional information:

[4-H Animal Science Lesson Plan: Showmanship from the University of Idaho Extension.](#)

Super Showmanship

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Thursday, October 9th, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

Superintendents: Fairfield County Junior Fair Board Advisors and Members

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. The contest will consist of participants exhibiting the following species: dairy cattle, dairy market, dairy goats, market/meat goats, beef, swine, sheep, horse, llama/alpaca, poultry, rabbits, dog, and pygmy goats.
2. Previous Super Showmanship winners are ineligible to compete. Previous participants who did not place 1st in Super Showmanship are eligible to return if they are the species' representative for that year.
3. The Showman of Showmen winner for each species will participate in the Super Showmanship Contest.
4. An exhibitor may participate in Super Showmanship representing ONE species per year. If they earn Showman of Showmen in multiple species, they must declare the specie they wish to represent to the Junior Fair Office as soon as possible so that an alternate may be contacted.
5. The Showman of Showmen Winner (or alternate) for Super Showmanship must be determined and reported to the Junior Fair Office by the end of the scheduled fair day of the respective specie's competition.
6. If the Showman of Showmen winner is ineligible to compete or unable to compete in Super Showmanship, the 2nd place Showman of Showmen winner will be next in line to compete representing that specie (then followed by the 3rd, 4th, etc.).
7. Superintendents are responsible for notifying contestants in their species of their eligibility to participate in the Super Showmanship contest and notify the Junior Fair Office of the eligible representative.
8. Competing exhibitors are responsible for providing an animal that can be used in the Super Showmanship Contest.
9. Exhibitors will have five (5) minutes at each rotation of the contest.
10. Scoring for the contest will be based on 30 points for each station (15 points for showmanship ability and 15 points for questions/knowledge). The overall scoring shall be based on the sum of all animal/station scores. All ties shall be broken first by the sum of the three highest scores, then by the sum of the lowest three scores.

Super Showmanship Awards

1 st Place Super Showmanship Contest	Carrie Stoneburner & Dustin Bates	Windbreaker
1 st Place Super Showmanship Contest	Carrie Stoneburner & Dustin Bates	Cooler
2 nd Place Super Showmanship Contest	Rachel Stoneburner & Jason Diedrick	Windbreaker
2 nd Place Super Showmanship Contest	Rachel Stoneburner & Jason Diedrick	Tumbler
3 rd Place Super Showmanship Contest	Rachel Stoneburner & Jason Diedrick	Windbreaker
3 rd Place Super Showmanship Contest	Rachel Stoneburner & Jason Diedrick	Tumbler
4 th -13 th Place Super Showmanship Contest (10)	Carrie Stoneburner & Dustin Bates (3) Walker's Shoe Center (2) In Memory of Richard Keller (2) Central Ohio Orthodontics, Dr. Megan Miller (3)	Tumblers Tumblers Tumblers Tumblers

Livestock Judging Contest

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Sunday, October 5th, 2025, 12:30 p.m.
Contest to follow beginning at 1:00 p.m., in Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena

Superintendent: James Maynard
Assistant Superintendent: Hayley Maynard

Please sign up to participate in the Livestock Judging Contest in advance using the online registration link (by Wednesday, October 1st):

<http://go.osu.edu/fclivestockjudging>

Pre-Registered individuals can pick-up materials at 12:30 p.m. on contest day.
Onsite registration will also be available **at NOON on Sunday, October 5th, 2025.**



Signup for Livestock Judging

The Fairfield County Junior Fair Livestock Judging Contest allows for 4-H/FFA youth to analyze and evaluate live animals against the industry standard and contest official(s).

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. The contest will be conducted in two divisions: Senior (ages 14-18) and Junior (ages 8-13).
2. All ages are as of January 1st of the current year.
3. Rules and conditions apply to both divisions.
4. When available, one class from each of the following will be used: Market Hogs, Breeding Gilts, Market Lambs, Breeding Ewes, Market Goats, Breeding Goats, Market Beef Steers, and Breeding Beef Heifers.
5. Livestock entered in the Junior Fair and/or Open classes and housed at the fair are subject to be used for the Livestock Judging Contest.
6. Committee members have the right to bring in outside livestock to fill classes, if not enough animals are made available from FFA and 4-H members on Sunday of the fair. Animals brought to the fairgrounds must be checked by a veterinarian before setting foot on the fairgrounds.
7. For each species there will be at least one placing class and one questions class.
8. The scores will be computed by the committee in charge and displayed **outside of the Junior Fair Office by Tuesday of fair.**
9. To be eligible for Livestock Judging Contest awards, exhibitors must complete all classes for all species.
10. For Junior Fair Premier Exhibitor purposes, exhibitors will receive points for their raw score in that respective species.
11. Tiebreakers for the Livestock Judging Contest Awards shall be (in order):
 - a. The highest total score for all questions and answers.
 - b. Most consistency of class scores- narrowest spread from high to low score.
 - c. Highest score on one set of oral reasons given on a class of the participant's choice, given to the contest superintendents.
12. Out-of-County participants are welcome to participate.
13. **Contestants may carry only plain paper/blank notebooks, a clipboard and pencils or pens into the contest.**
14. **While the contest is in progress, contestants are not permitted to have cell phones or any other electronic devices, including smartwatches, in their possession. If found with a cell phone or other electronic device during the contest, the contestant will be disqualified.**
15. **While the contest is in progress, there shall be no talking or conferring between contestants, coaches, and anyone else, except as directed by the superintendents. Any violation of this rule will result in one warning, repeat violations will result in contest disqualification.**
16. **Only officials, contest volunteers (superintendents, animal handlers, etc.), and contestants of the contest will be allowed on the floor of the arena.**

Livestock Judging Contest Awards

1 st Place Senior Livestock Judging Contest (Age 14 & Older)	Maynard Boer Goats/Maynard Family Farms	Belt Buckle
1 st Place Senior Livestock Judging Contest (Age 14 & Older)	Maynard Boer Goats/Maynard Family Farms	Banner
2 nd -5 th Place Senior Livestock Judging Contest (Age 14 & Older)	Maynard Boer Goats/Maynard Family Farms	Banners
1 st Place Junior Livestock Judging Contest (Age 8-13)	Maynard Boer Goats/Maynard Family Farms	Belt Buckle
1 st Place Junior Livestock Judging Contest (Age 8-13)	Maynard Boer Goats/Maynard Family Farms	Banner
2 nd -5 th Place Junior Livestock Judging Contest (Age 8-13)	Maynard Boer Goats/Maynard Family Farms	Banners
1 st -3 rd Place Livestock Judging (Out of County)	Maynard Boer Goats/Maynard Family Farms	Banners

Department 1: 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle

Dairy Market Show and Showmanship: Round Cattle Barn, Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
Dairy Breeding Show and Showmanship: Round Cattle Barn, Wednesday, October 8th, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Lori King
Assistant Superintendent: Derek Burns

Dairy Steer Possession and Weigh In:

- Dairy Steer possession is the second Saturday of March. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after the designated date.
- Dairy Steer Weigh-In is the second Saturday of March (Saturday, March 8th by appointment) at Fairfield Cattle Company. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL DAIRY STEER ANIMALS. The scheduling of appointments for weigh-in will be shared by OSU Extension.
- Up to two animals and one back-up dairy steer may be registered for each exhibitor in the family at the March weigh-in/tag-in.
- Dairy Steers will be required to have an EID 840 tag and submit a DNA sample for identification at the Dairy Steer Weigh-In/Tagging, the 2nd Saturday of March. If your animal already has an EID 840 tag, this tag number will be used for identification. For all Dairy Steers that need an EID tag, these will be provided prior to the March weigh-in. Details of that DNA collection and tagging process will be shared in February by the OSU Extension Office.
- Final Dairy Steer weigh-in is Sunday of the fair (Sunday, October 5th) from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Round Cattle Barn. There will be no reweighs.

Dairy Beef Feeder Weigh In:

- Summer weigh-in is the last Saturday of June (Saturday, June 28th) from 8:00-10:30 a.m., at the fairgrounds. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL DAIRY BEEF FEEDERS.
- Up to two animals and one back-up dairy beef feeder may be registered for each exhibitor in the family at June weigh-in/tag-in.
- All market animals will be tagged with an EID 840 tag. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification. All dairy beef feeders will submit a DNA sample for identification purposes at the Dairy Beef Feeder Calf weigh-in the last Saturday of June.
- Final Dairy Beef Feeder weigh-in is Sunday of the fair (Sunday, October 5th) from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Round Cattle Barn. There will be no reweighs.

Tagging: All MARKET animals (including Dairy Steers and Dairy Beef Feeders)

- All market animals will be family tagged and any member of the family can show any animal tagged.
- As defined in [Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-01](#), "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- No tagging will be performed after the designated weigh-in/tag-in day.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. The deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Dairy Breeding: Lease Agreement Forms, Breeding Association Registration Papers, and Livestock Housing Forms must be filed per required deadlines. These forms will be checked the day before show day. Also see Dairy Breeding Special Rules below.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Dairy Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Dairy Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 6th, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all Dairy Beef Feeders, Dairy Steers, and lactating Dairy Cows. DUNF forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of weigh in. DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in/check-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

Dairy Breeding Divisions: All Other Breeds (AOB), Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey

Dairy Breeding Classes:

1. Junior Heifer Calf, born on or after March 1, 2025, and over 4 months old.
2. Intermediate Heifer Calf, born December 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025.
3. Senior Heifer Calf, born September 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024.
4. Summer Yearling Heifer, born June 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024.
5. Junior Yearling Heifer, born March 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024.
6. Intermediate Yearling Heifer, born December 1, 2023, through February 28, 2024.
7. Senior Yearling Heifer, born September 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023.
8. Junior 2-year-old Cow, born between March 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023.
9. Senior 2-year-old Cow, born between September 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023.
10. 3-year-old Cow, born between September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022.
11. 4-year-old Cow, born between September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021.
12. Aged Cow, born on or before August 31, 2020.
13. Exhibit 3 Best Females (any age)- Must be of same breed or breed characteristics.
 - No more than 1 animal may be entered per class in each Dairy Breeding Division. Animals which will be exhibited in different breed divisions (Guernsey, Holstein [including black and white and red and white Holsteins as one class], Jersey, and All Other Breeds) will be considered different classes, even if the animals are in the same age class (e.g., an exhibitor may show a Holstein Spring Heifer and a Jersey Spring Heifer because they will show in separate breed divisions despite being the same age).
 - All Fall Yearlings in milk will automatically show in the Junior 2-year-old Cow class.

Dairy Market Division:

1. Dairy Beef Feeder Class: Exhibitors may have no more than 2 fair entries in this class.
2. Dairy Steer Class: Exhibitors may have no more than 2 fair entries in this class.

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline. There are separate Showmanship Division for Dairy Breeding and Dairy Beef Feeders. If an exhibitor plans to participate in Dairy Breeding AND Dairy Beef Market Showmanship, they must make two separate showmanship entries in the respective showmanship division and class. Ages are as of January 1st of the current year.

Dairy Breeding Showmanship Classes:

1. Senior Dairy Breeding Showmanship (Ages 15-18)
2. Intermediate Dairy Breeding Showmanship (Ages 12-14)
3. Junior Dairy Breeding Showmanship (Ages 9-11)
4. Beginner Dairy Breeding Showmanship (1st year dairy exhibitor, under the age of 11)

Dairy Market Showmanship Classes:

1. Senior Dairy Market Showmanship (Ages 15-18)
2. Intermediate Dairy Market Showmanship (Ages 12-14)
3. Junior Dairy Market Showmanship (Ages 9-11)
4. Beginner Dairy Market Showmanship (1st year dairy exhibitor, under the age of 11)

Arrival Times: All dairy beef feeders and dairy steers must be stalled by 10:00 a.m. Sunday, October 5th, 2025. All dairy breeding animals must be stalled by Sunday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m., or between 7:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Lactating dairy cows (both open and junior) have the option to arrive by 9:00 a.m. or from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday. If an animal is not being exhibited and shown in its entered class, it CANNOT be housed in the Round Cattle Barn.

Dairy Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for dairy cattle exhibitors on Sunday, October 5th, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. in the Round Cattle Barn.

Dairy Steers and Dairy Beef Feeders: This is a **partial-terminal** show. See [ODA Rules 901-19-01 GG](#). Dairy Steer and Dairy Feeder Exhibitors will have the option to take home their animals. [Click here to review information to consider when making this decision.](#)

- Take home forms will be available at each specie's fair/final weigh-in.
- **The NUMBER of take home animals must be declared at the scale (no exceptions).**
- **Tag numbers of take home animals must be declared to the Show Superintendent within one hour of the conclusion of that species show.**
- Take home animals will lose their sale slot and will not be eligible for a premium and packer bid.
- Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.

Dairy Steer and Dairy Beef Feeder Sale: Thursday at the Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. **Sale order is pending.** Please review rules on the sale page: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>

Dairy Products Sale: There will be no dairy products in the livestock sale.

Release Times: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that species the following year.

- **Dairy Beef Feeders and Dairy Steers who have completed a Take Home Form will be released THREE HOURS after the Dairy Market Show on Tuesday, and this release time window will last for TWO HOURS. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from showing that species the following year. Exhibitors must check with the Superintendent before leaving the fairgrounds to ensure animals are accounted for before the sale.**
- Lactating Dairy Cattle: Immediately following the show Wednesday, October 8th. All dairy cattle are to be removed from the fairgrounds Friday, October 10th after 6:00 p.m. up until 11:00 a.m. Saturday, or on Saturday, October 11th between 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not **show** that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

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Dairy Breeding Special Rules

1. All dairy breeding animals must be in the exhibitor's possession by July 1st of the current year.
2. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) or leased (following lease guidelines; see Dairy Breeding Special Rule 3) and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on or after July 1st of the current year.
3. Exhibitors leasing heifers must obtain and file a Lease Agreement Form to the OSU Extension Office by July 1st of the current year.
4. All exhibitors showing registered/qualified animals must present registration/qualification papers when requested. Registered and grade animals the same age will show in the same class.
5. If the exhibitor's name does not appear on the animal's registration/qualification papers, then a letter from the breed association or a notarized letter stating the names of the members associated with that animal in question must be submitted to the OSU Extension Office by July 1st.
6. No bulls.
7. No horns, no scurs, polls must be healed. Clean poll ONLY, no exceptions.
8. Straw or shavings may be used for bedding.
9. All exhibitors must wear white.

Dairy Breeding Showmanship Rules

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Dairy Breeding Showman of Showmen.
7. The Dairy Breeding Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.
8. In making the placing, fitting will count 50% and showmanship 50%. Fitting includes condition, quality, and finish. The hide, hair, and hooves must be clean. Showmanship includes the exhibitor's appearance and knowledge of the project and the ability to properly pose the animal and move the animal in the ring as directed by a judge.

Dairy Beef Feeder Special Rules

1. All dairy beef feeders must be completely and fully owned (as evidenced by bill of sale) and in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by the second Saturday of June. **NO LEASING OF ANIMALS IS PERMITTED.**
2. Dairy beef feeders will be tagged and weighed-in at the June weigh-in at the fairgrounds. Each dairy beef feeder will be issued one EID 840 tag and will have a DNA hair sample taken. If the animal already has an EID 840 tag in place, this will be used as the official fair identification. If a dairy beef feeder loses the ear tag, the exhibitor must report the lost tag to the Dairy Superintendent and the Senior Fair Office immediately. Any dairy beef feeder exhibitor who fails to report a lost ear tag will not be eligible to show at the fair.
3. Dairy beef feeders must be male and castrated. These calves must be free of any testicular tissue and healed to show or sell at the fair or they will be disqualified.

4. Dairy beef feeder calves weighing less than 300 or more than 700 pounds at October weigh-in will be shown in the same class for grade only, will all receive B grades, and will be disqualified from the rate of gain contest. Exhibitors with an under or overweight feeder are still eligible for showmanship. Sale eligibility will be at the discretion of the feedlot (packer) bidder. There will be no re-weighs at fair weigh in.
5. Exhibitors are not required to wear white. Show sticks are optional.
6. No horns, no scurs, polls must be healed. Clean poll ONLY, no exceptions.
7. Dairy beef feeder calves must show dairy characteristics and color of dairy breed and verified by vet at June weigh-in.
8. There may be an individual feedlot (packer) bid for dairy beef feeder calves and the bids may vary by breed and weight. Exhibitors must choose at or before weigh-in if they want to take their calf home. All calves going to the packer must be vaccinated at weigh-in, at the exhibitor's expense. The proper vaccines, chosen by the feedlot (packer) bidder and veterinarian, will be administered by a veterinarian.
9. Overall Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder will sell first and second, respectively. If the exhibitor of the Overall Grand Champion Dairy Feeder and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder submitted a Take Home Form, it becomes null and void after earning this honor.
10. **All other dairy feeders are eligible to sell as an individual or a group. Exhibitors will be able to sell one dairy feeder in the sale (as an individual or in a group). Their second dairy feeder may go directly to packer. The Dairy Cattle Show Committee will determine sale order.**
11. If an exhibitor has both of their dairy beef feeders in the same heat/class, another qualified Junior Fair exhibitor will be used to help show their second Dairy Beef Feeder.
12. Straw or shavings may be used for bedding.

Dairy Steer Special Rules

1. This class is open to any 4-H/FFA members who have enrolled in a market beef animal project.
2. Participation in the Dairy Steer class does not affect eligibility for participation in the Dairy Beef Feeder class.
3. All dairy steers must be completely and fully owned (as evidenced by bill of sale) and in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by the second Saturday of March. NO LEASING OF ANIMALS IS PERMITTED.
4. All dairy steers must be tagged/weighed-in during the second Saturday of March.
5. In March, an exhibitor may tag/weigh-in up to three dairy steers for the dairy steer class at the fair in October.
6. Each dairy steer will be issued one EID 840 tag. If the animal already has an EID 840 tag in place, this will be used as the official fair identification. If a dairy steer loses the ear tag, the exhibitor must report the lost tag to the Junior Fair Director and OSU Extension Office immediately. Any dairy steer exhibitor who fails to report a lost ear tag will not be eligible to show at the fair.
7. DNA on each steer will be collected/submitted at or prior to the March weigh-in. Details will be shared by OSU Extension. All market animals are subject to a DNA sample at the fair to verify proper ownership.
8. An exhibitor may exhibit one or two steers at the fair but only one animal will be eligible for the Livestock Sale (highest placing animal).
9. The animal not sold individually will be sold to the packer for the packer bid. The only time the exhibitor can sell two live market animals individually is if they are selected for both a Grand and Reserve Champion overall within the same species.
10. Each steer weighed/tagged in March will be entered into a Rate of Gain Contest.
11. Dairy steers must weigh at least 1100 pounds to show for champion and sell individually. There is no maximum weight limit. There will be no reweighs.
12. Underweight market animals will be shown in their own class and may also be used for showmanship. Underweight animals will be offered a packer bid or may go home regardless of if a "Market Animal Take Home Form" was completed prior to weigh-in. If not being used for showmanship, and not being sold for a packer bid, the animal may go home immediately.
13. No bulls.
14. No horned dairy steers.
15. All dairy steers must be free of warts.
16. Dairy steers showing evidence of testicular tissue are not eligible to be shown or sold.
17. Any animal that cannot be controlled (goes wild) must be removed from the fairgrounds.
18. Owners of animals that cannot be controlled will be held responsible for any loss or damage of property or persons.
19. Exhibitors are not required to wear white. Show sticks are optional.
20. Dairy steers must show dairy characteristics and color of dairy breed.
21. All eligible dairy steer animals may be sold in accordance with [ODA Rule 901-19-02 E](#).
22. The exhibitors of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will provide continual care through Saturday and will leave feed for the Senior Fair Board through Wednesday. Additionally, they will assist with the load out of the animals on the Saturday concluding the fair. Premiums, prize money, and sale proceeds will be forfeited if the exhibitor fails to provide this continual care.
23. Overall Grand Champion Dairy Steer and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Steer will sell first and second, respectively.
24. If an exhibitor has both of their dairy steers in the same heat/class, another qualified Junior Fair exhibitor will be used to help show their second dairy steer.
25. Straw or shavings may be used for bedding.

Dairy Market Showmanship Rules

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Dairy Market Showman of Showmen.
7. The Dairy Market Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.
8. In making the placing, fitting will count 50% and showmanship 50%. Fitting includes condition, quality and finish. The hide, hair, and hooves must be clean. Showmanship includes the exhibitors' appearance and knowledge of the project and the ability to properly pose the animal and move the animal in the ring as directed by the judge.

Dairy Beef Feeder and Dairy Steer Rate of Gain Contests

1. Rate of Gain Contests will be calculated separate for dairy feeders and dairy steers.
2. The actual rate of gain will be calculated by subtracting the beginning weight from the final weight and dividing the difference by the number of days from initial weigh-in in July to the final weigh-in at the fair.
3. Order of placement in regular show has no relevance to the rate of gain contest.
4. To be eligible for rate of gain awards, the dairy beef feeder and/or dairy steer(s) must be exhibited and shown at the Fairfield County Fair.
5. Awards will be given to the top two dairy beef feeder calves and top two dairy steers according to the criteria listed above.

Department 2: 4-H/FFA Beef Cattle

Showmanship, Breeding, Feeders, Market Beef, Bred, Born & Raised Market Beef

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

Superintendents: Matt Henwood and Desirae Logsdon

Assistant Superintendent: Cheyenne Erb

Please note: Junior Fair beef will be housed in the brick L Barn.

Market/Carcass Beef Possession Date and Tagging:

- Market/Carcass Beef possession is the second Saturday of March. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after the designated date.
- Market/Carcass Beef Weigh-In is the second Saturday of March (Saturday, March 8th by appointment) at Fairfield Cattle Company. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL MARKET/CARCASS BEEF ANIMALS. Scheduling of appointments for weigh-in will be shared by OSU Extension. **New for 2025: Exhibitors participating in the August BPCQ Harvest Date will participate in early weigh-in on February 1st, 2025. Information will be shared by the OSU Extension Office.**
- Market/Carcass Beef Animals will be required to have an EID 840 tag and submit a DNA sample for identification at the Market Beef Animal Weigh-In/Tagging, the 2nd Saturday of March. If your animal already has an EID 840 tag, this tag number will be used for identification. For all Market/Carcass Beef Animals that need an EID tag, these will be provided prior to the March weigh-in. Details of that DNA collection and tagging process will be shared in February by the OSU Extension Office.

Tagging: All MARKET animals (including Market/Carcass Beef Animals)

- All market animals will be family tagged and any member of the family can show any animal tagged.
- As defined in [Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-01](#), "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- No tagging will be performed after the designated weigh-in/tag-in day.
- Each family may weigh-in up to four steers or heifers at the March weigh-in/tagging per exhibitor in the family. Each exhibitor may choose at their discretion which steer(s)/heifer(s) will be shown in the live or carcass contests from the family tag-in.
- All market animals will be tagged with an EID 840 tag. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.

Beef Breeding Possession Date and Identification:

- Beef Breeding possession is July 1st. All beef breeding animals exhibited must have been completely and full owned and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after the designated date.
- Registered Beef Breeding Identification: All registered breeding beef will submit the following by July 15th to OSU Extension Office: EID 840 Tag and/or Tattoo Number as well as DNA hair sample for each animal.
 - If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.
 - Registration Number is required at the time of fair entry and by August 29th, 2025 (FairEntry Deadline).
 - If breed registration is not completed by fair entry deadline, the animal will show as a crossbred.
- Crossbred Beef Breeding Identification: All crossbred breeding beef will submit the following by July 15th to OSU Extension Office: EID 840 Tag as well as DNA hair sample for each animal.
 - If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.
 - If needed, crossbred heifer exhibitors will be able to pick-up 840 EID tags from OSU Extension (provided by the Senior Fair Office).

Beef Feeder Possession Date and Identification:

- Beef Feeder possession is August 15th. All beef feeder animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after the designated date.
- All beef feeder exhibitors will submit the EID 840 tag number **as well as a DNA hair sample for each animal** by August 20th (within 5 days of August 15th possession date) to the OSU Extension Office for each beef feeder animal. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.
- If needed, feeder calf exhibitors will be able to pick up 840 EID tags from OSU Extension (provided by the Senior Fair Office).

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing market beef animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must report that during the DNA/tagging process (online). If later the animal must be moved to a place other than the location indicated during March weigh-in, the exhibitor must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. All exhibitors of beef feeders and breeding beef animals housing animal(s) at a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Beef Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Beef Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 6th, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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 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.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all market/carcass beef animals **and beef feeders**. DUNF Forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of weigh in. **For BPCQ (Carcass Beef) - Harvest Date #1 of August 19th, 2025: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on Friday, August 15th, 2025. For BPCQ (Carcass Beef) - Harvest Date #2 of September 23rd, 2025: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on Friday, September 19th, 2025. For BPCQ (Carcass Beef) - Harvest Date #3 of September 30th, 2025: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on Friday, September 26th, 2025.** For Market Beef: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in/check-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

Up to six (6) total beef animals may be entered (this excludes carcass).

Beef Breeding Division

Beef Breeding Classes:

1. Crossbred Heifer

- Crossbred heifers will show by weight.

2. Registered Heifer

- All registered breeding animals must submit registration numbers at the time of fair entry.
- Registered heifers will show by breed and will split by age at the Superintendent(s) discretion.
- Must have 2 entries of the same breed to have a breed class.

When making fair entries and adding animal data, exhibitors will be asked for breed (if registered), breed registration number, EID 840 tag and/or tattoo number. For crossbred entries, exhibitors will select this breed option when adding their animal and provide EID 840 tag number.

Market Beef Division

Market Beef Classes:

1. Market Beef Animal (Steer or Heifer) - limit of 2 entries
2. Beef Performance Carcass Quality (BPCQ) Market Beef Animal (Steer or Heifer) - limit of 1 entry

Beef Feeder Division

Beef Feeder Class:

1. Feeder Calf (Steer or Heifer) - limit of 2 entries

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Beef Showmanship Ages 17-18 | 6. Beef Showmanship Age 12 |
| 2. Beef Showmanship Age 16 | 7. Beef Showmanship Age 11 |
| 3. Beef Showmanship Age 15 | 8. Beef Showmanship Age 10 |
| 4. Beef Showmanship Age 14 | 9. Beef Showmanship Ages 8-9 |
| 5. Beef Showmanship Age 13 | |

Arrival Time and Fair Weigh-In: Market beef, feeders, and breeding stock may arrive in the beef barn beginning Friday, October 3rd, 2025, and must arrive by 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4th, 2025. Exhibitors may weigh market beef and feeder calves at any time on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the Swine Barn. There will be no re-weighs after the animals leave the scales. Heifer papers, weighing of crossbred females, and EID/tattoos will be checked from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Announcements as to how packer bidders will view the animals to make their bids will be announced later.

Beef Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for beef exhibitors on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Shelter House (east of Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena).

Market Beef Classes: This is a partial terminal show. See [ODA Rules 901-19-01 GG](#) and [ODA Rules 901-19-02 E](#). Market Beef Exhibitors will have the option to take home their animals. [Click here to review information to consider when making this decision.](#)

- Take home forms will be available at each specie's fair/final weigh-in.
- **The NUMBER of take home animals must be declared at the scale (no exceptions).**

- **Tag numbers of take home animals must be declared to the Show Superintendent within one hour of the conclusion of that species show.**
- Take home animals will lose their sale slot and will not be eligible for a premium and packer bid.
- Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.

Market Beef Sale: Thursday at the Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. **Sale order is pending.** Beef sale order is as follows: Grand Champion Live Market Beef Animal, Reserve Grand Champion Live Market Beef Animal, Premier Exhibitor (must be market or carcass animal), Grand Champion Carcass Market Beef Animal, Reserve Champion Carcass Market Beef Animal, Champion Bred, Born, and Raised Market Animal, Reserve Champion Bred, Born & Raised Market Animal, Top 3rd, 4th, and 5th Overall Market Animals, Rate of Gain Winner.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- All market beef, breeding beef, and feeder calves will be released after the Thursday Market Beef Sale according to the Sale Committee guidelines.
- **Market Beef Animals who have completed a Take Home Form will be released THREE HOURS after the Beef Show on Tuesday, and this release time window will last for TWO HOURS. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from showing that species the following year. Exhibitors must check with the Superintendent before leaving the fairgrounds to ensure animals are accounted for before the sale.**
- All animals are to be removed from the fairgrounds by 11:00 p.m. Saturday.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during the county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

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Market Beef Weigh-in

1. Each exhibitor in the family may weigh-in a total of four (4) animals. All market beef animals, both live and carcass, will be weighed, tagged, and DNA samples by the 2nd Saturday in March of the current year. Top five market animals will submit a DNA sample after the show and a random selection of DNA will be collected at the fair weigh in for testing.
2. Exhibitors do not need to declare in March which animals will be carcass. This can be determined right before the final BPCQ weigh-in in September/October. Exhibitors will be able to exhibit two (2) live market beef animals and one (1) carcass.
3. Family tagging will be used and each exhibitor in the family (definition above) may tag-in four animals and exhibitors can choose from those tagged in the family tagging.
4. Any beef breed is eligible to compete in the classes.
5. Any market beef animal that is weighed-in, DNA sampled and tagged is required to have the tag in place in the ear at the Fairfield County Fair weigh-in. If the tag is lost, contact the Senior Fair Office immediately. Tags will be replaced on a case-by-case basis as approved by the Senior Fair Board.

Beef Performance Carcass Quality (BPCQ) Steer/Heifer Contest

This contest is open to any 4-H or FFA members who have enrolled in a market beef animal project. Participation in the BPCQ contest does not affect eligibility for participation in the "live" market beef animal show.

New for 2025, a third, optional, early harvest date for participants in the BPCQ is being added for those youth with early born calves who would like to conclude their carcass-based project on August 19. The youth participating in the August harvest will weigh/tag their BPCQ calves on February 1. The two later September beef harvest dates will also be maintained and calves being harvested then will be weighed/tagged along with the 'live' beef cattle on March 8. The application process and rules for the 2025 BPCQ contest include:

1. An application/essay process for participant acceptance into the 2025 BPCQ contest is presently open and available through January 9, 2025 at <https://go.osu.edu/bpcq25>.
2. Applications must include an essay not to exceed 300 words entitled, "Why I want to participate in a livestock project that's focused on efficiently producing high quality beef that meets consumer demand." If applications exceed the capacity for entries in the contest the essays may be used to establish a priority ranking for acceptance into the 2025 BPCQ contest.

3. An exhibitor may bring either one steer or one heifer for the conclusion of the contest in August or September. There is no minimum or maximum animal harvest weight requirement.
4. The BPCQ entry calf will come from one of up to four calves exhibitors are eligible to tag/weigh in.
5. The entries will be harvested at Bay Packing on the day following the BPCQ conclusion date of the exhibitor's choice: August 19, September 23 or September 30, 2025.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for marketing the freezer beef resulting from their entry.
7. Carcasses will be evaluated by faculty, staff, or students from the Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences.
8. The BPCQ contest will be evaluated and scored based on a combination of growth and carcass characteristics which add value to a market animal and the final rank will be determined by the value the animal gains from the beginning of the project until harvest. Since three harvest dates must be used, the total value of gain will be divided by the number of days on feed for each calf and will be the basis for ranking in the contest.
9. In the event of a tie, tie breakers in order will be:
 - First: best Quality Grade
 - Second: best Yield Grade
 - Third: highest 'live' Rate of Gain
10. The calf and carcass characteristics will be valued using market grids representative of the industry ([see those grid values linked here](#)). This grid is subject to change in 2026 and beyond and will be evaluated annually as needed prior to the beginning of the project, as the market dictates.
11. An opportunity for exhibitors to see their carcasses and ask questions regarding the carcass evaluation will be available at the conclusion of the contest.
12. The BPCQ contest is a 'project' and the exhibitor must be able to walk, control, and handle the animal in order that photos may be taken at the Fairgrounds during the conclusion of the project. At the conclusion after contest animals have been assembled live at the Fairgrounds for sale photographs they will be transported to the packing house for harvest. The animal need not be fitted but should be clean and photograph ready.
13. Like the live market beef show, all BPCQ entries are eligible for the Jr Fair Livestock Sale.
14. Each animal's gain in value from the beginning of the project until harvest will be determined by using the market values/grids [linked here](#) to establish both the beginning and ending values.

Feeder Calf live weight placing values for 2025

	Steers	Heifers
300-349 pounds	3.15	2.85
350-399 pounds	3.05	2.75
400-449 pounds	2.95	2.65
450-499 pounds	2.85	2.55
500-549 pounds	2.75	2.45
550-599 pounds	2.65	2.35
600-649 pounds	2.55	2.25
650-699 pounds	2.475	2.175
700-749 pounds	2.40	2.10
750-799 pounds	2.35	2.05
800-849 pounds	2.30	2.00
850-899 pounds	2.25	1.95
900+ pounds	2.20	1.90

Carcass Value Pricing Grid

Hot carcass weight value:	\$3.00/pound
Quality Grade price adjustment:	
Prime	+0.20
Branded Program*	+0.05
Choice	0.00
Select	-0.20
Standard	-0.35
Bullock/Stag	-0.40
Hardbone	-0.40
Dark Cutter	-0.35
Over 30 months of age	-0.15
Cutability Yield Grade:	
YG 1.0-1.99	+0.04
YG 2.0-2.49	+0.02
YG 2.5-2.99	+0.01
YG 3.0-3.49	+0.00
YG 3.5-3.99	+0.00
YG 4.0-4.99	-0.12
YG 5.0+	-0.17
Carcass Weight:	
400-499 pounds	-0.30
500-549 pounds	-0.23
550-599 pounds	-0.12
600-899 pounds	+0.00
900-999 pounds	-0.01
1000-1049 pounds	-0.05
1050+ pounds	-0.16

***Branded Program specifications:**

- a. Modest 0 marbling or better
- b. Ribeye Area of 10 to 16 inches
- c. Hot Carcass Weight of 1,000 lbs or less
- d. Fat Thickness of 1.0 inch or less
- e. Free of "dark cutter" characteristics

Beef Breeding, Steers/Heifers, and Feeders

1. Exhibitors may show two (2) live market beef animals, but only one animal in the individual sale (highest placing animal). The animal not sold individually will be sold to the packer for packer bid. The only time the exhibitor can sell two live market animals individually is if they are selected for both a Grand and Reserve champion overall.
2. Market heifers may be shown. At least five (5) heifers must be weighed in for there to be a class. If there are not enough heifers weighed in to have a class of heifers only, the heifers will be shown in the market beef classes (with steers). If a heifer is entered as a market heifer, she may not be shown as breeding stock.
3. Market heifers must be open to exhibit as a market animal. All market heifers are subject to palpation at the discretion of the beef superintendent.
4. No exhibitor may exhibit the same animal in more than one class (except for the Bred, Born and Raised market animals).
5. All market animals may be weighed and submit a DNA sample at the fair to verify proper ownership.
6. Market animals will be weighed and divided into nine (9) classes fairly and evenly at the Beef Superintendent's discretion.
7. A market animal must weigh at least 1,100 pounds to show for champion and sell individually. There will be no re-weighs. Underweights market animals will be shown in their own class and may also be used in showmanship. Underweight animals will be offered a packer bid or may go home regardless of if a "Market Animal Take Home" form was completed at weigh-in. If not being used for showmanship and not being sold for a packer bid the animal may go home immediately. If shown in the underweight class and/or used in showmanship and going home, the animal must be out of the barn by 10 p.m. on Tuesday. If sold for packer bid, the animal must be out of the barn by 10 p.m. on Thursday.
8. Purpose of the Final Drive is to select the top 5 market animals. After the grand champion is chosen, the 2nd place in the winner's class will enter the show ring to vie for reserve grand champion. After the reserve grand champion is chosen, the 3rd-5th overall will be chosen from the remaining class winners & next in class standings. (Example 1- If a class winner is selected as reserve grand or 3rd overall, the next in class will be invited into the show ring. Example 2- If grand champion and reserve grand champion are selected from the same weight class, the third place in the class is invited into the show ring.)" This procedure used will be until the top 5 are selected. Once the top five have been selected, the remaining class winners may be placed to help determine sale order, and beyond 5th place will not be considered the ranking overall.
9. No bulls.
10. No horned market beef animals. Any protruding material must be cleared by the Beef Superintendent(s) or Junior Fair Director before fair check-in/weigh-in.
11. All market beef animals must be free of warts.
12. Steers showing evidence of testicular tissue are not eligible to be shown or sold.
13. Any animal that cannot be controlled (goes wild) must be removed from the fairgrounds.
14. Owners of animals that cannot be controlled will be held responsible for any loss or damage to property or persons.
15. Feeder steers and feeder heifers must weigh a minimum of 300 pounds and not weigh more than 850 pounds.
16. Feeder steers and feeder heifers must be in the exhibitor's possession by August 15th of the current year.
17. All male feeder calves must be fully castrated and properly healed.
18. All registered animals must declare their breed at fair entry. A copy of the registration paper and EID 840 tag and/or tattoo number is required when submitting online fair entries. Any animal that does not have proper breed registration paperwork at the time of fair entry will show as a crossbred. Breed classes will need to have at least two entries to be considered a class. If there are not two entries to make a class, the animals will show in AOB (All Other Breeds). All other registered non-class entries will be placed in the AOB division of breeds.
19. If the exhibitor's name does not appear on the registration papers, then a letter from that breed association or a notarized letter stating names of the family members associated with the animal in question must be submitted to the OSU Extension Office, postmarked by July 1st of the current year.
20. Registered animals without papers will show as crossbred animals.
21. Mulch is the preferred bedding for all Junior Fair beef animals regardless of which barn or tent they are housed. This mulch bedding is being provided to junior exhibitors.
22. The grand and reserve grand champion market beef animals will be slaughtered, inspected, and evaluated by Ohio Department of Agriculture officials.
23. All eligible market beef animals may be sold in accordance with [ODA Rule 901-19-02 E.](#)
24. The exhibitors of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will provide continual care through Saturday and will leave feed for the Senior Fair Board through Wednesday. Additionally, they will assist with the load out of the animals on the Saturday concluding the fair. Premiums, prize money, and sale proceeds will be forfeited if the exhibitor fails to provide this continual care.
25. The owner of any animal not being sold individually through the sale, but will be sold for packer bid, must be available to load that animal out to the successful packer bidder before, immediately after, or during the sale. The beef superintendent will post when the animals will be loaded out and we request your assistance to help load your animal.
26. No free-standing fans in the aisles or stalls of the Beef Barn.
27. Junior cattle are allowed to be stalled at tie outs but must be in the barn by 9:00 a.m. each day of the fair unless in the wash rack or outside being groomed. Junior cattle can be released to tie outs each day at 5:00 p.m. All cattle must be moved before dark.

Fairfield County Bred, Born, and Raised Market Animal Class

1. Eligibility: Fairfield County Bred, Born, and Raised are those animals born to a beef female that was bred (natural service, A-I, or embryo transfer derived from a county beef producer), stood the entire gestation in and calved in Fairfield County.
Calf must be purchased from the person who owned the female when the calf was born.
2. The breeder must be a member of the Fairfield County Cattlemen's Association when the calf is weighed-in at the March weigh-in.
3. Breeder must sign the verification form prior to weigh-in and be turned in at weigh-in.
4. At the discretion of the Beef Show Committee, in consultation with the judge, either before or after the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef winners are selected, the two highest placing Fairfield County Bred, Born, and Raised Market Beef in each class will be selected and announced.

Beef Cattle Showmanship

The 83rd Annual Contest, founded by Jay E. Scholl, will be conducted in 9 classes followed by a Beef Showman of Showmen class: Ages 17-18, Age 16, Age 15, Age 14, Age 13, Age 12, Age 11, Age 10, Ages 8-9, Beef Showman of Showmen.

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each contestant must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Beef Showman of Showmen.
7. The Beef Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.
8. Each contestant must demonstrate the ability to move his or her animal about the ring as directed by the judge.
9. Both steers and females are eligible to compete.
10. Fitting of the animal is not required for showmanship; however, the judge will evaluate the cleanliness of the animal.

Rate of Gain Contest

1. The actual rate of gain will be calculated by subtracting the beginning weight from the final weight and dividing by the number of days from initial weigh-in to the final weigh-in at the fair.
2. All market animals must gain a minimum of 2.5 pounds per day during the rate of gain period to be eligible for awards.
3. Order of placement in market animal show has no relevance to the rate of gain contest.
4. To be eligible for rate of gain awards, the market animal must be exhibited and shown in the live show at the Fairfield County Junior Fair.
5. Awards will be given to the top ten animals according to the criteria listed above.
6. The rate of gain winner will sell after the last live show heat winner in the sale.

Department 3: 4-H/FFA Swine

Swine MQP Contest: Swine Barn, Sunday, September 7th, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Market Hog Showmanship: Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Sunday, October 5th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Market Hog Show (Purebreds, Crossbred Gilts, Crossbred Barrows):

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Monday, October 6th, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Superintendents: Greg Grube, Leanna Tennant and June Spires

Superintendent for Swine MQP Contest: Sean Malone

MQP Hog Weigh In:

- Summer weigh-in is on the **last Saturday of June** (Saturday, June 28th) at the fairgrounds. This is **REQUIRED FOR ALL** MQP Hogs.
- Final MQP Hog weigh-in is Sunday, September 7th, 2025, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Swine Barn. There will be no reweighs.

Tagging: All MARKET animals (including Market Hog and MQP Hogs)

- All market animals will be family tagged and any member of the family can show any animal tagged.
- As defined in [Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-01](#), "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- No tagging will be performed after the designated weigh-in/tag-in day.
- All market hogs must be tagged and checked in at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 28th, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Hogs will remain on the trailer during tag-in, with the exception of MQP Hogs which will be weighed.
- **New for 2025: MQP – Each exhibitor may tag up to 2 hogs to be designated for MQP contest. Hogs will not be allowed to be used for the live contest (Family tagging rules apply).**
- **New for 2025: Live – Each exhibitor may tag up to 4 hogs to be designated for the live contest. Hogs will not be allowed to be used for the MQP contest. (Family tagging rules apply).**
 - Exhibitors may enter and show up to 3 live animals. In order to show 3 animals in the live show, one must be in the purebred division. Only 2 animals will be eligible for a packer bid (if one is available - one of the animals must be a take home animal and be declared as such per General Rule #32. If the animal declared as the take home animal is Grand or Reserve, another hog will be selected as the Take Home animal immediately following the show.
- Purebred market hogs should be in the exhibitor's name by the possession date (last Saturday of June). Documentation (in paper copy) should be provided to the Swine Superintendents at tagging day.
- All market animals will be tagged with an EID 840 tag. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Swine Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Swine Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 6th, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be **COMPLETED** for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a **NEW** 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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 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.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all MQP and Market Hogs. DUNF forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of weigh-in. DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in for MQP Hogs on Friday, September 5th, 2025. DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on Friday before weigh-in for live Market Hogs on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfaireentry>.

Market Hog Division

Market Hog Classes: Exhibitors may enter **three** animals in the live show. This can be a combination of purebred and crossbred animals for the live show. **In order to show three animals in the live show, one must be in the purebred division.**

1. Purebred Market Hog
2. Crossbred Market Hog
3. Muscle Quality & Performance (MQP) Hog: Exhibitors may also enter one MQP barrow or gilt.

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Swine Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Swine Showmanship Ages 17-18 | 6. Swine Showmanship Age 12 |
| 2. Swine Showmanship Age 16 | 7. Swine Showmanship Age 11 |
| 3. Swine Showmanship Age 15 | 8. Swine Showmanship Age 10 |
| 4. Swine Showmanship Age 14 | 9. Swine Showmanship Ages 8-9 |
| 5. Swine Showmanship Age 13 | |

Arrival Times:

- MQP hogs must be weighed in between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 7th, 2025.
- Market hogs should arrive between 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4th, 2025. No market hogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds before the time stated above.

Market Hog Weigh-In: Market hogs will be weighed off the trailer upon arrival as stated above. Refer to MQP Special Rules for additional information. There will be no reweighs per General Rule #27.

Swine Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for swine exhibitors on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena.

Market Classes: This is a partial terminal show. See [ODA Rules 901-19-01 GG](#). Market Hog Exhibitors will have the option to take home their animals. [Click here to review information to consider when making this decision.](#)

- Take home forms will be available at each specie's fair/final weigh-in.
- **The NUMBER of take home animals must be declared at the scale (no exceptions).**
- **Tag numbers of take home animals must be declared to the Show Superintendent within one hour of the conclusion of that species show.**
- Take home animals will lose their sale slot and will not be eligible for a premium and packer bid.
- Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- **Market Hogs who have completed a Take Home Form will be released THREE HOURS after the Swine Show on Monday, and this release time window will last for TWO HOURS. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from showing that species the following year. Exhibitors must check with the Superintendent before leaving the fairgrounds to ensure animals are accounted for before the sale.**
- All Market Hogs that qualify for the Livestock Sale (and direct to packer) will be released after 10:00 p.m. Thursday and must be removed by midnight Thursday for those going through the sale.
- All hogs kept must be checked out with the swine superintendent before leaving for inventory control. If you leave and do not check out, you will lose your show privileges for one year.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

(A) Market/MQP Hog Premiums: "A"= \$4.50; "B"= \$3.50; "C"=\$2.50

Market Hog Sale: Thursday at the Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. **Sale order is pending.** Please review sale rules on the sale page regarding keeping hogs and selling: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>

Livestock Sale Exhibitor Checks: Exhibitors must submit a stamped thank you note to their advisor prior to November 1st. Advisors will be required to mail thank-you notes and maintain their buyer checklist to receive the exhibitors' checks. If a check is not cashed within the specified 90-day period from the check date, there will be a Stop Payment Fee deduction imposed, and a replacement check issued to the exhibitor.

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

Swine General Rules

1. Market hogs must weigh from 225 to 295 pounds to show for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion and to be eligible to sell individually. Any hogs weighing outside of the declared weight range will show in a grade class and will only receive a packer bid (if available).
2. Market hog exhibitors must declare their intent to keep the animal in the appropriate category (purebred, crossbred gilt, crossbred barrow) and their intent to keep the animal at the time the animal crosses the scale. This includes showing appropriate purebred documentation in the exhibitor's name and/or filling out the Take Home Form provided at weigh-in. Take Home animals do not go through the livestock sale. If your animal is Grand or Reserve Grand Champion, you forfeit the right to keep as [ODA Rule 901-19-02 E](#) requires a sale and slaughter of these animals.

3. Swine exhibitors must be prepared to pen their hogs with the hogs of other members of their household and/or with hogs that have been raised together. **If entries exceed barn capacity to allow single penning, exhibitors will be required to house animals in the same pen.**
4. Exhibitors are not allowed to switch pens or remove the center gate without the permission of the show superintendent.
5. The market hog classes will be divided by purebreds (gilts and barrows shown together, separated by breed), **crossbred** barrows, and crossbred gilts and then by weight. Class sizes will be created equally across all categories with a formula of 8 +/- **3 per class** and placed within a division. If there are not at least 5 hogs of the same breed within the purebred division, they will show as an AOB class and be split by weight. The number of divisions will be determined by how many head of each category are checked in, with up to a maximum of 7 divisions. If an exhibitor has two animals in the same weight class, they are responsible to find another exhibitor to show one of their animals (see General Rule 4). An Overall Grand, Champion, Overall Reserve Champion, Third Overall, Fourth Overall, and Fifth Overall will be chosen from those division champions/reserve champions.
6. The top five in each weight class will receive an award.
7. An exhibitor will only be able to sell one animal in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale (unless both animals are grand and reserve grand champions).
8. If an exhibitor has two animals place individually, the lower placing animal will automatically receive packer bid (if one is available). If both animals place at the same class level, the first animal shown (by class order) will be sold individually and the other animal will be sold at packer bid.
9. The swine committee will determine the sale order and the show order.
10. Exhibitors may show purebred animals (both barrows and gilts) in the market show. Barrows and gilts declared for the purebred division will need to show a valid pedigree in the exhibitor's name and meet the respective breed characteristics to show as a purebred, otherwise the animal will be placed in the respective crossbred division. Barrows and gilts declared in the purebred division will be shown together and divided into classes, first by breed and then by weight. A minimum of 6 animals of the same breed are required to have their own class. If there are not at least 6 animals of the same breed, they will show as AOB (all other breeds) class and split by weight. The purebred division will follow the class break standards set forth in Swine General Rule #5. The purebred division(s) champions/reserve champions will be eligible to compete in the overall final drive.
11. The only bedding to be used in market hog show pens is to be wood shavings and/or sawdust.
12. All eligible market hogs may sell in accordance with [ODA Rule 901-19-02 E](#) and the sale is a partial terminal sale.
13. The grand and reserve grand champion market animals will be slaughtered, inspected, and evaluated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture officials.
14. The exhibitor of the grand and reserve grand champion will provide continual care through Saturday and leave enough feed for the Senior Fair Board through Monday. Additionally, the exhibitor will sign over possession of the animals to the Senior Fair Board, Saturday afternoon.
15. All animals will go to slaughter within 5 business days of the end of the sale.
16. All pens should be cleaned daily through the end of the sale. If a pen is not cleaned properly as judged by any member of the swine committee, a tag will be placed on the pen. If the pen is not cleaned properly within 10 hours after being tagged refer to General Rules #21 and #29.
17. All male hogs must be castrated, showing no evidence of testicular tissue, prior to tag in day in June. Any hog suspected of having testicular tissue present at the time of tag in will be evaluated by a licensed veterinarian. Any hog having testicular tissue present at the time of tag in will not be allowed to be tagged in for exhibition.

Violation of any of the following Swine Rules 18 through 20 will result in an automatic disqualification from all aspects of the Fairfield County Junior Fair Swine Show:

18. Any hog showing evidence of testicular tissue is not eligible to be housed, shown or sold.
19. Slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs is prohibited except for ears and tails. This means hair must be at least 1/2 inch except for the ears and tails. See ODA Tampering Rules [901-19-01 MM](#) and [901-19-33 D](#). No clipping of hogs at the fair will be permitted. No oiling of hogs will be allowed per ODA showing rules. Only water may be used, any oil or what appears to be oil or powder will not be permitted.
20. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale) and in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on or after the designated date (last Saturday of June).

Muscle Quality & Performance (MQP) Hog Contest Special Rules

1. Junior exhibitors ONLY.
2. Exhibitors that wish to take a hog to the MQP contest must complete an application an essay and return it to the OSU Extension Office by April 15th. Successful exhibitors will be notified of acceptance into MQP by May 1st. 4-H members that wish to sign up for the MQP Hog Contest must also be enrolled in the Market Hog 4-H Project in 4-HOnline by the April 15th 4-H enrollment deadline.
3. Complete rules for this program will be available from advisors and the OSU Extension Office.
4. The MQP animal will carry the same tags as that of the Junior Fair live animal.
5. Fairfield County Junior Fair Swine Show Committee will supervise all weighing and identification procedures. If an animal loses its ear tag, the procedure is the same as the rule for the "live" Junior Swine Show which states: "Each pig will have one ear tag. If an exhibitor's hog loses an ear tag, the exhibitor or immediate family member must contact the Senior Fair Office immediately to seek a replacement. If the hog does not have an ear tag at the time of the September weigh-in, it will not be allowed to show and must be sold in a group. **The exhibitor will receive a 'C' grade.**"
6. Gilts or barrows only may participate in the Swine MQP Contest. See Swine General Rule #17.
7. Exhibitors in the family may weigh and have tagged a maximum of **two hogs for the MQP contest and** four hogs for the live and can choose from those registered by the family (see family definition). **New for 2025: Separate hogs must be tagged in for the MQP contest and live show.**
8. MQP hogs must be tagged and weighed the last Saturday of June during to be eligible for the MQP Swine Show.
9. MQP hogs must meet the minimum weight of 225 pounds at the September weigh-in. Any MQP hog that does not weigh the minimum 225 pounds will be sent home. There will be no maximum weight.
10. Eligible MQP hogs will be transported to an approved harvest facility for muscle quality assessment upon completion of the September weigh-in. Skinned carcasses, excessive trim, abscessed carcasses, and cryptorchids will be eliminated from the competition.
11. MQP hogs are subject to all rules and regulations regarding exhibition at the Fairfield County Junior Fair.
12. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion MQP hogs will sell 4th and 5th in the Swine Sale. Additional MQP hogs will also sell and will be dispersed throughout the sale order.
13. MQP hogs are subject to rules of Quality Assurance (i.e., substance withdrawal). DUNF forms are required.

Swine Showmanship

The contest will be conducted in the following divisions in this order: Ages 17-18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 8-9.

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Swine Showman of Showmen.
7. The Swine Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.

Department 4: 4-H/FFA Sheep

MQP Lamb Contest: Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, **Monday**, September 1st 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

Sheep Showmanship, Sheep Breeding, and Market Lamb Shows:
Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Wednesday, October 8th, 2025, at approximately 12:00 p.m.
(or immediately following the Meat/Market Goat Show)

Superintendent: Ginny Kemmerer
Assistant Superintendents: Kris Doyle, Jason Robinson, Sarah Martin

Please note: Junior Fair sheep will be housed in the barn where beef was previously housed.

MQP Lamb/Market Lamb Weigh In:

- Summer weigh-in is on the **last Saturday of June** (Saturday, June 28th) from 8:00-11:00 a.m., at the fairgrounds. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL MQP LAMBS/MARKET LAMBS.
- Final MQP Lamb weigh-in is **Monday**, September 1st from 12:30-1:00 p.m. in Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. There will be no reweighs.
- Final Market Lamb weigh in is Saturday of the fair (Saturday, October 4th) from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the Sheep/Goat Barn (formerly the Beef Barn). There will be no reweighs.

Tagging: All MARKET animals (including MQP Lambs and Market Lambs)

- All market animals will be family tagged and any member of the family can show any animal tagged.
- As defined in [Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-01](#), "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- No tagging will be performed after the designated weigh-in/tag-in day.
- Market lambs will remain on the trailer during tag-in, with the exception of MQP Lambs which will be weighed. Each exhibitor may tag a total of four lambs and choose at their discretion which lambs will be shown in the live or carcass contests.
- All market animals will be tagged with an EID 840 tag. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Sheep Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Sheep Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 6th, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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 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.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all MQP Lambs and Market Lambs. DUNF forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of weigh-in. DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in for MQP Lambs on Friday, August 29th, 2025. DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on Friday before weigh-in for live Market Lambs on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfaireentry>.

- Entries in this department are limited to two finished market lambs, one MQP/carcass lamb, and one entry per each listed breeding class. An exhibitor may show up to 5 breeding animals.

Breeding Sheep Division

Breeding Sheep Classes: Breeds will be identified when adding animal to fair entry in the respective age class (Cheviot, Horned Dorset, Katahdin, Polled Dorset, Oxford, Hampshire, Suffolk, Southdown, Naturals, Ramboulllets, Shropshire, All Other Breeds (AOB), Crossbred).

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| 1. Ewe lamb | 3. Ewe, 1 year and under 2 | 5. Ewe, 2 years and over |
| 2. Ram lamb | 4. Ram, 1 year and under 2 | |

Market Lamb Division

Market Lamb Classes:

1. Single Market Lamb - limit of 2 entries in this class.
2. Homegrown Market Lamb - limit of 1 entry in this class. Exhibitors will designate this animal at fair weigh-in and they will also be added into the Homegrown Class at that time.
3. MQP Carcass Lamb - limit of 1 entry in this class.

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Sheep Showmanship (Ages 16-18) | 4. Sheep Showmanship (Ages 10-11) |
| 2. Sheep Showmanship (Ages 14-15) | 5. Sheep Showmanship (Ages 8-9) |
| 3. Sheep Showmanship (Ages 12-13) | |

Arrival Times:

- MQP Lambs will arrive and weigh in between 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. on **Monday**, September 1st, 2025 at the fairgrounds.
- Market Lambs should arrive before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4th, 2025.
- No tack should be dropped off on Saturday during market goat or market lamb weigh-ins. Please make arrangements to drop off before Saturday or after all weigh-ins conclude on Saturday.

Market Lamb Weigh-In: Market Lambs will be weighed Saturday, October 4th between 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Sheep/Goat Barn (formerly the Beef Barn). There will be no reweighs per General Rule #27.

Sheep Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for sheep exhibitors on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sheep/Goat Barn (formerly the Beef Barn).

Market Classes: This is a partial terminal show. See [ODA Rules 901-19-01 GG](#). Market Lamb Exhibitors will have the option to take home their animals. [Click here to review information to consider when making this decision.](#)

- Take home forms will be available at each specie's fair/final weigh-in.
- **The NUMBER of take home animals must be declared at the scale (no exceptions).**
- **Tag numbers of take home animals must be declared to the Show Superintendent within one hour of the conclusion of that species show.**
- Take home animals will lose their sale slot and will not be eligible for a premium and packer bid.
- Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.

Release Times: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year. All lambs kept must be checked out with the Sheep Superintendent before leaving for inventory control. If you leave and do not check out, you will lose your show privileges for one year.

- **Market Lambs who have completed a Take Home Form will be released THREE HOURS after the Sheep Show on Wednesday, and this release time window will last for TWO HOURS. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from showing that species the following year. Exhibitors must check with the Superintendent before leaving the fairgrounds to ensure animals are accounted for before the sale.**
- All Market Lambs that qualify for the Livestock Sale (and direct to packer) will be released after the sale on Friday, until 9:00 a.m. Saturday.
- All Breeding Sheep: 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Breeding Sheep Premiums: "A"=\$4.50; "B"=\$3.50; "C"=\$2.50
- Market Lamb Premiums: "A"=\$4.50; "B"=\$3.50; "C"=\$2.50

Market Lamb Sale: Friday at the Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. **Sale order is pending.** Please review sale rules on the sale page regarding keeping lambs and selling: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>

Livestock Sale Exhibitor Checks: Exhibitors must submit a stamped thank you note to their advisor prior to November 1st. Advisors will be required to mail thank-you notes and maintain their buyer checklist to receive the exhibitors' checks. If a check is not cashed within the specified 90-day period from the check date, there will be a Stop Payment Fee deduction imposed, and a replacement check issued to the exhibitor.

USDA Scrapie Regulations

Junior Fair Sheep Exhibitors in NON-MARKET classes

1. 4-H/FFA exhibitors can buy a ewe/wether/breeding ram (intact) that has the required official USDA tag or tattoo. This is legal to show at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. The doe/wether/ewe/ram must have USDA tag/tattoo before weigh-in in July. Either the buyer or seller must make sure the animal has an official ID, best if it is the seller.
2. 4-H/FFA exhibitors must be sure that the animal has an official ID. They may get their own tags or tattooing or have their veterinarian do it. (For more information call the Ohio APHIS Department at 614-856-4735).
3. Remember that Federal Law prohibits removing the official ID from any animal, but any animal can have more than one official ID tag.

SHEEP THAT NEED OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAW AND BE ELIGIBLE TO BE SHOWN AT THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR:

- Market Ewes- Must have official USDA Scrapie Tag/Tattoo in place
- Market Wethers- Must have official USDA Scrapie Tag/Tattoo in place
- All Breeding animals- Must have official USDA Scrapie Tag/Tattoo in place

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

Sheep Special Rules

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to show two single market lambs but only sell one market lamb individually.
2. If two lambs from the same exhibitor naturally become eligible for the sale, only the highest placing lamb of the two will sell individually. If both lambs place the same such as 3rd in both classes, then the heaviest one (at weigh-in) will be the one to sell individually.
3. The only time an exhibitor can sell both lambs individually is if they are selected for both Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.
4. If an exhibitor has both of their lambs in the same class, another qualified Junior Fair exhibitor will be used to help show their lamb.
5. Registered ewes and grade ewes will show in separate classes.
6. All sheep exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor by the designated possession dates (Breeding Sheep: On or after July 1st of the current year, Market/MQP Lambs: last Saturday of June of the current year).
7. All market lambs must be born after January 1st of the current year.
8. All market lambs must be slick shorn within seven days of the show date.
9. All eligible market lambs may be sold in accordance with [ODA Rule 901-19-02 E.](#)
10. No rams in the market classes. Market lambs showing any evidence of testicular tissue are not eligible to be shown or sold.
11. Lambs weighing less than 75 pounds will not show in the market class or sell in the livestock sale. These animals will be removed from the fairgrounds following weigh-in.
12. To be eligible to sell individual or in a group, lambs must receive an "A" grade and weigh from 100 to 150 pounds.
13. Those lambs over 150 pounds, and lambs 75 pounds to 99 pounds, will sell direct to packer.
14. All sheep must be free of sore mouth, foot rot, and warts.
15. All exhibitors showing purebred sheep must present registration papers when requested.
16. If the exhibitor's name does not appear on the papers, then a letter from that breed association or notarized letter stating the names of the family members associated with the animal in question must be submitted to the OSU Extension Office by July 1st of the current year.
17. Registered animals without papers will show as grade animals.
18. Grade livestock must have the characteristics of the sire.
19. Only registered animals may be shown for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion female.
20. All rams must be registered.
21. Straw and shavings may be used for bedding. The use of rubber mats and carpet is also approved.
22. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals will be slaughtered, inspected, and evaluated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture officials.
23. The exhibitors of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb will provide continual care through Saturday and leave feed for the Senior Fair Board through Monday. Additionally, they will assist with the load out of the animals on Saturday concluding the fair. Premiums, prize money, and sales proceeds will be forfeited in the exhibitor fails to provide continual care.

Homegrown Market Lamb

1. To be eligible, entries must be born from a ewe owned by the exhibitor prior to January 1st of the current year and raised at the 4-H/FFA member's immediate family property or family property that adjoins the exhibitor's residence (i.e. grandparents, aunt/uncle). Proof of ownership of the ewe will be in the form of registration papers, farm Scrapie tag, or Scrapie tag with an accompanying bill of sale.
2. Entry must be one of the exhibitor's junior fair market lamb projects. Lambs must be born after January 1st of the current year.
3. The market lamb selected to be shown in the homegrown market lamb show will be included in the general market classes.
4. Homegrown market lamb class will be held separately – before the general market lamb show, and only one lamb per exhibitor will be permitted to show in this class.

5. The top five (5) places will be selected and receive an award. The Champion Homegrown Market Lamb selected will sell 6th in the overall sale order (unless it places either Grand or Reserve Grand Champion in the general market lamb show or the exhibitor is selected as the Sheep Premier Exhibitor).
6. Exhibitors must complete the Homegrown Market Lamb Intent Form (<http://go.osu.edu/homegrownmktlamb>) as soon as possible following the birth of their Homegrown Market Lamb(s). This will notify the Sheep Committee to make a farm visit within two weeks of lambing.
7. All entries must agree to a market lamb committee member(s) entering their barn/housing unit for visual inspection of animals. Failure to do so will lead to immediate disqualification.
8. Homegrown Market Lamb(s) must take part in June weigh-in at the fairgrounds. No exceptions.

Muscle Quality and Performance (MQP) Lamb Contest Special Rules

1. Junior exhibitors ONLY.
2. Carcass lamb weigh-in and tagging will be on the last Saturday of June, weigh-in from 8:00-11:00 a.m., the same date and time that the market lambs are tagged. Carcass lambs will come to the fairgrounds for the final weigh-in preceding harvesting prior to the fair (**Monday**, September 1st, 2025) at 12:30 p.m.
3. Exhibitors currently may tag in a total of four lambs per exhibitor: two for the live show, one for the carcass show, and one back-up.
4. Fairfield County Junior Fair Sheep Committee will supervise at all weighing and tagging procedures at the June date. If an animal loses an ear tag, the exhibitor must contact the Senior Fair Office as soon as possible. If possible, save the tag that came out.
5. Wethers or ewes are acceptable. It will be required for both to have the official USDA scrapie tag, regardless of age, just as the ewe lambs, wethers, and rams entered the live show.
6. There is no minimum or maximum weight at the June weigh-in. However, it is suggested that the lambs not exceed 75 pounds at this time.
7. The lambs should be slick shorn for the **September** weigh-in.
8. At the **September** date, carcass lambs will be brought to the Fairfield County Fairgrounds to be evaluated and weighed. Average daily gain will be calculated at this time. The lambs will then be transported to the facility to be harvested.
9. Results of the contest, with all data evaluated, will be collected prior to the fair. Exhibitors will be invited to the harvesting facility to observe their projects and see how the carcass data was collected.
10. Calculations for carcass merit will include loin eye measurement, back fat, KPH fat percentage, leg score, quality grade and percent retail cuts. Formulaic equations using the above data will determine carcass placings. Points will be awarded/removed for the various criteria as it applies to the desirable carcass merits.
11. Lambs are subject to rules of Quality Assurance, i.e., substance withdrawal. DUNF forms are required.
12. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion carcass lambs will sell in the 4th and 5th sale slows, respectively, at the Junior Fair Lamb Sale. Place's 3rd-10th will be dispersed through the remaining sale order.
13. Final placings are based 30% on Rate of Gain and 70% on Adjust Quality Carcass Percentage.

SCORING PROCEDURE CARCASS MATRIX (Adopted in 2022)								
BF	Premium	HCW	Premium	REA	REA ADJUST	Quality Grade	QG	Adj
0	-3.00	0	-6	0.00	-2	GD	-8.0	
0.1	-1.50	45	-4	2.00	-1.2	CH-	0.00	
0.16	-0.00	50	-3	2.10	-1	CH	0.00	
0.3	-1.00	55	-0	2.20	-0.8	CH+	0.4	
0.36	-3.00	81	-3	2.30	-0.5	PR-	.08	
0.46	-5.00	88	-4	2.40	-0.4	PR	1.2	
		91	-6	2.50	-0.2	PR+	1.6	
				2.60	0	0		
				2.70	0.2			
				2.80	0.3			

Sheep Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Sheep Showman of Showmen.
7. The Sheep Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.

Department 5: 4-H/FFA Horses

Saddle Horse Show:

Outdoor Horse Arena, Wednesday, October 8th, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

Saddle Horse Show:

Outdoor Horse Arena, Thursday, October 9th, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Trail will be set up and ready at 10:00 a.m. for exhibitors that are not involved with the band competition.

All exhibitors are expected to be ready no later than 12:00 p.m.

Saddle Horse Show Contesting Classes:

Outdoor Horse Arena, Friday, October 10th, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Superintendents: Becky Shonebarger-Bell, Nick Tipple, Grace Daniels

Assistant Superintendents: Jami Clark and Mara Weber

Please note: Junior Fair horses will be housed in the AAA Building.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Horse ID: Forms and photo of project horse and back up horse if claimed (showing all distinctive markings, 1 side with exhibitor) must be uploaded to 4-HOnline by June 1st. FFA exhibitors should submit Horse ID forms and photo to the OSU Extension Office via email or hard copy by June 1st of the current year. One (1) project horse and one (1) backup horse ID per exhibitor. Link to form: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldhorse>.

Health Papers: Are not required. 4-H exhibitors must upload a negative Coggins test in 4-HOnline with Horse ID paperwork by June 1st of the current year. FFA exhibitors should submit documentation for a negative Coggins test to the OSU Extension by June 1st of the current year.

EquiSTEP: Ohio 4-H's Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program. EquiSTEP is an annual requirement for all Ohio 4-H youth enrolled in a horse project. Fairfield County 4-H and FFA Horse Exhibitors are required to complete EquiSTEP by June 1st of the current year with documentation submitted to the OSU Extension Office.

Horse Lease and Pony Form: Due June 1st to OSU Extension. Link to information and forms: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldhorse>.

Horse Permission to Participate Form: Due for FFA Members by June 1st to OSU Extension. Link to form: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldhorse>.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Horse Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Horse Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 21st, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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 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.

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

Entries for the Horse Showmanship Division: One entry per exhibitor **required**.

Horse exhibitors must enter and complete **at least ONE** Showmanship Division Class to be eligible to show in the Fairfield County Junior Horse Show. **Exhibitors are welcome to enter more than one showmanship class.**

Horse Showmanship Classes: All Showmanship Classes will take place on Wednesday.

- For **Western Showmanship Classes**: Refer to Uniform Rules for Horse Shows for standards/qualifications.
 - For **English Showmanship Classes**: “Saddleseat” entries will be included in Hunt Seat, and the judge will judge accordingly. Refer to Uniform Rules for Horse Shows for standards/qualifications.
 - For **Ranch Showmanship Classes**: Refer to Uniform Rules for Horse Shows for standards/qualifications.
1. Novice Showmanship (**All Ages – 1st Year Members**)
 2. Gaited Showmanship (**All Ages**)
 3. **Ranch Showmanship (8-11)**
 4. **Ranch Showmanship (12-14)**
 5. **Ranch Showmanship (15 & over)**
 6. **Ranch Showmanship Championship**
 7. **English Showmanship (8-11)**
 8. **English Showmanship (12-14)**
 9. **English Showmanship (15 & over)**
 10. *English Showmanship Championship*
 11. Western Showmanship (8-11)
 12. Western Showmanship (12-14)
 13. Western Showmanship (**15 & over**)
 14. *Western Showmanship Championship*
 15. *Showman of Showmen Showmanship Championship*

Entries for the Horse Show Division: In addition to the entries made in the Showmanship Division in FairEntry, each exhibitor must complete additional Horse Show entries online in FairEntry in the Horse Show Division by the FairEntry deadline.

Horse Show Classes (Wednesday):

16. Hunter Hack
17. **English Equitation (8-11)**
18. **English Equitation (12-14)**
19. **English Equitation (15 & over)**
20. *English Equitation Championship*
21. Hunter Under Saddle (8-11)
22. Hunter Under Saddle (12-14)
23. Hunter Under Saddle (15 & over)
24. **Walk/Trot English Equitation (8-12)**
25. **Walk/Trot English Equitation (13 & over)**
26. Easy Gaited Equitation (**All Ages**)
27. Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship (8-12)
28. Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship (**13 & over**)
29. *Walk/Trot/Gaited Championship*
30. Western Horsemanship (8-11)
31. Western Horsemanship (12-14)
32. Western Horsemanship (**15 & over**)
33. *Western Horsemanship Championship*
34. Western Pleasure (8-11)
35. Western Pleasure (12-14)
36. Western Pleasure (15 & over)

Horse Show Classes (Thursday):

1. Trail (8-11)
 2. **Trail (12-14)**
 3. Trail (**15 & over**)
 4. Walk/Trot Trail (8-12)
 5. Walk/Trot Trail (**13 & over**)
 6. Trail in Hand (All Ages)
 7. *Extreme Trail Championship*
 8. **Walk/Trot English Pleasure (8-12)**
 9. **Walk/Trot English Pleasure (13 & over)**
 10. Walk/Trot Western Pleasure (8-12)
 11. Walk/Trot Western Pleasure (**13 & over**)
 12. Barrels (8-11)
 13. Barrels (12-14)
 14. Barrels (15 & over)
 15. Walk/Trot Barrels (8-12)
 16. Walk/Trot Barrels (**13 & over**)
 17. Poles (8-11)
 18. Poles (12-14)
 19. Poles (15 & over)
 20. Stakes Race (8-11)
 21. Stakes Race (12-14)
 22. Stakes Race (15 & over)
 23. Keyhole Race (8-11)
 24. Keyhole Race (12-14)
 25. Keyhole Race (15 & over)
 26. Ground Roping (All Ages)
- Contest Champion and Reserve*

Horse Show Classes (Friday):

1. *Versatility*
 2. Ranch Riding (8-11)
 3. Ranch Riding (12-14)
 4. Ranch Riding (15 & over)
 5. **Walk/Trot Ranch Pleasure (8-12)**
 6. **Walk/Trot Ranch Pleasure (13 & over)**
 7. Ranch Pleasure Horse/Pony (8-11)
 8. Ranch Pleasure Horse/Pony (12-14)
 9. Ranch Pleasure Horse/Pony (15 & over)
 10. Easy Gaited Pleasure (**All Ages**)
 11. **Ranch Horsemanship (8-11)**
 12. **Ranch Horsemanship (12-14)**
 13. **Ranch Horsemanship (15 & over)**
 14. **Ranch Horsemanship Championship**
- Overall High Point Winner**

Arrival Time: Between 9:00 a.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday for horses stalling at the fair. Those not stalling will be trailered in the day of the show **or any Junior Horse activity held at the Outdoor Arena** (See Horses Special Rule #16 below).

Release Time: 1:00 p.m. Saturday. No animals will be released prior to the stated release time without notifying the Horse Superintendent and completing a release form. Forms will be available from the Horse Superintendent. Once an animal is released, it may not return for the duration of the current Fairfield County Junior Fair. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that species at the fair the following year. All animals are to be removed from the fairgrounds by 11:00 p.m. Saturday.

Premiums: Now known as the Premium Process. Exhibitors will earn premiums based on 50% from Skillathon/Project Book and 50% from vet exam at 9:00 a.m. on move-in day. If exhibitor chooses to “haul in”, then the vet exam grade will be given by Junior Fair Horse Show judge. Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Horse Premiums: “A”= \$6.00; “B”= \$5.00; “C”= \$3.00

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS and UNIFORM RULES FOR 4-H/FFA HORSE SHOWS

Horses Special Rules

1. The Uniform Rules for the 4-H Horse Shows (4-H Book 179R) will apply to the Fairfield County Fair Junior Horse Show and Fairfield County Junior Fair Rules. Fairfield County Junior Fair Rules are reviewed by the Horse Advisory Committee. Fairfield County Junior Fair rules will prevail.
2. **A Showman of Showman Class will be held on Wednesday to determine the exhibitor who will represent horses in Super Showmanship on Thursday, Grand Champion from English Showmanship Championship, Grand Champion from Ranch Showmanship Championship and Grand Champion from Western Championship Showmanship classes will compete/return to the Showman of the Showman class to determine who will be representing horses in Super Showmanship. (This person is no longer based on the oldest winner but the overall winner of Showman of Showman). Please refer to the Super Showmanship rules for more information.**
3. Exhibitors may enter only 1 horse project total through the online FairEntry program. Every exhibitor is required to complete the Premium Process (Skillathon/Project Book and vet exam) on opening day if stalling at the fair. If hauling in, the vet exam will be conducted by the judge for the Junior Fair Horse Show. Each exhibitor will be graded A, B, or C. Premiums will be paid on the premium Process.
 - a. Exhibitors entered in Western Showmanship, Ranch Showmanship or English Showmanship must show in at least ONE showmanship class to be eligible to show in any other classes of the current Junior Fair Horse Show. Once an exhibitor competes in their showmanship class(es), they are eligible to show in any classes in the show they meet the requirements for, to include contest classes. If an exhibitor fails to show in a showmanship class, they will be removed from / eliminated from all other classes they are entered in.
4. The Western Showmanship Championship Class is open to those placing first or second in their age division in Western Showmanship. The English Showmanship Championship Class is open to those placing first or second in their age division in English Showmanship. The Ranch Showmanship Championship Class is open to those placing first or second in their age division in Ranch Showmanship. Exhibitors showing in Gaited or Novice Showmanship Class may show either Ranch, English or Western. Their style of showing (English, Ranch or Western) will determine which championship class they will return to. If an exhibitor wins (places first) in more than one Championship, (i.e.. wins Grand Champion in English and Western) they must decide which mode of showing they will represent in Showman of Showman. There is no rollover of representation, hence Reserve Champions will not compete in the Showman of Showmen.
5. All horse exhibitors showing at the Fairfield County Fair are eligible to compete in ground roping. However, the exhibitor must complete the Premium Process requirement to be eligible.
6. All premiums will be given on the Premium Process.
7. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) and in the complete and continual care of the exhibitor on or after June 1st. Junior Fair Horses may be leased according to rules in the "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows." Leasing contracts must be on file at the OSU Extension Office by June 1st via 4-HOnline.
8. Exhibitors may declare a second animal to be used as a backup animal. A backup animal may be a leased animal. A family may share a backup animal that is owned or leased. However, the leased backup animal may only be declared as a project by one family member. A backup animal would be used only in the case of injury or death to the project animal or other extreme circumstance approved by the 4-H Horse Advisor Committee Officers. Vet documentation is required. The animal must be replaced by the move in day (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.- opening day of the fair) of the Fairfield County Fair. The backup animal must be declared by June 1st along with all the required paperwork (same requirements as project horse).
9. Siblings/stepsiblings living in the same household may share a horse project. No more than 2 siblings may share a horse. Both siblings must turn in separate Horse Identification Forms. Only one sibling may compete for State Fair Qualification (which is to be identified by June 1st). At the county fair, siblings must compete in separate classes. Leased horses may not be shared.
10. Walk/Trot classes are based on the rider's experiences. Walk/Trot classes are for **first year** members with limited experience **or members with Winning 4-H Plans** on file at the OSU Extension Office, or members with horses not capable of three gaits. Members entered in Walk/Trot classes are not eligible to show in any other classes that require three gaits, **this includes anyone entered into Easy Gaited classes**. Advisors must sign off for a 4-H/FFA member to participate in these classes **if they are riding these classes based on ability or disability. If a 4-H/FFA member competes at any P.A.S. show or at the Ohio State Fair in canter classes, they are ineligible for Walk/Trot classes at the Fairfield County Fair.**
11. No bedding will be provided for Junior Fair Horse exhibitors. Exhibitors must provide their own sawdust or wood shavings. Upon release on Saturday, Junior Fair Horse stalls must be stripped and cleaned completely. Advisors will walk the stalls before any horse can be taken home.
12. 4-H/FFA horses are not permitted in the Outdoor Arena or the Warm-Up Arena/ area during the Open Draft, Open Mule and Pony, or Open Miniature Horse shows, unless they are entered and showing in one of those specific shows.
13. 4-H / FFA horses must use the designated walkways and roped areas. Horses and child must be accompanied by an adult (immediate family member as defined as **parent, stepparent, grandparent, step grandparent, guardian, or sibling over the age of 18, but not a current 4-H/FFA member themselves**) when walking to the Outdoor Arena / Warm Up area. Horses must be led from the barn area and mounted only when they are within the warmup area or inside the Outdoor Arena.

14. 4-H/FFA members must have an adult family member (**refer to Special Rule #13 for definition of adult family member or advisor**) when lunging, riding, or have their horse in the Outdoor Arena or Warm-up arena/area. **For safety reasons, 4-H/FFA members may have a parent or an advisor assist with lunging their horse if they are unable to safely do it themselves. The 4-H/FFA member must be present. No schooling other than lunging is permitted by anyone other than the 4-H/FFA member.**
15. No bareback or double riding permitted. NO riding with halter and lead rope. Horses must be properly tacked. Riding apparel must include **shirt with some type of sleeve (NO tank tops/shirts cut down sides or bottom)**, long pants, boots with a heel, and ASTM/SEI approved safety headgear **if mounted on your horse.**
16. Only declared project horses may participate in or be trailered in the day of the Junior Fair Horse Show or for any 4-H or Junior Fair Horse activity including but not limited to the Fun Speed Show, Exhibition Classes, and Fun Horse Show. **NO HORSES WILL BE LEFT UNATTENDED WHILE TIED TO OR STANDING ON A TRAILER.**
17. Only 4-H/FFA members will ride their project horse during the Fairfield County Fair. Another person may show the project animal in one of the Open Horse Shows (Open Draft, Open Mule and Pony, Open Miniature Horse, Open Horse and Pony) if the 4-H/FFA member is showing the same project animal in that show. No one can ride a project animal 30 days prior to PAS shows, State Fair Horse Show, or the Fairfield County Fair for schooling purposes. This is cause for disqualification to the 4-H/FFA member. Refer to Uniform Rules for Horse Shows for specific rule clarification.
18. A 4-H/FFA member attending school or other circumstances that keep them from exercising the animal during the allowed times may have a parent, advisor, or senior 4-H/FFA member walk or lunge their project animal to allow exercise for the animal. **The 4-H/FFA MEMBER MUST NOTIFY THEIR ADVISOR OF THIS ARRANGEMENT.** This in no way releases the 4-H/FFA member from complying with General Rule 22 in this book and they are expected to be responsible for the exercising at all other times.
19. There will be no additions to the entries after 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday of fair week. Anyone choosing to scratch a class prior to the show start must inform the Superintendent. Scratches made during the show must be done at the announcers stand. All scratches are final.
20. The number of stalls for each 4-H Club/FFA Chapter must be declared no later than September 20th, 2025, to allow any adjustments that might be needed for tack stalls/tack trailers.
21. Back numbers are required to be worn on exhibitor's back or on both sides of the horse when participating in any Junior Fair Horse Show, schooling clinics, exhibition classes or "fun" shows. Number must be **LEGIBLE BLACK and BOLD NUMBERS** and preferably waterproof.
22. The Junior Fair Horse Department will expect courteous and orderly conduct by the exhibitor and their attendants (parents or person responsible for exhibitor). Harassment, profanity, or unsportsmanlike conduct towards fair officials, judges, fair managers, 4-H/FFA advisors, 4-H educators, Show Superintendents, show helpers or fellow exhibitors or attendances (parents or person responsible for exhibitor) will not be tolerated. Any violations of this rule would warrant the withholding of any premiums won and eviction from the Fairfield County Fair. If any of the above occurs, the first violation the show superintendent will discuss with the 4-H/FFA advisors. The second violation the show superintendent will discuss with the 4-H/FFA advisor present with the exhibitor, along with the attendants (parents or person responsible for the exhibitor) and the Junior Fair Director. Third violation would result in eviction.

Junior Fair Horse Show High Point Guidelines

1. All entrants in the Jr Fair Horse Show will be eligible for the high point award. The goal of the High Point is to encourage and reward versatility in our exhibitors and their horses. Points will be awarded by the placings in all classes except Champion classes and Versatility class, according to the point scale below.
2. Points will be recorded and calculated, and the High Point Winner will be announced after the close of the Junior Fair Horse Show. In the event of a tie for the High Point Winner, **the number of 1st places earned during the Junior Fair Horse Show will be used. If the 1st places do not break the tie, the highest single placing in showmanship regardless of how many showmanship classes they have participated in. If the two tie breakers still fail to break the tie, the flip of a coin will be used.**

Placing Points Awarded

- 1st Place: **5** Points
- 2nd Place: **4** Points
- 3rd Place: **3** Points
- 4th Place: **2** Points
- 5th Place: **1** Point

Department 6: 4-H/FFA Dairy Goats

Dairy Goat Show and Showmanship: Ed Sands Building Show Arena, Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Robin Saum
Assistant Superintendent: Kathy Slykerman

Please note: Junior Fair dairy goats will be housed in the Ed Sands Building.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Dairy Goat Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Dairy Goat Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 21st, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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 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.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all lactating Dairy Goats. DUNF forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of check in. DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before check-in on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>. Exhibitors may enter no more than two entries per class and no more than five total dairy goats.

Division: Kids and Yearlings

Kids and Yearlings Classes:

1. Junior Kid, born May and June of the current year
2. Intermediate Kid, born March and April of the current year
3. Senior Kid, born January and February of the current year
4. Junior Yearling, born April through December of the previous year, unfreshened
5. Senior Yearling, born January, February, March, of the previous year, unfreshened

Division: Dairy Goat Does

Doe Classes: DOES IN CLASSES 6, 7, 8, AND 9 MUST HAVE FRESHENED OR ARE BEING MILKED REGULARLY.

6. Milker, 1 year and old and under 2
7. Milker, 2 years old and under 3
8. Milker, 3 years and under 5
9. Milker, Aged over 5 years
10. Milker (**class is open to does who are 1 year old or more, who have freshened, but who are not currently being milked. This is an optional class. Does who have freshened and are not in milk may show in this class OR in their age division class**).
11. Doe (Buddy Goat) – See Dairy Goat Special Rule 12.

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Showmanship Classes:

1. Dairy Goat Showmanship Ages 15-18
2. Dairy Goat Showmanship Ages 12-14
3. Dairy Goat Showmanship Ages 9-11
4. Dairy Goat Beginner Showmanship (1st year, under Age 11)

Arrival Time: Before unloading at the fairgrounds, the animal's tattoo or tag must be checked with the animal's paperwork by the appropriate show committee personnel, to comply USDA Scrapie Regulation. Check-in time is Saturday, October 4th, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Dairy Goat Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for dairy goat exhibitors on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Ed Sands Building.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- Dairy Goats: **After the conclusion of Friday's Livestock Sale and before 10:00 a.m.** Saturday, October 11th, 2025.

Premium: Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Dairy Goat Premiums: "A"= \$4.50; "B"=\$3.50; "C"=\$2.50

Dairy Goat Products Sale: There will be no dairy goat products in the livestock sale.

DAIRY GOATS NEED OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAW AND BE SHOWN AT THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

Junior Fair Goat Exhibitors in NON-MARKET classes

1. The 4-H/FFA exhibitors can buy a doe that has the required official USDA identification. This is legal to show at the Fairfield County Fair. Either the buyer or seller must make sure the animal has official USDA identification, best if it is the seller. NOTE: Legible registration tattoos may be used to identify dairy does when the animal is accompanied by their original registration certificate listing the tattoo number (copies are not acceptable). Dairy goats may also be identified by electronic identification (EID) number. The EID number must be listed on the registration certification and must comply with USDA rules. When using an EID as the primary form of ID, the animal must also have an "E" or "ET" ear or tail tattoo. *All animals* must be USDA compliant prior to arriving at the fairgrounds.
2. The 4-H/FFA exhibitors must be sure that the animal has an official USDA identification. They may get their own tags or tattooing or have their veterinarian do it. (For more information call the Ohio APHIS Department at 614-856-4735).
3. *Remember* that Federal Law prohibits removing the official USDA tag or tattoo from any animal, but any animal can have more than one official USDA tag or tattoo.

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Dairy Goat Special Rules

1. All goats must be dehorned.
2. Animals must show no evidence of illness, abscesses, open sores and wounds, sore mouth, or foot rot.
3. All animals exhibited must be completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on or after July 1st of the current year.
4. Exhibitors leasing dairy goats must obtain and file a Lease Agreement Form to the OSU Extension Office by July 1st, of the current year.
5. All dairy breeds will show together.
6. One tack pen will be provided for each dairy goat family who has animal(s) in milk production if space is available.
7. Any exhibitor who neglects their livestock at the fair will forfeit premiums, prize money, and will be barred from the goat show for one or more years.
8. Goat milk will be dumped in an approved container provided by the Senior Fair Board.
9. All judges in the Dairy Goat Show will be hired by the Senior Fair Board and will be qualified and licensed ADGA Dairy Goat judges.
10. Any class including showmanship that exceeds fifteen (15) animals will have a mandatory split with separate heats of equal numbers with the top five of each heat returning to the show ring to determine the class winners.
11. No animals that are any percentage Boer may show in the Dairy Goat Show. This show is limited to recognized dairy goat breeds only.
12. One (1) companion (**buddy**) goat is allowed, as long as additional pen space is not required. The companion goat must meet all of the requirements of dairy goats that will be shown. As a reminder, it must be a dairy goat, it must be a doe, it must meet the USDA identification requirements, and it must be dehorned or naturally hornless.
 - **A female Buddy Goat entry is permitted if an exhibitor is bringing ONLY one other dairy goat female to the fair.**
 - **Buddy Goat must meet the health and identification requirements of the animal species.**
 - **Buddy Goats are not eligible to be shown at the fair (not even in showmanship).**
 - **Must make Buddy Goat entry if you plan to bring one to fair for Dairy Goat Superintendent to track identification.**

Dairy Goat Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Dairy Goat Showman of Showmen.
7. The Dairy Goat Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.

Department 7: 4-H/FFA Meat/Market Goats

Meat/Market Goat Showmanship: Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Tuesday, October 7th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Meat Doe and Market Goat Show: Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

Superintendents: Nathan Crook and Lisa Ruff
Assistant Superintendents: Matt Slykerman and Jon Eastep

Please note: Junior Fair meat/market goats will be housed in the barn where beef was previously housed.

MQP Goat Weigh In:

- Summer weigh-in is Saturday, May 17th, 2025 from 8:00-9:00 a.m., at the fairgrounds. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL MQP Goats.
- Final Goat MQP weigh-in is Sunday, August 24th, 2025 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. There will be no reweighs.

Market Goat Weigh In and Meat Doe Check-In:

- Summer check-in is on the last Saturday of June (Saturday, June 28th) from 8:00-11:00 a.m., at the fairgrounds. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL Market Goats.
 - **Final Market Goat and Junior Doe weigh-in is Saturday of the fair (Saturday, October 4th) from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Junior Does will be weighed from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Market Wethers will be weighed from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** There will be no reweighs. **No tack should be dropped off on Saturday during market goat or market lamb weigh-ins. Please plan to drop off before Saturday or after all weigh-ins conclude on Saturday.**

Tagging: All MARKET animals (including MQP Goats and Market Goats)

- All market animals will be family tagged and any member of the family can show any animal tagged.
- An exhibitor must have their market goat(s) tattooed/tagged. Should the market goat's ear not be suitable for tagging, the market goat will be tattooed in the tail web.
- As defined in [Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-01](#), "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- No tagging will be performed after the designated weigh-in/tag-in day.
- Each exhibitor may tag in up to 4 total market/MQP goats. Two for the market classes and two for MQP, one of which may be used as backup, or two for the market classes and one backup.
- More than one exhibitor from the same "immediate family" may designate the same backup goat. An exhibitor may also designate their second MQP goat as their backup for the fair at the June tag-in. If an exhibitor tags in two MQP goats at the MQP weigh-in, they will only be able to tag in two additional goats during the June tag-in. MQP market goats used as backups will be eligible for the homegrown class.
- All market animals will be tagged with an EID 840 tag. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.

Pre-Fair Exhibitor Meeting: August 24th at 4:00 p.m. directly following MQP conclusion.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Meat/Market Goat Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Meat/Market Goat Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 6th, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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 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.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all MQP and Market Goats. DUNF forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of weigh in. MQP Goats: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in on Friday, August 22nd, 2025. Market Goats: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in/check-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

- MQP/Market Goats: Exhibitors may enter and show a total of two (2) market goats (only one is eligible to sell in the ring at auction, second goat will sell direct to packer) and one (1) MQP goat (if entered into the MQP competition by April 15th).
- All breeding classes are limited to one (1) entry per class and no more than three (3) total meat does/breeding entries.
- ALL SUBMITTED JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES MUST HAVE THE COMPLETE SCRAPIE TAG/TATTOO NUMBER AND FAIR ID NUMBER WHEN COMPLETING THE ONLINE FAIRENTRY ENTRIES.

Meat Doe Division

Meat Doe Classes: (Does in classes 3 and 4 must have kidded):

1. **Junior Doe, less than 12 months old (will be divided into four equal classes by weight)**
2. Yearling Meat Doe, 12-23 months
3. Meat Doe, 24-35 months (must have kidded)
4. Meat Doe, 36+ months (must have kidded)

Market Goat (Wether) Division

Market Goat (Wether) Classes:

1. Market Goat, born after January 1st of the current year. Limit of 2 entries in this class.
2. Homegrown Market Goat, born after January 1st of the current year - limit of 1 entry in this class. Exhibitors will designate this animal at fair weigh-in and they will also be added into the Homegrown Class at that time.
3. MQP Goat - limit of 1 entry in this class.

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship (Ages 17-18) | 5. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship (Ages 9-10) |
| 2. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship (Ages 15-16) | 6. Meat/Market Goat Beginner Showmanship |
| 3. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship (Ages 13-14) | (1 st year exhibitor under age 11) |
| 4. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship (Ages 11-12) | |

Arrival Time: Animals may arrive any time after 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3rd and must be in the barn by 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 4th.

Meat/Market Goat Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for meat/market goat exhibitors on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sheep/Goat Barn (formerly the Beef Barn).

Market Goats: This is a partial terminal show. See [ODA rules 901-19-01 GG](#) and [ODA Rules 901-19-02 E](#). Market Goats will have the option to take home their animals. [Click here to review information to consider when making this decision.](#)

- Take home forms will be available at each specie's fair/final weigh-in.
- **The NUMBER of take home animals must be declared at the scale (no exceptions).**
- **Tag numbers of take home animals must be declared to the Show Superintendent within one hour of the conclusion of that species show.**
- Take home animals will lose their sale slot and will not be eligible for a premium and packer bid.
- Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.

Market Goat Sale: Friday at the Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. **Sale order is pending.** Please review rules on the sale page: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without the approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- Market Goats: After the sale according to Sale Committee guidelines.
- **Market Goats who have completed a Take Home Form will be released THREE HOURS after the Meat/Market Goat Show on Wednesday, and this release time window will last for TWO HOURS. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from showing that species the following year. Exhibitors must check with the Superintendent before leaving the fairgrounds to ensure animals are accounted for before the sale.**
- All other goats **immediately following market goat load out and before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 11th, 2025. All pens must be cleaned by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 11th, 2025.**

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Meat Doe Premiums: "A" = \$4.50; "B" = \$3.50; "C" = \$2.50
- Market Goat Premiums: "A" = \$4.50; "B" = \$3.50; "C" = \$2.50

Livestock Sale Exhibitor Checks: Exhibitors must submit a stamped thank you note to their advisor prior to November 1st. Advisors will be required to mail thank-you notes and maintain their buyer checklist to receive the exhibitors' checks. If a check is not cashed within the specified 90-day period from the check date, there will be a Stop Payment Fee deduction imposed, and a replacement check issued to the exhibitor.

MEAT/MARKET GOATS NEED OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAW AND BE SHOWN AT THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

- All animals, including market goats, exhibited must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification as described in ODA Rule [901:1-13-04](#). The most common types of this identification are: (a) Official USDA ear tags or (b) Tattoos that have been approved by the USDA, APHIS for use in the scrapie eradication program.
 - Special Notes:** Official USDA tattoos must have a herd (premises) number and unique animal identification number. A tattoo of an official USDA Scrapie Identification Number that does not meet this requirement is not acceptable. Legible registration tattoos may be used to identify meat does when the animal is accompanied by their original registration certificate listing the tattoo number (copies are not acceptable). If a registration certificate is used for identification, consistent with [ODA Rule 901-19-39 \(5\)](#) the animal must have been registered in the exhibitor's name for not less than sixty days.
- All market wethers must have official USDA Scrapie tags. They must have a Scrapie tag in their ear the day of the goat weigh-in/tag-in. No tattooing of a Scrapie number will be accepted unless the goat is a Lamancha breed.
- The 4-H/FFA exhibitors must ensure that the animal has an official USDA tag or tattoo. They may get their own tags or tattooing or have their veterinarian do it. (For more information, call the Ohio APHIS Department at 614-856-4735). All animals must have been tattooed/tagged before arriving at the Fairgrounds.
- Remember that Federal Law prohibits removing the official USDA tag or tattoo from any animal, but any animal can have more than one official USDA tag or tattoo.

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Meat/Market Goat General Rules

- All animals must be in complete possession and wholly owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on the designated possession dates (May 17th, 2025 for MQP Goats, last Saturday of June for Market Goats, July 1st for Meat Does). NO LEASING OF ANIMALS IS PERMITTED.
- Animals showing evidence of illness, superficial abscesses, open sores or wounds, sore mouth, or foot rot will not be permitted on the fairgrounds, shown, or sold.
- No tack will be allowed in pens. No grooming stands are allowed in aisles.
- Any exhibitor who neglects their livestock at the fair will forfeit premiums, prize money, and sale money. Also, they will be barred from the goat show for one or more years.
- All judges will be hired by the Senior Fair Board and will be qualified and will be qualified and experienced meat judges.
- There will be no market goat pens cleaned until after all market goats have been loaded on the packer truck.
- No companion goats (buddy goats) will be allowed during the fair.

Market Goat Show Rules

- Wethers can be braced when showing, but all four feet remain on the ground. No lifting and holding.
- All market goats sold through the auction except the grand and reserve grand champions will be removed from the fairgrounds after the sale according to the sale committee guidelines.
- Only wethers (castrated males) are allowed in the market goat class, no bucks or stags. Market goats showing any evidence of testicular tissue are not eligible to be shown or sold. Market goats must have primary teeth, or, if any are missing prematurely, "No secondary teeth may be present." The veterinarian's decision is final.
- Only one eligible live show market goat may be sold at the auction by an exhibitor. There may be a packer bid on all eligible market goats. The only time an exhibitor can sell both goats individually is if they are selected for both grand and reserve grand champion. The exhibitor's second market goat will be sold at packer bid only if a packer bid is available.
- Market goats will be divided into twelve (12) equal classes by weight. If the total of market goats exhibited is not equally divisible by twelve (12), the remainder shall be distributed to each class beginning with the lightest.
- All underweight goats weighing under 60 pounds at the market goat weigh-in at fair time will only be eligible for showmanship classes. Underweight animals may be taken home if a Market Animal Take Home Form is completed, if no form is completed, animals MAY be offered to the packer.
- The exhibitors of the grand and reserve grand champions will provide continual care through Saturday and will leave feed for the Senior Fair Board through Monday. Additionally, they will assist with the load out of the animals on the Saturday concluding the fair. Premiums, prize money, and sale proceeds will be forfeited if the exhibitor fails to provide this continual care.
- The grand and reserve grand market champion animals will be slaughtered, inspected, and evaluated by ODA officials.

Homegrown Market Goat Show

- To be eligible, entries must be born from a doe owned prior to January 1st of the current year and raised at the 4-H/FFA member's immediate family property or family property that adjoins the exhibitor's residence (i.e., grandparents, aunt/uncle). Proof of ownership of the doe will be in the form of registration papers, farm Scrapie tag, or Scrapie tag with an accompanying bill of sale.
- Entry must be one of the exhibitor's junior fair market goat projects.
- The meat goat selected to be shown in the homegrown market goat show will be included in the general market classes.
- Homegrown market goat show class will be held separately - before the general market goat show, and only one goat per exhibitor will be permitted to show in this class.
- The top five (5) places will be selected and receive an award. The champion selected will sell 4th in the overall sale order **and the reserve champion will sell 5th in the overall sale order** (unless it places either Grand or Reserve Grand Champion in the general market goat show).

6. Exhibitors must complete documentation for the homegrown market goat show class by May 1st of the current year and take part on June 28th (last Saturday of June) weigh-in at the fairgrounds. No exceptions. The Homegrown Market Goat form is submitted online.
7. All entries must agree to a market goat committee member entering their barn/housing unit for visual inspection of animals. Failure to do so will lead to immediate disqualification. (Not all exhibitors will be visited each year. A random selection will be made to ensure all entries are honoring their intent).

Meat/Market Goat Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Meat/Market Goat Showman of Showmen.
7. The Meat/Market Goat Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.
8. No prong/pinch collars may be used in showmanship classes. (They are still permitted in breeding and market classes).

Muscle Quality and Performance (MQP) Market Goat Contest Rules

Important MQP Goat Dates:

- Spring MQP Tagging/Weigh In: May 17th, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds
- MQP Termination Date: August 24th, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds

Tagging/Possession Date: MQP Goats will be weighed and tagged for identification at the fairgrounds on May 17th, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and must be in the possession of the exhibitor on that date. Exhibitors may tag one market goat to compete in the MQP Market Goat Contest and one additional goat as a backup. The second goat can be used as the backup for the live shows at the Fairfield County Fair.

Weigh-In: MQP market goat weigh-in and tagging will be May 17th, 2025, at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. All market goats must be tagged. All prospective MQP goats must be weighed. No tagging will be done outside of the designated time. There will be no reweighs per Fairfield County Junior Fair General Rule #27.

1. MQP market goat weigh-in and tagging will be in early May at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. MQP goats will come to the fairgrounds for the final weigh-in preceding harvesting in August. (Final dates to be determined after consulting with local packer).
2. Fairfield Co. Jr. Fair Market Goat Committee will supervise all weighing and tagging procedures at the weigh-ins. If an animal loses an ear tag, the exhibitor must contact the Senior Fair Office as soon as possible. If possible, save the tag that came out.
3. MQP market goats **may be wethers or does** and less than a year old.
4. Wethers must not retain any testicular tissue at the August weigh-in.
5. All animals are required to have an official USDA Scrapie tag, regardless of age.
6. There is no minimum or maximum weight at the May weigh-in.
7. MQP market goats must have primary teeth, or, if any are missing prematurely, "No secondary teeth may be present."
8. MQP goats will be brought to the Fairfield County Fairgrounds for the August weigh-in to be evaluated and weighed. The average daily gain will be calculated at this time. An official will be on hand to discuss their choices for best goat "on the hoof." Exhibitors will be invited to handle and assess the goats. The goats will then be transported to a facility to be harvested.
9. The exhibitor will be responsible for the marketing of the processed animal to an end consumer or must take possession of the processed animal at the completion of the project. The end consumer or the exhibitor is responsible for the cost of processing.
10. Results of the contest, with all data evaluated, will be collected prior to the fair. Exhibitors will be invited to the harvesting facility to observe their projects and see how the MQP data was collected.
11. The market goat MQP final score will take the rate of gain placing and carcass placing into consideration during scoring. Rate of gain will be 30% of the final score and carcass placing the remaining 70%.
12. The actual rate of gain will be calculated by subtracting the beginning weight at tag in time from the final weigh-in time and dividing by the number of days from the initial weigh into the final weigh-in.
13. Calculations for MQP merit may include loin eye measurement, back fat, KPH fat percentage, leg score, quality grade, percent retail cuts, or other categories requested by the judge. Formulaic equations using the above data will determine MQP placings. Points will be awarded/removed for the various criteria as it applies to the desirable MQP merits.
14. MQP market goats are subject to rules of quality assurance, i.e., substance withdrawal. DUNF forms are required.
15. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion MQP market goats will sell in the 6th and 7th sale slots, respectively, at the Junior Fair Market Goat Sale. The remainder of the MQP projects will sell in the sale either individually or in a group(s) as determined by the Meat/Market Goat Show Committee.

Department 8: 4-H/FFA Pygmy Goats

Pygmy Goat Show and Showmanship: Ed Sands Building Show Arena, Monday, October 6th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Nathan Friend

Assistant Superintendents: Heather Friend and Brittany Baker

Please note: Junior Fair pygmy goats will be housed in the Ed Sands Building.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Pygmy Goat Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Dairy Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 21st, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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 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.

Health Papers: Are not required for Pygmy Goats. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

- Exhibitors may enter no more than one entry per class and no more than five (5) total pygmy goats.

Division: Pygmy Wethers

Pygmy Wether Classes:

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| 1. Wethers under 6 months | 5. Wethers 3 years and over |
| 2. Wethers 6-12 months | 6. Wether (Buddy Goat - by making this entry, goat is NOT eligible to be shown in showmanship class). |
| 3. Wethers 12-24 months | |
| 4. Wethers 2 years to under 3 years | |

Division: Pygmy Does

Pygmy Doe Classes:

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| 7. Junior Does under 6 months (unfreshened) | 12. Senior Does 2-3 years (freshened) |
| 8. Junior Does 6-12 months (unfreshened) | 13. Senior Does over 3 years (freshened) |
| 9. Junior Does 12-24 months (unfreshened) | 14. Doe (Buddy Goat - by making this entry, goat is NOT eligible to be shown in showmanship class). |
| 10. Senior Does over 24 months (unfreshened) | |
| 11. Senior Does 12-24 months and older (freshened) | |

Showmanship Division: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline. All ages are as of January 1st of the current year.

Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Pygmy Goat Showmanship (Ages 17-18) | 5. Pygmy Goat Showmanship (ages 9-10) |
| 2. Pygmy Goat Showmanship (Ages 15-16) | 6. Pygmy Goat Beginner Showmanship (First year, under Age 11) |
| 3. Pygmy Goat Showmanship (Ages 13-14) | |
| 4. Pygmy Goat Showmanship (Ages 11-12) | |

Arrival Time: Before unloading at the fairgrounds, the animal's tattoo or tag must be checked with the animal's paperwork by the appropriate show committee personnel, to comply with USDA Scrapie regulation. Check-in time is Saturday, October 4th, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Ed Sands Building.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- Pygmy Goats: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11th, 2025.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not **show** that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Pygmy Goat Premiums: "A" =\$4.50; "B" =\$3.50; "C" =\$2.50

PYGMY GOATS NEED OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAW AND BE SHOWN AT THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

Junior Fair Goat Exhibitors in NON-MARKET classes

1. The 4-H/FFA exhibitors can buy a doe or wether that has the required official USDA identification. This is legal to show at the Fairfield County Fair. The doe/wether must have USDA identification before arrival to the fairgrounds. Either the buyer or seller must make sure the animal has official USDA scrapie identification, best if it is the seller. NOTE: Legible registration tattoos/microchips may be used in place of the official USDA identification to identify registered pygmy goats when the animal is accompanied by their original registration certificate listing the identification number (copies are not acceptable). Exhibitors of microchip animals must provide a reader for verification.
2. The 4-H/FFA exhibitors must be sure that the animal has an official USDA identification unless the animal is registered. They may get their own tags or tattooing or have their veterinarian do it. (For more information call the Ohio APHIS Department at 614-856-4735).
3. *Remember* that Federal Law prohibits removing the official USDA identification from any animal, but any animals can have more than one official USDA identification.

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATION

Pygmy Goat Special Rules

1. Pygmies may or may not be dehorned.
2. All animals must show no evidence of superficial abscesses (caseous lymphadenitis), sore mouth, or foot rot.
3. All animals should have been vaccinated (CD&T) and dewormed.
4. All animals exhibited must be in complete possession and fully owned (as evidence of bill of sale stating date of purchase and Scrapie tag number or if registered, by transferred registration paper(s) into exhibitor or family name) by July 1st of the current year. NO LEASING OF ANIMALS IS PERMITTED.
5. No bucks or stags.
6. Straw or shavings may be used for bedding.
7. Any exhibitor who neglects their livestock at the fair will forfeit premiums and will be barred from the goat show for one or more years.
8. All judges in the Pygmy Goat Show will be hired by the Senior Fair Board. All judges will be qualified and will follow NPGA guidelines.
9. Any class, including showmanship, that exceeds 15 animals will have a mandatory split with sperate heats or equal numbers with the top five of each heat return to the show ring to determine the class winners.
10. Nigerian dwarfs, angoras, and any other non-pygmy goat will show in a class in Department 6: 4-H/FFA Dairy Goats.
11. **One (1) companion (buddy) goat is allowed, as long as additional pen space is not required. The companion goat must meet all of the requirements of pygmy goats that will be shown. As a reminder, it must be a pygmy goat, it can be a doe or wether, it must meet the USDA identification requirements, and it must be dehorned or naturally hornless.**
 - **A Buddy Goat entry is permitted only if exhibitor is bringing one other pygmy goat to the fair.**
 - **Buddy Goat must meet the health and identification requirements of the animal species.**
 - **Buddy Goats are not eligible to be shown at the fair (not even in showmanship).**
 - **Must make Buddy Goat entry if you plan to bring one to fair for Dairy Pygmy Superintendent to track identification.**

Pygmy Goat Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Pygmy Goat Showman of Showmen.
7. The Pygmy Goat Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.

Department 9: 4-H/FFA Alpacas and Llamas

Alpaca/Llama Show: Ed Sands Building Show Arena, Tuesday, October 7th 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Superintenden: Aaron Shaw

Please note: Junior Fair alpacas will be housed in the Ed Sands Building.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for the Alpaca/Llama Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Alpaca/Llama Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 21st, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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 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.

Health Papers: Not required. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in/check-in day.**

Entries: Limited to one animal per exhibitor. Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

Alpaca/Llama Classes:

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| 1. Obstacle/Agility - Senior (Ages 15-18) | 7. Trail Pack - Senior (Ages 15-18) |
| 2. Obstacle/Agility - Intermediate (Ages 12-14) | 8. Trail Pack - Intermediate (Ages 12-14) |
| 3. Obstacle/Agility - Junior (Ages 8-11) | 9. Trail Pack - Junior (Ages 8-11) |
| 4. Public Relations - Senior (Ages 15-18) | |
| 5. Public Relations - Intermediate (Ages 12-14) | |
| 6. Public Relations - Junior (Ages 8-11) | |

Showmanship Classes: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

1. Alpaca/Llama Showmanship - Senior (Ages 15-18)
2. Alpaca/Llama Showmanship - Intermediate (Ages 12-14)
3. Alpaca/Llama Showmanship - Junior (Ages 8-11)

Arrival Time: Alpacas/llamas can be brought into the fairgrounds Saturday (move-in day) between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. They must be checked in with the superintendent by 2:00 p.m. They will be housed Ed Sands Building.

Release Time: Friday, October 10th between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Alpaca/Llama Premiums: "A" =\$4.50; "B" =\$3.50; "C" =\$2.50

**READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR
GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS**

Alpaca/Llama Special Rules

1. All alpaca/llama projects must be in the exhibitor's possession by July 1st of the current year.
2. All alpacas/llamas exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on or after the designated date. Junior Fair alpacas/llamas may be leased according to rules of the "Ohio 4-H Llama Program, Guidelines to Leasing a Llama." Leasing contracts must be on file at the OSU Extension Office by July 1st.
3. **Exhibitors may declare a second animal to be used as a backup animal. A backup animal may be a leased animal. Exhibitors may share a backup animal that is owned or leased however, if utilized, it may only be used as a primary animal by one exhibitor. A backup animal would be used only in the case of injury or death to the project animal or other extreme circumstance approved by the Alpaca Superintendent, Junior Fair Director, Senior Fair Board Director overseeing Alpacas/Llamas, and 4-H Extension Educator. The animal must be replaced by the species' move-in day of the Fairfield County Fair. The backup animal must be declared by July 1st along with all required paperwork (same requirements as primary animal). Please note "backup animal" on paperwork submitted.**
4. Exhibitors must wear white tops and long black pants.
5. Ages are as of January 1st of the current year.
6. Read health requirement [901:1-18-11](#) (check with the Senior Fair Office for more information).
7. Exhibitors are expected to follow the General Rules listed at the beginning of the Junior Fair Book.
8. Exhibitors are required to leave their stall/pen display set-up until move out for viewing by the public. Tack and display must be removed immediately following move-out. Stalls must be cleaned out before leaving the fairgrounds.
9. Alpacas/llamas must be six (6) months of age or older on the day of the show, however older than 1 year is strongly encouraged.
10. Alpacas/llamas must be free of diseases and neatly groomed.

Alpaca/Llama Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must enter their showmanship class to receive a grade.
3. Separate alpaca/llama showmanship classes will be held based on the age of the exhibitor. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year. Showmanship will be conducted in three classes: Senior (Ages 15-18), Intermediate (Ages 12-14), and Junior (Ages 8-11).
4. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
5. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
6. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
7. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Alpaca/Llama Showman of Showmen.
8. The Alpaca/Llama Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.

Alpaca/Llama Obstacle

1. Exhibitors will be required to navigate their animals through four (4) to eight (8) obstacles depending upon the arena space available. Obstacles may include but not limited to jumps, maneuverability, a change of pace, backing, a bridge, and a ramp.
2. The animals will be required to be shown in a well-fitted halter and lead.

Alpaca/Llama Public Relations

1. The class is for the alpaca/llama that participates in community activities, goes to schools, hospitals, service clubs, parades, charity functions, or other events.
2. The animal will be required to be show in a well-fitted halter and lead.
3. The course will include obstacles found in a community, including but not limited to: Stairs or ramps, petting by strangers, and loading into a trailer.

Alpaca/Llama Trail Pack (New for 2025)

1. **The purpose of this class is to emulate the species native environment by navigating obstacles while wearing a pack.**
2. **Exhibitors must provide a pack with cinches, and fill material to bulk packs out. Weight is optional on animals over 36 months old in Intermediate and Senior classes. Junior class must carry no weight. Alpacas/llamas must wear a pack proportionate in size to their body.**
3. **The animals will be required to be shown in a well-fitted halter and lead.**
4. **The course will include obstacles found on a trail, including but not limited to: Standing water, moving objects, and items obstructing their pathway.**

Department 10: 4-H/FFA Poultry

Poultry Showmanship: #50 Show Arena, Sunday, October 5th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Turkeys: Outside Poultry Barn or #50 Show Arena, Monday, October 6th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Poultry Breeding and Market Show: #50 Show Arena, Monday, October 6th, 2025, 12:30 p.m.

Superintendent: John Hablitzel

Assistant Superintendents: Kim Root, Scott Anderson, Jodie Schmeltzer

Please note: Junior Fair poultry will be housed in the barn that previously housed meat/market goats.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Poultry Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Poultry Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 21st, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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 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.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all market poultry. DUNF forms are to be filled out online. **DUNF forms are to be filled out online. DUNF forms must be filled out by 11:59 p.m. after weigh-in on Saturday, October 4th, 2025. All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.**

- Market Chickens - complete one DUNF Form per pen of chickens.
- Market Duck - complete one DUNF Form.
- Market Turkeys – **NEW FOR 2025: Market Turkeys will be banded at check-in. List this number in the identification field of the DUNF Form after check-in.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfaireentry>.

- No more than one entry per class. NOTE: EACH NUMBER INDICATES A DIFFERENT CLASS.
- An individual animal may not be shown in more than one class (this excludes showmanship classes).
- Exhibitors can enter a maximum of six (6) total entries in the standard rooster/hen classes (classes 2-13) and six (6) total entries in the Bantam rooster/hen classes (classes 19-28).

Department 10-CM: Market Chickens Division

Market Chicken Class:

1. Market Chickens: 3 birds male or female with total pen weigh from a minimum of twelve (12.0) pounds to a maximum of **twenty-four (24.0) pounds.**

Department 10-TM: Market Turkey Division

Market Turkey Class:

1. Market Turkey: 1 bird

Department 10-DM: Market Duck Division

Market Duck Class:

1. Market Duck: 1 bird - Pekin, Aylesbury, Muscovy, Rouen with a weight between six (6.0) pounds and ten (10.0) pounds.

Department 10: Breeding Poultry and Poultry Showmanship

Layers Division

Layers Class:

1. Layers: 2 hens of the same breed. Should be mature laying hens at least 18 weeks old (may vary according to breed) to insure production by fair dates.

Standard Size Rooster Division

- One (1) bird per class, all entries should comply with the American Poultry Association Standards.
- NOTE: The breeds listed are not a comprehensive list of breeds recognized for each class.
- Please refer to APA Standards if you're breed is not listed.

Standard Size Rooster Classes

1. American Rooster
Buckeyes, Delawares, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, New Hampshires, Dominiques, Wyandottes, Jersey Giants, Chanteclers, Lamonas, Hollands, Javas, Rhode Island Whites
2. Asiatic Rooster
Brahmas, Cochins, and Langshans
3. English Rooster
Dorkings, Redcaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex, and Astralorpes
4. Mediterranean Rooster
Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Andulusians, Anconas, Sicilian, Buttercups, and Catalanans
5. Continental Rooster
Barnevelders, Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Wesummers, Polish, Houdans, Crevecouers, La Fleche, and Favorolles
6. All Other Standard Breeds Rooster
Modern Games, Old English Games, Sumatras, Malays, Cublayas, Phoenix, Yokohamas, Aseels, Shamos, Sultans, Frizzies, Naked Necks, Araucanas, and Ameraucanas

Standard Size Hen Division

- One (1) bird per class, all entries should comply with the American Poultry Association Standards.
- See breeds listed under "Standard Size Rooster Classes."

Standard Size Rooster Classes:

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| 7. American Hen | 10. Mediterranean Hen |
| 8. Asiatic Hen | 11. Continental Hen |
| 9. English Hen | 12. All Other Standard Breeds Hen |

All Other Poultry Division**All Other Poultry Classes:**

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| 13. Breeding Turkey: (1 bird) | 15. Fancy Ducks: (1 bird, any breed of duck) |
| 14. Exotic Fowl: (any bird that is not a chicken and does not fall under any other class) | 16. Geese: (1 bird) |
| | 17. Pigeon: (1 bird) |

Bantam Rooster Division

- One (1) bird per class, all entries should comply with the American Bantam Association Standards.

Bantam Rooster Classes:

18. Game Bantam Rooster
Modern Game- 36 varieties, Old English Games- 12 varieties; dubbing and de-wattling are not required.
19. Single Comb Clean Legged Bantam Rooster
Anconas, Andulusians, Australorpes, Campines, Catalanans, Delawares, Dorkings, Dutch, Frizzies, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Spanish, Sussex, and Welsummers
20. Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam Rooster
Aconas, Belgian Beared d'Anvers, Dominiques, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Redcaps, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Rosecombs, Sebrights, and Wyandottes
21. All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantam Rooster
Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecouers, Cublayas, Houdans, La Fleche, Malays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian, Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokohamas
22. Feather Legged Bantam Rooster
Booted, Belgian Bearded d'Uccle, Bramas, Cochins, Faverolles, Frizzles, Langshans, Silkies, and Sultans

Bantam Hen Division

- One (1) bird per class, all entries should comply with the American Bantam Association Standards.
- See breed descriptions under "Bantam Rooster Classes."

Bantam Hen Classes:

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| 23. Game Bantam Hen | 26. All Other Combs Clean Legged Hen |
| 24. Single Comb Clean Legged Hen | 27. Feather Legged Bantams Ham |
| 25. Rose Comb Clean Legged Hen | |

The Poultry Show Committee will determine the number of classes offered each for the Bantam, standard size chickens and turkeys following the August entry deadline. At least two (2) exhibitor entries are needed for class placings. If there is only one entry, the exhibitor will receive a grade and has the option of showing for champion.

Showmanship Division: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Poultry Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Poultry Showmanship (Ages 15-18) | 4. Poultry Showmanship (Ages 9-10) |
| 2. Poultry Showmanship (Ages 13-14) | 5. Beginner Poultry Showmanship |
| 3. Poultry Showmanship (Ages 11-12) | (1st year poultry showman, age 11 and under) |

Arrival Times: Animals may be placed in cages beginning at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October 4th, 2025.

- Non-market poultry and Market Turkeys must arrive by **12:00 p.m.**
- Market chickens and market ducks must arrive by 4:00 p.m.
- Breeding turkeys are to arrive the day of the show but must be checked in during the Saturday check in time below (the actual bird does not need to be present for the check in).

Check-In: All poultry entries must be checked-in at the appropriate check-in stations during the following times to verify they will be showing and that they are entered into the appropriate class. Entries not properly checked in during these times will be automatically scratched and not allowed to show.

- Market Chickens and Market Ducks – as part of weigh-in.
- All Non-Market Poultry and Market Turkeys - Saturday, October 4th, 2025, between **10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**, in the Poultry Barn.
 - **Class assignments for breeding/fancy poultry only may be changed during check-in.**
 - **Allowed changes:**
 - **Standard Rooster/Hen to another Standard Rooster/Hen class**
 - **Bantam Rooster/Hen to another Bantam Rooster/Hen class**
 - **Changes not allowed:**
 - **Standard Hen/Rooster to Bantam Hen/Rooster or vice versa**
 - **Changes (other than scratches) to any other classes**
 - **No new entries will be allowed. You must have made a previous entry to make a change.**
 - **All changes must be in writing on the forms to be provided during check-in (no verbal changes will be accepted).**
 - **All changes must be made during check-in. No class changes will be accepted before or after check-in.**

Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for poultry exhibitors on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the #50 Show Arena.

Weigh-In: Market chickens and market ducks only will weigh-in from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, in the #50 Show Arena.

Pullorum Testing Requirements: All poultry exhibited must meet pullorum requirements per ODA rule [901:1-18-05](#) (listed under General Rules) in one of the following methods.

- Rule (A)(1) Submit hatchery paperwork
 - **This paperwork is only valid for one year from hatch. Any birds older than one year must meet the rule using another method.**
 - This paperwork will be kept by the committee.
 - Exhibitor's names **MUST** be listed on the paperwork (written on is acceptable) and a separate copy for each exhibitor must be provided.
 - Hatchery paperwork **MUST** display the NPIP logo indicating the hatcher participates in the NPIP program.
 - For those purchasing from a reseller (such as Tractor Supply or Rural King), receipts from the reseller do not meet the ODA requirements. The reseller should be able to provide you with the name and contact information for the hatchery where the birds originated, and you must contact that original hatchery to obtain the proper paperwork.
- Rule (A)(2) or Rule (A)(3) – documentation of such testing must be provided to the committee during check-in.
- Rule (A)(4) - Pullorum blood testing will be available for chickens only from 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Saturday, October 4th, 2025, in the Poultry Barn. **Only one bird from each exhibitor's exhibition flock needs to be tested.** Note that the rapid test provided at the fair does not work for turkeys or gamebirds, therefore turkeys and gamebirds must utilize one of the other methods of verification.
- **Please note Rule (B) - "Any co-mingling of birds voids national poultry improvement plan status from the original flock or hatchery". If any of the exhibition poultry have had contact with any other poultry that does not meet the above requirements, one bird from the exhibitor's exhibition flock must be blood-tested. This includes market chickens and turkeys!!!**

Market Classes: This is a non-terminal show. See [ODA Rules 901-19-01 CC](#).

Market Poultry Sale: Friday, October 10th, 2025 in Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. **Sale order is pending.** All market poultry will sell either individually or in groups. Those exhibitors selling in groups are encouraged to participate in the sale but should not bring their animals. Please review rules on the sale page: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>.

Release Times: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year. All poultry will be released on **Sunday**, October 12th, 2025, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** All animals must be removed from the barn on **Sunday**, October 12th, 2025, by **2:00 p.m.**, unless prior arrangements are made with the Poultry Superintendent.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Breeding Poultry Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.25; "C" =\$0.75
- Market Poultry Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.25; "C" =\$0.75

Livestock Sale Exhibitor Checks: Exhibitors must submit a stamped thank you note to their advisor prior to November 1st. Advisors will be required to mail thank-you notes and maintain their buyer checklist to receive the exhibitors' checks. If a check is not cashed within the specified 90-day period from the check date, there will be a Stop Payment Fee deduction imposed and a replacement check issued to the exhibitor.

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Poultry Special Rules

1. All poultry, except for breeding turkeys, must be housed at the fair.
2. The Poultry Committee reserves the right to combine animals from the same exhibitor or family in the same pens.
3. Pens will be assigned for each exhibitor prior to poultry arriving at the fairgrounds on Saturday, October 4th, 2025. No exhibitor shall move or change pen assignments without the permission of the Poultry Committee. If you do not find an assigned pen, please see a member of the Poultry Committee before placing your animals into a pen.
4. All market poultry exhibited must have been completely and fully owned and in the continual care of the exhibitor within 5 days of hatch per [ODA Rule: 901-19-39 A-7](#). Additionally, the Poultry Committee has designated the following dates for possession: a) Market Chickens - no later than September 1st of the current year, b) Market Turkeys - no sooner than May 1st of the current year and no later than July 1st, c) Market Duck - between August 1st and August 15th of the current year. **Hatchery paperwork showing the hatch date must be submitted during check-in. Home-grown/hatched entries must present written verification of the hatch date.**
5. All non-market poultry must be in the exhibitor's possession and continual care by July 1st of the current year.
6. All proof of purchase and hatchery certification documentation must be in the Poultry Committee's possession by the end of check-in/weigh-in.
7. Market chickens and ducks that fall outside the weight ranges listed previously will receive a grade and premium only but will not be eligible for individual sale or championship placing.
8. There will be no packer bid for poultry. All animals will be returned to the exhibitor after the Junior Fair Livestock Auction. The exhibitor is to deliver processed poultry to the buyer if the buyer requests.
9. Breeding turkeys must arrive the day of the show no earlier than 7:30 a.m. but be checked in (bird not necessary for check in) Saturday, October 4th, 2025. With the exception of the champion, breeding turkeys can be removed from the fairgrounds immediately after the breeding show is complete and no later than the completion of the Poultry Show. The champion breeding turkey will be housed at the fairgrounds through the remainder of the fair.
10. Some exotic fowl may require ODNR approval for ownership.
11. Before removing animals from the fairgrounds at the stated release times, exhibitors must properly clean their pens. (See General Rule #29). For poultry this means a) remove and properly dispose of all shavings/bedding, b) remove anything attached to cages (cardboard, zip ties, name cards, locks, etc.) c) clean the water and feed bowls and return them to the designated storage area, d) tear down cages and place in designated storage area (only if your animal is the last animal in a shared cage set).
12. **New for 2025: If the Poultry Committee determines a display does not meet minimum care requirements (is excessively dirty or lack of food/water for an extended period of time), a tag will be placed on that cage that shows the date and time it was placed and the reason for tagging. The exhibitor must correct the situation and have it verified by a member of the Poultry Committee within 10 hours of placement. If there is no resolution within 10 hours, a text notification along with a photo of the cage will be sent to the exhibitor and their primary advisor with a 2nd request to correct the situation. If the situation is not corrected within 24 hours of tag placement, the situation will be forwarded to the Junior Fair Director per General Rule #21.**

Poultry Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Poultry Showman of Showmen.
7. The Poultry Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.

Department 11: 4-H/FFA Rabbits

Market Rabbit Show: #50 Show Arena, **Tuesday**, October 7th 2025, 8:30 a.m.
Rabbit Showmanship: #50 Show Arena, **Tuesday**, October 7th, 2025, 12:30 p.m.
Breeding Rabbit Show: #50 Show Arena, **Thursday**, October 9th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Greg Coulter

Assistant Superintendents: Tom Bobbitt, Nannette Spires, Mandi Collins, and Julie Littleton

Tattooing/Tagging: All MARKET animals (including Homegrown and Regular Market Rabbits)

- All market animals will be family tattooed/tagged and any member of the family can show any animal tattooed/tagged.
- As defined in [Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-01](#), "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- No tattooing/tagging will be performed after the designated weigh-in/tag-in day.
- ALL market rabbits will be tattooed/tagged in the 2nd Saturday of September - Saturday, September 13th, 2025. Exhibitors can tattoo/tag up to six (6) rabbits with a family maximum of 24 rabbits tattooed/tagged.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

- Please note that Homegrown Market Rabbit exhibitors must house rabbits on their property, a parent(s) property, or a grandparent(s) property. They cannot be housed elsewhere. If rabbits are housed anywhere other than the exhibitor's residence, the buck, doe, and offspring must all be housed at the same location for the offspring to be considered for a homegrown project.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Rabbit Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Rabbit Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 21st, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 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 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.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all Market Rabbits. DUNF forms are to be filled out online. DUNF forms must be filled out by 11:59 p.m. after weigh-in on Saturday, October 4th, 2025. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in/check-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfaireentry>.

- An exhibitor **showing for their first or second year** may enter a maximum of two (2) breeding classes (**not eligible for junior rabbit entries**) and **two (entries) in market for a total of 4 entries.**
- Exhibitors **in their third year or more** may enter up to six (6) different classes. An exhibitor with three or more years showing rabbits will be able to enter four (4) entries in the breeding show and two (2) entries in the market show for a total of six (6) different classes.
- Any exhibitor may enter a maximum of 2 pairs of market rabbit entries. Exhibitors will not need to declare if fryers or roasters at the time of fair entries. Exhibitors can show two pairs of roasters, two pairs of fryers, or one pair of each. No rabbit may be shown in more than one market class.
- For breeding rabbits, animals of different breeds or sex are of different classes.
- **Mixed Breed & Crossbred Rabbits:** These rabbits will show with the PET RABBITS. See Department 14 - 4-H Companion Animals.

Breeding Rabbit Division

Breeding Rabbit Classes: Breed will be entered into FairEntry when making fair entries as you add your animal to the respective fair entry. In order to designate the correct breed of your breeding rabbit entry, identify the breed of your rabbit by using this ARBA site: <https://arba.net/recognized-breeds/>

1. Breeding Buck
2. Breeding Doe
3. Junior Breeding Buck (4 to 6 months of age) *See Junior Age Class Breeding Rules.* (Only enter if an exhibitor has entered two (2) other rabbits into the breed class and is showing rabbits for the 3rd year or more. Junior entry must be the same breed as one or both of the Senior entries.
4. Junior Breeding Doe (4 to 6 months of age) *See Junior Age Class Breeding Rules.* (Only enter if an exhibitor has entered two (2) other rabbits into the breed class and is showing rabbits for the 3rd year or more. Junior entry must be the same breed as one or both of the Senior entries.
5. Breeding Buck/Doe and Offspring - Senior buck OR doe and their offspring that is entered as a Junior Breeding Buck or Doe. Senior buck OR doe must be entered into the respective breeding buck/doe class AND the offspring must be entered in the junior buck/doe class.

Market Rabbit Division

Market Rabbit Classes:

1. MARKET RABBITS: (1 entry= pen of 2 rabbits). If an exhibitor is entering one (1) pair of market rabbits, only enter the class once. If an exhibitor plans to enter two pairs of market rabbits, you must enter the class twice.
2. HOMEGROWN MARKET RABBITS: (1 entry= pen of 2 rabbits). If an exhibitor is entering one (1) pair of homegrown market rabbits, only enter the class once. If an exhibitor plans to enter two pairs of homegrown market rabbits, you must enter the class twice.

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Rabbit Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Rabbit Showmanship (Ages 17-18) | 6. Rabbit Showmanship (Age 12) |
| 2. Rabbit Showmanship (Age 16) | 7. Rabbit Showmanship (Age 11) |
| 3. Rabbit Showmanship (Age 15) | 8. Rabbit Showmanship (Age 10) |
| 4. Rabbit Showmanship (Age 14) | 9. Rabbit Showmanship (Age 9) |
| 5. Rabbit Showmanship (Age 13) | 10. Rabbit Showmanship (Age 8) |

Arrival Time: All rabbits, market and breeding, are due to the fairgrounds by 12:00 p.m., Saturday, October 4th, 2025. **All entries must complete check-in in the #50 Show Arena from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. prior to entering the rabbit barns.**

- Market Rabbits will complete weigh-in at check-in. Each exhibitor can bring a maximum of four (4) rabbits to weigh-in. If a rabbit pair does not make weight, they will be entered into the under/over class and will receive a "B" grade.
- Breeding Rabbit Registration: Exhibitors are responsible to confirm their class entries are correct and report any discrepancies to the Rabbit Committee. Any class changes must be made prior to the start of the Rabbit Exhibitor Meeting. This is only if a breed or sex is wrong. There will be no other additions to the show.

Rabbit Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for all market and breeding rabbit exhibitors on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the #50 Show Arena.

Market Classes: This is a non-terminal show. See [ODA Rules 901-19-01 CC.](#)

- There will be two divisions (fryers and rosters) for homegrown and market rabbits. Total pen weight is determined at weigh-in on Saturday, October 4th, 2025.
 - Underweight and overweight pens of two market rabbits will be permitted to be shown and will receive a B grade for their project and receive a packer price.
 - **All pairs that weigh 6.99 pounds or less will be able to show for grade and showmanship. Will not be eligible for packer bid. Will need to be taken home at the conclusion of the Market Rabbit Show and Showmanship.**
- Rabbit pairs will be shown as fryers and roasters. This will be determined at fair weigh-in.
 - **Fryers:** 7.00 to 11.00 pounds total pen weight (suggested each rabbit within the pair weigh 3.50 to 5.50 pounds at weigh-in). Suggested age of 70 days maximum.
 - **Roasters:** 11.01 to **16.00** pounds total pen weight (suggested each rabbit within the pair weigh 5.51 to **8.00** pounds at weigh-in). Suggested age of 120 days maximum.
- Market Rabbit Exhibitors will have the option to take home their animals. [Click here to review information to consider when making this decision.](#)
 - Take home forms will be available at each specie's fair/final weigh-in.
 - **The NUMBER of take home animals must be declared at the scale (no exceptions).**
 - **Tag numbers of take home animals must be declared to the Show Superintendent within one hour of the conclusion of that species show.**
 - Take home animals will lose their sale slot and will not be eligible for a premium and packer bid.
 - Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.
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 - In the event that a pen of animals with a completed Take Home Form place as Grand or Reserve Grand Champion placings, the Take Home Form is null and void. These pairs of animals are required to be sold per General Rules.
 - Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.

Market Rabbit Sale: Friday in Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. **Sale order is pending.** All exhibitors who placed in the show must report to the sale. All rabbits that made weight at weigh-in will be sold either individually or in groups at the livestock sale on Friday of the fair. Please review rules on the sale page: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that particular specie the following year.

- **Breeding Rabbits:** After 12:00 p.m. and before 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11th, 2025. All rabbits left in the barn after the close of fair on Saturday will be considered abandoned and will be removed from the barn unless prior arrangements have been made with the Rabbit Superintendent by the exhibitor or family of the exhibitor. Breeding exhibitors must clean trays, feed, and water dishes out by 3:30 p.m. Abandonment and/or failure to clean trays and dishes will result in suspension from future shows.
- **Market Exhibitors:** If market pairs are not sold or returned to the exhibitor by the buyer, these rabbits must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately following the end of the sale on Friday, October 10th, 2025. All locks should be removed from pens immediately following the sale. Market exhibitors must have their trays cleaned completely out by 3:30 p.m. and placed on top of the pen's upside down. Market exhibitors must also wash feed and water dishes and place in boxes by Superintendent's table. Market rabbit champion pairs that are being returned to the exhibitor must remain the champion pens until Saturday, October 11th, 2025, after 12:00 p.m.
- **Market Rabbits who have completed a Take Home Form will be released THREE HOURS after the Rabbit Show on Tuesday, and this release time window will last for TWO HOURS. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from showing that species the following year. Exhibitors must check with the Superintendent before leaving the fairgrounds to ensure animals are accounted for before the sale.**

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Rabbit Breeding Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.25; "C" =\$0.75
- Market Rabbit Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.25; "C" =\$0.75

Livestock Sale Exhibitor Checks: Exhibitors must submit a stamped thank you note to their advisor prior to November 1st. Advisors will be required to mail thank-you notes and maintain their buyer checklist to receive the exhibitors' checks. If a check is not cashed within the specified 90-day period from the check date, there will be a Stop Payment Fee deduction imposed and a replacement check issued to the exhibitor.

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Rabbit Special Rules

1. Exhibitors who neglect their rabbits during the fair or abandon them at the end of the fair will forfeit all premiums, prize money, and sale money. They will be barred from the rabbit show at the fair for one or more years. Neglect will be determined by the Rabbit Superintendents.
2. ALL RABBITS (market and breeding) MUST BE HOUSED AT THE FAIR UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.
3. No one without an assigned task shall be permitted in the show ring area of the show arena. Family/friends of exhibitors and visitors to the fair are not permitted in the show ring or staging areas (#18 small market barn) during all shows. All barns will be closed to anyone except the exhibitors during shows.
4. Breeding rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession by July 1st of the current year.
5. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after the designated date. (Breeding - July 1, Market - by the 2nd Saturday of September).
6. Rabbit exhibitors may be disqualified if any straw, hay, or any other organic bedding is used. A resting board is allowed. Timothy hay may be given if in the feed dish (for nutrition and dietary needs).
7. If a rabbit is removed prior to the stated release time, that exhibitor will be banned from showing rabbits the following year.
8. An exhibitor may have one breeding entry per class.
9. Exhibitors who have completed two years of showing rabbits at previous Fairfield County fairs and are registering for their third year have the option of showing EITHER:
10. A junior rabbit entry (see information below), or
11. An additional senior rabbit entry, which is a different breed other than the doe/buck entered. For example:
 - If the exhibitor is showing a buck and doe of the same breed, such as a Polish buck and a Polish doe, the third rabbit must be of another breed that is different than a Polish;
 - If the exhibitor is showing a Polish buck and a Mini Lop doe, the third rabbit must either be from a third breed of rabbit or a Polish Doe, or a Mini Lop buck. It cannot be in the same class as the first two breeds of rabbits).
12. Exhibitors must keep name tags on their pens. Do not remove them.

Junior Rabbit Class - Breeding Rules

1. A junior rabbit is an animal that is defined as pure bred by A.R.B.A. standards. Fairfield County defines "junior" rabbits to be as 4-6 months of age. Senior breeding classes start at 7 months of age.
2. The junior age rabbit class is reserved for an exhibitor that is at least a 3rd year rabbit showman. Exhibitors who have completed two years of showing rabbits at previous Fairfield County fairs may show a junior rabbit their third year.

3. The breed of their junior rabbit must be the same breed as one of the senior breeding entry rabbits. The entry will be removed as a junior entry if it is not one of these breeds. This is an advanced project for an exhibitor to take once they have bred their own stock, with the intention to show the offspring from the exhibitor's own doe and own buck. The number of breeds will dictate the number of classes that are created and will be shown at the beginning of the breeding show.
4. Junior rabbits can only be shown after the other two breeding rabbit entries have been entered and shown. The junior rabbit entry will be eliminated from the show order if the exhibitor does not have two other registered entries at the fair and will not show as a junior entry.
5. Exhibitors must have entered two entries in the breeding class to enter in a junior class. Breed class is defined as either: Two does of different breeds, two bucks of different breeds, or a buck and a doe of any breed including the same breed. Exhibitors may then enter a junior rabbit as a third entry.
6. The junior rabbit must be of the same breed as one of the other two breed entries. Example: If an exhibitor enters two New Zealand rabbits, the junior entry must be a New Zealand. If the breeding entries are two different breeds, such as Standard Rex and a Satin breed, the junior entry must be a Standard Rex or Satin. No other breed will be accepted. If an exhibitor does not enter three rabbits, the first two will be entered into the breeding classes and they will not qualify for the junior class.
7. An offspring class will be available for exhibitors who have entered a junior rabbit. This class will include the Breeding Buck/Doe and their Offspring. Senior buck OR doe must be entered into the respective breeding buck/doe class AND the offspring must be entered in the junior buck/doe class.

Market Rabbit Rules

1. Market rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession by the second Saturday of September of the current year.
2. Pen weight will determine the class (fryers or roasters) that market rabbits are entered.
3. All market rabbits will be tattooed/tagged on the second Saturday of September by the Fairfield County Junior Fair Rabbit Committee at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. Market rabbits cannot be tattooed/tagged by family. Exhibitors can tattoo/tag a total of six (6) rabbits and a family can tattoo/tag no more than 24 rabbits. (Only 6 per exhibitor).
4. Market rabbits will be weighed at the fair and the tag on the ear will be used as identification.
5. If a pen receives 1st through 10th place, the exhibitor is required to sell the animal in the livestock auction.
6. All market rabbit pens (roasters and fryers) placing 1st through 10th may be sold individually at the livestock auction according to [ODA Rule 901-19-01 AA and CC](#). All other eligible market rabbits may be sold in groups at the livestock auction according to [ODA Rule 901-19-01 AA and CC](#).
7. Exhibitors entering the market class twice are doing so with the intention of entering two (2) pairs of rabbits. Their weights will place them in either the fryer/homegrown fryer or roaster/homegrown roaster class(es).
8. Rabbits will be picked up by the packer by Saturday morning. Any rabbits remaining in the market barn after 9:00 p.m. Friday shall belong to the packer.
9. Rabbits not sold through the livestock auction may not be sold to the packer while on fairground property. In addition, market rabbits sold in the livestock auction at the fair are not permitted to be resold while on the fairgrounds. This not only includes the sale of any animal that was returned to the exhibitor by the buyer, but also rabbits that are going to the packer directly. Resale of these animals on the fairgrounds is against state law.
10. Exhibitors competing in the homegrown fryer and roaster classes must own both the sire (buck) and dam (doe) and have bred their own litter. These adult rabbits must be bred by the exhibitor, and these offspring are then brought to the fair. Exhibitors are not permitted to breed their does from another owner.
11. Exhibitors competing in the homegrown market fryer and roaster class must fill out an intent form (signed by the exhibitor, parent, and advisor) by May 1st of the current year, stating they are planning to raise their own litter and enter in the class. If the litter does not come, the exhibitor will still be able to purchase a pair for the other class (fryer or roaster) by the second Saturday of September. See Market Rabbit Rule #12.
12. The birth date of homegrown rabbit litter should be no later than August 1st. This litter should be available for inspection by August 10th of the current year, by a member of the Rabbit Committee or Junior Fair Director. (Not all exhibitors will be visited in a given year; a random, countywide sweep will be made to ensure all exhibitors are honoring their intent).
13. If rabbits entered as homegrown rabbits are found to not be owned by the exhibitor, he or she may be excused from exhibiting in the market class show for that year.
14. Exhibitors may enter in up to two (2) market classes during the fair entry process in August.

Rabbit Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition they may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Rabbit Showman of Showmen.
7. The Rabbit Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.

Department 12: FFA Agricultural Engineering and Production

Location of exhibits to be determined.

Judging takes place during fair week, as determined by the Fairfield County Agricultural Educators.

Superintendents: Fairfield County Agricultural Educators

Arrival Time: Before 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 4th, 2025.

Release Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 12th, 2025.

Entries:

- Fairfield County Agricultural Educators will submit all entries in this department to the Junior Fair Director and OSU Extension (via spreadsheet) by Friday, August 29th, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Spreadsheet to include exhibitor name, FFA chapter, exhibitor address, exhibitor phone, and FFA Agricultural Engineering and Production class(es). OSU Extension will then enter FFA Agricultural Engineering and Production entries into FairEntry.
- All entries must be completed by the exhibitor in the current year.
- Limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor per class.
- The top five entries from each chapter in each class (as selected by the Chapter Advisor) will be judged and will receive an award.

Each FFA Chapter will submit final grades for all Junior Fair FFA exhibits to the Junior Fair Director and OSU Extension by Friday, October 17th. Each FFA Chapter will be awarded \$60.00 for their booth display.

FFA Woodworking Division

Woodworking Classes:

1. Small Woodworking: Any project that the length plus the width plus the height of the project does not exceed 50 inches.
2. Large Woodworking: Any project that the length plus the width plus the height of the project does exceed 50 inches.

FFA Welding Division

Welding Classes:

3. Welding Beads/Joints: A display of welding beads/joints mounted on a board showing 3 different beads/joints of either Stick, MIG, TIG or Brazing.
4. Welding Project: A project or item showing at least 3 different welding beads/joints which can be of one type of welding or a combination of welding types.

FFA Miscellaneous Division

FFA Miscellaneous Classes:

5. Electricity: Any project that includes at least 3 electrical items (duplex, switch, light receptacle, electrical plug, etc.).
6. Agriscience: Any agriscience project (must include a lab report).
7. Miscellaneous Ag. Engineering and Production: Examples: Plumbing, Concrete, etc.
8. Agriculture Communications: Exhibit of a poster (8-1/2" x 11" or larger) related to agriculture, display board or agriculture issues, or advertisements.
9. Agriculture Collections: Collection of Insects, leaves, agricultural weeds, or any other collection related to agriculture.

FFA Crops Division

FFA Crops Classes:

10. Corn (Any variety, 1 quart)
11. Soybeans (Any variety, 1 quart)
12. Small Grains (Any variety, 1 quart)
13. Sample Alfalfa Hay (9-inch slice)
14. Sample Other Hay (9-inch slice)
15. Vegetable or Fruit Display (produce grown for consumption) - A plate of 6 small fruits or vegetables (all of same type such as green beans) or 3 large fruits or vegetables (all of the same type such as potatoes, etc.). Vegetables and fruits harvested in early summer can be canned in one jar for display if in a whole state, not made into jelly, jam, salsa, etc..
16. Horticulture (items grown for ornamental purposes) - Collection of cut flowers in a vase to include 9 flowers, potted plants in a 6-inch pot to include a minimum of 2 plants, collection of gourds in a basket, or 1 pumpkin.

FFA Crops Special Rules

1. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor in the current year.
2. Crops must be labeled with the name of exhibitor, chapter, and type of crop.
3. Crops will be displayed with other FFA projects.
4. Grain to be in one-quart glass jars.
5. Hay is to be in an 8-10 inch machine baled slice and tied.
6. Junior Fair Personnel are not responsible for watering plants or loss or damage of personal property.

Department 13: 4-H/FFA Dogs

Junior Fair Dog Show, You and Your Dog and PetPALS Interview Judging

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena

Sunday, October 5th at 8:00 a.m. Registration; Show at 8:30 a.m.

Superintendent: Jeff and Loretta Sweeney

Enrollment: You must be enrolled in the You and Your Dog (201D) 4-H project at the beginning of the project year to be eligible to show.

Possession Date: April 1st of the current year.

Quality Assurance: Dog exhibitors are not required to completed Quality Assurance.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Dog Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Dog Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 21st, 2025, to be eligible.

Mandatory Dog Check-In Day: This has been discontinued. Skillathon will take place on September 21st, 2025 and You and Your Dog/PetPALS interview judging will now take place at the fair during the Dog Show. Agility will take place prior to fair on Skillathon Day (Sunday, September 21st, 2025) in Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, **from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** (watch email for details).

To be eligible to show at the Fairfield County Junior Fair Dog Show event classes, all exhibitors are required:

- Submit to the OSU Extension Office by June 1st: 2025 Fairfield County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate, signed by a licensed veterinarian (this is the only certificate accepted) and License Registration Paper for the dog they plan to show at the fair. Dog must have their current Dog License by June 1st of the current year.
- Bring completed project record book to BOTH Skillathon in September and Judging at the Fair in October.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books for You and Your Dog and PetPALS will be reviewed at You and Your Dog and PetPALS interview judging at fair.
 - 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.**

Health Papers: A 2025 Fairfield County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate, signed by a licensed veterinarian (this is the only certificate accepted) must be turned into the OSU Extension Office by June 1st of the current year.

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfaireentry>.

- Dog exhibitors must enter into You and Your Dog Class 1, 2, or 3 (age as of January 1st of the current year) and/or class 4 (PetPALS) when making Junior Fair entries.
- Dog exhibitors must receive a grade in You and Your Dog and/or PetPALS in order to participate Junior Fair Dog Show events (Showmanship, Agility, Obedience, Working Dogs) at the Fairfield County Junior Fair Dog Show.
- Youth may enter ONE CLASS in each of the following Junior Fair Dog Show Divisions: Showmanship, Agility, Obedience, and Working Dogs.
- Age is as of January 1st of the current year.

You and Your Dog/PetPALS Division: Must enter and receive a grade in one of the following You and Your Dog/PetPALS Classes in order to show in Showmanship, Agility, Obedience, and Working Dogs Divisions.

You and Your Dog/PetPALS Classes:

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| 1. You and Your Dog (Age 8-11)*** | 3. You and Your Dog (Age 15-18)*** |
| 2. You and Your Dog (Age 12-14)*** | 4. PetPALS*** |

Showmanship Division: 'A' classes are for 1st year dog projects only.

Showmanship Classes:

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| 5. Junior A (Age 8-11) | 9. Senior A (Age 15-18) |
| 6. Junior B (Age 8-11) | 10. Senior B (Age 15-18) |
| 7. Intermediate A (Age 12-14) | |
| 8. Intermediate B (Age 12-14) | |

Agility Division

Agility Classes:

11. ON-Leash
12. OFF-Leash

Obedience Division: Enter one obedience class only.

Obedience Classes:

13. Beginner Novice A
14. Beginner Novice B
15. Pre-Novice
16. Novice A
17. Novice B
18. Grad-Novice A
19. Open A
20. Grad-Open A

Working Dog Division

Working Dog Classes:

21. PetPALS
22. Assistance Dogs

Fairfield County Fair Show includes: (Sunday, October 5th, 2025, 8:00 a.m.)

- Showmanship Classes
- Obedience Classes
- Agility, ON or OFF leash

Housing: Dogs are not housed at the Fair. Project dogs must be brought to the Fairfield County Junior Fair Dog Show, on Sunday, October 5th, 2025.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during You and Your Dog and PetPALS judging at fair. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at judging, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show in additional classes at the Dog Show at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

*****Premiums are awarded for You and Your Dog and PetPALS grades ONLY**

- You and Your Dog Premiums: "A" =\$2.50; "B" =\$1.75; "C" =\$1.00
- PetPALS Premiums: "A" =\$4.50; "B" =\$3.50; "C" =\$2.50

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Dog Special Rules

1. **Class Descriptions and Rules** will follow the Ohio State Fair Junior Dog Show Rules and Regulations, which can be found at <http://go.osu.edu/OSFdogrules>.
2. Showmanship and You and Your Dog questions will consist of 3 questions from the Ohio State Fair question bank and the remainder from the You and Your Dog project book and in the Dog Resource Handbook (2024).
3. Exhibitors must sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
4. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
5. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
6. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
7. Each contest must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each contestant must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
8. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Dog Showman of Showmen.
9. The Dog Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.

Department 14: 4-H/FFA Companion Animals

Pet Rabbit Judging: #50 Show Arena, Sunday, October 5th, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (by appointment)

Cavies and Amphibians, Birds and Reptiles Judging:
#50 Show Arena, Sunday, October 5th, 2025, 11:30 a.m. (by appointment)

Cat Judging: #50 Show Arena, Sunday, October 5th, 2025, 1:00 p.m. (by appointment)

Rodents and Ferrets Show: #50 Show Arena, Sunday, October 5th, 2025, 1:30 p.m. (by appointment)

Superintendent: Laura Wall

Assistant Superintendents: Cassie Binkley, Jo Binkley, Brenda Stepp

Enrollment: Youth must be enrolled in the corresponding companion animal project to be eligible to show in the respective class at the Fairfield County Junior Fair Companion Animal Judging. **4-H members cannot share an animal with another family member.**

Possession Date: July 1st for all companion animals in this department.

Quality Assurance: Companion Animal exhibitors are not required to complete Quality Assurance.

Skillathon: Companion Animal exhibitors are not required to complete Skillathon. However, a Virtual Cavy Skillathon is available with the Ohio State Fair. Pet Rabbit exhibitors are welcome to participate in the county Rabbit Skillathon or Ohio State Fair Rabbit Skillathons for an educational opportunity.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Companion Animal Judging.
 - **For those 4-H rabbit exhibitors who are also taking Market Rabbits and/or Breeding Rabbits and using the same 4-H record book for all rabbit projects, your books will be available for pickup at the OSU Extension Office beginning October 1st so that you have them for Pet Rabbit Judging.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

- 4-H classes are exhibitor ages as of January 1st.
- See Companion Animal Divisions/Classes below for making fair entries.
- Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per division in this department with the exceptions of:
 - Cavy (limit of 2 entries if planning to bring 2 animals of different breeds or sex).

Project Judging Scheduling: The OSU Extension Office will contact youth in September who have made a fair entry in any class in this department to schedule an interview time for project judging.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county project judging. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and county project judging, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium in that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Premiums (for all classes): "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

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Health papers are not required for rodents, other small creatures, cavies, crossbred and pet rabbits. See cat health requirements below. Note: Potbelly pig projects are not to be brought to the fairgrounds and are judge by interview process only. They are not permitted to exhibit based on current health rules. Additionally, pet goats are not to be brought to the fairgrounds and are judged by interview process only. Exhibitors wishing to show potbellied pigs or pet goats must be enrolled in 230 PetPALS project in a club with a PetPALS advisor to take these projects.

Pet Rabbits Division: (4-H Project 228PE) This also includes Mixed Breed or Crossbred Rabbits

Pet Rabbit Classes:

1. Pet Rabbit (Ages 8-11)
 2. Pet Rabbit (Ages 12-14)
 3. Pet Rabbit (Ages 15-18)
- **Bring to Judging:** One pet, one educational poster display, and project book. Pet rabbit project books must accompany the exhibitor to companion animal project judging.
 - **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day only. Pet rabbit exhibitors will not be eligible to participate with this rabbit in any other rabbit show classes.
 - **Grade:** Based on cumulative point total composed of project knowledge and records (care of animal, knowledge, handling ability, and project book), interview and educational poster display.

Amphibians, Birds, and Reptiles Division: 4-H Project 365.01 Companion Animal Self Determined (reptiles, amphibians) **OR** 4-H Project 220.21 Other Small Creatures (caged birds, hermit crabs, other animals not part of reptiles and amphibians).

Amphibians, Birds, and Reptiles Classes:

1. Amphibians, Birds, and Reptiles (Ages 8-13)
 2. Amphibians, Birds, and Reptiles (Ages 14-18)
- **Bring to Judging:** One pet, one educational poster display, and project book.
 - **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day.
 - **Grade:** Based on cumulative point total composed of project knowledge and records (care of animal, knowledge, handling ability, and project book), interview and educational poster display.

Cavy Division: (4-H Project 215)

Cavy Classes:

1. Cavy (Ages 8-11)
 2. Cavy (Ages 12-14)
 3. Cavy (Ages 15-18)
- **Bring to Judging:** Consists of one (1) or two (2) animals per class and project book. **If entry consists of 2 animals, animals must be of different breeds or sex.**
 - **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day.
 - **Grade:** Based on cumulative point total composed of interview and project book (care of animal, knowledge of exhibitor, and project book), animal (quality and condition of animal as compared to breed standards), and showmanship (use of proper showing techniques and handling of animal). Please Note: this section is specific to cavy and not identical to other species grade section.

Cats Division: (4-H Projects 216, 217, and 218)

Cat Classes:

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| 1. Class 1: Cat 1 (Ages 8-11) | 4. Class 4: Cat 2 |
| 2. Class 2: Cat 1 (Ages 12-14) | 5. Class 5: Cat 3 |
| 3. Class 3: Cat 1 (Ages 15-18) | |
- **Bring to Judging:** Cat 1: One cat or one educational poster display, and project book. Cat 2 & 3: One cat, one educational poster display, and project book.
 - **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day.
 - **Grade:** Based on cumulative point total composed of project knowledge and records (care of animal, knowledge, handling ability, and project book), interview and educational poster display.
 - **Health Papers:** (Must bring to Judging) - Cats exhibited must be a minimum of fifteen (15) weeks of age before the day of show. Kittens less than fifteen (15) weeks old are not permitted on the fairgrounds. All cats participating in the Fairfield County Junior Fair must be immunized against Feline Panleukopenia (FPL), Feline Leukemia (FeLV), and Rabies. All vaccinations must be current through October 31st of the current year, and given by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Proof of vaccinations must be on an official ODA Health Certificate or the current year's Certificate of Vaccination for the Fairfield County Junior Fair Companion Animals, and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.

Rodents and Ferrets Division: 4-H Project 220 Pocket Pets (gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats) **OR** 4-H Project 365.01 Companion Animal Self Determined (hedgehogs, ferrets, chinchillas).

Rodents and Ferrets Classes:

1. Rodents and Ferrets (Ages 8-13)
 2. Rodents and Ferrets (Ages 14-18)
- **Bring to judging:** One pet, one educational poster display, and project book.
 - **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day.
 - **Grade:** Based on cumulative point total composed of project knowledge and records (care of animal, knowledge, handling ability, and project book), interview and educational poster display.
 - **Health Papers:** (Ferrets Only and Must Bring to Judging) - Ferrets must be a minimum of twelve (12) weeks old before the day of show and must be vaccinated for rabies and canine distemper. All vaccinations must be current through October 31st of the current year and given by a licensed accredited veterinarian. Proof of vaccinations must be on an official ODA Health Certificate or the current year's Certificate of Vaccination for the Fairfield County Junior Fair Companion Animals, and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.

PetPALS Division: (Project 230)

PetPALS Classes:

1. 4-H PetPALS
- **Bring to Judging:** One pet and project book.
 - **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day.
 - **Grade:** Based on care of animal, knowledge of exhibitor, handling ability, and project book.
 - **General Information:** This class is for 4-H members in the 4-H PetPALS project and in the appropriate companion animal project with their 4-H PetPALS animal. Youth showing in the 4-H PetPALS class may show the same or different project animal(s) in other classes provided they meet those classes' eligibility requirements. All exhibitors with companion animals passing all nine (9) exercises, plus exhibitor's and animal's appearance and sportsmanship, will receive a gold medal; companion animals passing 6-8 exercises will receive a silver medal; and companion animals passing less than five (5) exercises will receive a bronze medal. This class will follow the Ohio State 4-H Companion Animal Program recommendations. **Youth must be enrolled in BOTH the appropriate companion animal project AND the 4-H PetPALS project number 230 to be eligible to enter the 4-H PetPALS class.**

Department 15: 4-H Cakes-Pies-Pastries-Candies

Cakes, Pies, Pastries, and Candies Judging:
4-H and FFA Display Barn, Fairfield County Fairgrounds,
 Monday, October 6th, 2025, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (by appointment)

Superintendents: Barb Salyers and Shannon Carter

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:
<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfaireentry>.

- 4-H classes are exhibitor ages as of January 1st.
- See Cakes-Pies-Pastries-Candies Divisions/Classes below for making fair entries.
- Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per division in this department.

Division: 492 Cake Decorating

Cake Decorating Classes:

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| 1. Beginner Cake Decorating - Junior (Age 8-13) | 5. Advanced Cake - Butter Cream |
| 2. Beginner Cake Decorating - Senior (Age 14-18) | 6. Advanced Cake - Fondant |
| 3. Intermediate Cake Decorating - Junior (Age 8-13) | |
| 4. Intermediate Cake Decorating - Senior (Age 14-18) | |

Division: 1002 Pies

Pie Classes:

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| 7. Beginner Pie - Junior (Age 8-13) | 11. Advanced Pie - Lattice Crust |
| 8. Beginner Pie - Senior (Age 14-18) | 12. Advanced Pie - Cut-out Crust |
| 9. Intermediate Pie - Junior (Age 8-13) | |
| 10. Intermediate Pie - Senior (Age 14-18) | |

Division: 1003 Pastries

Pastries Class:

13. Pastries

Division: 1005 Candy

Candy Classes:

14. Beginner (1st and 2nd year) Candy- Junior (Ages 8-13)
 15. Beginner (1st and 2nd year) Candy- Senior (Ages 14-18)
 16. Advanced (3rd Year and up) Candy- Junior (Ages 10-13)
 17. Advanced (3rd Year and up) Candy- Senior (Ages 14-18)

Project Judging Scheduling: The OSU Extension Office will contact youth in September who have made a fair entry in any class in this department to schedule an interview time for project judging.

Arrival Time: 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6th at appointment time.

- Food items are to be brought to judging appointment.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county project judging. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and county project judging, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium for that project at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Premiums (for all classes): "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

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Cakes, Pies, Pastries, Candies Requirements

1. Members are to bring items with them to the judging location at their appointment time. *NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO MEMBER'S JUDGING APPOINTMENT.*
2. Cakes, pies, candy, and pastry projects will be judged in the 4-H and FFA Display Barn at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds, on Monday, October 6th, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. by appointment.
3. Results will be announced at 7:00 p.m. on Monday after judging. To be considered for placement at the county level, 4-H'ers must bring project, completed project book, and recipe (for the pie, pastry, and candy only) with them to their judging appointment.

Cake Decorating

#492B Cake Decorating-Beginner: A one layer for cake made in a standard 8-inch round cake pan, frosted, top decorated with beginner techniques, with border on top and bottom, piped printed (not cursive) message on top of cake and place on a 10" disposable round.

#492I Cake Decorating-Intermediate: Double layer cake (two layers), made in a standard 8-inch round cake pan, frosted, top decorated with intermediate techniques, border on top and bottom, piped cursive message, and placed on a 10" disposable round cake board. Note: As an alternative to cursive, 4-H'ers may use a continuous scrolling line on their cakes to show intermediate skill level.

#492A Cake Decorating-Advanced: Two classes - determined by the type of icing used to ice the cake (Decorations may be a combination of icing types and MUST be ON the cake, not separate on the cake board)

- **Butter Cream Icing:** At least a double layer or sculpted cake, no more than 10 inches tall (including decorations) that fits on a 12-inch disposable round cake board, fancy borders, flowers, and advanced technique required. Color striping and gel optional.
- **Fondant Icing:** At least a double layer or sculpted cake, no more than 10 inches tall (including decorations) that fits on a 12-inch disposable round cake board, fancy borders, flowers, and advanced technique required. Color striping and gel optional.

Pies

#1002 Pie Making-Beginner: Bring one pie made in an 8" or 9" pie pan (clear glass required) with a baked crust. NO PUDDING.

#1002 Pie Making-Intermediate: Bring one pie made in an 8" or 9" pie pan (clear glass required) with a double or crumb crust (no lattice). NO CREAM, EGG, CUSTARD, PUMPKIN, CUT OUT, or MERINGUE.

#1002 Pie Making-Advanced: Bring one pie made in an 8" or 9" pie pan (clear glass required) with a tight lattice or cut out (shapes cut out from double crust). NO CREAM, EGG, CUSTARD, PUMPKIN, or MERINGUE.

Pastries

#1003 Pastries: Bring to judging two of the same type of homemade pastries to be placed on an 8-inch disposable plate. Provide recipe and 8½ x 11-inch display on the country of origin. Do not bring a pastry made with meat or vegetables to judging. Plates for display will be supplied at judging.

Candy

#1005 Candy Making- Beginner (1st and 2nd Year): Bring to judging two pieces of three different kinds of individually wrapped candy made by using the melting process. Plates for display will be supplied at judging.

#1005 Candy Making- Beginner (3rd Year and up): Bring to judging two pieces of four different types of individually wrapped candy (two crystalline and two non-crystalline) for a total of eight pieces. Plates for display will be supplied at judging. (See project book page 24 for definition of crystalline and non-crystalline).

Department 16A: 4-H Summer Judging - Monday Creative Arts, Cake Decorating, Family Life, Food & Nutrition, Health, Home Decorating and Design, All Self-Determined, Quilting

4-H Summer Project Judging:

Monday, July 14th, 2025, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (by appointment), Ed Sands Building, Fairfield County Fairgrounds

Superintendent: Leslie Cooksey, Aubry Fowler, and Shannon Carter

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES

Limit one entry per class.

Juniors are ages 8-13 and Seniors are ages 14-18 as of January 1st (unless otherwise noted below).

Judging Requirements: For judging requirements including dates and times please see the annual 4-H Member Handbook Project Guidelines or contact the OSU Extension Office.

Nutrition Projects: **NO** food items are to be brought to judging appointment.

Cake Decorating Projects: Members have the option to participate in 4-H Summer Project Judging or County Fair Project Judging (see Department 15 Cakes, Pies, Candies, Pastries). They cannot do both.

Creative Writing Projects: Entries due July 1st, 2025, to the OSU Extension Office

Fair Entries: No fair entry is required for 4-H Summer Judging Projects. This will be taken care of by the OSU Extension Office for those projects judged at 4-H Summer Judging or Late Judging.

Premiums: 4-H Summer Judging Projects must be on exhibit at the Fairfield County Fair to earn a premium.

Results: 4-H Summer Judging Results will be posted at <http://go.osu.edu/fcsummerjudging> results by Friday of judging week.

Creative Arts Division

Creative Arts Projects/Classes:

496	My Favorite Things - Junior
496	My Favorite Things - Senior
497	Scrapbooking (1 st Year) - Junior
497	Scrapbooking (1 st Year) - Senior
497	Scrapbooking (2 nd Year or more) - Junior
497	Scrapbooking (2 nd Year or more) - Senior

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

592	Get Started in Art - Junior
592	Get Started in Art - Senior
593	Seeing Through Graphic Design

Cake Decorating Division

Cake Decorating Projects/Classes:

492B	Cake Decorating, Beginner - Junior
492B	Cake Decorating, Beginner - Senior
492I	Cake Decorating, Intermediate - Junior
492I	Cake Decorating, Intermediate - Senior

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

492A	Cake Decorating, Advanced - Junior
492A	Cake Decorating, Advanced - Senior

Family Life Division

Family Life Projects/Classes:

445	Exploring Personal Finance
448	Teens...On the Road to Financial Success
442	Family History Treasure Hunt (Beginner/1 st Year Only)
442	Family History Treasure Hunt (2 nd Year Only)
442	Family History Treasure Hunt (3 rd Year and Beyond)

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

Food and Nutrition Division

Food and Nutrition Projects/Classes:

459	Let's Start Cooking - Junior
459	Let's Start Cooking - Senior
461	Let's Bake Quick Breads - Junior
461	Let's Bake Quick Breads - Senior
462	Yeast Breads on the Rise
463	Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set Go - Junior
463	Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set Go - Senior
467	Cooking on my Own
469	Global Gourmet
472	Grill Master - Junior
472	Grill Master - Senior
474	Beyond the Grill
475	Star Spangled Foods - Junior
475	Star Spangled Foods - Senior

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

476	Kitchen Boss
477	Party Planner - Junior
477	Party Planner - Senior
481	Everyday Food and Fitness - Junior
481	Everyday Food and Fitness - Senior
484	Snack Attack! - Junior
484	Snack Attack! - Senior
485	Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals - Junior
485	Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals - Senior
487	Take a Break for Breakfast - Junior
487	Take a Break for Breakfast - Senior

Health Division**Health Projects/Classes:**

300	You're the Athlete - Junior
300	You're the Athlete - Senior
351	Staying Healthy
353	First Aid in Action - Junior
353	First Aid in Action - Senior
354	Medicine Science and Safety - Junior
354	Medicine Science and Safety - Senior
355	Tracking Your Health and Fitness

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

356	Relationships 101 - Junior
356	Relationships 101 - Senior
357	Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Junior
357	Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Senior
359	Your Thoughts Matter - Junior
359	Your Thoughts Matter - Senior
360	Your Feelings Matter-Junior
360	Your Feelings Matter-Senior
434	Superhero You

Home Decorating and Design Division**Home Decorating and Design Projects/Classes:**

405	The Laundry Project - Junior
405	The Laundry Project - Senior
491	It's My Home

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

494	Makeover My Space - Junior
494	Makeover My Space - Senior
432M	Sewing & Textiles (non-clothing Master)

Photography Division**Photography Projects/Classes:**

584	Photography Basics
585	Next Level Photography

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

586	Mastering Photography
589M	Photography Master

Self-Determined Division**Self-Determined Projects/Classes:**

365.00	Self-Determined General - Junior
365.00	Self-Determined General - Senior
365.02	Self-Determined Creative Arts
365.03	Self-Determined Family Life
365.04	Self-Determined Natural Resources

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

365.05	Self-Determined Quilts, Junior
365.05	Self-Determined Quilts, Senior
365.06	Self-Determined Workforce Prep
365.07	Self-Determined Leadership
365.08	Self-Determined STEM

Quilting Division**Quilting Projects/Classes:**

498	Quilting the Best Better
499	You Can Quilt, Junior
499	You Can Quilt, Senior

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75**Miscellaneous 4-H Division****Miscellaneous 4-H Projects/Classes:**

588	The Writer in You
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Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

Department 17: 4-H Summer Judging - Tuesday

Leadership, Natural Resources, Shooting Sports, STEM, Vet Science, Welding, Woodworking, Workforce Prep

4-H Summer Project Judging:

Tuesday, July 15th, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (by appointment)
Ed Sands Building, Fairfield County Fairgrounds

Superintendents: Leslie Cooksey and Aubry Fowler

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Leadership Division:

Leadership Projects/Classes:

370	Mentoring: Leadership in Action
371	Club Leadership 1
372	Diversity: Source of Our Strength
373	My Hands to Larger Service
375	Leadership Road Trip

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

376	Pantry Panic
377	Finding Your Voice - Junior
377	Finding Your Voice - Senior
383	Club Leadership 2
385	Local Government: Answer the Call

Natural Resources Division

Natural Resources Projects/Classes:

611	Explore the Outdoors
612	Geology: Can You Dig It?
613	Exploring Polar Science
617	Exploring Ponds
620	Why Trees Matter
621	Ohio Birds, 1 st year
621	Ohio Birds, 2 nd year
622	Trapping Muskrats in Ohio
623	Outdoor Adventurer: Beginning Fishing
624	Outdoor Adventurer: Intermediate Fishing
641	Beekeeping, Junior
641	Beekeeping, Senior
644	Insect Adventures 1

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

645	Insect Adventures 2
646	Insect Adventures 3
651	Be a Sustainability Hero!
652	Garm to Table to Career
670	Canning and Freezing
671	How Does Your Garden Grow?
673	Edible Landscapes
691	Grow Your Own Vegetables, Junior
691	Grow Your Own Vegetables, Senior
692	Growing with the Seasons
365.04	Crop Production
1880	Alfalfa & Mixed Hay

Shooting Sports Division

Shooting Sports Projects/Classes:

630	Safe Use of Guns - Junior
630	Safe Use of Guns - Senior
631	Basic Archery - Junior
631	Basic Archery - Senior
750	Shooting Sports - Rifle, Junior
750	Shooting Sports - Rifle, Senior

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

751	Shooting Sports - Archery, Junior
751	Shooting Sports - Archery, Senior
752	Shooting Sports - Shotgun, Junior
752	Shooting Sports - Shotgun, Senior
756	Shooting Sports - Living History

STEM Division**STEM Projects/Classes:**

489	Microscope Mysteries
490	Science Fun with Dairy Foods
493	Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry
500	Science Fun with Physics
501	Rockets Away (Bottle Rockets)
502	Science Fun with Flight
503	Rockets Away (Solid Fuel Rockets)
503M	Solid Fuel Rocketry Master
509	Robotic Essentials
512M	Robotics Master
517	Bicycling for Fun, Level 1
518	Wheels in Motion, Level 2
527	Magic of Electricity
528	Investigating Electricity
531	Science Fun with Electricity
540	Not Just Knots - Junior

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

540	Not Just Knots - Senior
541	Crank it Up
542	Warm it Up
543	Tune it Up
544	Ready Set Mow
549	Young Engineers in Space: Missions in Microgravity
550	Young Engineers in Solar Energy
551	Starting Up: Getting to Know Your Tractor, Level A
552	Gearing Up for Safety, Level B
553	Moving Out: Learning About Your Tractor and Farm Machinery, Level C
554	Learning More: Learning About Agricultural Tractors and Equipment, Level D
555	ATV Safety

Veterinary Science Division:**Vet Science Projects/Classes:**

244	From Airedales to Zebras
245	All Systems Go!

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

246	On the Cutting Edge
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Welding Division:**Welding Projects/Classes:**

573	Welding
573	Welding (Bigger Weldment)

Premiums: "A" =\$2.50; "B" =\$1.75; "C" =\$1.25

Woodworking Division**Woodworking Projects/Classes:**

556	Measuring Up - Junior
556	Measuring Up - Senior
557	Making the Cut - Junior
557	Making the Cut - Senior

Premiums: "A" =\$2.50; "B" =\$1.75; "C" =\$1.25

558	Nailing it Together - Junior
558	Nailing it Together - Senior
559	Finishing Up
560M	Woodworking Master

Workforce Preparation Division**Workforce Preparation Projects/Classes:**

382	Am I Ready for Work? - Junior
382	Am I Ready for Work? - Senior

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

386	You're Hired!
387	Here, There, Ag Careers are Everywhere

Miscellaneous 4-H Division**Miscellaneous 4-H Projects/Classes:**

91	Discovering 4-H
92	4-H Around the Globe

Premiums: "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

173	Horseless Horse
200	All About Dogs
210	Assistance Animals in Action