

JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES

- All market livestock to be exhibited at the Fayette County Fair must be owned by May 1 of the current year, with the exception of market steers (dairy & beef), which must be owned by Dec. 1 of the previous year. Market rabbits and poultry must be owned by deadline (May 30) as outlined by Rabbit and Poultry committee. All breeding animals must be owned by May 15.
- All market livestock must be properly identified. Tampering with the identification will result in disqualification for fair participation.
- Family tagging will be allowed, however, each animal must be claimed by an individual at tag-in. If a family member does not complete the project, then that individual's identified animals will not be eligible for other family members to exhibit at the Fair.
- All Junior Fair livestock is subject to all health regulations as outlined by the Fayette County Agricultural Society.
- Each exhibitor must show and sell his or her own animal. If the exhibitor is ill, disabled, has another Junior Fair responsibility, or has more than one entry in class, another Fayette County Junior Fair Exhibitor may show and sell for the owner.
- Junior Fair exhibitors are eligible to receive minimal assistance with care and show preparation with his/her project from **fellow Fayette County Junior Fair exhibitors and immediate family**. *Immediate Family* is defined as the Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Grandparent, Uncle or Aunt, of an exhibitor by marriage or by law. Participant's 4-H Club and FFA Advisors may instruct or advise with a hands-off approach. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of right to show or sell.
- All livestock must be judged in the show arena. Judges will not evaluate animals in stalls/pens (exception: poultry & rabbits).
- All entries for breeding classes must be eligible for registry in their respective breed associations except for commercial classes.
- Only exhibitors, ring stewards, and show officials are permitted in the show ring during livestock shows.
- Overall Grand and Reserve Champions in all species must be sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sales and slaughtered, with the exception of feeders.
- All species will recognize top five placings in market shows (Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd overall, 4th overall, and 5th overall. Animals will sell in this order (if 3-5 overall choose to sell in the Jr. Fair Sale).
- Only Junior Fair Board personnel are permitted to sleep overnight in the livestock barns.
- All livestock exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the showmanship contest. Exhibitors participating in showmanship must use their own project for these classes and have ownership of the animal by May 1 for market animals and May 15 for breeding animals. Showmanship order for all species will run from oldest to youngest, with novice after the youngest age group, if applicable.
- The Showman of Showmen contest will be held in the Swine Pavilion. The show begins at 12:00 PM on Saturday, July 20. Species will include Alpacas, Chickens, Rabbits, Dogs, Turkeys, Ducks, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy Cattle, and Horses. The contest will be open to the Overall Showmanship winner in each species. The overall showmanship winner is selected from the age division winners in each species. Each showman will show all species in their division including the one they are representing and will be scored on a total point basis. The showman with the most total points will be named the Showman of Showmen. In case of a tie, the showman with the most wins in various species will be the winner. Previous winners of the Showman of Showmen contest are not eligible. In the case that a previous winner wins overall showmanship in a particular species, the reserve showman in that species will be the representative for said species. Judges will be selected by the committee. Judges and committee decisions are final.

Showmanship includes:

- a. Appearance of animal and equipment used in showing
- b. Ability to properly pose animal

- c. Ability to move animal as directed by judge
- d. May include ability to show other animals in showing
- e. Answer questions posed by the judge.

- Junior Fair exhibitors are to furnish suitable equipment to feed and water livestock. They must care for livestock regularly throughout fair week, keeping pens clean, properly bedded and aisle clean at all times.
- Junior Fair exhibitors failing to abide by department rules, cleanliness of pens and aisles and the neglect of livestock while on exhibit are subject to having a percent of the sale price removed.
- There will be no re-weighing of livestock projects unless stipulated by the Senior Fair Board and Senior Superintendents.
- All market project exhibitors must declare destination of their animal (either home or on the trailer) at the Junior Fair weigh-in. This destination cannot be changed unless the exhibitor has a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion project.
- All livestock will be treated humanely and show no signs of inhumane treatment.
- All livestock are to be exhibited in total compliance with chapter 901:19 (Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules). In addition, sections 901.70 -901.99, the Livestock Show Reform Act, apply to the exhibition of all livestock.
- Dress code for Junior Fair Exhibitors for pictures, in the show ring, and in the sale ring is: **NO** tube tops, tops with spaghetti straps with bra straps showing, no low cut tops, no jeans with large holes, no sandals, no apparel with tobacco, alcohol, bars, or offensive language or pictures, no cut-off t-shirts. Junior Fair Members are representatives of their youth organizations and should set a good example. The Junior Fair Advisors have the right to ask an exhibitor to change clothing or to tell the exhibitor they may be ineligible to sell.
- All livestock exhibits, with the exception of Dairy, Breeding Beef, and Gilts, must remain until the completion of the final sale on Friday night. If an exhibitor removes their project without permission from the Sr. Fair Board, they will not be able to exhibit a livestock project the following year.
- Any participant that loses their project animal prior to fair is eligible to show another animal of their own in a showmanship class. These animals must be taken home following the Fair and are not eligible to show in a production class or sell in the Junior Fair Sale. If the participant does not have another animal of their own then they may choose from a pool of animals selected by the Junior Fair Board and Senior Superintendents.
- Any project animal not meeting the weight limits for their species may show in an over- or under-weight class. These animals are not permitted to show for Grand or Reserve Champion and may not sell in the Junior Fair Sale. These animals are eligible to show in showmanship.
- Market animals choosing to participate in their respective shows are required to complete the show, if you are selected to participate in the Champion Drive you must participate. Failure to complete the show may result in forfeiture of awards and participation in the Junior Livestock Sale.
- Exhibitors are permitted to have multiple animals in the Champion drive. However, if one is chosen for Grand Champion, the second must be pulled from the ring and is not eligible for Reserve Champion. The exception is Breeding Animals; an exhibitor is permitted to have Grand and Reserve Champion.
- Any Junior Fair member exhibiting a market hog, sheep, beef, feeder, goat, dairy, meat pen of rabbits, or meat pen of poultry project must complete the Fayette County Quality Assurance program or another approved Quality Assurance program to be eligible to show and/or sell at the county fair or the Ohio State Junior Fair. The FFA advisors will conduct training during their regular programming. There will be no Fayette County make-up Quality Assurance Training programs conducted.
- Junior Fair Members who exhibit livestock projects must participate in a livestock skillathon on project knowledge on June 17-20 or a scheduled make-up on June 13 (which must be scheduled by June 7). Exhibitors not receiving a score of 95% or above in their age division on the skillathon are required to complete a skillathon for that species. Skillathons will be scheduled through the Extension Office, exhibitors will be notified in May. All make-up skillathons must be scheduled by appointment through

the Extension Office. There will be no skillathons or “book checks” after the June 21 date, unless due to a family emergency. The exhibitor must be present for the “book check” and be able to answer questions related to their project in order to receive credit.

- All Junior Fair market exhibitors must complete an Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Drug Use Notification Form to be eligible to exhibit and/or sell at the Fayette County Junior Fair for each market livestock project. Completed Drug Use Notification Forms must be turned in when the exhibitor’s market animal is weighed at the Junior Fair weigh-in.
- All animals must have the identification tag or tattoo in or on the animal before arriving at the fair to be eligible to weigh or show. Animals that have lost identification must be reported to the 4-H advisor, Jr. Fair Coordinator, and/or Sr. Fair Board Director in charge of the department at the time the identification is lost. All animals losing identification must be reported immediately.
- Junior Fair livestock participants must complete a Junior Fair Animal Housing Form if the animal is being housed somewhere other than the address given on the exhibitor’s 4-H enrollment form and submit it to the Mahan Building by May 15. Market Swine exhibitors are also required to submit an ear notch card to the Mahan Building by May 15. Failure to submit the form and/or misrepresentation of their project animal’s location will result in the disqualification of the project animal(s).

DEPARTMENT 15 - POULTRY

Check in Sunday July 14, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM @ Small Animal Arena

Junior Fair Board: Libby Aleshire, Drew Black, Connor Collins, Abigail Riley

Junior Superintendents: Will Dawes, Jenna Goddard, Jonah Goddard, Kaley Moser, Emma See

Senior Superintendents: Tasha Black, Jenny Riley, Janet Smith

Senior Fair Board: Wayne Arnold, Mark Payton

Rules

- The Small Animal Barn will be closed and locked every evening of the Fair at 11:00 PM and opened at 6:00 AM.
- All breeding poultry will be released Friday evening after sale.
- Judging for market poultry will be held on Monday, July 15 @ 4:00 PM in the Small Animal Arena. Breeding poultry will be judged on Wednesday, July 17 following showmanship at 8:00 AM.
- All Junior Fair poultry must be brought to the fairgrounds on July 14 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All meat chickens will be leg banded and weighed prior to entering the barn.
- Breeding birds will be expected to come into the breeding barn from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM only. All breeding birds that are over one year of age or did not come from an NPIP source will need to be blood tested for the price of \$2.00 a bird. Birds under one year of age do not need to be tested if they have hatchery papers at the time of check-ins. Turkeys will be checked in at the same time as the chickens.
- All birds will need hatchery papers. This includes breeding, turkeys, and meat chickens.
- No birds can enter the barn or be placed in their pen until they are checked in and hatchery papers are reviewed.
- There will be no re-weighs after birds have already passed over official scale. All birds must weigh between 5 and 7 pounds. Meat birds weighing less than 5 pounds and over 7 pounds are considered underweight and overweight, respectively, and therefore ineligible for the champion drive and premium sale.
- Birds may not be swapped out after they have already been weighed. If a bird dies or is injured, the member may not be provided another bird from home or by another member. Weigh-ins and check-ins

are final, it is the member's responsibility to insure that the birds they bring meet their weight specifications at weigh-ins and that they are well provided for during fair week.

- Birds are expected to remain in the barn until Friday during the fair. Meat pens will be loaded out on Wednesday following the conclusion of the small animal sale. Barn will be locked during load-out of the sale animals. Exhibitors are responsible for daily care of their project until the official fair release date for that project.
- Hatch Dates are Feb 27 for turkeys and May 29 for chickens. Birds must be hatched on these dates or afterwards, not before.
- Exhibitors may exhibit according to the following guidelines: (Note: This is by project, not years in 4-H, or age)
Poultry I - exhibit 1 to 4 birds and/or Pen of 3.
Poultry II - exhibit up to 6 single birds and/or Pen of 3.
Poultry Advanced - exhibit up to 9 birds and/or Pen of 3.
Meat Pen of Three
- The American Poultry Association's Standard of Perfection will be the guide for judging all standard breed breeding stock.
- Breeding stock will be divided into a minimum of five classes: Standard Bred Female, Standard Bred Male, Bantam Female, Bantam Male, and the Home Crossbred Class. All breeding stock bought or raised on the farm and not purchased from hatchery must be pullorum tested on July 14 at the fairgrounds. Standard breed pen of 2 pullets must be laying.
- The Standard and Bantam classes will be split into smaller classes if there are ten birds of any one category as outlined in the Standard of Perfection until the class is composed of a single breed unless it reduces the original class to less than ten birds.
- First and second place will be awarded in all of the breeding classes and Overall Champion and Reserve male, and an Overall Champion and Reserve Female will be selected from these.
- A copy of the proof of purchase with a clearly marked hatch date for meat pens must be presented at weigh-in. All birds used for meat pens must originate from a NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) certified hatchery.
- Birds must be bred by Fayette County Exhibitors and not be a recognized breed in the Standard of Perfection to be entered in the Home Crossbred Class.
- An interview by the judge about the birds' value and history, and the condition of the specimen will be considered in awarding the placing in the Home Crossbred Class.
- Grooming time for washing poultry must be completed at least 2 hours before the start of the show.

Classes:

- 292. Chickens – standard breed (rooster)
- 293A. Chickens – standard breed (hen)
- 293B. Chickens – standard breed (pullet) – Pen of 2 – Must be laying
- 294. Chickens – bantam breed (rooster)
- 295. Chickens – bantam breed (hen)
- 296. Chickens – Home Crossbred Class
- 297. Pen of 3 – Market
- 298. Ducks
- 299. Geese
- 300. Pigeons
- 301. Squabs

- All meat pens will be classified as commercial and the following breeds of chickens will be considered: Barred Rock, New Hampshire, White Rock, Buffed Rock, Wyandotte, Cornish, & Cornish Cross, which is preferred.
- Meat pens of three must be cockerels.

- All meat pens of 3 chickens must weigh between 5 - 7 lbs. and be under 7 weeks of age in order to show.
- Members taking the pullet project will take two birds to exhibit; each bird must be laying at the time of the show and must be under the age of one year.

Poultry Showmanship

July 17 @ Small Animal Arena

Classes:

- 302. Senior Showmanship - grades 9 & above
- 303. Intermediate Showman - grades 7 & 8
- 304. Junior Showman - grades 5 & 6
- 305. Beginner Showman - grades 3 & 4

Turkeys:

- Turkeys must have been hatched on or after Feb 27. All turkeys must originate from a NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) certified hatchery.
- Only Toms will be allowed to show and sell.
- Turkeys must arrive at the Fairground on July 14 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. All turkeys will be leg banded and weighed before entering the barn. Toms must weigh not less than 30 pounds and not more than 45 pounds at weigh-in.
- Members may show 2 and sell 1 turkey.

Classes:

- 307. Turkeys
- 308. Turkey Showmanship