

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 16 - RABBITS

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General Department Rules

- All Jr. Fair rabbits must be in place by Sunday, July 14 from 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM, and meat pens will be weighed in the rabbit barn at check-in from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All tattoos will be verified at this time.
- No Rabbits may be moved into fairgrounds before 8:00 AM or after 12:00 PM Sunday, July 14.
- The Small Animal Barn will be closed and locked every night at 11PM and opened at 6am every morning.
- All 4-Hers taking a rabbit project must attend the Rabbit Department barn meeting on Monday, July 15 at 8:00 AM in the rabbit barn.
- Rabbit Showmanship will be held on Monday, July 15 beginning promptly at 8:30 AM in the Small Animal Arena. Exhibitors planning to participate in Rabbit Showmanship must register on FairEntry when making entries. Changes can be made during weigh-ins on Sunday, July 14.
- Judging for meat pen of 2 and breeding rabbits will be held on **Tues. July 16, at 8:30 a.m.** in the Small Animal Area.
- Rabbits must have visible ear tattoos.
- Pen assignments will be made by Junior Fair Board. All pen assignments are final.

- No individual exhibits will be sold in the Jr. Fair Sale.

Division A – Market Rabbits

July 16 @ Small Animal Arena

- Exhibitors have the option to purchase their meat pen or purchase/breed a doe and produce their own meat pen. The recommended market project breeding date is March 15, 2019.
- All meat pen rabbits must be permanently identified and weighed on **Thursday, May 30 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Small Animal Barn**. Tattoo numbers will be checked prior to show day. Exhibitors may tag 4 individual rabbits and show 1 meat pen of 2 rabbits at fair. If rabbits are not identified at the Small Animal Barn on May 30, **they will not be allowed to be exhibited**. Date of birth must be listed. Breed rabbit projects that need a tattoo may also come to the Sales Arena on Thursday, May 30 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM for tattooing. Breed rabbits are not required to weigh-in.
- To be eligible for exhibition, each meat pen (market) rabbit must weigh 4-6 pounds, and be 95 days of age, or less on Sunday, July 14. Any rabbit under 4 lbs. or over 6 lbs. will not be in the sale. A limit of one meat pen of two rabbits per exhibitor can be shown at the fair. Failure to meet weight requirements disqualifies selling or competing for Champion or Reserve Champion.
- All meat pens will be classified as commercial & the following breeds will be considered: American, American Chinchilla, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, Giant Chinchilla, Hotot, New Zealand, Palomino and Satin.
- Purchased and Home Grown meat pens will show together.

Classes:

309: Meat Pen of 2 (must weigh 4-6 pounds and be 95 days of age or less to sell)

Division B – Breeding Rabbits

July 16 @ Small Animal Arena

ARBA Standard Show Rules will be followed with following exceptions:

- Breeding animals will be shown by age only.
- Rabbits showing any sign of disease, faults, or disqualifications will be placed at the bottom of the class and the judge will explain these placements to the exhibitor.
- A mixed breed class will be offered if needed.
- Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex of Breed will be awarded for each breed. All Best of Breed 6 Class rabbits will compete for Best 6 Class rabbit. All Best of Breed 4 Class rabbits will compete for Best 4 Class rabbit. Best of Show Rabbit will be selected from the Best 6 Class rabbit and the Best 4 Class rabbit.
- Junior Breeding rabbits cannot have a Fayette County Market Tattoo to be eligible to show.
- Exhibitors may show any breed and variety in a defined class. The only limitation to the number of entries is determined by the project level requirements in Rule 6 below.
- Animals that are breeds which are not listed below and that are 6 months or over must show as seniors. Due to size difference in breeds, all breeds are not able to compete in the 6-8 month classes. The following are

the breeds capable of showing in the 6-8 month classes: American, Beveren, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, Flemish Giant, Hotot, French and English Lops, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox.

- All breeding rabbits are recommended to be purebred.
- Breed rabbit exhibitors may exhibit the following number of rabbits:
 - 1st year members: 1 to 2 rabbits with option of a Doe & Litter, and market pen of 2
 - 2nd year members: up to 4 rabbits with option of Doe & Litter, and market pen of 2
 - 3rd year members: up to 6 rabbits with option of Doe & Litter, and market pen of 2
 - 4th year & up members: up to 8 rabbits with option of Doe & Litter, and market pen of 2
- Doe & Litter
 - Class 4 and Class 6 rabbits will show in separate classes
 - Class 4 Doe & Litter must have a minimum of 3 kits to exhibit
 - Class 6 Doe & Litter must have a minimum of 4 kits to exhibit
 - Recommended breeding date Doe & Litter is May 5, 2019 for 6 weeks of age at fair and May 19, 2019 for 4 weeks of age at fair. Litter cannot be older than 6 weeks by July 14, 2019.
- All breeding rabbits will be released Friday evening at 11 PM

Classes:

- 310. Jr. Buck - under 6 months old
- 311. Jr. Doe - under 6 months old
- 312. Int. Buck – 6 – 8 months old (see Division B- Breeding Rabbits Rule #4)
- 313. Int. Doe – 6 – 8 months old (see Division B- Breeding Rabbits Rule #4)
- 314. Sr. Buck - 8 months & over
- 315. Sr. Doe - 8 months & over
- 316. Doe and litter with kits between 4-6 weeks old

Division C -- Rabbit Showmanship

July 15 @ Small Animal Arena

- Rabbit showmanship will begin on **Monday, July 15 at 8:30 AM** in the Small Animal Arena.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in Rabbit Showmanship.
- You may show one of the rabbits in your pen of 2 in showmanship or 1 of your breed rabbits.
- Exhibitors must use their own rabbit for the showmanship contest.
- Sign up for showmanship online at Fair Entry. The **deadline for entering showmanship is Sunday, July 14 at 12:00 PM**. Exhibitors will print their name along with the tattoo number of the rabbit that they are using for showmanship on the class sheet.
- The Sales Committee reserves the right to break the showmanship classes or combine small age group classes.

Classes (*grades just completed):

- 317. Sr. Showmanship - grades 12 & above (may be combined with grade 11)

- 318. Sr. Showmanship - grades 11 (may be combined with grade 12)
- 319. Sr. Showmanship - grades 10 (may be combined with grade 11)
- 320. Intermediate Showmanship - grade 9
- 321. Intermediate Showmanship - grade 8
- 322. Intermediate Showmanship - grade 7
- 323. Jr. Showmanship - grade 6
- 324. Jr. Showmanship - grade 5
- 325. Beginner Showmanship - grade 4
- 326. Beginner Showmanship - grade 3