

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 17 - SHEEP

July 18 @ Sales Arena

Junior Fair Board: Weston Melvin, Emily Moser, Weston Pettit, Victoria Waits

Junior Superintendents: Austin Boedeker, Mackenzie Cory, Meghan Cory, Kate Hicks, Charles Sever, Mara Simonson

Senior Superintendents: Jeremy Etzler, John Melvin, Tabitha Melvin, Travis Mick

Senior Fair Board: Don Melvin, Dennis Garringer

** A sheep exhibitor meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18 at 9 AM in the Show Arena before the beginning of showmanship. Attendance is mandatory.

All animals must remain in their assigned pens between 11:00 PM-5AM. Animals cannot be outside the gates of the fair (i.e. campground) at anytime.

Division A – Market Lamb Showmanship

July 18 @ Sales Arena

- All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in Market Showmanship to be held Thursday, July 18, following the breeding sheep show.
- Sheep showmanship participants can sign up when making entries on Fair Entry. Additional entries will be taken at lamb weigh-in on Monday, July 15.
- Showmanship contestants may only show a market lamb that he/she owns that has been weighed and tagged. Contestant must be an eligible market lamb exhibitor enrolled in a market lamb project.

Classes:

- 328. Senior Showmanship: Grades 10, 11 & 12
- 329. Intermediate Showmanship: Grades 7, 8 & 9
- 330. Junior Showmanship: Grades 4, 5 & 6
- 331. Beginner Showmanship: Grade 3

Division B - Market Lamb

July 18 @ Sales Arena

- Ownership deadline for all market lambs is May 1 of the current year.
- All market lambs must be ear tagged on May 11, 2019, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Sheep Barn on the Fayette County Fairgrounds to be eligible for exhibition at the fair. All male lambs must be wethered or banded at the time of tagging. PERFORMANCE Lambs must be weighed at tag-ins.
- All lambs must be in place by 7:00 AM on Monday July 15, 2019. A mandatory barn meeting will be held prior to weigh-in.
- All lambs will be weighed Monday July 15 immediately after the goats at 10:00 AM. No re-weighs are permitted. It is suggested that lambs be clean and shorn with no more than ¼” of wool above the knees.
- All members may tag in 5 lambs and show 3.
- All sheep must have approved scrapie identification.
- Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 lbs. in order to be eligible for the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
- Lambs will be shown by breed. No registration papers are required. Classification of breed will be done at Monday’s weigh-in. ALL RECOGNIZED BREEDS in addition to Crossbred, natural colored, and white-face cross (brockle) are included and will be treated as breeds if the minimum of 5 head or 3 exhibitors is met.
- All exhibitors will be given a card for each market lamb they are exhibiting. Exhibitors must fill out each card with his/her name, both Fayette County fair ear tag number and scrapie tag number, and the breed of his/her lamb. These cards are to be brought to the scales at the time of weigh-in to be processed for weight, breed and sales destination.
- Classification will be done by three individuals evaluating lambs on the breed characteristics of each lamb using guidelines/criteria of breed associations. If the classifiers disagree with the breed the exhibitor designated on his/her card, they can give the exhibitor the choice of going into the breed class in which it actually represents, or defaulting to the crossbred division. There will be no re-classifications.
- Classes will be broken by weight within each breed classification.
- Must be a minimum of 5 lambs or at least 3 different exhibitors in order to make a breed class. Any breed not meeting this will show in All Other Breeds (AOB).
- Lambs weighing 141 lbs. or more during the July 15 weigh-in will be shown by weight, regardless of breed. These animals will still be eligible to compete in the Champion Drive and eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
- First and Second Place lambs in each weight class within a breed division will show for Champion and Reserve Champion of the breed.
- Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed must show for Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lamb.
- Only the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lambs are required to sell in the Fayette County Junior Livestock Sale. Show results will determine sale order.
- Any exhibitor having more than one lamb in a weight class or any Champion drive may have any other eligible Fayette County 4-H or FFA exhibitors show the lamb(s).

Classes:

332. Market Lamb

Division C - Breeding Sheep

July 16 @ Sales Arena

- Judging will be held on Thursday, July 18 beginning at 10:00 AM
- Breeding sheep must be purebred and recorded with their association; crossbred ewes may be non-registered purebred or crossbred animals. Registration/Entry of breeding stock must be confirmed at weigh in. Animals must be registered in the exhibitors or family name only. All breeding sheep must have a USDA approved scrapie tag to be admitted to the fair.
- Breeding Promotion-- To qualify for a premium, an exhibitor must exhibit the breeding project at the Fair.
- Lambs shown in the breeding show cannot show in market classes.
- Classes will be judged by breed. All recognized breeds may show. Classes will be divided based on participation.
- All lambs must remain in the barn between 12:00 AM and 5:00 AM

Classes:

- 333A. Ram 1 – 2 years old (Purebred)
- 333B. Ram 1 – 2 years old (Grade)
- 334A. Ram Lamb – Under 1 year old (Purebred)
- 334B. Ram Lamb – Under 1 year old (Grade)
- 335. Yearling Ewe – 1 – 2 years old (Purebred)
- 336. Grade or crossbred yearling ewe – 1 – 2 years old
- 337. Ewe Lamb (Purebred)
- 338. Grade or crossbred ewe lamb. – Under 1 year old
- 338A. Supreme Champion Ram, any age
- 338B. Supreme Champion Ewe, any age

Division D - Breeding Sheep Showmanship

July 18 @ Sales Arena

- The Breeding Sheep Showmanship contest will follow the judging of the Breeding Sheep contest.
- Breeding project exhibitors are encouraged to participate. Contestants may sign-up online at Fair entry when making entries. Additions and corrections must be done one hour after conclusion of check-ins on July 17 in the Sheep Barn to participate.
- Contestants must own their breeding project and have completed a sheep breeding project.

Classes:

- 339. Senior Showmanship Class: ages 14-18
- 340. Junior Showmanship Class: ages 9-13