

**MEIGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
LIVESTOCK RULES**

Approved by the Meigs County Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board 11/20/2023)

The Meigs County Agricultural Society reserves the right, the final and absolute right, to interpret these rules and regulations, to settle and determine all matters and questions. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules and to withdraw all premium offerings in all departments should an emergency exist and circumstances demand it. The Meigs County Agricultural Society will have the final say. To change the rules and regulations, the proposal shall be presented to the Meigs County Agricultural Society - Senior Fair Board, by the committee of that species, for the Senior Fair Board to vote on.

Dates - (all to be held at the Meigs County Fairgrounds)

Market Steers (Beef and Dairy) Tag In **December 16, 2023** from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Turkey Orders Due **March 4, 2024** from 6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Commercial Feeder, Dairy Feeder, Market Lambs, Market Hogs, Market Goats Tag In

May 4, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Market Chicken & Duck orders and money due **May 4, 2024** from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Breeding Declaration Forms-Without Fee-**July 11, 2024** at Judging. **Horse due June 1, 2024.**
-Accepted through **August 5, 2024** 8PM with a \$10 late fee

Rabbit Tag In **July 22, 2024** **Information to Follow**

Livestock Drop Forms- (Market or Breeding) **August 5, 2024.** (What's not coming to fair)
-Accepted through species **Weigh-In** with a \$10 late fee.

Weigh In

Saturday- August 10, 2024

Turkey & Duck- 5:00-6:00 PM

Cattle- 6:00- 7:00 PM

Sheep-7:00-8:00 PM

Chickens- 8:00-9:00 PM

Sunday- August 11, 2024

Hogs- 8:00-9:00 AM

Goats- 9:00-10:00 AM

Rabbits-10:00-11:00 AM

BREEDING MUST BE IN PLACE DURING WINDOW OF SAME SPECIES

Non-Market Bird Testing will begin at 7PM at the Poultry Barn on Saturday.

No animal will be weighed outside of it's designated weigh-in time slot.

Barn Meeting **August 11, 2024** -2PM @ the Ridenour Family Livestock Arena

Auction **August 17, 2024**

****ALL FORMS ARE POSTED ON THE MEIGS COUNTY FAIR WEBSITE****

Contact Information:

Junior Fair Coordinator- Amanda Faulk

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Section I: General Rules

1. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H or FFA species projects they are tagging in by *April 1st* of Fair year they wish to participate in. Exhibitors may add market livestock projects until the May Tag-In date. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade or age 9 regardless of grade level. Eligibility ends when an exhibitor reaches the age of 19 as of December 31st of the same year in which an entry is made in the fair.

Example. Fair August 2000-

-Exhibitor turns 19 on 12/31/1999- Not Eligible.

-Exhibitor turns 19 on 01/01/2000 - Eligible

2. Any member of a Meigs County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, who are Meigs County Residents, are eligible to participate in the market livestock programs if they abide by the Junior Fair regulations and the Meigs County Agricultural Society's rules. If FFA does not reside within county lines, an enrollment form must be submitted. This can be obtained from the JR Fair Coordinator.
3. Members must be a full-time resident of Meigs County at the time of enrollment. If there is a question of status, it will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Meigs County Agricultural Society and a recommendation will be made to the board. The member must also then complete all appropriate paperwork with OSU Extension, Meigs County after receiving approval from the Meigs County Agricultural Society and prior to enrollment deadline of April 1.
4. All market animals must be the bona fide property and under the continual care of the exhibitor from tag-in until completion of the project. If possible, youth taking market livestock must house their animals at their permanent address on file with the Extension Office. Parents/guardians will attest to ownership/housing on tag-in paperwork, No permission is needed or will be granted by attending a meeting of the Agricultural Society. The Meigs County Agricultural Society will have the right to spot check all projects. If it is determined that the animal(s) are not present or not under the care of a licensed Veterinarian, youth will be ineligible to show and sell that project animal. If a market livestock project is still brought to the fairgrounds after this determination, it will not be shown or sold and will be taken to a stockyard to be determined by the Agricultural Society at the exhibitor's expense.

Section II: Pre Fair Guidelines -Extension

1. All Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors, including all 4-H and FFA members, must participate in a Quality Assurance Training and in the July book judging to exhibit, show and/or sell at the fair. If Exhibitor fails to bring all required project books to the project book judging, the project grade will be dropped one letter.
2. If the member has taken the quality assurance training in the previous year and is 16 or older (as of January 1), he or she may choose the test out option. If a member scores an 85% or better he or she will have met their quality assurance criteria for the rest of his or her 4-H or FFA career. If member takes the test and does not pass, he or she must attend a regular quality assurance training that year. Test must be taken by the 4-H Enrollment deadline of April 1st.
3. Quality Assurance must be completed by **June 1, 2024**.
4. There will be no make-up judging dates after regular scheduled day. Contact Extension Office prior to judging should there be any issues with attendance.
5. Market Livestock NOT being brought to the fair must be declared and forms must be turned into the Junior Fair Coordinator- Amanda Faulk on or before date in order to prepare stalls.

FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE ARE SUBJECT TO A LATE FEE

Section III: TAG-IN & WEIGH-IN

1. There will be NO make-up Tag In dates.
2. A registration fee of \$25 will be charged for the first market specie (includes two animals/two pens of the same species). **There will be a \$5 charge for each additional specie tagged in. There will be no refunds.** Tag in fees cover tags and related expenses, pictures, banners, printing costs, auction costs and other expenses related to livestock projects.
3. Members of the same household (per JrFair Enrollment Address) can utilize a spare animal. This animal will be tagged in **and** registered in the same manner as the primary market animal, but a form will be on record to distinguish the exhibitors linked to the animal. **There is a \$5 fee for each additional family animal/pen.**
4. All market animals must be dehorned (1inch scur allowed at Fair), castrated, and weaned before their respective tag-in date.
5. Each member is responsible for ensuring that an animal ID form is filed correctly and for seeing that his/her market animal is weighed, identified, etc., at pre-fair and fair tagging and weigh-in dates as established by the Meigs County Agricultural Society rules. All ear/leg tags must be clean at weigh-in. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line.
6. Market animals, including cattle, sheep, goats, and hogs, will be tagged with an EID (Electronic ID) tag in one ear. If your animal loses their ear tag, exhibitors must have it re-tagged by bringing the animal to the Fairgrounds the next Senior Fairboard Meeting following the loss. You must notify Amanda Faulk if you plan to bring the animal in order to have tags prepared. There will be a \$5.00 fee for each re-tag.
7. Animals requiring a halter must on at time of tag in and weigh in.
8. No market animal can be replaced after the respective weigh-in, tag-in or identification date of that species.
9. All market animals will be show by weight classes. Minimum Weights:
Market Lamb - 90 lbs Market Dairy Steer - 1000 lbs. Market Steer - 1000 lbs.
Market Hog - 220 lbs Market Chickens (Pen of 2) - 3 lbs (each bird) Market Goat-55 lbs.
Market Rabbits (Pen of 2) – 3 ½ lbs (each rabbit) Turkey - 20 lbs
Market Ducks- (Pen of 2)- 4 ½ lbs (each bird)
***Minimums and Maximums still apply to feeders**
Dairy Feeder - 400 lbs. to 650 lbs. Commercial Feeder – 400 lbs. to 650 lbs.
10. All market animals must be weighed on Saturday & Sunday at specified times. Each market project will only be weighed one time.
11. **UNDER AND OVERWEIGHT ANIMALS** must stay on the grounds until released. Exhibitors will still show in showmanship class and an over/under weight class. Exhibitor's animal will not be placed in sale order or sold through the ring. Exhibitors with under/overweight animals must declare with Amanda Faulk at the Junior Fair Board Office by **Monday at 8AM** where animal is going (slaughter, resale or home as per guidelines). If this is not completed the animal will go to the packer with the highest bid for that specie **and proceeds will be donated to the Jr Fairboard.** NO EXCEPTIONS! There will be no solicited sale of under/overweight animals on the fairgrounds.
12. All livestock must be drug free by fair weigh-in. After weigh-in, all medical decisions must be made in consultation with the Fair Veterinarian. All livestock participants must complete Drug Notification Form before market animal crosses the scales and breeding animals enter the grounds. Failure to have Drug Use Notification Forms completed will cause you to be unable to show and sell.

Section IV: FAIR

1. Members may exhibit two different market project area animals, BUT, they will only sell one market project area animal. If youth show more than one specie, the second animal or under/overweight animals can be sent to an approved slaughter house of their choice or to the packer who received the bid and exhibitor will receive the resale monies,. The extra dairy or beef feeder may be taken home. Animals not going to slaughter are not to be sold on the fairgrounds. Animal designations must be taken care of by NOON the day following their final show to the Junior Fair Board Office. If waiting on Rabbit Show it must be taken care of within an hour of the end of the show. Failure to declare means animals will be sent to the packer for resale price and proceeds will be donated to Jr Fairboard. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. If a member wins grand or reserve in more than one project, both animals will sell through the ring.
3. If a market animal or market pen dies after weighing in at the current fair, the exhibitor will not be able to go through the sale ring (ex- one chicken or rabbit dying out of the total pen, that pen will still not sell due to being an incomplete project.) However, he/she may participate in junior fair show and in showmanship for a grade and premium for the project.
4. Tampering and/or misrepresentations as to breeding, age, ownership and/or any other irregularities in showing and selling will be considered fraud and deception. Should fraud or deception, as determined by the Meigs County Agricultural Society, be discovered before, during or after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal or animals shall not be permitted to sell. If after the sale, sale money won by such an exhibitor will be withheld.
5. Each person who presents for exhibition or exhibits an animal for which a certificate of veterinary inspection is required by rules 901:1-18-01 to 901:1-18-11 of the Administrative Code shall forward a copy of the certificate of veterinary inspection to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industry.
6. Wash Rack Schedule:
 - Monday a.m. - Dairy Cattle Wednesday A.M. – Goats
 - Monday p.m. – Sheep Saturday – Go in line of sale order
 - Tuesday - Beef and Dairy
7. Show Ring Clean Up Schedule: Please help keep the show area clean for our guests. Exhibitors are required to help clean after their shows.Clubs will register for shifts.
8. Exhibitors in each barn are responsible for cleaning their own barn.
9. Dress Code: Exhibitors will be required to wear long pants/slacks or jeans. Shirts must have some type of sleeve, short or long. No sleeveless shirts. The shirt must have a collar or be a 4- H, FFA T-shirt and be long enough to be tucked into your pants. If the shirt has buttons to the neck, then the only button to be unbuttoned will be the top button. All other buttons must be buttoned. No mesh shirts or tank tops (muscle shirts) are allowed in the show ring. No clothing with adverse language or any slogans relating to tobacco, drugs, alcohol or advertising. Hard soled shoes are required while in the show ring. Shoes must be closed toe. No tobacco products shall be used or on your person during livestock show and sale. Violation of this rule can cause you to be asked to leave the ring and forfeit all premiums and/or sale money for that project. This pertains to show and sale. Lab coats for rabbit and poultry projects are strongly encouraged for your protection.
10. All livestock must be kept within their designated barn area during the fair. **NO ANIMALS CAN BE TAKEN OUTSIDE THE GATES OR ON THE MIDWAY AT ANY TIME.**

11. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor that their animals be fed, watered and stalls cleaned daily by 10:00 AM while on exhibit at the fair. Daily barn inspections will be done. Exhibitors neglecting to do this will be warned, first with a meeting with the Senior Fair Board, parent and advisor. The second offense will result in the animal going for packer bid with proceeds benefiting the Meigs County Jr Fairboard. Non-terminal animals will need to be removed from the grounds within 12 hours of notice. No premium will be paid to these exhibitors and there will be a 1 year exhibitor ban for the following fair year.
12. SALE ORDER - The top five or ten-animals will be placed in the ring by the judge, depending on species numbers. Following the show, the judge will also rank each class. Beyond the top five or ten, animals will be places for sale based on strength of classes and positions within class.
- Livestock Sale Order – Saturday August 17, 2024
- Animal sold last the prior year will sell 1st current year
 - Market Ducks
 - Market Chickens
 - Market Rabbits
 - Commercial Feeders
 - Market Turkeys
 - Dairy Feeders
 - Market Goats
 - Market Lambs
 - Market Dairy Steer
 - Market Hogs
 - Market Beef Steer
13. 4-H and FFA members **must show and sell their own animals, including any animals shown in any showmanship classes. Exception** - an emergency, excused by prior approval of the majority vote of the Meigs County Agricultural Society. Animals must show/place to sell.
14. Show Arena clean up for all members selling animals through the sale ring will be on the Saturday of the sale at 8:00 a.m. Bleachers will be cleaned for the sale. If you know in advance you have a conflict, you need to contact the Junior Fair Coordinator before Tuesday and set up an alternate work time. You will need to report to your barn to check in with a JFB member and check out to get your photo at completion.
15. No one other than exhibitor or designated ring man, Fairboard member, Junior Fairboard member and/or judge may be in the ring during show and/or sale.
16. Prohibited grooming practices include:
- a. Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves. Only clear paint, not any type of color on 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.
17. No use of ice, ice packs, iced or cold towels, or drenching of animal with anything, except with permission of the veterinarian. Once the show begins all animals must remain dry. "Drenching" means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, feed or any other substance.
18. Any stock that causes safety concerns will be asked to be removed from the grounds but will receive premiums for showing.
19. Participation is required in market classes and showmanship to be eligible to sell an animal. If the exhibitor chooses not to participate, animals will go for packer bid and forfeits eligibility to show in the following fair.

Section V: Market Projects -Post Auction & Release Information

1. Our sale is a terminal show and sale. This means that all animals will be going to the terminal facility, except for dairy feeders, commercial feeders and any market poultry, or rabbit if there is no packer bid or available approved slaughter facility. No market animals except those noted above may be returned home.
2. Animals sold through the ring that are not terminal are not permitted to leave the grounds until their species is released. They MUST be accompanied by their "hauler" paperwork and approved for removal by an appointed SF Board Member or JF Coordinator. Hauler paperwork can be picked up in the JF Office, or will be distributed in the barns. It will be collected at time of removal and recorded. Any exhibitor failing to follow this procedure will result in a \$50.00 fine to be deducted from the sale proceeds check.
3. No animal will be permitted to leave the grounds without the accompanying pink hauler slip. Non-Terminal small market animals will need to be checked out of the Dairy Barn Gate ONLY. Failure to check out your non-terminal market animal will result in a \$50.00 penalty.
4. The barns will be closed during and after the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Gates will remain locked until and only permitted trucks/trailers will be those for official "haulers". Tack and non-market animals will be released at the close of the fair Saturday Night if not released with breeding window.
5. Disposal of Market Rabbits and Market Poultry: If the buyer returns your non-terminal market animal to you or someone else after the sale, you must make sure they are removed from the fairgrounds by NOON on Sunday. If these animals are left on the fairgrounds after NOON on Sunday, it could result in making you ineligible to show and sell any animals at the fair the following year. These returned animals are your responsibility and must be taken care of properly.
6. All livestock must be off the grounds and pens & stalls must be totally cleaned out by 12:00 Noon on Sunday. Exhibitors failing to complete this will be fined \$50.00. This fee will be deducted from your livestock check.

Section VI: Jr. Fair Breeding

1. All breeding/nonmarket livestock, excluding horses, must be housed at the permanent address on file with the Jr Fair Coordinator 60 days prior to fair. Members and parents/guardians will attest to housing on livestock declaration forms. No permission is needed or will be granted by attending a meeting of the Agricultural Society. The Meigs County Agricultural Society will have the right to spot check any and all projects. If it is determined that the animal(s) are not present or not under the care of a licensed Veterinarian, youth will be ineligible to show that project animal. If the breeding/nonmarket livestock project is still brought to the fairgrounds after this determination, it will not be shown and must be taken home on Sunday before fair.
2. Non-Market Livestock will pay \$2.00 declaration fee per animal per class entered. This includes all non-market animals. These are due by declaration date. Horses will be \$5.00.
3. All other 4-H and FFA non market animals must be in place on fairgrounds during their corresponding market animal weigh in time slot so they may be immediately vet checked.
4. All livestock participants (MARKET AND LACTATING BREEDING) must complete Drug Notification Form before market animal crosses the scales and breeding animals enter the grounds. Failure to have Drug Use Notification Forms completed will cause you to be unable to show and sell.
5. Breeding Projects and their tack may be removed from the grounds Friday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or will need to wait until the close of the fair Saturday night. Every animal leaving the grounds will need to be accompanied with a pink haul slip that will be disbursed at the Jr Fairboard Office

Section VII: SPECIE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

Please note dates have been updated for current year

MARKET STEER RULES: (4-H Project Book # 117M)

1. Project calves must be selected from purebred or crossbred beef stock. No Dairy Breeds.
2. Calves must be born after January 1, 2023

COMMERCIAL FEEDER RULES: (4-H Project Book #117BF)

1. Project calves must be selected from purebred or crossbred beef stock. No Dairy Breeds.
2. Calves must be born after January 1, 2024.
3. Heifers can be shown in this division as long as exhibitor is enrolled in correct project.
4. Heifer feeders cannot be shown in a breeding class (Junior or Senior Fair)
5. Exhibitor has the option to sell project and must declare to Amanda Faulk by deadline

BEEF BREEDING RULES: (4-H Project Book # 117B)

1. All Beef Breeding fair declaration forms must be to Amanda by designated day. 2. Breeding entries will be shown in the following classes:

Hereford, Angus, Charolaise, Shorthorn, Crossbreed and any other recognized breed

- a. Calf born January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024
- b. Senior Calf born September 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
- c. Summer yearling born May 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023
- d. Junior yearling born January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023
- e. Senior yearling born September 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
- f. Two year old heifer, born May 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022
- g. Cow born prior to May 1, 2022
- h. Bull calf less than six months
- i. Bull calf over six months and under one year.

3. There is no limit to the number of classes you enter, but you can only have one entry per class.

MARKET HOG RULES: (4-H Project Book # 139)

1. Must be born after January 15, 2024
2. Hogs will show dry or wet from water only. No use of any oils or powders or any other substance.
3. Hair must be at least ½ inch long over the body of the animal.
4. Ears and Tails may be shaved.
5. Body Clipping must be completed prior to animal arriving for weigh in at fair.
6. Must supply own water source.

MARKET DAIRY STEER RULES: (4-H Project Book # 117D)

1. Member must attend project judging, for at least one dairy breeding project and exhibit the animal at fair.
2. Steers must be full-blood dairy stock. No beef stock. No mixing of Dairy breeds
example - Holstein must be 100% Holstein, Jersey must be 100% Jersey.
3. Calves must be born after January 1, 2023.

DAIRY FEEDER RULES: (4-H Project Book # 117DF)

1. Member must attend project judging for at least one dairy breeding project and exhibit the project animal at the fair.
2. Dairy Feeders must be full-blood dairy stock. No beef stock. No mixing of Dairy breeds, example - Holstein must be 100% Holstein, Jersey must be 100% Jersey.
3. Age requirement: Feeder calf must be born between January 1st and last day of February, the same calendar year as the fair. (E.g. - calf born January 1, 2024 to February 28, 2024 for 2024 fair)
4. Exhibitor has the option to sell project and must declare to Amanda Faulk by deadline.

DAIRY BREEDING RULES: (4-H Project Books #122, #126)

1. Breeding entries will be shown in the following classes: Holsteins, Jerseys, Guernsey and Any other recognized dairy breed.
 - a. Spring heifer calf – born After February 28, 2024 and over four months old.
 - b. Winter heifer calf – born after November 30, 2023 and before March 1, 2024
 - c. Fall heifer calf – born after August 31, 2023 and before December 1, 2023
 - d. Summer yearling heifer – born after May 31, 2023 and before September 1, 2023
 - e. Spring yearling heifer – born after February 28, 2023 and before June 1, 2023
 - f. Winter yearling heifer – born after November 30, 2022 and before March 1, 2023
 - g. Senior yearling heifer – born after August 31, 2022 and before December 1, 2022
 - h. Junior two year old – born after February 28, 2022 and before September 1, 2022
 - i. Senior two year old – born after August 31, 2021 and before March 1, 2022
 - j. Junior three year old cow – born after February 28, 2021 and before September 1, 2021
 - k. Three year old cow – born after August 31, 2020 and before March 1, 2021
 - l. Four year old cow – born after August 31, 2019 and before September 1, 2020
 - m. Five year old cow – born after August 31, 2018 and before September 1, 2019
 - n. Aged Cow – born before September 1, 2018
 - o. Dry Cow – three and four year old – born after August 31, 2019 and before March 1, 2021
 - p. Aged Dry Cow – born before September 1, 2019
2. There is no limit to the number of classes you enter, but you can only have one entry per class.

MARKET LAMB RULES: (4-H Project Book # 198)

1. All market lambs must be slick sheared within one (1) week prior to fair.
2. All market lambs must have a scrapie tag from the seller of the animal – USDA FARM TAG.
3. All lambs must be born after January 1, 2024
4. Market lambs can be ewes or wethers.

SHEEP BREEDING RULES: (4-H Project Book # 199)

1. Breeding entries will be shown in the following classes:

Suffolk, Hampshire, Crossbred and any other recognized breed of sheep

 - a. Ewe, Spring lamb – born between January 1, 2024 and May 1, 2024
 - b. Ram, Spring Lamb – born between January 1, 2024 and May 1, 2024
 - c. Yearling ewe – one year and under two years
 - d. Yearling ram – one year and under two years
 - e. Ewe – over two years
 - f. Ram – registered, over two years
 - g. Flock
2. All breeding lambs must have a scrapie tag from the seller of the animal – USDA FARM TAG.
3. There is no limit to the number of classes you enter, but you can only have one entry per class.

MARKET GOAT RULES: (4-H Project Book # 135M)

1. All market goats must be slick sheared within one week prior to the fair.
2. Market goats can be does or wethers.
3. All market goats must be born between December 1, 2023 and March 1, 2024
4. All market goats must have a scrapie tag from the seller of the animal - USDA FARM TAG.

GOAT BREEDING CLASSES AND RULES: (4-H Project Book #135BD, 135BM, 135E, 135H, 135P, 135PY)

1. Harness and cart goats must show in harness and with a cart.
2. Pack, fiber, pygmy and cart goats can be does or castrated males.
3. Companion Goat (135C) projects do not exhibit at the fair.
4. Goats, including Dairy, Pygmy and Boer classes, will show by age in female breed classes. . a.
Junior Doe Kid born on or after May 1, 2024.
 - b. Intermediate Doe Kid born March 1, - April 30, 2024.
 - c. Senior Doe Kid born January 1 – February 28, 2024.
 - d. Yearling Dry Doe born January 1, 2023 and under two years old.
 - e. Yearling Doe in milk born January 1, 2022 and under two years old.
 - f. Doe 2 years and under 3 years in milk.
 - g. Doe 3 years and under 4 years in milk.
 - h. Doe 4 years and under 5 years in milk.
 - i. Billy Goat under 6 months,
 - j. Billy Goat 6 months to 1 year.
 - k. Pack Goat
 - l. Cart Goat
 - m. Small/Mini Class
6. Horns are permitted on Breeding Goats.
7. There is no limit to the number of classes you enter, but you can only have one entry per class.
8. All goats must have a scrapie tag from the seller of the animal - USDA FARM TAG.

MARKET TURKEY CLASSES AND RULES: 4-H Project Book #150TM

1. Turkeys entered in the market class must be pullorum free and, therefore, these birds must be ordered through the Meigs County Junior Fair Coordinator in order to be eligible to show and sell.
2. Members must order at least two (2) birds. Only one (1) bird may be weighed in at the fair.
3. Only 4-H and FFA exhibitors are allowed to handle and show turkeys during the show, unless the judge gives prior approval.
4. All birds must be in good health. The judge shall make final determination for class eligibility.
5. All birds must be weighed dry at weigh-in.
6. If the Ohio Department of Agriculture imposes a poultry ban similar to 2015 before turkey orders can be canceled, no alternative show/sale will be held. Youth should make plans to register for more than one project in case a ban is put into place to protect the industry.

MARKET DUCK CLASSES (4-H Project Book # 150)

1. Poultry entered in the market pen must be pullorum free and therefore, these chicks must be ordered through Junior Fair Coordinator in order to be eligible to show and sell.
2. Members may only weigh in one pen of 2 ducks.
3. All poultry must be weighed dry at fair weigh-in. Exhibitors should bring their own towel to hold animals during tag-in to prevent spread of disease.
4. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days.
5. Only 4-H and FFA exhibitors are allowed to handle and show poultry during the show unless the judge gives prior approval.
6. If Ohio Department of Agriculture imposes a poultry show ban like 2015 before chick orders can be canceled, no alternative show/sale will be held. Youth should make plans to register for more than one project in case a ban is put into place to protect the industry.

MARKET CHICKEN RULES: (4-H Project Book # 150CM)

1. Poultry entered in the market pen must be pullorum free and therefore, these chicks must be ordered through the Meigs County Junior Fair Coordinator in order to be eligible to show and sell.
2. Members may only weigh in one pen of two (2) birds at the fair.
3. Only 4-H and FFA exhibitors are allowed to handle and show poultry during the show unless the judge gives prior approval.
4. All birds shall be of good health. The judge shall make final determination for class eligibility.
5. All poultry must be weighed clean and dry at fair weigh-in. Exhibitors should bring their own towel to hold animals during tag-in to prevent spread of disease.
6. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days.
7. If Ohio Department of Agriculture imposes a poultry show ban like 2015 before chick orders can be canceled, no alternative show/sale will be held. Youth should make plans to register for more than one project in case a ban is put into place to protect the industry.

POULTRY BREEDING CLASSES AND RULES: (4-H Project Book # 150CE, 150CEP, 150DE, 150GE, 150TE, 150H)

1. Poultry will be shown by the American Standard of Perfection classes. Example, Bantam ducks, heavy, medium, and light breed ducks and heavy, medium and light breed geese. There is no limit on the species of poultry to show, but you can only have 1 poultry exhibit per class.
2. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days.
3. Bleeding will be held one hour prior to poultry tag in. Please don't place birds in pens until they have been bled.
4. Breeding classes are as follows: Raising Pullets, pen of 2 pullets, Bantams, 1 hen and 1 rooster, Raising Fancy Poultry, pair or trio of birds, specify breed, Turkeys, 2 birds of either sex, Ducks, 2 birds of either sex, Geese, 2 birds of either sex, Bantam Ducks, 2 birds of either sex, Guineas, 2 birds of either sex, Pigeons, 2 birds of either sex, Pheasants, 2 birds of either sex, Doves, 2 birds of either sex, Peacocks, 2 birds of either sex, Quails, 2 birds of either sex, Large Fowl, 1 hen and 1 male (specify breed).
5. If Ohio Department of Agriculture imposes a poultry show ban like 2015, no alternative show will be held. Youth should make plans to register for more than one project in case a ban is put into place to protect the industry.

RABBIT BREED CLASSES AND RULES: (4-H Project Book # 225)

1. Classes will be as follows: Junior Doe or Buck Under 6 months of age Senior Doe or Buck over 6 months of age Doe and Litter Babies must be at least 4 weeks old
2. Only 1 entry as determined by the judge per class or breed. **RABBITS MUST BE IN THE RIGHT CLASS BY BREED, AGE AND SEX GROUP. If in the wrong class, no premiums will be given.**
3. You may show a doe and her litter. The litter must be at least 4 weeks old.
4. You may only show a total of four (4) rabbits for all breeding classes and one (1) rabbit per class.
5. Pet Rabbit class will be judged at prejudging July. If you want to display your rabbit at the fair it needs to be enrolled as a market or breeding project. A pet rabbit project cannot be shown as a breeding.
6. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days. (milk crates with carpet floors make excellent transport pens.) and a carpet/rug for show.

MARKET RABBIT RULES: (4-H Project Book # 226)

1. Market rabbits can come from exhibitor's own does or be purchased prior to tag-in
2. Market rabbits must be of market type.
3. Exhibitor may use one market rabbit for showmanship. Rabbit must belong to member showing.
4. One commercial fryer pen of two can be weighed in at the fair. Commercial fryer pen must be of same breed. Quality judged by the Judge. Only quality judged rabbits will be sold
5. Market rabbits shall be identified with a tattoo in the left ear of the rabbit. All rabbits must be tattooed by a representative of the Meigs County Agricultural Society. A maximum of four (4) market rabbits may be tattooed.
6. Market rabbits must be 56 – 70 days old at fair weigh in time.
7. Rabbits shown in market pen class cannot be shown in breed classes.
8. All rabbits will be weighed dry at fair weigh-in.
 9. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days. (Milk crates with carpet floor work well for transport pens).

ALPACA/ LLAMA CLASSES AND RULES: (4-H Project # 132)

1. All alpacas must be healthy. Health papers are not required, but animal must be checked by Vet before unloading. Should be current on vaccinations and worming, and from BVD negative herd.
 2. All Animals must be halter broke to lead.
 - 3 All alpacas must be shorn. Judging will be based on conformation and type. a. Suri: having a natural luster and hang or drape over the body, forming natural part along the spine. Fiber falls into a well-defined lock structure.
 - b. Huacaya: Having a natural crimp and shine to the fiber.
 4. Division I: Breed Classes: Class 1 Huacaya Juvenile Female: 6 – 11 months old Class 2 Huacava Yearling Female: 12 – 23 months old
 - Class 3 Huacava Adult Female: 2+ years old
 - Class 4 Huacaya Non-breeder
 - Class 5 Suri Juvenile Female 6 – 11 months old
 - Class 6 Suri Yearling Female – 12 – 23 months old
 - Class 7 Suri Adult Female: 2+ years old
 - Class 8 Suri Non- breeder
- Division II: Obstacle Classes Divided into showmanship classes. One animal per exhibitor. Division III: Public Relations Classes: Divided into showmanship classes. One animal per exhibitor.

Section VIII: MEIGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HORSE AND BARN RULES

1. Horses are to be led to and from the show arena. NO riding of horses in or out of the barn.
2. Grooming, tack changes, etc. are to be done in the stall. Horses are NOT to be tied in barn aisles.
3. Horses are to be in their stalls at all times when not showing or exercising.
4. Horses are to be supervised at all times when out of their stalls.
5. The round pen and arena may be used to exercise horses and for practice when not in use for other purposes and only when no large events are scheduled on the lower grounds. *Horses are NOT to be turned loose in either the arena or the round pen.*
6. ***Drive-in deliveries** to the barn (hay, feed, etc.) must be made **before 3:00** on Wednesday through Saturday. The horse gate will be locked by 3:30 for other events.
7. Horses are NOT allowed on the hill at any time. ^The only exception to this is for the Showman of Showman contest, at which time the horse(s) for that will be under the supervision of a Horse Committee Member or **Sr. Fair Board Member**.
8. 4-H horses are NOT to be ridden on the race track at any time.
9. When using the wash area, members must clean up after themselves and their horses.
10. **All horses must be fed and watered twice a day, no later than 10:00 AM and 10:00PM. Horses not receiving proper care will be subject to disciplinary actions as set forth by the Meigs County Senior Fair Board. See Livesto Rules- Section IV. Rule 11.**
11. Quiet time in the barn area begins at 11:00 PM each evening.
12. Electrical cords must be out of reach of the horse OR run through conduit.
13. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning and maintaining his/her stall during the fair. **All soiled bedding** must be removed from the stall at the time the horse is removed from the fairgrounds. Failure to remove all soiled bedding will result in a **\$50.00** fine.
14. Absolutely NO SMOKING in or around the horse barns.
15. NO horseplay inside the barn.
16. Only **one** project horse is permitted to be stabled on the grounds during the fair.
17. Stall assignments will be made by the **Meigs County Horse Committee and assigned by the Saturday prior to the start of the fair.**
18. ***Stall fees** for *project horses* during the fair are **\$5.00**. This must be paid by the club to the Junior Fairboard Coordinator by the due date along with the proper form.
19. All horses must be on the grounds by NOON the Sunday prior to the start of the fair.
20. ***Project horses MUST** remain stabled on the grounds until the completion of the 4-H Horse Show, regardless of show day changes due to unforeseen circumstances (rain, mud, etc.). ****Members are *strongly encouraged* to stable their project horses on the grounds for the duration of the fair. If project horses are unable to remain on the grounds for the duration, they may be hauled out ONLY during the following times: immediately following the Youth Show, Tuesday evening following the Open Show, or from 1:00-3:00 on Wednesday following the Fun Show.**
Project horses must be removed by NOON on the Sunday immediately following the fair.

Section IX: 4-H HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

1) All 4-H Horse project exhibitors which compete in the 4-H Horse Show are subject to the Meigs County Guidelines, State 4-H Horse Guidelines, Meigs County Fair Premium Book, Meigs County Barn Rules, the 4-H Uniform Show Rules, and the Meigs County Agricultural Society Basic Livestock Rules.

2) Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows with regards to the helmet policy:

All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM/SEI standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine.

It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent/guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel, and volunteer leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

Extension personnel and volunteer leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear and caution riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel, and volunteer leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she is not permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

3) County: Participation in the Jr. Fair Horse Show competition is limited to those enrolled in a 4-H or FFA horse project by April 1. ALL 4-H and FFA members are **required to participate in project book judging and complete a Horse Record Book (due at book judging) to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.**

^^NEW in 2024: Members MUST complete a HORSE RECORD BOOK.

(**Note: 4-H and FFA members MUST be a resident of Meigs County to exhibit at the fair.) Ref: Meigs Co. Fair Premium Book

State Participation: All 4-H members participating in a state 4-H horse activity must be CURRENTLY enrolled in *that* 4-H horse project (including horseless horse). Some contests are in March and April; therefore, participants must be enrolled prior to those dates to ensure that the member is in good standing and is a member of Ohio 4-H in the case of National Contest eligibility. Example: State 4-H Dressage Show, youth must be currently enrolled in dressage project.

4) The age of the exhibitor is determined as of January 1 of the current year.

5) Horses are 14.2 hands/58 inches or taller. Ponies are under 14.2 hands/58 inches. (per the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows)

- 6) Members may complete more than one equine project provided it has been approved by the 4-H/FFA advisor and recorded at the Extension Office. Only **one project horse** may be shown at the Junior Fair Horse Show to receive awards beyond the project grade. Project horse must be identified by the due date.
- 7) Project equine to be shown at the fair must be **registered by the June 1 deadline**. All 4-H and FFA members must provide the information listed on the Extension Office form. This includes drawing of the horse(s)'s markings AND a picture of the horse and member together. (Picture may be a hard copy or emailed to the Extension agent.) *The same equine cannot be used by more than one 4-H &/or FFA member.
- 8) Equines used as project animals must either be owned by the member, member's family, or leased. 4-H and FFA members who lease a project must complete a Lease Agreement and fulfill requirements to be eligible to show. On the Lease Agreement, the member must state where the horse is stabled. The leased horse **MUST** be boarded by the member and in his/her possession/ care by June 1. **All project animals **MUST** be in the continual care of the member no later than June 1. (UR4HS, Ownership)
- 9) Members *may register two (2) equines (a project and a backup)* by the June 1 deadline. The equine to be used as the project animal at the fair **MUST be declared with the Horse Committee Secretary by the Saturday prior to the start of the fair**. **If two are registered, BOTH must be in the possession of and under the care of the member beginning June 1. (*NOTE: This rule eliminates the Hardship Case rule in previous rule books.)
- 10) Project animals are not to be trained by professionals during the project period of June 1 thru the last day of the County Fair. Professional advice and instruction to the member is encouraged whenever possible. Such assistance can include occasional riding or handling of the horse by the instructor but cannot include regular training, showing, or care during the project period. (UR4HS, Ownership)
- 11) All 4-H and FFA members taking a Junior Fair equine project should have access to current copies of the *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows* (Circular 179) and *Horses, Safety, and You* (Circular 191R). ***Members are responsible for knowing general rules as well as rules specific to their classes. ^^New copy available for this year!!^^**
- 12) Members who qualify for and participate in the State Fair shall receive \$25.00 from the Horse Committee, provided the current funds are sufficient.
- 13) **4-H Horse Show exhibitors may show in more than one riding style (Western and English) within the same show BUT will have to choose one riding discipline within each riding style. Exhibitors showing Western, MUST choose either Western Pleasure classes -OR- Ranch classes; exhibitors showing English, MUST choose either Hunter Under Saddle -OR- Saddle Seat.**
- 14) **NEW- Horseless Horse Class at Jr. Fair Show - Members who take the Horseless Horse project and participate in book judging will be eligible to compete in a Horseless Horse Class during the Jr. Fair Horse Show. Member must complete the Horse Registration Form by the June 1 deadline. The Meigs County Horse Committee will provide horses for this class; therefore, youth members will NOT bring a horse to the fair.**

Section X: MEIGS COUNTY GUIDELINE RULES FOR 4-H HORSE SHOW

- 1) All exhibitors are required to show in a Showmanship class.
- 2) *Exhibitors will indicate the classes in which they will participate on the Equine Registration Form. Exhibitors may choose to show in any number of classes in any discipline, as permitted by 4-H rules. However, they must indicate which four (4) classes will be used toward Overall Performance Points. Classes will include: trail, Western pleasure, Western horsemanship, ranch pleasure, ranch riding, hunter under saddle, hunter under saddle equitation, hunter under saddle over fences, reining, barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole, and ground roping^.
(*Note: Per the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows: an exhibitor is NOT permitted to show in both Western Pleasure classes *and* Ranch classes or in both Hunter Under Saddle *and* Saddle Seat.)
(^To participate in **ground roping**, the exhibitor MUST take the Roping project book and complete book judging.)
- 3) *Performance Scoring: Participants will be placed in each class by the judge. Points will be awarded based on placings and the number of participants. (Ex. For five participants in a class, 1st place will receive 5 points, 2nd place 4 points, etc.) Based on points of the indicated classes, Overall Performance awards will be presented in age divisions of Novice, Junior, and Senior. *Note: Novice class is for first year participants of any age; however, participant may choose to show in his/her respective age division rather than Novice.
- 4) NO stallions are to be shown in the 4-H show at the fair.
- 5) The Jr. Fair Horse Show must have a ringmaster. Any exhibitor wishing to discuss any matter with the judge must contact the ringmaster, who may approve and arrange such an appointment. All **contact with the judge must be initiated by the judge**. All decisions from the judge are final.
- 6) No person other than the exhibitor and show officials are permitted in the ring while any class is being judged, with the exception of ring crew as needed. Only show officials are permitted in the announcer's stand.
- 7) Horse show entries must be in the Extension Office by the entry deadline (June 1).
- 8) Patterns will be posted **a minimum of** 30 minutes prior to the show.
- 10) If the judge feels that an exhibitor's horse is out of control in the show ring, he/she will be asked to go to the center of the ring until the class is over or asked to leave the ring.
- 11) Scoring of classes will be done at the discretion of the judge.
- 12) In the event of a tie, any tie-breaker will be at the discretion of the judge
- 13) The judge must be 4-H certified/approved.
- 14) Show results will be announced and awards presented within one hour of the close of the show.
- 15) *****HORSE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENT: Each member (4-H or FFA) MUST participate in at least one practice session with the horse he/she will show at the fair. Member and horse must be observed by Horse Committee member(s).