

**MEIGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**LIVESTOCK RULES**

Approved by the Meigs County Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board) on 11/24/2025.

***The Meigs County Agricultural Society (MCAS) reserves the right, the final and absolute right, to interpret these rules and regulations, to settle and determine all matters and questions including all contents of the Ohio Revised Code. 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 MCAS will have the final say. To change the rules and regulations, the proposal shall be presented to the MCAS, by the committee of that species, for the Board to vote on. These livestock rules are in addition to the standard rules established by the state and should not be interpreted to take away from, replace, or supersede Ohio Revised Code.***

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

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Market Beef and Dairy Tag-In	December 17, 2025	6:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Turkey Orders Due	March 2, 2026	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Market Animal Registration (Fair Entry)	April 30, 2026	4:00 p.m. CUT OFF
Market Chicken & Duck Orders and Money Due	May 1, 2026	4:00PM– Orders to Extension
Commercial Feeder, Dairy Feeder, Market Lambs, Market Hogs, Market Goats Tag-In	May 2, 2026	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Horse Registration	June 1, 2026	
Rabbit Tag-In	TBD	TBD- Info to follow
Poultry Tag-In	TBD	TBD - Info to follow
Breeding Registration (Fair Entry)	August 1, 2026	4:00 p.m. CUT OFF
Livestock (Market or Breeding) Drop (What's not coming to Fair)	August 10, 2026	4:00 p.m. CUT OFF
Barn Meeting – Ridenour Livestock Arena	August 16, 2026	2:00 p.m.
Horse Barn Meeting	August 10, 2026	4:00 p.m.
Livestock Auction	August 22, 2026	Starting at 10:00 a.m.

**Weigh-In Information**

SPECIES	DATE	TIME
Rabbits	Saturday, August 15, 2026	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Chickens	Saturday, August 15, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Ducks	Saturday, August 15, 2026	10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Turkeys	Saturday, August 15, 2026	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Cattle	Saturday, August 15, 2026	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sheep	Saturday, August 16, 2026	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Goats	Saturday, August 16, 2026	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Hogs	Saturday, August 16, 2026	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
***BREEDING MUST BE IN PLACE DURING WINDOW OF SAME SPECIES & GO THROUGH LINE FOR VET CHECK***		
Non-Market Bird Testing will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Poultry Barn on Saturday		
NO ANIMAL will be weighed outside of its designated Weigh-In time slot		

**\*\*\*ALL FORMS ARE POSTED ON THE MEIGS COUNTY FAIR WEBSITE AND EXTENSION WEBSITE\*\*\***

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## Section I: General Rules

**Exhibitors are expected to be familiar with the Ohio Revised Code's livestock exhibition rules. Please note that there are defined prohibited practices (901-19-04) as well as unacceptable practices (901-19-13).**

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/title-9>

1. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H or FFA species projects they are tagging in by April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 MCAS rules. If an FFA member does not reside within county lines, an enrollment form must be submitted. This can be obtained from the Junior 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 MCAS, 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 MCAS and prior to the 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 at Tag-In registration. No permission is needed or will be granted by attending a meeting of the Agricultural Society. The MCAS will have the right to spot check all projects. If it is determined that the animal(s) are not present or 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

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 the 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Quality Assurance must be completed by June 1, 2026.
4. There will be no make-up judging dates after the regularly scheduled day. Contact the Extension Office prior to judging should there be any issues with attendance.
5. Market Livestock NOT being brought to the Fair must be dropped in Fair Entry on or before above date in order to prepare stalls.

## FORMS AND REGISTRATION 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. If you choose to sell your animal in the Jr Fair Auction, a commission of 3% of the total price (including bumps) will be deducted from your sale proceeds check with a cap of \$500. This is in lieu of all other market tag in and stalling fees. This commission will help aid in paying for advertising, sale bills, state required EID tags and additional tagging materials, general auction expenses and state and federal check off fees as well as any other market livestock expenses. (Calculation- Total Price x .03 = Fee Amount).
3. Family is defined in the Ohio Revised Code 901-19-01 as immediate family of the exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian. This will be the connection used in family-animal rule.
  - a. Members of the same family may utilize a spare market entry. A market entry is defined as 2 animals in a pen or 1 stalled animal. This animal will be tagged and registered in the same manner as the primary market project, but will be recorded as a family entry to distinguish exhibitors linked to the animal. Each family may notate one family animal for all youth within that household.
    - i. The family animal must be the same species that the exhibitor has already registered, tagged, and met QA and judging requirements for.
      1. Example- Sally and Sam are brother and sister. Sally's primary animal is a pig and that's what she tagged in. Sam's primary animals are a pen of rabbits and that's what he tagged in. They have an extra pen of rabbits. They **MAY NOT** tag this as a family animal for Sally, it would just be additional animals tagged for Sam.
      2. Example- Sally and Sam are brother and sister. Sally's primary animal is a pig and so is Sam's. They **MAY** tag 1 family animal for them to share.
4. All market animals must be dehorned (1-inch 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, Tag-In, and Weigh-In dates as established by the MCAS 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 Fair Board meeting following the loss. You must notify Amanda Faulk if you plan to bring the animal in order to have tags prepared.
7. **Animals requiring a halter must have 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 shown by weight classes:

SPECIES	MINIMUM WEIGHT	SPECIES	MINIMUM WEIGHT
Market Lamb	90 lbs.	Market Hog	220 lbs.
Market Dairy Steer	1000 lbs.	Market Steer	1000 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			
Feeders (Dairy and Beef)	400-650 lbs		

10. All market animals must be weighed at specified times. Each market project will only be weighed one time **and must remain on grounds after crossing the scale.**

11. **UNDER- AND OVERWEIGHT ANIMALS** must stay on the Fairgrounds until released. Exhibitors will still show in showmanship class and an under/overweight 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 8:00 a.m.** 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 species and **proceeds will be donated to the Junior Fair Board. 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 a Drug Notification Form before market animal crosses the scales and breeding animals enter the Fairgrounds. 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 an animal/pen in each market project, BUT are only permitted to sell **one** animal/pen.
2. If youth show more than one species, the additional animal(s) or under/overweight animals can be sent to an approved slaughterhouse 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.
3. **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 the Junior Fair Board. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
4. If a member wins Grand or Reserve in more than one project, all Grand and Reserve animals will sell through the ring except for feeders, which have option.
5. Animals not going to slaughter are **not** to be sold on the Fairgrounds.
6. 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. (Example – 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.
7. 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 MCAS, 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.
8. 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.
9. Wash Rack Schedule:
  - Monday a.m. – Dairy Cattle
  - Monday p.m. – Sheep
  - Tuesday – Beef and Dairy
  - Wednesday a.m. – Goats
  - Saturday – Go in line of sale order.
10. **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. See JFB office for supplies for your shift. All supplies must be returned or club will be charged for lost items.**
11. Exhibitors in each barn are responsible for cleaning their own barn.

12. 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 or 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.
13. 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.
14. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor that their animals be fed, watered, and stalls cleaned daily by 10:00 a.m. 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 Junior Fair Board. 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.

#### Section IV: Fair (Cont.)

15. SALE ORDER – The top **ten** animals will be placed in the ring by the Judge. The sale order will be determined by exhibitors place within the class.

##### **Livestock Sale Order for Saturday, August 16, 2025**

\*Animal sold last the prior year will sell 1<sup>st</sup> current year.

- Market Hogs
- Market Beef
- Market Ducks
- Market Chickens
- Market Rabbits
- Commercial Feeders
- Market Turkeys
- Dairy Feeders
- Market Goats
- Market Lambs
- Market Dairy Steer

16. 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 MCAS. Animals must show/place to sell.
17. No one other than Exhibitor or designated ring man, Fair Board member, Junior Fair Board member, and/or Judge may be in the ring during show and/or Sale.
18. 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.
19. 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 beings, 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.

20. Any stock that causes safety concerns will be asked to be removed from the grounds but will receive premiums for showing.
21. 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 Senior Fair Board Member or the Junior Fair Coordinator. Hauler paperwork can be picked up in the Junior Fair 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 incur a \$50.00 fine to be deducted from the sale proceeds check.

#### **Section V: Market Projects – Post Auction & Release Information (Cont.)**

3. No animal will be permitted to leave the grounds without the accompanying pink hauler slip. Non-Terminal small market animals will need to check 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 Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Gates will remain locked, and opened only for permitted trucks/trailers designated for official “haulers”. Track and non-market animals will be released at the close of the Fair on Saturday night if not released within 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: Junior Fair Breeding**

1. All breeding/non-market livestock, excluding horses, must be housed at the permanent address on file with the Junior 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 MCAS. The MCAS 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/non-market 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 a \$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 a Drug Use Notification form (DUNF) before market animal crosses the scales and breeding animals enter the grounds. Failure to complete a DUNF will cause you to be unable to show and sell.

- 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 on Saturday night. Every animal leaving the grounds will need to be accompanied with a pink hauler slip that will be disbursed at the Junior Fair Board Office.

## **Section VII: Species Specific Guidelines**

*Please note dates have been updated for current year*

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

- Project calves must be selected from purebred or crossbred beef stock. No Dairy Breeds.
- Calves must be born after January 1, 2025.

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

- Project calves must be selected from purebred or crossbred beef stock. No Dairy Breeds.
- Calves must be born after January 1, 2026.
- Heifers can be shown in this division as long as Exhibitor is enrolled in correct project.
- Heifer feeders cannot be shown in a breeding class (Junior or Senior Fair).
- Exhibitor has the option to sell project and must declare to the Junior Fair Coordinator by deadline.

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

- All Beef Breeding Fair Declaration forms must be submitted to the Junior Fair Coordinator by the designated day.
- There is no limit to the number of classes you enter, but you can only have one entry per class.
- Breeding entries will be shown in the following classes:

*Hereford, Angus, Charolaise, Shorthorn, Maine Anjou, Chianina, Crossbreed, and any other recognized breed*

Calf	Born January 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026
Senior Calf	Born September 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025
Summer yearling	Born May 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025
Junior yearling	Born January 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025
Senior yearling	Born September 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
Two-year old heifer	Born May 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024
Cow	Born prior to May 1, 2024
Bull Calf	Less than six months
Bull Calf	Over six months and under one year

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

- Member must attend project judging for at least one dairy breeding project and exhibit the project animal at the Fair.
- 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*
- Calves must be born after January 1, 2026.

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

- Member must attend project judging for at least one dairy breeding project and exhibit the project animal at the Fair.



- 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*
- Feeder calf must be born between January 1<sup>st</sup> and last day of February the same calendar year as the Fair. (E.g. – calf born January 1, 2026 to February 28, 2026 for 2026 Fair)
- Exhibitor has the option to sell project and must declare to the Junior Fair Coordinator by the deadline.

### **Section VII: Species Specific Guidelines (Cont.)**

*Please note dates have been updated for current year*

#### **DAIRY BREEDING CLASSES AND RULES: (4-H Project Book #127)**

- Breeding entries will be shown in the following classes:  
*Holsteins, Jerseys, Guernsey, and any other recognized dairy breed*

Spring heifer calf	Born after February 28, 2026 and over four months old
Winter heifer calf	Born after November 30, 2025 and before March 1, 2026
Fall heifer calf	Born after August 31, 2025 and before December 1, 2025
Summer yearling heifer	Born after May 31, 2025 and before September 1, 2025
Spring yearling heifer	Born after February 28, 2025 and before June 1, 2025
Winter yearling heifer	Born after November 30, 2024 and before March 1, 2025
Senior yearling heifer	Born after August 31, 2024 and before December 1, 2024
Junior two-year old	Born after February 28, 2024 and before September 1, 2024
Senior two-year old	Born after August 31, 2023 and before March 1, 2024
Junior three-year old cow	Born after February 28, 2023 and before September 1, 2023
Three-year old cow	Born after August 31, 2022 and before March 1, 2023
Four-year old cow	Born after August 31, 2021 and before September 1, 2022
Five-year old cow	Born after August 31, 2020 and before September 1, 2021
Aged Cow	Born before September 1, 2020
Dry Cow three- and four-year old	Born after August 31, 2021 and before March 1, 2023
Aged Dry Cow	Born before September 1, 2021

- 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)**

- Must be born after January 15, 2026.
- Hogs will show dry or wet from water only. No use of any oils, powders, or any other substance.
- Hair must be at least ½ inch long over the body of the animal.
- Ears and tails may be shaved.
- Body Clipping must be completed prior to animal arriving for Weigh-In at Fair.
- Must supply own water source.

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

- All market lambs must be slick sheared within one (1) week prior to Fair.
- All market lambs must have a scrapie tag from the seller of the animal – USDA FARM TAG. We will not tag or weight without.
- All market lambs must be born after January 1, 2026.
- Market lambs can be ewes or wethers.



## Section VII: Species Specific Guidelines (Cont.)

*Please note dates have been updated for current year*

### **SHEEP BREEDING CLASSES AND 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*

Ewe, Spring lamb	Born between January 1, 2026 and May 1, 2026
Ram, Spring lamb	Born between January 1, 2026 and May 1, 2026
Yearling ewe	One year and under two years
Yearling ram	One year and under two years
Ewe	Over two years
Ram	Registered, over two years
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 (1) week prior to Fair.
2. Market goats can be does or wethers.
3. All market goats must be born between December 1, 2025 and March 1, 2026.
4. All market goats must have a scrapie tag from the seller of the animal – USDA FARM TAG. We will not tag or weigh without.

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

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.

Junior Doe Kid	Born on or after May 1, 2026
Intermediate Doe Kid	Born March 1 – April 30, 2026
Senior Doe Kid	Born January 1 – February 28, 2026
Yearling Dry Doe	Born January 1, 2025 and under two years old
Yearling Doe in Milk	Born January 1, 2024 and under two years old
Doe	2 years and under 3 years in milk
Doe	3 years and under 4 years in milk
Doe	4 years and under 5 years in milk
Billy Goat	Under 6 months
Billy Goat	6 months to 1 year
Pack Goat	-
Cart Goat	-
Small/Mini Class	-

5. Horns are permitted on Breeding Goats.
6. There is no limit to the number of classes you enter, but you can only have one entry per class.
7. All goats must have a scrapie tag from the seller of the animal – USDA FARM TAG.

**Section VII: Species Specific Guidelines (Cont.)**  
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**MARKET TURKEY 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 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 RULES: (4-H Project Book #150DM)**

1. Poultry entered in the market pen must be pullorum free and, therefore, these chicks must be ordered through the Junior Fair Coordinator in order to be eligible to show and sell.
2. Members may only weigh in one pen of two (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 the Ohio Department of Agriculture imposes a poultry ban similar to 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 and, therefore, these chicks must be ordered through the 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 the Ohio Department of Agriculture imposes a poultry ban similar to 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.

**Section VII: Species Specific Guidelines (Cont.)**  
*Please note dates have been updated for current year*

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

1. Poultry will be shown by the American Standard of Perfection classes:  
*Bantam ducks, heavy, medium, and light breed ducks, and heavy, medium, and light breed geese*
2. There is no limit on the species of poultry to show, but you can only have one entry per class.
3. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days.
4. Bleeding will be held one hour prior to poultry Tag-In. Please don't place birds in pens until they have been bled.
5. 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

6. If the Ohio Department of Agriculture imposes a poultry ban similar to 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 RABBIT RULES: (4-H Project Book #228MA)**

1. Market rabbits can come from Exhibitor's own does or be purchased prior to Tag-In in July.
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 MCAS. A maximum of four (4) market rabbits may be tattooed.
6. Market rabbits must be born after June 01, 2026.
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).

**Section VII: Species Specific Guidelines (Cont.)**  
*Please note dates have been updated for current year*

**RABBIT BREEDING CLASSES AND RULES: (4-H Project Book #228BR)**

- 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

- Only one (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.**
- You may show a doe and her litter. The litter must be at least 4 weeks old.
- You may only show a total of four (4) rabbits for all breeding classes and one (1) rabbit per class.
- Pet Rabbit class will be judged at prejudging in 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 project.
- It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days and a carpet/rug for show. (Milk crates with carpet floor work well for transport pens).

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

- All alpacas must be healthy. Health papers are not required, but animal must be checked by the Veterinarian before unloading. Should be current on vaccinations and worming, and from a BVD negative herd.
- All animals must be halter broke to lead.
- All alpacas must be shorn. Judging will be based on conformation and type
  - 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.
  - Huacaya: Having a natural crimp and shine to the fiber.

Division I: Breed Classes	
Class 1 Huacaya Juvenile Female	6-11 months old
Class 2 Huacaya Yearling Female	12-23 months old
Class 3 Huacaya 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 or left unattended in either the arena or the round pen.*
6. **\*Drive-in deliveries** to the barn (hay, feed, etc.) must be made **before 3:00 p.m.** each day. The horse gate will be locked by 3:30 p.m. for other events.
7. Horses are NOT allowed on the hill at any time.
  - a. The only exception to this is for the Showman of Showmen contest, at which time the horse(s) for that will be under the supervision of a Horse Committee Member or **Senior Fair Board Member.**
8. 4-H horses are NOT to be ridden on the racetrack 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 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Horses not receiving proper care will be subject to disciplinary actions as set forth by the Meigs County Senior Fair Board. See Livestock Rules, Section IV, Rule 11.**
11. Quiet time in the barn area begins at 11:00 p.m. 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 (1)** 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 Fair Board 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:**
  - a. Immediately following the Youth Show
  - b. Immediately 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 aged 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 stands 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.**
  - a. **Members MUST complete a HORSE RECORD BOOK**
  - b. NOTE: 4-H and FFA members MUST be a resident of Meigs County to exhibit at the Fair per the Meigs County Fair Premium Book or follow proper procedures to be eligible. Contact Extension with Questions.

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 (1) 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 and/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)**

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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 through 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.**
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 wither 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 booking 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.
  - a. **\*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
  - b. ^To participate in **Ground Roping at Meigs Fair** the Exhibitor MUST take the Roping project book and complete book judging in the current year, or have taken the project and completed a book judging in a previous year.
    - i. To compete at the Ohio State Fair, the exhibitor must currently be enrolled in a roping project.
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, 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
9. 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.
10. Scoring of classes will be done at the discretion of the Judge.
11. In the event of a tie, any tiebreaker will be at the discretion of the Judge.
12. The Judge must be 4-H certified/approved.
13. Show results will be announced and awards presented within one hour of the close of the show.
14. \*\*\*\*\*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).