

**MEIGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BASIC LIVESTOCK RULES**

Approved by the Meigs County Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board November, 2016)

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.

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



Market Steers (Beef and Dairy) *December 17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*

Commercial Feeder Steer, Dairy Feeder, Market Lambs, Market Hogs and Market Goats
May 13, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Market Poultry orders and money are to be turned in *May 13, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m..*

Rabbits and Poultry Tag-in *July 22, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*



QUALITY ASSURANCE DATES

SALE ORDER

After evaluating systems used by other counties and obtaining information from concerned parties, the following guidelines have been established for selecting livestock sale order. The top five (5) animals will be placed in the ring by the judge. Following the show, the judge will also rank each class. Animals from sixth place to the end of the sale order will be placed based on strength of class.

Contact Information:

Junior Fair Coordinator: Jenna Meeks
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Section I: Pre Fair Rules and Guidelines

1. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H or FFA species projects they are tagging in by **April 3, 2017**. 4-H members can add market livestock projects until the May tag in date. Membership eligibility ends on December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.

2. Any member of a Meigs County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, including Alexander FFA members 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.

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 Livestock Committee 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 3.



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. Youth taking market livestock must house their animals at their permanent address on file with the Extension Office, or at the home of a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or legal guardian. Members and 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 any and all projects and 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.



5. All breeding/nonmarket livestock, excluding horses, must be housed at the permanent address on file with the Extension Office, or at the home of a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or legal guardian. 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 and 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 by 1pm on Sunday, August 13, 2017.



6. A registration fee of \$25 will be charged for the first market specie (includes two animals/one pen of the same species). There will be no charge for additional specie tagged in. Youth must be enrolled in any and all projects tagged via a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. **There will be no refunds.** This is for all market animals. Tag in fees cover tags and related expenses, bedding, pictures, banners, printing costs, auction costs and other related expenses to livestock projects.

7. Breeding stock must be enrolled in a breeding project; market stock must be enrolled in market project through the duration of the project.

8. 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, including breeding projects, market projects, horse projects or any other livestock projects, the project grade will be dropped one letter.
- 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 3rd.
- Quality Assurance must be completed by June 1, 2017.



9. Tag-in for market steers (beef and dairy) will be **December 17, 2016** from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Meigs County Fairgrounds.
10. Tag-in for Commercial Feeder, Dairy Feeder, Market Lambs, Market Hogs and Market Goats will be Saturday, **May 13, 2017** at the Meigs County Fairgrounds from **8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
11. Market Poultry orders and money are to be turned in at the Meigs County Fairgrounds on **May 13, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
12. Rabbits and Poultry Tag-in – **July 22, 2017** from **8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** at the Meigs County Fairgrounds.
13. Each 4-H and FFA member is responsible 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.
14. If an issue arises with a missing tag, **contact Junior Fair Coordinator, Jenna Meeks (740-590-4242)** and Fair Board members will replace the tag. You must contact Junior Fair Coordinator within 10 days of tag missing. If there is infection due to a tag, Fair Board members must see the animal before the tag is removed.
15. All participating members must fill out an animal identification form which shall be filed with the Junior Fair Coordinator on Tag-in Day.
16. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered.
17. All animals will be dehorned, castrated and born by specified date (see species rules) prior to the tag-in date.
18. No market animal can be replaced after the respective weigh-in, tag-in or identification date of that species.
19. Members may tag-in more than one market animal. Members may exhibit up to two (2) different market project area animals. (for example one market hog and one market lamb). Members may only sell one specie. (see Section II: Fair and Livestock sale Rules and Guidelines).
20. Non market livestock will pay \$3.00 per animal (horses, goats, sheep, hogs, dairy projects, beef projects, including breeding sheep and beef) declaration fee. Rabbits and poultry will pay \$1.00 per pen. This includes all non-market animals.
21. Any market animals NOT being brought to the fair and all breeding/non market animals being brought to the fair must be declared by July 22, 2017 and declaration form turned into the Junior Fair Coordinator, Jenna Meeks on or before July 22, 2017 in order to prepare stalls. If paperwork is turned in between July 23 and July 31, 2017 there will be a \$10.00 late fee. After July 31, 2017, no paperwork will be accepted, and that animal cannot be exhibited at the 2017 Meigs County Fair, absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS. **REMINDER: You only need to let us know the market animals you are NOT taking to the Meigs County Fair!**



Section II: Fair and Livestock Sale Rules and Guidelines

1. Members may exhibit two different market project area animals, BUT, they can only sell one market project area animal. If a member wins grand or reserve, that animal is automatically sold through the ring. Any other animals to be sold through the sale ring must be declared by Thursday at 4pm to the Junior Fair Board Office. 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, with the exception of poultry and rabbits. These animals must be taken home. The extra beef or dairy feeder calf may be taken home. Animals not going to slaughter are not to be sold on the fairgrounds.

2. If a member wins grand or reserve in more than one project, both animals will sell through the ring and the member is responsible to pay for the additional set of pictures and banners, if there are no sponsorships.

3. If a market animal or market pen dies after weigh in at the current fair, exhibitor will not be able to go through the sale ring (such as 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 exhibitor will be withheld.

5. Parents, advisors or exhibitors are allowed to assist in the grooming of the market animals at the fair (this includes the show and sale).

6. 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.

7. All market animals must be weighed on Sunday at specified times. See weigh-in schedule below. Each market project will only be weighed one time. All market species must be checked by the veterinarian at specified weigh-in times on Sunday, August 13, 2017 as follows:

Market Hogs -	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Market Sheep and Goats -	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
All Dairy and Beef Market Projects -	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Market Rabbits -	11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Market Chickens -	11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

If weigh in is running behind schedule (after 12:00 p.m.) rabbits and poultry may be placed in pens until weigh in times. These animals must be brought at specified times, NO EXCEPTIONS. All other 4-H and FFA non market animals must be on the fairgrounds by 12:00 p.m. (noon), Sunday, August 13, 2017 and Vet checked, including horses, goats, beef, rabbits and chickens and dairy stock.

8. Weigh in staff and youth exhibitors are the only people permitted in the scale area during weigh in. Youth exhibitors may see their animal weights at that time.

9. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.

10. Under and overweight animals may show in showmanship class and show in an over/under weight class. Exhibitor's animal will not be placed in sale order or sold through the ring. Exhibitors with under/over weight animals or duplicate animals must declare with Jenna Meeks at the Junior Fair Board Office by Thursday at 4pm 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. There will be no to solicited sale of under/overweight animals on the fairgrounds.

11. Minimum and Maximum weights:

Market Lamb - 90 lbs. to 140 lbs.

Market Steer - 1000 lbs. to 1650 lbs.

Dairy Feeder - 400 lbs. to 650 lbs.

Market Poultry (Pen of 2 Chickens) - 3 to 8 pounds (each bird)

Market Rabbits (Pen of 2 rabbits) - 3 to 5 pounds (each rabbit)

Market Dairy Steer - 1000 lbs. to 1650 lbs.

Market Hog - 220 lbs. to 285 lbs.

Commercial Feeder - 400 lbs. to 650 lbs.

Market Goat - 60 lbs. to 110 lbs.



12. All livestock must be drug free by weigh in on Sunday, August 13, 2017. After weigh, in all medical decisions must be made in consultation with the Fair Veterinarian. All livestock participants must fill out and turn in a Drug Notification Form to the Junior Fair Office before the animal crosses the scales to be weighed on Sunday, August 13, 2017. Participants must have this form completely filled out and signed by both the member and parent or guardian. Failure to have all Drug Use Notification Forms completed and signed correctly and turned in when animal crosses the scales to be weighed on Sunday August 13, 2017 will cause you to be unable to show and sell.

13. WASH RACK SCHEDULE:

Monday a.m. - Dairy Cattle

Monday p.m. - Sheep/Goats

Tuesday - Beef and Dairy

Wednesday A.M. – Wash Rack Closed

Saturday – Go in line of sale order

14. Show Ring Clean Up Schedule: Please help keep the show area clean for our guests. Exhibitors are required to help clean after the following shows:

Horse Exhibitors – clean after horse shows

Sheep Exhibitors – clean after Dairy show

Beef Exhibitors - clean after Poultry Show

Rabbit Exhibitors – clean after Swine Show

Goat Exhibitors – clean after Showman of Showman Competition

Dairy Exhibitors – clean after rabbit show

Poultry exhibitors – clean after Goat Show

Swine Exhibitors - clean after Beef Show

15. Exhibitors in each barn are responsible for cleaning their own barn.

16. Dress Code: Exhibitors will be required to wear long pants/slacks or jeans. Shirts are to be respectable for a livestock show which means they must have some type of sleeve, short or long. **No sleeveless shirts.** The shirt must have a collar or a 4-H, FFA T-Shirt and be long enough to be tucked into your pants. If the shirt has buttons, 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.



17. 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.**

18. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor that their animals be fed, watered and stalls cleaned daily by noon, 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 time more drastic measures will be taken against the exhibitor. Penalty will be determined by the Meigs County Agricultural Society.

19. Livestock Sale Order – Saturday, August 20, 2016:

Dairy Feeders
Market Goats
Market Lambs
Market Dairy Steer
Market Hogs
Market Beef Steer
Market Poultry
Market Rabbits
Commercial Feeders



20. Our sale is a terminal show and sale, this means that all animals will be going to the terminal facility, with the exception of dairy feeders, commercial feeders, market rabbits and market chickens. **No market animals except those noted above may be returned home.**

21. Check with your barn superintendent before removing your animals from the barns. All breeding and non-terminal market animals not going through the sale ring can be removed on Friday, August 18, 2017 from 12:00 pm – 2pm. If not removed during this time, they will need to stay in place until 9 pm on Saturday, August 19, 2017. All market animal tack must stay in place until Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 9 pm. Horses are released Friday after the show. Breeding animal tack may leave with the animal.

22. All re-sale animals will be sold at the end of the entire sale, not at the end of their species.

23. 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.


24. 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.

25. Show Arena clean up for all members selling animals through the sale ring will be on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Ridenour Family livestock arena. Bleachers will be cleaned for the sale. If you know in advance you have a conflict with this rule, you need to contact the Junior Fair Coordinator before Tuesday, and set up an alternate work time.

26. Disposal of Market Rabbits and Market Chickens: If the buyer returns your market chickens or market rabbits 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.

27. All livestock must be off grounds by 12:00 Noon Sunday. Pens & stalls must be totally cleaned out at the end of Fair, by noon on Sunday. Exhibitors failing to complete this will be fined \$50.00. This fee will be deducted from your livestock check.

28. Mandatory rule in 2017 for prohibited grooming practices. Prohibited 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.

29. No use of ice, ice packs, iced or cold towels, no drenching of animal with anything, except with permission of the veterinarian for all animals shown. 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.

Section III: SPECIE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

Please note dates have been updated for current year

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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #117M Market Beef Project.
2. Project calves must be selected from purebred or crossbred **beef stock. No Dairy Breeds.**
3. Calves must be dropped after January 1, 2016
4. Steers must be castrated by December 17, 2016.
5. All market animals must either be polled or de-horned and weaned before December 17, 2016.
6. Steers will be shown by weight classes.
7. Steers must weigh 1000 pounds to 1650 pounds.
8. You can tag-in 2 Market Steers, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
9. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered
10. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.
11. Maximum of blunt one (1) inch scur, flat to the head will be allowed.

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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #117BF Beef Feeder Calf Project.
2. Project calves must be selected from purebred or crossbred **beef stock. No Dairy Breeds.**
3. Calves must be dropped after January 1, 2017.
4. Heifers can be shown in this division as long as exhibitor is enrolled in correct project. Calves must be dehorned and steers castrated by May tag-in date.
5. Heifer feeders cannot be shown in a breeding class (Junior or Senior Fair).
6. All calves must be weaned by tag-in.
7. Commercial feeders do not sell terminal.
8. Commercial feeders must weigh 400 pounds to 650 pounds.
9. If you are taking a commercial feeder, you **do not** have to take a beef breeding project.
10. You can tag-in 2 commercial feeders, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
11. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered
12. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.
13. Maximum of blunt one (1) inch scur, flat to the head will be allowed.

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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #117B Beef Breeding Project.
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, 2017 to April 30, 2017
 - b. Senior Calf born September 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
 - c. Summer yearling born May 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016
 - d. Junior yearling born January 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016
 - e. Senior yearling born September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
 - f. Two year old heifer, born May 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015
 - g. Cow born prior to May 1, 2015
 - h. Bull calf less than six months
 - i. Bull calf over six months and under one year.
2. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.

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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #117D Market Steer Project.
2. Member must attend project judging for at least one dairy breeding project.
3. 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.**example - Holstein must be 100% Holstein, Jersey must be 100% Jersey.
4. Calves must be dropped after January 1, 2016. Steers must be castrated and dehorned by December 17, 2016.
5. Steers will be shown by weight class.
6. Dairy Market Steers must weigh 1000 to 1650 pounds
7. Dairy Market Steers will show on the same night as Market Steer Show.
8. You can tag-in 2 Market Dairy Steers, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
9. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered
10. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.
11. Maximum of blunt one (1) inch scur, flat to the head will be allowed.


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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #117DF Dairy Beef Feeder Project.
2. Member must also attend project judging for at least one dairy breeding project.
3. Bull calf, when selected, 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.**
4. Age requirement: Feeder calf must be dropped between January 1st and last day of February, the same calendar year as the fair. (E.g. - calf born January 1, 2011 to February 29, 2011 will be shown and sold at the 2011 fair.)
5. Calf must be castrated and dehorned before it reaches 10 weeks of age.
6. Dairy Feeders will show prior to the Market Steer Show on Tuesday evening.
7. Dairy Market Feeders will be shown by weight - 400 to 650 pounds.
8. You can tag-in 2 Dairy Feeders, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
9. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered
10. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.
11. Maximum of blunt one (1) inch scur, flat to the head will be allowed.

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

1. Youth who are only exhibiting a heifer at the fair, they need to take Project #122, Dairy Heifer. Youth who plan to show a dairy cow or a combination of cows/heifers at the fair, they should take Project #126, Dairy Cow.
2. 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, 2017 and over four months old.
 - b. Winter heifer calf – born after November 30, 2016 and before March 1, 2017
 - c. Fall heifer calf – born after August 31, 2016 and before December 1, 2016
 - d. Summer yearling heifer – born after May 31, 2016 and before September 1, 2016
 - e. Spring yearling heifer – born after February 28, 2016 and before June 1, 2016
 - f. Winter yearling heifer – born after November 30, 2015 and before March 1, 2016
 - g. Senior yearling heifer – born after August 31, 2016 and before December 1, 2015
 - h. Junior two year old – born after February 28, 2014 and before September 1, 2015
 - i. Senior two year old – born after August 31, 2014 and before March 1, 2015
 - j. Junior three year old cow – born after February 28, 2014 and before September 1, 2014
 - k. Three year old cow – born after August 31, 2013 and before March 1, 2014
 - l. Four year old cow – born after August 31, 2012 and before September 1, 2013
 - m. Five year old cow – born after August 31, 2011 and before September 1, 2012
 - n. Aged Cow – born before September 1, 2011
 - o. Dry Cow – three and four year old – born after August 31, 2012 and before March 1, 2014
 - p. Aged Dry Cow – born before September 1, 2012
3. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.

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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #139 Market Hog Project.
2. Must be born after January 15, 2017.
3. Only water may be used, any oil or what appears to be oil or powder will not be permitted.
4. All hogs must have a measurable ½” of body hair, underline included. Ears and tail may be a shorter length.
5. All hogs will show together in specified weight classes.
6. Market hogs must weigh 220 to 285 pounds. 
7. Member must supply ½ inch threaded nipple for their hog pen.
8. You can tag-in 2 hogs, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
9. Rubber mat 36” x 30” (maximum size) may be used in hog pens, but cannot cover the grating.
10. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.

SWINE BREEDING RULES (4-H Project Book #140) (pending available barn space each year)

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project # 140 Swine Breeding Project.
2. Only water may be used, any oil or what appears to be oil or powder will not be permitted.
3. All hogs must have a measurable ½” of body hair, underline included. Ears and tail may be a shorter length.
4. Member must supply ½ inch threaded nipple for their hog pen.
5. Rubber mat 36” x 30” (maximum size) may be used in hog pens, but cannot cover the grating.
6. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.
7. All breeding hogs must test negative for pseudorabies within thirty (30) days of the fair. Exhibitor is responsible for this official testing and must present proof of same. Due to changing issues, final determination of these projects exhibiting at the fair will be made by tag in date for hogs unless circumstances change.
8. Hogs will be shown in the following classes:
 - Gilt 5 months or under
 - Gilt over 5 months
 - Sow (piglets should be weaned and NOT brought to the fair)


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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #198 Market Lamb Project.
2. All market lambs must be slick sheared within one (1) week prior to fair.
3. All lambs will show together in specified weight classes.
4. **No electric shearing of market lambs on or at the fairgrounds.**
5. No use of ice, packs, iced or cold towels, no drenching of animal with anything, except with permission of the veterinarian. Animals must remain dry once the show begins.
7. All lambs must be castrated by May tag-in day.
8. All lambs must have USDA FARM TAG in ear.
9. All market lambs must weigh between 90 and 140 pounds.
10. You can tag-in 2 market lambs, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
11. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.
12. All lambs must be born after January 1, 2017.

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

1. Youth must be enrolled in project #199 Sheep Breeding
2. Breeding entries will be shown in the following classes:
2. Suffolk, Hampshire, Crossbred and any other recognized breed of sheep
 - a. Ewe, Spring lamb – born between January 1, 2017 and May 1, 2017
 - b. Ram, Spring Lamb – born between January 1, 2017 and May 1, 2017
 - 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
3. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.

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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #135M Goat Project.
2. All market goats must be slick sheared within one week prior to the fair.
3. Market goats can **be does or wethers**. They must be castrated and dehorned prior to May tag-in. Market goats must be completely healed from being dehorned and castrated by fair time. Maximum of a blunt one (1) inch scur, flat to the head will be allowed. 
4. All market goats must be born between January 1, 2017 and March 1, 2017.
5. All market goats must weigh between 60 and 110 pounds.
6. **All market goats will sell terminal.**
7. All market goats must have a scrapie tag from the seller of the animal - USDA FARM TAG
8. You can tag-in 2 market goats, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
9. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.

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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #135BD for Dairy Breeding goats, 135BM for Market Breeding, 135F for Fiber, 135H for Harness, 135P for Pack and 135 P for pigmy goats.
2. Goats, including Dairy, Pygmy and Boer classes will show by age in female breed classes. Harness and cart goats must show in harness and with a cart.
3. **No Billy Goats are permitted on the fairgrounds.**
4. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.
5. Classes:
 - a. Junior Doe Kid born on or after April 1, 2017.
 - b. Intermediate Doe Kid born March 1, - March 31, 2017.
 - c. Senior Doe Kid born January 1 – February 28, 2017.
 - d. Yearling Dry Doe born January 1, 2016 and under two years old.
 - e. Yearling Doe in milk born January 1, 2016 and under two years old.
 - f. Doe 2 years and under 3 years in milk.
 - g. Doe 3 years and under 5 years in milk.
6. Pack Goat, Angora Goat, Pygmy Goat and Cart Goat all fall into this same category and can be shown as does or castrated males.
7. Horns are permitted on Breeding Goats.

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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #152 Poultry Production: Raising Broilers.
2. Market poultry will consist of 2 cockerels, 3 to 8 pounds each, 1 pen maximum. 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. Poultry market pens must consist of two birds which should be uniform in size and weight.
3. Only 1 market pen may sell through the Livestock Sale.
4. Only 4-H and FFA exhibitors are allowed to handle and show poultry during the show, unless the judge gives prior approval.
5. All birds shall be of good health. The judge shall make final determination for class eligibility.
6. All poultry must be weighed dry at fair weigh-in.
7. All poultry must be fed and watered daily.
8. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.
9. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days.
10. If Ohio Department of Agriculture imposes a poultry show ban similar to 2015 before chick orders can be cancelled, 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 BREED CLASSES AND RULES: (4-H Project Book # 150)

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project # 151 Poultry Production: Raising Pullets or #153 Raising Fancy Poultry. Turkey must be enrolled in Project #166 and Ducks and Geese must be enrolled in Project #168.
2. 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.
3. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.
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. Bleeding of poultry will be done on Sunday at the fair during Poultry weigh in.
6. Breeding classes are as follows: Raising Pullets, pen of 2 pullets, Bantams, 1 hen and 1 rooster, Raising Fancy Poultry Turkeys, 2 birds of either sex, (pair or trio of birds, specify breed), 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).
7. If Ohio Department of Agriculture imposes a poultry show ban similar to 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. Youth must be enrolled in Project #225 Breeding Rabbit Project.
2. Breed of rabbit to be determined by the judge. All rabbits must be in the right class to show.
3. 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
4. Only 1 entry per class or breed. **RABBITS MUST BE IN THE RIGHT CLASS BY BREED, AGE AND SEX GROUP, THIS IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY, if in the wrong class, no grade will be given.**
5. You may show a doe and her litter. The litter must be at least 4 weeks old.
6. You may only show a total of four (4) rabbits for all breeding classes and one (1) rabbit per class.
7. Pet Rabbit class will be judged at prejudging (small animal day) July 2016. 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.
8. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.
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 floors make excellent transport pens.)

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

1. Youth must be enrolled in Project #226 Market Rabbit Project.
2. Market rabbits can come from exhibitor's own does or be purchased prior to tag-in in July. Market rabbits must be of market type. Market rabbits will be identified on Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
3. **Exhibitor may use one market rabbit for showmanship. Rabbit must belong to member showing.**
4. Commercial fryer pens of **two** must be identified on the designated registration date. Commercial fryer pens 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** market rabbits may be tattooed.
6. Market rabbits must not be less than 70 days of age or over 75 days of age at fair weigh in time. Fryers must weigh a minimum of 6 pounds per pen (maximum 10 pounds), 3 to 5 pounds per rabbit. Market rabbits must be born between and May 30 and June 4, 2017.
7. Any over-weight or under-weight market pens will not be eligible for sale. A member may sell only 1 market pen.
8. Rabbits shown in market pen class cannot be shown in breed classes.
9. All rabbits will be weighed dry at fair weigh-in.
10. Only **two (2)** registered market rabbits can be weighed in at the fair for the market project. Other tagged rabbits need to be left at home.
11. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.
12. 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. Animals must be in pens by 6 pm Sunday.
4. No breeding males may be shown at the Fair. Non-breeders may be shown (geldings, vasectomized males, and spayed or non-reproductive females). These must have verification on registration papers or a veterinarian certificate stating same, available for review.
5. 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.

Showmanship:

- Class 1 – Novice: 1st year exhibitor, any age.
- Class 2 – Beginner: 9 – 11 years old
- Class 3 – Junior 12 – 14 years old
- Class 4 – Seniors 15 – 18 years old

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 IV: MEIGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HORSE AND BARN RULES

1. Do not ride in or out of barn on horses. All horses must be lead to and from show ring.
2. Horses are not to be tied in barn aisles. All grooming, tack changes, etc. are to be done in stall.
3. Horses are to be in stall at all times, except during exercise time, and only when show ring is not in use. Horses are not allowed on the hill at any time. 4-H horses are never allowed to be on the race track at any time unless crossing over to show ring.
4. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning and maintaining his/her stall during the fair. **Soiled bedding** must be removed from stall at the close of the fair or at the time the horse is removed from the fair.
5. Absolutely NO HORSE PLAY of any kind inside the horse barn.
6. Lights out and quiet time at 11:30 p.m. so horses can get their beauty sleep.
7. Absolutely NO SMOKING in barn.
8. All horses must be fed and watered two times a day, no later than 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Horses not fed or watered properly will be sent home immediately.
9. Stalls will be assigned by member seniority (actual 4-H horse project years). If new barn does not have enough stalls, race horse barn will be used. If more than one stall is needed, newer members will be chosen by drawing. Stall assignments will be made during August Horse Committee meeting.
10. When using wash area, members must clean up after themselves and their horses.
11. For safety reasons, fans, lights, etc. must have electrical cords run through some sort of conduit piping system to prevent horses getting to cords and causing a fire.
12. Horse Clubs are responsible for getting own sawdust/bedding.
13. Only one horse is allowed unless entered in production, if more than one horse is taken for project, only one stall will be allowed.
14. Only one horse per stall will be allowed with exception as noted in rule #13.
15. Please leave stalls like new at the close of fair. (It took a lot of years for Junior Fair horse members to get the new barn).
16. All horses should be supervised when out of stall at any time.
17. Round pen and arena are not for turn out, just exercising.
18. If horse has to leave fair early, notify the Horse Committee before the first Tuesday in August.
19. All horses must be on the fairgrounds all week unless brought to the Horse Committee for prior approval before the first Tuesday in August.
20. Stall fees are \$3.00 per stall. This must be paid to the Extension Office by the due date and filed along with the proper form.
21. Horses are released on Friday afternoon and need to be off the grounds by noon on Sunday

Section V: 4-H Horse Project Information

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

2015 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 (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) 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 or 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. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions 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 will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired." This includes any activities for 4-H, FFA, Junior Fair including parades, club events, shows, clinics, including practice time at the fair.

1. Participation competition limited to those enrolled in 4-H and FFA Horse projects (173, 174, 175, 177, 180, 181, 184, 185, 188, 189, and 762) by April 1. (Note: 4-H and FFA members must be a resident of Meigs County to exhibit at the Meigs County Fair.) Ref: Meigs Co. Fair Premium Book.
2. ALL HORSES AND PONIES MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF CLUB MEMBERS by June 1. 4-H and FFA members must list their horse(s) on an Extension Office form along with a picture or drawing of the project. Two 4-Hers and FFA members cannot use the same horse. All completed forms must be turned into the Extension Office by June 1 to be eligible.
3. The age of the exhibitor is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Horses are over 58 inches tall. Ponies are 58 inches tall and under.
5. Stallions may not be shown unless part of a production project and then only through their first calendar year. Any stallion shown must be born after January 1 of the current year.
6. Members may carry more than one horse or pony project provided it has been approved by the 4-H and FFA advisor and recorded in the Extension Office. Only one project horse may be allowed to be shown at the Junior Fair horse show to receive awards beyond the project grade. That horse needs to be identified by due date.
7. Hardship cases (i.e. death of horse, lameness, etc.) will be considered and dealt with by the 4-H Horse Committee, on a case by case basis, between the project dates, June 1 thru the first Tuesday of August, no replacements from then to last day of fair. If replacement if allowed, exhibitor will not be allowed to compete for Grand and Reserve Champion. If something happens between first Tuesday in August and the start of the Meigs County fair there will be NO replacement considered.
8. Horse and ponies 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 the Meigs County 4-H Lease Agreement and fulfill requirements to be eligible to show. On the lease agreement, the 4-Her and FFA must state where the horse is being stabled. The leased horse must be boarded by the 4-Hers and FFA and in his possession by June 1. Horse identification papers must be turned into the Extension Office by June 1.
9. Project animals should not be trained by professionals during the project period of June 1 thru last day of 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.
10. All 4-H and FFA members taking a Junior Fair horse project (one (1) each per household) shall have in

possession current copies of Uniform Rules for Horse Shows - Circular 179 and Horses, Safety and You - Circular 191R.

11. Members who qualify and attend State Fair will be given \$25.00 each from the Horse Committee. EXCEPTION: Horse Committee must decide if funds are available for that year.
12. All 4-H and FFA members are required to participate in project book judging and be eligible for premium money after exhibit at the fair.

Section VI: MEIGS COUNTY GUIDELINE RULES FOR 4-H HORSE SHOWS

1. All exhibitors are required to show in a Showmanship class.
2. Exhibitors must choose a minimum of 2 performance classes. A maximum of three performance classes may be chosen; however, only the top 2 scores in their division will count for points.
3. The Jr. Fair Horse show must have a ringmaster. Any exhibitor wishing to discuss any matter with the judge must first 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.
4. No person other than the exhibitor and show officials will be allowed in the ring while any class is being judged, except in the case that the ring crew is needed. Only show officials will be allowed in the announcer's booth.
5. Horse show entries must be in the Extension Office by the show entry deadline for all events.
6. In Novice classes, exhibitors will not be required to canter. This will be an option. (Exhibitors must follow state guidelines for qualifying show.)
7. If patterns are used, they will be posted 30 minutes prior to the class.
8. In the event of a tie, any tie-breaker will be at the judge's discretion.
9. If the judge feels that the 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, at the judge's discretion. Exhibitor will be excused from that class.
10. Show results will be posted one (1) hour following the close of the show. Winners will then be announced, and awards will be presented.
11. Entry fees may be charged for PAS State Fair Qualifying classes if necessary to help cover the expense of these classes.
12. All horses shall be supervised at all times when not in a stall.
13. Any complaints or problems should be addressed at the 4-H Horse Committee meetings.
14. Production Division consists of Lunge Line class for horses between ages 1 and 2 years (not exceeding 2 years old).
15. Novice showman should get permission from the Horse Committee after being observed by two (2) or more members to ensure they are ready for this project.
16. Scoring of classes will be done at the judge's discretion.
17. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be given in the Novice, Junior, and Senior age divisions in Showmanship, Pleasure/Performance, and Gymkhana. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in the Production Division (This is not a novice class. Production class must be shown in conjunction with the project 185 Equine Reproduction & Genetics.)
18. In the event that there is only one exhibitor in any given age division does not mean that he/she will receive the Grand or Reserve Award.
19. Judge will be 4-H certified/approved.

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER

SHOWMANSHIP

(Western, English, Gymkhana, & Saddle-type)

Novice Grand Champion
Novice Reserve Champion
Junior Grand Champion
Junior Reserve Champion
Senior Grand Champion
Senior Reserve Champion

GYMKHANA

Novice Grand Champion
Novice Reserve Champion
Junior Grand Champion
Junior Reserve Champion
Senior Grand Champion
Senior Reserve Champion

PLEASURE/PERFORMANCE

(Western, English, & Saddle-type)

Novice Grand Champion
Novice Reserve Champion
Junior Grand Champion
Junior Reserve Champion
Senior Grand Champion
Senior Reserve Champion

PRODUCTION

Grand Champion
Reserve Champion