LIVESTOCK RULES

2026

1. All animals must be fully owned or leased including all showing rights by the Jr. Fair member and personally provide daily and continual care of their animal(s) regardless of where the animal(s) are housed on and after May 1. All animals must be in your possession by May 1. (Steers acquired by Dec. 1 of the previous year. See species rules for poultry hatch dates and market fryer rabbit ownership dates.)

2. Fair members must file written proof of any lease agreement with the county OSU Extension office by May 1 of the current year. (Market animals can't be leased.)

3. Junior Fair members can show a maximum of 6 livestock species at the county fair.

4. Junior Fair Livestock Entries:
    a. Market poultry exhibitors will use the March 15 registration as their fair entry.
    b. Breeding rabbits must be tagged in/checked at the May tag ins where entries will be completed.
    a. Market rabbit fryers must be checked in at the June check in where entries will be completed.
    b. Market beef projects must be tagged in/checked in December of the previous year.
    c. Market & breeding hogs, market goats, pygmy goats, dairy goats, breeding goats, production ewes, market lambs, breeding poultry, beef breeding, feeder calves, dairy cattle, dairy beef, small animals, and dogs must submit an entry form with a permanent ID by May 1.
    d. Horse fair entries are due June 1.

5. Late Junior Fair Entries
    a. All project entry deadlines will have one calendar week to correct and complete the entry and turn it in with a $20 fee if originally turned in by the deadline. The entry will be recorded and returned to the parent/volunteer/member at the time of turn in. The corrected entry will be accepted within one calendar week after the original deadline.

6. In the event that a state mandated exhibition ban for disease control measures or quarantine is issued, the affected species/project may not be offered for exhibit or show at the county fair.

7. Quality Assurance (QA), 4-H/FFA members who want to show and/or sell market steers, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, market dairy steers, feeder calves, lactating dairy cattle, market poultry, market rabbits, and lactating dairy goats must attend a Quality Assurance Training at a designated time before the fair. This is a 1-hour hands-on required Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) session. If a member arrives after the program starts, they will be asked to attend the next session to ensure the state requirement is met.

- Clinton County 4-H/FFA members are required to attend a QA session by **May 26, 2026.**
- All youth have the option and are encouraged to attend a face-to-face county approved certification or returning members may select to complete the online YQCA certification to meet the county QA requirement by county the deadline.
- Youth 8-11 must get county approval to complete YQCA online.
- YQCA is the only online certification accepted. This is not for first year members! (https://yqcaprogram.org/)
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend a QA session with the exhibitor.
- Youth in Clinton County may attend QA outside the county if it is a certified program and OSUE in Clinton County receives documentation by May 26 that the member completed the certification.
- QA Certification must be completed at least 45 days prior to the start of exhibition.
- Please note all county 4-H provided QA Certifications are offered January-April!
- 6 County QA Sessions will be offered, January-April.

8. 4-H/FFA members who want to show and/or sell market steers, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, market dairy steers, feeder calves, lactating dairy cattle, market poultry, market rabbits, and lactating dairy goats at county or state fairs are required to turn in a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) at the fair weigh in. <u>All market projects must be slaughter eligible the day of the market show. (ex: market show is July 11, last day of withdrawal period must be July 10.) Final decision will rest with the fair vet.</u>

9. Skillathon is **optional** for each of the following project areas that a member enrolls in: beef, dairy, dogs, goats, hogs, horses, poultry, rabbits and sheep. Exhibitors may take skillathon at the designated time before the fair to be eligible for skillathon awards and special barn/department awards. A completed official 4-H/FFA project book or insert, which is 10% of the total skillathon score must be turned in at the time the test is taken. No make-up tests. Those not taking the skillathon on the county date are ineligible for any skillathon awards, outstanding exhibitor awards or barn/department awards that include a skillathon score. Members who enter the skillathon test buildings must sign in and take the skillathon that night. Only members taking the Skillathon are permitted in the testing areas. No cell phones may be used in the testing area.

Skillathon Table

Department	Book/Insert	Testing Methods	Study Materials
Beef	A completed and **current** project book or new insert.	Stations Interview Written	4-H Projects Books, Cl. Co. Junior Fair Requirements Book, Beef Resource Book & Skillathon Kit (A study packet is posted at clinton.osu.edu.)

Dairy	A completed and **current** project book or new insert.	Stations Interview Written	4-H Projects Books, Cl. Co. Junior Fair Requirements Book, Dairy Resource Book & Skillathon Kit
Dog	Book not required at Skillathon.	Stations Interview	4-H Projects Books, Cl. Co. Junior Fair Requirements Book Skillathon Kit & Dog Resource Book
Horse	A **NEW** insert for all members each year.	Stations Interview Written	4-H Projects Books, Cl. Co. Junior Fair Requirements Book & Skillathon Kit
Poultry	A completed and **current** project book or new insert.	Stations Interview Written	4-H Projects Books, Cl. Co. Junior Fair Requirements Book & Poultry Study Guide (A study packet is posted at clinton.osu.edu.)
Rabbit	A completed and **current** project book or new insert.	Stations Interview Written	4-H Projects Books, Cl. Co. Junior Fair Requirements Book, Rabbit Resource Book & Skillathon Kit
Goat	A completed and **current** project book or new insert.	Stations Interview Written	4-H Projects Books, Cl. Co. Junior Fair Requirements Book & Goat Study Guide (A study packet is posted at clinton.osu.edu.)
Sheep	A completed and **current** project book or new insert.	Stations Interview Written	4-H Projects Books, Cl. Co. Junior Fair Requirements Book & Sheep Study Guide (A study packet is posted at clinton.osu.edu.)
Swine	A completed and **current** project book or new insert.	Stations Interview Written	4-H Projects Books, Cl. Co. Junior Fair Requirements Book, Swine Resource Book & Skillathon Kit
Small Animal	No Skillathon is Required (Ex: Hamsters, Guinea pigs, cats, etc.)	N/A	N/A

- Members will be scored on the following areas for all departments: interview, project guidelines, project knowledge and book/insert.
- A member needs to complete a new book or new insert each season.
- Inserts can be printed out from the county website or picked up in the OSU Extension office. (clinton.osu.edu)
- Members are encouraged to purchase books through their 4-H club or at the OSU Extension office.
- Skillathon kits are available for members and clubs to use at the OSU Extension office. Please call 382-0901 to reserve a kit.

10. Advisors must keep residency records of all animal projects.

11. Report lost ear tags immediately to the OSU Extension office or species chair.

12. All livestock exhibitors shall present a certificate of registration recorded in the member's name or in partnership with a parent or legal guardian to authorized persons at the county fair. Animals that do not have to be accompanied with a registration certificate are commercial gilts, commercial beef heifers, market livestock, dairy goats, horses, dogs, poultry, rabbits, and small animals.

13. One re-weigh will be allowed for over and underweight animals in each market animal species at time designated by species committee.

14. If market animals do not make sale weight, they can show for grade only and can be used in showmanship classes.

15. All Jr. Fair exhibitors must comply with the health regulations printed in the Sr. Fair book. Requirements must be met before livestock can be moved to the fairground.

16. Misrepresentation by Jr. Fair members as to the breed or age of their animal(s) will forfeit any awards won by the exhibitor.

17. All Jr. Fair exhibitors are responsible for caring for and feeding their livestock throughout the fair. Pens must be kept properly bedded and aisles kept clear. Pens must be clean after the animal is released or sold or the exhibitor will be subject to a penalty fee.

18. All animals must be exhibited and shown by the owner unless permission is granted by the committee in charge. If permission is granted, animals must be shown by another Clinton County Jr. Fair member.

19. Placing ribbons will be issued in accordance with the judges' decisions. No awards/ribbons will be presented to the recipients until the judge has completed the class placings and has stepped away from the ring.

20. All project areas post rules in barn or building in which projects are housed.

21. All animals must be disbudded or dehorned unless the animal is registered with a breed standard that requires horns to be intact. Market goats are not required to be dehorned.

22. All goats and sheep must have official scrapie TAGS by entry deadline. No goats or sheep will be permitted in the Clinton County Jr. Fair without scrapie identification. Sheep and goats with the blue slaughter-only/meat scrapie tags cannot be used for exhibition, companion/"lawnmower" or breeding purposes.

23. All new members exhibiting market swine will need to obtain a Premise I.D. number by May 1. Please provide the Premise I.D. to the OSU Extension office. One per family. This form only needs to be completed one time.

24. No equipment or projects are to be moved during any junior fair livestock sale. Please check the schedule for release times.

25. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion projects will be used for the small animal or the large animal sweepstakes contests if needed by the department. If an Overall Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion exhibitor cannot adhere to these guidelines set forth, they will forfeit their Grand Champion and/or Reserve Grand Champion title, and the next highest placing exhibitor will move into the position. The exhibitor will not be eligible for the Jr Fair Premium Sale for the current year.

26. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion projects must be put on display in the Peterson Barn for the Row of Champions the day they are selected. (Projects selected from Sunday-Tuesday of the fair must be put on display at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday.) The livestock projects must be on display blanket free daily for the public to observe between 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Projects may return to their respective barn during the night from 10:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m. All projects must always remain in the Junior Fair barn areas and not be in the camper, parking, or midway areas. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to clean the project pen in the barn and the champion/reserve pen in the Row of Champions immediately following project release or the exhibitor will be subject to a penalty fee.

CODE OF ETHICS

In order to maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity of our Clinton County livestock shows, any animal found to have been fitted, cared for and shown in an unethical/unacceptable manner shall be disqualified and the exhibitor shall forfeit project awards, may not participate in the Junior Fair sale, receive no points for the outstanding market exhibitor award, and is banned from exhibiting that project the following year.

Unethical/unacceptable practices shall include, but not be limited to:

- Any injection of air, gas, liquid, solid or any other foreign material under the hide.
- Surgery of any kind to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body. Not including removal of warts, teats, horns, docking of tails, trimming of hooves, clipping of hair or wool, or any medical practice deemed necessary for health reasons, performed, and verified by the Clinton County Fair Veterinarian.
- Use of any product, such as but not limited to, steroids, diuretics, tranquilizers, ice, ice water, alcohol, aerosol coolant, ether, ice packed towels and other abnormal/artificial procedure or practice to change the degree of firmness, muscle tone or mass, and/or weight of the animal.
- Any attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development. Any dyeing or coloring of animal which alters its natural coloration. Not included are the dressings applied to horns or hooves.
- Use of illegal substance or procedure that results in condemnation of the carcass.
- Use of bottles or drenching.
- Any use of false hair/wool to include, but not limited to, artificial tail heads, polls, switches, and gluing of natural hair/wool to any part of the body.
- Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves; 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; Pigmented grooming aides or materials; and Slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on the ears and tails for junior market livestock shows.
- Striking an animal to cause swelling.
- Treating or massaging any part of the body internally or externally with an irritant, or any substance to temporarily straighten a weak back or loin to produce any unnatural animation.

- The use of muzzles on lambs, steers, or hogs is prohibited on the Clinton County Fairground.
- Pulling an animal from competition once exhibitor enters the show arena.
- Failing to return for a championship class.

1. Should fraud or deception, and proof of wrongdoing as determined by the committee be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to sale, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line at the show shall move up.
2. Should violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal or carcass shall be returned to the exhibitor.

Project Grooming Rules

1. The junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, feeding, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show. The exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, feeding and preparation of the livestock, which may only be provided by the following: Clinton County 4-H and FFA members, their immediate families, and any Clinton County 4-H and/or FFA advisors.

"Family" means the immediate family of the exhibitor to include the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, grandparent, step grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, aunt, uncle, step aunt, step uncle, or legal guardian. A legal guardian will be defined as a court appointed person to provide the care management of a minor.

2. All animals must be groomed within the specie barn area, wash rack area, or area designated by the show management (ex. beef grooming area).

3. Anyone breaking this grooming rule will not be permitted to further exhibit that animal in competition. The situation will be reviewed by show management for further discipline.

Showmanship

1. Showmanship participants must show and exhibit his/her own designated Junior Fair project animal. Two separate exhibitors cannot show the same animal.

2. For all other guidelines refer to each department for rules.

3. Jr. Fair members who win their respective showmanship division are eligible to compete again in their respective division providing they satisfy the age requirement.

4. Members cannot advance to the next showmanship division until they reach the division age.

5. The large animal Sweepstakes Showmanship contest involves the current year's senior division showmanship winners in beef, dairy, goats, horses, sheep, and swine. Past sweepstakes contest winners are ineligible to compete.

6. The small animal Sweepstakes Showmanship contest involves the current year's senior division showmanship winners in breeding poultry, market chicken, market turkey, breeding rabbit, market rabbit, and pygmy goat. Past sweepstakes contest winners are ineligible to compete.

7. The Showman of Showmen contest for each specie is open to Junior Fair livestock members who have won their respective showmanship divisions in the past, including the current year's division winners. Exhibitors must be current Jr. Fair livestock members. Interpretation and eligibility will be determined by each livestock committee.

8. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion projects will be used for the small animal or the large animal sweepstakes contests if needed by the department.

   If the exhibitor cannot adhere to these guidelines set forth, they will forfeit their Grand Champion and/or Reserve Grand Champion title, and the next highest placing exhibitor will move into the position. The exhibitor will not be eligible for the Jr Fair Premium Sale for the current year.

   All of Jr Fair Guidelines must be followed as stated in the Jr Fair Requirements Book and on county enrollment and entry forms.