

## 2026 Member & Project Enrollment Chart

Please see the Jr. Fair Requirements for general fair and project information such as project arrival times, project release times, show information, pre-fair judging and sale times, etc.  
(Any entries, enrollment or forms are due to Ohio State University Extension by the posted deadline.)

<u>Department</u>	<u>Membership Enrollment Requirements</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Tag In/Check In</u>	<u>Royalty Deadlines</u>	<u>Animal Lease, ID, Entries &amp; Breeding Entries</u> Lease-Breeding & Horse Projects (Non-Market)	<u>Show &amp; Sale Requirements</u> -Members MAY complete a skillathon for each of the following project areas they are enrolled in beef, dairy, dairy beef, dogs, goats, hogs, horses, poultry, rabbits, and sheep at the designated time before the fair or during fair to be eligible for Barn & Department awards. <b><u>Skillathon is optional to show.</u></b>	<u>Extra Fair Entries</u>	<u>Extra</u>
<b>Non-Livestock</b>	-Enroll in individual project(s). -March 15 enrollment is also the non-livestock fair entry registration (See extra for special contests.) -Drop/add/change date, April 1	N/A	-Project drop off is Wednesday, July 8, 4-7:00 p.m. Junior Fair Building All non-livestock projects must be in place by 7pm July 8. -Note: Crops, Cakes & Vegetables may be brought on the day of judging. -Project pick up is the last Saturday of fair from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.	-Family & Consumer Sciences and Shooting Sports Ambassador applications due May 1. -Contest is May 19.	N/A	N/A	-Special fair contest entries are due by noon the day of the contest. -See the Jr. Fair Requirements for details. -Creative writing projects due June 18 to OSUE.	-Monday, July 6, 3-7:00 p.m. Junior Fair Building Booth Set Up. -Pre-Fair judging, Wednesday, July 8, 9 a.m. in the Expo Building. -Club Booth space request form is due June 18 to OSUE.
<b>Beef</b>	-Enroll in individual project(s) due March 15. -Drop/add/change date, April 1	-Must have mature market beef project(s) in your possession by December 1 of the previous year. -All other beef projects must be in your possession by May 1.	-2027 Market Beef Tag in December 9, 2026 from 6-8 p.m.	-Beef Ambassador application due May 1. -Contest is May 19.	-Lease forms due May 1. -Market Feeder Calf and Breeding entry forms due to OSUE by May 1. -See entry form for picture requirements.	-Skillathon is optional. July 8, 6-8 p.m., LEC -Beef exhibitors must complete the beef skillathon to qualify for barn & department awards. -Members taking market beef/feeder projects need to complete <b>one</b> quality assurance session to show and sell.	-Market Heifer and Market Steer entries are completed at tag in in December.	-Contact the Senior Fair Office for open show information 937-382-4443.
<b>Dairy</b>	-Enroll in individual project(s) due March 15. -Drop/add/change date, April 1	-Must have project(s) in your possession May 1.	N/A	-Dairy Ambassador application due May 1. -Contest is May 19.	-Lease forms due May 1. Fair entries due May 1 to OSUE. All projects must have permanent ID such as a tattoo or EID tag. Breed registration is optional. <u>However, you may be asked to view paper(s) at the fair.</u>	-Skillathon is optional. June 16, 6-8 p.m., Hog Barn -Dairy exhibitors must complete the dairy skillathon to qualify for barn & department awards. -All dairy exhibitors must complete <b>one</b> quality assurance to show and sell dairy at the fair.		

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<b>Dairy Beef</b>	-Enroll in individual project(s) due March 15. -Drop/add/change date, April 1	-Must have mature market dairy beef project(s) in your possession by December 1 of the previous year. -Feeder projects must be in your possession by May 1.	-2027 Market Dairy Beef Tag in December 9, 2026 from 6-8 p.m.	-Dairy Beef Ambassador application due May 1. -Contest is May 19.	-Lease forms due May 1. -Dairy feeder entries due to OSUE May 1. -See entry form for picture requirements.	-Skillathon is optional. June 16, 6-8 p.m., Hog Barn -Dairy beef exhibitors must complete the dairy beef skillathon to qualify for barn & department awards. -All dairy beef exhibitors must complete <b>one</b> quality assurance to sell dairy beef at the fair.	-Dairy Market Steer entries are completed at tag in in December.	-Contact the Senior Fair Office for open show information 937-382-4443.
<b>Dog</b>	-Enroll in individual project(s) and must complete dog online permission to participate/consent and <b>enter dog(s) projects</b> by March 15. -Drop/add/change date, April 1	-Must have project(s) in your possession March 15.	N/A	-K-9 Ambassador applications due May 1. -Contest is May 19.	-Dog online ID form, a copy of the Ohio State Fair Identification & Vaccination form and a copy of Dog License form and fair entry due May 1 in 4honline.	-Skillathon is optional. July 8, 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m., LEC -Dog exhibitors must complete the dog skillathon to qualify for barn & department awards.	-Dog & Handler Costume Class- Participants must turn in contest form with the costume description with a maximum of 100 words.	
<b>Goat</b>	-Enroll in individual project(s) due March 15. -Drop/add/change date, April 1	-Must have ALL project(s) in your possession by May 1, market, dairy, pygmy & breeding.	N/A	-Goat Ambassador application due May 1. -Contest is May 19.	-Pygmy, dairy, breeding goat and market project entries due May 1. -Breeding & pygmy goats must have scrapie tags or tattoo. -Market goats must have scrapie tags. (NO Tattoos) -See entry form for picture requirements. -Individual project ownership will be declared in exhibitors name at entry.	-Skillathon is optional. June 16, 6-8 p.m., Location-TBD -Goat exhibitors must complete the goat skillathon to qualify for barn & department awards. -Members taking lactating dairy goats need to complete <b>one</b> quality assurance session to exhibit. -Members taking market goats need to complete <b>one</b> quality assurance session to show and sell.		-Contact the Senior Fair Office for open show information 937-382-4443.  -Visit OSUE to sign up for the start-up program.
<b>Sheep</b>	-Enroll in individual project(s) due March 15. -Drop/add/change date, April 1	-Must have ALL project(s) in your possession by May 1, market & production ewe lambs.	N/A	-Lamb & Fleece Ambassador application due May 1. -Contest is May 19.	-Lease forms due May 1. -Market & production ewe lamb entries due May 1. -Market lambs & Production ewes must have scrapie tags by May 1. -See entry form for picture requirements. -Individual project ownership will be declared in exhibitors name at entry.	-Skillathon is optional. June 16, 6-8 p.m., Location-TBD -Sheep exhibitors must complete the sheep skillathon to qualify for barn & department awards. -Members taking market lambs need to complete <b>one</b> quality assurance session to show and sell.		-Contact the Senior Fair Office for open show information 937-382-4443.  -Visit OSUE to sign up for the start-up program.

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<b>Horse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Enroll in individual project(s) due March 15.</li> <li>-All members must complete the permission to participate form online with enrollment due March 15.</li> <li>-Equine Exhibitor Meeting, March 18, 6:30 p.m. at OSUE. Required for 1<sup>st</sup> year members/optional for all other members.</li> <li>-All Members must complete EquiStep online by May 1. (Upload results into 4honline.)</li> <li>-Drop/add/change date, April 1</li> </ul>	-Must have project(s) in your possession by May 1.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Horse Ambassador application due May 1.</li> <li>-Contest is May 19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Lease forms and horse ID forms due by May 1. Members may take 4 project horses.</li> <li>Fair entries and High Point fair entries are due June 1. (Horse ID information &amp; Lease forms must be entered into 4honline by May 1.)</li> <li>-Horseless Horses members working with a mentor and horse must complete EquiStep online and upload certificate into 4honline by May 1. Select mentor by June 1.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Skillathon is optional. June 16, 6-8:00 p.m., Ohio State University Extension Office</li> <li>-Horse exhibitors must complete the horse skillathon to qualify for barn &amp; department awards.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Tri-County Show Series. Clinton County Show, June 27.</li> <li>-Please refer to the Junior Fair Requirements for the 4-H Equine Mandatory Helmet Use Policy.</li> <li>-Coggins ONLY required for State Fair. (Upload results into 4honline.)</li> <li>-Horseless Horse exhibitors please refer to the Junior Fair Requirements for guidelines.</li> </ul>
<b>Poultry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Enroll in individual project(s) due March 15.</li> <li>-Drop/add/change date, April 1</li> </ul>	-Must have breeding project(s) in your possession May 1. See hatch dates for market project possession.	No tag in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Poultry Ambassador application due May 1.</li> <li>-Contest is May 19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Breeding entries due May 1.</li> <li>-Birds entered in the meat classes (roasters, fryers, meat pens, and turkeys) must meet the following hatching guidelines to exhibit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Turkeys - Must be between the ages of 14 and 18 weeks of age. Hatching dates must be between March 7th and April 4 of the current year.</li> <li>-Meat Pens and Single Roasters - Meat pens and roasters must not exceed 9 weeks of age at fair. Meat pens and roasters can be hatched no earlier than May 9th, of the current year.</li> <li>-Single Fryers - Fryers must not exceed 7 weeks of age at fair. Fryers can be hatched no earlier than May 23rd of the current year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Skillathon is optional. June 16, 6-8 p.m., Peterson Building</li> <li>-Poultry exhibitors must complete the poultry skillathon to qualify for barn &amp; department awards.</li> <li>-Members taking market poultry projects need to complete <b>one</b> quality assurance session to show and sell.</li> <li>-Pollorum testing is required for 2026. Birds brought in for testing must be birds entered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Jr. Fair Building Shelter</li> <li>June 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jr. Fair Building Shelter</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-All members exhibiting meat pens, single roasters, single fryers, and meat turkeys must turn in hatchery documentation at skillathon or project weigh in on July 11. If hatch papers are not turned in, members will not be eligible to show &amp; sell at fair.</li> </ul>	-See the Junior Fair Requirements and email updates for details.

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<b>Small Animals, Cat &amp; Pet Rabbit</b>	-Enroll in individual project(s) due March 15. -Drop/add/change date, April 1	-Must have project(s) in your possession by May 1.	-Cat vaccinations form due by June 1.	-Small Animal Ambassador application due May 1. -Contest is May 19.	-Fair Entries due May 1.	N/A	-Fair entries due May 1.	-Small animals judged following cat show. <u>Includes Pet Rabbit</u> -Pet rabbits and small animals are judged following the cat show. See the Junior Fair Requirements.
<b>Rabbit</b>	-Enroll in individual project(s) due March 15. -Drop/add/change date, April 1	-Must have project(s) in your possession May 1. -Must have market doe for fryer class in your possession by May 1. -Must have market fryer project(s) in your possession by June 7.	-Rabbit check in is May 6, 6-8 p.m., Clinton County Fairground-Rabbit Barn -Market fryer check in is June 18, 6-8pm, Clinton County Fairground	-Rabbit Ambassador application due May 1. -Contest is May 19.	-Breeding & Market entries are completed at check in.	-Skillathon is optional. June 16, 6-8 p.m., Rabbit Barn -Rabbit exhibitors must complete the rabbit skillathon to qualify for barn & department awards. -Members taking market rabbits need to complete <b>one</b> quality assurance session to show and sell.		-Pet rabbits and small animals are judged following the cat show. See the Junior Fair Requirements. -Members may purchase market fryers or raise their own. -Contact the Senior Fair Office for open show information 937-382-4443.
<b>Swine</b>	-Enroll in individual project(s) due March 15. -Drop/add/change date, April 1	-Must have ALL project(s) in your possession by May 1, market & breeding.	No Tag In	-Swine Ambassador application due May 1. -Contest is May 19.	Breeding and Market entries due May 1.	-Skillathon is optional. July 14, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., in the Hog Barn. -Swine exhibitors must complete the swine skillathon to qualify for barn & department awards. -Members taking market hogs need to complete <b>one</b> quality assurance session to show and sell.	-New swine exhibitors need to get a Premise ID by <b>May 1</b> .	-Contact the Senior Fair Office for open show information 937-382-4443.  -Visit OSUE to sign up for the start-up program.

**Skillathon** is June 16, 6-8pm for poultry, rabbits, goat, sheep, horse, dairy beef & dairy. (6-8:00 p.m.) Skillathon will be held at the fairground in livestock barns and Jr. Fair Building, and Peterson Building. (Horse-OSUE)

**Skillathon** is July 8, Dog 11:00 am.-12:00 p.m. (LEC) & Beef 6-8:00 p.m. (LEC)

**Skillathon** is July 14 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for Swine (Swine Barn)

### 2026 Livestock Quality Assurance Sessions

#### 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.

-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!

Remaining County QA Sessions:

March 26 Rabbit Quality Assurance & Rabbit Clinic, 6:00 pm (Fairground-Expo Center)

April 16 Quality Assurance, 6:30 pm, (Fairground-Expo Center)

April 22 Quality Assurance, 6:30 pm, (Fairground-Expo Center)