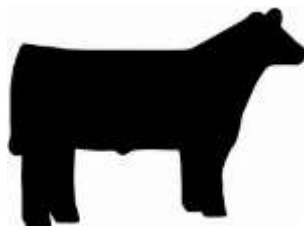
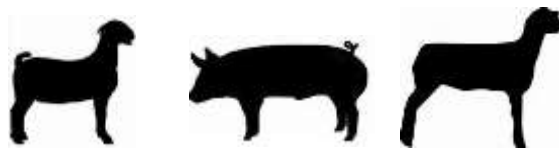


ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR 2026



EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

ADVISORS – PARENTS

Thank you for being part of the Athens County Fair. Please read completely and share with your members /children. Let’s work together to make sure every exhibitor has the opportunity to succeed - no missed deadlines or compliance issues - just a successful week!”

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NEW FOR 2026!!

- ALL GRAND CHAMPION and RESERVE CHAMPION Market Animals MUST remain on the fairgrounds until Sunday morning. Livestock remains the responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor until the animal leaves the fairgrounds.
- Horse show exhibitors must compete in showmanship. **NEW!!** There will be one showmanship for all disciplines that will take place on Monday show day. If you miss your showmanship class or think you have a conflict please let someone on the show committee know so we can do our best to make alternative arrangements. If you don't participate in showmanship during the fair, you WILL forfeit all awards and may not be able to show the rest of the week. Grand Champion will be eligible for Ultimate Showmanship on Friday, if you choose not to participate the Reserve Champion will be offered the position. You must participate in Ultimate Showmanship to be eligible for the \$50.
- OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR UPDATE:
 - *The following 16 divisions will each have one overall winner (no age divisions): Dogs, Horses, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Dairy (Breeding) Cattle, Dairy Feeders/Steers, Beef Breeding, Beef Feeders/Steers/Heifers, Breeding Rabbits, Market Rabbits, Fancy/Breeding Poultry, Market Poultry, Breeding Swine, and Market Swine.*
 - *To be eligible to compete for outstanding exhibitor one must complete skillathon (including project book check), showmanship, and show in their class.*
 - *Scores will be determined by using skillathon score (must have at least a minimum score of 60 to be eligible), showmanship placing, and highest class placing.*
 - *At the end of their species show, the winner will be recognized and awarded a small banner to display at their pen and carry in the sale, if applicable.*
 - *Market livestock winners will sell after the champions of their species.*
 - *Outstanding exhibitor winners will NOT go in the champions barn unless they are also named a grand or reserve champion in their species.*
 - *A section in the junior fair livestock sale flyer will list ALL the outstanding exhibitors.*
- ALL Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals will sell through the sale ring on Friday evening.
- Beef and Swine CARCASS Class continued for 2026 with new guidelines and exhibition rules.
- Each Junior Fair Exhibitor may sell one (1) market livestock project through the Jr Fair Livestock Sale. (Only exception to this is if an exhibitor would have more than one (1) grand or reserve champions.)
- An exhibitor may sell one (1) "live" market animal and one (1) carcass project through the livestock sale.
- Change for Tag-In Date for Market Beef, Dairy Steer and Beef Carcass for 2027 ACJF: Tag-In Date will be Wednesday, December 9, 2026 from 6-7pm.
- Change for Tag-In Date for Market Dairy Feeders for 2026 will be Wednesday, June 3, 2026 from 6-7pm.
- There will be no birthdate requirements for market animals.
- No changes to weight limits have been made to market beef, dairy steer, market dairy feeders, beef feeders, prospect heifers or market rabbits.
- Those market species will have minimum and maximum weight limits for 2026:
 - Market Turkey: 15 lbs - 50 lbs. per bird

- **Market Chicken: 3-1/2 lbs - 8 lbs. per bird**
- **Market Swine: 210 lbs. - 310 lbs.**
- **Market Goat: 60 lbs. - 120 lbs.**
- **Market Lamb: 95 lbs. - 160 lbs.**
- **Only the top five (5) will be placed in all market species.**
- **All breeding exhibits optional release time is Wednesday of fair between 11:30PM and 1:00AM – ALL TACK MUST STAY until Saturday release time of 2:00AM last day of fair.**
- **ALL Cattle MUST have neck rope while in barn.**

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

THURSDAY: IMPORTANT ** IMPORTANT ** IMPORTANT:

9:00 AM THURSDAY DEADLINE – to designate animal will be selling through livestock sale on Friday by using the new QR CODE process.

This is done by using the QR Code provided by the Sale Committee. QR Code will be available at the Sale Committee Building, as well as on each barn bulletin board during the fair. PLEASE USE the QR CODE to submit!!!! Example: Exhibitor has more than one (1) Grand Champion or Reserve Champion animal to sell OR if exhibitor has a “live” market animal AND a carcass project to sell. The QR CODE must be completed with Exhibitor Name, Specie selling, and Ear tag/leg band/tattoo for that animal. With using the QR Code, the information will be time and date stamped and automatically sent to the Sale Committee. If an exhibitor needs assistance with the QR Code process – exhibitor can come to the Sale Committee Building for assistance. If exhibitor fails to complete the QR Code 9:00AM Thursday of the fair, as to which animal they will be selling through the Friday night Junior Fair Livestock Sale, **THEY FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO SELL.**

The QR Code process designating the animal you will be selling can be completed any time during the week of fair PRIOR to 9:00AM Thursday!

ONE QR CODE submission FOR EACH MARKET ANIMAL SELLING. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Sale Committee recommends and encourages exhibitors to complete the QR Code process in a prompt and timely manner after their livestock show.

- **NON-SALE animals** – Deadline to submit animals (not going through sale), for packer and/or processors designation, for NON-SALE animals is **9:00 a.m., on Thursday** of the fair. QR CODE process will continue for 2026. **SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9AM, THURSDAY.**
- **DO NOT ASK YOUR BUYER FOR YOUR ANIMAL BACK** - If your buyer, on their own decides to give your animal back – no “give-back” animal will be permitted to be removed from the fairgrounds until the Senior Fair Board release on Saturday. **DO NOT REMOVE ANIMAL FROM PEN, IF IT IS STILL IN THE PEN SATURDAY MORNING; go to the Sale Committee Building. THIS INCLUDES RABBITS AND POULTRY!**
- Market exhibitor must go to the Sale Committee Building **Saturday morning** and if the animal has been given back to the exhibitor, the Sale Committee will give the “Haulers” copy of the sale night form to the exhibitor. Sale animals are not to be removed without this form. Livestock remains the responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor until the animal leaves the fairgrounds.
- Junior Fair participants and those who assist the participants: No removal of any animals and/or tack, no removal of any item/equipment brought to the fairgrounds, located in or out of the barns, which was used during the fair to hold and/or prepare livestock for show and/or sale, or cleaning out pen, until the Senior Fair Boards’ designated release time on Saturday, last day of the fair. Excluding the removal of transport vehicle and trailer. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of all monies, awards and the ability to participate in the following year’s fair.
- The barns will be closed during and after the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, until the Senior Fair Boards’ designated release time on Saturday of 2:00AM. Only authorized persons will be permitted in the barns to assist Fair Board and Sale Committee. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of all monies, awards and the ability to participate in the following year’s fair.

- The exhibitor will forfeit all proceeds from the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale if a market animal is removed from the fairgrounds prior to the exhibitor receiving the “Haulers” copy from the Sale Committee, verifying that the buyer gave the animal back to the exhibitor. If the animal is removed from the fairgrounds prior to receiving the “haulers” copy, the exhibitor forfeits all proceeds, and the buyer(s) will be reimbursed all monies for that market animal. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Non-Sale Swine release time is Wednesday between 11:30pm-1:00am -- ALL TACK MUST STAY until Saturday release time of Saturday, 2:00AM last day of the fair. All breeding exhibits optional release time is Wednesday between 11:30pm-1:00am – ALL TACK MUST STAY until release time on Saturday, 2:00AM last day of fair.
- All market animals, sale and/or non-sale, not going to the processor or packer, are not to be removed until the Senior Fair Boards’ designated release time on Saturday, at 2:00am last day of the fair. Non-Sale Swine release time is Wednesday between 11:30pm-1:00am -- ALL TACK MUST STAY UNTIL ALL MARKET SPECIES ARE INCLUDED IN THIS RULE.

2026 Athens County Fair Board Directors:

Jeremy Carr – President, Davey Christman – Vice President, Calvin Jarvis – Secretary, Ben Abfall – Treasurer, Ranson Calaway, Seth Calaway, Jeff Cox, Matt Day, Shawn Donahue, John Ervin, Hunter Krivesti, Chris Lance, Ron Llewellyn, Kenny Meeks, Scott Simons, Jerry Smith, Tommy Tedrow, and J.C. Varner

2026 Athens County Fair Livestock Task Force

Jeff Cox – Chair, Seth Calaway (Sheep and Goats), Matt Day (Beef and Dairy Feeders), John Ervin (Poultry and Dairy Cattle), Kenny Meeks (Rabbits) and Jerry Smith (Swine)

2026 Sale Committee Members:

Justin Stack – President, Joie Carr – Vice President, Missy Tucker – Secretary, Stephanie Cox – Treasurer, Karsen Barringer, Kyle Barringer, Zane Buckley, Rylee Bush, Chloe Calaway, Wendy Calaway, Jeremy Carr, Chad Clingenpeel, Jeff Cox, Tracy Ding, Maddie Hines, Laura Hollon, Jay Irwin, Calvin Jarvis, Sonia Jarvis, Jenna Meeks, Bridget Moore, James Pennington, Brandi Sanders, Shelly Simmons, Katherine Swanson

2026 Junior Fair Committee Members:

Betty Cunningham – President, Paula Carpenter – Vice President, Teresa Tedrow - Secretary, Pam Boyer, Laura Hollon, Rhonda Meeks, Deanna Parsons, Karen Peck, Kara Sheridan, Maryann Stalder

RULES, SHOW TIMES, ETC. LISTED IN THIS HANDBOOK ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE SENIOR FAIR BOARD.

Although we try to be as accurate as possible by putting this Exhibitor Handbook together, please note, we are human, errors may be made, and the Athens County Agricultural Society Rules and the Athens County Market Livestock Rules will be upheld over anything printed in this Handbook.

Market Exhibitors & Parents – On sale night, many exhibitors are running in and out of the sale ring area. This is interfering with the buyers. We have received many complaints, and a few buyers have left saying they are done because of not being able to get a seat or too many youth running in and out, standing in the middle of the aisle way texting, disrupting the view, etc. We surveyed the buyers and the number one issue is seating/youth running back and forth. We must listen to our buyers and make some changes, or risk not having enough buyers. Parents – please understand that although it is nice to see your children sell their animal – if the buyers do not have a place in the Sale Ring Area – they are not going to stay and buy. If the exhibitor prepares an item to give to their buyer, many buyers prefer that the exhibitor hand deliver that item to their place of business instead of disrupting them during the sale. Please consider this!

Advisors: Please inform market exhibitors that during the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, buyers will be asked if they wish to “keep” or “re-sell” their purchase. “Keep” means the **BUYER** is going to keep it, the buyer will either take it home or send it to the processor. “Keep” **DOES NOT** mean the buyer is giving the animal back to the exhibitor. **DO NOT GO TO YOUR BUYER AND ASK IF THEY GAVE YOUR ANIMAL BACK.**

If there is any question regarding your animal being properly castrated and/or dehorned, PLEASE contact your veterinarian early enough so the animal can be taken care of and healed before the first day of the fair. If the animal is not properly castrated and testicular tissue is found any time during the fair, the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the fairgrounds. If it is not found during the fair but is found either before or during processing the STATE can disqualify the exhibitor for life and all premiums and proceeds from the sale must be paid back. If there are any questions at all, PLEASE check with a veterinarian.

Hernias, etc. must be taken care of and healed prior to the first day of the fair, or the animal will not be eligible to participate in the Market Show or Sale. All animals must be healthy to be eligible for the market show and/or sale.

Market exhibitors cannot enroll in the same species area in FFA and 4-H. Example: If an exhibitor is enrolled with a market swine project in FFA, they cannot enroll in a market swine project in 4-H. Youth can be enrolled in FFA and 4-H at the same time, but they MUST take different projects.

****ANIMALS REGISTERED AS MARKET PROJECT CAN NOT BE SHOWN AS A BREED PROJECT****

****IMPORTANT**** All other deadlines and requirements set by the 4-H program or FFA Chapter and the Senior Fair Board in addition to the ones listed must be met and followed.

WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

For weigh-in at the fair

MARKET BEEF:

- Must weigh a minimum of **1000 lb.** at weigh-in of the fair.
- Market Beef must gain at least **300 lb.** from the time of the first weigh-in (Dec.) to the fair weigh-in.

MARKET DAIRY STEER:

- Must weigh a minimum of **1000 lb.** at weigh-in of the fair.
- Market Dairy Steer must gain at least **300 lbs.** from the time of the first weigh-in (Dec.) to the fair weigh-in.

MARKET DAIRY FEEDERS:

- Must weigh at least **350 lb.** and **not more than 700 lbs.** at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

BEEF FEEDERS:

- Must weigh at least **300 lbs.** and **not more than 700 lbs.** at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

PROSPECT HEIFERS:

- Must weigh at least **300 lbs.** and **not more than 700 lbs.** at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

MARKET LAMBS:

- Must weigh at least **95 lbs.** and **not more than 160 lbs.** at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

MARKET SWINE:

- Must weigh at least **210 lbs.** and **not more than 310 lbs.** at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

MARKET RABBITS:

- Must weigh at least **3 ½ lbs. (56 oz.) per animal and not more than 5 ½ lbs. (88 oz.) per animal** at the time of weigh-in at the fair. Market Rabbit weights will be read and recorded in ounces.

MARKET CHICKENS:

- Must weigh at least **3 ½ lbs. (56 oz.) per bird** and **not more than 8 lbs. (128 oz.) per bird** at the time of weigh-in of the fair. Market Chicken weights will be read and recorded in ounces.

MARKET GOATS:

- Must weigh at least **60 lbs.** and **not more than 120 lbs.** at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

MARKET TURKEYS:

- Must weigh at least **15 lbs.** and **not more than 50 lbs.** at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

All market animals must meet weight requirements and all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

DURING THE FAIR

DEADLINES & REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS WITH MARKET SALE ANIMALS AT THE FAIR

**ALL ANIMALS must enter the fairgrounds at the main gate (the gate across from Seamans) and MUST be vet checked before being permitted to unload. Senior Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify from market show and sale, any livestock not measuring up to standards or meeting qualifications. Any animal deemed not in the proper physical condition or free of any condition that would render it unfit for exhibition; the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the fairgrounds.

Beef and Swine Carcass Class will be judged prior to the week of the fair. The time and date will be TBD.

****CHICKENS & RABBITS MUST BE CHECKED IN** at designated time – exhibitors must take their animal(s) to the check in table in the respective barn area, at the scheduled time of arrival, **BEFORE** taking their animal to their cage.

	Friday <u>Arrival Time</u>	Friday <u>Weigh-In Time</u>
Chickens	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Rabbits	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Turkeys	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

(All market chickens, turkeys and rabbits will be checked-in and weighed in PRIOR to going to pens)

	Saturday <u>Arrival Time</u>	Saturday <u>Weigh-In Time</u>
Swine	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM (will weigh right off trailers, then to the pen)
Goats	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Sheep	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	9:00 AM – 9:30 AM (will go directly to pen, then weighed)
Market Beef/Dairy Steer	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (will weigh right off trailers, then to the pen)
Beef Feeders/Prospect Heifer	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (will weigh right off trailers, then to the pen)
Market Dairy Feeders	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (will weigh right off trailers, then to the pen)
Horse	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	

Daily Livestock Show Schedule

MONDAY:

Swine Show – Begins with Showmanship, followed by Market, Pairs, Breeding
Horse Show - Showmanship, followed by Western and Contest

TUESDAY:

Rabbit Show – Showmanship, followed by Market, Breeding
Market Dairy Feeder Show – Market Dairy Showmanship, followed by Market
Beef Feeder/Prospect Heifer/Beef Breeding Shows – Jr Fair Beef Showmanship, followed by Beef Feeder,
Prospect Heifer and Breeding
Dairy Steer Show
Market Beef Show

WEDNESDAY:

Poultry Show – Begins with Poultry Showmanship, followed Market Turkey, Market Chicken, Poultry Dress-Up,
Breed Show
Horse Show – Ranch and English
Dairy Goat Show – Dairy Showmanship, followed by Breeding
Goat Show – Begins with Showmanship, followed by Meat Doe, Market and Pairs
Lamb Show – Begins with Showmanship, followed by Breeding, Market and Pairs

THURSDAY:

Dairy Cattle Show – Showmanship, followed by Dairy Cattle Show

9:00 AM THURSDAY DEADLINE – to designate animal will be selling through livestock sale on Friday by using the new QR CODE process and to submit NON-SALE animals.

FRIDAY:

Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale begins at 4:00 PM – Pre-Sale Announcements begin at 3:00 PM.

SALE ORDER for the 2026 Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Sale: Market Dairy Feeders, Market Goats, Prospect Heifer, Market Dairy Steer, Market Lambs, Market Swine, Swine Carcass, Market Chickens, Market Rabbits, Market Turkeys, Market Beef, Beef Carcass, Beef Feeders.

ALL Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals will sell through the sale ring on Friday evening, including Pairs of Swine, Sheep and Goats. An exhibitor may sell one (1) “live” market animal and one (1) carcass project through the Athens Co. Jr Fair livestock sale. (Only exception to this is if an exhibitor would have more than one (1) grand or reserve champion.)

ALL MARKET Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Animals (Market Beef, Market Dairy Steer, Market Goats, Market Pair of Goats, Market Lambs, Market Pair of Lambs, Market Swine, and Market Pair of Swine) must go to the designated ODA or USDA processing plant to be harvested and tested.

To be eligible for sale – **Exhibitors are to be with their animal and ready to enter the sale ring at the time their animal is to be lined up for sale. Again, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor who owns the animal to be there and ready to enter the sale ring at the appropriate time.**

All market livestock is the responsibility of the Junior Fair Exhibitor until it leaves the fairgrounds.

PHOTOGRAPHER will be available after EACH Market Show to take photos of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. A photo backdrop will be set up during the week of the fair to be used by any exhibitor who wishes to take their own photos. It is highly recommended that exhibitors take or purchase a photo for their buyer. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion photos for the Sale Committee are needed to put on plaques for buyer of those animals. These plaques will be presented to buyers on sale night.

AFTER FAIR

2026 MARKET CHECK PICK UP TIME – Checks for market projects sold through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale will be distributed by the Sale Committee, the second Thursday of September, 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the fairgrounds. *For exhibitor to receive their check, exhibitor must bring a thank you card/letter for each of their buyer(s), (if there are multiple buyers for their animal – exhibitor MUST have a thank you for each buyer). Also, if a buyer(s) has “bumps” (added money to their animal); exhibitor MUST also have a thank you for those buyers. 4-H Extension will email ALL families a document with each exhibitor’s buyer(s), along with the buyer’s address.* Card/letter needs to be in a stamped envelope addressed to their buyer(s). If the exhibitor cannot pick up their check at designated time, checks can be picked up prior to the beginning of any Sale Committee meeting. Checks should be picked up before or at November meeting. The exhibitor must still bring in a thank you for their buyer(s) when they pick up their check.

Market checks must be picked up by the exhibitor or person designated by the exhibitor. Designated person must bring the permission letter signed by the exhibitor and the thank you to the exhibitor’s buyer to receive the check. If the person doesn’t have a letter from the exhibitor, the person will not be permitted to pick up the market check regardless of the relationship to the exhibitor.

****EXHIBITORS THAT SELL** – Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef, Market Dairy Steer, Market Goats, Market Pair of Goats, Market Lambs, Market Pair of Lambs, Market Swine and Market Pair of Swine, WILL NOT receive their check until Senior Fair Board receives notice that all carcasses has passed inspection at the designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant. A “thank you” is still needed. Exhibitors must bring a thank you card/letter for their buyer(s) to the Sale Committee. Card/letter needs to be in a stamped envelope addressed to their buyer.

Sample of how to address the envelope: Buyer addresses will be available at check pick-up.

Exhibitor’s Name	Place stamp here ->
Address	
Buyer’s Name Address	

The following is a complete copy of the

ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK LIVESTOCK RULES

EXHIBITORS ~ PARENTS ~ ADVISORS

Please read completely through and pass this information on to livestock exhibitors. Hopefully by working together, we can eliminate the chance of any exhibitor being eliminated from a livestock show or the market livestock sale because of missing a deadline or by not knowing the requirements.

****Additional deadlines and requirements set by 4-H and FFA and the Senior Fair Board must be met and followed also.**

Evacuation of Fairgrounds

The decision to evacuate the Athens County Fairgrounds during an emergency would be a monumental undertaking. Consideration will have to be given for the safety of fair patrons as to what could occur during a large-scale evacuation versus keeping attendees on the grounds.

A focused, combined effort of all organizations involved with the fair would be needed to accomplish an orderly evacuation.

Evacuation Decision/Responsibility

The decision to evacuate the Athens County Fair shall be the responsibility of the incident Commander or Unified Command. If the evacuation becomes a reality, the location of the incident that would require the order to clear the fair will have to be considered. The ability to keep the public away from the hazard is of obvious importance. The following recommendations should be considered during the evacuation phase:

☐ The ability to keep the immediate scene of the emergency clear of fair patrons. All roadways out of the fairgrounds should be designed as one-way routes out of the fair. The Main Gate shall have one access road into the fairgrounds for incoming emergency vehicles and/or personnel. Units in route to the fairgrounds should be advised of this route prior to fair arrival. HazMat or other incidents may require the closing of certain fair exits due to toxic gases, smoke and wind direction. Off-site sheltering will be needed for those in attendance without transportation from the fair. Transportation will also be needed for these individuals from the fairground to the shelter sites. Emergency Management has resources in place to handle these operations. Additional gates can be opened if needed. ☐ Have announcement(s) ready.

Shelter Locations: Under Grandstand, Junior Fair Building, Red Brick Building, Dairy Barn, Race Horse Barn, and Bathrooms under the Secretary's Office

Announcement: "Attention on the grounds, attention on the grounds. An order has been issued to evacuate the fairgrounds. Please quickly and safely exit the grounds following the direction of fair board members and first responders. All patrons must exit the grounds. Please exit via....." A full copy of the Emergency Plan is available in the Secretary's Office.

Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF)

The DUNF will be available online prior to check-in at the Athens County Fair. All market animals and lactating animals MUST complete an online DUNF form, providing confirmation at time of check-in. Market poultry and market rabbits will need a form completed for each pen (not each animal). Proof of DUNF confirmation must be shown (on cell phone or printed copy) before the animal(s) can be unloaded.

Recommended Dress Code for Livestock Shows

- Shoes or boots should be closed toe.
- Shirts should be neat and clean. Short or long sleeves are appropriate. All clothing should be in good taste (Example: no logos, images, midriff, low-cut shirts)
- Long Pants are recommended.
- Dairy Exhibitors – recommended white shirt and pants.
- Rabbit and Poultry Exhibitors – recommended white shirt or white lab coat. Long pants can be of any color.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

1. Junior Fair participants exhibiting beef, dairy, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine must complete quality assurance training in order to exhibit, show, and sell at the Athens County Fair. Dates of training will be determined and advertised by the Senior Fair Board.
2. NO ANIMALS MAY UNLOAD without a veterinarian check-in and accompanied by a completed drug use notification form. Any animal found on the fairgrounds prior to Friday, August 7, 2026 check in would be subject to removal and disqualification — NO EXCEPTIONS
3. Fair participants exhibiting: All animals need to have a complete DUNF form submitted online prior to check in.
4. Fair Participants: No removal of any animals and/or tack, no removal of any item/ equipment brought to the fairgrounds, located in or out of the barns, which was used during the fair to hold and/or prepare livestock for show and/or sale, or cleaning out pen, until the Senior Fair Boards' designated release time on Saturday, last day of the fair. Excluding the removal of transport vehicle and trailer. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of all monies and the ability to participate in the following year's fair.
5. The barns will be closed during and after the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, until the Senior Fair Boards' designated release time on Saturday of 2:00am. Only authorized persons will be permitted in the barns to assist Fair Board and Sale Committee. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of all monies and the ability to participate in the following year's fair.
6. Each division official will expect courteous and orderly conduct by the exhibitors and their attendants. Harassment, profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct toward Fair officials, judges, show managers, help or exhibitors will not be tolerated. Any violations of this rule will warrant withholding of awards won and exemption of showing at the Athens County Fair. The Fair's No Tolerance Rule applies.
7. All livestock must be on the fairgrounds by their designated times on the first Friday and Saturday of the fair.
8. Animals must be housed, fed and watered in their respective areas.

9. Exhibitors are expected to keep pens and aisles clean and in order as part of their contribution to the Athens County Junior Fair.
10. Feeding times: Animals must be fed, watered and area cleaned by 9:00 a.m. each morning and water must be provided to the animal throughout the day.
11. Animals must be in the stalls or pens by 12:30 a.m.
12. There must be adult supervision for members practicing in the show ring.
13. Walkways must be kept clean at all times.
14. All equipment etc. will be removed from walkways when not in use.
15. Grooming should be done in designated areas only. Main aisles should be kept open. **NO GROOMING CHUTES ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**
16. Anyone using a generator to run grooming equipment must have the generator inspected by the fair board electrician prior to use.
17. No scales are permitted on the fairgrounds except scales belonging to the Athens County Fair board or the Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.
18. The Senior Fair Board, in consultation with the Sale Committee and/or the Fair Vet, reserves the right to disqualify, from show or sale, any livestock not measuring up to standards or meeting qualifications. Any animal deemed not in the proper physical condition or free of any condition that would render it unfit for exhibition, the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the fairgrounds.
19. A fair board director has the right to remove an unruly animal from a class. The fair board reserves the right to remove any animal from the grounds that show visible signs of a communicable disease or animals that are deemed unruly.
20. Exhibitors must show their own animals in all shows with the exception that an exhibitor that has two animals in the same class. Another Athens County Jr. Fair exhibitor may show the animal.
21. No animal or exhibitor deemed unworthy shall be awarded premium. The judge may award any premium or placing according to the merits of the animal or exhibitor.
22. All males must be castrated and healed by fair, see specific species rules. All animals must be dehorned and healed by fair, see specific species rules.
23. Club Advisors, Extension Educators, FFA Chapter Instructors, the Junior Fair Committee, the Junior Fair Livestock Sales Committee, and Senior Fair Board reserve the right to inspect the animal to show, at any time, before, during or after the fair.
24. The judge's decision is final.
25. Unethical treatment, fitting and showing of animals is strictly prohibited and subject to disciplinary action and/or prosecution by law.
26. All electrical problems must be reported to the Fair Board immediately. Overloading circuits with hairdryers may cause power outages. **DO NOT** attempt to fix an electrical problem yourself. The board electrician is the only person authorized to work on the electric.
27. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs permitted. This includes the members and advisors and all persons in and around the barn and ring area.
28. Animals shown in breeding classes are not permitted to be shown in market classes. Animals registered/tagged in as market animals are not permitted to be shown in breeding classes.
29. Breed Animals – The Senior Fair Board, in consultation with the Fair Vet, reserves the right to disqualify any livestock not measuring up to standards or meeting qualifications. The exhibitor/parent will be required to remove, from the fairgrounds, any animal/s deemed not in the proper physical condition or free of any condition that would render it unfit for exhibition.

30. The following practices are detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of livestock and are prohibited:
- A) Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance to livestock repeatedly or for a prolonged time period in violation of 9 C.F.R.313.2(1979);
 - B) Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the true conformation, configuration, or appearance of the livestock;
 - C) Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance that enhances, transforms, or changes the true conformation, configuration, or appearance of the livestock, unless prescribed by the exhibition veterinarian;
 - D) Plugging of teats;
 - E) Sealing of teats using unapproved substances or for longer than eighteen hours using approved substances;
 - F) Injecting material into udders or teats for non-medical purposes or otherwise artificially modifying the appearance or conformation of the udder or teat;
 - G) Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses internally or externally other than in accordance with paragraph (S) of rule 901-19-12 of the Administrative Code;
 - H) Using a stomach tube or pump for any purpose other than for the relief of tympany or gas on the day of exhibiting;
31. Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited except as permitted under paragraph (Q) of rule 901-19-12 of the Administrative Code.
32. NO STOCK TRAILERS are to remain on the fairgrounds during the week of the fair. Violators will be towed at their own expense. NO STOCK TRAILERS shall be parked next to the barns during the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale except hauler contracted to remove the terminal champion livestock.
33. Members exhibiting livestock must furnish their own feed, feed pans, water buckets and bedding. Bedding will not be provided by the fair board.
34. The following grooming practices are prohibited in junior market livestock shows unless those grooming practices are permitted under rule 901-19-32 of the Administrative Code:
- A) Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or 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;
 - D) Slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on the ears, tails and underline.
35. NO SMOKING in or around the barns.
36. Curfew will be enforced at 1:00 a.m.
37. No registration papers are required for 4-H/Junior Fair livestock.
38. NO artificial coloring.
39. The Athens County Junior Fair and the Livestock Task Force is requiring all sheep and goats to have a scrapies tag or tattoo with registration papers, before they enter the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair. No exceptions to this rule. This means no matter what the age of the sheep or goat. ALL sheep and goats must have this scrapies tag or tattoo with registration papers or they will not be allowed to exhibit, show or sell. (This rule passed February 2, 2010 by the directors of the Athens County Agricultural Society.
40. Rules are subject to change by the Senior Fair Board members. Otherwise, a member not abiding by these rules shall be expelled from all Junior Fair activities.

ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS BY THEIR DESIGNATED TIMES ON THE FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OF THE FAIR. PLEASE NOTE: SWINE ONLY WILL ARRIVE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM AND 9:00 AM AND WILL BE WEIGHED RIGHT OFF THE TRAILER BEFORE GOING TO THEIR PENS. Exception of milking cows, which must be on the grounds by 8:00 a.m. day of the Dairy Show, open class dairy heifers showing as open class only arrive day of the Dairy show by 8:00 a.m. Junior Fair and Open Class animals not checked in by their designated times will be subject to disqualification of exhibition, show and/or sale. No animals may unload without a veterinary check. NO EXCEPTIONS. Animals found on the grounds prior to veterinary check on Friday, 8/7/26 and Saturday 8/8/26 or any open shows will be subject to removal and disqualification – NO EXCEPTIONS. ALL STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BY 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY – DAY OF LIVESTOCK MOVEOUT.

CLEAN STALL AWARD

Awards will be made to Jr. Fair Dairy Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, Swine, Poultry, Horses and Beef project members for the best kept pen, animal and area. Sponsors are Kiwanis Club of Athens, Bruce and Paula Carpenter and others.

THANK YOU POSTER CONTEST

Poster must be in place by 8:00 a.m. Monday of the fair. Posters will be judged at a time determined by the Sale Committee. Winners will be announced during the pre-sale announcements. There will be one winner per market species.

RULES LISTED IN THIS HANDBOOK ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE SENIOR FAIR BOARD.

ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR
MARKET LIVESTOCK
GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

1. Request for exception must be presented in writing to the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee. Exception to the rules can only be made by the Board of Directors of the Athens County Agricultural Society in consultation with the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee.
2. All market animals must be owned, cared for daily and exhibited by a member of an Athens County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. An individual may sell only one animal through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale. ALL Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals will sell through the sale ring on Friday evening, including Pairs of Swine, Sheep and Goats. An exhibitor may sell one (1) "live" market animal and one (1) carcass project through the livestock sale, providing the exhibitor enrolled and registered in these projects. (Only exception to this is if an exhibitor would have more than one (1) grand or reserve champion.) All Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion market beef, market dairy feeders, market swine, market lambs, and market goats, including Grand Champion Pair of Hogs, Grand Champion Pair of Market Lambs, and Grand Champion Pair of Market Goats, must go to designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant to be tested and harvested.
3. All Athens County Market Project exhibitors (i.e., 4-H and FFA) must follow all Athens County Junior Fair Market Project Rules to be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Show and Sale.
4. The purpose of the Junior Fair market project should be educational. This means livestock must be under the care of the junior fair exhibitor and cared for daily by the exhibitor from the start of the project to the delivery to the buyer at the fair. Junior Fair exhibitors shall assist in weighing, taking livestock to and from the sale ring, show their project at the time of the grading and at the time of the sale, in order to be eligible to have their project sold in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale.
5. Livestock is the responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor until the animal leaves the fairgrounds. All market projects to be sold at the junior fair sale are subject to inspection on the farm by a County Extension Agent, Vo-Ag Instructor, 4-H Advisor, Fair Board member or a member of the Sale Committee at any time after enrollment date prior to the fair.
6. Exhibitor with a vet excuse to not weigh/tag-in their animal at pre-fair weigh/tag-in date set, must have their animal tagged-in within thirty (30) days of the date set for their animal to be weighed/tagged-in. Vet excuse must be presented to the Sale Committee by or on the date set for weigh/tag-in for their animal. Any animal not weighed/tagged-in at the first date set will not be eligible for rate-of-gain contest. Vet excuse will not be accepted at fair weigh-in.
7. All animals must be healthy to be eligible for the sale.
8. The Sale Committee, in consultation with the Senior Fair Board, reserves the right to disqualify from market show and sale, any livestock not measuring up to standards or meeting qualifications. Any animal deemed not in the proper physical condition or free of any condition that would render it unfit for exhibition, the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the fairgrounds.
9. Only the Sale Committee members and exhibitors are permitted within twenty (20) feet of the scales during weigh-in. Guideline – ONE ADULT can assist a youth member to the scale.

10. All ear tags other than the ear tag the Sale Committee put in your animal's ear must be removed by weigh-in of the Fair or the Sale Committee will remove the tag(s) at that time. With the exception of USDA required herd ID tags.
11. It is optional whether an exhibitor will participate in the sale. However, ALL Grand Champion and Reserve Champion must sell through the Athens Co Jr Fair Market Livestock Sale, including the Grand Champion Pair of Market Hogs, Grand Champion Pair of Market Lambs, and Grand Champion Pair of Market Goats. These animal(s) MUST go to a designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant to be harvested and tested, excluding poultry and rabbits.
12. Animal and exhibitor shall enter the sale ring equal to or better in neatness and appearance than on show day.
13. All large market animals are subject to the check-off programs for their given species. This money will be automatically deducted from the exhibitor's check.
14. All those participating in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale will pay a three percent (3%) commission charge, to help cover the cost of the sale expenses. This money will be automatically deducted from the exhibitor's check.
15. Exhibitors selling the Grand Champion or Reserve Champion Market Beef, Market Dairy Steer, Market Lamb, Market Hog, Market Goat, Grand Champion Pair of Market Hogs, Grand Champion Pair of Market Lambs, or Grand Champion Pair of Market Goats will not receive their check until the Senior Fair Board Task Force receives notice that all carcasses has passed inspection at the designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant.
16. The barns will be closed during and after the Junior Fair Livestock Sale, until the Senior Fair Boards' designated release time on Saturday at 2:00AM. No loading of animals, tack boxes, cleaning out pens, etc., until that time.
17. Market exhibitor must go to the Sale Committee Building **Saturday morning** and if the animal has been given back to the exhibitor, the Sale Committee will give the "Haulers" copy of the sale night form to the exhibitor. Sale animals are not to be removed without this form. Livestock remains the responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor until the animal leaves the fairgrounds.
18. The exhibitor will forfeit all proceeds from the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale if a market animal is removed from the fairgrounds prior to the exhibitor receiving the "haulers" copy from the Sale Committee, verifying that the buyer gave the animal back to the exhibitor. If the animal is removed from the fairgrounds prior to receiving the haulers copy, the exhibitor forfeits all proceeds, and the buyer(s) will be reimbursed all monies for that market animal. No exceptions.
19. All market animals, sale and/or non-sale, not going to the processor or packer, are not to be removed until the Senior Fair Board's designated release time on Saturday, last day of the fair. **ALL MARKET SPECIES ARE INCLUDED IN THIS RULE.**
20. Junior Fair Participants and those who assist the Participants: No removal of any animal and/or tack, no removal of any item/equipment brought to the fairgrounds, located in or out of the barns, which was used during the fair to hold and/or prepare livestock for show and/or sale, or cleaning out pen, until the Senior Fair Boards' designated release time on Saturday, last day of fair. Excluding the removal of transport vehicle and trailer. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of all monies, awards, and the ability to participate in the following year's fair.

21. Grooming Rules for Market Beef, Beef Feeder, Prospect Heifer, Dairy Feeders, Goats & Sheep
- a. All Ohio Department of Agriculture tampering rules apply.
 - b. No artificial hair, switches, tail-heads, polls or heels.
 - c. Clear or neutral adhesive may be used ONLY on the following areas: below the knee, on the tail-head and/or on the poll.
 - d. Any adhesives used in the areas listed in rule #C must be washed out of the animal's hair within 2 hours following the show.
 - e. No adhesives may be used to groom market beef night of the sale; water only.
 - f. All rules set forth by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Athens County Fair, U.S. Department of Agriculture and/or other governing entity apply. ODA rules may be assessed via their website at www.agri.ohio.gov.
22. Rules for Beef Only:
- a. No grooming chutes in the barns, aisle ways or blocking doorways.
 - b. No blow dryers in the barns.
 - c. Generators may be used for blow dryers only if approved by the fair board in advance of the beef show. Requests to use generators must come before the board by Monday of the fair on an individual basis. Approved generators may only be used Tuesday of the beef show between the hours of 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Approved generators may be used the night of the beef sale only between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm. Hours are subject to change by the Fair Board only.

LIVESTOCK SHOW FACT SHEET
and
WHAT'S NEW FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION IN 2026

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The Ohio Livestock Show Reform Act authorizes the Director of Agriculture to adopt mandatory and optional rules. Mandatory rules apply to all livestock shows, while the sponsor has the option to opt out of the optional rules on an individual rule basis. If a sponsor decides not to opt out of an optional rule, the rule then becomes mandatory. The following is a clarification of how the statute (Ohio Revised Code) and rules (Ohio Administrative Code) are to be interpreted and applied at all **terminal, partial terminal and non-terminal** livestock exhibitions in Ohio:

1. Livestock means any animal generally used for food or in the production of food, including cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, swine, alpacas, and llamas. Equids are not considered market animals.
2. Livestock exhibitions include all county and independent fairs and the Ohio State Fair.
3. A sponsor is any entity who conducts an exhibition.
4. The sponsor may opt out of any or all of the optional rules at least **30 days prior to the opening** day of exhibition (the forms are located on ODA's website: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/animalhealth/Livestock+Exhibitions> and must be returned to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 or cindy.bodie@agri.ohio.gov).
5. Effective February 13, 2004, exhibitors shall annually attend or complete a quality assurance program before exhibiting terminal or partial terminal market livestock, or at the option of Ohio State University Extension, annually pass a test administered by or under the supervision of Ohio State University Extension.
6. Effective February 19, 2007, OAC 901-19-07, exhibitors may pass a test based on age and skill level to be exempt from quality assurance re-certification. This exemption is at the discretion of OSU Extension or Ohio agricultural education.
7. New for 2017, OAC 901-19-07 (C): Exhibitors who fail to attend or complete a quality assurance program or fail to pass the exam as outlined in paragraph (B) of this rule may be subject to the disciplinary actions listed in rule 901-19-21 of the Administrative Code.
8. Effective April 22, 2018, junior fair exhibitors are required to complete a quality assurance program.
9. Swine being sent to a licensed livestock facility or going out of state for slaughter or commingled with out of state swine must be identified with an official eartag or four digit tattoo.
10. The department does not require Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for exhibition livestock originating in Ohio including swine. However, an exhibition sponsor can choose to require additional regulations above those of the department.
11. Effective March 21, 2016, an acceptable practices rule, OAC 901-19-12 (Q), only permits drenching of livestock for a medical condition at an exhibition when diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian and an unacceptable practices rule, OAC 901-19 13 (I), Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited, unless prescribed by the official veterinarian.
12. Effective March 21, 2016, OAC 901-19-13(C) Applying any physical practice, electrical or mechanical appliance, device, or apparatus that enhances, transforms, or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock, unless prescribed by the exhibition veterinarian

for immediate treatment and welfare of the livestock. If such treatment is applied during exhibition, the livestock are ineligible to show.

13. **Prohibited Grooming Practices** (Rule 901-19-33 of the Administrative Code) and **Unacceptable Practices** (Rule 901-19-13 of the Administrative Code) are **mandatory** and apply to all exhibitions. “Slick clipping” or “body shaving” means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.
14. Even if the sponsor opts out of one or more of the optional tampering rules, the statute **prohibits the use of any material, gas, solid, or liquid, that conceals, transforms or enhances the true confirmation or configuration of all livestock, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, and hemp.**
15. For **breeding classes**, the rules of the breed association will constitute **acceptable** grooming practices.
16. Junior market livestock shows at county and independent fairs and the Ohio State Fair are defined as either terminal or partial terminal shows:
 - partial means that at least the grand and reserve grand champion animals are required to go to slaughter or **directly** to a licensed livestock facility for slaughter only,
 - terminal means all market livestock go to slaughter or **directly** to a licensed livestock facility for slaughter only;
17. Preview and jackpot shows, as well as breeding classes are **non-terminal** shows.
18. At all terminal, partial terminal and non-terminal shows urine samples may be collected for drug testing.
19. A Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) **will be required** to be completed for all livestock for which a test sample is collected.
20. The Director of Agriculture requires a DUNF be completed for livestock including market beef, market hogs, market lambs, veal calves, market dairy cattle, market goats, market poultry, market rabbits, lactating dairy animals and feeder cattle. The DUNF will **be reviewed locally** (assistance will be available from the Ohio Department of Agriculture by faxing the form to 614-728-6310).
 - NEW for 2024 – DUNF’s are to be completed for feeder cattle.
21. For all shows, the statute **prohibits** the misuse of legal drugs (including but not limited to the use of drugs approved for use in humans, but not approved for animal use) and the use of illegal drugs.
22. The statute **prohibits** the showing of **tranquilized** livestock, including products such as Calf Calm, and use of **diuretics for cosmetic purposes.**
23. All livestock entered in a carcass contest at a terminal, partial terminal, and non-terminal show must be **drug free on the day of show:**
 - the FDA withdrawal time must have elapsed by the day of show, and
 - the drug must not exceed the tolerance level on the day of show.
24. Immediately before or during a terminal and partial terminal show and sale and within a **valid veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR)** or for a **valid medical purpose** a drug or an over-the-counter (OTC) drug may be used if it is
 - **declared on a DUNF;**
 - **the livestock will be exhibition drug residue legal at the start of the show** and;
 - **the drug’s side effect does not conceal, enhance, transform, or change the true conformation or condition of the livestock.** Any such permitted drug use must be disclosed at the time of sale.
25. The drug use notification form shall be filed with the records official **prior** to the show in which the animal is entered. If at any time, the information on the original drug use notification form changes, an updated form shall be filed **immediately** with the records official.

The preceding is not intended to be an all-encompassing review of the statute and rules as they pertain to livestock exhibitions in Ohio. Exhibitors, exhibition sponsors, parents, advisors, and veterinarians are encouraged to call the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Cindy Bodie, Program Administrator, or Dennis M. Summers, DVM, DACVPM, State Veterinarian at 614-728-6220 with any questions.

The success of this program is based on the continued input and cooperation of educators, industry, and government. Through your continued support, Ohio will continue to be a national leader in livestock show reform.

Ohio Administrative Code
Chapter 901:1-18 / Exhibition of Animals

Rule 901:1-18-01 Chapter's application.

- A. Animals when moved within or imported into Ohio solely for exhibition purposes shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.
- B. Animals imported into Ohio for any purpose in addition to exhibition purposes shall meet all movement and import requirements of Chapter 901:1-17 of the Administrative Code.

Rule 901:1-18-02 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- A. "Official veterinarian" means any licensed and accredited veterinarian approved by the Ohio department of agriculture, or an employee of the Ohio department of agriculture or the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services.
- B. "Certificate of veterinary inspection" means the same as an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection as defined in 9 C.F.R. 86.1.
- C. "Contagious or infectious disease" means any disease, including any foreign animal disease, or vector, capable of transmission by any means from a carrier animal to a human or to another animal and includes dangerously contagious or infectious diseases.
- D. "Department" means the Ohio department of agriculture or its designee.
- E. "Exhibition" means the same as defined in section 901.70 of the Revised Code.
- F. "Licensed and accredited veterinarian" means a person who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine either by the state of Ohio or the state in which the certificate of veterinary inspection was issued and who is approved by the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services, to be an accredited veterinarian.
- G. "Official eartag" means a United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection services approved electronic identification device that is both visibly and electronically readable.
- H. "Residue" means any poisonous or deleterious pesticide governed by 40 C.F.R. 180 (2017), any poisonous or deleterious substance governed by 21 C.F.R. 109.6 (2017), or any other substance governed by 21 C.F.R. 556 (2019).

Rule 901:1-18-03 Exhibitions: sanitation, inspection and records.

- A. Each entity sponsoring an exhibition shall have in attendance an official veterinarian for the duration of the exhibition.
- B. Each entity sponsoring an exhibition shall:
 - 1. Under the direction of the official veterinarian, thoroughly clean and disinfect each building, pen, stall, ring, or other enclosure in which animals are to be quartered for exhibition immediately prior to the exhibition;
 - 2. Have the official veterinarian:
 - a. Examine the certificate of veterinary inspection when required for an animal brought to the exhibition;
 - b. Inspect within a reasonable time of arrival each animal brought to the exhibit for any clinical signs of any infectious or contagious diseases; and
 - c. Inspect each animal daily that is present at the exhibition for clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

3. Maintain a record for one year from the date of the exhibition of each animal present at the exhibition. The records contain the name and address of the owner of each animal, the species, official identification (if applicable), and breed of the animal.
 4. Order the immediate removal of any animal which, in the opinion of the official veterinarian, places other animals at unacceptable risk of any infectious or contagious disease.
- C. The department may grant an exemption from paragraphs (A) and (B)(1) of this rule upon request and for good reason.

Rule 901:1-18-04 Exhibitors.

An exhibitor, owner, or bailee shall:

- A. Not present for exhibition or exhibit livestock which the exhibitor, owner, or bailee knows or has reason to suspect is infected with or has been exposed to a contagious or infectious disease or residue.
- B. Immediately remove livestock with any clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease from the exhibition premises when directed by an exhibition official, the official veterinarian, or the department.
- C. Present a certificate of veterinary inspection, registration certificate, vaccination certificate, or other document to exhibition officials, the official veterinarian, or the department upon request.
- D. Failure to comply with the rules of this chapter may result in the department taking action pursuant to section [941.10](#) of the Revised Code, issuing a quarantine order, or issuing a notice of violation until such time that the violation has been remedied.

Rule 901:1-18-05 Poultry and fowl.

- A. All turkeys, chickens, and gamebirds exhibited in Ohio must either:
 1. Originate directly from a flock or hatchery which is a participant in the national poultry improvement plan (NPIP) for the eradication of disease and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph; NPIP status is only valid for one year.
 2. Originate directly from a flock which has had a negative test for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease within twelve months preceding the opening date of exhibition and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph;
 3. Have had a negative test for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease, within ninety days, preceding the opening date of the exhibition and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph; or
 4. Be tested for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease upon arrival at the exhibition by a tester approved by the Ohio department of agriculture and found negative.
- B. Any co-mingling of birds voids national poultry improvement plan status from the original flock or hatchery.
- C. The rapid whole blood test shall not be used to test turkeys for compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (A)(2), (A)(3), and (A)(4) of this rule.
- D. Waterfowl, doves, and pigeons are exempt from this rule.

Rule 901:1-18-06 Cattle.

- A. Cattle moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- B. All cattle imported and upon entry into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule [901:1-17-03](#) of the Administrative Code and be identified with an official eartag.

Rule 901:1-18-07 Goats.

- A. Goats moved within Ohio for exhibition:
 - 1. The animal presented for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
 - 2. All sexually intact animals and any wether eighteen months of age and older must be identified with an official identification as defined in rule [901:1-13-04](#) of the Administrative Code.
- B. Goats imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule [901:1-17-06](#) of the Administrative Code.

Rule 901:1-18-08 Horses, mules, asses, and ponies.

- A. Horses, mules, asses, and ponies moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease. If the animal is twelve months of age or older, the exhibition may require that the animal has been tested and classed negative to an official test for equine infectious anemia within twelve months of the opening date of the exhibition.
- B. Horses, mules, asses, and ponies imported into Ohio for exhibition shall comply with rule [901:1-17-07](#) of the Administrative Code.

Rule 901:1-18-09 Sheep.

- A. Sheep moved within Ohio for exhibition:
 - 1. The animal presented for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
 - 2. All sexually intact animals and any wether eighteen months of age and older must be identified with an official identification as defined in rule [901:1-13-04](#) of the Administrative Code.
- B. Sheep imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule [901:1-17-08](#) of the Administrative Code.

Rule 901:1-18-10 Swine.

- A. Swine moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- B. Swine imported and upon entry into Ohio for exhibition shall comply with rule [901:1-17-09](#) of the Administrative Code and be identified with an official eartag.

Rule 901:1-18-11 Camelids.

- A. Camelids including, but not limited to, llamas, alpacas, and vicuaas moved within Ohio for exhibition purposes must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- B. Camelids including, but not limited to, llamas, alpacas, and vicuaas imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with paragraphs (A), (B)(3), and (C) of rule [901:1-17-15](#) of the Administrative Code.

Ohio Administrative Code

Chapter 901-19 Livestock Exhibitions

Rule 901-19-01 Definitions.

As used in Chapter 901-19 of the Administrative Code:

- A. "Accessory reproductive tissue" includes testicular tissue and epididymis.
- B. "Agricultural society" or "society" means a county agricultural society or an independent agricultural society that is organized under the laws of the state of Ohio.
- C. "Approved drug" means a drug with an established tolerance approved by the United States food and drug administration listed at 21 C.F.R. part 556 when used according to label directions for the species indicated on the label.
- D. "Breed show" or "breed class" means a show or class limited to breeding stock of a specific breed of livestock.
- E. "Class" means a division within a show or exhibition as defined by a sponsor.
- F. "Department" means the department of agriculture created under section [121.02](#) of the Revised Code.
- G. "Designee" when used in reference to an exhibitor, means a member of the exhibitor's family or household or any other registered or authorized representative of the exhibitor.
- H. "Director" means the Ohio director of agriculture appointed pursuant to section [121.03](#) of the Revised Code.
- I. "Drenching" means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.
- J. "Drug" means drug as defined in section [4729.01](#) of the Revised Code and its metabolites.
- K. "Drug use notification form" means the declaration statement or document completed by the exhibitor attesting to responsible drug stewardship and to the slaughter eligibility of the livestock for food safety purposes.
- L. "Exhibition" means any of the following:
 - 1. A show or sale of livestock at a fair or elsewhere that is sponsored by or under the control of a county or independent agricultural society organized under section [1711.01](#) or [1711.02](#) of the Revised Code;
 - 2. A show or sale of livestock at the Ohio state fair;
 - 3. A livestock show at a fair or elsewhere or a livestock sale at or associated with a fair or livestock show that is assembled for any length of time;
 - 4. A livestock show at a fair or elsewhere or a livestock sale at or associated with a fair or livestock show that includes livestock with origins outside this state;
 - 5. Any show or sale of livestock at a fair or elsewhere that is specified by rule of the director of agriculture adopted under section [901.72](#) of the Revised Code.
- M. "Exhibition drug residue legal" means livestock:
 - 1. Have only been administered an approved drug, for which the withdrawal time has elapsed and met tolerance;
 - 2. Have not been administered an unapproved drug; and
 - 3. Do not contain an unlawful substance.
- N. "Exhibitor" means any person who shows, displays, or exhibits livestock at an exhibition.
- O. "Extra label use" or "extra label" means the same as the definition as listed in 21 C.F.R. 530.3.
- P. "Fair" means the annual exhibition held by the Ohio expositions commission, pursuant to division (A)(1) of section [991.03](#) of the Revised Code, or a county agricultural society or independent agricultural society, as reported to the director pursuant to rule [901-5-11](#) of the Administrative Code.

- Q. "Family" means the immediate family of an 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.
- R. "Grand champion" means the highest placing livestock entry of a show.
- S. "Household" means the permanent residence address of the exhibitor.
- T. "Internal rule" means any rule adopted by a sponsor or applicable to the sponsor's exhibition, and includes all mandatory rules and those optional rules from which the sponsor does not exempt itself or its exhibition.
- U. "Junior livestock show or junior livestock exhibition" means a show limited to exhibitors eight years of age and in the third grade through nineteen years of age, or as authorized to participate in either 4-H, FFA, or other youth organization.
- V. "Label" means the attached label, labeling statement, or the accompanying brochure that lists the approved species, dose, route of administration, withdrawal time and any cautionary statement as permitted by the United States food and drug administration; a prescription label; or the requirements of labeling for an extra label use drug as permitted by the United States food and drug administration.
- W. "Licensed livestock facility" means a livestock facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 943. of the Revised Code or a similar law of another state.
- X. "Livestock" means any animal generally used for food or in the production of food, including cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, swine, alpacas, and llamas.
- Y. "Mandatory rule" means any rule adopted by the director relating to food safety or the health, safety, or welfare of livestock and from which a sponsor may not exempt itself or its exhibition.
- Z. "Market flock style project" means ownership including an individual junior exhibitor, family of a junior exhibitor or a cooperative made up of junior exhibitors. Through this type of ownership, the junior exhibitor(s) are to care for, groom, and select any and all birds to be used in exhibitions as well as actively participate in any decision making processes for the flock.
- AA. "Market livestock" means exhibition livestock bred, raised, and intended for slaughter for food purposes. For the purposes of this chapter, horses are not considered livestock.
- BB. "Market poultry" means birds including, but not limited to, meat chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks.
- CC. "Non-terminal show" means a show in which no livestock is required to be slaughtered.
- DD. "Official eartag" means a United States department of agriculture animal and plant health inspection service approved electronic identification device that is both visibly and electronically readable and approved by the department.
- EE. "Official veterinarian" means any licensed and accredited veterinarian approved by the Ohio department of agriculture, or an employee of the Ohio department of agriculture or the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services.
- FF. "Optional rule" means any rule adopted by the director from which a sponsor may exempt itself or its exhibition.
- GG. "Partial terminal show" means a show in which no fewer than the grand champion and reserve grand champion in each show or market class of livestock are sent directly to slaughter or to a licensed livestock facility no later than or immediately following the conclusion of the exhibition.
- HH. "Prescription" means prescription as defined in division (H) of section [4729.01](#) of the Revised Code.
- II. "Quarantine" means isolation pursuant to section [941.07](#) of the Revised Code.
- JJ. "Reserve grand champion" means the second highest placing livestock entry of a show.
- KK. "Residue" means residues as defined in section [941.01](#) of the Revised Code.
- LL. "Show" means that part of the exhibition restricted to competitively exhibiting a single species or category of livestock.

- MM. "Slick clipping" or "body shaving" means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.
- NN. "Terminal show" means a show in which all livestock entered in the show are sent directly to slaughter or to a licensed livestock facility no later than or immediately following the conclusion of the exhibition.
- OO. "Tolerance" means the lowest of the maximum concentrations of a marker residue, or other residue indicated for monitoring, that can legally remain in edible tissues of a treated animal species according to label instructions under United States food and drug administration regulations found in 21 C.F.R. part 556.
- PP. "Unapproved drug" means:
1. Any drug, chemical, or pharmacologic compound not approved for use in livestock by the United States food and drug administration;
 2. A drug, or approved drug used extra label, for which no established tolerance has been listed by the United States food and drug administration under 21 C.F.R. 556, but has been detected through testing;
 3. Any drug, chemical, or compound that alters the mental or behavioral status of the animal, including, but not limited to sedatives, tranquilizers, depressants, stimulants, or dissociative or psychoactive compounds;
 4. Any drug prohibited by division (E)(1)(b) of section 901.76 of the Revised Code; or
 5. An approved drug administered to livestock not in accordance with paragraph (M) of rule 901-19-12 of the Administrative Code.
- QQ. "Unlawful substance" means any of the following:
1. A substance which is not normally found in or does not naturally occur in livestock;
 2. A substance which is normally found in or does naturally occur in livestock, but is detected or discerned in an amount or area greater than normal;
 3. Any drug required to be listed, but which is not listed on a drug use notification form;
 4. Any unapproved drug present in livestock regardless of how the drug came to be present; or
 5. Any other drug, chemical, or compound which is not considered an approved drug.
- RR. "Veterinarian" means any person licensed to practice veterinary medicine under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code or under the similar laws of another state.
- SS. "Withdrawal period" or "withdrawal time" means the period of time from when a drug is administered to when the drug concentration falls below the tolerance.

Rule 901-19-02 Types of shows; slaughter.

This is a mandatory rule.

- A. The sponsor of an exhibition shall designate each of the shows held at the exhibition as one of the following types: terminal show, partial terminal show, or non-terminal show.
- B. All livestock shall be exhibition drug residue legal prior to the start of the show in which the livestock is entered into for exhibition.
- C. All of the following junior livestock shows or classes at a fair are terminal shows or partial terminal shows unless at least thirty days prior to the opening of the show, the sponsor has submitted a written request to exempt a show from this provision, and the director has provided written authorization granting this request prior to the start of the fair:
 1. Market beef;
 2. Market hog;
 3. Market lamb;

4. Market dairy cattle;
 5. Veal calf; and
 6. Market goat.
- D. All livestock which participate in a terminal show shall be exhibition drug residue legal and be consigned to slaughter either at the conclusion of the show or exhibition.
 - E. In a partial terminal show at least the grand champion and the reserve grand champion shall be slaughtered. Prior to the show, the sponsor of the exhibition may require that additional livestock from a partial terminal show shall be slaughtered. The livestock shall be consigned to slaughter either at the conclusion of the show or exhibition.
 - F. All livestock required to be slaughtered under this rule shall be slaughtered at a meat establishment either licensed by the department or granted inspection by the United States department of agriculture.
 - G. Livestock required to be slaughtered under this rule may, at the option of the sponsor of the exhibition, be consigned to a licensed livestock facility for sale provided that:
 1. The livestock is consigned either at the conclusion of the show or exhibition; and
 2. The livestock is sold only for slaughter.
 - H. From the beginning of the exhibition until departure for slaughter or consignment to a licensed livestock facility, the exhibitor or the exhibitor's designee shall be responsible for caring for the livestock.
 - I. Livestock destined for slaughter or consignment to a licensed livestock facility shall not be removed from the exhibition grounds until the livestock is transported to slaughter, to the licensed livestock facility, or until the sponsor approves movement of the livestock to another secure area for:
 1. Disease control in accordance with paragraph (B)(4) of rule [901:1-18-03](#) of the Administrative Code; or
 2. Quarantine for residue to allow a withdrawal time as determined by the approved fair veterinarian or in accordance with the instructions listed on the drug use notification form to elapse and may be subject to testing.
 - J. All livestock destined for slaughter may be subject to testing by the director in accordance with section [901.73](#) of the Revised Code.
 - K. Livestock carcasses passing inspection may be released for normal disposition.
 - L. During inspection or testing, if the livestock carcass is preliminarily determined to have been tampered with or found to contain an unlawful substance, one of the following shall occur:
 1. If the livestock carcass must be trimmed or reconditioned to comply with the meat inspection requirements, the carcass shall be trimmed and reconditioned and released to the exhibitor, unless the successful bidder accepts the trimmed or reconditioned carcass.
 2. If the livestock carcass cannot be trimmed or reconditioned, it shall be condemned in accordance with the meat inspection requirements.
 - M. Livestock entered in or eligible for a carcass contest prior to or during a terminal, partial terminal, or non-terminal show must be exhibition drug residue legal at the time of show and eligible for immediate slaughter.

Rule 901-19-03 Auction sales at terminal or partial terminal shows.

This is a mandatory rule.

- A. A sponsor may hold an auction sale of livestock exhibited at a terminal or partial terminal show.
- B. An exhibitor who exhibits livestock at a terminal show or partial terminal show consents to participating in the subsequent auction sale.
- C. All bidders at an auction sale following a terminal show or partial terminal show consent to the slaughter of the livestock or delivery to a licensed livestock facility.

- D. Title to livestock sold at an auction sale and subsequently presented for slaughter or sale at a licensed livestock facility shall remain vested in the exhibitor. If the exhibitor is not the owner, the title to the livestock shall remain vested in the owner until the livestock has been passed by inspection and released in accordance with paragraphs (L)(1) and (L)(2) of rule [901-19-02](#) of the Administrative Code and passes all testing performed by or at the direction of the department or the sponsor.
- E. At the discretion of the sponsor, the sponsor may collect the sale proceeds from the successful bidder and retain the proceeds until the carcass of the livestock has been released, or may allow the successful bidder to withhold payment of the proceeds until the carcass is released. In the event the carcass is not released, the sponsor shall return the sale proceeds to the successful bidder.
- F. Prior to the auction, the sponsor shall announce the identification of the exhibition livestock which have been administered drugs for which the withdrawal time has not elapsed.

Rule 901-19-04 Prohibited practices.

This is a mandatory rule.

It is a prohibited practice to do any of the following:

- A. Show, sell, or offer for sale any livestock, including the sale or offering for sale in an auction at a terminal or partial terminal show, which:
 - 1. Has been subjected to unacceptable practices as outlined in rule [901-19-13](#) of the Administrative Code;
 - 2. Is not exhibition drug residue legal; or
 - 3. A withdrawal period for extra label use has not elapsed.
- B. Make a false statement on a drug use notification form.
- C. Fail to file or update a drug use notification form as required by rule [901-19-06](#) of the Administrative Code.
- D. Knowingly, recklessly, or negligently cause an unapproved drug or unlawful substance to be present in livestock.
- E. Fail to sign a chain of custody form.
- F. Violate a mandatory rule.
- G. Violate any optional rule from which a sponsor or exhibition did not exempt itself.
- H. Fail to render assistance as provided by section [901.73](#) of the Revised Code.

Rule 901-19-05 Responsibilities of an exhibitor sponsor.

This is a mandatory rule.

- A. Every sponsor of an exhibition shall appoint a person as its records official. The records official shall receive and maintain the drug use notification forms filed under rule [901-19-06](#) of the Administrative Code.
 - 1. The records official shall:
 - a. Reject any drug use notification form that is incomplete, illegible, or unsigned. At the close of the exhibition the records official shall turn over the drug use notification forms received by the records official to the sponsor.
 - b. Prior to the show, ensure the submitted drug use notification forms are in compliance with paragraph (I) of rule [901-19-06](#) and rule [901-19-07](#) of the Administrative Code.
 - c. Review the submitted drug use notification forms for compliance with paragraph (K) of rule [901-19-13](#) of the Administrative Code if applicable.

2. The sponsor shall maintain all drug use notification forms for a period of one year from the close of an exhibition. The drug use notification forms shall be made available to the department for inspection and copying upon request.
- B. Prior to the start of an exhibition, the sponsor shall establish a method of identifying each animal in a terminal, partial terminal, and non-terminal show and maintain a chain of custody for each market livestock animal from the show through consignment to either slaughter or a licensed livestock facility for sale. In addition, effective January 1, 2027, cattle and swine are to be minimally identified with an official eartag. The sponsor shall maintain a record of the identity of each animal and its chain of custody for a period of one year from the date of the last day of an exhibition.
- C. All county and independent agricultural societies and the Ohio expositions commission shall provide the uniform resource locator (URL) in the premium book for the current year to the effective version of all of the following:
 1. Chapter 901:1-18 of the Administrative Code, exhibition of animals;
 2. Chapter 901-19 of the Administrative Code, livestock exhibitions; and
 3. Sections [901.70](#) to [901.76](#) of the Revised Code.

The effective version of Ohio Administrative Code and Ohio Revised Code can be located on the "Ohio Laws & Administrative Rules" website, codes.ohio.gov, maintained by the Ohio legislative service commission.
- D. All other exhibitions shall provide to exhibitors, upon request, a copy of Chapters 901:1-18 and 901-19 of the Administrative Code and sections [901.70](#) to [901.76](#) of the Revised Code and include the following statement in at least one written or electronic announcement prior to the beginning of the exhibition:

"The exhibition's management will provide, upon request of an exhibitor, a copy of Chapters 901:1-18 (Ohio's livestock health exhibition rules) and 901-19 (Ohio's livestock tampering exhibition rules) of the Administrative Code and sections [901.70](#) to [901.76](#) of the Revised Code.

Rule 901-19-06 Drug use notification.

This is a mandatory rule.

- A. The exhibitor and the owner of livestock are responsible for completing and filing out the drug use notification form in the manner required by this rule.
- B. The drug use notification form shall be signed by either the exhibitor or the owner. If the person signing the form is a minor child, the form shall be cosigned by a parent or guardian of the minor child.
- C. The director requires a drug use notification form to be completed for the following livestock exhibited in a junior livestock show:
 1. Market beef;
 2. Market hog;
 3. Market lamb;
 4. Veal calf;
 5. Market dairy cattle;
 6. Market goats;
 7. Market poultry;
 8. Lactating dairy animals ;
 9. Market rabbits; and
 10. Feeder cattle.

- D. Additionally, a drug use notification form shall be completed for all livestock eligible for a drug or residue test sample collected at every terminal, and partial terminal, or non-terminal show, and for every animal that is administered an approved drug either immediately before or during an exhibition.
- E. The drug use notification form shall be filed with the records official prior to the show in which livestock are entered.
- F. The director may require a drug use notification form to be completed for livestock exhibited at any type of show including a non-terminal show.
- G. If the information on the form regarding drug use changes or if a drug is subsequently administered at any time after the drug use notification form is filed, an updated drug use notification form shall immediately be filed with the records official.
- H. No person shall submit an incomplete, illegible, or unsigned drug use notification form.
- I. When a drug use notification form is missing, incomplete, illegible, or unsigned neither the exhibitor nor the owner shall, until the defect is corrected:
 1. Receive any prizes or awards from shows in which the livestock was exhibited prior to the time the drug use notification form was to be filed; or
 2. Participate in any shows or sales held subsequent to the time the drug use notification form was to be filed.

Rule 901-19-07 Quality assurance.

This is a mandatory rule.

- A. Except as stated in paragraph (B) of this rule, sponsors shall require exhibitors at fairs sponsored by county or independent agricultural societies or the Ohio exposition commission to annually attend or complete a quality assurance program sponsored and conducted cooperatively by the exhibition sponsor, Ohio state university extension, Ohio agricultural education, or agricultural commodity organizations.
- B. At the discretion of Ohio state university extension, or Ohio agricultural education, an exhibitor may pass a test based on the appropriate skill level for their age (twelve to fourteen or fifteen to eighteen) under the supervision of Ohio state university extension or Ohio agricultural education before exhibiting terminal or partial terminal market livestock, including market poultry, and lactating dairy animals in a junior livestock show. Youth who pass the test will be exempt from annual quality assurance recertification until they move to the next age bracket or they are no longer a junior exhibitor (nineteen years of age or older on January first of their last year). Minimum standards for youth food animal quality assurance are as set forth in appendix A to this rule.
- C. Exhibitors who fail to attend or complete a quality assurance program or fail to pass the exam as outlined in paragraph (B) of this rule are subject to the disciplinary actions listed in rule [901-19-21](#) of the Administrative Code.

Rule 901-19-10 Testing requirements and test results.

This is a mandatory rule.

- A. Urine, blood, tissue, and other test samples shall be collected in accordance with the department's protocol for the collection of livestock test samples at exhibitions. Test samples may be collected before, during, or immediately after a show. Deviation from the protocol shall be noted by the official veterinarian.
- B. The director may at the director's discretion, collect any urine, blood, tissue, or other test samples from exhibition animals.
- C. The collection of samples and coordination activities are the responsibility of the official veterinarian.

Rule 901-19-12 Acceptable practices.

This is a mandatory rule.

The following practices are acceptable practices for the purposes of this chapter:

- A. Treating livestock:
 - 1. Humane;
 - 2. In accordance with acceptable commercial practices to protect the health, safety, and welfare of livestock; and
 - 3. In accordance with the Ohio livestock care standards located in division 901:12 of the Administrative Code.
- B. Adding caffeine free soda pop, gelatin, or other sweeteners to drinking water in nominal amounts to encourage water consumption;
- C. Hoof trimming;
- D. In preparation and prior to exhibition in accordance with sponsor and best management practices:
 - 1. Cosmetic dehorning in market class livestock;
 - 2. Castration;
 - 3. Beak trimming;
 - 4. Dehorning;
 - 5. Hot or freeze branding;
 - 6. Humane ringing; and
 - 7. Tail docking in accordance with division 901:12 of the Administrative Code;
- E. Using collodion as a teat sealant, but for no longer than eighteen hours;
- F. Adding molasses or other sweeteners to feed to encourage consumption;
- G. Properly administered and approved growth implants;
- H. Tattooing;
- I. Ear notching;
- J. Ear tagging;
- K. Shearing;
- L. Acceptable surgery, including clamps, bands, and chemical castration;
- M. Treatment and administration of livestock with approved drugs during an exhibition under the following conditions:
 - 1. By or under the supervision and direction of an official veterinarian;
 - 2. In conjunction with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship;
 - 3. Only in accordance with label directions;
 - 4. For a valid medical purpose;
 - 5. A drug use notification form is completed and filed in accordance with the applicable requirements of rule [901-19-06](#) of the Administrative Code;
 - 6. The livestock remain exhibition drug residue legal at the time of the show; and
 - 7. If applicable, an extended withdrawal time is assigned to the drug by the veterinarian as part of the extra label directions and reported on the drug use notification form.
- N. Application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses prescribed to relieve heat stress or a medical condition diagnosed and prescribed by the official veterinarian at an exhibition.

Rule 901-19-13 Unacceptable practices.

This is a mandatory rule.

The following practices are unacceptable and prohibited:

- A. Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance to livestock repeatedly or for a prolonged time period in violation of 9 C.F.R. 313.2 (1979) or division 901:12 of the Administrative Code.
- B. Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock.
- C. Applying any physical practice, electrical or mechanical appliance, device, or apparatus that enhances, transforms, or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock, unless prescribed by the official veterinarian for the immediate treatment and welfare of the livestock. If such treatment is applied during the exhibition, the livestock are ineligible to be shown.
- D. Plugging of teats.
- E. Sealing of teats using unapproved substances or for longer than eighteen hours using approved substances.
- F. Injecting material into udders or teats for non-medical purposes or otherwise artificially modifying the appearance or conformation of the udder or teat.
- G. Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses internally or externally other than in accordance with paragraph (N) of rule [901-19-12](#) of the Administrative Code during an exhibition.
- H. Using a stomach tube or pump for any purpose other than for the relief of tympany or gas during an exhibition.
- I. Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited, unless prescribed by the official veterinarian.
- J. Castration of livestock for the purposes of this rule which exceed the following criteria:
 1. Cattle over eight months of age;
 2. Swine over one hundred fifty pounds;
 3. Sheep over seventy-five pounds; or
 4. Goats over fifty pounds.
- K. Showing livestock which have been treated with an approved drug when a side effect or pharmacological effect of the drug conceals, enhances, transforms, or changes the natural conformation, physiological status, or condition of the livestock.
- L. Any natural occurrence or surgical process which results in testicular tissue remaining in the body of exhibition livestock, except for rabbits and poultry.

Rule 901-19-19 Absolute liability.

This is a mandatory rule.

- A. Both the exhibitor and the owner of livestock are absolutely liable to discipline under rule [901-19-21](#) of the Administrative Code for the presence of an unapproved drug, residue, an unlawful substance, or an approved drug that exceeds tolerance in livestock and unacceptable practices.
- B. If the exhibitor or the owner was a minor child at the time the unapproved drug, residue, unlawful substance, approved drug exceeding tolerance, or unacceptable practice was detected, the parent or guardian of the person shall also be absolutely liable to discipline under rule [901-19-21](#) of the Administrative Code.
- C. The director or the sponsor when imposing discipline under paragraph (A) of this rule upon a person, may mitigate the discipline imposed based upon one or more of the following facts if established.

1. The person did not introduce the unapproved drug, residue, or unlawful substance into the livestock or do any unacceptable practices;
2. The person had no actual or constructive knowledge that the unapproved drug, residue, unlawful substance, or approved drug exceeding tolerance was introduced into the livestock or that unacceptable practices were detected;
3. The unapproved drug, residue, unlawful substance, or approved drug exceeding tolerance was not introduced into the livestock and the unacceptable practices were not detected through the person's negligence.

Rule 901-19-21 Disciplinary action.

This is a mandatory rule.

- A. Any person who violates a provision of sections [901.70](#) to [901.76](#) of the Revised Code or any provision of this chapter is subject to any of the following disciplinary actions:
 1. Disqualification from any exhibition;
 2. Disqualification of the exhibition livestock from any exhibition;
 3. Continuing education;
 4. Written letter of reprimand;
 5. Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums, or proceeds; or
 6. Pre-exhibition drug testing.
- B. Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.
- C. Failure to comply with the rules of this chapter may result in the department taking action pursuant to section [941.07](#) of the Revised Code, issuing a quarantine order, or issuing a notice of violation until such time that the violation has been remedied.

Rule 901-19-31 Responsibilities of and assistance to junior fair exhibitors.

This is an optional rule.

- A. A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show.
- B. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration provided by the following:
 1. Family members;
 2. Household members;
 3. Advisors or adult volunteers of 4-H or FFA in the exhibitor's club or county;
 4. Agricultural education instructors;
 5. County extension agents;
 6. Department representatives;
 7. Veterinarians;
 8. Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organizations; and
 9. Guest speakers of the 4-H, FFA, or other youth organizations.
- C. Any person not specified in paragraph (B) of this rule who provides assistance to a junior livestock show exhibitor shall register in writing with the sponsor. The responsibility to register rests with the exhibitor. An assistant may register for more than one exhibitor. Failure to register constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the exhibitor. Assistance shall be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration.

Rule 901-19-32 Breed shows or classes.

This is an optional rule.

Unless otherwise modified by this chapter, the rules of the breed association shall be accepted grooming practices for that particular breed's show or class.

Rule 901-19-33 Prohibited grooming practices.

This is a mandatory rule.

The following grooming practices are prohibited in junior market livestock shows unless those grooming practices are permitted under rule [901-19-32](#) of the Administrative Code:

- A. Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or 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.

Rule 901-19-35 Recognition of disciplinary actions.

This is an optional rule.

- A. Disciplinary action by a sponsor against a person for a violation of sections [901.70](#) to [901.76](#) of the Revised Code or Chapter 901-19 of the Administrative Code shall be given full faith and credit and shall be honored at all exhibitions.
- B. A person who has been convicted of violating sections [901.70](#) to [901.76](#) of the Revised Code shall be prohibited from participating in any exhibition for a minimum period of three years.

Rule 901-19-39 Ownership requirements.

- A. No exhibitor shall register, enter, or exhibit in a junior livestock exhibition any of the livestock listed in paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(7) of this rule unless the household, as defined in rule [901-19-01](#) of the Administrative Code, at which the exhibitor is registered at has owned the livestock for not less than the length of time listed:
 1. Market beef - one hundred fifty days;
 2. Market dairy cattle - one hundred fifty days;
 3. Market hogs - sixty days;
 4. Market lambs - sixty days;
 5. Market goats - sixty days;
 6. Veal calves - sixty days; and
 7. Market poultry - within five days of hatch including all individual participants in a cooperative.
- B. No exhibitor shall register, enter, or exhibit livestock in a junior breeding livestock exhibition unless the household, as defined in rule [901-19-01](#) of the Administrative Code, at which the exhibitor is registered:
 1. Has owned the livestock for at least sixty days;
 2. Has had the livestock registered under the exhibitor's name for at least sixty days; or
 3. Has leased the livestock under the exhibitor's name for at least sixty days.
- C. For any exhibition other than those listed in paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(7) and paragraph (B) of this rule, the length of time a person shall own livestock before the person may register, enter, or exhibit the livestock at an exhibition may be set by either the sponsor of the exhibition or a breed association.
- D. For the purposes of this rule, no exhibitor will be considered to own livestock if the livestock has been:
 1. Leased to an individual after the applicable possession date; or

2. Exhibited in an exhibition outside of a junior livestock exhibition by an individual other than an immediate family member after the applicable possession date.

Rule 901-19-40 Meetings of the advisory committee on livestock exhibitions.

A. Board meetings

A regular meeting of the committee shall be held at least once annually after the fifteenth day of October and before the first day of December. The committee may meet at other times as the chairperson or a majority of the committee members considers appropriate, provided the chairperson gives members notice of any meeting at least seven days prior to the meeting.

B. Notice of meetings

1. Regular meetings: Notice of all of the advisory board's regularly scheduled meetings, including date, starting time, and place shall be sent to the committee members by either regular or electronic mail at least seven days prior to the meeting and will be posted on the department's web site www.agri.ohio.gov at least ten days in advance of all regularly scheduled meeting.
2. Special meetings: Notice of date, time, place, and purpose of any special meetings shall be placed on the department's website www.agri.ohio.gov and sent to media outlets that requested such information, at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting.
3. Emergency meetings: Notice of date, time, place, and purpose of all emergency meeting shall be given to all news media who requested prior notification and on the department's website www.agri.ohio.gov.

- C. Any person may obtain prior notice of the date, time, and location of any regularly scheduled, special, or emergency meetings by requesting prior notification in writing from the "Ohio Department of Agriculture, Office of Animal Health, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068"; or by calling the animal health division at (614) 728-6220.

****All rules will be strictly enforced.**

MARKET BEEF and BEEF CARCASS

1. Market Beef, steers and heifers (no dairy blood). Market Beef must be on feed by December 1, previous to the fair. They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. All market beef must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market beef with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male market beef must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market Beef showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
3. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose market beef that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The beef cattle judge, Senior Fair Board or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
4. Market beef must gain at least 300 lb. from the time of first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lb. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.
5. Market beef will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
6. Identification for the market beef shall be: 1) ear tag on the third (3rd) Saturday in December for the 2026 Athens County Fair. PLEASE NOTE: for the 2027 Athens County Fair, market beef tag-in will be the second Wednesday of December (6:00pm – 7:00pm). Procedures for weigh-in are as follows:
 - a. No market beef unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
 - b. Cattle must be haltered with rope halter for tag-in. Unhaltered cattle will not be tagged, weighed or handled by Sale Committee.
 - c. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - d. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - e. Actual weighing to be done by Sale Committee members.
 - f. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
 - g. Exhibitors can tag-in four (4) market beef, four (4) market dairy steer and/or four (4) beef carcass. Up to four (4) “live” market beef and up to four (4) “live” market dairy steer can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - h. Beef carcass projects will be only tagged in and not weighed.
 - i. If a calf loses its’ ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
7. Market beef must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market beef will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
8. All market beef will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee/Senior Fair Board at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
9. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Beef exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition from the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

10. After the sale, all market beef must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the market beef. Whatever halter is on the market beef at the time of load out, goes with the market beef and will not be returned.
11. Rate-of-Gain contest participation is encouraged for all market beef projects. Special awards will be given for rate-of-gain.
12. All cattle must have neck rope while in barn.

MARKET BEEF – Show Procedure

Market Beef weighing less than 1000 pounds and/or not meeting the weight gain requirement, are not eligible for the market beef show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the beef showmanship class.

Market Beef – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market beef must gain at least 300 lb. from the time of the first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lbs. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

Market Beef are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair. Market Beef steers and heifers will show together.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market beef from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Beef. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market beef from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market beef. This continues until the top **FIVE** market beef are placed.

The market beef not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market beef that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market beef have been put in sale order.

BEEF FEEDER

1. Beef feeder steers and heifers (no dairy blood). They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting by the first Wednesday of June. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. All beef feeders must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the re-growth horn. All beef feeders with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male beef feeders must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Beef feeders showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
3. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose beef feeder calves that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The beef cattle judge or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
4. Beef Feeder Calves must weigh at least **300** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale. All Beef Feeder Calves will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
5. Beef Feeder Calves will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
6. Identification for the Beef Feeder Calves shall be: 1) ear tag on the first (1st) Wednesday in June. Procedures for tag-in are as follows:
 - a. No Beef Feeder Calves unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
 - b. Beef Feeder Calves must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged or handled by the Sale Committee.
 - c. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - d. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - e. Actual tagging to be done by Sale Committee members.
 - f. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal will be paid thru FairEntry during the May 2026 online registration period.
 - g. If the calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
7. Beef Feeder Calves exhibitors may tag-in and show up to two (2) beef feeder calves.
8. Beef Feeder Calves must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Beef Feeder Calves will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
9. After the sale, all beef feeders must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the beef feeder. Whatever halter is on the beef feeder at the time of load out, goes with the beef feeder and will not be returned.
10. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Beef Feeders exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.
11. All cattle must have neck rope while in barn.

BEEF FEEDER CALVES – Show Procedure

Beef feeder calves weighing less than 300 pounds or more than 700 lbs., cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the beef showmanship class.

Beef Feeder Calves must weigh at least **300** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of the weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

Beef Feeder Calves are placed in weight classes after weigh-in Saturday of the fair. Beef Feeder steer and heifer calves will show together.

Beef Feeder Calves – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place beef feeder from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Beef Feeder. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place beef feeder from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place beef feeder. This continues until the top **FIVE** beef feeders are placed.

The beef feeders not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the beef feeder that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying beef feeders have been put in sale order.

PROSPECT HEIFER

1. Prospect heifers (no dairy blood). They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting by the first Wednesday of June. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. All prospect heifers must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the re-growth horn. All prospect heifers with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. Prospect heifers showing more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
3. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose prospect heifer calves that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The beef cattle judge or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
4. Prospect heifer calves must weigh at least **300** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale. All Prospect Heifer Calves will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
5. Prospect Heifer Calves will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
6. Identification for the Prospect Heifer Calves shall be: 1) ear tag on the first (1st) Wednesday in June. Procedures for tag-in are as follows:
 - a. No Prospect Heifer Calves unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
 - b. Prospect Heifer Calves must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged or handled by the Sale Committee.
 - c. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - d. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - e. Actual tagging to be done by Sale Committee members.
 - f. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal will be paid thru FairEntry during the May 2026 online registration period.
 - g. If the calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
7. Prospect Heifer Calves exhibitors may tag-in and show up to two (2) prospect heifer calves.
8. Prospect Heifer Calves must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Prospect Heifer Calves will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
9. After the sale, all prospect heifers must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the prospect heifer. Whatever halter is on the prospect heifer at the time of load out, goes with the prospect heifer and will not be returned.
10. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Prospect Heifers exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.
11. All cattle must have neck rope while in barn.

PROSPECT HEIFER CALVES – Show Procedure

Prospect heifer calves weighing less than 300 pounds or more than 700 lbs., cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the beef showmanship class.

Prospect Heifer Calves must weigh at least **300** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of the weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

Prospect Heifer Calves are placed in weight classes after weigh-in Saturday of the fair

Prospect Heifer Calves – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place prospect heifer from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Prospect Heifer. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place prospect heifer from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place prospect heifer. This continues until the top **FIVE** Prospect heifers are placed.

The prospect heifers not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the prospect heifer that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying prospect heifers have been put in sale order.

JUNIOR BEEF BREED SHOW INFORMATION

1. Breeding livestock will register in FairEntry beginning the second Monday of July and registration will close the Thursday of the same week. These entries will serve as the stall requests for breeding livestock.
2. Beef breeding cattle are checked in on the first Saturday of the fair between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00pm at the designated location on the fairgrounds. All beef breeding cattle must be vet checked and the exhibitor or hauler must show proof (paper copy or on phone) of completed Drug Use Notification Form(s) for each animal checking in before they will be allowed to proceed to the barn area.
3. Classes in Order (By Breed) :
 - a. Heifer, Jr. Calf, Born Jan. 1 to April 30, current year
 - b. Heifer, Sr. Calf, Born Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, prior calendar year
 - c. Heifer, Jr. Yearling, Born Jan. 1 to April 30, prior calendar year
 - d. Heifer, Sr. Yearling, Born Sept. 1 to December 31, 2 years prior
 - e. Cow, 2 yrs. &; Over
4. Breeds:
 - a. Angus
 - b. Chianina
 - c. Hereford (Polled and Horned)
 - d. Limousin
 - e. Maine Anjou
 - f. Shorthorn
 - g. Simmental
 - h. Crossbreed
 - i. AOB (All Other Breeds)

MARKET DAIRY STEER and CARCASS

1. Market Dairy Steer must be on feed by December 1, previous to the fair. They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. All market dairy steer must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market dairy steer with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market dairy steer must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market Dairy Steer showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
3. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose market dairy steer that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The judge, Senior Fair Board or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
4. Market dairy steer must gain at least 300 lb. from time of first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lb. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.
5. Market dairy steer will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
6. Identification for the market beef shall be: 1) ear tag on the third (3rd) Saturday in December for the 2026 Athens County Fair. PLEASE NOTE: for the 2027 Athens County Fair, market beef tag-in will be the second Wednesday of December (6:00pm – 7:00pm). Procedures for weigh-in are as follows:
 - a. No market beef unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
 - b. Cattle must be haltered with rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged, weighed or handled by Sale Committee.
 - c. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - d. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - e. Actual weighing to be done by Sale Committee members.
 - f. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
 - g. Exhibitors can tag-in four (4) market beef, four (4) market dairy steer and/or four (4) beef carcass. Up to four (4) “live” market beef and up to four (4) “live” market dairy steer can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - h. Beef carcass projects will be only tagged in and not weighed.
 - i. If a calf loses its’ ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
7. Market dairy steer must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market dairy steer will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
8. All market dairy steer will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
9. After the sale, all market dairy steer must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the market dairy steer. Whatever halter is on the market dairy steer at the time of load out, goes with the market dairy steer and will not be returned.
10. Rate-of-Gain contest participation is encouraged for all market dairy steer projects. Special awards will be given for rate-of-gain.
11. All market dairy steer must be calves from one of the five (5) recognized American Dairy Association breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (red or black) and Jersey. Crossbred calves must be crossed with the five (5) recognized breeds only, no beef blood. Exhibitors must request a document from the seller at time of purchase, stating that the calf is of the five (5) main breeds, stating which breed(s) the calf is, and listing the seller’s name and address. This document must be

signed and dated by the seller. This paperwork must accompany the calf at tag-in on the second Wednesday of December. Calves without the proper documentation will not be allowed to tag in and will not be eligible to participate in the market show or in the Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

12. All cattle must have neck rope while in barn.

MARKET DAIRY STEER– Show Procedure

Market Dairy Steer weighing less than 1000 pounds and/or not meeting the weight gain requirement, are not eligible for the market beef show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the beef showmanship class.

Market Dairy Steer – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market dairy steer must gain at least 300 lb. from the time of the first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lbs. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

Market Dairy Steer are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market dairy steer from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Dairy Steer. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market dairy steer from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected, bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market dairy steer. This continues until the top **FIVE** market dairy steer are placed.

The market dairy steer not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market dairy steer that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market dairy steer have been put in sale order.

MARKET DAIRY FEEDER

1. All market dairy feeder calves must be calves from one of the five (5) recognized American Dairy Association breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (red or black) and Jersey. Crossbred calves must be crossed with the five (5) recognized breeds only, no beef blood. Exhibitors must request a document from the seller at time of purchase, stating that the calf is of the five (5) main breeds, stating which breed(s) the calf is, and listing the seller's name and address. This document must be signed and dated by the seller. This paperwork must accompany the calf at tag-in on the first Wednesday in June. Calves without the proper documentation will not be allowed to tag in and will not be eligible to participate in the market show or in the Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
2. Market dairy feeder calves must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by May 1 prior to the fair. Care includes a complete set of records.
3. Market dairy feeder calves must weigh at least **350** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.
4. Identification for the market dairy feeders shall be: 1) NEW TAG-IN Date for Market Dairy Feeders for 2026, the first Wednesday of June (6:00pm-7:00pm). Procedures for weigh-in are as follows:
 - a. No market dairy feeder unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
 - b. Cattle must be haltered with rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged, weighed or handled by Sale Committee.
 - c. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - d. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - e. Actual weighing to be done by Fair Board Certified Weighers.
 - f. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal will be paid thru FairEntry during the May 2026 online registration period.
 - g. Exhibitors can tag-in four (4) market dairy feeder calves.
 - h. Up to four (4) market dairy feeder calves can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - i. If a calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
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5. All market dairy feeders must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the re-growth horn. All market dairy feeders with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market dairy feeders must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market dairy feeders showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
6. ALL JR. FAIR MARKET DAIRY FEEDERS, MARKET LAMBS AND MARKET GOATS MUST BE SLICK SHEARED TO 1/4 INCH
7. Market dairy feeder calves will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board. Calves must arrive at the fairgrounds at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
8. Market dairy feeder calves will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
9. After the sale, all market dairy feeder calves must be tied with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. The halter goes with the animal. The halter that is on the animal at the time of load out goes with the animal and will not be returned.
10. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Dairy Feeders exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County

Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

11. All cattle must have neck rope while in barn.

MARKET DAIRY FEEDER – Show Procedure

Market Dairy Feeders weighing less than 350 pounds or more than 700 lbs., are not eligible for the market dairy feeder show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the Market Dairy Feeder showmanship class.

Market Dairy Feeders – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market dairy feeder calves must weigh at least **350** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

Market Dairy Feeders are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market dairy feeders from each class enter the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Dairy Feeder. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market dairy feeder from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market dairy feeder. This continues until the top **FIVE** market dairy feeders are placed.

The market dairy feeders not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market dairy feeder that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market dairy feeders have been put in sale order.

JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY CATTLE INFO

1. Breeding livestock will register in FairEntry beginning the second Monday of July and registration will close the Thursday of the same week. These entries will serve as the stall requests for breeding livestock.

2. Dairy cattle are checked in on the first Saturday of the fair between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00pm at the designated location on the fairgrounds. All dairy cattle must be vet checked and the exhibitor or hauler must show proof (paper copy or on phone) of completed Drug Use Notification Form(s) for each animal checking in before they will be allowed to proceed to the barn area.

3. Junior Fair Dairy Cattle Breed Show Classes:
 - a. Jr. Heifer Calf Born Mar. 1—May 31, current year
 - b. Intermediate Heifer Calf Born Dec. 1, prior year - Feb. 28, current year
 - c. Sr. Heifer Calf Born Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, prior year
 - d. Summer Yearling Heifer Born June 1 - Aug. 31, prior year
 - e. Jr. Yearling Heifer (Spring Yearling) Born Mar. 1 - May 31, prior year
 - f. Intermediate Yearling Heifer Born Dec. 1, 2 years prior - Feb. 28, prior year
 - g. Sr. Yearling Heifer Born (Fall Yearling) Born Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2 years prior
 - h. Cows, 2 years and under 3
 - i. Cows, 3 years and under 4
 - j. Cows, 4 years and over
 - k. Junior Champion Female
 - l. Senior Champion Female
 - m. Grand Champion Female

OPEN CLASS DAIRY CATTLE INFO

1. Open Class Dairy Cattle (NOTE- verify with FB on entries)
2. Open class dairy heifers used for open class showing only, no Junior Fair showing, may arrive day of the dairy show. Animals must be on the grounds by 8:00 a.m. and be vet checked before they can unload. These animals will then be allowed to leave following the show.
3. Open Class Dairy Cattle MAY NOT participate in the Junior Fair Showmanship Classes.
4. OPEN CLASS DAIRY CATTLE Classes in order: (shows on Thursday)
 - a. Bull, 1 year and under
 - b. Junior Champion Bull
 - c. Senior Champion Bull
 - d. Grand Champion Bull
 - e. Jr. Heifer Calf Born Mar. 1 - May 31, current year
 - f. Intermediate Heifer Calf Born Dec. 1, prior year - Feb. 28, current year
 - g. Sr. Heifer Calf Born Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, prior year
 - h. Summer Yearling Heifer Born June 1 - Aug. 31, prior year
 - i. Jr. Yearling Heifer (Spring Yearling) Born Mar. 1 - May 31, prior year
 - j. Intermediate Yearling Heifer (Winter Yearling) Born Dec. 1, 2 years prior -Feb. 28, prior year
 - k. Sr. Yearling Heifer Born (Fall Yearling) Born Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2 years prior
 - l. Cows, 2 years and under 3
 - m. Cows, 3 years and under 4
 - n. Cows, 4 years and over
 - o. Junior Champion Female
 - p. Senior Champion Female
 - q. Grand Champion Female
 - r. Get of Sire, 3 animals, any age, either sex, owned by one or more exhibitors
 - s. Produce of Dam-2 animals, either sex-owned by exhibitor
 - t. Calf Herd-3 heifers, all under 2 years of age-female bred and owned by exhibitor
 - u. Champion of Champion aged cows
 - v. Champion of Champion Heifer and Calf Class
5. Breeds in Order to be shown:
 - a. Ayrshire
 - b. Brown Swiss
 - c. Guernsey
 - d. Jersey
 - e. Shorthorn
 - f. Mixed Breed
 - g. Holstein

ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

MARKET BEEF / DAIRY STEER CARCASS CLASS

1. The Athens County Junior Fair Market Beef Carcass Class is intended to be an educational experience for young producers in the beef industry. The carcass class is recognized as one of the most valuable learning experiences in beef production that exhibitors can take part in, and participation is highly encouraged. Additionally, this exclusive experience introduces youth to top performers in the industry – professors, professionals, packing management, facilities, and more.
2. The agricultural industry is shifting in Southern and Southeastern Ohio with the introduction of a Meat Science program at the University of Rio Grande, and expanding workforce development preparation goals by Ohio 4-H. By introducing a Junior Fair Market Beef Carcass Class, the local 4-H and FFA programs can support youth in “learning by doing,” and completing hands-on project work with a potential for continuing education.
3. Evaluation will be completed by a qualified meat inspector/grader and will be placed from best to last.
 - a. Exhibitors are required to be present at the processing facility for the explanation of placings and final results; date and time will be determined.
4. All general rules and requirements of the traditional Athens County Junior Fair program pertain. Junior Fair exhibitors adhere to the guidelines and expectations set forth by 4-H, FFA, and the Athens County Junior Fair.
 - a. All members enrolled in the Market Beef Carcass Contest must fulfill the annual Quality Assurance training requirement to meet ODA livestock quality assurance and Athens County Junior Fair standards.
 - b. All members enrolled in the Market Beef Carcass Contest are required to participate in a custom built Skillathon during the week of fair to be able to participate in the sale.
 - c. A customized record book must be completed and submitted upon delivery of the carcass project.
 - d. Each exhibitor must exhibit another animal of the same specie at the fair.
5. The Market Beef Carcass Class falls under the Market Beef Project and follows the rules set forth for market beef.
6. The Carcass Class will consist of Market Steer/Market Heifer/Market Dairy Steer ONLY.
7. TAG-IN: All beef MUST be checked-in/tagged-in on December 20, 2025, at the Athens County Fairgrounds from 12pm (noon) – 1pm (this includes carcass animals).
8. Minimum weight is 1000 lbs. live weight at time of slaughter.
9. There is only one (1) carcass entry per exhibitor. (You must choose beef or swine for your one (1) carcass entry, you can't do both).
 - a. Exhibitors may tag-in four market beef and declare which ONE beef that will be used as their carcass animal before they arrive at the processing facility.
 - b. Dairy projects and Beef projects will be judged together due to the lack of numbers, but the dairy projects will sell at the end of the live dairy projects in the order placed by the judge.

10. Athens County Junior Fair is not responsible for any butcher bills or other costs regarding exhibitor participation in the carcass class.
11. SALE: All carcass animals are eligible to sell but are not required if the exhibitor chooses not to do so, unless they are Grand or Reserve Carcass.
 - a. All carcass animals that plan to sell will be placed in sale order deemed by the Sale Committee and sold during the Athens County Jr Fair Livestock Sale.
 - b. All carcass animals that DO NOT plan to sell through the Athens County Jr Fair Livestock Sale – the exhibitor is responsible for any butcher bills or other costs associated with their participation in the carcass class.
 - c. Carcass animals will be sold at the conclusion of the live Market Beef Sale, in the following order Grand Champion Carcass, Reserve Champion Carcass, and the remaining carcasses in the order they were placed by the judge.
 - d. Exhibitors are allowed to sell one carcass animal and one live animal through the Athens County Jr Fair Livestock Sale.
 - e. Each exhibitor must carry a representation of their carcass project into the sale ring while the project is being auctioned.
12. ALL Athens County Junior Fair market animals are expected to be continuously drug free and should complete online Drug Use Notification (DUNF) Forms.
13. Market Beef Carcass Class will be brought to the Athens Livestock Sale Barn for weighing to meet minimum live weight requirements. They will then be transported to slaughter facility by Sale Committee representatives. (These will be determined at a later date and time). Animals MUST be able to walk off trailer and meet ODA health requirements upon delivery to slaughter facility.
14. Any questions can be directed to the Athens County Senior Fair Board Carcass Class Committee. (Chair: Calvin Jarvis)

Carcass Rules Revised: 12/09/04, 12/06/25

MARKET SWINE and SWINE CARCASS

1. All market swine must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by May 1 prior to the fair. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. All male market hogs must be castrated. Market hogs must be completely healed prior to fair. Market hogs showing testicular signs will be removed from the fairgrounds.
3. Identification for the market swine shall be: 1) ear tag on the second (2nd) Wednesday in May (6:00pm – 8:00pm) for the 2026 Athens County Fair. Market Swine and Swine Carcass must be brought to the fairgrounds to have an ear tag placed in the hogs' ear. Procedures for tag-in are as follows:
 - a. All market swine will remain on trailer.
 - b. Violation of the rules subjects the swine to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - c. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - d. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
 - e. Exhibitor can tag-in four (4) market swine, and declare which one will be used as their carcass animal before they arrive at the processing facility. Up to four (4) "live" market swine can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - f. Swine carcass projects will be only tagged in and not weighed.
 - g. If a swine loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
4. All market hogs must weigh a minimum of 210 lbs. and no more than 310 lbs. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to sell.
5. Market hogs must be checked and weighed in on Saturday of the fair at the designated check-in time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market hogs will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
6. Market hogs will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
7. A pair of market hogs class will be held for any Junior Fair Market Swine exhibitor who wishes to participate. A pair of market hogs consists of two (2) hogs which are shown together and judged as a unit. Once an animal is selected grand or reserve grand champion in the singles market class, it cannot reenter the show ring for the pair's class.
8. All **PAIR** of market hogs, except the Grand Champion, will not be sold through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, but will be taken home or sold commercially.
9. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Swine exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.
10. Should your pig(s) become ill or show signs of any illness, they may be quarantined and deemed terminal. Terminal means the animal cannot go back to the farm, but will go directly to a processor. The fair board at any time may declare all swine terminal and no animals will be allowed to return to the exhibitors' farm, they will go directly to a processor. Exhibitor will be responsible for all processing fees

No Fans Allowed in the Swine Barn - No Exceptions!

****IMPORTANT RULE UPDATE FOR SWINE EXHIBITORS REGARDING CLIPPING OF MARKET HOGS****

1. The Athens County Sales Committee has been contacted by the packers that purchase the market hog projects and have informed the committee that they WILL NOT take any market hogs that have been clipped. They have also warned the committee that if this is a problem, they will not put in a packer bid in the future.
2. Therefore the Athens County Fair Board and Sales Committee, in an effort to keep the packer bids, will be checking market hogs and any project that does not meet the following guidelines will need to be removed from the grounds before the show.
3. We understand this could affect some of you and we hope you understand we are making this decision in order to stay compliant with the state rules, as well as make sure that the exhibitors are able to sell their projects at a better price.
4. *Ohio Revised Code 901-19-33 Prohibited grooming practices. This is a mandatory rule.
5. The following grooming practices are prohibited in junior market livestock shows
 - (A) Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or 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.
 - (E) Effective: 3/21/2016
6. *Ohio Revised Code Chapter 901-19 Livestock Exhibitions 901-19-01 Definitions.
7. (LL) "Slick clipping" or "body shaving" means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.

MARKET SWINE – Show Procedure

Hogs weighing less than 210 pounds are not eligible for the market swine show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the swine showmanship class.

Market Swine – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market swine from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Swine. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market swine from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market swine. This continues until the top **FIVE** market swine are placed.

The market swine not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market swine that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market swine have been put in sale order.

Based on the number of entries after Market Swine check-in at fair; Sale Committee will determine if Divisions will be needed. IF the Sale Committee makes the decision that divisions will be applied, the show procedure will then be as follows:

Market Swine are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair. Market Swine weighing a minimum of 210 pounds and no more than 310 pounds will be divided into 3 weight divisions by the Sale Committee.

All hogs will then be divided into weight classes by the Sale Committee. The number of hogs in a class depends on weight range.

The first class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

The procedure continues until all classes are placed for the light weight division. Once, all classes in the light weight division are placed; the first place market swine from each class in the light weight division enters the show ring; Judge will select Division Champion Light Weight market swine. Once the Light Weight Division Champion is selected, bring in the second place from the class that the Division Champion came from, judge selects the Reserve Champion market swine for the light weight division. After the Reserve Champion Light Weight Division is selected, bring in the next place animal in the class the Reserve Champion Light Weight Division came from, judge selects the third place market swine in the light weight division. This continues until the top **FIVE** market swine are placed for the light weight division.

This process will continue for the medium weight division as well as the heavy weight division.

The procedure for the selection of the Overall Grand Champion Market Swine will bring each Division Champion back into the show ring. The judge will select the Overall Grand Champion Market Swine. Once the Overall Grand Champion Market Swine is chosen, bring in the Reserve Champion Market Swine from the division that the Grand Champion came from; judge selects the Overall Reserve Champion Market Swine. After the Overall Reserve Champion Market Swine is selected, bring in the next placed animal in the class that the Overall Reserve Champion came from, judge will select the Overall Third Place Market Swine. This continues until the Overall top **FIVE** market swine are placed.

ALL DIVISION TOP FIVE MARKET SWINE MUST BE READY TO COME TO THE SHOW RING FOR SELECTION OF OVERALL TOP FIVE MARKET SWINE. Exhibitors need to stay by their swine pen.

MARKET SWINE PAIRS

Market Swine pairs will be called to the show arena **one at a time**. The judge will look at the pair as they pass the announcers' stand and will either direct the pair to enter the show ring or return to their pen in the barn.

The judge will hold four sets of pairs in the show ring. Selecting and dismissing the pairs as the judge deems, until the Grand Champion Pair of Hogs is selected.

SWINE BREEDING INFORMATION

1. Breeding livestock will register in FairEntry beginning the second Monday of July and registration will close the Thursday of the same week. These entries will serve as the stall requests for breeding livestock.
2. Breeding Swine are checked in on the first Saturday of the fair between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00am at the designated location on the fairgrounds. All breeding swine must be vet checked and the exhibitor or hauler must show proof (paper copy or on phone) of completed Drug Use Notification Form(s) for each animal checking in before they will be allowed to proceed to the barn area.
3. SWINE SHOW ORDER
 - a. Showmanship
 - b. Market Show, followed by Pairs
 - c. Breeding Gilts
 - d. Fat Barrows
 - e. Pee Wee
4. Participants cannot show the same gilt in both a market class and a gilt class. Exhibitors showing breeding gilts must have separate hogs for market and gilt classes.

Swine Breeding Show Procedure:

The judge will look at the breeding gilts and place them 1st through 5th. The first-place breeding gilt will be Grand Champion Breeding Gilt and the exhibitor will receive a breed champion award and blue rosette. The second-place breeding gilt exhibitor will receive a red rosette and a trophy. The 3rd through 5th place exhibitors will receive rosettes respectively. Each participant of the breeding gilt show will receive a participation ribbon.

MARKET SWINE CARCASS CLASS

1. The Athens County Junior Fair Market Swine Carcass Class is intended to be an educational experience for young producers in the swine industry. The carcass class is recognized as one of the most valuable learning experiences in swine production that exhibitors can take part in, and participation is highly encouraged. Additionally, this exclusive experience introduces youth to top performers in the industry – professors, professionals, packing management, facilities, and more.
2. The agricultural industry is shifting in Southern and Southeastern Ohio with the introduction of a Meat Science program at the University of Rio Grande, and expanding workforce development preparation goals by Ohio 4-H. By introducing a Junior Fair Market Swine Carcass Class, the local 4-H and FFA programs can support youth in “learning by doing,” and completing hands-on project work with a potential for continuing education.
3. Evaluation will be completed by a qualified meat inspector/grader and will be placed from best to last.
 - a. Exhibitors are required to be present at the processing facility for the explanation of placings and final results; date and time will be determined.
4. All general rules and requirements of the traditional Athens County Junior Fair program pertain. Junior Fair exhibitors adhere to the guidelines and expectations set forth by 4-H, FFA, and the Athens County Junior Fair.
 - a. All members enrolled in the Market Swine Carcass Contest must fulfill the annual Quality Assurance training requirement to meet ODA livestock quality assurance and Athens County Junior Fair standards.
 - b. All members enrolled in the Market Swine Carcass Contest are required to participate in a custom built Skillathon during the week of the fair to be able to participate in the sale.
 - c. A customized record book must be completed and submitted upon delivery of the carcass project.
 - d. Each exhibitor must exhibit another animal of the same species at the fair.
5. The Market Swine Carcass Project falls under the Market Swine Project and follows the rules set forth for market swine.
6. TAG IN: Market swine will be identified on the second Wednesday in May with ear tag. Market Swine will be brought to the fairgrounds to have an EID tag put in their ear. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tag-in.
7. Minimum weight is 210 lbs. and no more than 310 lbs. live weight at time of slaughter.
8. There is only one (1) carcass entry per exhibitor. (You must choose beef or swine for your 1 carcass entry; you can't do both).
 - a. Exhibitors may tag in four (4) market swine and declare which one (1) will be used as their carcass animal before they arrive at the processing facility.
9. Athens County Junior Fair is not responsible for any butcher bills or other costs regarding exhibitor participation in the carcass class.
10. Carcass animals must be delivered to the Athens Livestock Sale Barn to be weighed to determine minimum live weight requirements. The animal selected to be weighed cannot be changed after being on the scales. Then they will be delivered to the slaughter facility at a predetermined date, time and location. The slaughter facility must be able to scald and keep the skin for proper evaluation if a facility is found and willing to host the carcass class. The carcass animal must be able to walk off the trailer and meet ODA health requirements for slaughter.
11. SALE: All carcass animals are eligible to sell but are not required if the exhibitor chooses not to do so, unless they are a Grand or Reserve Carcass.

- a. All carcass animals that plan to sell will be placed in the sale order deemed by the Sales Committee and sold during the Athens County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.
 - b. All carcass animals that DO NOT plan to sell through the Athens County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale - the exhibitor is responsible for any butcher bills or other costs associated with their participation in the carcass class.
 - c. Carcass animals will be sold at the conclusion of the live Market Swine Sale, in the following order Grand Champion Carcass, Reserve Champion Carcass, and the remaining carcasses in the order they were placed by the judge.
 - d. Exhibitors are allowed to sell one carcass animal and one live animal through the Athens County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.
 - e. Each exhibitor must carry a representation of their carcass project into the sale ring while the project is being auctioned.
12. ALL Athens County Junior Fair market animals are expected to be continuously drug free and should complete online Drug Use Notification (DUNF) Forms.
 13. Market Swine Carcass Class will be brought to the Athens Livestock Sale Barn for weighing to meet minimum live weight requirements. They will then be transported to slaughter facility by Sale Committee representatives. (These will be determined at a later date and time). Animals MUST be able to walk off trailer and meet ODA health requirements upon delivery to slaughter facility.
 14. Any questions can be directed to the Athens County Senior Fair Board Carcass Class Committee (Chair: Calvin Jarvis).

Carcass Rules Revised: 12/06/25

MARKET LAMB

1. All market lambs must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by May 1 prior to the fair. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. All market lambs must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the re-growth horn. All market lambs with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male market lambs must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market lambs showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
3. Identification for the market lambs shall be: 1) ear tag on the second (2nd) Wednesday in May (6:00pm – 8:00pm) for the 2026 Athens County Fair. Market Lambs must be brought to the fairgrounds to have an EID tag placed in the lambs' ear. Procedures for tag-in are as follows:
 - a. All market lambs will remain on trailer/in truck.
 - b. Violation of the rules subjects the lamb to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - c. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - d. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal will be paid thru FairEntry during the May 2026 online registration period.
 - e. Exhibitor can tag-in up to four (4) market lambs.
 - f. If a lamb loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
 - g. Up to four (4) market lambs can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - h. Market lambs must weigh a minimum of 95 pounds and no more than 160 pounds at final weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to sell.
4. All market lambs will be weighed for final show weight by the Senior Fair Board at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market lambs must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market lambs will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
5. ALL JR. FAIR MARKET LAMBS MUST BE SLICK SHEARED TO 1/4 INCH
6. Market lambs will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
7. A pen of two market class will be held for any Junior Fair Market Lamb exhibitor who wishes to participate. A pen of market lambs consists of two (2) lambs which are shown together and judged as a unit. Once an animal is selected grand or reserve grand champion in the singles market class, it cannot reenter the show ring for the pair's class.
8. All pen of two, except for the Grand Champion, will not be sold through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, but will be taken home or sold commercially.
9. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Lambs exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET LAMB – Show Procedure

Market Lambs weighing less than 95 pounds are not eligible for the market lamb show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the Sheep showmanship class.

Market Lambs – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market lambs must weigh a minimum of 95 pounds and no more than 160 pounds at final weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to sell. Market Lambs are placed in weight classes after weigh-in on the fair.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market lamb from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Lamb. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market lamb from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market lamb. This continues until the top **FIVE** market lambs are placed.

The market lambs not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market lamb that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market lambs have been put in sale order.

MARKET PEN OF LAMBS

Market Pen of Lambs will be called to the show arena. The judge will look at the pair selecting and dismissing the pairs as the judge deems, until the Grand Champion Pen of Lambs is selected.

JR FAIR SHEEP BREEDING INFORMATION

1. All SHEEP exhibited must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification as described in ODA Rule 901:1-13-04. Most common types of this identification are: (a) Official SDA ear tags or (b) Tattoos that have been approved by the USDA, APHS for USA in the scrapie eradication program.
2. Breeding livestock will register in FairEntry beginning the second Monday of July and registration will close the Thursday of the same week. These entries will serve as the stall requests for breeding livestock.
3. Breeding Sheep are checked in on the first Saturday of the fair between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00am at the designated location on the fairgrounds. All breeding sheep must be vet checked and the exhibitor or hauler must show proof (paper copy or on phone) of completed Drug Use Notification Form(s) for each animal checking in before they will be allowed to proceed to the barn area.
5. Classes in Order (By Breed) :
 - a. Jr. Ewe, Lamb
 - b. Sr. Ewe, Lamb
 - c. Ewe, 1 year and under 2 years
 - d. Grand Champion Ewe
4. Breeds:
 - a. Cheviot
 - b. Columbia
 - c. Corriedale
 - d. Dorsets
 - e. Hampshire
 - f. Merinos
 - g. Montadale
 - h. Polypay
 - i. Rambouillet
 - j. Crossbred
 - k. Shropshire
 - l. Southdown
 - m. Suffolk

MARKET GOATS

1. All market goats must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by May 1 prior to the fair. Market Goats can be a wether or doe. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds and no more than 120 pounds at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all qualifications to be eligible for sale.
3. All market goats must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market goats with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male market goats must be castrated and completely healed prior to the fair. Market goats showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
4. Identification for the market goats shall be: 1) ear tag on the second (2nd) Wednesday in May (6:00pm – 8:00pm) for the 2026 Athens County Fair. Market goats must be brought to the fairgrounds to have an EID tag placed in the goats' ear. Procedures for tag-in are as follows:
 - a. All market goats will remain on trailer/in truck.
 - b. Violation of the rules subjects the goat to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - c. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - d. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal will be paid thru FairEntry during the May 2026 online registration period.
 - e. Exhibitor can tag-in up to four (4) market goats.
 - f. If a goat loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
5. Up to four (4) market goats can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in and show, by participant.
6. ALL JR. FAIR MARKET GOATS MUST BE SLICK SHEARED TO 1/4 INCH
7. All market goats will be weighed for final show weight by the Senior Fair Board at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market goats must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market goats will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
8. Market goats will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise
9. A pen of two market class will be held for any Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitor who wishes to participate. A pen of market goats consists of two (2) goats which are shown together and judged as a unit. Once an animal is selected grand or reserve grand champion in the singles market class, it cannot reenter the show ring for the pair's class
10. All pairs, except Grand Champion, will not be sold through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, but will be taken home or sold commercially.
11. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Goats exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET GOATS – Show Procedure

Market Goats weighing less than 60 pounds are not eligible for the market goat show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the Market Goat showmanship class.

Market Goats – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds and no more than 120 pounds at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all qualifications to be eligible for sell. Market Goats are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair. Market goat wethers and does show together.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market goat from each class enter the show ring, judge selects Grand Champion Market Goat. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market goat from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market goat. This continues until the top **FIVE** market goats are placed.

The market goats not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market goat that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market goats have been put in sale order.

MARKET PAIR OF GOATS

Market Pair of Goats will be called to the show arena. The judge will look at the pair selecting and dismissing the pairs as the judge deems, until the Grand Champion Pair of Goats is selected.

DAIRY GOAT INFORMATION

1. All goats exhibited must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification as described in ODA Rule 901:1-13-04. Most common types of this identification are: (a) Official SDA ear tags or (b) Tattoos that have been approved by the USDA, APHS for USA in the scrapie eradication program.
2. Breeding livestock will register in FairEntry beginning the second Monday of July and registration will close the Thursday of the same week. These entries will serve as the stall requests for breeding livestock.
3. Dairy Goats are checked in on the first Saturday of the fair between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00am at the designated location on the fairgrounds. All dairy goats must be vet checked and the exhibitor or hauler must show proof (paper copy or on phone) of completed Drug Use Notification Form(s) for each animal checking in before they will be allowed to proceed to the barn area.
4. NO bucks on the grounds.
5. Dairy goats are not required to be dehorned.
6. DAIRY GOAT SHOW ORDER: Within each breed, animals are further divided into age classes (see categories above). Thus, each animal competes against others of its own breed and approximate age.
7. DAIRY GOAT SHOW PROCEDURE
First place winners from each class compete for Champion. There may be Junior and Senior Champions which then compete for Grand Champion. A Reserve Champion is chosen from the remaining first place winners plus the animal which placed second in its class behind the animal chosen champion. The final class of the day is usually "Best in Show," in which the judge selects a winner from the Grand Champions of each breed.
8. Classes in Order (By Breed) :
 - a. Junior Doe Kid
 - b. Intermediate Doe Kid
 - c. Senior Doe Kid
 - d. Junior Yearling Doe - Dry
 - e. Senior Yearling Doe - Dry
 - f. Under 2 Years in Milk
 - g. 2 Years and Under 3 in Milk
 - h. 3 Years and Under 4 in Milk
 - i. 4 Years and Under 5 in Milk
 - j. 5 Years and Over in Milk
 - k. Dairy Wether
 - l. Best of Junior Doe Class
 - m. Best of Senior Doe Class
 - n. Best of Breed Class
 - o. Overall Champion
9. Breeds:
 - a. Alpine
 - b. Angora
 - c. LaMancha
 - d. Mixed
 - e. Nubian
 - f. Oberhasli
 - g. Pygmy
 - h. Saanen
 - i. Toggenburg

MEAT DOE BREED SHOW

1. Breeding livestock will register in FairEntry beginning the second Monday of July and registration will close the Thursday of the same week. These entries will serve as the stall requests for breeding livestock.
2. Breeding Meat Does are checked in on the first Saturday of the fair between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00am at the designated location on the fairgrounds. All breeding meat does must be vet checked and the exhibitor or hauler must show proof (paper copy or on phone) of completed Drug Use Notification Form(s) for each animal checking in before they will be allowed to proceed to the barn area.
3. Female breeding meat doe MAY have horns.
4. Meat Goat Breed Classes:
 - a. Class 1. Junior Meat Doe Kid, 0 to under 12 months
 - b. Class 2. Yearling Meat Doe Kid, 12 to under 24 months
 - c. Class 3. Senior Meat Doe Kid, 24 months and older

MARKET RABBITS

1. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FOR 2026** -- Market rabbits will be identified on the ***third Wednesday in July*** as designed by the Sale Committee. Market rabbits the exhibitor plans to bring to the fair for exhibit, show and sale, must be brought to the fairgrounds between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday in July to be identified. Any market rabbit not brought to the fairgrounds at the designated time and identified will not be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Show and Sale.
2. Market Rabbits can come from exhibitor's own doe(s) or be purchased. Market Rabbits must be of market rabbit type. Rabbits must be under the care and ownership of exhibitor by the THIRD Wednesday in July. Care includes a complete set of records.
3. Market Rabbit registration will be submitted online this year at FairEntry.com. Registration will open on the first Wednesday of May at 8am and the deadline will be 8pm on the second Wednesday of May. A \$3.00 registration fee per pen is to be paid at the time of online registration. Payment is non-refundable. Any Exhibitor not submitting their entries online during designated time will not be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale.
4. Exhibitors may register up to two (2) pens of market rabbits. A \$3.00 per pen of two (2) rabbits, registration fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of Market Rabbit online entry in FairEntry.
5. Cordless/Battery operated fans will be permitted in the rabbit barn. NO EXTENSION CORDS!
6. Exhibitors may tag up to four (4) market rabbits for one (1) pen of two, or up to eight (8) market rabbits for two (2) pens of two. The exhibitor must have registered for two (2) pens of market rabbits the second Wednesday in May to be able to tag-in up to eight (8) market rabbits for two (2) pens of two in July.
7. Market rabbits must not be less than 56 days and not over 70 days of age at check in Friday of the fair. Market rabbits must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) and a maximum of 5 ½ pounds (88 oz.) per animal at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Show and Sale. Market Rabbit weights will be read and recorded in ounces.
8. Market rabbits must be checked in on Friday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market rabbits will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
9. Only market rabbits tattooed at the designated time set by the Sale Committee, two (2) rabbits for one (1) pen or four (4) rabbits for two (2) pens, can be brought to the fairgrounds to be weighed-in. (This applies only to the number of market rabbits that an exhibitor can bring to the fairgrounds.)
10. All market rabbits will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Exhibitor must designate which rabbits will be grouped **before** being checked-in. Market Rabbits cannot be switched around during or after check-in.
11. Rabbits must be quality graded by the judge. Only the highest quality grades will be eligible for the sale. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee.
12. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Rabbits exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET RABBIT – Show Procedure

Market Rabbits pens with a rabbit weighing less than 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) or more than 5 ½ pounds (88 oz.) are not eligible for the market rabbit show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class and in rabbit showmanship class.

Market Rabbit – Non-Sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place top 5, 1st through 5th

Market rabbits must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) and a maximum of 5 ½ pounds (88 oz.) per animal at weigh-in of the fair. Market Rabbit weights will be read and recorded in ounces.

Market Rabbits are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair.

** If not enough pens of market rabbits. All Pens of Market Rabbits enter the show ring and are placed on the show table as one class.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market rabbit from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Rabbit. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market rabbit from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market rabbit. This continues until the top FIVE market rabbit are placed.

The market rabbit not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market rabbit that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market rabbit have been put in sale order.

BREEDING RABBIT INFORMATION

1. Breeding livestock will register in FairEntry beginning the second Monday of July and registration will close the Thursday of the same week. Exhibitors may register up to three (3) rabbits. Exhibitor can show only one (1) rabbit per class.(I.E. one (1) Netherland Dwarf Junior Buck) Individual breeding rabbit entries should include: breed, class(I.E. junior buck) variety-slash group if applicable, and tattoo number. These entries will serve as the pen requests for breeding livestock.

2. RABBIT Show Procedure:
 - a. Showmanship
 - b. Market Rabbits
 - c. Breed

3. Classes in Order (By Breed) :
 - a. Junior Buck
 - b. Intermediate Buck
 - c. Senior Buck
 - d. Junior Doe
 - e. Intermediate Doe
 - f. Senior Doe
 - g. Best of Breed – selected from each breed shown
 - h. Class 4 or “Fancy Breeds”
 - i. These breeds are exhibited in 4 classes
 - i. Senior Buck
 - ii. Senior Doe
 - iii. Junior Buck
 - iv. Junior Doe4 Class Breeds – American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Blue Holicer, Britannia Petite, Czech Frosty, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillon, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Californian, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta
 - v. Class 6 or “Commercial Breeds”
- j. These breeds are exhibited in 6 class
 - i. Senior Buck
 - ii. Senior Doe
 - iii. Intermediate Buck
 - iv. Intermediate Doe
 - v. Junior Buck
 - vi. Junior Doe6 Class Breeds – American, Argente Brun, American Chinchilla, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne d’Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Creme d’Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox

MARKET CHICKEN

1. A meat pen shall consist of the same breed **AND** purchased through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee. Market chicken must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. Market Chicken registration will be submitted online this year at FairEntry.com. Registration will open on the first Wednesday of May at 8am and the deadline will be 8pm on the second Wednesday of May. A \$3.00 registration fee per pen, plus the cost of the chicks, is to be paid at the time of online registration. Payment is non-refundable. Any exhibitor not submitting entries during the designated time will not be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale.
3. Chicks must be picked up at the fairgrounds at the designated time or exhibitor will not be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale and will forfeit their ownership of the chicks. Only Market Chickens ordered and purchased by the exhibitor through the Sale Committee are allowed for exhibition during the fair. Exhibitor may NOT replace chicks that have been injured or died with chicks from another 4-H member or purchased from another source.
4. A \$3.00 per pen registration fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time the market chicken ID cards are turned in.
5. Market chicken exhibitors can register a limit of two (2) pens, comprised of two (2) birds per pen, limit and must be bought in multiples of six (6) birds per pen, with a limit of twelve (12) birds per exhibitor.
6. Market chickens must be checked in on Friday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market chickens will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board. Leg bands will be placed on the market chickens by the Sale Committee at check-in.
7. Only market chickens purchased through the Athens County Sale Committee, two (2) chickens for one (1) pen or four (4) chickens for two (2) pens, can be brought to the fairgrounds to be weighed in. (This applies only to the number of market chickens that an exhibitor can bring to the fairgrounds.)
8. All market chickens will be weighed for final weight by the Senior Fair Board at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market chicken exhibitors must designate which birds will be grouped to make up a pen **before** being checked-in. Birds cannot be switched around during or after check-in.
9. Birds must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) and no more than 8 pounds (128 oz.) per bird at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale. Market Chicken weights will be read and recorded in ounces.
10. The judge's decision is final.
11. Exhibitor **MUST** be present and **SHOW** their market chickens in the show ring in order to have their market chickens judged and placed.
12. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Rabbits exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET CHICKEN – Show Procedure

Market Chicken pens with a chicken weighing less than 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) pounds are not eligible for the market chicken show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class and in chicken showmanship class.

Market Chickens – Non-Sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place top 5, 1st through 5th

Market chickens must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) per bird and no more than 8 pounds (128 oz.) per bird at weigh-in of the fair. Market Chickens weights will be read and recorded in ounces.

Market Chickens are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market chicken from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Chicken. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market chicken from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market chicken. This continues until the top **FIVE** market chicken are placed.

The market chicken not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market chicken that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market chicken have been put in sale order.

FANCY POULTRY INFORMATION

1. Breeding livestock will register in FairEntry beginning the second Monday of July and registration will close the Thursday of the same week. Exhibitors may register up to twelve (12) birds. Exhibitor can show only one (1) bird per class. These entries will serve as the pen requests for breeding livestock.
2. Poultry Show Order
 - a. Poultry Showmanship
 - b. Market Turkey
 - c. Market Chicken
 - d. Poultry Dress-up Contest
 - e. Breeds

POULTRY BREED SHOW

The Division "A": Large Fowl and Division "B" Bantams Portion of the show procedure has changed (2020). This is now a male/female show. All males (cockerel & roosters), in the Large Fowl Division are called to the show table at one time. The show procedure will determine the "Best" male. Then all females, (pullets & hens), in the Large Fowl Division are called to the show table at one time. The show procedure will determine the "Best" female. The best male and best female will compete for Best Division "A" Large Fowl. Division "B": Bantams show is the same as above. The remainder of Show, Division "C": Waterfowl and Division "D": Other fowl will show the same as last year (males and females shown together).

Procedure:

Division C: Waterfowl, NOTE-WATERFOWL IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT

1. Class 1—Ducks- Heavy Weight-Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen, Muscovy
2. Class 2—Ducks- Medium Weight-Cayuga, Crested, Swedish
3. Class 3—Ducks- Light Weight-Runner, Campbell, Magpie
4. Class 4—Ducks- Bantam-Call, East India, Mallard

Geese:

1. Class 1—Heavy Weight-Toulouse, Embden, African
2. Class 2— Medium Weight-Sebastopol, Pilgrim, American Buff, Saddleback Pomerian
3. Class 3—Light Weight-Chinese, Tufted Roman, Canada, Egyptian.

Division D: Other Fowl:

1. Guinea Fowl
2. Pheasants
3. Pigeons
4. Peafowl
5. Turkeys (These are not the market turkeys)

MARKET TURKEY

1. Market turkey pen shall consist of one turkey, preferably a tom turkey, of the same breed AND purchased through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee only. Market turkeys must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by the designated pick up date. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. Market Turkey registration is always the first Wednesday in February. Market Turkey ID Cards must be brought to the Athens County Extension Office and turned in to the Sale Committee on the first Wednesday in February between 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. A \$3.00 registration fee per turkey, and the cost of the turkeys, is to be paid at the time Market Turkey ID Cards are turned in. Payment is non-refundable. Exhibitors can purchase up to eight (8) turkeys. Exhibitor can register two (2) Market Turkeys to exhibit during the fair. The Sale Committee will order the Turkeys from the Market Turkey ID Cards.
3. Turkeys must be picked up at the fairgrounds at the designated time or exhibitor will not be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale and will forfeit their ownership of the turkeys. Only Market Turkeys ordered and purchased by the exhibitor through the Sale Committee are allowed for exhibition during the fair. Exhibitor may NOT replace turkeys that have been injured or died with turkeys from another 4-H member or purchased from another source.
4. A \$3.00 per entry registration fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time the market turkey ID cards are turned in.
5. Markey Turkey Exhibitors can register a limit of two (2) entries, two (2) birds. Exhibitors can purchase up to eight (8) turkeys. Exhibitors can bring only one (1) market turkey for one (1) entry or two (2) market turkeys for two (2) entries.
6. Market turkeys must be checked in on Friday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market turkeys will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board. Leg bands will be placed on the market turkeys by the Sale Committee at check-in.
7. Only market turkeys purchased through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee, one (1) turkey for one (1) pen or two (2) turkeys for two (2) pens, can be brought to the fairgrounds to be weighed-in. (This applies only to the number of market turkeys that an exhibitor can bring to the fairgrounds.)
8. All market turkeys will be weighed for final weight by the Senior Fair Board at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
9. Market Turkeys must weigh a minimum of fifteen (15) pounds and no more than fifty (50) pounds per bird at time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other meet qualifications to be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale.
10. This is a tom turkey project. Tom turkeys are much preferred, but hen turkeys may show.
11. The judges' decision is final.
12. Exhibitor **MUST** be present and **SHOW** their market turkey in the show ring in order to have their market turkey judged and place for sale order.
13. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Turkeys exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET TURKEY – Show Procedure

Market Turkey weighing less than 15 pounds is not eligible for the market turkey show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the poultry showmanship class.

Market Turkeys – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market Turkey must weigh a minimum of 15 pounds and no more than 50 pounds at time of weigh-in.

Market Turkeys are placed in weight class after weigh-in of the fair.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market turkey from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Turkey. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market turkey from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market turkey. This continues until the top **FIVE** market turkey are placed.

The market turkey not selected in the top five will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market turkey that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market turkey have been put in sale order.

DOGS

1. DOG Registration:

All 4-H members must turn in Dog ID and Vaccination form and permission to participate forms to the Extension Office. These forms can be hand delivered or mailed to the Extension Office. The Extension Office representative will bring a list of all registered dogs the day of the show. Deadline for submitting the forms is June 1st .

2. Ownership:

- a. Dogs participating in the Athens County Jr. Fair Dog Show must be owned by the exhibitor or their immediate family and the date of ownership must be no later than April 1 of the current year. You may not lease or borrow a dog. All dogs must be six months or older.
- b. All dogs must be currently licensed in Athens County, and you must bring a certificate of license to the health check; the dog license tag alone is not sufficient.
- c. All dogs must have current Rabies vaccinations, as indicated on your form, in addition to Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus. For the State Fair, all dogs' vaccinations must be current through August 2 of the current year.
- d. Any bitches showing signs of heat, pregnancy, or lactation will not be permitted on the fairgrounds.
- e. At registration, dog owners will bring their dogs to the registration table and get a showbill, while making sure they are signed up for the correct classes.

3. OBEDIENCE:

The Team Leader will check to make sure all dogs have the proper equipment – no loose tags hanging; no raining collars, spikes, electronic collars are allowed, and leashes must be six feet in length for Beginner and Pre-Novice. All dogs must be kept on leash when entering and exiting the ring, or until directed to take it off by the judge.

4. Classes are as follows:

- a. Beginner Novice A
- b. Beginner Novice B
- c. Pre-Novice
- d. Novice
- e. Advanced Obedience
- f. Graduate Novice A
- g. Graduate Novice B
- h. If an individual wins a class, s/he must move up to the next class the following year, regardless of his/her age.

5. Recommended Dress Code:

- a. It is recommended for obedience that the exhibitor complement the dog's natural colors and dress professionally.
- b. NO inappropriate attire, such as revealing clothing, tank tops, short skirts or shorts, and torn clothing.
- c. Shirts must not have any inappropriate language, print, logos or images.
- d. NO sandals or open toed shoes.

6. Showmanship:

Final verification cards sent to the Extension Office by the advisors will include a section where members can indicate showmanship (if any) and obedience classes. Members may change their class ONLY if it is incorrect; they may not add showmanship at the day of show. There will be NO additions for a class once that class begins.

7. Classes by Age (in order of showing):

- a. Showmanship Junior A
- b. Showmanship Junior B
- c. Showmanship Intermediate A
- d. Showmanship Intermediate B
- e. Showmanship Senior A
- f. Showmanship Senior B
- g. Pro (Winners from each class of the day and past Pro winners)
- h. If an individual wins a class, s/he must move up to the next class the following year, regardless of his/her age. If any individual wins Pro Showmanship they must remain in Pro Showmanship regardless of his/her age.

HORSE

Horse Rules

ATHENS COUNTY FAIR 4-H/JUNIOR FAIR HORSE RULES

All 4-H horse judging is based on rules and regulations as set forth in "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows in Ohio", circular 179, unless superseded by county rules.

Eligibility/Participation

1. Online 4-H Horse Registration (Horse ID form) and 4-H Horse Lease Form, if necessary, for both county and state are due by 8pm on the second Wednesday of May. Class sign ups are due by 8pm on July 15th. These are both done through FairEntry.
2. Only one horse may be entered as a State Fair Project (PAS) with the exception of dressage. This class has its own state qualifications. County participants may bring only one horse to the fair unless they are also competing in small equine or driving projects.
3. If a project dies or is injured during the year, it must be verified by a licensed veterinarian at the member's expenses. Once verification has been presented to the Athens County Fair Board, the member will then be eligible to show with a substitute project animal. Substitution will be allowed only up until the starting date of the fair. Members are reminded that lease papers must be filed if they are needed. Riders who are approved by the Fair Board to use a substitute must contact the 4-H Extension Office to complete Horse ID paperwork before the fair. All other rules including those concerning professional training are still to be followed in the selection of a substitute project. Anyone who replaces their project horse after registration will not be allowed to compete for State Fair.
4. All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H/Junior Fair 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/Junior Fair 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/Junior Fair 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.
5. Horses shall arrive and depart at the times designated by the Fair Board.
6. All exhibitors must care for their horses each day by 9:00 a.m. while at the fair. (Fed, watered and stall cleaned) The Fair Board will enforce proper care and curfews. All bedding must be removed before leaving the fair.
7. Horses must be exercised a minimum of once daily.
8. No riding in the barn.
9. No racing around the barn.

10. No horses allowed past the racehorse barn (front or rear), on or across the racetrack or past the riding arena unless prior approval by the Athens County Fair Board is received. No livestock are allowed past the racehorse barn. Horses housed in the racehorse barn must enter and exit the rear of the barn.
11. Each club will be responsible for keeping their area clean.
12. It is the responsibility of the advisors, members and parents to set up and tear down equipment in the arena. Everything must be out of the arena overnight.
13. Anyone handling a horse at the fair must wear shoes — NO SANDALS OR OPEN TOED SHOES. Boots or shoes with heels must be worn at all times when showing horses. This includes Fun Day.

Show Day/Classes

1. Exhibitors have the option to choose to show in 1st Year, Novice Class or the class according to their age. If a youth participates in any PAS designated class, they must show as a Junior or Senior at the Athens County Fair. Classes may be shown combined, but judged separately, this will be up to the discretion of the show committee.
 - a. 1st Year Walk/Trot: Any age rider in their first year showing equine at the Athens County Fair. These riders are not eligible for Western Riding or Reining. These riders are not eligible to show in any championship classes or the PAS shows.
 - b. Novice Walk/Trot: Any age rider that is not in their first year showing equine and has never competed in walk/trot/canter classes. These riders are not eligible for Western Riding or Reining. These riders are not eligible to show in any championship classes at the Athens County Fair. Members who have ridden in a PAS show or at the Ohio State Fair Jr. Horse Show are not eligible for Novice Walk/Trot classes at the Athens County Fair. Once you have competed in the walk/trot/canter classes you are no longer eligible to ride in Novice classes, even if you take a different horse.
 - c. Junior 13 & Under: For ages 8-13. This class is eligible for participation in Championships and PAS Shows.
 - d. Senior 14-18: This class is eligible for participation in Championships and PAS Shows.
2. Horse show exhibitors must compete in showmanship. NEW!! There will be one showmanship for all disciplines that will take place on Monday show day. If you miss your showmanship class or think you have a conflict please let someone on the show committee know so we can do our best to make alternative arrangements. If you don't participate in showmanship during the fair, you WILL forfeit all awards and may not be able to show the rest of the week. Grand Champion will be eligible for Ultimate Showmanship on Friday, if you choose not to participate the Reserve Champion will be offered the position. You must participate in Ultimate Showmanship to be eligible for the \$50.
3. Championship classes will consist of the top two scorers from the Junior class and top two scores from the Senior classes.
4. Grooming: Please refer to the grooming rules for your discipline in the current edition of Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.
5. Riders who have horses that kick are expected to have red tail ribbons so that other riders can allow that equine plenty of extra room, preventing the possibility of injury to horse or human.
6. Junior Fair members must ride their own 4-H project horse. No doubling unless class requires two exhibitors. (Members must control their own project.)
7. If a rider chooses to ride in the Ranch classes, he/she cannot ride in Western classes.

8. A rider will have 2 minutes to get into the arena after being called. After 2 minutes, the rider will be disqualified.
9. Judges' rulings are final.
10. Exhibitors/advisors/family with questions or complaints must go to the Show Steward and follow the procedures as set forth in the "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows in Ohio" and not to the judge.
11. **Top Horse Exhibitor Awards: NEW!!** The Sr Fair Board is recognizing top horse exhibitors. You will receive points for every class you enter, more classes equal more points. The top five participants with the most points after both show days will be recognized as the Athens County Fair Top Horse Exhibitors. Points will be based on horse/rider combination not just rider. Points are awarded based on how many competitors you beat. For example, if there are 5 exhibitors in your class, 1st place will receive 5 points, 2nd place will receive 4 points, 3rd place will receive 3 points, 4th place will receive 2 points and 5th place will receive 1 point. Points will be based on combined placing of Junior and Senior. (The show office will look at judges' cards and award points based on score, ex. Junior rider first place receives a 68, and Senior rider first place receives a 62 the Junior rider is overall first place. Contest classes will be based on fastest time.)

Parade Rules for Horses

1. Anyone participating with their horse in the Athens County Junior Fair Parade must ride with a saddle and bridle. One rider per horse — NO DOUBLING. Horses may wait to line up 15 minutes before the start of the parade.

Fair Move In

Horses are to be checked in when designated by the Sr. Fair Board at the designated location on the fairgrounds. All horses must be vet checked at the check-in station before they are permitted to proceed to the barn area. Only horses that have been pre-registered will be allowed on the grounds. Vehicles hauling horses must proceed in the lane marked "HORSES" to the horse barn area to unload and be moved to the club assigned stalls.

Assignments and Responsibilities

See spreadsheet at the end of the document for Sr. Fair Board members, Jr. Fair Board members, Horse Show Committee Members, and Jr. Fair Committee members working the show. A Fair Board member or Team Leader should meet the judge and take him/her to the proper show location. Make sure water is available for the judge and workers, especially if it is extremely hot. Check with the Sr. Fair Board in charge as to lunch arrangements for the judge that day. Once the show is over return all media sheets and leftover awards to the Jr. Fair Office. Please contact a Fair Board Horse committee member, if the arena has not been hosed down each morning or if the arena has standing water puddles or flooding. DUST MUST BE KEPT AT A MINIMUM IN THE ARENA AT ALL TIMES.

Show Order

Monday

- Showmanship
- Western
- Contest

Wednesday

- Ranch
- English

Showmanship

Horse show exhibitors must compete in showmanship. NEW!! There will be one showmanship for all disciplines that will take place on Monday show day. If you miss your showmanship class or think you have a conflict please let someone on the show committee know so we can do our best to make alternative arrangements. If you don't participate in showmanship during the fair, you WILL forfeit all awards and may not be able to show the rest of the week. Grand Champion will be eligible for Ultimate Showmanship on Friday, if you choose not to participate the Reserve Champion will be offered the position. You must participate in Ultimate Showmanship to be eligible for the \$50.

Horseless Horse

The Horseless Horse Class covers grooming and general equine knowledge. The horses used in the class are "donated" for use by club members and have been approved in advance by the Horse Council. The member who owns the horse leads it out into the arena and holds the animal while the horseless horse member works with the judge. The judge asks each member to demonstrate how they would groom the horse by showing how each tool is used and in what order.

Tools may include:

Curry Comb (hard rubber or plastic)

Stiff Bristle Brush

Body Brush (medium stiff bristles)

Dandy Brush or Soft Bristle Brush

Mane and Tail Comb or Regular Hairbrush (not both)

Hoof Pick (standard type)

Judges also ask questions about topics covered in the book such as:

What color is the horse you are working with today?

What are the markings on his/her face called?

Do you know what breed this horse is?

What characteristics of the horse make you think that is their breed?

Where is the horse's poll, crest, withers, etc. (not all of them, just a few of them)?

Please show me the parts of the hoof

Basic Care questions – what are a horse's basic needs? What do horses eat? Etc.

Participants in this class MUST participate in Still Project Judging to be eligible for this class at the fair.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Junior Fair exhibitors must show their own animals in showmanship. Exceptions will not be considered. Proof of ownership may be requested. Club Advisors, the 4-H Committee, Extension Educators or Program Assistants, the Junior Fair Committee, the Junior Fair Livestock Sales Committee, and Senior Fair Board reserve the right to ask for and be presented with proof of ownership.
2. Showmanship classes will be divided by exhibitor's age as of January 1 of the current year as follows for beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine: A) Senior - 15 years old and up B) Intermediate - 12-14 years old C) Junior - 8-11 years old D) Senior Novice - 12 years old and up with first year projects E) Junior Novice - 8-11 years old with first year projects PLEASE NOTE: SENIOR NOVICES AND JUNIOR NOVICE SHOWMAN ONLY SIGN UP FOR NOVICE CLASS - NOT THE REGULAR CLASSES NOVICE CLASSES ARE FOR THOSE EXHIBITORS TAKING THE SPECIES FOR THE FIRST TIME – ONLY F) Pro - Winners of the previous years' Pro (if eligible to return) and past and current year Senior showmanship class winners in beef, dairy, dairy and market goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine must advance into the Pro class. Winners of the day in Intermediate, Junior, Senior Novice, and Junior Novice classes for the same species are encouraged to compete in the Pro class. Pro Class winner must continue to show in pro class regardless of age.
3. Showmanship is not required for completion of a beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine project; however, for an exhibitor to be considered for the Outstanding Exhibitor, they must participate in showmanship. **** Horse Showmanship is required for all exhibitors except production and breeding classes.
4. Showmanship entry sheets will be posted in the barns prior to the time of each show for members to check to make sure they are in the correct age classes or sign up for showmanship if they are not on the list. PLEASE only enter in one class, if exhibitor is a junior novice or senior novice they need to only enter in those classes not junior or senior. i. ** You can only show as novice the first year you exhibit in a species ii. You only show as a novice if you have NEVER shown that species before.
5. Projects that are not exhibited at the fair may receive a project completion through their club or chapter advisor and/or the Extension office.

PRO SHOWMANSHIP FOR GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, SHEEP, BEEF, DAIRY, DAIRY FEEDER AND SWINE Winners of previous years Senior Showmanship classes in Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeder Calves and Swine must advance into a "Pro Showmanship Contest". Winners of the day in Junior Novice, Senior Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship classes are encouraged to compete in the Pro Showmanship Contest. Any contestant winning the Pro Showmanship Contest must continue to show as a Pro Showman in the following years. No Pro Showmanship winner is allowed to go back to competing as a Senior, Junior, or Intermediate in their respective category. No Exceptions.

Ultimate Showmanship

Friday, August 14, 2026 9:00 A.M. Swine Show Arena Committee: Jeremy Carr, Chair; Species Chairs make up the rest of the committee.

GUIDELINES:

1. Participants must be Junior Fair age.
2. The contest will be divided into 11 parts (Western Horse, English Horse, Sheep, Market Goats, Dairy Goats, Swine, Market Beef, Dairy, Dairy Market Feeder Calves, Poultry and Rabbits).
3. Participants will be the winners of Pro-Showmanship for each of the 11 species.
4. Winners do not have to participate if they do not wish to.
5. In the event the Pro-Showman winner is ineligible or chooses not to compete in the Ultimate Showmanship contest, the 2nd place winner will be offered the chance to compete.
6. Participants will show in 11 different species using correct showmanship techniques for each species.
7. The judge will rate the participants on a scale of one to 11 with one being the highest and 11 being the lowest. Participant with the fewest total points in the 11 departments will be the winner.
8. In the case of a tie, tying participants will draw two animals and show these two animals to break the tie. Tie breaking animals cannot be from the member's winning species.
9. Ultimate Showmanship winners may not compete again in the same species in which they participated in previous years but may participate in another species if they are taking that species as a project. Example: Johnny wins swine pro showmanship and signs up to participate in the Ultimate Showmanship contest and wins. He cannot come back next year in swine; he can only participate in another species. This species must be a project exhibited and shown at the fair that year.
10. Participants are not allowed to speak to each other while in the show ring. Participants talking to each other while in the show ring will be disqualified from that species.
11. Participants must sign up to participate in the Ultimate Showmanship contest and present a Junior Fair Ultimate Showmanship Liability Release Form no later than Wednesday by 9:00 a.m. The Dairy winner must inform of their intent to participate immediately following the Dairy Pro Showmanship Class. Specie winner is responsible for gathering that specie for all participants. Example – rabbit pro showmanship will gather 11 rabbits for the rabbit showmanship. Animals will be delegated by a random draw. A signed Junior Fair Ultimate Showmanship Liability Release Form is required for each of the animals being used and must be turned in at the Junior Fair Building by 9:00 p.m. Thursday.
12. A panel of 9 judges, chosen by species chairperson (3 small/3 medium/3 equine).

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