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2026 4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

WELCOME TO THE HURON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM IN 2026!

As your 4-H club organizes this year you will find some very important information in this project requirements letter. The Project Guide to 4-H contains information on almost 200 possible 4-H projects. It is to be used, along with this letter, when selecting projects. Knowing the requirements of a project, when it will be judged, and what you will have to exhibit will help you make the best choice. Parents should participate in the project selection process and should read this letter before enrolling in projects.

HURON COUNTY 4-H GUIDELINES

1. **MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY:** As of January 1, eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade. 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which you turn 19. *OSU Extension embraces human diversity and is committed to ensuring that all research and related educational programs are available to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. This statement is in accordance with U.S. Civil Rights Laws and the USDA.*

2. **MEETING ATTENDANCE:** Your club must have at least eight meetings each year and you must attend at least six to complete your year's membership and exhibit at the fair. Your club may have additional completion requirements. You may be excused from meetings for other 4-H activities or for school activities. Meetings missed because of work, community baseball, family vacations, etc. are not excused.

3. **ENROLLMENT:** Families will self-enroll in 4-H. Families will be given instructions explaining the process of self-enrolling in the 4-H database. Members will enroll themselves in their club and 4-H projects during the self-enrollment process.

4. **PROJECT ENROLLMENT FEES:** There is a **\$12.00** per project enrollment fee. The enrollment fee will include one project book, up to \$12.00 in value. Members must purchase a Project and Record Book each year they enroll in a livestock project. There are Resource Handbooks for dairy, goat, beef, swine, sheep, rabbit, poultry and llama & alpaca projects. Every family needs a Handbook for each species exhibited. Poultry project members use *Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry* as their resource. See pages 23 & 25 for ordering information.

7. **PROJECT BOOKS:** All projects require the completion of a project book as part of the learning process. Completed project books must be brought with the member to their judging interview. Your club may require you to turn in your project book(s) for evaluation prior to Fair Entry deadline of June 30, 2026.

5. **HURON COUNTY LIVESTOCK POSSESSION DATES:** Market beef must be under exhibitor's care by December 1. All other beef project animals, dairy cattle, goats, swine, sheep, rabbits, chickens, waterfowl, pigeons, turkeys, and llamas & alpacas taken as 4-H projects must be under your care by May 15th. Market chickens need to be purchased and in the possession of the exhibitor a minimum of 5 weeks before the check-in date of the fair. All poultry must be in exhibitor's possession within five days of hatch. See species specific requirements for the identification to be uploaded on Fair Entry. Only livestock which correspond to the livestock projects in which you are enrolled may be shown at the fair.

6. **4-H AND FFA JOINT MEMBERSHIP:** An individual may be enrolled in both 4-H and FFA; however, separate, and different livestock projects shall be carried by the member. For example, one cannot take market beef in both.

7. LIVESTOCK PROJECT COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY:

- If a member is enrolled in a livestock project but does not take an exhibit to the state or county fair they must write a dismissal letter explaining why they were unable to exhibit to the Huron County 4-H Committee by the September 11, 2026, deadline. Letters can be given to the Extension Office or emailed to Huron4H@osu.edu. Letters should be written by the members not parents or club advisors. Letter should also include if members completed the other requirements for the project, such as skillathon.
- All livestock exhibitors must participate in their Skillathon to complete their project requirements and to receive a West/East Lot Parking hang tag for eligible livestock.
- All livestock exhibitors must have completed their 4-H Project & Record Books for completion.
- Swine: must clean hog pens out by the end of the day Thursday to be eligible to sell.
- Rabbits: must sign up for and complete barn duty to be complete.

8. **DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORMS (DUNF):** All market livestock must have a complete online DUNF when coming to the fair. Each pen of meat chickens and meat rabbits need one submission. Lactating dairy cattle and dairy goat also need a DUNF.

9. **LIVESTOCK SALES:** Exhibitors may have one transaction through the Premium Sale, not counting champions. The premium auction is premium only, buyers do not have the option to purchase the carcass. Each exhibitor of market cattle, feeder cattle, market lambs, market swine, market goats, market rabbits, and market turkeys will be asked at time of weigh in to select the destination of their animal, home or packer bids. Packer bids offer the animal for sale to packers/buyers in an online auction. Exhibitors are not limited on the number of animals in the online Packer Bid Auctions. Exhibitors will also have an online Add-On premium outside of the auctions.

10. **LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA):** All livestock exhibitors in the Jr. Fair must be certified in QA. Older exhibitors (ages 15-18) and younger exhibitors (ages 12-14) may test out of the annual training. All exhibitors with dairy, goats, beef, swine, sheep, rabbits, chickens, waterfowl, pigeons, turkeys, and llamas & alpacas must be certified. Certification is also available at designated state-wide events.

11. **JUDGING CONFLICTS:** If you will not be available for judging during your livestock show, another Huron County Junior Fair exhibitor may take your animal in the class, except for showmanship. Beef cattle exhibitors must make prior arrangements. *No animal may ever be shown by a Cloverbud in a Junior Fair Livestock Show.*

12. **FAIR ENTRY AND RELEASE DEADLINES:**

- Cattle, goats, sheep, rabbits, poultry, turkeys, llamas & alpacas will come to the fair on Sunday, August 16 from **8:00-11:00 a.m.**
- Horses will come to the fair on Sunday, August 16 from **1:00-2:00 p.m.**
- Hogs will enter the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 16 from **6:00 - 8:00 a.m.** and will be released after the fair closes on Wednesday night.
- Traffic flow for all livestock (except rabbits, poultry and turkeys which go directly to their barns) when entering and being released is to enter on the racetrack and go

right around the track to the fire station. All vehicles should exit through the West Lot gate, except goat exhibitors, who exit onto the racetrack. NOTE: Horses and hogs will also enter through the track and exit through the West Lot gate.

- All livestock are released on Sunday, August 23 between 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

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REMINDER OF LIVESTOCK SALE DRESS CODE: Participants must wear collared shirts and blue or black slacks/jeans, or skirt mid-thigh in length or longer. No T-shirts or ragged jeans. Shirts and blouses must not reveal underclothing, mid-section, torso, back or chest. Each exhibitor's appearance should reflect a positive image of 4-H. The dress code will be strictly enforced at the livestock sales. Failing to adhere to the dress code will make the exhibitor ineligible to sell that livestock lot.

NOTE: Exhibitors must be complete to be eligible to show and sell.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Mandatory Dairy Skillathon:

Dairy Skillathon will be held on Wednesday, August 19 at 10 a.m. in the Pickworth.

- All dairy exhibitors must participate in the skillathon to complete their project requirements, and to show and sell.
- Skillathon information will be taken from the Dairy Resource Handbook #127R (\$24.00) and the dairy learning lab kit.
- Attire for the Skillathon will be dress appropriate for interview judging.
- Exhibitors must bring a completed 4-H Dairy Project & Record Book.

The Huron County Dairy Boosters will provide premiums for 1st - 10th dairy exhibitors in each division as follows: 1st place - \$30.00, 2nd place - 20.00, 3rd place - \$15.00, 4th place - \$10.00, and 5th - 10th place - \$5.00. Prizes will be awarded to Huron Co. Jr. Fair Dairy Department exhibitors (others may participate but will be ineligible for prizes).

Outstanding Dairy Exhibitors:

The top three exhibitors in each age division (Sr, Int & Jr) will be recognized as Outstanding Dairy Exhibitors. Points will be tabulated on showmanship placing, class placing, skillathon placing, completeness of project book, dairy judging contest placing, and dairy poster contest placing. Placings of 1st - 4th will earn 1, 2, 3 & 4 points respectively. Participating in an event is worth 5 points if exhibitor does not place. *Exhibitor must participate in all five events to be eligible.* Low score overall wins. Ties will be broken with the Dairy Skillathon score.

All winners will receive monetary awards from the Huron County Dairy Boosters (1st place - \$100.00, 2nd place - \$50.00 & 3rd place - \$25.00).

Premier Dairy Exhibitor:

The first place Senior Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor will also be honored as the Premier Dairy Exhibitor. The Premier Dairy Exhibitor will receive an embroidered director's chair.

DAIRY CATTLE PROJECTS

Completion Requirements: All dairy exhibitors must participate in the Dairy Skillathon to be eligible to show, sell, receive their West/East Lot Parking pass and complete their project requirements. Members enrolled in a dairy project who do not have an exhibit for state or county fair must complete the Dairy Skillathon and write a dismissal letter to the Huron County 4-H Committee by the September 11, 2026, deadline. Record books must be turned in at the dairy skillathon by ALL dairy exhibitors. Records must include an enterprise agreement (stapled in project books), cattle identification, and feed records.

Identification Requirements:

- For all grade and non-family registered cattle – A completed identification must be submitted on Fair Entry for each potential dairy exhibit by May 15. The form must include pictures and ear tag or tattoo number for each animal.
- Registered animals, in the family name or official lease in the exhibitor's name – submit registration papers on Fair Entry for each potential dairy exhibit by May 15. Registration papers must be in the family name or an official lease in the exhibitor's name, with the date by May 15 of current year.

Submitting Identification information is different from submitted your fair entries. Fair Entries must also be submitted by June 30 and will become available after the Identification deadline. (ID at fair must match number recorded in May).

Vaccinations: All dairy cattle (cows, heifers & calves) must be vaccinated with a 9-way vaccine to be eligible to exhibit.

Dairy Judging Contest: A dairy judging contest will be held on Wednesday, August 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Show Arena. See page 12 in the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide for a link to a downloadable dairy judging resource to help members prepare for the contest. Oral reasons will NOT be included. The contest is divided into Senior, Intermediate and Junior individuals.

Huron County Dairy Boosters will provide the following prizes in each division, to Huron County Jr. Fair Dairy Department exhibitors (others may participate but will be ineligible for prizes): 1st place - \$30.00, 2nd place - \$20.00, 3rd place - \$15.00, 4th place - \$10.00, and 5th - 10th place - \$5.00 each. Prizes will be awarded to Huron Co. Jr. Fair Dairy Department exhibitors (others may participate but will be ineligible for prizes).

Silent Auction:

A silent auction will be held at the fair to raise money for the Huron County Dairy Boosters to support the Junior Fair Dairy program. Items for the silent auction may be donated by contacting Becky Albright at (419) 706-7269 or dropping them off at the fair. Bids will be taken from Monday afternoon until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Winning bids will be announced at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Items must be paid for when picked up.

FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION

- Projects enter the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 16 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. (Time enforced)
- Dairy posters must be turned into the Jr. Fair Office by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 16.
- Dairy Exhibitors Meeting on Sunday, August 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Show Arena, followed by cattle check-in in the barns at the stalls.
- Dairy Judging Contest on Wed., August 19 at 1:00 p.m.
- Jr. Fair/Open Class Combined Show on Friday, August 21 at 9:00 a.m.
- Premium Sale on Sat., August 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Dairy Show Order:

SHOW ORDER - Combined Jr. Fair and Open Class Show

1. Jr. Fair Senior Showmanship (ages 15-18 as of January 1st)
2. Jr. Fair Intermediate Showmanship (ages 12-14 as of January 1st)
3. Jr. Fair Junior Showmanship (ages 8-11 as of January 1st)
4. Showman of Showmen Selection (Winners from all showmanship divisions will compete. Winner will represent dairy cattle in the Showman of Showmen Contest.)
5. Cow Classes - Entry numbers 8-12 (Each breed shows each entry number)
6. Breed Champions & Dairy Supreme Champion
7. Heifer & Calf Classes - Entry numbers 1-7 (same format as cow classes)
8. Junior Breed Champions & Dairy Supreme Junior Champion
9. Remainder of Open Class Dairy Show
10. Kiddie Showmanship (Open Class Only)
11. Presentation of Jr. Fair Skillathon, Dairy Poster & Judging Contest Awards
12. Jr. Fair Outstanding Dairy Exhibitors and Premier Dairy Exhibitor Announced

| <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>EXHIBIT RULES</u> | <u>FAIR EXHIBIT (Classes & Entry Numbers)</u> |
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| <p><u>Combined Jr. Fair/Open Class Show</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All entries will enter the ring. Judge places entire class. Jr. Fair exhibitors will be pulled ahead for Junior recognition. Open class placings will go down the line with the top 5 cattle entered in open class. | <p><i>Junior Fair dairy exhibitors are encouraged to enter Open Class competition.</i> (If their project animals are registered or eligible to be registered). Junior Fair exhibitors must pay the open class stall fees, but do not have to purchase a Huron County Fair Membership pass. Entry blanks are located in the center of the fair book. All open class entries must be made directly to the Senior Fair Office by July 31.</p> | |
| <p>#127-Dairy Project and Record Book</p> <p>May enter any of the following type of dairy cattle by enrolling in project #127. Must enroll in <u>all</u> areas in which you plan to show when self-enrolling in 4-H for the year.</p> <p>#127HE - Dairy Heifer Project and Record Book #127CA – Dairy Calf Project and Record Book #127CO - Dairy Cow Project and Record Book</p> <p><i>The Dairy Project and Record Book is needed annually by all dairy cattle exhibitors (\$12.00). Only one Dairy Project & Record Book is required per exhibitor, regardless of the number and types of dairy cattle shown.</i></p> <p><i>All dairy calf and heifer exhibitors also need the Dairy Resource Handbook (\$24.00). One Resource Handbook is good for all types of dairy cattle shown. (One Resource Handbook per dairy family is adequate).</i></p> | <p>See Dairy Cattle on page 12 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide.</p> <p>Record Book Requirements: In order to complete their dairy project and be eligible to show and sell, every dairy exhibitor must turn in a record book at Dairy Skillathon. Dairy records must include Livestock Enterprise Agreement, pages 15 & 16 for cattle identification, feed records on pages 22 & 23.</p> <p>Record Book Contest: Contest open to all Junior Fair exhibitors, not just dairy exhibitors. The contest is divided into Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions.</p> <p>Premiums from the Dairy Boosters will be: 1st place - \$25.00, 2nd place - \$20.00, 3rd place - \$15.00, 4th place - \$10.00, and 5th - 10th place - \$5.00 each and available to all dairy record book participants.</p> <p>Dairy Poster Contest: Contest open to all Junior Fair exhibitors, not just dairy exhibitors. The contest is divided into Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions. Topics for each division are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors – Trending issues or new technology in the dairy industry Intermediate – Diseases or deficiencies Junior – Dairy products & health benefits <p>Use standard size poster board or foam board. Posters must be turned into the Jr. Fair Office by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.</p> <p>Premiums from the Dairy Boosters will be: 1st place - \$25.00, 2nd place - \$20.00, 3rd place - \$15.00, 4th place - \$10.00, and 5th - 10th place - \$5.00 each and available to all dairy poster participants. Put name and age on back and source of information on front of poster.</p> | <p>Class 50 – Dairy Cattle Showmanship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Dairy Showmanship (Ages 15-18 as of Jan. 1) Intermediate Dairy Showmanship (Ages 12-14 as of Jan 1) Junior Dairy Showmanship (Ages 8-11 as of Jan. 1) <p>Class 51 - Holstein Class 52 - Ayrshire Class 53 - Guernsey Class 54 - Jersey Class 55 - Brown Swiss Class 56 - Milking Shorthorn</p> <p>ENTRY NUMBERS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Heifer Calf (born March 1 to May 31) Winter Heifer Calf (Born December 1 to February 28) Fall Heifer Calf (Born September 1 to November 30) Summer Yearling Heifer (Born June 1 to August 31) Spring Yearling Heifer (Born March 1 to May 31) Winter Yearling Heifer (Born December 1 to February 28) Fall Yearling Heifer (Born September 1 to November 30) Two-Year-Old Cow (Born September 1 to August 31) Three-Year-Old Cow (Born September 1 to August 31) Four-Year-Old Cow (Born September 1 to August 31) Aged Cow (Five years old and over; born before September 1) Dry Cow, Three Years and Older <p>Class 58 – Dairy Poster Contest</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Senior (Ages 15-18 as of Jan. 1): “Trending issues or new technology in the dairy industry” Intermediate (Ages 12-14 as of Jan. 1): “Diseases or deficiencies” Junior (Ages 8-11 as of Jan. 1): “Dairy products & health benefits” |

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Mandatory Goat Skillathon:

Goat Skillathon will be held on Sunday, August 16th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Pickworth.

- All goat exhibitors must participate in the skillathon to complete their project requirements, to show and sell.
- All skillathon information will be taken from the Goat Resource Handbook #135R (\$20.00) and the goat skillathon kit.
- Attire for the Skillathon will be dress appropriate for interview judging.
- Exhibitors must bring a completed 4-H Goat Project & Record Book.

Premier Goat Exhibitor:

A special award will be given to the Premier Goat Exhibitor. An embroidered director's chair will be presented to the goat exhibitor with the highest cumulative score, regardless of age. Points will be tabulated on showmanship placing, class placing, goat skillathon placing, and goat poster contest placing. Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st place= 4 points,
- 2nd place= 3 points,
- 3rd place= 2 points
- 4th place= 1 point.

Exhibitor must also receive an A grade. The tie breaker will be the goat skillathon score. The award may be won unlimited number of times.

2026 Junior Fair Goat Clinics –

- April 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Secretary's Office, fairgrounds – General Info about Goats
- June 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Secretary's Office, fairgrounds – Skillathon Practice *open to meat goats*
- July 18, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Secretary's Office, fairgrounds – Showmanship Practice

GOAT PROJECTS (Dairy Does, Pygmy, Fiber & Recreation)

Completion Requirements: All exhibitors must participate in the goat skillathon to be eligible to show, sell, and complete their project requirements. Members enrolled in a goat project who do not have an exhibit for state or county fair must complete the Goat Skillathon and write a dismissal letter to the Huron County 4-H Committee by the September 11, 2026, deadline. Record books must be turned in at the goat skillathon by ALL goat exhibitors.

Scrapie Identification: ALL goats exhibited at the fair must have proper Scrapie ID, either a USDA official ear tag, a USDA approved tattoo, or official registration number with registration papers. *Tattooing must be done prior to fair.* If ID is a microchip, exhibitor must supply a reader. Scrapie tags need to be inserted by the breeder. Goats without proper scrapie ID **will be sent home.**

Goats must submit animal ID when they submit their entries on Fair Entry by the Fair Entry Deadline of June 30.

Goat Rules:

- All goats will use their scrapie ID for fair identification.
- Superintendents will visually examine all animals entering the goat barn. Exhibitors may be requested to present parts of their goats for inspection. Goats with questionable conditions will be held outside the barn until a veterinarian can check them.
- Goat Showmanship Attire is mandatory, unless coming from another show. See Showmanship pages in the back of this letter for specific requirements.
- All non-market goats should be fit according to breed standard.
- All exhibitors will be limited to three entries in each class: 61, 62, 63, 64 & 65 (maximum of two entries per entry number); plus, one additional recreation goat.
- Dry does and miniature doe goats show in regular dairy doe age classes.
- All goats must be dehorned except Pygmies and Angoras. The Goat Committee recommends that all Pygmy goats be dehorned for safety reasons.
- All male goats must be castrated, showing no signs of testicular tissue, and be completely healed or they will be sent home.
- All animals entering the goat barn will be checked for testicular tissue. All bucks are banned from fair.
- All goats must be designated as breeding or market and cannot show as both.
- Pens are provided for goats, but tops for pens are not. If a pen needs a top to keep the goats in, it is the exhibitor's responsibility. Fair-owned gates or other materials may not be used.
- Collars must be chain collars only, or black nylon collars for Pygmies. Goat collars with prongs or spikes may NOT be used in any classes in the Dairy Goat show or Pygmy/Fiber/Recreation Goat show. There are to be no bells on collars during the show. If using a lead, it needs to be less than 1 foot, no dog leashes permitted.

FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION

- Goat Show on Thursday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Goat Show Order:

1. Goat Skillathon Winners Announced
2. Senior Goat Showmanship (ages 15 - 18 as of January 1)
3. Intermediate Goat Showmanship (ages 12 - 14 as of January 1)
4. Junior Goat Showmanship (ages 8 - 11 as of January 1)
5. Showman of Showmen Selection (previous showmanship class winners)
6. Dairy Senior Does (entry numbers 1, 2, 3, 4) & Champion Class
7. Dairy Junior Does (entry numbers 1, 2, 3, 4) & Champion Class
8. Nigerian Dwarf Aged Does
9. Nigerian Dwarf Junior Does
10. Nigerian Dwarf Wethers
11. Pygmy Does (entry numbers 1, 2, 3)
12. Pygmy Wethers
13. Best Udder
14. Fiber Goats (all ages; includes Angora, Cashmere, Pygora and Cashgora)
15. Harness Goats - Without cart
16. Single Pack Goats - Experienced (2 or more years showing pack goats)
17. Single Pack Goats - Beginner (1st year showing a pack goat)
18. Double Pack Goats (second year and beyond pack goat exhibitors only)
19. Premier Goat Exhibitor announced
Fun Class: Costume Class

| <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>EXHIBIT RULES</u> | <u>FAIR EXHIBIT (Classes & Entry Numbers)</u> |
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| <p>#135-Goat Project and Record Book</p> <p>Must enroll in all areas in which you plan to show when self- enrolling in 4-H.</p> <p>135BD - Breeding – Dairy Goats 135F - Fiber Goats 135H - Harness Goats 135P - Pack Goats 135PY - Pygmy Goats</p> <p>NOTE: Huron County does not offer 135C - Companion - Pet Goats.</p> <p><i>The Goat Project and Record Book is needed annually by all goat exhibitors (\$12.00). Only one Goat Project & Record Book is required per exhibitor, regardless of the number and types of goats shown.</i></p> <p><i>All goat exhibitors also need the Goat Resource Handbook (\$20.00) One Resource Handbook is good for all types of goats shown. (One Resource Handbook per goat family is adequate).</i></p> | <p>See Goats on page 12 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide.</p> <p><u>Goat Poster Contest:</u> All goat exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the goat poster contest. Posters must be turned in on Sunday by 3:00 p.m. in the goat barn. Posters will be displayed in the Miscellaneous Building.</p> <p>NOTE: Posters should be on a regular size poster board, no foam boards.</p> <p>Judging criteria: Educational Content (50 points), Neatness/Appearance (30 points), and Originality (20 points)</p> <p>Breeding Dairy Goats (135BD):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL AGES ARE DAY OF SHOW • Exhibit up to three dairy senior does and up to three dairy junior does (Toggenburg, Saanen, LaMancha, Alpine, Nubian or Oberhasli). • Exhibit up to three Nigerian Dwarf does. • Exhibit one or two Nigerian Dwarf wethers. <p>Pygmy (135PY) & Fiber Goats (135F):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit up to three Pygmy or Fiber goats. <p>Harness (125H) & Pack Goats (135P):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit harness or pack goats (1 additional goat not being shown in another class allowed) • Scored using the Pack Goat & Handler Score Card • Obstacles include: Step-over, Bridge, Weave, Distraction, Water, A-Frame, Teeter-totter, Step through and Back-up | <p>Class 59 - Goat Poster Contest</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senior (ages 15-18 as of Jan. 1): “ Goat products from farm to table ” 2. Intermediate (ages 12-14 as of Jan. 1): “ goat care 101” 3. Junior (ages 8-11 as of Jan. 1): “ Goat superpowers; what makes goats the GOAT?” <p>Class 60 – Goat Showmanship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship (Ages 15-18 as of Jan. 1) 2. Intermediate Dairy Goat Showmanship (Ages 12-14 as of Jan. 1) 3. Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship (Ages 8-11 as of Jan. 1) <p>Class 61 - Dairy Senior Does (up to 3 entries; maximum 2 entries per entry number)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yearling Doe (1 year old and under 2 years old, day of show) 2. Two-Year-Old Doe (2 years old and under 3 years old, day of show) 3. Three-Year-Old Doe (3 years old and under 5 years old, day of show) 4. Aged Doe (5 years old and over, day of show) <p>Class 62 - Dairy Junior Does (up to 3 entries; maximum 2 entries per entry number)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Junior Kid (born on or after April 1, this year) 2. Senior Kid (born January 1 - March 31, this year) 3. Junior Yearling (dry, under 1 year day of show, born before Jan. 1, this year) 4. Senior Yearling (dry, 1 year old and under 2 years old, day of show) <p>Class 63 - Nigerian Dwarf (up to 3 entries; maximum 2 entries per entry number)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aged Doe (over 3 years old, day of show) 2. Junior Doe (3 years old and under, day of show) 3. Wether (all ages) <p>Class 64 - Pygmy & Fiber Goats (up to 3 entries; maximum 2 entries per entry number)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Junior Doe Kids (does under 1 year old, day of show) 2. Senior Does (does 1 year old - under 4 years old, day of show) 3. Aged Does (does 4 years old & over, day of show) 4. Wethers (all ages) 5. Fiber Goats (All ages and breeds of fiber goats, does and wethers) <p>Class 65 - Recreation Goats - up to 3 entries; maximum 2 entries per entry number (may bring 1 additional goat not being shown in another class)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harness: Without cart 2. Single Pack - Experienced (second year or more showing a pack goat) 3. Single Pack - Beginner (first year showing a pack goat) 4. Double Pack (second year and beyond pack goat exhibitors only) |

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Mandatory Meat Goat Skillathon:

Meat Goat Skillathon will be held on Sunday August, 16 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Pickworth.

- All meat goat exhibitors must participate in the meat goat skillathon to complete their project requirements, to show and sell.
- Skillathon information will be taken from the Goat Resource Handbook 135R (\$20.00) except chapters 7 & 9, and the goat skillathon kit.
- Attire for the Skillathon will be dress appropriate for interview judging.
- Exhibitors must bring a completed 4-H Goat Project & Record Books.

Premier Meat Goat Exhibitor:

A special award will be given to the Premier Meat Goat Exhibitor during the Meat Goat show, prior to the final championship drive. An embroidered director’s chair will be presented to the 15 - 18-year-old meat goat exhibitor with the highest cumulative score. Points will be tabulated on showmanship placing, all breeding class placings, all market class placings, and meat goat skillathon placing. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st place = 4 points, 2nd place = 3 points, 3rd place = 2 points and 4th place = 1 point. Exhibitor must also turn in a completed meat goat project book at the skillathon. Exhibitor must turn in their completed project book and participate in three of the other four events to be eligible. First tiebreaker will be the greatest number of meat goats at the fair. Remaining ties will be broken with the meat goat skillathon score.

**MEAT GOAT PROJECTS
(Boer-type market kids, dairy market kids & meat does)**

Completion Requirements: Meat goat exhibitors must participate in the meat goat skillathon to be eligible to show, sell, and complete their project requirements. Members enrolled in a meat goat project who do not have an exhibit for state or county fair must complete the Meat Goat Skillathon and write a dismissal letter to the Huron County 4-H Committee by the September 11, 2026, deadline. Record books must be turned in at the meat goat skillathon by ALL goat exhibitors.

Scrapie Identification: ALL goats exhibited at the fair must have proper Scrapie ID, either a USDA official ear tag, a USDA approved tattoo, or official registration number with registration papers. *Tattooing must be done prior to fair.* If ID is a microchip, exhibitor must supply a reader. Scrapie tags need to be inserted by the breeder. Goats without proper scrapie ID **will be sent home.**

All market goats (meat and dairy) will use their scrapie ID for fair identification and submit on Fair Entry by May 15. Submitting Identification information is different from submitting your fair entries. Fair Entries must also be submitted by June 30 and will become available after the Identification deadline. (ID must match number recorded in May).

Breeding Goats must submit animal ID when they submit their entries on Fair Entry by the Fair Entry Deadline of June 30.

Meat Goat Rules:

- Superintendents will visually inspect all goats before they enter the barn at the fair. Goats with questionable conditions will be held outside the barn until a veterinarian can check them.
- All exhibitors will be limited to two entries in each entry number, including market kids. If the barn is full, exhibitor entries may be limited.
- All male goats must be castrated, showing no signs of testicular tissue, and be completely healed or they will be sent home.
- All animals entering the goat barn will be checked for testicular tissue. All bucks are banned from the fairgrounds, regardless of age.
- All goats must be designated as breeding or market and cannot show as both.
- Drenching of goats at the fair is prohibited except for a valid medical condition diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian.
- Goat collars with prongs (no spikes) may be used.
- Pens are provided for goats but tops for pens are not. If a pen needs a top to keep the goats in, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility. Fair-owned gates or other materials may not be used.
- No tack stalls are allowed in the Goat Barn.
- Pop-up tents (no sides) will be allowed outside of the barn prior to and during the show, but not all week.

NOTE: Goats should be purchased from a reputable breeder. Goats need to be wormed and need to be fed some good quality hay.

FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION

- Weigh-in for market kids on Sunday, August 16 at 2:00 p.m. or immediately following market lamb weigh-in.
- Meat Goat Show on Thursday, August 20 at 5:00 p.m.
- Online Market Packer Bid opens Thursday, August 20 at 5:00 p.m. and begins to close on Friday, August 21 at 2:30 p.m.
- Premium Sale on Saturday, August 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Meat Goat Show Order:

1. Senior Meat Goat Showmanship (ages 15 - 18 as of January 1)
2. Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship (ages 12 - 14 as of January 1)
3. Junior Meat Goat Showmanship (ages 8 - 11 as of January 1)
4. Novice Meat Goat Showmanship (Ages 12 & older, first year exhibitor)
5. Showman of Showmen Selection (previous showmanship class winners)
6. Breeding Meat Does - Junior Kids (top 4 placed)
7. Breeding Meat Does - Intermediate Kids (top 4 placed)
8. Breeding Meat Does - Yearling Does (top 4 placed)
9. Breeding Meat Does - Aged Does (top 4 placed)
10. Breeding Meat Doe Championship Class - Top 2 goats from each class compete. Only Grand and Reserve Champions named.
11. Presentation of Meat Goat Skillathon Awards
12. Dairy Market Kid Weight Classes
13. Dairy Market Kid Championship Class
14. Lightweight Meat Market Kid Weight Classes (top 4 placed)
15. Lightweight Division Championship Class (top 2 placed)
16. Middleweight Meat Market Kid Weight Classes (top 4 placed)
17. Middleweight Division Championship Class (top 2 placed)
18. Heavyweight Meat Market Kid Weight Classes (top 4 placed)
19. Heavyweight Meat Market Kid Championship Class (top 2 placed)
20. Presentation of Premier Meat Goat Exhibitor Award
21. Meat Market Kid Championship Class - Top 2 goats from each division compete. Overall Top 6 named.

PROJECT

#135-Goat Project and Record Book

ALL goat projects use the same Goat Project and Record Book. Must enroll in all areas in which you plan to show when self- enrolling in 4-H.

135BM - Breeding - Meat Goats

135M – Market – Dairy, Meat, and Cross Goats

The Goat Project and Record Book is needed annually by all goat exhibitors (\$12.00). Only one Goat Project & Record Book is required per exhibitor, regardless of the number and types of goats shown.

All goat exhibitors also need the Goat Resource Handbook (\$20.00) One Resource Handbook is good for all types of goats shown. (One Resource Handbook per goat family is adequate).

If any member needs help, please contact superintendent, Kendall Keene at 567- 224- 5078 or Jennifer Stieber at 419-681-1593.

EXHIBIT RULES

See Goats on page 12 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide.

Meat and Dairy Market Kids (135M):

- Exhibit one or two meat market kids.
- Each exhibitor may submit ID on Fair Entry for up to 4 meat market kids and 4 dairy market kids. Immediate family members may submit market goats by family name. Immediate family members include brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, and stepsisters living in the same household. ID only needs to be submitted under one member’s profile of the household if doing so. Fair Entry will allow the animal to be swapped with a different member of the same household.
- Dairy and Meat Market kids will be weighed at the fair on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. or immediately following market lamb weigh-in.
- All Grand and Reserve Meat and Dairy Market Kids must sell and are mandatory terminal.
- Grand and Reserve Meat Market kids will be subject to ODA testing immediately following the show and must submit a new DUNF.
- Market kid classes broken by weight. Meat Market kids will be weight classes within Lightweight, Middleweight and Heavyweight divisions, as justified by entry numbers.
- Dairy market kids must be 100% dairy, final classification on Sunday of the fair by appointed committee. Goats appearing to be crossbred to non-dairy breeds will exhibit as a meat market kid.
- Recommended weight for market kids is 60 - 90 pounds.
- Minimum weight for a market kid to sell is 50 pounds.
- Maximum weight to sell is 125 pounds.
- Must designate at weigh-in if selling.
- All meat market kids weighing under 45 pounds will be sent home.
- Any dairy market kid weighing under 40 pounds will be sent home.
- Meat market kids that weigh 45-49 pounds will be allowed to stay at the fair and do showmanship and an underweight class.
- Dairy market kids weighing between 40-49 pounds may stay at the fair and show in showmanship and an underweight class for a grade.
- Meat market kids that weigh over 125 pounds will be allowed to stay at the fair and do showmanship and an overweight class.
- Meat market kids are not required to be dehorned.
- All dairy market kids are encouraged to be dehorned, but it is not required.
- All market kids must be shaved (full body clip).

Breeding Meat Does (135BM):

- Exhibit one or two meat-type does per entry
- Meat goats (Boer-type) do not have to be dehorned.
- Dry does show in regular doe age classes.
- All non-market goats should be fit according to breed standard.

FAIR EXHIBIT (Classes & Entry Numbers)

Class 66 – Meat Goat Showmanship

1. Senior Meat Goat Showmanship (Ages 15-18 as of Jan. 1)
2. Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship (Ages 12-14 as of Jan. 1)
3. Junior Meat Goat Showmanship (Ages 8-11 as of Jan. 1)
4. Novice Meat Goat Showmanship (Ages 12 & older, first year exhibitor)

Class 67 - Meat Market Kids (Doe and/or Wether) - purebred or crossbred

Class 68 - Dairy Market Kids (Doe and/or Wether)

Class 69 - Breeding Meat Does (purebred or crossbred)

1. Junior Kids (six months old and under, day of show)
2. Intermediate Kids (over six months old through 12 months old, day of show)
3. Yearling Does (over 12 months old through 24 months old, day of show)
4. Aged Does (over 24 months old, day of show)

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Mandatory Beef Skillathon:

Beef Skillathon will be held on Sunday, August 16 from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Pickworth.

- All beef exhibitors must participate in the beef skillathon to complete their project requirements, to show, sell, and also to receive a West/East Lot Parking hang tag.
- Skillathon information will be taken from the Beef Resource Handbook 117R (\$28.00), and the beef skillathon kit.
- Attire for the Skillathon will be dress appropriate for interview judging.
- Exhibitors must bring a completed 4-H Beef Project & Record Book.

Premier Beef Exhibitor: All beef exhibitors who complete the Beef Skillathon, regardless of age, will be eligible for Premier Beef Exhibitor. This includes exhibitors in dairy feeders, dairy market beef, beef feeders, market beef, and beef breeding.

Points will be tabulated on showmanship placing, class placing, and skillathon placing. Placings of 1st - 4th will earn 1, 2, 3 & 4 points respectively. An event is worth 5 points if exhibitor does not place.

Exhibitor must participate in all three events to be eligible. Low score overall wins. If a tie remains the exhibitor with the greatest number of beef animals wins. Remaining ties will be broken by the total skillathon score. There is no limit on the number of times an exhibitor may win the award.

Outstanding Beef Exhibitors: After the Premier Beef Exhibitor is selected, the remaining lowest scoring Junior, Intermediate and Senior beef exhibitor will be named Outstanding Beef Exhibitors.

BEEF & DAIRY BEEF

Completion Requirements: All exhibitors must participate in the beef skillathon to be eligible to show, sell, receive their West/East Lot Parking pass and complete their project requirements. Members enrolled in a beef project who do not have an exhibit for state or county fair must complete the Beef Skillathon and write a dismissal letter to the Huron County 4-H Committee by the September 11, 2026, deadline. Record books must be turned in at the beef skillathon by ALL beef exhibitors.

Identification Requirements:

Beef Breeding must submit animal ID when they submit their entries on Fair Entry by the Fair Entry Deadline of June 30.

Feeder Calves (beef, dairy, and cross) are required to attend May tagging and vaccination. Feeder Calves must submit animal ID when they submit their entries on Fair Entry by the Fair Entry Deadline of June 30.

Market Beef that have an EID tag: are required to upload the required ID information on Fair Entry by the date of December tagging. They are exempt from attending December tagging. Cattle choosing not to come, will not be eligible for rate of gain.

Submitting Identification information is different from submitted your fair entries. Fair Entries must also be submitted by June 30 and will become available after the Identification deadline. (ID at fair must match number recorded in December).

Market Beef that do not have an EID tag: are required to attend December tagging and will submit the required ID information on Fair Entry when they submit their entries on Fair Entry by the Fair Entry Deadline of June 30.

Beef Rules:

- Cattle in beef showmanship classes should not be groomed. Cattle should be clean for showmanship but should only be fitted for breed and market classes.
- No exhibitor shall enter an animal in a competition in the Junior Livestock Division of the Huron County Fair that has been handled, fitted, groomed, shown, or exhibited by another person other than a registered member of the exhibitor’s immediate family (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brother, sister) or another junior exhibitor while on the Huron County Fairgrounds during the fair. Each exhibitor showing a market animal shall register with the Junior Fair upon arrival at the Huron County Fair, the name of the person from the immediate family who will be helping the junior exhibitor. Any Junior Fair exhibitor having any assistance at the fair from any person other than the above shall be ineligible to show and sell. This rule only affects fitting and grooming assistance, not basic care.
- Male cattle must be castrated, completely healed, and showing no signs of testicular tissue.
- It is recommended that castration be done by cutting.
- Any cattle showing more than one inch of horn tissue is ineligible to show. Horn tissue of questionable animals will be measured (hairline to tip) by the Beef Committee.
- All animals which are ineligible to show due to horns, testicular tissue, ringworm, warts, etc. will be sent home immediately.
- **Stalling charts will be utilized. Exhibitors may not change assignments without permission from a Beef Superintendent.**
- All cattle must be double tied with a halter and necktie.
- *All animals giving evidence of fraud and deception will be barred from competition at the Huron County Fair.* Only neutral coloring allowed.
- All medication withdrawal times must be strictly adhered to. The exhibitor is responsible if drug residues show up in their animal at slaughter.
- Bred, Born & Raised in Huron County qualification rules may be found at www.huroncountycattlemen.com.
- Ohio Exposition Commission rules and regulations shall be followed when Huron County Junior Fair and Beef Department rules do not apply (www.ohiostatefair.com).
- Reminder that Ohio Law prohibits using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves.

FAIR EXHIBIT

- Beef Carcass taken to Boliantz in Ashland on Monday, August 3
- Beef Exhibitors/Parents Meeting on Sunday, August 16 at 2:00 p.m.
- Market Beef Weigh-in on Monday, August 17 at 8:00 a.m. (Must designate division for show: Steer, Heifer or Bred, Born & Raised)
- Dairy Market Beef Weigh-in on Monday, August 17 following market beef weigh-in
- Beef Feeder Weigh-in on Monday, August 17 following dairy steer weigh-in
- Dairy Cross Feeder Weigh-in on Monday, Aug 17 following beef feeder weigh-in
- Dairy Feeder Weigh-in on Monday, August 17 following dairy cross weigh-in
- Dairy Beef Show on Tuesday, August 18 at 9:00 a.m.
- Beef Cattle Show on Wednesday, August 19 at 3:00 p.m.
- Online Market Packer Bid opens Wednesday, August 19 at 5:00 p.m. and begins to close on Thursday, August 20 at 2:30 p.m.
- Premium Sale on Saturday, August 22 at 9:00 a.m.

PROJECT

#117- Beef Project and Record

ALL beef projects use the same Beef Project and Record Book. Must indicate all types of cattle to be shown when self-enrolling in 4-H.

117B - Beef Breeding

117BF - Beef Feeder

117DF – Dairy Beef Feeder - Dairy and Dairy Cross Feeder

117M - Market Beef (beef & dairy beef)

The Beef Project and Record is needed annually by all beef cattle exhibitors (\$12.00).

All Beef Cattle exhibitors also need a Beef Resource Handbook. One Resource Handbook is good for all types of beef cattle shown (\$28.00). (One Resource Handbook per beef family is adequate.)

EXHIBIT RULES

See Beef on page 9 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide.

Feeder Calf Tagging & Vaccination Rules:

- All feeder calves will receive vaccination when tagged on May 16.
- All beef animals will be tagged. If an animal loses a tag after tagging day, the exhibitor must call the Extension Office immediately to arrange for retagging.
- ALL cattle must be haltered for tagging.

Beef Showmanship Classes:

There are only two beef showmanship divisions: Dairy Beef and Beef. Classes are divided by the age of the entrants.

Exhibitors in the Dairy Beef Show may show a dairy market beef, a dairy feeder calf, or a dairy cross feeder calf in showmanship. Steers, dairy feeders, and dairy cross feeders will be shown together for showmanship. Each exhibitor will only be entered in one dairy beef showmanship class.

Exhibitors in the Beef Show may show a beef breeding animal, a market beef steer/heifer, or a beef feeder calf in showmanship. Beef breeding, market beef and beef feeders will be shown together for showmanship. Each exhibitor will only be entered in one beef showmanship class.

Exhibitors fill out one showmanship entry for each division in which they plan to participate. They do not have to declare which type of animal they will be using.

DAIRY BEEF SHOW on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Dairy Beef Show Order:

1. Senior Dairy Beef Showmanship (ages 15-18 as of January 1)
2. Intermediate Dairy Beef Showmanship (ages 12-14 as of January 1)
3. Junior Dairy Beef Showmanship (ages 8-11 as of January 1)
4. Novice Dairy Beef Showmanship (12 years and older, first year exhibitor)
5. Showman of Showmen Selection
6. Dairy Feeder Weight Classes
7. Dairy Feeder Championship Class
8. Dairy Cross Feeder Weight Classes
9. Dairy Cross Feeder Championship Class
10. Dairy Market Beef Weight Classes
11. Dairy Market Beef Championship Class

BEEF CATTLE SHOW on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

Beef Cattle Show Order:

1. Senior Beef Showmanship (ages 15-18 as of January 1)
2. Intermediate Beef Showmanship (ages 12-14 as of January 1)
3. Junior Beef Showmanship (ages 8-11 as of January 1)
4. Novice Beef Showmanship (12 years and older, first year exhibitor)
5. Showman of Showmen Selection (previous showmanship class winners)
6. Beef Breeding Classes and Championship Class (see next page)
7. Beef Feeder Weight Classes
8. Beef Feeder Bred, Born & Raised Weight Classes and Top 5 Selection
9. Overall Beef Feeder Championship Class (Class winners from Beef Feeder Steer, Beef Feeder Heifer and Beef Feeder Bred, Born & Raised classes compete)
10. Beef Skillathon and Top Beef Project Book Awards Presentation
11. Market Beef Steer Weight Classes
12. Market Beef Bred, Born & Raised Weight Classes & Top 5 Selection
13. Beef Rate of Gain, Outstanding Beef Exhibitors and Premier Beef Exhibitor Awards Presentation
14. Overall Market Beef Championship Class (Class winners from Beef Steer, Beef Heifer and Market Beef Bred, Born & Raised classes compete)

Dairy Market Beef (117M):

- Exhibit one or two dairy steers.
- May show one or two dairy steers.
- All dairy steers must have been weighed and tagged at the December Weigh-in or submitted identification on Fair Entry.
- All dairy steers exhibited at the fair must be born after January 1st the previous year.
- All dairy steers must be owned and on feed by December 1.
- Dairy steer classes broken by weight.
- All dairy steers must be double tied (necktie and halter tie).
- The minimum weight for finished cattle at the fair is 900 pounds. Cattle weighing 800-900 pounds will show in an underweight class for a grade but will receive no placings or premiums. There is no sale option for 800-900 pound cattle.

Dairy Beef Percentage Rule:

Dairy cross feeders show in their own division in the Dairy Beef Show. Dairy cross finished cattle show in the Beef Show. The decision of the Beef Committee is final in determining in which division an animal shows, based on dairy characteristics. A dairy beef steer determined to be ineligible for the Dairy Beef Show will be allowed to show in the Beef Show.

Beef committee has the discretion to test the champion dairy and dairy cross classes. Consequences is removal of all premiums (sale and class premiums). Percentage must be at least 13% dairy to stay in the cross division. 87% or higher will be considered dairy.

Dairy Feeder & Dairy Cross Feeders (117DF):

- Exhibit one or two dairy feeder calves
- Exhibit one or two dairy cross feeder calves (steers or heifers; dairy-beef crosses)
- There are two separate feeder calf divisions: dairy feeders & dairy cross feeders.
- Dairy feeders must be steers, they can be a combination of any of the following: Holstein, Red and White Holstein, Brown Swiss, or Jersey.
- Dairy cross feeders are a cross between a dairy animal and a beef animal and may be steers or heifers.
- The minimum weight for a dairy feeder or dairy cross feeder to be eligible to show in a regular weight class and be eligible to sell is 350 pounds.
- All feeder calves must be tagged at the May Tagging Day. It will be held at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 16 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Exhibitors may tag up to four beef feeder calves (steers or heifers) and/or four dairy beef feeder calves (steers only), and/or four dairy cross feeder calves (steers or heifers). All feeders must be haltered and tied.
- All feeder calves exhibited at the fair must be born after December 1st of previous year.
- Family members may tag in feeder calves by family name, not individual names. Family is defined as "Household" which means the permanent residence address of the exhibitor.
- All feeder calves must be vaccinated for respiratory disease at May tagging.
- Feeder calves and beef breeding animals in Jr. Fair cattle barns will receive a nasal vaccine for respiratory disease.
- Dairy feeder calves and dairy cross feeder calves must weigh 350 - 800 pounds; recommended weight is 400 - 600 pounds.
- Any feeder calf that weighs over 800 pounds at the fair will be shown in an overweight class. Any dairy feeder or dairy cross feeder that weighs under 350 pounds at the fair will be shown in an underweight feeder calf class. There will be no placings or premiums. Under weight and overweight feeder calves may be shown in showmanship. Overweight feeder calves may sell in the Online Back to the Farm only, they will not be eligible for the Premium Sale. Underweight feeder calves have no sale options.
- All eligible calves may be sold in the Online Back to the Farm Sale. There is no limit on the number of calves per exhibitor.
- All dairy beef show as beef animals in showmanship.
- All dairy feeder calves must be steers.
- Dairy cross feeder calves may be steers or heifers.
- All dairy feeders & dairy cross feeders must be dehorned and healed.
- All dairy feeder calves and male dairy cross feeders must be castrated, completely healed, and showing no signs of testicular tissue.
- All feeder calves must be weaned and on dry feed.
- Feeder calf classes broken by weight.
- All cattle must be double tied (necktie and halter tie).
- Dairy feeders and dairy cross feeders will show in separate divisions with their own weight classes and championship class.
- Champion dairy feeders and dairy cross feeders have the option to sell. Champion dairy steers must sell.

FAIR EXHIBIT
(Classes & Entry Numbers)

- Class 70 – Dairy Beef Showmanship
1. Senior Beef Showmanship (ages 15-18 as of Jan. 1)
 2. Intermediate Beef Showmanship (ages 12-14 as of Jan. 1)
 3. Junior Beef Showmanship (ages 8-11 as of Jan. 1)
 4. Novice Beef Showmanship (ages 12 & older, first year exhibitor)
- Class 71 - Dairy Feeder Calves
Class 72 - Dairy Cross Feeder Calves
Class 73 - Dairy Market Beef

Market Beef (117M):

- Exhibit one or two market beef steers/beef heifers
- May show two head of market beef, steers, or heifers.
- All market beef must have been weighed and tagged at the December Tagging or submitted identification on Fair Entry.
- All market beef exhibited at the fair must be born after January 1st the previous year.
- All market beef animals must be owned and on feed by December 1.
- There will be 3 divisions of market beef: Beef Steers, Beef Heifers and Bred, Born & Raised in Huron County. Cattle may only show in one division. The show division for each animal must be declared at weigh-in. ALL class winners will compete for overall grand & reserve.
- Only qualified Bred, Born & Raised Cattle (certificate on file by January 15 and confirmed by the Huron Co. Cattlemen’s Assoc.) may show in that division.
- All market heifers will be checked for pregnancy by a veterinarian Sunday night after coming to the fair. Any animals that the vet determines to be pregnant will be sent home.
- All cattle must be double tied (neck and halter tie).
- Market beef classes broken by weight.
- The minimum weight for finished cattle at the fair is 900 pounds. Cattle weighing 800-900 pounds will show in an underweight class for a grade but will receive no placings or premiums. Cattle weighing 800-900 pounds cannot sell.

Huron County Bred, Born & Raised: All market beef and beef feeders which were bred, born & raised in Huron County must have a qualification certificate on file and confirmed by the Huron County Cattlemen’s Association, to be eligible to show in Bred, Born & Raised Division. Market beef are due by January 31, and beef feeders are due by May 31.

Bred, Born & Raised in Huron County qualification rules are located at www.huroncountycattlemen.com under Member Services and Rules

Beef Feeders (117BF):

- Exhibit one or two beef feeder calves (steers or heifers; 100% beef)
- All feeder calves must be tagged at the May Tagging Day. It will be held at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 16 from 8:00- 10:00 a.m. Exhibitors may tag up to four beef feeders (steers or heifers) and/or four dairy feeders (steers only), and/or four dairy cross feeder calves (steers or heifers). **All feeders must be haltered and tied.**
- All feeder calves must be born after December 1st of previous year.
- Family members may tag in feeder calves by family name, not individual names.
- All feeder calves must be vaccinated for respiratory disease at May tagging.
- Feeder calves and beef breeding animals in Jr. Fair cattle barns will receive a nasal vaccine for respiratory disease.
- Beef feeder calves must weigh 300 - 800 pounds; recommended weight is 400 - 600 pounds.
- Any feeder calf that weighs over 800 pounds at the fair will be shown in an overweight class. Any beef feeder that weighs under 300 pounds at the fair will be shown in an underweight feeder calf class. There will be no placings or premiums. Underweight and overweight feeder calves may be shown in showmanship. Overweight feeder calves may sell in the Online Back to the Farm Sale only, they are not eligible for the Premium Sale. Underweight feeder calves have no sale options.
- All feeder calves must be dehorned and healed.
- Male feeder calves must be castrated, completely healed, and showing no signs of testicular tissue.
- All feeder calves must be weaned and on dry feed.
- Feeder calf classes broken by weight.
- All cattle must be double tied (neck and halter tie).
- Exhibitors may sell one beef feeder calf in the Premium Sale. Champions have the option to sell.
- All eligible calves may be sold in the Online Back to the Farm Sale. There is no limit on the number of calves per exhibitor.
- There will be 3 divisions of beef feeders: Beef Feeder Steers, Beef Feeder Heifers and Bred, Born & Raised in Huron County. Feeders may only show in one division. ALL class winners will compete for overall grand & reserve.
- Only qualified Bred, Born & Raised Cattle (certificate on file by May 31 and confirmed by the Huron Co. Cattlemen’s Assoc.) show in that division.

FAIR EXHIBIT
(Classes & Entry Numbers)

- Class 70.5 - Beef Showmanship
1. Senior Beef Showmanship (ages 15-18 as of Jan. 1)
 2. Intermediate Beef Showmanship (ages 12-14 as of Jan. 1)
 3. Junior Beef Showmanship (ages 8-11 as of Jan. 1)
 4. Novice Beef Showmanship (ages 12 & older, first year exhibitor)

Class 74 - Beef Feeder Calves
Class 75 – Market Beef

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| | <p>Beef Breeding (117B):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each exhibitor may make two entries in each entry number. • Junior Fair exhibitors are encouraged to enter their registered/registry eligible and beef cross beef breeding cattle in the Open Class show using the entry form in the middle of the fair book. Open class entries close July 31. • Breed and birthdate information must be completed on all beef breeding entries. • Junior Fair Beef breeding animals may only be housed in the Open Class Cattle Barn if the animals are also entered in Open Class Beef Cattle classes and there is sufficient space for stalling. Make sure that the breed and age is listed on each entry. Breeds with enough entries may show in a separate breed division. All other cattle will show against one another. • Beef Breeding purebreds and crossbreds show in the same classes, split by the age of the animals. • Beef Breeding is included in the Beef Show Wednesday, August 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Doug Wilson Barn. • All Junior Fair beef breeding animals must be double tied (neck and halter tie). | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FAIR EXHIBIT</u> (Classes & Entry Numbers)</p> <p>CLASS 76 - Beef Breeding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Female (born before January 1, 2025) 2. Spring Heifer (born January 1 to June 30, 2025) 3. Fall Heifer (born July 1 to December 31, 2025) 4. Heifer Calf (born January 1 - April 30, 2026) |
| | <p>Beef Carcass (117M):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit one carcass animal, can be any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beef carcass (steer or heifer) must be 100% beef. ○ Dairy (steers only) must be 100% dairy. ○ Dairy cross steers (steer or heifer), cross between a dairy animal and a beef animal. • The carcass steers will need to be taken to E.R. Boliantz Co. On Monday August 3, 2026. Cattle will need transported to Boliantz in Ashland by the exhibitor. • There is no on the hoof show. • Dairy and dairy cross carcass steer exhibitors must secure a buyer for the carcass and cover processing costs. • Beef Carcass cattle minimum weight of 1150 pounds; no maximum weight, however it is recommended that the hanging carcass weigh between 600 - 900 lbs. Discounts may apply to cattle with light or heavy carcasses. • Beef Carcass animals not sold privately or through the sale will be purchased for market price at dressed weight. • All carcass exhibitors must attend the carcass inspection, unless excused by carcass superintendent, to be eligible to place and sell. • Grand & Reserve Champion carcasses must sell. | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FAIR EXHIBIT</u> (Classes & Entry Numbers)</p> <p>Class 77 - Beef Carcass</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beef Carcass on Rail |

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Mandatory Swine Skillathon:

Swine Skillathon will be held on Sunday, August 16 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Feichtner Arena.

- All swine exhibitors must participate in the swine skillathon to complete their project requirements, to show, sell, and receive a West/East Lot Parking hang tag.
- Skillathon information will be taken from the Swine Resource Handbook 134R (\$28.00) and the swine skillathon kit.
- Attire for the Skillathon will be dress appropriate for interview judging.
- Exhibitors must bring a completed 4-H Swine Project & Record Book.

Premier Swine Exhibitor: A Premier Swine Exhibitor will be named from any age division swine exhibitors, who have not won the award previously.

Points will be tabulated on showmanship placing, class placing and skillathon placing. Placings of 1st - 4th will earn 1, 2, 3 & 4 points respectively. Participating in an event is worth 5 points if not placing; must do all four events to be eligible. Low score overall wins. Ties broken by skillathon scores.

Outstanding Swine Exhibitors: After the Premier Swine Exhibitor is selected, the remaining lowest scoring Junior, Intermediate and Senior beef exhibitor will be named Outstanding Swine Exhibitors.

SWINE PROJECTS

Completion Requirements: All exhibitors must participate in the swine skillathon to be eligible to show, sell, receive their West/East Lot Parking pass, and complete their project requirements. Exhibitors must clean their hog pens out by the end of the day on Thursday to be eligible to sell. Members enrolled in a swine project who do not have an exhibit for state or county fair must complete the Swine Skillathon and write a dismissal letter to the Huron County 4-H Committee by the September 11, 2026, deadline. Record books must be turned in at the swine skillathon by ALL swine exhibitors.

Identification Requirement: All hogs which might be exhibited at the fair must submit photos of the hog and information to Fair Entry by May 15. Each market hog will need to have their own 15 digit 840 tag from the breeder. Each exhibitor may submit ID on Fair Entry for up to 4 hogs. Those selected for the barrow carcass program may identify two additional hogs, up to six hogs' total. Immediate family members may submit hogs by family name. Immediate family members include brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, and stepsisters living in the same household.

Submitting Identification information is different from submitted your fair entries. Fair Entries must also be submitted by June 30 and will become available after the Identification deadline. (ID at fair must match number recorded in May).

Swine Rules:

- The Huron County swine program is NOT Ractopamine (Paylean) free.
- Market gilts & barrows show in separate classes. Top 5 will be named for market gilts and barrows. The 10 champions will compete for overall Grand Champion.
- No extra hogs may be brought to the fair for weighing.
- All hogs coming into the fair must be clean for visual inspection for infectious or contagious disease. Dirty hogs will be turned away.
- The Swine Committee may recommend to the Senior Fair Board to disqualify sick or staggy animals. Senior Fair Board's decision is final.
- An exhibitor is limited to two (2) market hogs: two barrows, or two gilts, or one barrow and one gilt.
- Carcass exhibitors may also show one carcass barrow.
- All animals exhibited must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor as of May 15th.
- The hog show at the Huron County Fair is a partial terminal show. Grand & Reserve Champions must sell; others have the option.
- Show preparations may not be used on days of shows. **Hogs will be shown with water only.** The penalty is disqualification from the show.
- Slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs is a prohibited grooming practice, except on the ears and tails. Slick clipping or body shaving means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs. All hogs in violation will be disqualified.

FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION

- Hog weigh-in on Sunday, August 16 from 6:00-8:00 a.m. for market and carcass
- Swine Exhibitor's Meeting on Sunday, August 16th at 7:00 p.m. via zoom
- Barrow Carcass on the Hoof Show on Monday, August 17 at 8:00 a.m.
- Barrow Carcass on the Rail Judging at Rospert's Market on Tuesday, August 18 at 8:00 a.m.
- Swine Showmanship Show on Tuesday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m.
- Market Hog Show on Wednesday, August 19 at 9:00 a.m.
- All hogs, except top 10 overall and those with paid entries for the open show, must be removed by 8 a.m. Thursday
- All hog pens must be cleaned by 10 a.m. Thursday.
- Online Market Packer Bid opens Tuesday, August 18 at 5:00 p.m. and begins to close on Wednesday, August 19 at 2:30 p.m.
- Premium Sale on Saturday, August 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday Showmanship Show:

1. Senior Swine Showmanship (ages 15-18 as of January 1)
2. Intermediate Swine Showmanship (ages 12-14 as of January 1)
3. Junior Swine Showmanship (ages 8-11 as of January 1)
4. Novice Swine Showmanship (12 years and older, first year exhibitor)
5. Showman of Showmen Selection (previous showmanship class winners)

Wednesday Market Hog Show Order:

1. Gilt weight classes
2. Barrow weight classes
4. Announcement of Swine Skillathon Results, Premier Swine Exhibitor & Carcass Barrow on the Rail Placings
5. Gilt Championship preliminaries (Top 5 named)
6. Barrow Championship preliminaries (Top 5 named)
7. Final Market Hog Championship Drive (Top 2 named) (Each division grand and reserve champion competes for overall grand and reserve)

| <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>EXHIBIT RULES</u> | <u>FAIR EXHIBIT</u> <u>(Classes & Entry Numbers)</u> |
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| <p>#140- Swine Project and Record Book</p> <p>ALL swine projects use the same Swine Project and Record Book. Must indicate all types of swine to be shown when self-enrolling in 4-H.</p> <p>140MA – Market Hog 140BR – Breeding Swine</p> <p><i>The Swine Project and Record Book is needed annually by all swine exhibitors (\$12.00).</i></p> <p><i>140BR MUST be taken by exhibitors planning to exhibit breeding gilts at the Ohio State Junior Fair.</i></p> <p><i>All hog exhibitors also need a Swine Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects. One Resource Handbook is good for all swine projects (\$28.00). (One Swine Resource Handbook per family exhibiting swine is adequate.)</i></p> | <p>See Swine on page 14 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide</p> <p>Market Hogs (139):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hogs are partial terminal. Grand and Reserve must be harvested, but exhibitors have the option to take their other hog’s home. • Hogs must show in the Market Hog Show to be eligible for a premium bid in the Livestock Sale. • Show preparations may not be used on days of shows. Hogs will be shown with water only. The penalty is disqualification from the show. • Gilts show as market animals, NOT breeding animals. • Exhibit one or two market hogs (two barrows or two gilts or one barrow and one gilt). • Gilts & barrows will show in separate weight classes. • Only 1st and 2nd place class winners will be brought back in the ring for the final drive. • The division champions will compete for Overall Grand Champion. • Barrows must be castrated, completely healed, and showing no signs of testicular tissue. Swine Committee decision is final. • Market hogs weighing between 210 and 290 pounds will be placed in classes to compete for premiums of first through fourth. Hogs outside the weight limits will not compete for premiums. • Minimum weight to sell in premium livestock sale is 210 lbs.; maximum weight to sell is 290 lbs. • Underweight (under 210lbs.)and overweight hogs (over 290 lbs.) may be reweighed. Reweighs must be completed by the end of weigh-in; One reweigh per hog. • Hogs will be released after the fair closes on Wednesday. Hogs showing in the Open show are permitted to stay. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out their hog pens as soon as possible on Thursday. Pens not cleaned by the end of the day Thursday will eliminate the exhibitor from selling hogs in the Premium Sale. • All hogs must be inspected before being unloaded. • All hogs should be wormed at purchase and one month prior to fair. • Make sure your name is on all equipment, feed pans, feed containers, etc. • No feeding or watering hogs in the wash rack. • Note: Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their livestock at the fair Sunday through Wednesday. This includes feeding, watering, cleaning pens, keeping barn clean, cleaning pen out by the end of the day on Thursday, etc. <p>NOTE: Parents or exhibitors with questions about fitting and showing swine should refer to chapter 12 in the Swine Resource Handbook.</p> | <p>Class 80 - Swine Showmanship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senior Swine Showmanship (Ages 15-18 as of Jan 1) 2. Intermediate Swine Showmanship (Ages 12-14 as of Jan 1) 3. Junior Swine Showmanship (Ages 8-11 as of Jan 1) 4. Novice Swine Showmanship (Ages 12 & older, first year exhibitor) <p>Class 82 - Market Hog (all hogs, barrows, or gilts)</p> <p>(One fair entry for <u>each</u> market hog entered)</p> |

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| <p><u>BARROW CARCASS PROGRAM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program open to all 4-H members (preference given to senior age exhibitors). You do not have to have previous swine experience to be in the program. • Interested exhibitors complete the application and turn it in at the Extension Office by May 1. • Acceptance/Denial letters will be sent to all applicants. <p>Carcass Buyers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the carcass program is marketing. • Each applicant must have a buyer for their hog lined up and listed on their fair entry for On the Rail. • The buyer pays the exhibitor directly for the hog. • The buyer provides the market with cutting instructions and pays them for the cost of processing. <p>Failure to complete the requirements of the program will make the exhibitor ineligible for the carcass barrow program for two years.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BARROW CARCASS CLASS:</u></p> <p>Identifying Carcass Hogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibitors selected for the carcass class will submit photo ID to Fair Entry of one or two barrows by May 15 and may submit photos for up to six hogs total, if selected for the barrow carcass program) • Exhibitors selected for the Barrow Carcass program may wait until weigh-in at the fair to declare which hog is their carcass barrow. <p>Bringing Carcass Barrows to the fair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each carcass hog exhibitor brings one carcass barrow to the fair. • Carcass barrows will come in on Sunday morning with market hogs and be weighed before penning. • Exhibitor must indicate at weigh in if planning to participate in the Premium Sale with the carcass barrow. • Carcass barrows will be tagged with a different color tag and will be penned separately from market hogs. • Carcass barrows must weigh a minimum of 210 lbs. There is no upper weight limit. • Underweight carcass hogs will be ineligible to show, place or be represented in the Premium Sale, but may still complete the program and sell the meat to their buyer. <p>Carcass Hogs On the Hoof</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcass barrows will be judged “On the Hoof” on Monday at 8:00 a.m. <p>Shipping Carcass Barrows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcass barrows will be hauled to Rospert’s Market at the conclusion of the On the Hoof show on Monday morning. <p>Carcass Hogs On the Rail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcass judging will be on Tuesday at Rospert’s Market on Lehigh Road at 8:00 a.m. • Carcass hog exhibitors, or a family representative, must attend the carcass inspection unless excused by a carcass superintendent to be eligible to place and sell. • Exhibitors excused from the carcass inspection must submit a 75–100- word essay on, “My experiences raising a hog; what I learned; and the importance of pork in the market industry”. Essays are due at On the Hoof judging. • Learning how the hanging carcasses are judged is an important educational component of this program and exhibitors should make every effort to attend On the Rail judging. • Winners will be announced during the Market Hog Show on Wednesday. <p>Selling Carcass Hogs in the Premium Sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All barrow carcass entries are eligible for a premium bid in the Premium Sale. Exhibitor must participate in both On the Hoof and On the Rail portions of the program to be eligible to sell. • The Grand and Reserve Champion Carcass Barrows on the Rail must sell as champions in the Premium Sale. • One carcass hog would be one lot in the sale for a premium bid. <p>Release of the Carcasses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All carcasses will be at Rospert’s Market. • The buyer’s name and where the carcass will be processed will be given to Rospert’s Market (turned in on Sunday when checking in). • They may be processed at Rospert’s or transported to another custom butchering facility. • If being processed at another facility, the buyer will pay the kill fee before transporting the carcass. • If being processed at Rospert’s, the buyer will pick the meat up and pay for processing. The kill fee will be included in the processing cost. <p>NOTE: Barrows must be castrated, completely healed, and showing no signs of testicular tissue.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FAIR EXHIBIT</u> (Classes & Entry Numbers)</p> <p>Class 83 - Barrow Carcass</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the Hoof 2. On the Rail |
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| <u>ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST</u> | <u>SHEEP PROJECTS</u> | <u>FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION</u> |
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| <p>Mandatory Sheep Skillathon: Sheep Skillathon will be held on Sunday August 16 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Doug Wilson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sheep exhibitors must participate in the sheep skillathon to complete their project requirements, to show, sell, and also to receive a West/East Lot Parking hang tag. Skillathon information will be taken from the Sheep Resource Handbook 194R (\$28.00) and the sheep skillathon kit. Attire for the Skillathon will be dress appropriate for interview judging. Exhibitors must bring a completed 4-H record book for <u>each</u> sheep project (Breeding and/or Market). <p>Premier Sheep Exhibitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Premier Sheep Exhibitor will be named. All 15–18-year-old sheep exhibitors (on Jan 1) eligible. Previous winner’s ineligible. Points for placing in showmanship, market, breeding and skillathon. 1st is 4 points, 2nd is 3 points, 3rd is 2 points and 4th is 1 point. No points for participation if do not place. Exhibitor must participate in at least three events to be eligible. High score overall wins. If the score ends in a tie, the exhibitor with the greatest number of sheep at the fair wins. If a tie remains, who placed higher in the skillathon wins. Remaining ties will be broken with most consistent placing. | <p>Completion Requirements: All exhibitors must participate in the sheep skillathon to be eligible to show, sell, receive their West/East Lot Parking pass, and complete their project requirements. Members enrolled in a sheep project who do not have an exhibit for state or county fair must complete the Sheep Skillathon and write a dismissal letter to the Huron County 4-H Committee by the September 11, 2026, deadline. Record books must be turned in at the sheep skillathon by ALL sheep exhibitors.</p> <p>Scrapie Identification: ALL sheep exhibited at the fair must have proper Scrapie ID. Scrapie tags need to be inserted by the breeder. Sheep without proper scrapie ID will be sent home. All sheep (breeding and market) will use their scrapie ID for fair identification.</p> <p>Market Lambs will use their scrapie ID for fair identification and submit on Fair Entry by May 15. Submitting Identification information is different from submitted your fair entries. Fair Entries must also be submitted by June 30 and will become available after the Identification deadline. (ID must match number recorded in May).</p> <p>Breeding Sheep must submit animal ID when they submit their entries on Fair Entry by the Fair Entry Deadline of June 30.</p> <p>Each exhibitor may submit ID on Fair Entry for up to 6 lambs. Immediate family members may submit market lambs by family name. Immediate family members include brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, and stepsisters living in the same household. ID only needs to be submitted under one member’s profile of the household if doing so. Fair Entry will allow the animal to be swapped with a different member of the same household.</p> <p>Sheep Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a member brings a breeding ewe or breeding ewe lamb, they may bring 3 market lambs. At least 1 of the 3 lambs must be Bred, Born & Raised in Huron County. The same animal CANNOT be shown as a market lamb and a breeding lamb. Only 1 division may be entered. No artificial coloring of lambs (hooves included), no muzzles, no drenching (except for a medical condition diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian at the fair). Committee will thoroughly examine all lambs for testicular tissue. Any lamb exhibiting testicular tissue will be ineligible for show or sale. Any abusive treatment to animals, as defined by the superintendents, may result in inability to show/sell. All lambs must be checked out with a superintendent before being loaded to go home on Sunday morning. Scrapie ID numbers for market lambs and breeding ewes will be written on Show Cards at the fair. Pen assignments may not be switched without permission of a superintendent. Special requests for pen assignments should be on fair entry. Bedding at the fair must be wood chips, wood shavings, or mulch, except wool breed breeding sheep which may use straw. NOTE: Exhibitors with lambs eligible for Bred, Born & Raised in Huron County division have option to show in Commercial or Bred, Born & Raised division. Must be declared at weigh-in. | <p>FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibitor/Parent Meeting on Sunday, August 16 at 12:45 p.m. Weigh-in on Sunday, August 16 at 1:00 p.m. <i>Reweighs must be complete before the scales close for the species.</i> Showmanship Practice on Monday, August 17 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Doug Wilson Show on Thursday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m. Open Class PeeWee Showmanship on Friday, August 21 at 11:00 a.m. Online Market Packer Bid opens Thursday, August 20 at 5:00 p.m. and begins to close on Friday, August 21 at 2:30 p.m. Premium Sale on Saturday, August 22 at 9:00 a.m. Project/tack pick-up and pen cleaning, Sunday, August 23 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. <p>Show Order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Sheep Showmanship (ages 15-18 as of January 1) Junior Sheep Showmanship (ages 8-11 as of January 1) Novice Swine Showmanship (12 years and older, first year exhibitor) Intermediate Sheep Showmanship (ages 12-14 as of January 1) Showman of Showmen Selection (previous showmanship class winners) Breeding Ewes (1 year & older) - Wool breeds, Purebred Meat breeds, & Crossbred Meat breeds Breeding Ewe Lambs (under 1 year) - Wool breeds, Purebred Meat breeds, & Crossbred Meat breeds Grand and Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe Bred, Born & Raised in Huron County Classes Bred, Born & Raised Championship Class (top 5 placed) Sheep Skillathon awards announced Special Awards in Memory of Hunter Slone presented Commercial Market Lamb Classes Commercial Championship Class (top 5 placed) Presentation of Premier Sheep Exhibitor Award Overall Champion Market Lamb Class (Bred, Born & Raised and Commercial championship class winners compete (top 5 placed) |

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| <p>#198-Market Lamb Project and Record Book</p> <p><i>The Market Lamb Project and Record Book is needed annually by all market lamb exhibitors (\$12.00).</i></p> <p><i>All sheep exhibitors also need a Sheep Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects. One Resource Handbook is good for all sheep projects (\$28.00). (One Sheep Resource Handbook per family exhibiting sheep is adequate.)</i></p> | <p>See Sheep on page 14 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide.</p> <p>Market Lambs (198):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit two singles OR exhibit one single • If a member brings a breeding ewe or breeding ewe lamb, they may bring 3 market lambs; at least one of the 3 must be Bred, Born & Raised in Huron County • Submit a fair entry for <u>each</u> market lamb and another entry for showmanship. • Market lambs will be identified by scrapie tag. • All market lambs must be at least rough shorn when coming to the fair. • Market lambs will be divided into weight classes by the Sheep Superintendents after all entries are weighed. • The minimum weight for a market lamb is 95 pounds and the maximum weight is 175 pounds . • Any lambs under 80 pounds will be sent home. • Lambs weighing between 80-94 pounds or over 175 pounds may stay at the fair and be shown in showmanship and an underweight/overweight class but will have no sale options. • Exhibitor must indicate if selling at weigh-in. • All sheep exhibits may be blanketed before the show. After the show, market lambs must be uncovered (no blankets). Breeding sheep may be blanketed all week. • A Show Card system will be used. Exhibitors will be given a blank card for each sheep they are showing and for showmanship at Weigh In. Cards will have spaces for exhibitor's name; lamb tag number; scrapie identification number; if bred, born & raised in Huron County; lamb weight, and class number. Exhibitors will fill out name, scrapie number and if showing as a Huron County lamb and bring the completed cards to the scale at weigh-in. • Bred, Born & Raised and Commercial Division Champions will be shown. These division champions will compete for overall champion. (Top 5 named in all championship classes.) • Sheep exhibitors are responsible for their appearance at the sale as per the sale order; lambs will not be sold for absent exhibitors who don't designate a substitute. • Exhibitor is responsible to weigh his or her own market lambs or designate a substitute to assist. • All lambs must be haltered when weigh-in begins on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. • Any requests for reweighs must be made as soon as the lamb is weighed • Failure to follow department rules will be brought to the attention of Junior Fair superintendents. Superintendents will determine appropriate action. | <p>Class 90 - Sheep Showmanship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Senior Sheep Showmanship (Ages 15-18 as of Jan 1) 6. Intermediate Sheep Showmanship (Ages 12-14 as of Jan 1) 7. Junior Sheep Showmanship (Ages 8-11 as of Jan 1) 8. Novice Sheep Showmanship (Ages 12 & older, first year exhibitor) <p>Class 93 - Market Lambs.</p> <p><u>Bred, Born & Raised (BBR) in Huron County:</u> Lambs must be bred and born in Huron County (owner of dam at time of service) and raised by a Huron County Jr. Fair exhibitor. FFA exhibitors who live in another county or 4-H exhibitors approved across county lines are eligible if they breed their own sheep and raise the lambs or if they purchase a Huron County bred and born lamb to raise. Bred, Born & Raised lambs compete in their own division classes. Exhibitors with lambs eligible for Bred, Born & Raised have the option to show in the Commercial division or in the Bred, Born & Raised division. Exhibitors must declare division at weigh-in.</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PROJECT</u></p> <p>#199-Sheep Breeding Project and Record Book</p> <p><i>The Sheep Breeding Project and Record Book is needed annually by all breeding ewe exhibitors and breeding ewe lamb exhibitors (\$12.00).</i></p> <p><i>All sheep exhibitors also need a Sheep Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects. One Resource Handbook is good for all sheep projects (\$28.00). (One Sheep Resource Handbook per family exhibiting sheep is adequate.)</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>EXHIBIT RULES</u></p> <p>See Sheep on page 14 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide.</p> <p>Breeding Sheep (199):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May make two entries per class. • Must bring papers in family name to check in at the fair. • Exhibit breeding ewe lambs and/or breeding ewes. • Wool breed breeding ewes may be bedded with straw. The straw must be kept separate from other lamb pens. • A lamb may NOT be shown as breeding AND market. | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FAIR EXHIBIT (Classes & Entry Numbers)</u></p> <p>Class 91 - Breeding Ewe (one year and older)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wool Breeds (Columbia, Corriedale, Rambouillet, Merino, Targhee) 2. Purebred Meat Breeds (Suffolk, Hampshire, Shropshire, Oxford, Tunis, Montadale, Southdown, Finn, Dorset, Cheviot) 3. Crossbred Meat Breeds <p>Class 92 - Breeding Ewe Lamb (under one year)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wool Breeds (Columbia, Corriedale, Rambouillet, Merino, Targhee) 2. Purebred Meat Breeds (Suffolk, Hampshire, Shropshire, Oxford, Tunis, Montadale, Southdown, Finn, Dorset, Cheviot) 3. Crossbred Meat Breeds |
| <p><u>PROGRAM:</u> Open Class Pee Wee Showmanship (for information only, NOT part of Jr. Fair) Open to anyone too young for regular 4-H. Participants borrow a Junior Fair lamb. Awards will be presented to all participants.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FAIR EXHIBIT</u></p> <p>Open Class Pee Wee Showmanship on Friday, August 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the Doug Wilson Barn. No pre-entry required.</p> | |

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Mandatory Rabbit Skillathon:

Rabbit Skillathon will be held on Saturday, August 8 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Secretary's Office at the fairgrounds. Make up will be Monday, August 10th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Secretary's Office at the fairgrounds

- All rabbit exhibitors must participate in the rabbit skillathon to complete their project requirements, to show and sell.
- Rabbit exhibitors must qualify for showmanship through the Skillathon. Exhibitors must earn at least 75 points or top 10 per division (with at least a 65%).
- Skillathon information will be taken from the Rabbit Resource Handbook 228R (\$20.00) and the rabbit skillathon kit.
- Attire for the Rabbit Skillathon will be dress appropriate for interview judging.
- Exhibitors who score 100 points (without extra credit) will receive \$25.
- Exhibitors must bring a completed 4-H record book.

Premier Rabbit Exhibitor: A Premier Rabbit Exhibitor will be named from all senior division rabbit exhibitors. Points will be awarded on placings in showmanship, class and skillathon. Placings of 1st - 4th will earn 1, 2, 3 & 4 points respectively. Participating is worth 5 points if exhibitor does not place. Exhibitor must participate in all three events. Low score overall wins. Ties broken by skillathon score; remaining ties will be broken with showmanship placing.

2026 Junior Fair Rabbit Clinics –

All clinics are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

- April 1 in Secretary's Office, fairgrounds - Breeds, Care & Housing
- April 29 in Secretary's Office, fairgrounds - Rabbit Health
- May 13 in Secretary's Office, fairgrounds - Body & Skeletal Parts and Conformation.
Exhibitors may bring rabbits to this clinic to confirm sex & that they are not crossbred.
- May 27 in the Pickworth: Beginners Clinic - bring rabbits for hands on work
- June 24 in the Pickworth - Showmanship - Bring rabbits to practice showing
- July 22 in the Pickworth for rabbit tattooing from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

RABBIT PROJECTS

Completion Requirements: All exhibitors must participate in the rabbit skillathon to be eligible to show, sell, and complete their project requirements. **Must also sign up and complete barn duty or project will be deemed incomplete.** Members enrolled in a rabbit project who do not have an exhibit for state or county fair must complete the Rabbit Skillathon and write a dismissal letter to the Huron County 4-H Committee by the September 11, 2026, deadline. Record books must be turned in at the rabbit skillathon by ALL rabbit exhibitors.

Identification Requirements: All rabbits must submit animal ID when they submit their entries on Fair Entry by the Fair Entry Deadline of June 30.

Rabbit Rules:

- The deadline for rabbit ownership is May 15.
- All rabbits must have a permanent, legible tattoo in left ear before entering the fairgrounds.
- Exhibitors sign up for barn duty on Sunday.
- Exhibitors are to check in with superintendent when arriving at the barn for barn duty during fair week.
- All rabbits must be checked out and cages & feed bins cleaned before going home on Sunday or forfeit grade and/or premium.
- All market rabbits will have a packer bid available; they will not be sold on the online packer bid auction.
- *If the exhibitor is not picking their own rabbit up from the fair in person, they must give a note to the superintendent before the barn closes Saturday night.*
- Feed and water containers are provided.
- No extra items in cages without superintendent approval.
- Exhibitors must see Open Class rabbit superintendent before putting rabbits up for private sale at the fair. *No Junior Fair rabbits, even if sold, will be released until Sunday morning.*
- Rabbit cages at the fair should only be spot cleaned during the fair. Complete stripping of the pens is not necessary until Sunday after the fair. *Wood chips must be used sparingly!*

FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION

All rabbits must be in the Rabbit Barn by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 16, not just on the fairgrounds!
Weigh-in for Meat Pens on Sunday, August 16 before cooping
Doe & Litter Class in Rabbit Barn on Monday, August 17 at 8:30 a.m.
Show on Monday, August 17 at 9:00 a.m. in Show Arena.
Premium Sale on Saturday, August 22 at 9:00 a.m.
Pick up Rabbits on Sunday, August 23 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. (Rabbits remaining in the barn after pickup hours will be sent to market).

Show Order:

1. Doe & Litter Class (judged in Rabbit Barn at 8:30 a.m.)
2. Senior Rabbit Showmanship (ages 15 - 18, as of Jan 1) AND Junior Rabbit Showmanship (ages 8-11, as of Jan 1)
3. Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship (ages 12-14, as of Jan. 1)
4. AND Novice Rabbit Showmanship (first time exhibitors, regardless of age)
5. Showman of Showmen Selections (previous showmanship class winners)
6. Rabbit Skillathon Awards Presentation
7. Buck Classes
8. Championship Buck Class (all first-place bucks compete)
9. Doe Classes (Does entered in Class 102 may not be accompanied by a litter, unless also entered in the Doe & Litter Class.)
10. Championship Doe Class (all first place does compete)
11. Short break while meat rabbits are brought to the table and cooped.
12. Meat Rabbits
13. Fryers
14. Premier Rabbit Exhibitor announced

Show Ring Policy: Classes are called twice; no delays for late exhibitors. Arrivals after the class has started may not be permitted to compete. Superintendents need informed of judging conflicts.

NOTE: The Open Class rabbit show is on Tuesday, August 18. **The Rabbit Barn will be closed to Junior Fair exhibitors from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (or until the end of the show).** Superintendents and Junior Fair Board members will water Junior Fair rabbits during the Open Class show. Junior Fair exhibitors may enter rabbits in the Open Class show by entering on the entry form in the fair book by July 31.

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| <p>#228BR- Rabbit Breeding</p> <p>#228PE – Rabbit Pet is offered as a pet care project in Huron County.</p> <p><i>All Breeding Rabbit exhibitors (buck, doe, doe & litter) enroll in project #228BR and must purchase the Rabbit Project and Record Book annually (\$12.00).</i></p> <p><i>All Rabbit exhibitors (breeding and market) also need a Rabbit Resource Handbook (\$20.00). (One Resource Handbook per rabbit family is adequate.)</i></p> | <p>See Rabbits on page 11 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide.</p> <p>Rabbit Showmanship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrist length plain long-sleeved white shirts (no T-shirts) or plain white show coats (no names or patches, sleeves not pushed or rolled up) • Long dark blue or black pants • No necklaces, watches, bracelets, or hats • No rings, dangling earrings or hoop earrings (if cannot be removed, must be covered by tape). • Long hair must be tied back. • Two showmanship tables, with different judges, will be running at the same time. The Rabbit Show will begin with Senior Showmanship at one table and Junior Showmanship at the other table. • Rabbit exhibitors must qualify for showmanship through the Skillathon. Exhibitors must earn at least 75 points or top 10 per division (with at least a 65%). <p>Required Show Attire for All Rabbit Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrist length long sleeved shirts (must be white in showmanship, sleeves not pushed or rolled up). • Exhibitors will not be permitted to go to the show table without a long-sleeved shirt. <p>Breeding Rabbits (228BR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All rabbits will be entered by breed as either 6-Class (larger rabbits; ex: Flemish Giant, Satin & Californian) or 4-Class (smaller rabbits; ex: Mini Rex, Holland Lop, Dwarf, Mini Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Lionhead & Dutch) • For the class of other breeds, check the ARBA Standard of Behavior or the ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide • Holland Lops must be entered as Holland Lop - Solid or Holland Lop - Broken Breeds with five or more entries in one entry number will show in their own breed class • 1 entry per breed per category (buck and does are separate categories so exhibitors may bring a buck and a doe of the same breed) <p>NOTE: Only breeds and varieties officially recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) may be shown in the Junior Fair.</p> <p>Doe & Litter (228BR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 entry max • Exhibitors will bring a doe and her litter of young, between 6 - 10 weeks of age. The litter must be out of the nest box. Number of young required depends on the breed: • Six class breeds must have 4 or more young. Four class breeds must have 2 or more young. Must be exhibitor's own stock. • 6-Class Breeds: Flemish Giant , Satin & Californian. • 4-Class Breeds: Mini Rex, Holland Lop, Dwarf, Mini Lop and Dutch. <p>For the class of other breeds, check the ARBA Standard of Perfection or the ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide.</p> | <p>Class 100 – Rabbit Showmanship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senior Showmanship (ages 15 - 18 as of Jan. 1) 2. Intermediate Showmanship (ages 12 - 14 as of Jan. 1) 3. Junior Showmanship (ages 8 - 11 as of Jan. 1) 4. Novice Showmanship (first time exhibitors, regardless of age) <p>Class 101 – Buck Rabbits</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 6-Class Purebred Buck (list breed on fair entry) 2. 4-Class Purebred Buck (list breed on fair entry) <p>Class 102 - Doe Rabbits</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 6-Class Purebred Doe (list breed on fair entry) 2. 4-Class Purebred Doe (list breed on fair entry) <p>Class 104 - Doe & Litter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 6-Class Breeds 2. 4-Class Breeds |

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| <p>#228MA-Rabbit Market</p> <p><i>All Meat Rabbit exhibitors enroll in project #228MA and must purchase the Rabbit Project and Record Book annually (\$12.00).</i></p> <p><i>All Rabbit exhibitors (breeding and market) also need a Rabbit Resource Handbook (\$20.00). (One Resource Handbook per rabbit family is adequate.)</i></p> | <p>See Rabbits on page 11 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide.</p> <p>Meat Rabbits (228MA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 entries max • All meat rabbits must be purebred (no crossbreds) and must be raised from the exhibitor's own stock. • All meat rabbits must be tattooed at the county tattoo clinic held approximately 4 weeks prior to the fair each year. (Wednesday, July 22, 2026, from 7:00-7:30 p.m.) • Meat rabbits must have individual tattoos in the left ear. Tattoos may be by family. If more than 12 rabbits per family are brought to the tattoo clinic, they must already have their private tattoos. • If an exhibitor is unable to bring his/her meat rabbit litter to the fairgrounds another family member or friend may bring the rabbits. There is no make-up day. • Meat rabbits will be weighed as they check in on Sunday, before being cooped; must have DUNF per pen, sex listed. • Grand and Reserve pens must sell & are terminal. • Weight limit is 3½ to 5½ pounds per rabbit. • An exhibitor with a meat rabbit entry who is incomplete or a "no show" for weigh-in or judging will be ineligible to sell in the premium sale. • Exhibitors must indicate if they are selling their meat pen when they weigh the rabbits on Sunday. • Only three rabbits will be weighed (no re-weighs). • All meat rabbit pens that do not make weight will be sent home, unless the exhibitor has qualified for showmanship and the meat pen is their only exhibit. • Meat pens will be cooped on the judging table. The exhibitors will not be with their rabbits during judging, no personal carriers allowed. Use of personally marked carriers is grounds for disqualification. <p>Fryers (228MA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 entries max • All fryers must be purebred (no crossbreds) and must be raised from the exhibitor's own stock. • Weight limit is 3½ to 5½ pounds per rabbit. • Cannot come out of meat pen. • Fryers are not eligible for the premium sale | <p>Class 103 - Meat Rabbits (<i>pen of 3</i>)</p> <p>Class 105 – Fryers</p> |

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Mandatory Poultry Skillathon:

Poultry Skillathon will be held on Monday, August 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the South end of the Pickworth.

- All poultry exhibitors must participate in the poultry skillathon to complete their project requirements, to show and sell.
- Skillathon information will be taken from the Storey’s Guide and the poultry skillathon kit.
- Attire for the Skillathon will be dress appropriate for interview judging.
- Exhibitors must bring a completed 4-H record book for their poultry projects.

Premier Poultry Exhibitor:

A Premier Poultry Exhibitor will be named from senior division chicken, waterfowl & pigeon exhibitors. All senior exhibitors (ages 15-18, as of January 1) in pigeons, ducks, geese, pullets, cockerels, fancy poultry, hen & egg production, and chicken meat pen are eligible.

Points will be tabulated on showmanship placing, class placing, and skillathon placing. Placings of 1st - 4th will earn 1, 2, 3 & 4 points respectively. Participating is worth 5 points if no placing is earned.

Exhibitor must participate in all three events to be eligible. Low score overall wins. Ties will be broken by the exhibitor with the greatest number of poultry exhibits. Remaining ties will be broken by skillathon scores.

**POULTRY PROJECTS
(Chickens, waterfowl, & pigeons)**

Completion Requirements: All exhibitors must participate in the poultry skillathon to be eligible to show, sell, and complete their project requirements. Members enrolled in a poultry project who do not have an exhibit for state or county fair must complete the Poultry Skillathon and write a dismissal letter to the Huron County 4-H Committee by the September 11, 2026, deadline. Record books must be turned in at the poultry skillathon by ALL poultry exhibitors.

Identification Requirements: All poultry must submit animal ID when they submit their entries on Fair Entry by the Fair Entry Deadline of June 30.

Poultry Rules:

- All exhibitors sign up for barn duty on Sunday at check in.
- Non-meat chicken pullets and cockerels must be hatched in the current calendar year, all non-meat chickens must be owned and cared for by exhibitor by May 15.
- All waterfowl must be hatched in the current calendar year, owned, and cared for by exhibitor by May 15.
- Market chickens need to be purchased and in the possession of the exhibitor a minimum of 5 weeks before the check-in date of the fair.
- Pigeons do not have to be hatched in the current year.
- All chickens, ducks, geese & pigeons must be purebred.
- Exhibitor must be present for judging, unless excused.
- Chickens must be from a NPIP flock which has had a negative test for Pullorum disease within 12 months, or poultry must have a negative test for Pullorum disease within 90 days before the Fair.
- Every chicken must have proof of Pullorum free status before being penned at the fair. If chickens are split from a hatchery batch, the exhibitor must have a copy of the papers from the hatchery signed by the first owner indicating to whom they were sold.
- Birds purchased from NPIP flock shall be the only birds on the new premises to be considered “directly” from the NPIP flock. If any other birds are on the premises, the birds coming to the fair must be Pullorum tested.
- Pullorum testing for birds without proper paperwork will be completed at the fair on Sunday before cooping (fee may apply).
- NPIP paperwork will be submitted on Fair Entry with your entry.
- Exhibitors must submit one completed Drug Use Notification Form for **each MEAT pen** and a **copy** of their hatchery papers or pullorum test papers for **EVERY** pen.
- Exhibitors are expected to be present and remove poultry from pens for showing.
- All exhibitors are responsible for taking care of their own birds through the week. Pens will be checked daily. If an exhibitor receives 2 unacceptable exhibit warnings, the exhibitor will be dismissed and ineligible for the Premium Sale.

NOTICE: If the Ohio Department of Agriculture bans poultry exhibitions during the Huron County Fair in 2026, a comprehensive plan for poultry exhibitors’ completion and sale requirements will be implemented.

FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION

- Weigh-in for Chicken Meat Pens on Sunday, August 16 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. as birds enter Poultry Barn
- Poultry Showmanship Show on Mon., Aug. 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Show Arena Poultry Show on Tuesday, Aug 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the Show Arena
- Premium Sale on Saturday, August 22 at 9:00 a.m.
- Pick up on Sunday, August 23 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon (Birds remaining at the fair after pick-up hours without arrangements, will be sent to market.)

Show Order Formula:

- Meat Chickens will show at the pens. Meat Chicken Championship class and all other poultry will show in the Show Arena
- Showmanship will be a separate show on Monday at 3:30 p.m.
- The Breed and Market Show will be on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.
- Rotate between broilers and the breed show every other year. Odd years will have the breed show first; Even years will have the broiler show first.

Showmanship Show Order:

All chicken, waterfowl & pigeon exhibitors show in same classes

- Senior Poultry Showmanship (ages 15 - 18 as of January 1)
- Novice Poultry Showmanship (1st year exhibitors, regardless of age)
- Junior Poultry Showmanship (ages 8 - 11 as of January 1)
- Intermediate Poultry Showmanship (ages 12 - 14 as of January 1)
- Showmen of Showmen selection (previous showmanship class winners)

Breed & Market Show Order:

- Skillathon Winners Announced
- Meat Chicken Classes (3 cockerels or 3 pullets)
- Underweight & Overweight Meat Pens (for a grade)
- Meat Chicken Championship Class
- Pigeons (pair)
- Breeding Ducks (hen & drake)
- Breeding Geese (gander and goose)
- Champion Waterfowl Class (ducks & geese)
- Hen & Egg Production (1 standard purebred hens & 1 dozen eggs)
- Pullet Classes (pen of 1)
- Champion Pullet Class
- Fancy Poultry - Bantam Pullets and Cockerels (pens of 1)
- Fancy Poultry - Standard Purebred Hens, Cocks, Pullets and Cockerels (pens of 1)
- Fancy Poultry - Mature Bantam and Mature Standard Purebred Trios (2 hens & 1 cock)
- Champion Fancy Poultry Class
- Overall Non-Market Champion Class (champion pigeons, waterfowl, pullets, fancy poultry & hens compete)
- Premier Poultry Exhibitor Announced

| PROJECT | EXHIBIT RULES | FAIR EXHIBIT (Classes & Entry Numbers) |
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| <p>#150-Poultry Project and Record Book</p> <p>ALL poultry projects use the same Poultry Project and Record Book. Must indicate all types of poultry to be shown when self-enrolling in 4-H.</p> <p>150CE - Chicken, Exhibition (Fancy) 150CM - Chicken, Market 150CEP - Chicken Egg Production: Pullets and Hen & Egg 150DE - Duck, Exhibition 150GE - Goose, Exhibition</p> <p>NOTE: Huron County does not offer classes for Market Ducks (150DM), Market Geese (150GM) or Helmeted Guinea Fowl (150H).</p> <p><i>One Poultry Project and Record Book is needed annually by each poultry exhibitor, regardless of the number or types of poultry, including turkeys, shown (\$12.00).</i></p> <p><i>Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry</i> will be the Huron County poultry resource book. Exhibitors purchase their own copies. Prices range from \$9.99 (Kindle) to \$25.00. Good used paperbacks are sufficient. (One <i>Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry</i> per poultry family is adequate).</p> <p>NOTE: There are several Storey's Guides, Huron County is using <i>Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry</i>, which includes chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, and pigeons.</p> | <p>See Poultry on page 14 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide.</p> <p>Breeding Ducks (150DE):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibit one or two pairs of ducks. Must be two different breeds or varieties. <p>Breeding Geese (150GE):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibit one pair of geese. <p>Egg Production Chickens (150CEP) - Hen & Egg Production:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only exhibitors who showed pullets in 2025 are eligible. Exhibit one or two pens of two hens and one dozen eggs. The eggs (in cartons) must be turned in on Sunday at the fair when checking in. Eggs must be from the same breeds as exhibited. Hens must be the same breed/variety shown as pullets in 2025. May exhibit 2 pens of different breeds. <u>ALL</u> hens must be Pullorum tested prior to or at the fair. Hatchery papers are invalid for birds over one year of age. Breeds & varieties must be listed on fair entry <p>Egg Production Chickens (150CEP) - Pullets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibit one or two pens of pullets (pens of one). Must be two different breeds or varieties. All pullets are entered under Class 114 Breeds & varieties must be listed on entry <p>Fancy Chickens (150CE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibit up to 6 entries – may exhibit up to 2 entries of different breeds in an entry number. <u>ALL</u> hens & cocks must be Pullorum tested prior to or at the fair. Hatchery papers are invalid for birds over one year of age. Breeds & varieties must be listed on entry <p>Market Chickens (150CM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibit one meat pen (pen of three). Weight limit for chicken meat pens is 15-27 lbs. per pen. Each chicken in a pen must weigh a minimum of 5 pounds. Pens with chickens outside the weight limit will be graded but will be ineligible for premiums or sale. Chicken meat pens will weigh as they enter on Sunday at check in. The 3 birds for each pen must be designated before weighing - NO reweighs or switching. There is no processor options for meat chickens, all birds must be taken home by the exhibitor after fair. Birds will remain on the grounds until Sunday check out. If a chicken meat pen is sent home after the Premium Sale because of a dirty pen, the sale is null and void. An exhibitor with a chicken meat pen who is a "no show" at weigh-in or judging will be ineligible to sell. Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Rule: All market poultry must be owned by the Jr. Fair exhibitor within 5 days of hatch. | <p>Class 110 – Poultry Showmanship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Poultry Showmanship (ages 15 - 18 as of Jan. 1) Intermediate Poultry Showmanship (ages 12 - 14 as of Jan. 1) Junior Poultry Showmanship (ages 8 - 11 as of Jan. 1) Novice Poultry Showmanship (first year exhibitors, regardless of age) <p>Class 112 – Breeding Ducks (pairs)</p> <p>Class 113 - Breeding Geese (pair)</p> <p>Class 114 - Hen & Egg Production (pen of 1 plus dozen eggs)</p> <p>Class 115 - Pullets (pen of 1)</p> <p>Class 116 - Fancy Poultry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bantam Pullet (pen of one) Bantam Cockerel (pen of one) Bantam Hen (pen of one) Bantam Cock (pen of one) Standard Purebred Pullet (pen of one) Standard Purebred Cockerel (pen of one) Standard Purebred Hen (pen of one) Standard Purebred Cock (pen of one) Mature Bantam Trio (2 hens & 1 cock) Mature Standard Purebred Trio (2 hens & 1 cock) <p>Class 118 - Market Chickens</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Meat Pen (3 cockerels or 3 pullets at the fair) <p>Class 111 - Pigeons (pairs)</p> |
| <p>#154 - 4-H Pigeon Project</p> <p>Must purchase the \$12.00 book annually.</p> | <p>Pigeons:</p> <p>Exhibit one or two pairs of pigeons. Must be two different breeds or varieties.</p> | |

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Mandatory Turkey Skillathon:

Turkey Skillathon will be held on Monday, August 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the South end of the Pickworth.

- All turkey exhibitors must participate in the turkey skillathon to complete their project requirements, to show, and sell.
- Skillathon information will be taken from the Storey’s Guide Handbook and the poultry skillathon kit.
- Attire for the Skillathon will be dress appropriate for interview judging.
- Exhibitors must bring a completed 4-H record book for their turkey project.

Premier Turkey Exhibitor:

A Premier Turkey Exhibitor will be named from senior division turkey exhibitors (ages 15-18, as of January 1). All senior turkey exhibitors are eligible. Previous winners **are** eligible. Points will be tabulated on showmanship placing, class placing, and skillathon placing. Placings of 1st - 4th will earn 1, 2, 3 & 4 points respectively. Participating in an event is worth 5 points if exhibitor does not place. Exhibitor must participate in all three events to be eligible. Low score overall wins. Ties broken by skillathon placing.

TURKEY PROJECTS

Completion Requirements: All exhibitors must participate in the turkey skillathon to be eligible to show, sell, and complete their project requirements. Members enrolled in a turkey project who do not have an exhibit for state or county fair must complete the Turkey Skillathon and write a dismissal letter to the Huron County 4-H Committee by the September 11, 2026, deadline. Record books must be turned in at the turkey skillathon by ALL turkey exhibitors.

Identification Requirements: Turkeys must submit animal ID when they submit their entries on Fair Entry by the Fair Entry Deadline of June 30.

Turkey Rules:

- All market turkeys must be hatched in the current year. Heritage turkeys do not have to be hatched in the current year. All turkeys must be owned and cared for by exhibitor by May 15.
- **ODA Rule:** All market poultry must be owned by the Junior Fair exhibitor within 5 days of hatch.
- NOTE: *Turkey exhibitors must submit a copy of their hatchery or pullorum test papers. Turkeys without valid pullorum papers will be sent home.*
- All turkeys coming to the fair must be clean for visual inspection for infectious or contagious disease.
- Turkeys will be penned in pens assigned to the exhibitor. Pen tags are not to be removed or switched.
- Feeders & waterers must be of adequate size to meet the needs of the animals. Exhibitors should have their names on all equipment and feed containers.
- Exhibitors must be present and show their turkeys.
- An exhibitor with a market turkey who is a "no show" at weigh-in or judging will be ineligible to show and sell.
- Grand and Reserve Champion turkeys must sell.
- Exhibitors must indicate at weigh-in if they are selling their turkey
- Turkey exhibitors must sign up for barn duty on Sunday.
- \$10.00 will be deducted from sale checks if turkey pens are not cleaned by 12:00 noon Sunday.
- Turkeys must be transported to the fair in a ventilated container
- Turkeys must be from a NPIP flock which has had a negative test for Pullorum disease within 12 months.
- Every turkey must be accompanied to the fair with proof of Pullorum free status. If turkeys are split from a hatchery batch, the exhibitor must have a copy of the papers from the hatchery signed by the first owner indicating to whom they were sold.
- Birds purchased from a NPIP flock shall be the only birds on the new premises to be considered “directly” from the NPIP flock. Turkeys on a premises with other non-NPIP birds **must be blood tested by a veterinarian** within 90 days of fair to obtain valid Pullorum free papers, results take time!
- A show bill will be posted Monday morning. All changes in entries must be reported by noon Monday.

NOTICE: If the Ohio Department of Agriculture bans poultry exhibitions during the Huron County Fair in 2026, a comprehensive plan for poultry exhibitors’ completion and sale requirements will be implemented.

FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION

- Weigh-in for market turkeys Sunday, August 16 during check-in (NOTE: Scales will be closed after 11:00 a.m. Turkeys not weighed or in line to be weighed by 11:00 a.m. will be sent home)
- Turkey Show on Tuesday, August 18 at 9:00 a.m.
- Premium Sale on Saturday, August 122 at 9:00 a.m.
- Birds remaining at the fair after pickup hours (8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on Sunday) without prior arrangements, will be sent to market.

Show Order:

1. Exhibitors wait at turkey pen at 8:45 a.m. to get show arm bands.
2. Senior Turkey Showmanship (ages 15 - 18 as of January 1)
3. Intermediate Turkey Showmanship (ages 12 - 14 as of January 1)
4. Junior Turkey Showmanship (ages 8 - 11 as of January 1)
5. Showman of Showmen Selection (previous showmanship winners)
6. Skillathon Winners Announced
7. Heritage Breed Turkeys (exhibit 1 or 2 breeding pairs)
8. Market Turkey Weight Classes (exhibit 1 hen)
9. Market Turkey Championship Class

Note: Showmanship will be conducted similar to swine showmanship with the exhibitor showing the turkey with a cane.

| <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>EXHIBIT RULES</u> | <u>FAIR EXHIBIT (Classes & Entry Numbers)</u> |
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| <p>#150 - Poultry Project & Record Book</p> <p>ALL poultry projects use the same Poultry Project and Record Book. Must indicate all types of poultry to be shown when self-enrolling in 4-H.</p> <p>150TE - Turkey, Exhibition (Heritage)</p> <p>150TM - Turkey, Market</p> <p><i>One Poultry Project and Record Book is needed annually by each turkey exhibitor, regardless of the number or types of poultry, including turkeys, shown (\$12.00).</i></p> <p><i>Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry</i> is the Huron County poultry resource book. Exhibitors purchase their own copies. Prices range from \$9.99 (Kindle) to \$25.00. Good used paperbacks are sufficient. (One <i>Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry</i> per poultry family is adequate).</p> <p>NOTE: There are several Storey's Guides, Huron County is using <i>Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry</i>, which includes chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, and pigeons.</p> | <p>See Poultry on page 14 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide.</p> <p>Heritage Breed Turkeys (150TE):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show as breeding pairs and are ineligible to sell. • Both turkeys in the pair must be the same breed. • Two entries per exhibitor. Must be different breeds. List breed on fair entry. • Limited to the following breeds: Heritage Whites, Heritage Bronzes, Heritage Blacks, Narragansetts, Royal Palms, Bourbon Reds, & Blue Slates. <p>Market Turkeys (150TM):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit one <u>hen</u> turkey. • Minimum weight is 18 lbs. Turkeys under the weight limit will be ineligible for the premium sale. • Turkeys should not be over 18 weeks old on show day. • List turkeys to be penned together on fair entry. • It is recommended that food be removed from turkey pens by 9:00 p.m. before show day (Monday night by 9:00 p.m.) | <p>Class 120 – Turkey Showmanship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senior Turkey Showmanship (ages 15 - 18 as of Jan. 1) 2. Intermediate Turkey Showmanship (ages 12 - 14 as of Jan. 1) 3. Junior Turkey Showmanship (ages 8 - 11 as of Jan. 1) <p>Class 121 - Heritage Breed Turkeys (exhibit 1 or 2 breeding pairs)</p> <p>Class 122 - Market Turkeys</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Market Turkey (exhibit one hen at the fair) |

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Mandatory Llama and Alpaca Skillathon:

A Llama & Alpaca Skillathon will be mandatory. Completed project book must be brought to skillathon. Time TBD based on number of exhibitors enrolled in the project.

Anyone wishing to take this project that cannot afford to purchase animals or who is not ready to make the financial commitment of ownership, may lease a project animal. Many breeders are willing to lease animals to Jr. Fair exhibitors.

Exhibitor must be involved in the care of all project animals!

Exhibitors should be clean and neatly dressed in white shirts and black pants with shoes or boots (no open-toed shoes, sandals, or flip-flops).

If an exhibitor is unable to make the judging time, they must notify a superintendent to schedule a make-up interview.

Superintendents:
Mike Hahn – 419-663-1043
Rich Ruess – 419-668-4521

Stall decorations must be securely fastened and not present harm to animals or people. Current fire codes must be followed. No balloons allowed.

Must follow Ohio Livestock Care Standards.

LLAMA & ALPACA

Completion Requirements: All llama and alpaca exhibitors must complete the skillathon and an interview to complete their project requirements. They should also participate in showmanship & the obstacle course.

Identification Requirements: All llamas and alpacas must submit animal ID when they submit their entries on Fair Entry by the Fair Entry Deadline of June 30.

Llama & Alpaca Rules:

- Must own or have in their care a llama or alpaca by May 15.
- The animal may be a male or female and must be over 5 months old by day of show and born no later than March 1 of current year.
- MALES OLDER THAN 15 MONTHS MUST BE CASTRATED!
- The animal should have a companion animal (Llamas and alpacas are herd animals and do not do well by themselves.) A minimum of 2 llamas or alpacas is recommended. May only show 1 animal. Must use same animal for showmanship & obstacle course.
- Male companion animals over 15 months old must be castrated.
- Animals must be shorn or clipped by July 1st of current year. Barrel shearing is permissible (only shearing completely around the animal’s middle from shoulders to back legs).
- Nutritional Note: Llamas and alpacas must receive proper nutrition while under the exhibitor’s care. Hay is a must for these animals.
- Unruly or unmanageable animals that present a nuisance or danger to other animals or people will be sent home. This decision will be made by the Llama & Alpaca superintendents and will be final.
- It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide care and groom his/her animal for the duration of the fair. Exhibitors are expected to provide food and water to their animals on a regular basis. They are also expected to keep livestock pens clean and neat, as well as aisles and tack areas the entire week of fair.
- Superintendents and Junior Fair Board members will post warnings each day for exhibitors with unacceptable exhibits. An exhibitor may receive one warning. When a second citation is issued, the animal is sent home and premiums and awards are stripped. Superintendent’s decision is final.
- Exhibitor is responsible for helping with barn clean-up and tear down on check-out day.

FAIR EXHIBIT INFORMATION

Llama & Alpaca Show on Thursday, August 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Show Order:

1. Interview with the judge
2. Showmanship
3. Obstacle Course

Interview: Exhibitors will be interviewed about their knowledge of the project, knowledge of their own animal and of the species of animal in general and must have as much completed in their project book as possible, that pertains to their project animal.

Showmanship: Exhibitors should have their animals clean, groomed and properly fitted for showing. Exhibitors will be asked to demonstrate that they can properly lead, handle, and maintain control of their animal. They also must show that they understand the basic techniques of showing their animal in a show ring.

Obstacle Course: The following obstacles and others may be used in the course:

- Weaving: Lead animal through cones in a weave pattern.
- Jump: Lead animal over a low jump, similar to goat hurdles.
- Step: Lead animal to a platform approx. 6” high which animal must step on, walk across and step down.
- Go Under: Lead animal under an obstacle (plastic pipe suspended so animal and exhibitor must duck under)
- Pick Up Something: While leading animal, exhibitor bends down and picks up an object while maintaining control.
- Bystander Petting: Exhibitor will lead animal up to a bystander (Superintendent) to be petted, while maintaining control.

PROJECT

#132-Llama and Alpaca Project and Record

A Llama and Alpaca Project and Record Book is needed annually by all exhibitors of llamas and alpacas (\$12.00).

All llama and alpaca exhibitors also need a Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook (\$20.00). (One Resource Handbook per llama and alpaca family is adequate.)

EXHIBIT RULES

See Llamas and Alpacas on page 13 of the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide

- Exhibit one llama or one alpaca. Each exhibitor must fill out two entries. (One for showmanship and one for obstacle course).
- Showmanship & obstacle course will be placed. Placings will be combined with project grade to determine trophy winner.
- Exhibitors must furnish their own feed and bedding.
- Pens will be assigned by the Llama/Alpaca Superintendents.
- All exhibitor’s must be certified in Livestock Quality Assurance.
- Llamas/alpacas are included in Clean Pen Awards.
- Animals must be healthy and free from disease. Animals will be checked by a veterinarian at the fair on the racetrack. Animals that fail health standards are sent home.

**FAIR EXHIBIT
(Classes & Entry Numbers)**

Class 125 - Llamas & Alpacas

1. Showmanship
2. Obstacle Course

**HURON COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR
LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP RULES & GUIDELINES**

SHOWMANSHIP RULES:

1. *All livestock exhibitors must submit a fair entry to enter showmanship at the fair.* Showmanship goes off of age, as of January 1.
2. *Showmanship is optional* for all species.
3. Exhibitors always show in their proper age bracket.
4. There are no limits on the number of years an exhibitor may compete in showmanship.
5. This Huron Co. Junior Fair Livestock Showmanship Rules & Guidelines sheet includes required/recommended show attire and equipment.
5. Contestants must be involved in fitting and must show their own animals but may be asked by the judge to show some other animal.
6. Showmanship is based on: (1) appearance of the animal and equipment used to show the animal, (2) ability to properly handle and pose the animal, (3) ability to move as directed by the judge, (4) knowledge of the species being shown, (5) proper show attire, (6) courtesy to judge and other exhibitors.
7. All showmanship divisions are based on exhibitor's age as of Jan. 1
8. ***Dairy, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, cattle, swine, poultry, and turkeys*** are divided into three divisions for showmanship: Senior (ages 15-18), Intermediate (ages 12-14), and Junior (ages 8-11).
9. **Meat goats, sheep, cattle, swine, poultry, and rabbits** also have a novice showmanship division.
10. The oldest showmanship division will be the first class held to allow younger exhibitors the chance to observe more experienced showmen.
11. The winners from each age division will compete in a showman of showmen selection for each species to become the species showman of showmen representative.

ATTIRE & EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL SPECIES:

Exhibitors *should* wear a dress shirt with a collar (shirt must be buttoned and tucked in), long pants and hard soled shoes. No visible advertising is allowed.

Exhibitors should *not* wear tank tops, T-shirts, hats, or other head covering, or anything with a family name or farm advertising. It is recommended that long hair be tied back, and that no jewelry be worn. In addition, each species has additional recommendations or requirements on the next page.

The following grooming practices are prohibited, according to Chapter 901-19, of the Ohio Administrative Code (Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules): Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves; Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way or example, but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp and powders; Pigmented grooming aides or materials; Clipping of hair on market hogs (except on the ears & tail). For breeding classes, the rules of the breed association will constitute acceptable grooming practices. All exhibitors shall comply with the Code of Practices from the Ohio Livestock Coalition.

DAIRY

Attire:

1. See General Recommendations on previous page.
2. White clothing.

Equipment: Show halter.

GOATS (dairy, pygmy, fiber & recreation):

These are requirements, not recommendations!

Attire:

1. General Recommendations on previous page are requirements.
2. Exhibitors with *dairy goats* dress in all white with a black or brown belt.
3. Exhibitors with *Pygmy, fiber & recreation goats* dress in blue/black jeans and a button-down shirt with a collar.
4. Allowances will be made for exhibitors coming from another judging.

Equipment: Chain collars only, or black nylon collars for Pygmies.

MEAT GOATS:

Attire:

1. See General Recommendations on previous page.

Equipment: Nylon or metal choke collar or prong collar.

BEEF (includes all beef and dairy beef animals)

Attire:

1. See General Recommendations on previous page.
2. Pants with a back pocket or a holster to carry a scotch comb.

Equipment: Show stick, Show halter, Scotch comb.

SWINE: These are requirements, not recommendations!

Attire:

1. General Recommendations on previous page are requirements.
2. Pants with a back pocket or a holster to carry a small hand brush or towel.

Equipment: Driving stick, Small hand brush or towel.

Hogs may NOT be shown with any show preparations, only water may be used on days of show. The penalty for using a show preparation is disqualification from that show.

SHEEP

Attire:

1. See General Recommendations on previous page.
2. Neat and clean.

Equipment: No special equipment required for sheep.

RABBITS: These are requirements, not recommendations!

Attire:

1. General Recommendations on previous page are requirements.
2. Wrist length, plain long-sleeved white shirts (no T-shirts) or plain white show coats (no names or patches). Sleeves may not be pushed or rolled up.
3. Long dark blue or black pants.
4. No necklaces, watches, or bracelets.
5. No rings, dangling earrings or hoop earrings (If cannot be removed, must be covered by tape).
6. No hats.
7. Long hair must be tied back.

Equipment: No special equipment required for rabbits.

POULTRY (Chickens, waterfowl & pigeons)

Attire:

1. See General Recommendations on previous page.
2. Plain white shirts (no T-shirts).
3. Dark pants or dark shorts.

Equipment: No special equipment required for poultry.

TURKEYS

Attire:

1. See General Recommendations on previous page.
2. Long sleeved shirts.

Equipment: Cane or driving stick.

LLAMAS & ALPACAS

Attire:

1. See General Recommendations on previous page.
2. White, long-sleeved shirts and long black pants or skirts.

Equipment: Halter and lead strap.