

Jr. Fair Supplement of the Union County Fair Book 2026



Junior Fair Entry Deadline: June 16, 2026
Union County Fair: July 26 – August 1, 2026

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2026 UNION COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SCHEDULE

UCF Entries Due Online by 4 pm, Tuesday, June 16

Pre-Fair Judging and Activities

Wednesday, July 22

Food and Nutrition Project Judging
Shooting Sports Project Judging
Special Interest Project Judging

Thursday, July 23

Clothing Project Judging
Special Interest Project Judging

Friday, July 24

TBA Special Interest Project Judging, Armory
12 pm Horse move in (Optional)
6:30 pm Horse Orientation (Mandatory), Armory
6:30 pm Horse Skillathon (all ages), Armory
7:30 pm Equine Ambassador Interviews, Jr. Fair Office

Saturday, July 25

6am - 1pm Sheep and Goats Move In
6am - 5pm Swine move in
11:00 am Horses must be in place for vet check; Team
Tournament Registration due
12 - 5:00 pm Horse Registration: Member Bios/ High Point/
Classes
1:30 pm Sheep & Goats Barn Meeting, 2 pm Weigh-In
2:00 pm Groom and Clean (Mudding starts at noon)
5:00 pm Horse Judging Contest
6:00 pm Swine Weigh-In, Barn Mtg. at 5:30

Union County Fair July 26 – August 1

Sunday, July 26

6am - 11pm Beef, Dairy Feeder, and Dairy Move In
8:00 am Horse Opening Ceremonies
9:00 am Horses – English Show
9am – 11am Poultry Move in
11:15 am Poultry Barn Meeting and Weigh-in & Pictures
3pm – 6pm Rabbits Move-in
4:30 pm Royalty Crowning (Arena)
5:00 pm Sheep Show: **Showmanship, Market and CBR**
6:15 pm Rabbit Barn Meeting and Weigh-in & Pictures

Monday, July 27

8:00 am Horses – Western and Driving Show
9:00 am Rabbit Skillathon- Juniors (Armory)
9:30 am Rabbit Skillathon – Inter & Seniors (Armory)
10:00 am Mkt Beef, Dairy Feeders, & Beef Feeders Weigh
In & Pictures (Barn Mtg at 9:30)
10:00 am Chicken Show: Market Chicken Classes, Chicken
Showmanship, Exhibition Chickens (Rabbit and
Poultry Bldg.)
11:00 am Dairy Skillathon (Armory)
12:00 pm Swine Skillathon (Armory)
1:30 pm Dairy Judging Contest
6:00 pm Swine Showmanship / CBR Classes / Purebred

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 am Horses – Ranch Show
9:00 am Rabbit Show (Showmanship, Breeding, Market)
9:00 am Poultry Skillathon, Juniors (Armory)
9:45 am Poultry Skillathon, Inter. & Seniors (Armory)
10:00 am Dairy Show
11:00 am Sheep Skillathon (Armory)
2:30 pm 4-H Style Review (Armory)
3:30, 4:30 Special Interest Awards (Armory),
Projects for each time TBA
6:00 pm Swine Market Show (released at show conclusion.)

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 am Horses – Versatility
9:00 am All hogs not in the Livestock Sale or being sent on
packer truck are to be off the fairgrounds
9:00 am Beef Skillathon
10:30 am Goat Skillathon (Armory)
9:00 am Turkey Show – Market, Showmanship, Exhibition
30 min. after Waterfowl Show– Market, Showmanship,
Turkey Show Exhibition Classes; followed by Overall Poultry
Showman of Showmen
4:00 pm Beef Showmanship, Dairy Feeder Show:
Showmanship followed by Market Classes
TBD Horses – Championship/Ambassador – 1 hr after versatility
5:00 pm Horse Fantasia

Thursday, July 30

8:00 am Horse Demonstration Contest
9:00 am Goat Show: Showmanship, Breeding, CBR
9:00 am Horse Dressage Show
1:00 pm General Livestock Judging
4:30 pm Rabbit Skillathon Awards (Rabbit and Poultry Bldg.)
4:45 pm Poultry Skillathon Awards (Poultry and Rabbit Bldg.)
5:00 pm Goat Show: Market Goat Classes
5:00 pm Gymkhana Show
5:00 pm Rabbit, Poultry Released (Must be off
fairgrounds by **7** pm Thursday)

Friday, July 31

9:00 am Horse Fun Show and Horseless Horse Show
3:00 pm Dairy, Beef, Goat, Swine and Sheep Skillathon
Awards
6:00 pm Horse Awards Banquet
6:00 pm Beef Breeding, Beef Feeder Calves and Market
Beef Show
Time TBD Showman of Showmen Exhibition –
30 minutes after beef show ends
9:00 pm Sheep, Goats, Beef and Dairy Feeder Non-Sale
Animals Released; Must be off fairgrounds by 8 am
10:00 pm Horses dismissed, off grounds by 10 am Sat.

Saturday, August 1

10:00 am Livestock Sale
Noon - 2pm Special Interest Projects Released

Jr. Fair Schedule Summary and Official Release Times

Department 1-3: Special Interest, Clothing, Food and Nutrition

Display items remain in the armory following project judging July 22-24.

Style Review: Tuesday, July 28, 2:30 pm, Armory

Special Interest Awards: Tuesday, July 28, 3:30 or 4:30 pm, Armory (projects TBA)

Display items to be picked up between 12 pm and 2 pm on Saturday, August 1.

2026 Livestock Skillathon Schedule – Location: Armory

Time	Monday, July 27	Tuesday, July 28	Wednesday, July 29
9:00 AM	Rabbits, Juniors	Poultry, Juniors	Dairy Feeders and Beef
9:30 AM	Rabbits, Intermediate and Sr.		
9:45 AM		Poultry, Intermediate and Sr.	
10:30 AM			Goat
11:00 AM	Dairy Cattle	Sheep	
12:00 PM	Swine		

Skillathon Awards: Rabbits Thursday, July 30, 4:30 pm; Poultry Thursday, July 30, 4:45 pm.

Dairy, Beef, Goat, Swine and Sheep, Friday, July 31, 3 pm

Department 4: Dairy Cattle

Move-in/ Check-in	Weigh-in/ Pictures	Skillathon: Armory	Show	Move Out/ Check-out
Sun., July 26 6 am – 11 pm	N/A	Mon., July 27 11:00 am	Tues., July 28 10:00 am	Leave within 2 hours of show conclusion.

Department 5: Beef and Dairy Feeders

Specie	Move-in/ Check-in	Weigh-in/ Pictures	Weight Reqs.	Skillathon: Armory	Show	Move Out/ Check-out
Dairy Feeders	Sun., July 26 6 am – 11 pm	Mon., July 27 10:00 am 9:30 Barn Meeting	400 – 700 #	Wed., July 29 9:00 am	Wed., July 29 4:00 pm Beef Showmanship, Dairy Feeder (DF) Showmanship, DF Market Classes	Non sale animals: 9 pm to midnight Fri. OR 6 am to 8 am Sat. Sale animals released after 7 am Sun. Aug. 2.
Steers and Beef Feeders	Sun., July 26 6 am – 11 pm	Mon., July 27 10:00 am 9:30 Barn Meeting	Beef Feeders: Under 900# Steers: Over 900 #	Wed., July 29 9:00 am	Fri., July 31 6:00 pm Beef Breeding, Beef Feeder Calves, Market Showmanship Wed. July 29 4:00 pm	Non sale animals: 9 pm to midnight Fri. OR 6 am to 8 am Sat. Sale animals released after 7 am Sun. Aug. 2

Department 6: Sheep

Move-in/ Check-in	Weigh-in/ Pictures	Weight Reqs.	Skillathon: Armory	Show	Move Out/ Check-out
Sat., July 25 6 am – 1 pm	Sat., July 25 2:00pm Barn Meeting 1:30 pm	At least 90#	Tues., July 28 11:00 am	Sun., July 26, 5 pm- Showmanship, Market show with County Born & Raised. ONE SHOW ONLY	Non sale animals 9 pm to Midnight Friday OR 6:00 am to 8:00 am Sat. Sale animals released after 7 am Sun. Aug. 2

Department 7: Swine

Move-in/ Check-in	Weigh-in/ Pictures	Weight Reqs.	Skillathon: Armory	Show	Move Out/ Check-out
Sat., July 25 6 am – 5 pm	Sat., July 25 6:00pm Barn Meeting 5:30 pm	210 – 290 #	Mon., July 27 12:00 pm	Mon., July 27 6:00 pm Showmanship, County Born and Raised, Purebred Tues., July 28, 6:00 pm Market classes	Released at conclusion of show. All non-sale animals and non- packer truck animals must be out by 9:00 am Wednesday Morning.

Department 8: Goats

Move-in/ Check-in	Weigh-in/ Pictures	Weight Reqs.	Skillathon: Armory	Show	Move Out/ Check-out
Sat., July 25 6 am – 1 pm	Sat., July 25 2:00 pm Barn Meeting 1:30 pm	60 # - 120 #	Wed., July 29 10:30 am	Thurs., July 30 9:00 am Showmanship, Breeding, Born & Raised. 5:00 pm Market Classes	Non sale animals 9:00 pm to midnight Friday. Or 6:00am to 8:00am Sat.

*Breeding Goats are allowed to come in and leave day of show. Scrapie tags will be checked.

Department 9: Rabbits

Move-in/ Check-in	Weigh-in/ Pictures	Weight Reqs.	Skillathon	Show	Move Out/ Check-out
Sun., July 26, 3 pm – 6 pm	Sun., July 26 6:15 pm Barn Meeting, Weigh in, Pictures	Between 3 ½ and 5 ½ lbs. Each rabbit must make individual weight standards to sell as a pen	Mon., July 27 9:00 am, Juniors 9:30 Intermediate and Seniors.	Tues., July 28, 9:00 am Showmanship, Breeding, Market	Mkt. Grand & Reserve must stay through the end of the sale. All other animals leave after 5:00pm Thurs, July 30. Must be out by 7:00 pm Thurs., July 30.

Department 10: Poultry

Specie	Check-in/ Pictures	Weight Reqs.	Skillathon: Armory	Show	Move Out/ Check-out
Chickens Egg Production pen of 3, Exhibition Pairs, Pen of 4 Broilers	Sun., July 26, 9am – 11am 11:15 am Weigh-in & Pics. NPIP Papers required to show hatch dates for market broilers.	Broiler pens below 18 lbs. or over 28 lbs. are not permitted to sell. Broilers must have been hatched on or after June 15.	Tues., July 28, 9 am Juniors 9:45 am Intermediates and Seniors	Mon., July 27 10:00 am Market, Showmanship, Showman of Showman by age*, Exhibition	Market Grand & Reserve must stay through the end of the sale. All other animals leave after 5 pm Thurs, July 30. Must be out by 7 pm Thursday, July 30.
Turkeys	Sun., July 26, 9 am – 11 am 11:15 pictures NPIP Papers required to show hatch dates for market turkeys.	Market Turkeys must have been hatched on or after April 13	Tues., July 28, 9 am Juniors 9:45 am Intermediates and Seniors	Wed., July 29 9:00 am Market, Showmanship, Showman of Showman by age*, Exhibition	
Waterfowl Market ducks, Exhibition ducks, Exhibition geese	Sun., July 26, 9 am – 11 am 11:15 am Weigh-in & Pics. NPIP Papers required to show hatch dates for market ducks.	Market Ducks, pen of 3, minimum pen weight of 15 lbs. Duck pens below 15 lbs. are not permitted to sell. Market Ducks must have been hatched on or after May11.	Tues., July 28, 9 am Juniors 9:45 am Intermediates and Seniors	Wed., July 29 TBA: 30 minutes after turkey show. Market, Showmanship, Showman of Showman by age*, Exhibition	

*Overall Poultry Showman of Showmen will be held Wednesday, July 29
following the waterfowl show

Summary of Changes - 2026 Union County Fair

Schedule Changes:

Beef Department

Beef Show: 6 pm Friday, July 31- Beef Breeding, Beef Feeder Calves, and Market Beef Show

Sheep Department

Only one show in 2026. Sunday, July 26, 5 pm, Showmanship, Market Classes. County Born and Raised will be shown within Market Classes and will not have a separate show.

Rabbit Department

Rabbits will be released beginning at 5 pm on Thursday, July 30 and must be off the grounds by 7 pm.

Poultry Department

Turkey show: Wednesday, July 29, 9:00 am

Waterfowl show: Wednesday, July 29, 30 minutes after Turkey show

Poultry will be released beginning at 5 pm on Thursday, July 30 and must be off the grounds by 7 pm.

Horse Department

Added Dressage show Thursday, July 30 at 9 am; see schedule for other schedule changes.

Other Changes:

Exhibition Rules:

Those who can provide assistance in the care and preparation of animals include family and other current Union County Fair exhibitors and Union County 4-H and FFA Advisors. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) defines family for livestock exhibitions to include the exhibitor's immediate family, such as parents, stepparents, grandparents, siblings, and stepsiblings.

Swine Department:

Purebred Market show. Exhibitors may bring an additional (5th hog) to participate in the purebred show if that animal is a purebred registered barrow or gilt. See full rules on pages 22- 23.

Sheep and Goat Departments

Added Rule: Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock. Rule 901-19-13

Livestock Sale Rules

ALL champion animals will go through the sale. If an exhibitor has more than one champion or reserve champion in any species, they will declare on the Animal Destination Form which animal they will sell through the livestock auction and keep 100% of all monies. Monies earned from any additional animal will be divided as such:

- 50% of the premium bid will be given to the exhibitor of the animal.
- 50% of the premium bid will be placed in the General Jr. Fair Livestock fund to be spent on Junior Fair improvements.

If an animal is pulled from the sale after the Animal Destination Form is turned in or goes through the sale is removed from the fairgrounds without going on the packer truck, the exhibitor will forfeit the sale (monies will be returned to the buyer) and will not be eligible for the livestock sale the following year.

Junior Fair Exhibition Rules

1. The 2026 Entry deadline is 4 pm, June 16. Entries must be submitted online using the Fair Entry platform. Entries must be made for all Jr. Fair Exhibits. Livestock exhibitors must also register in the appropriate Skillathon and Showmanship class(es).
2. Exhibitors in the Union County Jr. Fair must be members of their respective youth groups, who have not passed their 19th birthday on or before January 1st of the exhibit year. Members must have been enrolled as Union County 4-H Club or Union County FFA Chapter members with their respective groups on or before March 1st of the current year.
3. Products exhibited must be from projects carried in groups composing Union County Junior Fair and must be the property of exhibitor, to be certified by the leader or instructor in charge of the projects at the time entries are made. All exhibits must be from current projects that have been started and in ownership (or lease) according to department rules (see department).
4. All 4-H Exhibits must come from the Exhibitor's projects and exhibitor must satisfy 4-H membership requirements as established by the Union County 4-H Advisory Council and Ohio State University Extension 4-H. FFA exhibits must come from the exhibitor's project(s) which satisfy National FFA membership requirements.
5. Exhibits shown in one class cannot be shown in any other class in the Junior Fair (either at the Union County Fair or the Richwood Fair), except in the case of Champion, Showmanship, or as designated in class rules.
6. The same article or products cannot be exhibited for more than one year except in livestock exhibits.
7. Any exhibitor who moves in animals before the designated time or removes their project exhibit before the official release time for that project will be ineligible to exhibit any project at the Union County Fair the following year (penalty 2) unless they receive prior written permission (official release). Only the Senior Fair Board and/or the fair veterinarian may issue a written official release for early release. Check the fair schedule for the official release time for each department/project.
8. Family tagging of goats, hogs, beef, rabbits, dairy feeders, and lambs will be allowed. Family is to include immediate family, including legal dependents. All animals must be designated to a specific exhibitor within 30 minutes of the end of weigh-in for that specie. No changes accepted after 30 minutes. No exceptions.
9. To be eligible to exhibit livestock (including Pygmy goats and excluding horses, cats, and dogs) in the 2026 Union County Fair, all youth must have completed a Union County Quality Assurance Program by June 1, 2026.
10. All exhibitors of dairy feeder projects must have tagged in their animals in person on May 2 and submitted online Animal Identification and photos by May 5 to be eligible to exhibit. All hogs must have been tagged using tags provided by the Junior Fair and their Animal Identification information and photos must have been submitted online by May 5. Market lambs and market goats must have their Scrapie Tag and Animal Identification information and photos submitted online by May 5. Beef Feeder exhibitors must submit Beef Feeder

Animal Id and photos online by May 5. All exhibitors of market rabbits must have had their animals tattooed on June 26, 2026.

11. It is the responsibility of every exhibitor to complete and submit an online Drug Use Notification Form prior to weigh-in / move-in if required for their animal. Animals who have not submitted an online DUNF will not be permitted to remain on the grounds. The link will be emailed immediately prior to the fair. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to update the DUNF if any medications are administered to the animal at the fair.
12. To be eligible to show, all livestock must meet exhibition drug residue legal (EDRL) guidelines set forth by state and federal laws and regulations.
13. Exhibitors participating in the Union County Fair should be aware that this exhibition is governed by the Ohio Livestock Show Reform Act and its companion administrative rules regulate your actions when raising and exhibiting livestock. If you fail to follow these laws, you and your family may be responsible. Ignorance of the law is no defense. These laws include but are not limited to: Ohio Revised Code Sections 901.70, 901.71, 901.72, 901.73, 901.74, 901.75, 901.76, 901.99, and 2925.94. [Access the Ohio Revised Code Here](#). The Union County Fair follows both mandatory and optional rules of the Ohio Livestock Tampering laws. These rules will be made available to any livestock exhibitor or adult advisor upon request. Some of these rules include, but are not limited to:
 - Drenching of livestock is prohibited except when diagnosed by a veterinarian for a medical condition.
 - An exhibitor may not use a prescription of Extra label drug in an exhibition unless prescribed by a veterinarian and the withdrawal has expired. Penalty 1.
 - You may not inject or administer internally or externally any product or material whether gas, solid or liquid to livestock for the purpose of concealing, enhancing, transforming, or changing the true, conformation, configuration, condition, or age of the livestock or making the livestock appear more sound than it actually is (901.76 C). Penalty 2.
 - You may not apply any electrical, mechanical, or other appliances repeatedly for a prolonged time period (901-19-13 A). Penalty 3.
 - (B) Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock. (901-19-13 B)
 - Should fraud or deception, and proof as determined by the agricultural society, be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal(s) will be disqualified and shall not be permitted to sell.
 - Should violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the Junior Fair General Fund less the market value of the animal and the animal and/or carcass shall become the property of the Junior Fair Committee, to dispose of as they see fit. The market value will be returned to the buyer if the violation proves to be valid. The sale value will be returned to the exhibitor if the violation later is not confirmed. All placings in the show will stand. No animals will move up. Any carcass

suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete. Additional penalties may apply depending upon the violation. If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited, and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.

- Livestock Rule Violations: In the question of a rule violation the following due process will be used: The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by fair officials. If it is felt a violation has occurred, fair officials will make recommendations to the designated committee of the agricultural society which is appointed to that particular department. After the committee hears the allegations and/or evidence, they will decide if the case should be brought before the full Board of Directors.
- In the decision of allegations being brought before the Board, all parties involved will be notified of a meeting date with all parties having the right to present their view and/or evidence. Upon hearing the case, the Senior Fair Board will make a ruling.
- When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Senior Fair Board that any of the livestock rules have been violated, the animal, exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from showing the current and/or future agricultural fairs. In case any premium shall have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Senior Fair Board will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons, and sale money under each violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.
- Possible minimum penalties may include:
 - i. Penalty 1 – Disqualification of the animal and/or exhibitor for the remainder of the current fair and sale.
 - ii. Penalty 2 – Disqualify the exhibitor for the remainder of the current fair and sale and from the following year's fair and sale.
 - iii. Penalty 3 – Disqualify the family from the following year's fair. Family means the exhibitor, his/her parent or legal guardian and their legal dependents.
 - iv. Penalty 4 – Disqualify the family (as stated above) for a period of 2 or 3 years.
- **Testing for Drugs:** The Union County Fair shall have the right to require places 1 through 5 in each class of animals, or any other suspect animal, to be subject to examinations or tests as prescribed by the Senior Fair Board to determine if a substance has been administered to the animal to change the conformation or temperament of the animal.

14. To be eligible to sell in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale, livestock must meet the following weight requirements as stated in respective department rules: Market Lambs: 90 lbs. and above, Steers: 900 lbs. and above, Dairy Feeders: 400 – 700 lbs., Goats: 60 – 120 lbs., Hogs: 210 – 290 lbs., Pen of 3 Market Rabbits: 3 1/2 – 5 1/2 lbs. each, Poultry: Pen of 4 birds, Maximum per pen of 28.0 lbs. with a minimum pen weight of 18.0 lbs. Broiler pens above 28.0 pounds or below 18.0 pounds are not permitted to sell. Broilers must be hatched on or after June 15, 2026; Market Turkey: Turkeys must be hatched on or after April 13, 2026. Since there is only

one bird per pen, market turkeys do not have a minimum or maximum weight requirement. Market Duck: Minimum weight of 15.0 lbs. Duck pens of 3 below 15.0 lbs. are not permitted to sell. Market ducks must be hatched on or after May 11, 2026. Underweight and overweight market chicken (broilers) pens and underweight market duck pens will be permitted to show in light/heavy weight market classes and are eligible to show in showmanship classes. Underweight and overweight pens will not be eligible to sell through the sale. No Exceptions.

15. A market animal is considered entered in the Union County Jr. Fair once the animal is 1) identified (tag-in or tattooed), 2) an online entry is submitted, and 3) officially weighed in at the fair. Once weighed, the animal must remain on the grounds as an exhibited project regardless of weight status (light/heavy) unless it receives an official release. See Livestock Sale Rule # 8 for reweighing rules.
16. Breeding livestock do not need to be registered; animals must be high-grade purebred individuals, showing predominant breed characteristics of breed class in which entered (except where specified by a specific department). No bull classes will be exhibited in Jr. Fair.
17. Horses and Dairy Cattle projects may be leased.
18. Each exhibitor of livestock must furnish his/her own feed and care for his/her own animals or make arrangements for same at the fair. Any exhibitor failing to properly care for and feed his/her livestock will receive a written warning from the fair veterinarian or barn superintendent. Failure to rectify the situation within 12 hours after a warning is written, or greater than 2 warnings during the fair will result in disqualification (Penalty 1).
19. Each exhibitor must show his own livestock or project. In cases of two entries per class or in case of injury or illness of exhibitor, the second must be shown by another Union County Jr. Fair Exhibitor or immediate family member of Jr. Fair age. The barn Superintendent must approve this arrangement. A written doctor's excuse will be required for any illness.
20. All exhibits must be housed or stalled in area designated.
21. All extension cords used in barns must be a minimum of 12 gauge.
22. All Junior Fair Livestock Exhibits must meet the inspection and health requirements of livestock exhibited in Ohio.
23. All pens/stalls must be cleaned once the animals are released and before the Jr. Fair Livestock sale. If the animals are going through the sale, pens/stalls must be cleaned by noon on Sunday.
24. A curfew hour each day will be observed. All activity in the barns and other Jr. Fair areas is to cease. Lights are to be turned out as much as possible.
25. A judge may excuse an exhibitor and their animal from the ring if the animal is unruly and endangers the exhibitor or other exhibitors during the show. If excused, the project will sell last.
26. All livestock present on the fairgrounds must be entered in a market class OR breeding class, but not both. Under no circumstances will an animal be allowed to show in a breeding and market class. All animals present on the fairgrounds must be properly entered and

shown in Jr. Fair Classes. Exhibitors stalling animals which are not shown will not be allowed to show the following year (Penalty 2).

27. A premier exhibitor will be selected in each market species. The premier exhibitor will be a combination of Skillathon placing, showmanship placing, and market class placing. Ties will be broken with a tie breaker.
28. An exhibitor who has lost their animal after tag-in, or whose animal has been medically disqualified, may borrow an animal which is already entered in Jr. Fair for participation in Showmanship and Skillathon. This exhibitor is eligible for showmanship and Skillathon awards.
29. Only livestock grooming products that are legal for use during show will be permitted during the Livestock Sale.
30. No unauthorized scales are permitted on the fairgrounds.
31. A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration provided by the exhibitor's family and other current Union County Fair exhibitors, and Union County 4-H and FFA Advisors. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) defines "family" for livestock exhibitions to include the exhibitor's immediate family, such as parents, stepparents, grandparents, siblings, and stepsiblings.
32. If a member misses livestock tag-in or fails to submit their Animal Identification Hog Tag Registration, Scrapie Tag Registration, Beef Feeder Identification, or Dairy Feeder Identification, they must contact the Junior Fair Committee within one week of the deadline. A one-time per family special arrangement will be made for a fee of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) for tagging or for a late submission. No repeat offenders will be permitted to show.

Skillathons

Skillathons will be conducted in the following areas: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits, Goats, Horses, and Dairy.

1. Exhibitors must complete the Skillathon in their department in order to receive premium(s) for project(s) exhibited in that department. Exhibitors are eligible to receive a premium per project (not per animal) in which they were enrolled by March 1. Please create a Skillathon entry for each species being exhibited when completing online entries. (This entry is separate from the Showmanship entry.)
2. All exhibitors must complete the Skillathon at the time scheduled in the fair paper. No alternative times are possible. Any exhibitor arriving more than one half hour late to the start of a Skillathon may not be permitted to participate.
3. An individual must be an exhibitor (entered and shown) in a department at the Union County Jr. Fair to be eligible to participate in a Skillathon (except in Horses), or rule #28 above.

4. The procedures for each Skillathon will be announced to all participants at the orientation immediately prior to each Skillathon. Any exhibitor who violates the procedures described can be removed from participation. The Skillathon committee will make all decisions regarding procedures.
5. Awards for each Skillathon department will be announced annually. Generally, Outstanding Awards will be given to exhibitors who score above a predetermined level of achievement. Placing awards may also be given in some departments.
6. Most Skillathon awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program at the end of the fair. Some departments may set other times for award presentations.
7. Exhibitors may receive their own score sheet back at the close of the fair week. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up their own score sheet at the time announced. Study guides are available on the website for each Skillathon to help exhibitors prepare for their participation in these events. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to obtain a study guide and project record book to prepare for participation in Skillathon. Study guides and record books are available on the OSU Extension Union County web site: union.osu.edu.

Dress Code for Livestock Shows & Livestock Sale

These rules pertain to pictures, all shows and sales. The barn superintendent will make the decision. Exhibitors may receive a verbal warning but those not in compliance by the time of the show or sale will be subject to Penalty 1.

1. No hats may be worn.
2. Sleeved shirt must be button down or polo type shirt with only top button unbuttoned (no tank tops or sleeveless shirts)
3. Shirts to be tucked in all around.
4. No open toed shoes may be worn.
5. Long pants must be worn, having no holes and no leg showing.
6. No insignias/logos on shirts other than 4-H or FFA logos.

Livestock Showmanship Rules

Showmanship Contests in each species of livestock will follow these rules:

1. Exhibitors who wish to participate in showmanship should enter themselves in the appropriate class online when submitting fair entries. (This entry is separate from the Skillathon entry.)
2. Exhibitors will be divided into classes based on approximately even groupings (# of animals). If 3 age groups are used, they will be: Juniors: 8 - 10 years old, Intermediate 11-13 years old, and Seniors 14 – 18 years old. Intermediate category will not be shown if there is a small number of exhibitors, and exhibitors will be split into Jr. and Sr. Divisions. In the case of a large number of exhibitors, classes will be further divided to allow for similar numbers of individuals in each class. Classes will be posted for preview in the barn. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to see that their correct age is posted for Showmanship Class purposes.

3. All showmen will show in their age class each year.
4. The Overall Species Championship will consist of current Jr., Intermediate, Sr. Class Winner, or winner per class.
5. The animal shown by an exhibitor in the showmanship class must be one of the animals that he/she weighed in for the market class or is showing in the appropriate breeding class for that specie.

Rule Interpretation

Any exhibitor lodging a formal protest must first deposit \$50 with the Senior Fair Board. In the event the complaint is not sustained, this \$50 will be forfeited to the Junior Fair General Fund.

1. All complaints must be made in writing and signed by the exhibitor(s) and their legal guardian initiating the protest.
2. A complaint or protest must be made within 24 hours of the action being protested. In no case will the fair board hear or act upon complaints made after 9 a.m. the day of the Jr. Fair Sale.
3. All complaints must be delivered (in writing) to the **Senior** Fair Board Office. Complaints will be heard and decided by the **Senior** Fair Board within 24 hours of receiving the official complaint.
4. The Senior Fair Board and department superintendents maintain the right to use any reasonable means to investigate any formal protest. If the exhibitor refuses additional investigation, Penalty 2 will be enforced. The decision of the **Senior** Fair board will be final.

Fair King & Queen Contest

Crowning of the Fair Royalty will be Sunday, July 26 at 4:30 pm.

Any Union County teen between the ages of 16 - 19 as of January 1st of the current year is eligible as long as they are a current member of one of the organizations represented on the Junior Fair Board. Application deadline for contestants is June 16. Applications may be obtained at the OSU Extension Office. Each contestant will be notified of their interview time. All contestants must be available and present for the interview and crowning ceremony. The selected Jr. Fair Queen will have the opportunity to participate in the Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest at the Ohio Fair Manager's Association Convention. The Union County Senior Fair Board will pay the registration fee for this contest. See the application packet for more info.

Fair Royalty selections will be done via a panel of interview judges.

Department 1 – Special Interest Projects

Judging: Wednesday, July 22 – Friday, July 24

Online submissions into Fair Entry **MUST BE** submitted by June 16, 2026, for every project in this department. All judging will take place in the Armory on the fairgrounds. Judging schedules will be e-mailed to exhibitors after online entries are received.

1. Outstanding awards for these projects will be given during the Jr. Fair Awards Program on Tuesday at 3:30 or 4:30 in the Armory. Projects for each time TBA.
2. All exhibitors of special interest projects must leave their projects on display from the time it is judged until Saturday at 2 p.m.
3. **All projects must be picked up on Saturday, August 1 between 12 – 2 pm.**
4. Exhibitors completing interview judging in this department will receive a premium for each project exhibited and judged. In addition, judges will award grade ribbons and special awards based on the merits of the exhibit and exhibitor's project knowledge. Grade ribbons will be awarded at the time of judging. Other special awards (outstanding, honorable mentions, state fair awards, trophies, etc.) will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program on Tuesday.
5. A numerical listing of Special Interest Projects and their divisions can be found at https://union.osu.edu/sites/union/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Union_County_Fair/SI%20Numerical%20Division%20Listing%202026.pdf

Division 101: SI Cake Decorating

492A: Cake Decorating, Advanced
492B: Cake Decorating, Beginning
492I: Cake Decorating, Intermediate

Division 102: SI Creative Arts

432: Sewing (non-clothing) Master
496: My Favorite Things
588: The Writer in You
592: Get Started in Art
593: Seeing Through Graphic Design
594: Knitting It Together

Division 103: Family Life

092: 4-H Around the Globe
442A: Fam. History Treasure Hunt, 1st Yr
442B: Fam History Treasure Hunt, 2nd yr
442C: Fam History Treasure Hunt, 3rd yr
445: Exploring Personal Finance
446: Empowering Personal Finance

Division 104: SI Health

300: You Are the Athlete
353: First Aid In Action

354: Medicine Science and Safety
355: Tracking Your Health and Fitness
356: Relationships 101
357: Alcohol and Drug Abuse
358: The Truth About Tobacco
359: Your Thoughts Matter
360: Your Feelings Matter
434: Superhero You

Division 105: SI Home Deco & Design

405: The Laundry Project
491: It's My Home
494: Makeover My Space
495: Living On Your Own

Division 106: SI Leadership

370: Mentoring: Leadership in Action
371: Club Leadership
373: My Hands to Larger Service
374: Teens on Board
375: Leadership Road Trip
376: Pantry Panic
377: Finding Your Voice

378: Leadership Master
382: Am I Ready for Work?
383: Club Leadership 2
385: Local Govt: Answer the Call
386: You're Hired
387: Ag Careers are Everywhere

Division 107: SI Misc

091: Discovering 4-H
173: Horseless Horse

Division 108: SI Natural Resources

611: Let's Explore the Outdoors
612: Geology: Can You Dig It?
613: Exploring Polar Science
616: Water Matters
617: Exploring Ponds
620: Why Trees Matter
621A: Ohio Birds, Year 1
621B: Ohio Birds, Years 2+
622: Trapping Muskrats in Ohio
623: Outdoor Adventurer: Beg Fishing
624: Outdoor Adventurer: Int Fishing

Division 108: SI Natural Resources (cont.)

641: Beekeeping
 644: Insect Adventures 1
 645: Insect Adventures 2
 646: Insect Adventures 3
 651: Sustainability Hero
 652: Farm to Table to Career
 668: Field Crops and Forages
 670: Canning and Freezing
 671: How Does Your Garden Grow?
 673: Edible Landscapes
 691: Grow Your Own Vegetables
 692: Growing With the Seasons

Division 109: SI Photography

584: Photography Basics, Book 1
 585: Next Level Photography, Book 2
 586: Mastering Photography, Book 3
 589: Photography Master

Division 110: SI Quilting

498: Quilting the Best Better
 499: You Can Quilt!

Division 111: SI Scrapbooking

497a: Scrapbooking, Year 1
 497b: Scrapbooking, Year 2+

Division 112: SI Self-Determined

365.00: SD General
 365.01: SD Companion Animal
 365.02: SD Creative Arts
 365.03: SD Family Life
 365.04: SD Natural Resources
 365.05: SD Quilt
 365.06: SD Workforce Prep

Division 113: SI Shooting Sports

630: Safe Use of Guns
 631: Basic Archery
 750: Rifle
 751: Archery
 752: Shotgun
 753: Pistol
 754: Hunting and Wildlife
 755: Muzzle Loading
 756: Living History
 757: Crossbow
 758: Western Heritage

Division 114: SI Small Animal

135C: Companion Goat
 200: All About Dogs
 201D: You and Your Dog
 202: Dog Achievement Program
 210: Assistance Animals in Action
 215: Cavy
 216: Cats 1, Purr-fect Pals
 217: Cats II, Climbing Up
 218: Cats III, Leaping Forward
 220: Pocket Pets
 228PE: Pet Rabbit

Division 115: SI STEM

490: Science Fun with Dairy Foods
 493: Science Fun - Kitchen Chemistry
 498: Microscope Mysteries
 500: Science Fun with Physics
 501: Rockets Away

Division 115: SI STEM (cont.)

502: Fun With Flight

503: Rockets Away (Estes Type)
 503M: Rocketry Master
 509: Robotics Essentials
 512: Robotics Master
 517: Bicycling for Fun, Level 1
 527: Paper Circuits
 528: Smart Circuits
 531: Science Fun with Electricity
 540: Not Just Knots
 541: Crank It UP
 542: Warm It Up
 543: Tune It Up
 544: Ready, Set,...Mow
 549: Young Engineers in Space:
 Missions in Microgravity
 550: Young Engineers in Solar Energy
 551: Tractor: Starting Up, Level A
 552: Tractor: Tractor Operations, Lev B
 553: Tractor: Moving Out, Level C
 554: Tractor: Learning More, Level D
 555: All-Terrain Vehicle Safety
 573: Arcs and Sparks

Division 116: SI Vet Science

244: From Airedales to Zebras, Lev 1
 245: All Systems Go! Lev 2
 246: On the Cutting Edge, Lev 3

Division 117: SI Woodworking

556: Measuring Up, Level 1
 557: Making the Cut, Level 2
 558: Nailing It Together, Level 3
 559: Finishing It Up, Level 4
 560M: Woodworking Master

FFA Projects

All products to be grown and harvested or articles made during the exhibit year can be part of exhibitor's project work. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class in a maximum of four classes. Exhibits must be in place by **Saturday at 12:00 Noon**. All field crops are to be identified by variety. Corn and soybean exhibits should have planting date and fertilizer treatments identified in addition to variety. Additional information will also be requested.

Division 100: FFA

800 FFA SAE Poster Exhibit: Posters will be judged using the following criteria: Originality and creativity, captions of not more than 75 words total, Effective portrayal of content with six (6) pictures with the student in the pics, (pic size 5"x7" or 4"x6") and Quality and clarity of student's display.

- 801 FFA Shop Project
- 802 Corn, exhibit consisting of three stalks with roots. Any variety of current year crop roots with about one peck of soil tied in a burlap bag.
- 803 Wheat, exhibit one gallon, current year crop.
- 804 Soybeans, exhibit to consist of five plants with root systems, neatly tied.
- 805 Hay, exhibit a 5 lb. bundle, or two slices from a hay bale, neatly tied.
- 806 Specialty Crop, exhibit one gallon (or equivalent), current year crop.

Department 2 – Clothing

Judging: Thursday, July 23, Armory

1. All clothing projects will be judged on July 23. Specific judging schedules will be e-mailed to exhibitors after online entries are received.
2. Online Fair Entry submissions must be made for all clothing projects. Entries are due June 16.
3. A clothing project member must participate in judging on July 20th and model in the Style Review on July 28, to be eligible for clothing awards and/or for State Fair participation in clothing.
4. A Richwood area 4-H member may choose to not receive grade and premium and participate in Judging and the County Fair Style Review for State Fair consideration only if they want to display their garment and receive their premium at the Richwood Fair. Contact the Extension Office to be added to the schedule for State Fair consideration only.
5. In order to receive a fair premium, clothing project exhibitors must leave their garment on display from Tuesday afternoon following the Style Review until Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
6. Clothing Award Winners will be announced and presented at the Style Review during the fair.

Clothing Project Class Numbers:

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| 406 – Clothes for HS & College | 417 – Dress-Up Outfits |
| 407 – Accessories for Teens | 418 – Loungewear |
| 408 – Creative Costumes | 419 – Terrific Tops |
| 409 – Sew Fun | 420 – Outerwear for Anywhere |
| 410 – Designed by Me 4 | 424 – Clothing for Middle School |
| 411 – Em*bel*lish | 425 – Look Great for Less |
| 412 – Sew for Others | 426 – Clothing for Your Career |
| 413 - Sundress & Jumpers | 430 – Shopping Savvy |
| 415 – Ready, Set Sew Active | |

Department 3 – Food & Nutrition Projects

Judging: Wednesday, July 22, Armory

1. Online Fair Entry submissions must be made for all Food and Nutrition projects. Entries are due June 16.
2. 4-H members should read their project guide sheet to determine what to bring for Food and Nutrition Judging. Study Guides are available online (<https://union.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-guideline-sheets>) to help exhibitors prepare for participation in

Nutrition Judging. Members are not required to bring food to judging.

3. Nutrition Awards will be presented Tuesday during the Jr. Fair Special Interest Awards Program.

Food & Nutrition Class Numbers:

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| 459 – Let’s Start Cooking | 475 - Star Spangled Foods |
| 461 - Let’s Bake Quick Breads | 476 - Kitchen Boss |
| 462 - Yeast Breads on the Rise | 477 - Party Planner |
| 463 - Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set, Go | 481 - Everyday Food and Fitness |
| 467 - Cooking On My Own | 484 – Snack Attack! |
| 469 - The Global Gourmet | 485 – Race the Clock to Awesome Meals |
| 472 – Grill Master | 487 – Take a Break for Breakfast |
| 474 - Beyond the Grill | |

Department 4 – Dairy Cattle

Show: Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 a.m.

1. Jr. Fair Dairy animals may be leased. There must be a signed agreement between the lessee and the lessor by May 1st of the exhibit year.
2. See Health Rules of Ohio Department of Agriculture.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to one animal per class in a breed.
4. All cattle to be tied with halters.
5. No bull exhibits will be shown or penned in Junior Fair.
6. The following practices are unacceptable: plugging teats, sealing teats, using unapproved substances, or using approved substances for longer than 18 hours, injecting material into udders or teats for non - medical purposes (901 - 19 - 13 c, d.e.) (Penalty 3)
7. The Junior Fair Committee reserves the right to combine breeds when there are less than five animals in a breed. Breed awards are not guaranteed for breeds with less than five animals.

Age Classifications for Dairy Cattle:

Spring Calf is a calf born on or after March 1, 2026, and greater than 3 months of age.
 Winter Calf is a calf born from December 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026.
 Fall Calf is a calf born from September 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025.
 Summer Yearling is a calf born from June 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025.
 Spring Yearling is a calf born from March 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025.
 Winter Yearling is a calf born from December 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025.
 Fall Yearling is a calf born from September 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024.
 Jr. 2-Year-Old is a cow born from March 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024.
 Sr. 2-Year-Old is a cow born from September 1, 2023, through February 28, 2024.
 Cow, 3-Year-Old is a cow born from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.
 Cow, 4-Year-Old is a cow born from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022.
 Aged Cow 5 Years & Older is a cow born prior to August 31, 2021.

Class Numbers:	Ayrshire	B. Swiss	Guer.	Holstein	Jersey	Milking Shorthorn
Spring Calf	201	301	401	501	601	701
Winter Calf	202	302	402	502	602	702

Fall Calf	203	303	403	503	603	703
Summer Yearling	204	304	404	504	604	704
Spring Yearling	205	305	405	505	605	705
Winter Yearling	206	306	406	506	606	706
Fall Yearling	207	307	407	507	607	707
Jr. 2 Yr. Old Cow	208	308	408	508	608	708
Sr. 2 Yr. Old Cow	209	309	409	509	609	709
3 Yr. Old Cow	210	310	410	510	610	710
4 Yr. Old Cow	211	311	411	511	611	711
5 Yr. Old & Older	212	312	412	512	612	712

Department 5 – Beef & Dairy Feeders

Dairy Feeders: Showmanship & Market Classes: Weds, July 29, 4:00 p.m.

Showmanship for Market Beef, Beef Feeders & Breeding Beef on Weds, July 29, 4:00 p.m.

Beef Breeding, Beef Feeders & Market Classes Friday, July 31, 6:00 p.m.

Market Beef Rules

1. Market Beef animals must be owned by January 1 of the current exhibit year.
2. All Market Beef animals must submit the required Animal Identification by the designated due date in January. Exhibitors may only tag a total of 6 beef animals.
3. Exhibitor is limited to exhibiting 4 animals, consisting of any combination of steers and market heifers.
4. Market Beef will NOT be shown according to breeds. All Market Beef will be weighed. Weigh-in will take place on Monday. Market Beef will be divided based on weight to allow equal numbers in classes in the show ring. Classes and show order will be posted.
5. Market Beef must weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. and must not be over two years old at fair time.
6. All males must be castrated. Any animals found to have testicular tissue will be released from the grounds.
7. All Beef must be dehorned and healed in order to be eligible for Jr. Fair Show or Sale. Scur length of greater than 1 inch will be disqualified (Penalty 1).
8. An unruly or unsafe animal may be tied or excused from the ring by the ring master and their eligibility for the sale will be determined by the Junior Fair Committee.
9. Using a stomach tube or pump for any purpose other than for the relief of timpani (bloat) or gas is prohibited (901-19-13G) (Penalty 3).
10. County Born and Raised Market Beef Class: To be eligible to show in the County Born and Raised show, the animal must be born and raised in Union County. The exhibitor must provide the breeder's name when identifying market beef animals in January. Eligible market beef will be placed in classes based on number and weight. Classes will be placed and an Overall Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected. Winners of this show will receive special designation in the Junior Livestock Sale. Only market beef entered in Class #100 and #110 are eligible. Exhibitors cannot bring separate steer(s) /heifers to the fair for this class only.
11. Beef Exhibitors will have \$30 deducted from their Livestock Sale Check if they fail to complete their final pen and tie-outs cleaning by Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
12. If exhibitors choose to use mulch, a per animal fee (market based) for mulch will be deducted for each market beef animal from sale checks. Each breeding beef and beef feeder exhibitor must pay the fee (per head shown) for mulch with their fair entry.
13. Cattle Tie-Outs should be kept to a limited number and for a limited time only 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. Tie-out areas must be cleaned up by the exhibitor(s) using the tie-outs.

14. If ten or more Market Heifers are weighed- in at the fair in the current year, there will be a Market Heifer Show and Champion and Reserve will be sold. If less than ten Market Heifers are weighed- in, heifers will be shown with steers.

Beef Show Order

Wednesday, July 29, 4:00 pm: Beef Showmanship, Dairy Feeder Showmanship, Dairy Feeder Market Classes

Friday, July 31, 6:00 pm: Beef breeding, Beef feeder class, then Market Beef Classes

*County Born & Raised Classes will be shown concurrently with Market classes.

Dairy Feeder Calf Rules:

1. Exhibitors may tag in any combination of 4 dairy feeders (purebred and/or crossbred) and enter two to show at the fair. Purebred and crossbred dairy feeders will be shown in separate classes. A Grand and Reserve Champion purebred and crossbred will be selected and be eligible for the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.
2. Dairy feeders must be tagged in and vaccinated on May 2, 2026, and online animal identification and photos submitted by May 5, 2026.
3. Dairy feeders must weigh between 400 – 700 lbs. Classes will be determined by weight.
4. Calves shall be in the possession of the Junior Fair Exhibitor no later than May 1st of the current year.
5. Calves must be on dry feed only, no liquid milk or liquid milk replacer allowed at the fair (Penalty 1).
6. Calves are to be dehorned and castrated males. The testicles and horns should be removed from the animal no later than May 1 of exhibit year (Penalty 1).
7. All Dairy Feeders must be a purebred Holstein or Brown Swiss steer or crossbred dairy steer. Based on industry standards, purebred is considered 87% or above. Crossbred is defined as a purebred dairy breed crossed with a beef breed. Crossbred must be no more than 50% beef breed. Hair samples will be collected at tag in. DNA will be the determining factor for purebred/crossbred classification.
8. Exhibitors may show two feeder calves at the fair and sell one at the Livestock Sale.
9. Show Rules: Show sticks will be used. Calves will be shown as Beef Animals.

Beef Class Numbers:

- No. 100 Market Steer (submit separate entry for each steer)
- No. 110 Market Heifer (submit a separate entry for each heifer)
- No. 150 Beef Feeder Calf
- No. 200 Dairy Feeder Calf (submit separate entry for each calf)
- No. 250 Crossbred Dairy Feeder Calf

Age Classifications for Beef Breeding Heifer Class:

1. Junior Calf is a calf born between January 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026.
2. Senior Calf is a calf born between September 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.
3. Summer Yearling is an animal born between May 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025.
4. Junior Yearling is an animal born between January 1, 2025 and April 30, 2025.
5. Senior Yearling is an animal born between September 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.
6. Two-Year-old is an animal born between May 1, 2024 and August 31, 2024.
7. Cow is an animal born before April 30, 2024.

Beef Breeding Heifer Class Numbers:

All beef must be dehorned and healed in order to be eligible for Jr. Fair Show. Scur length of greater than 1 inch will be disqualified (Penalty 1).

Class Numbers:

	Hereford	Chianina	Simmental	Charolais	Angus	Crossbred	All Other Breeds
Junior Calf	300	400	500	600	700	800	900
Senior Calf	301	401	501	601	701	801	901
Summer Yearling	302	402	502	602	702	802	902
Junior Yearling	303	403	503	603	703	803	903
Senior Yearling	304	404	504	604	704	804	904
2 Yr. Old	305	405	505	605	705	805	905
Cow Over 2 Yrs.	306	406	506	606	706	806	906
Bred & Owned*	307	407	507	607	707	807	907

* Jr. Bred and Owned Class: Limited to one animal per exhibitor in each breed. Animal must have been shown in Jr. yearling or younger class this year. To qualify as Bred and Owned, exhibitor must have owned dam at time of breeding.

Department 6 - Sheep

Sunday, July 26

Jr. Fair Sheep Showmanship, County Born and Raised, and
Market Lamb Show 5:00 p.m.

Market Lamb Rules:

1. All market Lamb exhibitors must have completed Animal Identification (with complete Scrapie tag number) and uploaded animal photos online by May 5, 2026, to be eligible for exhibit. A maximum of 6 lambs may be identified.
2. Market lambs will be shown in separate wether and ewe classes. A Grand and Reserve Champion Wether and Ewe will be selected and be eligible for the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. No pen classes will be shown. All market lambs will be shown in classes determined by weight, established after fair weigh-in, to allow for uniform numbers in each class.
3. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter and show a maximum total of 4 lambs.
4. All animals must have scrapie tags or tattoos per USDA regulations.
5. All market lambs must be slick shorn.
6. Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses internally or externally other than prescribed by a licensed veterinarian, at an exhibition is prohibited (901 - 19 - 13 F) (Penalty 3).
7. Drenching (forcing to drink or swallow) of lambs at an exhibition is prohibited unless prescribed by a veterinarian (901 - 19 - 13 H) (Penalty 3).
8. Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock. Rule 901-19-13
9. All lambs are to be dehorned, and males castrated. The testicles and horns should be removed from the animal no later than May 1 of exhibit year (Penalty 1).

10. Lamb pens must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 2. Exhibitors who do not clean pens will have \$30 deducted from their sale check. Pens will be torn down on Sunday.
11. There will be a Union County Born and Raised Class offered as part of the Sheep Show. To be eligible to enter this class, a lamb must have been born and raised in Union County Born and Raised in Union County. Eligible animals must be indicated as "Union County Born & Raised" on the Scrapie Tag Registration survey online on or before May 6, 2026. An overall Born & Raised Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected. Winners of this class will receive special designation in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
12. Sheep may be walked on the North driveway from the West end of the sheep barn to the East end of the cattle barn only.
13. No straw or mulch may be used for bedding sheep.
14. Champions will be selected in the following order: 1: Grand Wether, 2: Reserve Wether, 3: Grand Ewe, 4: Reserve Ewe

Market Lamb Class Numbers:

700 - Individual Market Lamb (submit separate entry for each lamb, max of 4)

Department 7 - Swine

Swine Showmanship, County Born & Raised, Purebred Classes: Monday, July 27, 6:00 pm

Market Show: Tuesday, July 28, 6:00 p.m.

1. All hogs must have been tagged using Junior Fair provided or USDA 840 tags and submitted Animal Identification information and photos online by May 5 to be eligible for exhibit. All hogs must be ear notched. Each exhibitor may identify a maximum of 6 hogs and show 4. An exhibitor may show an additional 5th hog if at least one is a registered purebred. Exhibitors are still limited to identifying a maximum of 6, regardless of purebred status.
2. Hogs must have a minimum of ½ inch of body hair including the underline. OAC 901-19-33 rule prohibits the slick clipping or body shaving of hogs except on the ears and tail. (Penalty 1)
3. No trimming of hog hair on tails or ears is permitted on the fairgrounds. (Penalty 1)
4. Swine exhibitors are not required to have PRU (Psuedorabies) or health papers.
5. Market Hogs will be shown in separate barrow and gilts classes. The number of divisions will be determined by the Jr. Fair Swine Committee. Animals will be divided by weight. A champion and reserve champion overall will be selected at the end of the show as well as places 3-5.
6. No oil products may be used on Swine for grooming or other purposes. Animals that are found to have violated this rule and have oil or oil products on them will be subject to Penalty 1.
7. Swine Exhibitors will have \$30 deducted from their hog sale check if they fail to do their final pen cleaning by Sunday at noon.
8. There will be a Union County Born and Raised class offered as part of the Swine Show. To be eligible to enter this class, a hog must have been born and raised in Union County. Eligible animals must be indicated as "Union County Born and Raised" on online animal identification on or before May 5, 2026. An overall Born & Raised Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected. Winners of this class will receive special designation in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

9. Every purebred market hog entered in the market shows will be eligible to be shown in the purebred classes if the following criteria are met:
 - The animal is registered with the appropriate association for the breed of animal. (For example, National Swine Registry for Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire. Certified Pedigreed Swine for Chester White, Poland China and Spotted Poland China.)
 - The exhibitor indicates that the animal is a purebred when completing on-line animal identification on or before May 6, 2025.
 - The exhibitor presents the original registration paper (and a copy of original to keep on file) for inspection at the time of weigh-in and the paper matches the animal. NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - All purebred animals exhibited must be completely and fully owned (as evidenced by the registration papers) by the exhibitor and/or immediate family member/guardian prior to May 1st.
 - The entry meets all other requirements to be entered in the Junior Fair market show.
 - If there are sufficient animals of the same breed in a show, those animals will be shown against each other to determine a breed winner. Otherwise, animals will be shown against other purebred animals as “All Other Breeds”, a.k.a. “AOB”. The winners from the breeds meeting the minimum requirements and the AOB’s will show against each other to determine a purebred winner. Winners of this class will receive no special designation in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
 - Within the purebred portion of the show, classes may be divided up to manage the numbers in a realistic and reasonable fashion as determined by the Swine Committee of the Fair Board. Barrows and gilts may show together.
 - All disputes regarding interpretation of any rules governing the purebred market show will fully and completely fall under the jurisdiction of the Junior Fair Swine Committee for resolution with their resolution being final.
10. Only wood shavings (no straw) may be used for bedding swine.

Market Hog Class Number:

420 - Market Hog (submit separate entry for each animal, max. of 5 if at least one is purebred)

Department 8 - Goats

Jr. Fair Goat Showmanship, Breeding, County Born and Raised: Thursday, July 30 9 am;

Market Classes: Thursday, July 30, 5:00 p.m.

Market Goat Division:

Class Entry Number:

100 – Market Goat

1. Each exhibitor may tag a maximum of 6 goats. Each exhibitor is limited to 4 entries in the Market Class.
2. All market Goat exhibitors must have completed Animal Identification (with complete Scrapie tag number) and uploaded animal photos online by May 5, 2026, to be eligible for exhibit.
3. Market goats may be wethers or does. Market goats will be shown in separate wether and doe classes. A Grand and Reserve Champion wether and doe will be selected and eligible

for the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. All market goats will be shown in classes determined by weight, established after fair weigh in, to allow for uniform numbers in each class.

4. All market goats are to be dehorned and males must be castrated. The testicles and horns should be removed from the animal no later than May 1 of the exhibit year. Scur length of greater than 1 inch will be disqualified. (Penalty 1)
5. All female animals must have scrapie tags, or tattoos and registration papers, as per USDA regulations. Scrapie tags will be checked on move-in day.
6. Using ice, ice packs, cold packs or cold compresses internally or externally other than prescribed by a licensed veterinarian, at an exhibition is prohibited (901 - 19 - 13 F) (Penalty 3).
7. Drenching (forcing to drink or swallow) of goats at an exhibition is prohibited unless prescribed by a veterinarian (901 - 19 - 13 H) (Penalty 3).
8. Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock. Rule 901-19-13
9. Market goats will be shown in weight classes. The weight range for Market goats will be 60 - 120 lbs.
10. County Born & Raised Class: Any exhibitor who has market goat which has been born and raised in Union County is eligible to enter this class. The exhibitor must indicate "Union County Born and Raised" when completing Animal Identification online by May 5, 2026. An overall Born & Raised Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected. Winners of this class will receive special designation in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Only animals also entered in Class # 100 are eligible; exhibitors cannot bring a separate goat to the fair for this class only. Maximum of 2 entries per exhibitor in Born & Raised Class.
11. No straw or mulch is permitted to be used as bedding in goat pens or barn.
12. Breeding stock are not guaranteed a pen for fair week. Market goats and sheep have pen priority. Breeding stock can utilize a pen if available.
13. Goat pens must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. Exhibitors who do not clean pens will have \$30 deducted from their sale check.

Breeding Goat Division Class Numbers:

	Dairy Goat Division	Meat Goat Division	Pygmy Goat Division
Doe Kid (under 1 yr.)	200	300	400
Doe 1 yr. under 2 yrs.	210 (not in milk)	310	410

Division Champion and Reserve Champion: 1st place animal from each class will show for Champion of Division. Second Place animals from the class from which the champion is selected will show for Reserve Champion.

Other Classes:

Pygmy wether under 1 year	122	Harness Goat / Pack Goat	125
Pygmy wether – over 1 year	124	Fiber Goat	126

Companion Goat Project Rules:

4-Her's enrolled in the 4-H Companion Goat Project #135C can exhibit their goat during Special Interest Interview Judging. Companion Goat exhibitors will bring their goat for the interview and return their animal home after the interview. Make an entry in Dept. One, Class 135C.

Department 9 - Rabbits

Jr. Rabbit Show: Tuesday, July 28, 9:00 a.m.

Rabbit Department Rules:

1. All rabbit entries will be inspected by the fair veterinarian. Any rabbit entry found to be unfit by the veterinarian for any reason must be removed from the fairgrounds at the veterinarian's or Fair Board's request. Health papers are not required for rabbit entries.
2. No locks or reservations are to be made on cages. Cages will be assigned by the Junior Fair Committee and Junior Fair Board on the day of check-in.
3. Exhibitors must be present at the time of the show and show their own rabbits which have been properly entered in the Jr. Fair.
4. All rabbits exhibited must have been owned by the exhibitor by May 1st, except Pen of 3 Market Rabbits which must have been owned and tattooed at the County Rabbit Tattooing.
5. All breeding rabbits must be permanently earmarked.
6. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Market Rabbit Project 228MA to be eligible to show in Class #101 or be enrolled in FFA. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Breeding Rabbit Project #228BR to exhibit in class 201-304 or be enrolled in FFA. No rabbit may be entered twice.
7. Provided they are enrolled in the appropriate projects, maximum entries per exhibitor for 2026 are as follows: Junior Age Exhibitors (8 - 10 years old) 2 + Market Pen / Intermediate Age Exhibitors (11 - 13 years old) 3 + Market Pen / Senior Age Exhibitors (14 - 18 years old) 4 + Market Pen
8. Entries must be submitted online using the Fair Entry system by 4 pm June 16, 2026, using the class numbers found below. Exhibitors must submit an online entry for each animal or pen of 3 market rabbits they wish to show.
9. Exhibitors may not enter more than one entry (rabbit) per class.
10. See showmanship section of the Junior Fair Supplement for rules governing showmanship classes.
11. Rabbit Show will be in the following order: Showmanship, 6-Class / 4-Class, Pen of 3 Market Rabbit Class
12. See the dress code for livestock shows found earlier in this fair book. Note: Some judges may prefer long sleeve shirts for showing rabbits.
13. Premiums will be awarded based on completion of Rabbit Skillathon.
14. Only the exhibitor may handle the rabbits in the show arena.

Market Rabbit Rules:

1. Pen of 3 Market Rabbits must have been owned by the exhibitor and tattooed on June 26, 2026, in order to be eligible to show, no exceptions.
2. Meat pens shall consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Broken group meat pens must also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. Minimum weight 3 ½ pounds each. Maximum weight 5 ½ pounds each (according to ARBA rules).
3. Exhibitors may tattoo a maximum of 6 rabbits on June 26.
4. Market Pens will be weighed on Sunday evening, July 26. Exhibitors or a family member must be present to present their animals to the weigh master.
5. Any pen consisting of an animal outside the weight range will not be eligible to be sold in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Light and Heavy weight pens are eligible to show in the light/heavy

weight class, and the exhibitor may participate in Showmanship. Read the complete Livestock Rules.

Rabbit Class Numbers: (submit a separate entry for each class)*

Class Number:

101	Pen of 3 Market Rabbits
201	6-Class Junior Buck (6 months of age and younger)
202	6-Class Junior Doe (6 months of age and younger)
203	6-Class Intermediate Buck (6 months of age to 8 months of age)
204	6-Class Intermediate Doe (6 months of age to 8 months of age)
205	6-Class Senior Buck (over 8 months of age)
206	6-Class Senior Doe (over 8 months of age)
301	4-Class Junior Buck (6 months of age and younger)
302	4-Class Junior Doe (6 months of age and younger)
303	4-Class Senior Buck (over 6 months of age)
304	4-Class Senior Doe (over 6 months of age)

Note: While we are not an ARBA sanctioned show, ARBA standards are the guidelines used in the breed/ show rabbits.

**For more detailed information about which breeds are 4 class or 6 class, refer to the website:*

https://union.osu.edu/sites/union/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Project_Resources/rabbit_rabbit_breed_listi ng_and_glossary%20%281%29.pdf

Pet Rabbit Project Rules:

1. 4--Her's enrolled in the 4-H Pet Rabbit Project 228PE can exhibit their rabbit during Special Interest Interview Judging. Pet rabbit exhibitors will bring their rabbit for the interview and return their animal home after the interview. Make an entry in Dept. One, Class 228PE.
2. Each exhibitor who submits an online entry will be scheduled at the specific time for an interview. An interview schedule will be e-mailed after online entries are submitted in June.
3. Each pet rabbit exhibitor can bring one rabbit to the interview. Exhibitors may bring other rabbit care items, scrapbook, or other project materials to the interview, if they wish.
4. Pet Rabbit Projects exhibitors are not eligible to enter in the Jr. Fair Rabbit Classes or participate in the Rabbit Skillathon. Pet Rabbits are not part of the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.
5. Fair premium for the Pet Rabbit project will be awarded based on completion of interview judging. Outstanding Awards for the Pet Rabbit Project will be announced and awarded on Tuesday during the Jr. Fair Awards Program.

Department 10 – Poultry

Chicken Show: Monday, July 27, 10:00 a.m.

Turkey Show, Wednesday July 29, 9:00 am

Waterfowl Show, Wednesday, July 23, TBA 30 minutes after Turkey Show.

General Poultry Exhibitor Rules:

1. Refer to the Junior Fair Exhibition Rules in the Jr. Fair Supplement Book
2. Premium will be awarded based on completion of Skillathon.
3. Exhibitors must be present at the time of the show and show their own poultry which have been properly entered in the Jr. Fair.
4. All poultry entries will be inspected by the fair veterinarian. Any poultry entry found to be unfit by the veterinarian for any reason must be removed from the fairgrounds at the

veterinarian or the Fair Board's request. NPIP papers are required for all Poultry exhibits and will be inspected at check in or weigh-in.

5. Only the exhibitor may handle the birds in the show arena.
6. Showmanship for Chickens will be held Monday. Showmanship for Turkeys and Waterfowl will be held on Wednesday, followed by Overall Poultry Showman of Showmen. Showmanship classes will be posted.
7. Any market chicken (broilers) or market duck not meeting the minimum or maximum weights as defined for that project will not be eligible for the sale. No exceptions.

Rules for Pen of 4 Broilers (Class # 400):

1. A market chicken (broilers) pen will consist of four (4) birds, either all male or all female. Four birds must be weighed-in at check in, but only three birds will be taken into the show ring for judging. Summary: Bring four, show three, sell four birds.
2. ALL entries in the Market chicken (Broiler) class must be Cornish cross.
3. Birds must be hatched on or after June 15, 2026 (not over 6 weeks of age). Exhibitors must have their NPIP hatchery papers. Papers will be checked at the weigh-in and will be used to verify the hatch date.
4. The maximum pen weight for four birds is 28.0 pounds (lbs.), minimum pen weight is 18.0 lbs. Pens weighing between 18.0 and 28.0 lbs. are eligible to sell in the livestock sale. Underweight and overweight pens will not be permitted to sell. No exceptions.
5. Projects which do not make the minimum weight or are over the maximum weight will not be eligible to sell in the auction and the exhibitor is responsible to take the animals home on the published release date.

Rules for Market Turkey (Class # 402):

1. Birds entered in the Market Turkey Class must have been hatched on or after April 13, 2026. (Not over 15 weeks of age on show day)
2. Exhibitors may make one entry of one commercial Tom Turkey.
3. All entries must be of broad breasted variety, either white or bronze.
4. Exhibitors must show NPIP hatchery papers at check in to verify the hatching date.
5. Turkeys will not be weighed in. If your turkey is thought to be significantly underweight at the time of the fair, the barn superintendent will ask you to hold back your processing to assure your buyer is getting a good size bird.
6. Turkeys may be de-beaked, de-toed, or any practice generally accepted in the commercial meat type turkey.

Rules for Exhibition Turkey (Class # 403):

1. The Turkey Exhibition pen will consist of 2 birds, a male and female of the same breed.
2. Heritage breeds as defined in the *Standard of Perfection* qualify as exhibition birds.
3. Exhibitors must show current NPIP hatchery papers or have current negative Pullorum Test*. *Testing turkeys is a blood test that must be done through a veterinarian.

Rules for Market (Meat) Ducks (Class # 404):

1. The market Duck pen will consist of 3 market ducks. The exhibitor selects the two best matched ducks (in size and conformation) to take to the show arena to be judged. Summary: Bring three, show two, sell three birds.

2. Market ducks must be Heavy Class Breeds as listed in *The Standard of Perfection*.
3. Ducks must be hatched on or after May 11, 2026 (not over 11 weeks of age).
4. Minimum pen weight is 15.0 lbs. Lightweight pens will not be permitted to sell in the livestock sale. No exceptions.
5. Projects which do not make the minimum weight will not be eligible for sale in the livestock sale and the exhibitor is responsible to take the animal home on the published release date.

Rules for Pen of 3 Hens/Pullets (Class # 406 and #407):

1. The Hen/Pullet project consists of a pen of 3 birds. All should be the same breed and the same age.
2. Pullets are birds under 1 year of age.
3. Hens are birds over 1 year of age.
4. Members must have their NPIP hatchery papers.

Rules for Pen of Pigeons (Class #151):

1. The Pigeon project consists of 2 birds, a male and female.
2. The pigeon class does not require NPIP hatchery papers.
3. Registration in class #151 is included in the maximum number of 2 Fancy Poultry exhibits for classes #151 - #160.

Rules for Exhibition (Fancy) Poultry (Class # 152 - # 160):

1. Each exhibit must consist of 2 birds, either 2 pullets or a pullet and a cockerel.
2. Each exhibitor may enter the A and B class in each breed in which they show, if they wish.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to exhibiting a maximum of two different entries in classes #151-#160.
4. Exhibitors must show current NPIP hatchery papers or have current negative Pullorum Test.

Rules for Exhibition Ducks & Geese (Classes # 161-172):

1. The Duck & Geese Exhibition pen will consist of 2 birds.
2. Most members will show a male and female of the same breed as a pair.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to a maximum of one entry.
4. Ducks must be owned by the exhibitor by May 1.

Poultry Class Numbers (each exhibitor can make only one entry in each of the following 5 classes):

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| 400 – Pen of 4 broilers (meat pen) | 404 – Market Ducks (bring 3 Market ducks) |
| 402 – Market Turkey (bring 1 bird) | 406 – Pen of 3 Pullets (under 1 year of age) |
| 403 – Exhibition Turkey (bring 2 birds, male and female) | 407 – Pen of 3 Hens (over 1 year of age) |

Exhibition (Fancy) Poultry Class Numbers: (each exhibitor can make only two entries from the following list of classes.

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| 151 - Pigeon | 153A - American Breeds, hatched since Jan 1st. |
| 152 - Quail | 153B - American Breeds, hatched before Jan 1st. |

- 154A - Asiatic Breeds, hatched since Jan 1st.
- 154B - Asiatic Breeds, hatched before Jan 1st.
- 155A - Continental Breeds, hatched since Jan 1st.
- 155B - Continental Breeds, hatched before Jan 1st.
- 156A - English Breeds, hatched since Jan 1st.
- 156B - English Breeds, hatched before Jan 1st.
- 157A - Mediterranean, hatched since Jan 1st.

- 157B - Mediterranean, hatched before Jan 1st.
- 158A - Any Other recog breed hatched since Jan 1st.
- 158B - Any Other recog breed hatched before Jan 1st.
- 159A - Bantams, clean leg, hatched since Jan 1st.
- 159B - Bantams, clean leg, hatched before Jan 1st.
- 160A - Bantams, feather leg, hatched since Jan 1st.
- 160B - Bantams, feather leg, hatched before Jan 1st.

Exhibition (Fancy) Waterfowl Class Numbers:

- 161 – Bantam Ducks
- 162 – Light Ducks
- 163 – Medium Ducks
- 164 – Heavy Ducks
- 170 – Light Geese
- 171 – Medium Geese
- 172 – Heavy Geese

Classes will be based upon the American Standard of Perfection Definitions. Classes are dependent upon the number of entries and can be combined or sub-setted at the direction of the superintendent.

Department 11 Dog Projects & Show

Jr. Fair Dog Show will be held Saturday, July 11, on the Fairgrounds

Dog Show Class Numbers:

Division 01: Dog Obedience

- 101 Beginning Novice A
- 102 Beginning Novice B
- 103 Pre-Novice A
- 104 Pre-Novice B
- 105 Novice A
- 106 Novice B
- 107 Graduate Novice A
- 108 Graduate Novice B
- 109 Open A
- 110 Open B
- 111 Graduate Open A
- 112 Graduate Open B

Division 02: Dog Showmanship

- 201 Jr. Showmanship A
- 202 Jr. Showmanship B
- 203 Int. Showmanship A
- 204 Int. Showmanship B
- 205 Sr. Showmanship A
- 206 Sr. Showmanship B

Division 03: Rally Classes:

- 301 Rally Novice A
- 302 Rally Novice B
- 303 Rally Intermediate A
- 304 Rally Intermediate B
- 305 Rally Advanced

Division 04: Agility Classes

- 401 Dog Agility Level 1
- 402 Dog Agility Level 2
- 403 Dog Agility Level 3
- 404 Agility Jumpers Level 1
- 405 Agility Jumpers Level 2
- 406 Agility Jumpers Level 3
- 407 Mad-shape-dash Level 1

Division 05: Scent Work

- 501 Container Novice A
- 502 Container Novice B
- 503 Interior Novice A
- 504 Interior Novice B

Division 06: Pet Pals

- 601 Pet Pals

1. All 4-H members enrolled in Dog projects 201O, 201S, 201P and 201W are eligible to compete in the dog show. FFA members with dog projects are eligible to compete in the dog show.
2. The show will be guided by the rules of the Ohio State Fair Jr. Fair Dog Show. Members may obtain a copy of these complete rules. Union County will allow an exception to the State Rule in that bitches in season might be permitted to be shown, at the discretion of the Judge.
3. All dog exhibitors must have their dogs under leash and/or control at all times. Any exhibitor whose animal poses a threat to itself or any other animal or person will be asked to leave the dog show immediately and will not be permitted to participate in the show. It is strongly recommended that each exhibitor give their dog a minimum of two practice sessions around other dogs and unfamiliar circumstances before show day.
4. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to see that they are entered in the proper class on show day. Consult a knowledgeable dog advisor if the class requirements are not familiar. Youth must be enrolled in the appropriate project to be eligible to show in classes listed above.

Department 12 - Horses

See fair schedule for Jr. Fair Horse Events
Events subject to change

Horse Class Numbers for stall assignments:

(Submit a separate entry online in Fair Entry for each animal you wish to enter.)

800: Saddle Horse

820: Small Equine

850: Draft Horse

Refer to the following documents for complete rules:

[Uniform Rules for the Union County 4-H Horse Program](#)

Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows – Ohio

Show Class Selection:

Class selections must be completed online at <https://bit.ly/UnCoFairHorseReg>.

1. The deadline is July 24th by 5:00 PM (the Friday of Skill-a-thon), prior to the beginning of the fair.
2. Members will be allowed to scratch classes as needed during the Fair.

2026 Union County Junior Livestock Sale Rules

1. The Junior Fair Livestock Sale will be conducted on Saturday, August 1 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Sale will include these projects, in this order: Dairy Products, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Pen of 3 Market Rabbits, Market Beef, Pen of 4 Broilers, Dairy Feeders, Market Ducks, Hogs, and Market Turkeys. The only animals that will be taken to the sale ring will be Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Premier Exhibitor. All other exhibitors must be present and walk through the sale ring without their animals.
2. All exhibitors who are eligible for the sale must fill out an Animal Destination Form (formerly sale designation form) to indicate whether or not they will sell **no later than 1 hour after their respective livestock shows** have concluded. **MARKET BEEF Animal Destination Forms must be submitted by 5 pm, Friday of show. Every exhibitor must fill out a form.** If they do not plan to sell, they must indicate this on the form. Animal Destination Forms must be turned into the respective barn superintendents or Junior Fair Office. Exhibitors who fail to submit a form by the deadline will not be permitted to sell through the sale.
3. Eligible Junior Fair Exhibitors may sell one unit, either single or pen, through the Junior Fair Sale.
4. All animals must be shown in the Union County Junior Fair to be eligible to sell in the Union County Fair Livestock Sale (see eligibility rules in each department & Jr. Fair Rules.)
5. Certified weigh masters will weigh all livestock on legally sealed scales.
6. Hogs, lambs, and goats will be weighed on Saturday. Rabbits and Poultry will be weighed on Sunday. Market Beef, Dairy Feeders, and Beef Feeders will be weighed on Monday. All exhibitors should be present and have animals ready for weighing within the prescribed time limit. Exhibitors may weigh a maximum of 4 lambs, 5 hogs, 2 goats, 1 pen of rabbits, 1 pen of poultry, 1 pen of 3 market ducks, 2 Dairy Feeders (combined Purebred or Crossbred) or 4 Market Beef.
7. Sheep must weigh at least 90 lbs. Hogs must weigh between 210 - 290 lbs. Steers & Market Heifers must weigh at least 900 lbs. Dairy Feeders must weigh between 400 - 700 lbs. Goats must weigh 60 - 120 lbs. Rabbits must weigh between 3 ½ and 5 ½ lbs. Each rabbit must make individual weigh stands to sell as a pen. Only Pen of 3 rabbits will be sold. Broiler pens below 18 lbs. or over 28 lbs. are not permitted to sell. Only pen of 4 broilers will be sold. Broilers must have been hatched on or after June 15. Market Turkeys must have been hatched on or after April 13. Market Ducks, pen of 3, minimum pen weight of 15 lbs. Duck pens below 15 lbs. are not permitted to sell. Only pen of 3 ducks will be sold. Market Ducks must have been hatched on or after May 11. Projects which do not make the minimum weight will not be eligible for resale, the owner is responsible to take the animal home according to the published release time. See the official release time section located in the Jr Fair Supplement.
8. Any animal which does not meet the prescribed weight limit(s) is permitted one re-weighing. Re-weighing must be done immediately following the first weighing. The Exhibitor or the exhibitor's representative must request the reweigh. If re-weighed, the second weight will be the official weight. Those animals which weighed within prescribed weight limits on first weighing are not permitted to re-weigh. The exhibitor may accept this weight or choose to not participate in the sale. There will be no shrink on hogs, sheep, cattle, rabbits, poultry, or goats.

9. All champion and reserve champion units must sell through the sale. If an exhibitor has more than one champion or reserve champion in any species, they will declare on the Animal Destination Form which animal they will sell through the livestock auction and keep 100% of all monies. Monies earned from any additional animal will be divided as such:
 - 50% of the premium bid will be given to the exhibitor of the animal.
 - 50% of the premium bid will be placed in the General Jr. Fair Livestock fund to be spent on Junior Fair improvements.
10. In Market Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goats; all champion and reserve champion animals are terminal (must go to slaughter).
11. The order of sale will be as follows: In each species, Champion and Reserve Champion will sell first, followed by Premier Exhibitor and then all others in a random order.
12. Order of sale will be posted. Junior Fair Exhibitor is responsible to see that his or her unit to be sold is brought to the sale ring at the designated time and in the order listed in the Sale Catalog. No animals will be sold out of order.
13. To be excused from the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale, an exhibitor must have either a written doctor's medical excuse or submit a written request to the Junior Fair Committee Chairperson prior to the fair, listing the reason for the request. Requests made after the fair begins will not be considered. To qualify to be excused, the member must be at a church, school, 4-H or FFA educational function requiring out of town participation. The Livestock Executive Committee will approve or reject requests that are made. (Penalty 2) Exception: those who are notified of Ohio State Fair participation during the Special Interest Awards Tuesday during the fair may submit their written request to the Junior Fair Committee by Thursday noon for consideration.
14. Any animal not qualified for the sale may not be auctioned anywhere else on the fairgrounds.
15. All sales are final. Animals sold shall not be exhibited in any other Junior Show.
16. All exhibitors and parents take note: Even though the Junior Fair Livestock Sale is held on Saturday, each Junior Fair Exhibitor is responsible for the care and well-being of his or her livestock which has been sold through the sale until that livestock is loaded on a trailer for transport to the place designated by the buyer. The phrase "Full Responsibility" includes proper care and feeding of the animal, maintaining the stall or pen in an attractive manner, etc. It also includes full financial responsibility in the event that the animal dies or in any other way is rendered useless to the buyer. The Union County Senior Fair Board and any of its working committees or other representatives will not be liable for any death, loss, injury physiological complications, etc. relating to animals which are sold through the sale.
17. A commission of seven (7%) percent of the selling price will be deducted from all animals sold through the sale to cover sale expenses and to improve the Junior Fair Livestock facilities.
18. Any donation request for a portion of member's sale proceeds must be approved by the Junior Fair Committee by June 1st of each year and will be added to the Sale Designation form, for money to be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check. No special recognition for such donations will be made in the sale ring.
19. Current species check-off money, as required by law, will be deducted from the selling price. This applies to steers, hogs, lambs, market heifers, and dairy feeders.

20. The Junior Fair Committee will be responsible for conducting the sale. Settlement must be made with the Sale Clerk and no livestock will be released without a valid release slip.
21. All Market Beef, Dairy Feeders, Hogs, Lambs, and Goats that are included as part of the auction must go on the packer truck. No exceptions. Once an animal is designated to go through the sale, the decision cannot be altered and is considered final. If an animal is pulled from the sale after the Animal Destination form is turned in or goes through the sale and is removed from the fairgrounds without going on the packer truck, the exhibitor will forfeit the premium from the sale (monies will be returned to the buyer) and will not be eligible for the livestock sale the following year.
22. Checks will be mailed to exhibitors as soon as all buyer payments are in. The Junior Fair Committee will decide on any situations not covered by the rules. The decision of the committee is final. During sale day a designated committee of three Junior Fair Committee members will serve to provide answers to last-minute questions which may arise.