

# ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK PROJECT RULES

Breed – Market – Horses

*REVISED July 2019*

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***For notices of any changes check the Athens County Fair Facebook page.***

All Junior Fair exhibitors, parents and advisors need to know and follow all aspects of:

Ohio's Livestock Reform Act [http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/ai/law/ORC901\\_Livestock\\_Show\\_Reform\\_Act.pdf](http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/ai/law/ORC901_Livestock_Show_Reform_Act.pdf)

Ohio Department of Agriculture's Livestock Care Standards Board <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A12>

Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901-19>

Ohio Department of Agriculture's Administrative and Revised Codes

<http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/legal/ruleslaws/ruleslaws.aspx>

ODA Laws and Rules (Red Book). [http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/fairs/docs/Fairs\\_Redbook.pdf](http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/fairs/docs/Fairs_Redbook.pdf)

## **RULES AND HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS YEAR**

1. Arrival Time and Weigh-In for Swine – Swine will arrive on the fairgrounds the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 7am-9am and will be weighed directly off the truck.
2. Market rabbits will be tattooed in 2019.
3. As the birds are brought in, they will be checked for disease or illness by the designated check-in attendant. Poultry exhibitors must present a pullorum free certificate to the check-in attendant. No pullorum tests will be administered at the fair.
4. The **swine pen area and the rabbit pen area** will be closed during the show with the exception of swine exhibitors with an approved armband. Both swine and rabbit exhibitors must have a special armband to enter the pen area.
5. Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited except for a medical condition when diagnosed by and administered by the licensed fair veterinarian. The fairboard will also need to be notified of this action. "Drenching" means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, watering can or such placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.
6. The use of any pigmented grooming aides or materials is prohibited.
7. No professional grooms allowed. All grooming must be done by the exhibitor. Exhibitor may receive advice or minimal assistance according to the ODA Tampering Rules. Any exhibitor caught allowing a professional groomer, adult or any other person other than his/herself groom the animal will be disqualified and forfeits the right to show and/or sell.
8. Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance that enhances, transforms, or changes the true conformation, configuration, or appearance of the livestock, unless prescribed by the exhibition veterinarian is prohibited.
9. Any administered over the counter or prescription drug can be used only for a valid medical purpose.

10. Fair Participants: No removal of any animals and/or tack, no removal of any item/equipment brought to the fairgrounds, located in or out of the barns, which was used during the fair to hold and/or prepare livestock for show and/or sale, or cleaning out pen, until the Senior Fair Boards' designated release time on Saturday, last day of the fair. Excluding the removal of transport vehicle and trailer. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of all monies and the ability to participate in the following year's fair.
11. The barns will be closed during and after the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, until the Senior Fair Boards' designated release time on Saturday. Only authorized persons will be permitted in the barns to assist Fair Board and Sale Committee. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of all monies and the ability to participate in the following year's fair.
12. Verbal abuse, physical abuse or harassment toward directors, judges, ring stewards, superintendents, employees, OSU Extension staff, junior fair members, club advisors or volunteers at the Athens County Fair will not be tolerated. You may be escorted from the fairgrounds; premiums forfeited, and upon Athens County Agriculture Society's decision, your family members may not be able to exhibit at the Athens County Fair for a period of time indicated by the committee based on the severity of the situation.

#### **GENERAL RULES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECTS**

1. Junior Fair participants exhibiting beef, dairy, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine must complete quality assurance training in order to exhibit, show, and sell at the Athens County Fair. Dates of training will be determined and advertised by the Senior Fair Board.
2. Animals must be vet checked upon entering the fairgrounds.
3. Fair participants exhibiting: beef, dairy, goats, and sheep must complete and turn in a drug form and ruminant form at check-in; swine, horses and poultry must complete and turn in a drug form at check-in
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7. All livestock must be on the fairgrounds by their designated times on the first Saturday of the fair.
8. Animals must be housed, fed and watered in their respective areas.
9. Exhibitors are expected to keep pens and aisles clean and in order as part of their contribution to the Athens County Junior Fair.
10. Feeding times: Animals must be fed, watered and area cleaned by 9:00 a.m. each morning and water must be

provided to the animal throughout the day.

11. Animals should be in the stalls or pens by 12:30 a.m.
12. There must be adult supervision for members practicing in the show ring.
13. Walkways must be kept clean at all times.
14. All equipment etc. will be removed from walkways when not in use.
15. Grooming should be done in designated areas only. Main aisles should be kept open.
16. Anyone using a generator to run grooming equipment must have the generator inspected by the fairboard electrician prior to use.
17. No scales are permitted on the fairgrounds except scales belonging to the Athens County Fairboard or the Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee
18. The Senior Fair Board, in consultation with the Sale Committee and/or the Fair Vet, reserves the right to disqualify, from show or sale, any livestock not measuring up to standards or meeting qualifications. Any animal deemed not in the proper physical condition or free of any condition that would render it unfit for exhibition, the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the fairgrounds.
19. A fair board director has the right to remove an unruly animal from a class. The fair board reserves the right to remove any animal from the grounds that show visible signs of a communicable disease or animals that are deemed unruly.
20. Exhibitors must show their own animals in all shows with the exception that an exhibitor that has two animals in the same class. Another Athens County Jr. Fair exhibitor may show the animal.
21. No animal or exhibitor deemed unworthy shall be awarded premium. The judge may award any premium or placing according to the merits of the animal or exhibitor.
22. All males must be castrated and healed by fair, see specific species rules. All animals must be dehorned and healed by fair, see specific species rules.
23. Club Advisors, Extension Educators, FFA Chapter Instructors, the Junior Fair Committee, the Junior Fair Livestock Sales Committee, and Senior Fair Board reserve the right to inspect the animal to show, at any time, before, during or after the fair.
24. The judge's decision is final.
25. Unethical treatment, fitting and showing of animals is strictly prohibited and subject to disciplinary action and/or prosecution by law.
26. No professional grooms allowed. All grooming must be done by the exhibitor. Exhibitor may receive advice or minimal assistance according to the ODA Tampering Rules. Any exhibitor caught allowing a professional groomer, adult or any other person other than his/herself groom the animal will be disqualified and forfeits the right to show and/or sell.
27. All electrical problems must be reported to the Fair Board immediately. Overloading circuits with hairdryers may cause power outages. DO NOT attempt to fix an electrical problem yourself. The board electrician is the only person authorized to work on the electric.
28. 13. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs permitted. This includes the members and advisors and all persons in and around the barn and ring area.

29. Animals shown in breeding classes are not permitted to be shown in market classes. Animals registered/tagged in as market animals are not permitted to be shown in breeding classes.
30. The following practices are detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of livestock and are prohibited:
1. Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance to livestock repeatedly or for a prolonged time period in violation of 9 C.F.R.313.2(1979);
  2. Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the true conformation, configuration, or appearance of the livestock;
  3. Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance that enhances, transforms, or changes the true conformation, configuration, or appearance of the livestock, unless prescribed by the exhibition veterinarian;
  4. Plugging of teats;
  5. Sealing of teats using unapproved substances or for longer than eighteen hours using approved substances;
  6. Injecting material into udders or teats for non-medical purposes or otherwise artificially modifying the appearance or conformation of the udder or teat;
  7. Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses internally or externally other than in accordance with paragraph (S) of rule [901-19-12](#) of the Administrative Code;
  8. Using a stomach tube or pump for any purpose other than for the relief of tympany or gas on the day of exhibiting;
  9. Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited except for a medical condition when diagnosed by and administered by the licensed fair veterinarian. The fairboard will also need to be notified of this action. "Drenching" means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, watering can or such placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.

#### **GENERAL RULES FOR SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Junior Fair exhibitors must show their own animals in showmanship. Exceptions will not be considered. Proof of ownership may be requested. Club Advisors, the 4-H Committee, Extension Educators or Program Assistants, the Junior Fair Committee, the Junior Fair Livestock Sales Committee, and Senior Fair Board reserve the right to ask for and be presented with proof of ownership.
2. Showmanship classes will be divided by exhibitor's age as of January 1 of the current year as follows for beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine:
  - a. Senior - 15 years old and up
  - b. Intermediate - 12-14 years old
  - c. Junior - 8-11 years old
  - d. Senior Novice - 12 years old and up with first year projects
  - e. Junior Novice - 8-12 years old with first year projects

**PLEASE NOTE: SENIOR NOVICE AND JUNIOR NOVICE SHOWMAN ONLY SIGN UP FOR NOVICE CLASS - NOT THE REGULAR CLASSES, NOVICE CLASSES ARE FOR THOSE EXHIBITORS TAKING THE SPECIES FOR THE FIRST TIME – ONLY**

- f. Pro - Winners of the previous years' Pro (if eligible to return) and past and current year Senior showmanship class winners in beef, dairy, dairy and market goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine must advance into the Pro class. Winners of the day in Intermediate, Junior, Senior Novice, and Junior Novice classes for the same species are encouraged to compete in the Pro class. Pro Class winner must continue to show in pro class regardless of age.

3. Showmanship is not required for completion of a beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine project; however, for an exhibitor to be considered for the Outstanding Exhibitor, they must participate in showmanship.

**\*\*\*\* Horse Showmanship is required for all exhibitors except production and breeding classes.**

4. Showmanship entry sheets will be posted in the barns prior to the time of each show for members to check to make sure they are in the correct age classes or sign up for showmanship if they are not on the list. PLEASE only enter in one class, if exhibitor is a junior novice or senior novice they need to only enter in those classes not junior or senior.
  - i. \*\* You can only show as novice the first year you exhibit in a species
  - ii. You only show as a novice if you have NEVER shown that species before.
5. Projects that are not exhibited at the fair may receive a project completion through their club or chapter advisor and/or the Extension office.

#### **GENERAL BREEDING ANIMAL RULES**

1. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Any premium, trophies, awards won by such exhibitor will be withheld.
2. Breeding animals must be owned and in the exhibitors possession and continual care by May 1 of the current year.
3. FORMS/CARDS MUST BE TURNED IN FOR ALL BREEDING LIVESTOCK — Identification forms/cards must be turned in the second Wednesday in May of the current year.
4. Exhibitors must include the address where their project animal will be kept. Ownership and possession rules must be followed. Only those animals in the Junior Fair exhibitor's possession by May 1 and registered the second Wednesday in May are eligible to be brought to the fair.
5. Club Advisors, Extension Educators, FFA Chapter Instructors, the Junior Fair Committee, and Senior Fair Board reserve the right to ask for and be presented with proof of ownership.

#### **GENERAL MARKET ANIMAL RULES**

1. Request for exception must be presented in writing to the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee. Exception to the rules can only be made by the Board of Directors of the Athens County Agricultural Society in consultation with the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee.
2. All market animals must be owned, cared for daily and exhibited by a member of an Athens County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. An individual may sell only one animal through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale. If an exhibitor has more than one market project and more than one is selected as Grand or Reserve Grand Champion, they must designate which animal will be sold through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale. All Show and Sale Grand Champion, and Show and Sale Reserve Grand Champion market beef, market dairy feeders, swine, lambs, and goats, including the Show and Sale Grand Champion Pair of Hogs, Show and Sale Grand Champion Pair of Market Lambs, and Show and Sale Grand Champion Pair of Market Goats, must go to designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant to be tested and harvested. Exhibitor will be responsible for all processing fees for Grand and Reserve Champion animals not going through the Athens County Junior Fair.
3. All Athens County Market Projects exhibitors (i.e., 4-H and FFA) must follow all **Athens County Junior Fair Market Project Rules** to be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Show and Sale.

4. The purpose of the Junior Fair market project should be educational. This means livestock must be under the care of the junior fair exhibitor and cared for daily by the exhibitor from the start of the project to the delivery to the buyer at the fair. Junior Fair exhibitors shall assist in weighing, taking livestock to and from the sale ring, show their project at the time of the grading and at the time of the sale, in order to be eligible to have their project sold in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale.
5. Livestock is the responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor until the animal leaves the fairgrounds. All market projects to be sold at the junior fair sale are subject to inspection on the farm by a County Extension Agent, Agricultural Education Instructor, 4-H Advisor, Fair Board member or a member of the Sale Committee at any time after enrollment date prior to the fair.
6. Exhibitor with a vet excuse to not weigh/tag-in their animal at pre-fair weigh/tag-in date set, must have their animal tagged-in within thirty (30) days of the date set for their animal to be weighed/tagged-in. Vet excuse must be presented to the Sale Committee by or on the date set for weigh/tag-in for their animal. Any animal not weighed/tagged-in at the first date set will not be eligible for rate-of-gain contest. Vet excuse will not be accepted at fair weigh-in.
7. The following grooming practices are prohibited in junior market livestock shows unless those grooming practices are permitted under rule [901-19-32](#) of the Administrative Code:
  - A. Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves;
  - B. Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders;
  - C. Pigmented grooming aides or materials ; and
  - D. Slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on the ears and tails. According to rule [901-19-01](#) (LL) "Slick clipping" or "body shaving" means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.
8. All animals must be healthy to be eligible for the sale.
9. All male animals must be castrated and healed. Male animals showing testicular signs will be removed from the fairgrounds.
10. All animals with horns must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum growth of no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All animals with horns maximum growth must be no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn.
11. Only the Sale Committee members and exhibitors are permitted within 20 feet of the scales during weigh-in. Guideline - ONE ADULT can assist a youth member to the scale.
12. All ear tags other than the ear tag the Sale Committee put in your animal's ear must be removed by weigh-in of the Fair or the Sale Committee will remove the tag(s) at that time. With the exception of USDA required herd ID tags.
13. It is optional whether an exhibitor will participate in the sale. However, if an exhibitor chooses not to sell a Show Grand Champion or Show Reserve Grand Champion animal, including the Show Grand Champion Pair of Market Hogs and Show Grand Champion Pair of Market Lambs, Grand Champion Pair of Market Goats, that animal **MUST** go to a designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant to be harvested and tested, excluding poultry and rabbits. Exhibitor will be responsible for all processing fees.
14. Exhibitors must designate the animal they choose to sell in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, by **9:00 a.m.** Thursday of the fair. This will be done by using the coupon provided by the Sale Committee. Coupons are available at the Sale Committee trailer and are to be returned to the Sale Committee trailer and

put in a designated box. These coupons need to be marked with the exhibitor's name, species selling, and ear tag / leg band number for that animal. If exhibitor fails to notify the Sale Committee by **9:00 a.m.** Thursday of the fair as to the animal they will be selling in the Friday night Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, they forfeit the right to sell.

**\*\*\*Coupons need to be completed and turned in even if exhibitor has only one market animal.**

***Coupons designating the animal you will be selling can be turned in at the Sale Trailer at any time during the week of the fair prior to 9:00 a.m. Thursday***

15. Animal and exhibitor shall enter the sale ring equal to or better in neatness and appearance than on show day.
16. All large market animals are subject to the check-off programs for their given species. This money will be automatically deducted from the exhibitor's check.
17. All those participating in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale will pay a three percent (3%) commission charge, to help cover the cost of the sale expenses. This money will be automatically deducted from the exhibitor's check.
18. Exhibitors selling the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef, Market Dairy Feeder, Market Lamb, Market Hog, Market Goat, Grand Champion Pair of Market Hogs, Grand Champion Pair of Market Lambs or Grand Champion Pair of Market Goats will not receive their check until the Senior Fair Board Task Force receives notice that all carcasses has passed inspection at the designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant.
19. Exhibitors participating in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale must hand in a "thank you" letter/card for their buyer at check pick up time to receive their check. Thank you letter/card needs to be in an envelope addressed to their buyer and have the correct postage stamp affixed. Checks for market projects sold through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale will be distributed by the Sale Committee. If exhibitor cannot pick up their check at designated time, checks can be picked up prior to the beginning of any Sale Committee meeting. Check should be picked up before or at November meeting. Exhibitor must still bring in a thank you for their buyer when they pick their check up.

**Market checks must be picked up by the exhibitor or person designed by the exhibitor. Designated person must bring a permission letter signed by the exhibitor and a thank you to the exhibitor's buyer to receive the check. If the person doesn't have a letter from the exhibitor, they will not be permitted to pick up the market check regardless of the relationship to the exhibitor. Market checks will be picked up Thurs. Sept. 12, 2019 from 6-8 pm in the Grange Building on the fairgrounds.**

20. Market exhibitor must go to the Sale Committee Trailer **Saturday morning** and if the animal has been given back to the exhibitor, the Sale Committee will give the "Haulers" copy of the sale night form to the exhibitor. Sale animals are not to be removed without this form. Livestock remains the responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor until the animal leaves the fairgrounds.
21. The exhibitor will forfeit all proceeds from the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale if a market animal is removed from the fairgrounds prior to the exhibitor receiving the "haulers" copy from the Sale Committee, verifying that the buyer gave the animal back to the exhibitor. If the animal is removed from the fairgrounds prior to receiving the haulers copy, the exhibitor forfeits all proceeds and the buyer/s will be reimbursed all moneys for that market animal. Exhibitor will forfeit the right to exhibit, show or sale at the following year's Athens County Fair. No exceptions.
22. All market animals, sale and/or non-sale, not going to the processor or packer, are not to be removed until the Senior Fair Boards' designated release time on Saturday, last day of the fair. **ALL MARKET SPECIES ARE INCLUDED IN THIS RULE.** Exhibitor will forfeit the right to exhibit, show or sale at the following year's Athens

County Fair. No exceptions.

23. Whatever halter is on the animal at the time of load out, goes with the animal and WILL NOT be returned.



## ***BEEF***

### **GENERAL BEEF**

1. No artificial hair, switches, tail-heads, polls or heels.
2. Clear or neutral adhesive may be used ONLY on the following areas: below the knee, on the tail-head and/or on the poll
3. Any adhesive used in the areas listed above must be washed out of the animal's hair within 2 hours following the show.
4. All electrical problems must be reported to the Fair Board immediately. Overloading circuits with hairdryers may cause power outages. DO NOT attempt to fix an electrical problem yourself. The board electrician is the only person authorized to work on the electric.
5. No professional grooms allowed. All grooming must be done by the exhibitor. Exhibitor may receive advice or minimal assistance according to the ODA Tampering Rules. Any exhibitor caught allowing a professional groomer, adult or any other person other than his/herself groom the animal will be disqualified and forfeits the right to show and/or sell.
6. No grooming chutes in the barns, aisle-ways or blocking doorways.
7. No blow dryers in the barns.
8. All generators must be approved by fair election before use. Approved generators cannot be used between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. Hours are subject to change by the Fair Board only. Generators can be removed when not in use, with the exception of the second Friday of the fair until 8 a.m. Saturday morning.
9. No adhesives may be used to groom the night of the sale, water only.
10. All Ohio Department of Agriculture tampering rules apply.

### **BREEDING BEEF**

#### **Kiwanis Better Calves Club Rules**

1. Animals must be females and shown by exhibitor.
2. Must have original registration papers, no copies.
3. Born between July 1, 2017 and April 30, 2019
4. Exhibitor must be an FFA or 4-H member in Athens County and meet exhibit requirements applying to their respective organization.
5. All calves must be designated by May 1 as 4-H or FFA project animals.
6. Signup will be Tuesday of the fair 11:00 AM to 12 Noon only. All papers will be checked at that time. Class will take place immediately following the Cow, 2 years and under class in the Junior Breed Show. No late entries will be allowed.
7. Awards are by the Kiwanis Club sponsors.

## **MARKET BEEF**

1. No more than two (2) market beef may be tagged/identified for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
2. Market Beef, steers and heifers (no dairy blood). Market Beef must be on feed by December 1, previous to the fair. They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting. Care includes a complete set of records.
3. All market beef must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market beef with horns maximum growth must be no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male market beef must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market Beef showing testicular signs and/or more than 2 inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
4. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose market beef that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The beef cattle judge, Senior Fair Board or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
5. Market beef must gain at least 300 lb. from the time of the first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lb. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.
6. Market beef will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
7. Identification for the market beef shall be: 1) ear tag, 2) hair sample, on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Saturday in December. Procedures for weigh-in are as follows:
  - A. No market beef unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
  - B. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
  - C. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
  - D. Actual weighing, and hair samples to be done by Sale Committee members.
  - E. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
  - F. If the calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by a member of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
8. Market beef exhibitors may weigh/tag-in and show up to two (2) market beef.
9. Market beef must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
10. Market beef will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board
11. All market beef will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
12. Market beef exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, must show proof that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.
13. After the sale, all market beef must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the market beef. Whatever halter is on the market beef at the time of load out, goes with the market beef and will

not be returned.

14. Rate-of-Gain contest participate is encouraged for all market beef projects. Special awards will be given for rate-of-gain.

### **BEEF FEEDER CALVES**

1. No more than two (2) beef feeders may be tagged/identified for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
2. Beef feeder steers and heifers (no dairy blood). Beef feeder steers and heifers must be born on or after January 1, of current year. They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting. Care includes a complete set of records.
3. All beef feeders must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the re-growth horn. All beef feeders with horns maximum growth must be no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male beef feeders must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Beef feeders showing testicular signs and/or more than 2 inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
4. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose beef feeder calves that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The beef cattle judge or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
5. Beef Feeder Calves must weigh at **least 300** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale. All Beef Feeder Calves will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
6. Beef Feeder Calves will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
7. Identification for the Beef Feeder Calves shall be: 1) ear tag, 2) hair sample, on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Wednesday in June. Procedures for weigh-in are as follows:
8. No Beef Feeder Calves unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
9. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
10. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
11. Actual weighing, and hair samples to be done by Sale Committee members.
12. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
13. If the calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by a member of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
14. Beef Feeder Calves exhibitors may weigh/tag-in and show up to two (2) beef feeder calves.
15. Beef Feeder Calves must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Beef Feeder Calves will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board
16. Beef Feeder Calves exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for

the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, must show proof that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

17. After the sale, all beef feeders must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the beef feeder. Whatever halter is on the beef feeder at the time of load out, goes with the beef feeder and will not be returned.

### **MARKET DAIRY FEEDER CALVES**

1. No more than three (3) market dairy feeder calves may be tagged/identified for exhibition. Only two (2) dairy feeders can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
2. All market dairy feeder calves must be calves from one of the 5 recognized American Dairy Association breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (red or black) and Jersey. Crossbred calves must be crossed with the 5 recognized breeds only, no beef blood.
3. Market dairy feeder calves must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by May 1 prior to the fair. Care includes a complete set of records.
4. Market dairy feeder calves must be born between January 1 and April 1 of the current year.
5. Market dairy feeder calves must weigh at least **350** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.
6. All market dairy feeders must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum regrowth of no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the regrown horn. All market dairy feeders with horns maximum growth must be no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market dairy feeders must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market dairy feeders showing testicular signs and/or more than 2 inches of horn growth/regrowth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
7. All market dairy feeders must be slick sheared to ¼ inch.
8. Market dairy feeder calves will be identified on the second Wednesday in May, by ear tag, and hair sample. Market dairy feeder calves will be brought to the fairgrounds to have the ear tag put in their ear, and hair sample taken. Calves without the proper documentation will not be allowed to tag in. Calves will be weighed-in at this time for a rate-of-gain contest.
9. Exhibitors may tag in three (3) calves. Only two (2) dairy feeders can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
10. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
11. Market dairy feeder calves will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board. Calves must arrive at the fairgrounds at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
12. Market dairy feeder calves will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
13. After the sale, all market dairy feeder calves must be tied with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. The halter goes with the animal. The halter that is on the animal at the time of load out goes with the animal and will not be returned.
14. If a market dairy feeder calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by a member of the Sale Committee. It is important to recover the missing ear tag if possible for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and

animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.

# ***SHEEP***

## **GENERAL SHEEP**

1. All sheep exhibited must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification as described in ODA Rule 901:1-13-04. Most common types of this identification are: (a) Official USDA ear tags or (b) Tattoos that have been approved by the USDA, APHIS for use in the scrapie eradication program.

**\*\*SPECIAL NOTES:** Official USDA Tattoos must have both a herd (premises) number and unique animal identification number. A tattoo of an official USDA Scrapie Identification Number that does not meet this requirement is not acceptable. Legible registration tattoos may be used to identify meat does when the animal is accompanied by their original registration certificate listing the tattoo number (copies are not acceptable). If a registration certificate is used for identification, consistent with ODA Rule 901-19-39 the animal must have been registered in the exhibitor's name for not less than sixty days

## **MARKET LAMB**

1. No more than four (4) lambs may be tagged/identified for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
2. All Junior Fair market lambs must be on feed by May 1 prior to the fair. They must be in the care and ownership of the exhibitor. Care includes a complete set of records.
3. Market lambs must be born on or after January 1 of the current year. Market lambs must have their milk teeth at the time of the fair. Market Lambs missing teeth will be disqualified from Market Show and Sale.
4. All market lambs must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the re-growth horn. All market lambs with horns maximum growth must be no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male market lambs must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market lambs showing testicular signs and/or more than 2 inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
5. Market lambs will be identified on the second Wednesday in May with ear tag, and hair sample. Market Lambs will be brought to the fairgrounds to have a tag put in their ear and a hair sample taken. This identification must be registered with the Vo-Ag instructor and the Athens Co. Extension office.
6. Exhibitors may tag up to four (4) market lambs. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tag-in.
7. If the market lamb loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by a member of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
8. Market lambs must weigh 95 pounds or above at final weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to sell.
9. All market lambs will be weighed for final show weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
10. All market lambs must be slick sheared to ¼ inch above the knees and hock.
11. Market lambs must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market lambs will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
12. Market lambs will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.

13. A pen of two market class will be held for any Junior Fair Market Lamb exhibitor who wishes to participate. A pen of market lambs consist of two (2) lambs which are shown together and judged as a unit. Once an animal is selected grand or reserve grand champion in the singles market class, it cannot re enter the show ring for the pair's class.
14. All pen of two, except the Grand Champion, will not be sold through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, but will be taken home or sold commercially.
15. Market Lambs exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, must show proof that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.
16. Clear or neutral adhesive may be used ONLY on the following areas: below the knee, on the tail-head and/or on the poll
17. Any adhesive used in the areas listed above must be washed out of the animal's hair within 2 hours following the show.
18. No professional grooms allowed. All grooming must be done by the exhibitor. Exhibitor may receive advice or minimal assistance according to the ODA Tampering Rules. Any exhibitor caught allowing a professional groomer, adult or any other person other than his/herself groom the animal will be disqualified and forfeits the right to show and/or sell.

# SWINE

## GENERAL SWINE

1. **No fans allowed in the barn at any time.**
2. The swine pen area will be closed during the show with the exception of swine exhibitors with an approved armband.

## BREEDING SWINE

1. All gilts must be owned and in the exhibitors possession and continual care by May 1 of current year.
2. All gilts must have an identification form on file by the second Wednesday in May. Existing ear notches or ear tag number may be used. However, if an animal doesn't have any existing identification, exhibitor will need to place ear notches or ear tag on the animal before the identification card is turned in.
3. An exhibitor may only show one breeding gilt at the fair. Gilt must be born on or after January 1 of current year.
4. Exhibitor shall use only water on gilts when grooming for show.

## MARKET SWINE

1. No more than four (4) swine, may be identified the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in May. Only two (2) swine can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
2. All Junior Fair market hogs must be on feed by May 1 prior to the fair. They must be in the care and ownership of the exhibitor. Care includes a complete set of records. Market Swine must be born on or after January 1 of the current year.
3. All male market hogs must be castrated. Market hogs must be completely healed prior to fair. Market hogs showing testicular signs will be removed from the fairgrounds.
4. Market pigs will be identified on the second Wednesday in May. **DO NOT BRING PIGS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS TO BE TAGGED.** Exhibitor must take color pictures, only one pig in picture, of the front view – showing ear notches, if pig has ear notches, left side view and right side view of their pig. Pictures must be close up and clearly show pig's color, ear notches and features. Sale Committee and /or Senior Fair Board have the right to reject any picture/s that does not clearly show the pig, to enable proper identification.
5. Hair sample must be turned in with completed form. Pull hair from pig, place in ziplock bag, attach bag to form. Completed form with pictures and hair sample attached must be brought to the fairgrounds and turned in to a Sale Committee person at the designated area on the second Wednesday in May between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. –Any exhibitor not turning in a market swine ID card at this time will not be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale.
6. Exhibitors may register up to four (4) pigs and show up to two (2) hogs. Only two (2) market swine can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
7. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time completed forms are turned in.
8. If the market hog loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee or the Extension office immediately. The tag will be replaced by a member of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
9. All market hogs must weigh **210 pounds or above** at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to sell.



10. All Market hogs will be weighed for final show weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
11. Market hogs must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market hogs will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
12. Market hogs will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
13. A pair of market hogs class will be held for any Junior Fair Market Swine exhibitor who wishes to participate. A pair of market hogs consist of two (2) hogs which are shown together and judged as a unit. Once an animal is selected grand or reserve grand champion in the singles market class, it cannot reenter the show ring for the pair's class.
14. All pair of market hogs, except the Grand Champion, will not be sold through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, but will be taken home or sold commercially.
15. Slick clipping or body shaving of all Junior Fair Swine except the ears, tail and underline is prohibited. "Slick clipping" or "body shaving" means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.

# **RABBITS**

## **GENERAL RABBIT**

1. No fans allowed in the barn at any time.
2. The rabbit pen area will be closed during the show with the exception of the rabbit exhibitors with an approved armband.

## **BREEDING RABBITS**

1. Ear tattoos should be placed in the left ear of the rabbit for identification.
2. Exhibitors may only register up to 20 rabbits in May, but may only bring to the fair up to 3 rabbits in combination from the list they register on the second Wednesday in May. Exhibitor can show only one rabbit per class.
3. Rabbits will be judged in alphabetical order by breed in 4 Class and then 6 Class, from all recognized American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) breeds and mixed breeds class.
4. Members must place their own project on the show table unless permission has been granted from the show committee.
5. ARBA breed standards will be used to judge breeding classes except for the mixed breed classes.

## **MARKET RABBITS**

1. Exhibitors may tag 2 to 3 market rabbits for one pen of two, or 4 to 6 market rabbits for 2 pens of two. From the market rabbits tattooed at the designated time set by the Sale Committee, only 2 rabbits for 1 pen or 4 rabbits for 2 pens can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant
2. Market rabbits can come from exhibitor's own doe/s or be purchased. Market Rabbits must be of market rabbit type. Rabbits must be under the care and ownership of exhibitor by the second Wednesday in July. Care includes a complete set of records.
3. Exhibitors showing a market rabbit project must turn in a market rabbit ID card. Market rabbit ID cards must be brought to the fairgrounds and turned in to the Sale Committee, at a designated time on the second Wednesday in May. Anyone not turning in a Market Rabbit ID card at the designated time will not be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale.
4. Exhibitors may register up to two (2) pens of market rabbits. A \$3.00 per pen of two (2) rabbits, registration fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time Market Rabbit ID cards are turned in.
5. Market rabbits will be identified on the second Wednesday in July as designed by the Sale Committee. Market rabbits the exhibitor plans to bring to the fair for exhibit, show and sale, must be brought to the fairgrounds between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday in July to be identified. Any market rabbit not brought to the fairgrounds at the designated time and identified will not be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Show and Sale.
6. Exhibitors may tag 2 to 3 market rabbits for one pen of two, or 4 to 6 market rabbits for 2 pens of two. The exhibitor must have register for 2 pens of market rabbits the second Wednesday in May to be able to tag-in 4 to 6 market rabbits for 2 pens of two in July.
7. Market rabbits must not be less than 56 days and not over 70 days of age at check in Saturday of the fair.

Market rabbits **must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) and a maximum of 5 ½ pounds (88 oz.) per animal** at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Show and Sale. Market Rabbit weights will be read and recorded in ounces.

8. Market rabbits must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market rabbits will be caged as designated by the Senior Fair Board
9. Only market rabbits tagged at the designated time set by the Sale Committee, 2 rabbits for 1 pen or 4 rabbits for 2 pens, can be brought to the fairgrounds to be weighed-in. (This applies only to the number of market rabbits that an exhibitor can bring to the fairgrounds.)
10. All market rabbits will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Exhibitor must designate which rabbits will be grouped **before** being checked-in. Market rabbits cannot be switched around during or after check-in.
11. Rabbits must be quality graded by the judge. Only the highest quality grades will be eligible for the sale.

## **GOAT**

### **GENERAL GOATS**

1. No bucks on the grounds.
2. All goats exhibited must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification as described in ODA Rule 901:1-13-04. Most common types of this identification are: (a) Official USDA ear tags or (b) Tattoos that have been approved by the USDA, APHIS for use in the scrapie eradication program.

**\*\*SPECIAL NOTES:** Official USDA Tattoos must have both a herd (premises) number and unique animal identification number. A tattoo of an official USDA Scrapie Identification Number that does not meet this requirement is not acceptable. Legible registration tattoos may be used to identify meat does when the animal is accompanied by their original registration certificate listing the tattoo number (copies are not acceptable). If a registration certificate is used for identification, consistent with ODA Rule 901-19-39 the animal must have been registered in the exhibitor's name for not less than sixty days

### ***Meat Goats***

#### **BREEDING MEAT GOATS**

1. The 4-H/FFA exhibitors must be sure that the animal has an official USDA tag or tattoo. They may get their own tags or tattooing or have their veterinarian do it. (For more information call the Ohio APHIS Dept. at 614-856-4735). All animals must be tattooed/tagged prior to arriving at the fairgrounds.
2. Remember that Federal law prohibits removing the official USDA tag or tattoo from any animal, but any animal can have more than one official USDA tag or tattoo.
3. Female breeding meat goat **MAY** have horns.

#### **MEAT GOATS**

1. No more than four (4) market goats (wether or doe) may be tagged/identified for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
2. All market goats must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by May 1 prior to the fair. Market Goats can be a wether or doe. Care includes a complete set of records.
3. Market goats must be born on or after January 1 of the current year. Market goats must have their milk teeth at the time of the fair. Market goats missing teeth will be disqualified from Market Show and Sale.
4. Market goats must weigh at least 60 pounds at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all qualifications to be eligible for sell.
5. All market goats must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market goats with horns maximum growth must be no more than 2 inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male market goats must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market goats showing testicular signs and/or more than 2 inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
6. Market goats will be identified on the second Wednesday in May, by an ear tag, and hair sample. Market goats will be brought to the fairgrounds to have the ear tag put in their ear, and hair sample taken.

7. Exhibitors may tag in four (4) market goats. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
8. All market goats must be slick sheared to ¼ inch above the knees and hocks.
9. Market goats will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board. Market goats must arrive at the fairgrounds at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
10. Market goats will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
11. If a market goat loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by a member of the Sale Committee. It is important to recover the missing ear tag if possible for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
12. A market goat pair's class will be held for any Junior Fair Market Lamb exhibitor who wishes to participate. A pair of market goats consist of two (2) goats which are shown together and judged as a unit. Once an animal is selected grand or reserve grand champion in the singles market class, it cannot reenter the show ring for the pair's class.
13. All pairs, except the Grand Champion, will not be sold through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, but will be taken home or sold commercially.
14. No artificial hair, switches, tail-heads, polls or heels.
15. Clear or neutral adhesive may be used ONLY on the following areas: below the knee, on the tail-head and/or on the poll
16. Any adhesive used in the areas listed above must be washed out of the animal's hair within 2 hours following the show.
17. No professional groomers allowed. All grooming must be done by the exhibitor. Exhibitor may receive advice or minimal assistance according to the ODA Tampering Rules. Any exhibitor caught allowing a professional groomer, adult or any other person other than his/herself groom the animal will be disqualified and forfeits the right to show and/or sell.
18. All Ohio Department of Agriculture tampering rules apply.

### **DAIRY GOATS**

1. The 4-H/FFA exhibitors must be sure that the animal has an official USDA tag or tattoo. They may get their own tags or tattooing or have their veterinarian do it. (For more information call the Ohio APHIS Dept. at 614-856-4735). All animals must be tattooed/tagged prior to arriving at the fairgrounds.
2. Remember that Federal law prohibits removing the official USDA tag or tattoo from any animal, but any animal can have more than one official USDA tag or tattoo.
3. There is mandatory milk out for all does in milk on Thursday night of the fair starting at 8 p.m. sharp and ending at 8:30p.m. All exhibitors must assist with milk out and any goat not milked at this time will not be allowed to show.

## **POULTRY**

### **GENERAL POULTRY**

**The Poultry Show has been changed to a "ONE DAY SHOW" held on Wednesday of the fair. Begin at 8:00 AM with Market Turkey, followed by Market Chicken, Poultry Showmanship, Poultry Dress Up Contest and Breed show.**

1. As the birds are brought in, they will be checked for disease or illness by the designated check-in attendant. Poultry exhibitors must present a pullorum free certificate to the check-in attendant. If there is a concern about the animal's pullorum certificate, health or well-being, the animal will be put in a designated area until the Fair Veterinarian can examine the animal. **This check-in procedure must occur before an animal can be put in a cage.**
2. Junior Fair participants exhibiting poultry must complete and turn in a drug form at check-in.

### **BREEDING POULTRY**

**New Breed Show The Division "A": Large Fowl and Division "B" Bantams Portion of the show procedure has changed. This is now a male/female show. All males, (cockerels & roosters), in the Large Fowl Division are called to the show table at one time. The show procedure will determine the "Best" male. Then all females, (pullets & hens), in the Large Fowl Division are called to the show table at one time. The show procedure will determine the "Best" female. The best male and best female will compete for Best Division "A" Large Fowl. Division "B": Bantams show is the same as above. The remainder of Show, Division "C": Waterfowl and Division "D": Other Fowl will show the same as last year (males and females shown together). For answers to your questions, message Tom Weekley, Poultry Department Chairman.**

1. All birds must fit into one of the following categories:  
  
Pullets — under 1 year old    Hens — 1 year and older  
Cockerels — under 1 year old        Cocks — 1 year and older
2. Exhibitors can bring up to 12 breeding fowl with 3 fowl being placed in each pen.
3. No bird may be shown in more than one breeding class.
4. Birds must be shown in classes in which they were entered prior to judging. Birds cannot be added to classes once judging begins on the day of the show.
5. Up to five places will be given per class. Class winners will compete for a division winner. If there are fewer than three entries per class, classes may be combined within a division at the judge's discretion.
6. Loose material (hay, straw, etc.) Should not be placed in cages. Exhibitors must clean cages and the area beneath their cage(s) on a daily basis.

### **MARKET CHICKEN**

1. Two (2) pens of market chicken consisting of two (2) birds per pen for a total of four (4) birds may be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair, for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.

2. A meat pen shall consist of the same breed purchased through the Athens County Sale Committee. Market chicken must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor. Care includes a complete set of records.
3. Exhibitor showing market chicken project must turn in a market chicken ID card. Market chicken ID cards must be brought to the fairgrounds and turned in to the Sale Committee at a designated time on the second Wednesday in May. Anyone not turning in a market chicken ID card at the designated time will not be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale.
4. Market chicken ID cards turned in on the second Wednesday in May will be used to order the chicks. Chicks must be paid for at the time ID cards are turned in; payment for chicks is non-refundable. Chicks must be picked up at the fairgrounds at the designated time or exhibitor will not be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale and will forfeit their ownership of the chicks.
5. A \$3.00 per pen registration fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time the market chicken ID cards are turned in.
6. Market chicken exhibitors can register a limit of two (2) pens, comprised of two (2) birds per pen, limit and must be bought in multiples of six (6) birds per pen, with a limit of twelve birds per exhibitor.
7. Market chicken must be checked in at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Leg bands will be placed on the market chickens by the Sale Committee at check-in. Market chickens will be caged as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
8. Only market chickens purchased through the Athens County Sale Committee, 2 chickens for 1 pen or 4 chickens for 2 pens, can be brought to the fairgrounds to be weighed in. (This applies only to the number of market chickens that an exhibitor can bring to the fairgrounds.)
9. All market chickens will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market chicken exhibitors must designate which birds will be grouped to make up a pen **before** being checked-in. Birds cannot be switched around during or after check-in.
10. Birds must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) per bird at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale. Market Chickens weights will be read and recorded in ounces.

#### **MARKET TURKEY**

1. Two (2) entries of market turkeys consisting of one (1) turkey per entry, may be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair, for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
2. Market turkey pen shall consist of one turkey, preferably a tom turkey, of the same breed purchased through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Committee only. Market turkeys must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor. Care includes a complete set of records.
3. Exhibitor showing a market turkey project must turn in a Market Turkey ID card on the second Wednesday in February 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the designed area on the fairgrounds. Anyone not turning in a Market Turkey ID card at the designated time will not be eligible for the market turkey show.
4. Market turkey ID cards turned in on the second Wednesday in February will be used to order the turkeys. Turkeys must be paid for at the time ID cards are turned in; payment for turkey is non-refundable. Turkeys

must be picked up at the fairgrounds at designated time or exhibitor will not be eligible for the market turkey show and will forfeit their ownership of the turkeys.

5. A \$3.00 per entry registration fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time the market turkey ID cards are turned in.
6. An entry shall consist of a single (1) turkey. Exhibitors can register a limit of two (2) entries, two (2) birds. Exhibitors can purchase up to eight (8) turkeys. Exhibitors can bring only 1 market turkey for 1 entry or 2 market turkeys for 2 entries.
7. Market turkey must be checked in at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Leg bands will be placed on turkeys at this time. Market turkeys will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
8. Only market turkeys purchased through the Athens County Sale Committee, 1 turkey for 1 pen or 2 turkeys for 2 pens, can be brought to the fairgrounds to be weighed in. (This applies only to the number of market turkeys that an exhibitor can bring to the fairgrounds.)
9. All market turkeys will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
10. Market Turkey must weigh a minimum of 15 pounds at time of weigh-in. There is not a maximum weight.
11. This is a tom turkey project. Tom turkeys are much preferred, but hen turkeys may show.



## ***DAIRY***

1. All dairy cattle must originate from dairy breeds, no beef crosses.
2. All dairy cattle over six months of age must be dehorned and healed by fair to be eligible to be brought to the fair.
3. Cows in lactation must arrive by 8 a.m. Thursday of Fair.
4. The judge may, at his or her option, require any cow to be milked in the ring or before awards are made.
5. Only females can be exhibited at the fair except Bull Calves – 1 year and under.
6. All Junior Fair dairy animals must be halter broke to lead. All animals need to be kept clean during exhibition.
7. All Junior Fair Dairy Exhibitors must have at least one dairy heifer or calf in the dairy barn during the week of the fair to be able to show dairy cows on show day.

## **HORSE**

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

### **Eligibility**

1. Registration papers and leases, if necessary, for both county and state are due the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of May each year.
2. A member must register one horse by the 2nd Wednesday of May with the County Extension Office. Only one horse may be entered as a State Fair Project (PAS) and is the county fair project with the exception of dressage. This class has its own state qualifications.
3. If a project dies or is injured during the year, it must be verified by a licensed veterinarian at the member's expenses. Once verification has been presented to the Athens County Fair Board Saddle Horse Committee members, the member will then be eligible to show with a substitute project animal. Substitution will be allowed only up until the starting date of the fair. It is the member's responsibility to contact a licensed veterinarian and to see that the Athens County Fair Board Saddle Horse Committee members receive and approve the information prior to the starting date of the fair. Members are reminded that lease papers must be filed if they are needed. All other rules including those concerning professional training are still to be followed in the selection of a substitute project. Anyone who replaces their project horse after registration will not be allowed to compete for State Fair.

### **Participation**

1. All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H/Junior Fair equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. The Ohio 4-H/Junior Fair Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities. The Ohio 4-H/Junior Fair Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.
2. All exhibitors must care for their horses each day by 8:00 a.m. while at the fair (Fed, watered and stall cleaned). The fair board will enforce proper care and curfews.
3. Horse must be exercised a minimum of once daily.
4. No riding in the barn.
5. No racing around the barn.
6. No water battles in or around the barn.
7. No horses allowed past the race horse barn (front or rear), on or across the race track or past the riding arena. Horses housed in the race horse barn must enter and exit the rear of the barn.
8. No one will be allowed to stay all night in the barn.

9. Horses shall arrive and depart at the times designated by the Fair Board.
10. Each club will be responsible for keeping their area clean.
11. Absolutely no foul language in the barn or ring area at any time.
12. No smoking within 20 feet of the barn area.
14. No horses permitted in the ring after 10:00 p.m. No horses allowed outside the barn after 11:00 p.m. Lights out at 11:00 p.m.
15. Riding schedule and arena duty will be posted.
16. Anyone handling a horse at the fair must wear shoes — NO SANDALS OR OPEN TOED SHOES. Boots or shoes with heels must be worn at all times when showing horses. This includes Fun Day.
17. Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the animal, including by way of example but not limited to artificial manes, artificial tails, false hair, heels, ropes, graphite, or hemp is not allowed. Clear washable grooming products are permitted for use above the knees and hocks. Washable color enhancers are permitted for use below the knees and hocks. Hoof black is not permitted as it is permanent. No spray bottles are to be used in the barn. ***Riders who have horses that kick are expected to have red tail ribbons so that other riders can allow that equine plenty of extra room, preventing the possibility of injury to horse or human.***
18. Multiple siblings riding one 4-H equine. Siblings who are both 4-H/FFA members may ride the same equine as long as each member has signed a Waiver of Liability and they are not competing in the same class. All additional Waivers of Liability must be attached to the one Horse Registration form and turned in when due. A shared horse may only ride a maximum of 6 contest or jumping classes.
19. If in a tie stall, neck rope, halter rope and butt rope or approved barrier must be in use whenever the horse is in the stall. This means from the day you move in until the day you leave the fair! (Neck rope consists of 1/2 inch rope 12-14 feet long with a ring and snap.)

## CLASSES

1. Exhibitors have the option to choose to show in Novice Class or the class according to their age.

**Novice:** *Any age rider in their first 2 years exhibiting an equine at the Athens County Fair. Novice riders are not eligible for championship classes or PAS shows.*

**Junior:** For ages 8-13. This class is eligible for participation in Championships and PAS Shows.

**Senior:** For ages 14-18. This class is eligible for participation in Championships and PAS Shows.

2. Horse show exhibitors may only compete in one Showmanship class according to their primary riding style. If you miss your showmanship class, you MUST show in another showmanship class, but will not be placed. You cannot use the Showmanship class during the Versatility competition as your Showmanship class. If you don't participate in showmanship during the fair, you WILL forfeit all awards and may not be able to show the rest of the week. All first year 4-H/Junior Fair members can show in 1st year showmanship regardless of what riding class they compete in. This is the only event that does not require helmets other than Horseless Horse.

3. If a youth participates in any PAS designated class, they must show as a junior or senior at the Athens County Fair.

4. The Saddle Horse Committee and the 4-H Horse Council will work cooperatively to reflect the best interest of the Senior Fair Board and the Horse participants. Classes can be recommended by the Athens County 4-H Horse Council or 4-

H members to the Saddle Horse Committee and then will be reviewed/approved by the Senior Fair Board.

5. Championship classes will consist of the top two scorers from each class eligible to return for the championship class. (Novice class participants are not eligible.)

6. Junior Fair members must ride their own 4-H project horse. No doubling unless class requires two exhibitors. (Member must control own project.)

7. If a member is riding a horse, the horse must wear a bridle.

8. All stalls must be kept clean and all bedding removed before leaving the fairgrounds.

9. Exhibitors/advisors/family with questions or complaints must go to the show steward and follow the procedures as set forth in the "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows in Ohio" and not to the judge.

10. Horseless Horse Project. 4-H members taking the Horseless Horse project may opt to compete at the county fair in a special class. Participants will be judged on basic grooming of the horse, parts of the horse, colors and markings, and grooming tool identity. Knowledge will come from the Horseless Horse Project Book. There will be no pattern work or independent control of the horse. Horseless Horse participants cannot participate in any riding classes.

11. If a rider chooses to ride in the Ranch Pleasure class, he/she cannot ride in a Western, Hunter Under Saddle or Gaited Pleasure. Walk/Trot participants are not eligible for the Ranch Pleasure class.

**12. A rider will have 2 minutes to get into the arena after being called. After 2 minutes, the rider will be disqualified.**

**13. Judges rulings are final. Judges have the right to check bits at any time during a show. If a participant has any questions regarding proper tack or bits they are encourage to ask at the announcers stand before riding classes start to speak with the judge or someone else that may be able to clarify for them.**

#### **HORSELESS HORSE CLASS**

The Horseless Horse Class covers grooming and general equine knowledge. The horses used in the class are "donated" for use by club members and have been approved in advance by the Horse Council. The member who owns the horse leads it out into the arena and holds the animal while the horseless horse member works with the judge. The judge asks each member to demonstrate how they would groom the horse by showing how each tool is used and in what order. Judges also ask questions about topics covered in the book. Participants in this class MUST participate in Still Project Judging to be eligible for this class at the fair.

#### **PARADE RULES FOR HORSES**

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

#### **EQUINE PROJECT CONTESTS**

The Equine Poster Contest participants must have their posters in place by 5:00 p.m. Monday of the fair. Posters will be judged at a time determined by the 4-H Horse Council. Winners will be announced during the pre-sale announcements. Participants in the Horse Shoe Decorating Contest (all ages welcome, but you must provide your own horseshoe) must turn in their entry to the Horse Council at the announcer's booth by Monday at 5:00pm of the fair.