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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Lyd's Landing

Fayette County

June 8, 2026

Office Closure

Extension office will be closed June 19th.

Skillathon

IMPORTANT NOTE: All Fayette County youth exhibiting a livestock/animal project are required to complete a skillathon. If youth have tested out, they are still required to have their book checked at some point between June 1st and July 1st.

Study guide/resource sheet and additional resources and study tools can be found : https://fayette.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-families/skillathons

Skillathon Topics

Beef, Dairy Market, Goat, Poultry, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, Dairy Breeding, Horse	• Feeds • Parts (Poultry should focus on Turkey Parts) • Medication Labels
Dog	• Confirmation (bites, ears, tails) • Parts, • Equipment ID/Uses

2026 Skillathon Dates

June 24, 2026	June 25, 2026	June 29, 2026	June 30, 2026	July 1, 2026
		Multi-Species Skillathon 9am-3pm (by appointment)	Multi-Species Skillathon 9am-3pm (by appointment)	Multi-Species Skillathon 9am-3pm (by appointment)
Skillathon - Goat/Cattle 5-7pm @ Extension Office	Skillathon - Hog/Sheep/Dog 5-7pm @ Extension Office	Skillathon - Horse/Poultry 5-7pm @ Extension Office	Skillathon - Rabbit (A-H) 5-7pm @ Extension Office	Skillathon - Rabbit (I-Z) 5-7pm @ Extension Office

Book Checks

Opens June 1. Youth must be present with their completed project book when being checked. **This is for youth who have tested out of skillathons**. They must be completed by July 1st at 7:00 pm. Prior to skillathons, book checks are done in the Extension office

FairEntry (Pen Assignments)

Late entries ($25 fee) June 10th

Contact the Mahan Building to pay late fee. 740-335-5856

Rabbit Tattooing
June 12th from 5:00-8:00 pm
Required for all Market Rabbits.
Only Breeding that do not have a tattoo.

Times are set by last name to help with traffic flow for the evening. Members are not required to be present, but their animals must be identified to be eligible to exhibit at the fair
D-L – 5:00 pm
M-Z – 6:00 pm
A-C – 7:00 pm

OHIO STATE FAIR
JULY 29 - AUGUST 9, 2026

Ohio State Fair

The deadline to enter livestock exhibitions is **1 p.m. on June 21, 2026,** with the exception of the Junior Horse Show, which closes at 1 p.m. on July 1, 2026. Schedules, ownership dates, entry portal, and species-specific information can be found at the link below. https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-competitions

OHIO STATE FAIR 2026 UPDATES

Dates July 29- August 9
New Schedule = New Ownership Dates
https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-competitions

Are you interested in learning how to exhibit or the requirements to show an animal project at the Ohio State Fair? Visit their website for details and rules.
https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-schedule

Ohio State Fair – Non-Livestock Projects
For all our non livestock project exhibitors, peek at the 2024 Project Guidebook and information on your projects for the upcoming year and what expectations are set as you begin your 2025 4-H year.
*Must qualify/be selected at the county level to participate at state.
https://ohio4h.org/ohiostatefair

****Publications Price Adjustment****

In the 2026 Ohio 4-H Project Guide, the standard project book price is $12. Bulletins and 4-H resource handbooks vary in price based on page count. This move to a tier-pricing structure is intended to create pricing consistency over formats, regardless of distribution numbers. Extension Publishing is committed to changing prices only once a year, in the fall, across all program areas. This pricing schedule is intended to remain in place for the upcoming three to five years. Learning Lab Kits are not affected by this increase.

Purchasing publications through the club via the Extension office will still be the best price for members. It allows for in-state price, tax exempt and no shipping cost to members. (This is not an Ohio 4-H decision).

Ohio Department of Agriculture
Animal Health

Fairs and Exhibitions FAQ and Hot Topics Edition

ODA's new Livestock Exhibition rules that were put in place May 2024, the Division of Animal Health has put together a special Fairs and Exhibitions Edition Newsletter. It covers a lot of great topics and has Non-Livestock our references, rules and regulations, and FAQ documents in one place. The newsletter includes 5 of the major FAQ questions, RFID tags and wand reader information, Ringworm disease information, and who to contact if you have questions or want ODA to speak at an event (4H groups, extension agents, fair board, etc.). **ODA NEWSLETTER**

Pre-fair Judging Registration

(Information was emailed 5/15 and mailed 5/227)

To sign-up for a judging time slot this year youth MUST contact the Extension office at 740-335-1150, **by June 17th.**

If you do not call and sign up by the deadline June 17, we will take that as a project drop/incomplete and you are not eligible to receive a wrist band for the fair.

Please refer to the project judging guidelines stapled into the front of your project books as you prepare for judging. Additional Information and the letter that was mailed out with details can be found on our website:
https://fayette.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-judging-officer-judging-communications-contest

Officer Judging Registration
To sign up for a officer judging time slot you need to contact the Extension office 740-335-1150.
https://fayette.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-judging-officer-judging-communications-contest

Fair Booths
Theme is “Dancing with the Species”

Advisor will contact youth about 4-H Booth decorating/set-up in the Youth Building
Dates: Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

All booths will be judged for development around theme, ability to attract attention, neatness, originality, members involved in set-up, display of projects and names of the advisors and club members (can be first name only).

Booths may be dismantled, items removed between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 25. Exhibits may not be removed earlier. Any items left in booth after 2:00 pm will become the property of the Fayette County Agricultural Society. Miscellaneous projects should be picked up before noon. No supervision will be available.

Projects are displayed at own risk of damage or destruction. To sign up for a fair booth call the Fayette County Extension office (740-335-1150) before deadline June 27 and sign up for whole or half booth. Whole booth 12’wide 10’deep 8’high

4-H Awards Round Up
July 6th, 2026 @6:30 pm in the Mahan Building at the Fairgrounds
FCS
- Nutrition – Best Awards & State Fair Participation
- Special Interest - Best Awards & State Fair Participation
- Clothing - Best Awards & State Fair Participation

Miscellaneous - Best Awards & State Fair Participation (Tractor Rodeo)
Communication Awards
Camp Counselor Recognition – Tribal 2000
Honor Clubs – Green, Silver, & Gold Honor Club Certificates
Outstanding 4-H’er
Best of the Best Club Officers
Senior and Cloverbud Recognition (Professional Home Economist Scholarship)

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awards such as a “best project” award or state fair participant. These will be given out at the Awards Roundup. If you are unable to attend, we will keep their award at the Extension Office. Questions? Feel free to call us at 740-335-1150

Skillathon Study Corner

Parts. Can you identify the parts of your animal? You can get full posters via google, your project book or a resource handbook.

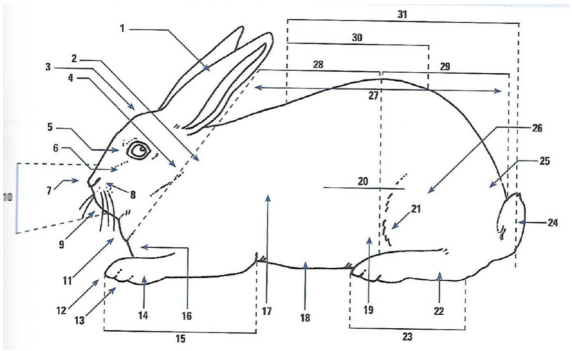
Our website has dates and additional resources.

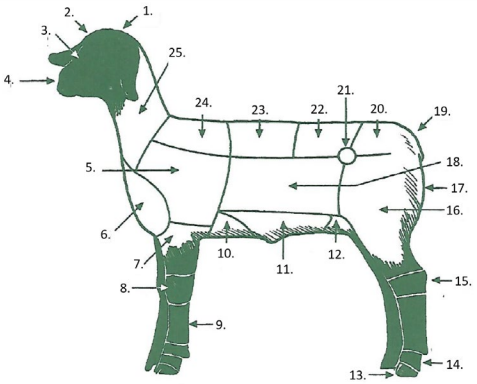
Poultry: https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources or APA

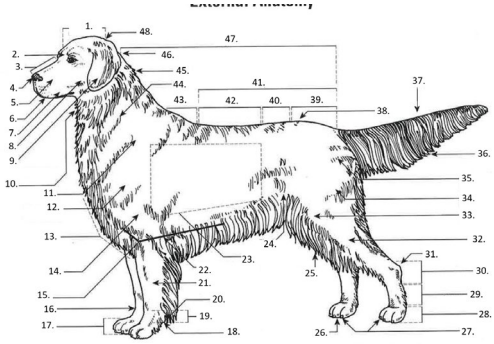
Ohio State Fair Skillathon Resources

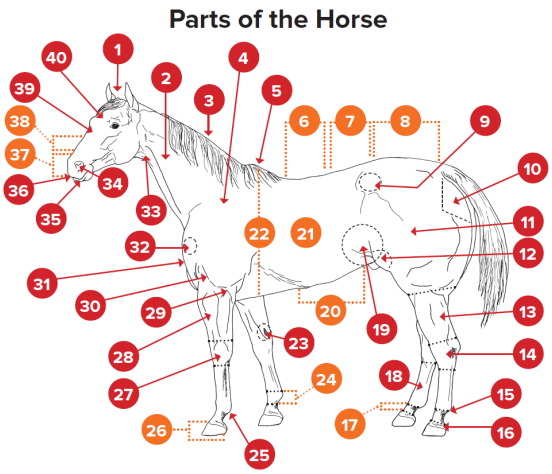
This link allows you to practice with actual pictures and posters for most species.

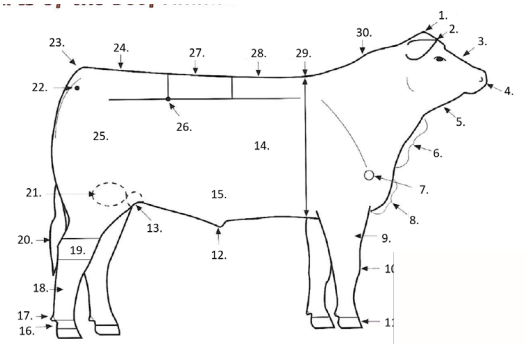
http://www.geauga4h.org/skillathon.htm

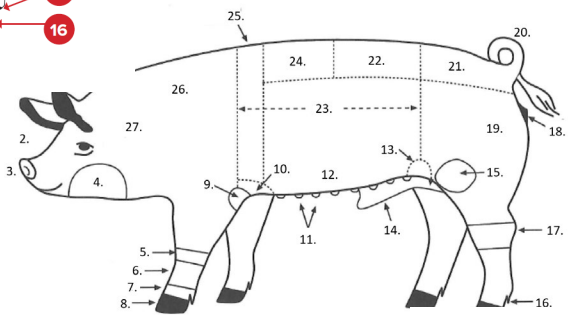


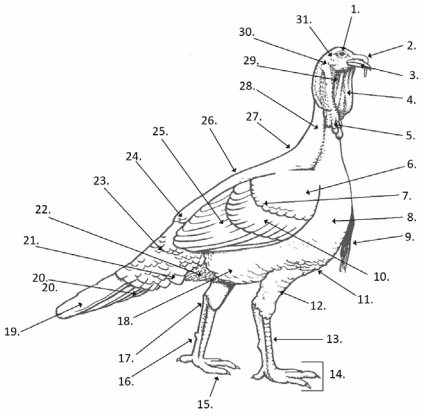


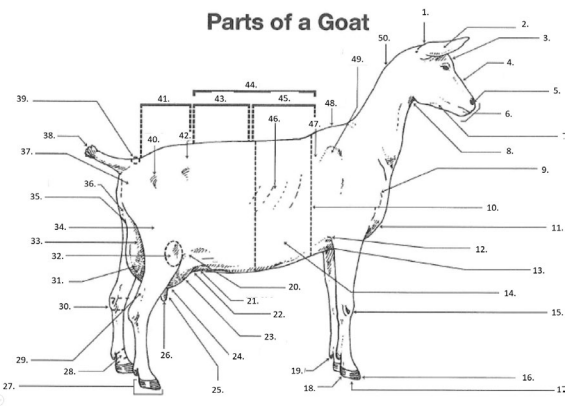


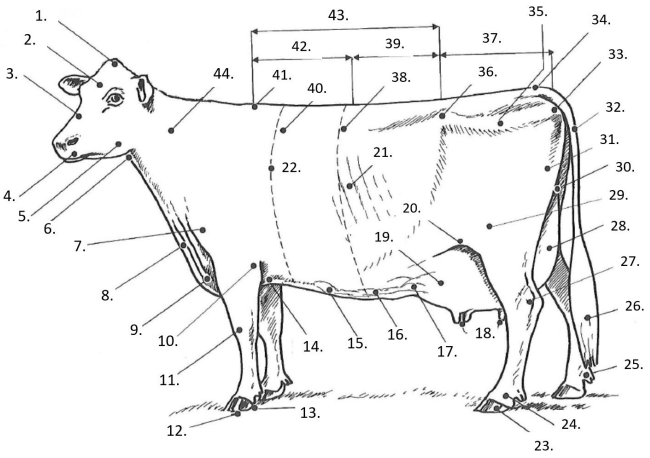












Fayette County 4-H Fundraiser

The Fayette County 4-H Committee are selling these awesome 4-H Signs, $40! Proceeds from this fundraiser will be put back into the program to assist youth through scholarships (senior and camping), youth who cannot afford membership dues or project books, in addition to updating the 4-H Chuckwagon that all clubs work at during the Fayette County Fair.

By purchasing one of these amazing metal 4-H signs you will be supporting a local business and the 4-H program! The signs are 13”x 14” and weigh 2lbs 8oz. They are heavy-duty, durable, and can be displayed anywhere. Whether you are a 4-H alumni of the county or a current member this sign would make a fantastic gift or keepsake to honor your time as a member or even as one of our amazing volunteers.

If your interested in purchasing your very own, please contact the Extension office 740-335-1150 or stop in and place your order today! We do ask that you pay at the time of ordering.

Follow US on Social Media

https://www.facebook.com/FayetteCounty4HOHIO

Additional Resources

Fayette County Extension Website

Enrollment Information

4-H Project Guide

Quality Assurance – must be completed 45 days prior to exhibition

Volunteers

Important Dates

Open Skillathon Practice – 6/9/2026
Late ($25) Fair Entry Due – 6/10/2026
Make Up Skillathon/Judging Sign Up 6/11/2026
Rabbit Tattooing – 6/12/2026
FCS/Misc. Make Up Judging by Appointment – 6/15/2026
Make Up Skillathon by Appointment – 6/17/2026
Pre-Fair Judging 6/22-23/2026
Goat/Cattle Skillathon – 6/24/2026
Queens Tea – 6/25/2026
Hog/Sheep/Dog Skillathon – 6/25/2026

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