

2026 Fayette County Fair Junior Fair Livestock / Animal Requirement Summary

(Last Revision 11.12.2025, **If differs from Fair Book, Fair Book is the Rule Book**)

	Exhibit Limit	Possession	Pre-Fair Weigh-In/Tagging	Fayette County Quality Assurance (Must attend one session) June 3 rd Deadline	Entry Deadline	Animal Requirements	Health Requirements
Market Steer & Market Heifer	Maximum of 5 animals tagged in and 2 exhibited for Beef Division (Dept.9B)	December 6 th	Must be weighed and tagged on Saturday, December 6, 2025 (9 – 10:30 a.m. Beef Barn, Fairgrounds)	March 17 / March 18 / April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	All animals must be dehorned, and bulls castrated before December weigh-in. Must be 1000 lbs. to sell	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms will be completed online prior to weigh-ins.
Market Dairy Steer	Maximum of 5 animals tagged in and 2 exhibited for Beef Division (Dept.9B)	December 6 th	Must be weighed and tagged on Saturday, December 6, 2025 (9 – 10:30 a.m. Beef Barn, Fairgrounds)	March 17 / March 18 / April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	**Calves need to be 100% dairy. Milking Shorthorn, Ayrshire, Jersey or Guernsey is not permitted as a dairy market steer. **	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms will be completed online prior to weigh-ins.
Beef Feeder Calf	Maximum of 4 animals tagged in and 2 exhibited for Beef Division (Dept. 12)	May 2 nd	Must be tagged on Saturday, May 2 nd (9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Beef Barn, Fairgrounds)	March 17 / March 18 / April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	Calves must weigh 300 - 750 lbs. to sell. (steers and heifers only)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms will be completed online prior to weigh-ins
Breeding Beef	No limit as to the number of beef entries Beef Division (Dept. 9A)	May 15 th	Breeding Beef project animals must have RFID tags if from out of state.	No Quality Assurance Program required for this species in 2026.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	All breeds, except crossbreds, must be registered to show. Registration papers should be possession for review at fair if requested. (Not a sale animal)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
Dairy Feeder Calf	Maximum of 4 animals tagged in and 2 exhibited for Beef Division (Dept. 12)	May 2 nd	Must be tagged on Saturday, May 2 nd (9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Beef Barn, Fairgrounds) **Must be dehorned / castrated prior to May 10 in order to be tagged**	March 17 / March 18 / April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class))	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	Calf must be dehorned, and castrated PRIOR to tag-in. Calves must weigh 300 - 750 lbs. to sell through junior fair sale. **Calves need to be 100% dairy. Milking Shorthorn, Ayrshire, Jersey or Guernsey is not permitted as a dairy feeder. **	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms will be completed online prior to weigh-ins
Breeding Dairy Cattle	No limit as to the number of dairy entries	May 15 th	N/A	Lactating Cows: March 17 / March 18 / April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	No horns permitted (Not a sale animal)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms will be completed online prior to check-in for lactating cows.
Market Hogs	First year exhibitors may mark 3 and exhibit 2. Members 2 nd year & up may mark 5 and exhibit 3 for Swine Division (Department 18B)	May 15 th	Market Hog ID/Notch Card materials must be submitted to the Mahan Building by no later than May 15 th @ 4:00 p.m.	March 17 / March 18 / April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	Min. of 220 -290 lbs. to sell. Gilts and barrows allowed. Purebred barrows require registration paper for review at check-in. Clipping discouraged – hair must meet ODA Rev. Code.	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms will be completed online prior to weigh-ins
Breeding Swine	Exhibitors may show up to 2 entries per class for Swine Division (Department 18A)	May 15 th	Breeding Hog ID/Notch Card materials must be submitted to the Mahan Building by no later than May 15 th @ 4:00 p.m.	No Quality Assurance Program required for this species in 2026.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	Purebred gilts require registration paper for review at check-in. Crossbred gilts will be shown by weight. (Not a sale animal).	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
Breeding Sheep	No limit as to the number of sheep entries (Department 17C)	May 15 th	N/A Scrapie tags are required for identification.	No Quality Assurance Program required for this species in 2026.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	May show ewes or rams. Registration papers should be possession for review at fair if requested. (Not a sale animal)	<u>Must have USDA approved Scrapie tag.</u> No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.

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Market Lambs	Maximum of 5 animals tagged in and 3 exhibited (Pen of two is selected from exhibited animals.) NOTE: Can't be shown in Breeding Sheep show during Fayette Co Fair. (Department 17A)	May 2 nd	Tagging on May 2 (9 a.m. – 11 p.m.) Sheep/Goat Barn, Fairgrounds Scrapie tags are required for identification.	March 17 / March 18 / April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	No rams allowed. Lambs must be dehorned, and castrated PRIOR to tag-in. MUST be slick with no more than 1/4" of wool above the knees. All lambs must weigh min. of 90 lbs.	Must have USDA approved Scrapie tag. No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms will be completed online prior to weigh-ins.
Market Boer Goats	Maximum of 3 animals tagged in and 2 exhibited	May 2 nd	Tagging on May 2 (9 a.m. – 11 p.m.) Sheep/Goat Barn, Fairgrounds Scrapie tags are required for identification.	March 17 / March 18 / April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	No Bucks permitted on grounds. Minimum of 55 lbs. to sell. There is no horn length limit for market goats, however, tips must be blunted.	Must have USDA approved Scrapie tag. No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms will be completed online prior to weigh-ins.
Market Dairy Goats	NOTE: Can't be shown in Breeding Goat show during Fayette Co Fair. (Department 13B)						
Breeding Goats	No limit as to the number of goat entries (Department 13A)	May 15 th	N/A Scrapie tags are required for identification.	Lactating Does: March 17 / March 18 April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm.	No bucks permitted. Registration papers should be possession for review at fair if requested for purebred animals. (Not a sale animal)	Must have USDA approved Scrapie identification in all goats (ear tag / microchip / tattoo / registration papers). No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
Market Rabbits	Maximum of 4 animals tattooed and one (pen of two) exhibited. (Department 16A)	June 12 th	Registration/Tattooing June 12 (5:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.) Small Animal Barn, Fairgrounds	March 17 / March 18 / April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	Must weigh 4-6 pounds to sell. Must be 95 days of age or less by fair (Breed date 3/15/26)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms will be completed online prior to weigh-ins
Breeding Rabbits	1 st Yr: 1-3 rabbits 2 nd Yr: up to 5 rabbits 3 rd Yr: up to 7 rabbits 4 th Yr: up to 9 rabbits (Department 16B)	May 15 th	If animals need: Tattooing June 12 (5:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.) Small Animal Barn, Fairgrounds	No Quality Assurance Program required for this species in 2026.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	Will follow ARBA Standard Show Rules and will show by age and breed within Class 4 or Class 6. (Not a sale animal)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
Meat Poultry (Broilers)	Market Chickens (Broilers) may show one (pen of three). (Department 15)	Must be hatched on or after 6/3/26 from an NPIP certified hatchery	All Meat Poultry - Leg Banding July 19 (8 a.m. -11 a.m.) Small Animal Barn, Fairgrounds Bring NPIP Paperwork	March 17 / March 18 April 6/ April 7 All programs held 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ the Mahan Building. FFA Members (including 8 th grade program can get credit through class)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	Meat chicken (all cockerels) pen of three birds must weigh between 5 and 7 lbs. to sell. Meat turkey (all toms) must weigh between 30-50 lbs. to sell.	Be prepared to show NPIP health papers. D.U.N.F. forms will be completed online prior to weigh-ins
Meat Poultry (Turkeys)	Meat turkeys may show 2 individual birds. (Department 15)	Must be hatched on or after 03/4/26 from an NPIP certified hatchery					
Breeding Poultry	1 st Yr: 1-4 birds 2 nd Yr: up to 6 birds 3 rd Yr: up to 8 birds (Department 15B)	May 15 th	N/A	No Quality Assurance Program required for this species in 2026.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due June 21 by 1pm	Follow the American Poultry's Associations Standard of Perfection (Not a sale animal)	Be prepared to show NPIP health papers. All birds over one year of age or do not come from NPIP source will need to be Pullorum tested by a veterinarian. (at cost of exhibitor)
Dogs	No limit as to the number of dog entries (Department 11)	April 1 st Must be owned by exhibitor or immediate family	N/A Members must be in an approved dog club.	No Quality Assurance Program required for this species in 2026.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Verify Ohio State Fair Entries https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/dog	(Not a sale animal) Need certificate of license & dog license tag. Dog must be older than 6 mos. at time of show. Dogs in heat/bred/whelping may not be shown.	Certificate of Vaccination form required. Vaccines must be administered by a veterinarian. (available through Fayette County 4-H Dog Club)
Equine (Horse & Pony)	Maximum of 5 animals can be ID'd by an exhibitor with 2 staying at the fair. NOTE: All horses & ponies must have a Body Condition Score (BCS) of at least "4" to be exhibited at 4-H events and shows. (Department 14)	May 15 th Horse ID Sheet, Housing/Boarding Form, Horse Lease Agreement are Due to the Mahan Building.	N/A Members must be in an approved horse club. Must attend 2 outdoor practices with their project horse(s). Clubs have the right to require more.	All Equine members must complete EquiSTEP training program by June 3 rd . (go.osu.edu/EquiStep2026)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 5. Late Entry Deadline (\$25 fee) June 10. Ohio State Fair Entries Due July 1 (Requires PAS Qualifying Show)	Follows "Uniform Rules for Horse Shows in Ohio" this is available through the Extension Office. (Not a sale animal) 1 st & 2 nd year members, any age, may only show in 1 st and 2 nd year classes on Tuesday. Beginners may choose either walk-trot or 3-gaited classes but not both.	Required Vaccinations and health guidance can be provided by Horse Club Advisors.

For all species divisions which are listed on this form, the youth member must be currently enrolled in the respective appropriate project in either Fayette County 4-H /FFA programs. The project must be carried through the county of which the youth is a 4-H or FFA member in good standing.