

“TO BUILD LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE”

**DARKE COUNTY
JUNIOR FAIR DAY**

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

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THE GREAT DARKE COUNTY FAIR
IS SPONSORING

A Mammoth Junior Fair by 4-H Clubs,
FFA, FCCLA, Boy Scouts,
Girl Scouts, Boys & Girls Club, Gateway Youth,
We Are The Majority
In Conjunction With

THE GREAT DARKE COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Greenville, Ohio

*The Fairboard Paid
\$42,628.60 for this work in 2025*

**In Case Premiums Exceed Appropriation,
Same Will Be Pro-rated**

Address All Inquiries to:

MARLA WERNER

JAYDEN HICKS

RUSS SKAGGS

JUNIOR FAIR DIVISION - DAILY SCHEDULE*
Junior Fairboard Office Hours: 9-6 daily, 12-6 Sunday
Youth Building open daily 9-9, 12-9 Sunday
 (*Schedule Subject to Change)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

- 8:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Dairy Market Weigh-in. Junior Fair & Open Class/Barn Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. - Mandatory Swine Barn Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. - Booth judging (Youth Building will be closed during judging)
- 9:00 a.m. - FFA Shop & Crop Judging (Youth Building will be closed during judging)
- 9:00 a.m. - Weigh Junior Fair Market Swine, then open class
- 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Market Lamb Fitting Contest
- 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Horse Show, Contesting Classes - South Ring
- 11:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Beef Exhibitors Meeting - Weigh-in to follow
- 12:00 Noon - 8:00 p.m. - Weigh Junior Fair Rabbit Meat Pens
- 1:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Goat Exhibitor Mandatory Meeting, weigh-in immediately following - Goat Barn
- 1:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Dairy Judging Contest - Cattle Arena
- 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Rabbit Royalty Written Test Given
- 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Rabbit Weigh-in and Check-in
- 2:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Sheep Exhibitor Meeting followed by weigh-in & check-in
- 2:30 p.m. - Junior Fair Dairy Clinic Workshop - Cattle Arena
- 4:30 p.m. - General Livestock Judging Contest - Cattle Arena
- 5:00 p.m. - Poultry Announcement of Royalty - King, Queen, Prince and Princess, Poultry Photography Contest and Educational Poultry Poster Contest - Poultry Barn
- 6:00 p.m. - Revue - State Fair Delegates - Youth Building
- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Dogs on Stand - Dog Area
- 6:30 p.m. - Junior Fair Canine Royalty Contest - Dog Area
- 8:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Mandatory Dog Barn Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

- 8:00 a.m. - Rabbit Barn Mandatory Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. - Open Dairy Market Show, (30 minute break), Jr. Fair Dairy Market Showmanship - Cattle Arena
- 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Guinea Pig Show (Carry In)
- 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Horse and Pony Show, South Ring - Western, Draft, Mule & Donkey & Ranch
- 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Registered Purebred Only Sheep Show - Sheep Barn
- 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Poultry Show Commercial (meat and production) - Poultry Barn
- 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Rabbit Show - Rabbit Barn
- 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Swine Showmanship - Swine Arena
- 9:30 a.m. - Junior Fair Bake-A-Rama, Intermediates - Youth Building
- 12:30 p.m. - Junior Fair Obedience Show and Rally Show - Dog House
- 12:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Dogs on Stand - Dog House
- 1:00 p.m. - Dairy Goat Showmanship, Dairy Market Wethers, Dairy Goat Breeding - Goat Barn
- 2:00 p.m. - Food & Nutrition Revue - Youth Building
- 2:30 p.m. - Healthy & Home Living Revue - Youth Building
- 3:00 p.m. - S.T.E.M. Revue - Youth Building
- 5:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Market Lamb Show - Sheep Arena
- 6:30 p.m. - Junior Fair Goat King & Queen Contest - Goat Barn

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- 12:00 Noon - Junior Fair Poultry Show Fancy (non-production and non-meat classes) - Poultry Barn
- 12:00 Noon - Junior Fair Market Swine Show - Swine Arena
- 12:00 Noon - Junior Fair Dog Showmanship - Dog Barn
- 12:30 p.m. - Junior Fair Rabbit Showmanship - Rabbit Barn
- 12:30 p.m. - Boer & Pygmy Showmanship, Boer Market, Pygmy Market, Boer Breeding Classes, Pygmy Breeding Classes

- 12:30 p.m. - Freestyle Innovation Show - Showmanship and Awards to follow.
 12:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Dogs on Stand - Dog House
 1:30 p.m. - Clothing & Textile Science Revue - Youth Building
 2:30 p.m. - Creative & Leisure Art Revue - Youth Building
 3:00 p.m. - Natural Resources Revue
 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Junior Fairboard Elections - Youth Building/Junior Fair Office
 4:00 p.m. - Cloverbud Revue - Youth Building

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

- 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Sheep Showmanship - Sheep Arena, 30 minutes after Showmanship
 Junior Fair Homegrown Market Lamb Show - Sheep Arena
 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Horse Show, Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat, Hunter Hack & Versatility -
 South Arena
 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Dairy Breeding Show - (Heifers to start, Cows begin 2 hours later) 30
 Minute Break - Junior Fair Dairy Breeders Showmanship - Cattle Arena
 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Poultry Showmanship - Poultry Barn
 10:00 a.m. - Dairy & Boer Goat Fitting Contest - Goat Barn
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Junior Fairboard Elections - Youth Building/Junior Fair Office
 11:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Rabbit Judging
 6:30 p.m. - Junior Fair Market Beef Show - Cattle Arena

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

- 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Bake-A-Rama, Juniors - Youth Building
 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Goat Born and Raised Show Goat Arena
 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Horse Show, Performance & Driving - South Arena
 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Born and Bred Market Lamb Show followed by Commercial
 Breeding Show - Sheep Barn
 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Beef Breeding - Junior Fair Homegrown Beef Breeding Showmanship
 to follow 30 minutes after breeding - Cattle Arena
 12:00 Noon - Rabbit Safari - Rabbit Barn
 2:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Dairy Market Show - Cattle Arena
 3:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Hearts of Darke - Sheep Barn
 6:00 p.m. - Swine Awards - Swine Barn
 6:00 p.m. - Rabbit Barn Party & Awards - Rabbit Barn
 6:30 p.m. - Goat Awards - Goat Arena
 7:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Dairy Pizza Party/Awards
 7:30 p.m. - Sheep Awards - Sheep Barn

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 8:30 a.m. - Showman of Showmen - Swine, Sheep, Goat - Boar Goat - Market, Dog and Horse
 8:30 a.m. - Junior Fair Bake-A-Rama, Seniors - Youth Building
 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Beef Feeder Calf Show - Cattle Arena
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Dog Fun Show
 10:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Beef Homegrown Steer & Market Heifer Show - Cattle Arena
 10:30 a.m. - Junior Fair Bake-A-Rama, Advisors - Youth Building
 11:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Horse Team Tournament
 12:00 Noon - Beef Grooming Contest
 1:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Generation Gap
 2:00 p.m. - Revue - Miscellaneous & Make-up
 3:00 p.m. - Poultry Awards - Poultry Barn
 5:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Horse Fun Show - South Arena

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

- 8:30 a.m. - Showman of Showmen (Beef, Dairy - Breeding, Dairy - Market, Rabbits, Poultry)
 12:00 Noon - FFA Shop & Crop Released - Youth Building
 4:30 p.m. - Celebration of Achievements - Cattle Arena

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

- 9:00 a.m. - 4-H Cat Show - Youth Building

DARKE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

The Darke County Junior Fair program is planned and conducted by members of the Junior Fairboard, 4-H, and FFA Advisors.

The purpose of the Junior Fairboard is to promote and encourage agriculture, industry, education, science, art and other interests of the youth of Darke County; to increase the interest among youth groups for actively exhibiting at fair time; to give them a voice in program policy toward improving the quality of the Darke County Fair; and to have youth working with adult volunteers in planning and conducting events.

Members of the Darke County Junior Fairboard represent various livestock and other project interest groups of 4-H and FFA members, as well as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Gateway Youth, Boys & Girls Club, We are the Majority, Farm Bureau Youth and FCCLA. All youth organizations are invited to participate.

Special events planned and conducted by the Junior Fairboard are: Junior Fair Youth Activities, King and Queen Contest, Showman of Showmen Contest, and Junior Fairboard Elections.

In addition, Junior Fairboard members assist in conducting all Junior Fair livestock shows and Youth Building Junior Fair events.

2025 DARKE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIRBOARD



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RABBITS

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SHEEP

Isabella Bunting
Ian Bergman

SWINE

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Sydney Baker
Mackenzie Subler

YOUTH BUILDING

Brooklyn Miller (4-H)
Waylon Keller (4-H)
Danicka Michael (FFA)

2025 JUNIOR FAIR KING AND QUEEN AND COURT



*Seated: Grace Borchers, Queen, Waylon Keller, King
Standing (L-R): Julia Raffel, 3rd Runner-up Queen, Angela Graf, 2nd Runner-up Queen
Bryce Watson, 1st Runner-up King; Danicka Michael, 1st Runner-up Queen*

JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES

1. All Junior Fair exhibitors will be governed by the following age restrictions: Any boy or girl age 8 and in the third grade as of January 1, of the current year and not 19 as of January 1, of the current year and who is a member of a Darke County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter or cooperating Joint Vocational School FFA where member resides in Darke County, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, FCCLA.
2. All decisions pertaining to the Junior Fair will include input from the Junior Fairboard, JFB Advisors, and Senior Fairboard, as needed.
3. All Junior Fair livestock entries must be made by July 20th. If an exhibitor does not make their entry by the deadline, a \$100.00 per exhibitor, per specie will be charged from July 21st until July 24th at 11:59 p.m. After July 24th no entries will be accepted.
4. Scratches are the only changes after July 24th.
5. All Junior Fair exhibits shall be in place at times specified in each Junior Fair Division or no later than Midnight Thursday before the Fair.
6. Like projects are not allowed in 4-H and FFA (example: market lambs in both 4-H and FFA); related projects are allowed (example: market lambs in 4-H and breeding sheep in FFA).
7. All projects must be complete in order to receive a premium. Incomplete projects will not receive premium money.

8. Projects must be exhibited at the Darke County Fair to receive a premium.
9. All premium checks must be cashed within 90 days after date issued.
10. Junior Fair members and their parents will exhibit good sportsmanship and respect.
11. Anyone abusing or not treating with respect, the Awarding Committee, judge, Junior Superintendents or Superintendents of Department during the awarding of premiums or after the awards have been made, will forfeit all premiums from the current fair and may be banned from showing and/or barn at future fairs at the discretion of the Board.
12. **Any Junior Fair exhibitor consuming alcohol or using illegal drugs on the fairgrounds, will forfeit Junior Fair premiums, all awards, and the right to sell in the Junior Fair Livestock Sales; and will not be permitted to stay on the grounds overnight.**

JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitor must have and care for their livestock project(s) by the following possession dates: Market Beef and Dairy Steers – 150 days prior to first day of exhibition; Horses – June 1st; Market Hogs – June 1st; Meat Rabbits – July 15th; Breeding Rabbits – May 15th; Fancy Poultry – April 30th; and Meat Birds – 48 hours after hatching. Breeding Sheep - June 1st; Market Sheep - at tagging. Any animals not listed must be in the exhibitor's possession by April 1st. All Junior Fair market livestock must be in the family name by possession date deadline and can be tagged in the family name per the ODA guidelines. And animal(s) declared by Aug. 1st. All Junior Fair livestock entries are due August 1st, market animal identification is still required when making entries. If the animal's identification entered needs changed, after entries have been made, the exhibitor will have until Wednesday before the fair at 6:00 pm to turn in a written request to the Junior Fair Coordinator to change animal(s) identification number. Changes will not happen after this deadline. This is to help with the check-in and weight-in process.
2. All Junior Fair livestock entries are due July 20th at 11:59 p.m..
3. All market livestock must be owned by the exhibitor by possession date.
4. All health regulations pertaining to open class livestock shall also apply to all Junior Fair entries.
5. All market animals required to have an 840 tag in it's ear must have the tag in by the required date. Animals not meeting this requirement will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. No tags will be put in on the fairgrounds after tagging dates. This is the exhibitor's responsibility. Please see Junior Fair Coordinator for a tag.
6. **Exhibitors are responsible for their livestock from the time the livestock enters the fairgrounds until it leaves the fairgrounds or is loaded on a buyer's truck. All pens/stalls must be cleaned out after animal leaves.**
7. Each exhibitor must enter and care for his/her own exhibits.
8. If an exhibitor fails to feed, water and clean pens/stall while at the fair; the exhibitor will be given a written warning for the first offense. The second offense, the exhibitor will lose premiums and showing/selling rights. The third offense, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show the following year.
9. Every precaution will be taken to prevent loss or injury to livestock.
10. Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors must exhibit their own animals or birds. Exception is made if the youth is physically unable to show their animal or bird due to illness or injury. In this case, another Junior Fair member can show the animal or bird for them (except in showmanship classes) with the approval from the Junior Fairboard.
11. Once a breed has been declared at fair weigh-in, the exhibitor can not change classes.
12. Paying pen or stall fee is necessary only when showing in open class.
13. **Sideline coaching will be enforced as follows: Youth Building — no sideline coaching during any events. Beef — no sideline coaching during grooming and showmanship shows. Dairy — no sideline coaching during grooming and showmanship shows. Dogs — no sideline coaching permitted during any shows. Goats — no sideline coaching during showmanship. Horses — no sideline coaching or training during junior fair shows. Poultry — no sideline coaching during showmanship. Rabbits — no sideline coaching permitted during any shows. Sheep - no sideline coaching during showmanship.**
14. Specific rules concerning use of bedding material is determined by each livestock department. Refer to proper section of the Fairbook or contact the department head.
15. Refer to specific specie sections of Jr. Fair Rules for further information. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know and follow the rules of each department in which they exhibit.

16. Junior Fair members may sell only one lot of livestock through the Junior Fair Livestock Sales. If exhibitor has more than one champion or reserve, they are required to sell those lots. One lot of livestock equals one hog, one lamb, one market beef, one market goat, one dairy steer, one gallon of milk, one pen of chickens or one pen of rabbits. Champion and Reserve Champion animals must sell. Each specie committee is responsible for payment of 4% per lot sold, that goes to the Darke County Junior Fair Sale Committee for advertisement, sale promotion, and sale expenses.
17. Champion and Reserve Champion animals must sell. Champion and Reserve Champion market lamb, beef steer and market hog will be taken to a local ODA or USDA approved meat processing facility that has been pre-determined by the Senior Fairboard.
18. ODA Rules prohibit the showing of tranquilized livestock, including products such as Calf Calm, and diuretics for cosmetic purposes.
19. **All animals must stay in their respective barn area. No animals should be in camper areas.**

LEASE AGREEMENT RULES

1. Market Animals cannot be leased.
2. If any exhibitor and/or their immediate family do not own 100% of the animal, they will need to fill out a lease agreement in order to show the animal in the Jr. Fair show at the Darke County Fair.
3. Immediate family is defined as: parents, siblings and step parents. Siblings must live at the same address as the exhibitor who wishes to show the animal.
4. Lease agreement must be turned in to the Jr. Fair Coordinator by the following dates:
Cats, Beef, Goats, Horses, Poultry, Rabbits and Sheep - June 1st
Dogs - April 1st AND Dairy - April 15th.
5. All information must be filled in completely on the lease agreement and signed. Missing information will result in not being able to show. This also includes pictures, registration papers, tattoo numbers, scrapie tag number and etc., that are needed to identify the animal.
6. Lease agreements will not end until the last day of the Darke County Fair at midnight.
7. Proof of ownership may be asked for at anytime if a lease agreement is not in place for the animal being shown by a Jr. Fair exhibitor, if the ownership is in question. Proper paperwork will need to be present in order to clarify ownership.
8. Lease agreement used for the Darke County Fair, may not be used for the Ohio State Fair.
9. The animal may be shown in the Open Class Show by the owner.

MANDATORY QUALITY ASSURANCE EDUCATION

All Junior Fair members planning to exhibit market beef, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, market dairy steers, lactating dairy cattle, lactating dairy goats, poultry and rabbits must attend one quality assurance session in order to be permitted to show or sell. Quality Assurance education must be completed by June 1st.

All members exhibiting the above animals will also be required to submit a Drug Use Notification Form by midnight Thursday before the fair.

Contact the Extension Office, 937-548-5215, or Darke County Agricultural Society Secretary's Office, 937-548-5044, for additional information regarding QA or DUNF.

MANDATORY SKILLATHON PARTICIPATION

All Junior Fair members planning to exhibit an animal must participate in the skillathon activity in each of the departments in which they exhibit prior to August 1st. Each of these departments will offer a minimum of one skillathon, with beef, dairy, goat, poultry, sheep and swine offering a second opportunity.

Please check each specie department rules for skillathon date, time and location.

If you are unable to participate in the skillathon event for your department(s), then you must submit an essay or complete an online skillathon. Each department will assign an essay topic. All essays can be turned into the secretary's office or emailed to the junior fair email address: jrfair@darkecountyfair.com. Essays are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 1st. Exhibitors who do not participate in the skillathon or submit an essay will be ineligible to show in the Darke County Junior Fair.

Exhibitors who submit essays in place of the skillathon may not be eligible for outstanding exhibitor awards.

DARKE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK SALES

1. All Darke County Junior Fair Livestock exhibitors are permitted to sell only one animal in the Livestock Sales. The animal selling must have received grade A.
2. An Exhibitor may only sell two champions in any one specie, but will be recognized for any additional champions within that specie.

3. Exceptions:
 - A. If an individual exhibits more than one champion listed below, all will sell, but a maximum of two in the same specie.
 - B. Exhibitors may change the animal they are selling only if they have exhibited a required selling animal as listed below.
4. All exhibitors must declare which animal will be sold in the Junior Fair Sale at the time of weigh-in at the fair.
5. All animals required to sell at live auction MUST be led into the sale ring by the Junior Fair exhibitor. Any person other than the exhibitor must be approved by the Junior Fairboard members representing that department.
6. Each lot sold in the Darke County Junior Fair Livestock Sales will be assessed a 3% sale fee to cover the cost of sale expenses.
7. All Junior Fair Exhibitors participating in the sale must pick up checks and cash them by December 31st of that calendar year, if not, then the funds will be forfeited to the Sale Committee on January 1st.

ANIMALS REQUIRED TO SELL

BEEF

Grand Champion Steer
Reserve Grand Champion Steer

DAIRY

Grand Champion Dairy Steer
Reserve Champion Dairy Steer
Supreme Champion
1 Gallon of Milk

SWINE

Grand Champion Market Barrow
Reserve Champion Market Barrow

POULTRY

Champion Meat Entry
Reserve Champion Meat Entry
1 Dozen Eggs by Commercial
Production Champion

GOAT

Grand Champion Market
Reserve Champion Market
Grand Champion Dairy Market
Reserve Champion Dairy Market

RABBITS

Grand Champion Meat Pen of Three
Reserve Champion Meat Pen of Three
Grand Champion Single Rabbit
Reserve Champion Single Rabbit

SHEEP

Grand Champion Market Lamb
Reserve Champion Market Lamb

2025 JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK BUYER LISTINGS

Platinum Buyers

Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln/
Dave Knapp Tire Warehouse
SISCO
Graves-Fearon Agency
Keystone Cooperative
Bruns Animal Clinic

Gold

Spirit EMS
GNB Banking
Centers Family
Health Services
Cy Schwieterman Inc.
Midwest Crop Care
Nutrien AG Solutions-Greenville
Wayne Builders Supply / St. Henry Tile

Nutrien AG Solutions - Ansonia
Cooper Farms
MH EBY INC.
Arcanum VFW Post 4161
Sunrise Cooperative

Silver

Hometown Fuels
Premier Crop Insurance
Park National Bank
SVG Chevrolet
North Star Hardware & Implement
Cardinal Ethanol
Kevin Flory Landscaping and Lawn Care
King's Command Foods
Phelan Insurance Agency
Poepelman Materials and Pepcon Concrete

Homestead Quality Livestock Bedding
 Eikenberry's IGA
 Flaig Lumber
 Mercer Landmark/Heartland Feed Services
 Custom Foam Products, Inc.
 Rowland Truck & Equipment
 Greenville Federal
 RJW Farms, LLC Joshua Terry

Bronze

Fry & Company CPA's
 Fullenkamps Frenchtown Trailers
 Fennig Homan
 Agribusiness
 Ansonia Lumber
 North Star Plumbing
 Grow Excavating, LLC
 RJ Warner Insurance
 Whirlpool Corporation KitchenAid Small
 Troutwine Auto Sales Inc.
 Elite Truck & Auto Repair
 Weaver Bros Inc.
 Farm Credit Mid-America
 Gordon & Desantis Orthodontics
 Hartzell/Kaeding Farms
 First Choice Ag
 Keystone Cooperative Inc - Ft Loramie
 Stuck Seeds LLC
 Jafe Decorating
 Leis Realty Co.
 Versailles Feed Mill Inc.
 Nieport Farms/Becks Hybrids Matt Nieport
 WC Sherry Excavating LLC
 Dr. Maher, Dr. Painting & Dr. Schwartz
 Worch Lumber
 Fitzwater Outdoor Maintenance
 Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.
 The Service Company
 Barga Heating & A/C
 GMT Roofing, Inc.
 Golden Harvest Seeds Jon Bergman
 Apple Farm Service

2025 Livestock Buyers

101 Inc.
 A. L. Smith Trucking, Inc.
 A1 Ag Services, LLC
 Ads
 Affolder Equipment Sales, Inc.
 Ag Bag, Golden Hills Sales
 Ag Scripts 4 U Inc.
 AK Farm
 AKA Construction, Inc.
 Alan Davis Insurance
 Alice Otte
 Alicia Marker
 Allenbaugh Insurance Agency Inc.
 Alvetro Orthodontics
 Amanda Behee
 Amanda Brewer
 Amazing Acres Farms
 Amber Broomhall
 American Press Services LTD
 American Title Resources
 AMVETS Post 66
 Amy Denlinger
 Amy Fisher
 Angela Demoss
 ANJ Farms
 Ann Ditmer
 Ansonia Lumber
 Apple Farm Service
 April Brubaker
 Arcanum Farm Families Apple Dumplings
 Arcanum VFW #4161
 Arnett Farms
 Arrowhead Campground
 Aukermans Auto & Tire Service
 Ault, Henderson & Lewis CPA's
 Aunt Kristen Autumn Urmey
 Bambauer Equipment
 Barbara Kohnen
 Barga Beef Farms LLC
 Barga Heating and A/C
 Barga Show Cattle
 Barry Family Dentistry, LLC

Bath State Bank	Bunch Clothing
Beanz Buttercream Bakery and Eatery	Burke Petroleum Inc.
Becks Hybrids	Burkettsville Garage
Beck's Hybrids	Buschur Dairy Farms
Bell Family Grain Farms	Buschur's Refrigeration, Inc.
Bergman Seed & Service	C & S Expediting
LLC Berlin Besecker Jr.	Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.
Best One Tire & Service of Coldwater	Calvin Electric LLC
Best Way Disposal	Cardinal Ethanol
Beth Cain	Cardinal Ethanol LLC
Beth Davenport	Cargill Carr Supply
Bethany Hunt	746 Greenville Champion Laser
Bikers Warehouse	Charles James
Bill & Roxanne Stocksdales	Cheryl Campbell
Bill Ahrens Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Cheryl Emmons
Billers Stamps and Engraving	Chris & Tammie Fry
BLD Services, LLC.	Chris Bunch
Bohman and Sons	Chrissy Brim
Excavating Bolton Run	Christy Cole
Bolyard Heating & Cooling Inc.	Christy Mortensen
Books By The Bushel LLC.	CIC Painting
Boring, Richard & Associates, LLC	CK Financial Services LLC
Bowmans Concessions	Claire, Jase and Tanner Cheesman
Brad Flora	Clark Show Stock
Brad Wilcox	Coblentz Agency Cody & Jessica
Trucking LLC	Troutwine and Family
Breezy Hill Family Farms	Coe Family
Brethren Retirement Community	Coldwater Animal Clinic
Brett Yingst Auctioneer / Realtor	Commercial Concepts A.I., Inc. Construction and Moore, LLC
Bretz Sales and Service, Inc.	Contractors Supply of Dayton Inc.
Breymier Seed LLC	Cooley Enterprises
Brian Strobel Family	Cooper Farms
Brickhouse Collision & Customs	Coppess Farms Inc.
Brookside Trucking	Corey Hemmerich
Brown Chiropractic, LLC	Cornerstone Veterinary Services, LLC
Bruce Burns Family	Country View Family Farms
Bruce C. Strobel Construction LLC	Countryside Ins. Group Inc.
Bruce Ordway	Cox Insurance
Brunet Dental	Craig Schlechty Farms LLC
Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd.	Creative Carpet
Buckeye Ag Insurance LLC	Cropstar Consulting Inc.
Buckeye Clean Event	Culver's of Troy
Bullen Ultrasonics	

Curtis Yount	Doug Jones Masonry
Custom Foam Products, Inc.	Down Home Farms
Cut and Curl	Dr. Maher, Dr Painting, Dr Schwartz
CY Schwieterman Inc.	Dr. Mike & Linda Fourman
DAC Concrete & Excavating LLC	Dr. Nick Wagner DVM
Daisey Rae's Beauty Salon	Dr. Preston and Jacquelyn Deeter
Dale and Linda Fleck	Drs. Dickman Kettler & Bruner
Dale Langenkamp	Duane and Roxanne McEldowney
Dan and Sara Kaiser	Dustin & Heather Fourman
Daniel Schipfer, Jr. Danis	Dustin Saunders
Darke County Agricultural Society	Dylen and Riley Price
Darke County Farm Bureau	Dynamic Weld Corp.
Darke County Farmers Union	EB Real Estate
Darke County Tile Co.	Edward Jones
Darke County Veterinary Service, LLC	Eikenberry's IGA
Darke Depths Gaming LLC	Elite Truck & Auto Repair
Darrell Leis	Endurance Property Group, LLC
Daryl Begoon	EPPCO Feed and Supply
Dave Esser	Eric Walker
Dave Hanes	Ericka Kramer Family Farms LLC
Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln	Ernst Concrete
Dave Knapp Tire Warehouse	Ernst Custom Concrete LLC
David and Jill Schwartz	Falcon Packaging, LLC
David and Mary Wesler	Family Health Services of Darke County
Dayton Winfastener	Fark Family Land and Cattle
Deanna Hunt	Farm Credit Mid America
Rain and Hail Crop Insurance	Fedcrop Insurance Services, LLC
Debbie Hammontree	Fennig Equipment
Deeter Genetics	Fennig Homan Agribusiness
Denise Brandenburg	First Choice Ag
Denlinger Home Solutions, LLC	Fitzwater Outdoor Maintenance
Dennis Langenkamp	Flaig Lumber
Dennis Light	Fort Recovery & Union City NAPA
Diamond K Ag	Fort Recovery Insurance
Diane Evans	Fraley Funeral Home
Dick Lavy Trucking	Francis Furniture
Dickman Supply, Inc.	Frank Miller Lumber
Diggin-N-Dozin Excavating LLC	Fry & Company CPA's
Dirmeyer Farms LLC	Full Life Chiropractic
Divinity Spa & Salon LLC	Fullenkamps Frenchtown Trailer Sales
Donald Hathaway	G&G Floor Fashions Inc.
Donald's View Farm	Garbig, Schmidt & Pohlman LLC
Doss Business Systems	Garmann Miller

Gary Heitkamp	Henny Penny Corporation
Gary Phlipot	HER Corporate
George Buchy	Herbert Nieport
Gerber Seed Services LLC	Hesson Livestock
Geri Cole	Hicks FarmsLLC
German Farmers Insurance	Hi-T.E.C. Automotive, Ltd.
GMT Roofing Inc.	Holly Williams
GNB Banking Centers	Homan Drywall LLC
Goettemoeller Ag Lime	Homan Inc.
Golden Giant Inc.	Homan's Insurance
Golden Harvest Seeds Jon Bergman	Hometown Fuels
Gordon & Desantis Orthodontics	Homstead Quality Livestock Bedding
Gower Farms LLC	Hoosier Pride Farms, LLC
Gower Trucking LLC	Hoosier Seed Products LLC
Gracie's Little Cowgirl County Store	Horst Simmentals
Grandma Deb	Houseman Transport LLC
Grandpa & Grandma Sachs	Hub City Propane
Grandpa's Farm R V, Inc.	Huelsman Automotive, Inc.
Graves Auto Repair LLC	Huffman LLC
Graves-Fearon Agency	Hull Brothers, Inc.
GRB Ag LLC	Hummel Welding & Fabrication
Green Lawn Animal Clinic	Hunt David
Greenville Ace Hardware	Hunt Family Farms
Greenville Federal	Huntington Billboards
Greenville FFA Alumni	Hupman Lawn Care and Landscaping
Greenville Grace Brethren Church	Immanuel Farms
Grilliot Alignment Service	Indian Stone Farms LLC
Groff Mowing and Lawn Care LLC	ITW
Grow Excavating LLC	J and J Family Farms
Habitat Stewards	J&B Transmission
Hair Fashions	Jackies Place
Hanes Cattle Company	Jafe Decorating, Inc.
Hanes Family Farms	Jake & Jessica Lavy
Haney's Mowing & Landscaping	James Spencer
Hansbarger Home Solutions	Jamie Campbell Electric LLC
Harold Pohl	Jared Coy Jason and Carrie Fortkamp Family
Harrod & Harrod Farms LLC	Jason and Heather Manning
Hartzell Livestock Farms	JB Truck Service and Parts
Hartzell Veterinary Service	JCF Transport LLC.
Hartzell/Kaeding Farms	Jeff & Dena Wuebker
HB Livestock	Jeff & Nicole Robbins
Heather Smith	Jeff and Terri Barga
Heitkamp Crop Insurance LLC	Jeffrey Kramer

Jennifer Davis	Larry Fourman Construction Inc.
Jeremy Hammontree	Larry Kaiser
Jeremy Manalo	Laura Ahrens
Jesse & Shannon Baker Family	Laux Farms
Jesse Peters Horsemanship	Laux Seed Solutions LLC
Jessica & Travis Bubeck	Leah Shepherd
Jim & Amy Hanes	Leis Realty Co.
Jim and Linda Bergman	Leugers Insurance Agency Inc.
Joe Singer Farms	Lewisburg Container
John McKinney	Lightning Electric Inc.
Jon Coomer Investment Management	Line - View Farms, LLC
Jonell Myers	Lisa Pence
Jonn and Valarie Rapp	Littman Thomas Agency, Inc.
Joshua Terry	Local 162 Plumbers & Pipefitters
JR Blasting LLC	Logan Deeter
Judge Farms	Logue's TLC Pet Hospital, LLC
Judy & Larry Baker	Lois & Gary Hoggatt
K&L Tractor Sales, Inc.	Loudy Office Machines, Inc.
K. B. Smith & Sons LLC	M C Truck Repair LLC
Karen Cole	M & Z Livestock
Kaup Pharmacy	M. H. Eby Inc.
Versailles Ken/Mary Hartke	Mandy Butts
Kent & Trisha Burk	Manor View Farm
Kerby Wilcox	Mara Peters
Kevin & Kelly	Marchal & Marchal, Ltd.
Winner Kevin and Gwen Bergman	Maria Stein Animal Clinic
Kevin Flory Landscaping and Lawn Care Inc.	Maria Stein Grain
Keystone Cooperative Inc.	Mark Kimmel
King's Command	Mark Stucke Farms
Foods King's	Marshall Combs State Farm
Poultry Farm	Martin's Old Fashion Lemonade
Kirk & Jessica Gower Family	Marvin Johnson and Associates
Klara Schuwerk	Mary Kay Independent Sales Director
Kleinhenz Brothers Livestock Inc.	Mary Nerderman
Klingshim & Sons Trucking, Inc.	Matt Steyer
Kountry Line Motor	Matthew Hoggatt
KP Detail LLC	May Farms
Kremer Roofing Inc.	MB Earthworks, LLC
KTL Performance Mortgage	McCabe Painting Service
Lamm's Insurance Agency	McCrata Delaet & Co.
Landis Builders Inc.	Mckenna Trucking
Langcrest Farms	Meckes & Associates Insurance Ltd
Larry Bill Professional Surveyor	Meckes & Associates/Steve Myers

Medicine and More	Natasha Denlinger
Megan Cover	Nathan & Jennifer Davenport
Meghan Hill	NathanMcgriff
Melissa Bowman	Nature Reflections
Members Choice Credit Union	New Madison Kiwanis
Mercer County Electric Inc.	Nieport Farms/Becks Hybrids Matt Nieport
Mercer Landmark/Heartland Feed Services	North Star Hardware & Implement Co.
Mercer Savings Bank	North Star Plumbing
Merchants Bank	Nutrien Ag Solutions – Ansonia
Metcon	Nutrien Ag Solutions – Greenville
Metzger Oil LLC	Ohio Plastic Processors
Miami Ag Drainage	Oliver’s Butcher Shop
Miami Valley Insurance	Olivia Subler
Miami Valley Predator Control	Otte Ag, LLC
Michelle Geyer	Outstanding Car Detailing
Midwest Ag Transport, Inc.	Overtime Insurance & Investments, LLC
Midwest Auctioneers & Realty, Inc.	Pamela Garber
Midwest Crop Care	Park National Bank
Midwest Dock and Door	Pat and Shelly Warner
Midwest Ohio Dental Care	Paul and Marilyn Morrison
Midwest Wholesale Cabinets	Penny’s Landscaping & Mowing
Mike Bowers	Perez Show Cattle
Mike Kahlig & Son	Perry Widener
Mike York Electric Heating & Air Conditioning	Pets-N -Style
Mikes Family Concessions	Phelan Insurance Agency, Inc.
Mikesell Show Pigs	Pick Six Drive-Thru & Pizza
Milcon	Picnic’s Pizza & Grille
Miley Farms - Becks Hybrids	Pine Row Transportation
Miller Flowers LLC	Piqua Lumber LLC
Minster Bank	PK Farms
MM Defense	Poeppelman Materials & Pepcon Concrete
Molly Snyder @ Salon Forty-Nine	Post Excavating LLC
Moore Funeral Home	Practical Farm
Moore Tech Solutions LLC	Products Prairie Flower Bakery
MSI Environmental	Precision Agri Services Inc.
MTNA	Premier Crop Insurance LLC
Muffler Mart	Prenger Financial Services
Murphy’s Nursery & Landscaping Inc.	Pricelessview Acres
Myers Excavating and Construction, LLC	Pro Ag Services
Nacho Pig	Pullins Drainage and Excavating LLC
Nancy Brehm	R J Mayo Family Farms
Nancy Wood	R.D. Holder Oil
	R.E. Skillings Supplies Inc.

Realco, Ltd	Sharon Schlechty
Reed Reichert Family	Shaun M Hayes W/ BHHS Professional
Richard Investment Professionals	Realty
Rick & Emily Clark	Shelby and Ashley Shilt
Rick and Jo Michael Ridgeline Pork LLC	Shockney Electric, LLC
Rindler Truss	Shur Green Farms LLC
Ritter Co.	Shur Green Farms LLC
RJ Warner Insurance	Siegels Country Store
RJW Farms, LLC	Singer Sled Rental LLC
RM Truck & Auto	SISCO
Robert Sando	Sitebound Supplies Inc.
Robert and Doris Goubeaux	Sky Innovations, LLC
Robin Reed	Slyder Seed Services LLC.
Rob's Auto Parts, LLC.	Small Stuff Construction Supply
Roger & Brenda Heuing	Snack Shop
Roger Albers	Snacktime Vending
Romer's Catering	Snowgoose Express LLC
Ron & Pam Denniston	Sorensen Insurance Agency
Rowland Truck & Equipment Inc.	Spartan Insurance Agency
Roxanne Lemaster	Spencer Landscaping, Inc.
Ruchty Builders, Inc.	Spirit EMS
Rumpke Waste & Recycling	Stacy Yount
Rustic Rose Farm LLC	Stahl Excavation
Ryan Brandenburg	Stammen Insurance State Farm Insurance
Ryan Carpe	Agency
Ryan W. Denniston Family	Stateline Power Corporation
Ryan Warner	Stephanie Baumgardner
S & S Swine Farm, Inc.	Stewart Family Farm
Safe-Trac Grooving	STF Insurance Group-Buckeye Insurance
Sam & Jenna Warner	Stikeleather Family
Sam and Toni Custer	Stuck Seeds LLC
Sarah and Alan Wuebker	Studio H3
Schafer Oil Co	Sullenbarger Farms
Slechty Family Farms LLC	Sunrise Cooperative, Inc.
Schockman Lumber	Sunshine Hair & Nails
Scott Zumbrink	Superior Ag Solutions LLC
Scott's Electric	Superior Aluminum Products, Inc.
Sean Gallagher	Superior Equipment Solutions
Seed Consultants Inc.	Susan Hackney
Selhorst Concrete Inc.	Suzanne Brown
Serving CNC	SVG Chevrolet
Seth and Amanda	T & C Motorsports
Kohnen Family	T&K Cattle

Technical Roofing	Versailles Feed Mill Inc.
Ted Hickman	Versailles Savings and Loan Versailles
The Andersons Inc.	Vision
The Butcher Block and Smokehouse	W.C. Sherry Excavating LLC
The Farmers State Bank	Waco Warehouse
The J & M Ranch	Wagner Paving Inc.]
The Peoples Bank Co.	Walls Materials
The Promoter, LLC	Walnut Hill Feeds Inc. - Mercer Store
The Scoular Company	Warner Construction LLC
The Service Company	Watson's Hay & Straw, LLC
The Shellhaas Family	Waymire Utility Barns LLC
The St. Henry Bank	Wayne Builders Supply / St. Henry Tile Co
The Winery at Versailles	Wayne Healthcare
Theodore O. Finnarn, Attorney At Law	Wayne Insurance Company
Third Base Bar of Frenchtown	Weaver Bros. Inc.
Thomas and Hannah Shaw and Family	Weigandt Development, Ltd.
Tiffany Labig	Weimer Electronics
Timmons Water Systems, Inc.	Weldy's Dairy Bar
Tiphany Stephan	Werling & Sons
TLG Peterbilt Dayton	Wertz Realty
Todd Gunckle	Wesley Reed
Tom and Jayne Harrod	Wesley Subler
Tom Hill	West Branch Express
Tom Overleese	Western Ohio Ag Nutrition
Tonya Keller,	Western Ohio Chiropractic
Sales Manager with My County Link Track-	Whirlpool Corporation / KitchenAid
side Farms LLC	Small Appliances
Tree of Life Health Solutions	Whitestone Computers
Tribute Funeral Homes	Whitney Razor
Triple C Agri Supply, LLC	Wieland Jewelers
Trixi Faulkner-Myers	Wiley Well Drilling
Troutwine Auto Sales Inc.	Williamson Insurance LLC
Truland Equipment	Winner's Meats
Tuente Farms Inc.	WM Siefring Farms LLC
Tuente Trucking Inc.	Woodbury Farms LLC
Tyler Fourman	Woodcrest Lanes
Tyler Greer - First Choice Realty	Worch Lumber
Tyler Poepelman - State Farm Agent	Wuebker Construction
Ullery's Homemade Ice Cream LLC	Wuebker Farms LLC
Lewisburg Unger Homestead	Wyatt King
Union City Country Club Veitch Farms	Zach Siefring DMD
Versailles Automotive Service LLC	Zechar Bailey Funeral Home
Versailles Dental	

CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS (LIVE AUCTION)

To be held Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cattle Show Arena. It will be a LIVE AUCTION. All buyers that plan to participate, both new and previously registered, will need to sign up at the sale table to receive their bid number for the event. Once an animal is auctioned off, the buyer will be recognized and pictures taken. During the event the following lots will be required to sell:

BEEF

Grand Champion Steer
Reserve Champion Steer

DAIRY

Grand Champion Dairy Steer
Reserve Champion Dairy Steer
Supreme Champion Dairy Steer
1 Gallon of Milk

SWINE

Grand Champion Market Hog
Reserve Champion Market Hog

SHEEP

Grand Champion Market Lamb
Reserve Champion Market Lamb

POULTRY

Champion Meat Poultry Entry
Reserve Champion Meat Poultry Entry
1 Dozen of Eggs by Commercial
Production Champion

GOAT

Grand Champion Boer Wether
Reserve Champion Boer Wether
Grand Champion Dairy Goat Wether
Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Wether

RABBITS

Grand Champion Meat Pen
Reserve Champion Meat Pen
Grand Champion Single Rabbit
Reserve Champion Single Rabbit

Online Sale of Eligible Market Livestock Entries

After the Celebration of Achievements, the ONLINE SALE will begin. The website is www.bwfinaldrive.com. Bump up funds will be distributed to the low-end participants like we have had in the past. The online sale will be open on Thursday, August 27th at 8:00 a.m. and close on Thursday, September 3rd at Midnight. **ALL BIDS WILL BE PAPER INVOICED AND MAILED ONCE THE SALE CLOSES.**

During the online sale, the following lots will be offered for bids:

Junior Fair Market Animals.

Champions previously sold at live auction.

Scholarships for the Goat, Lamb and Swine departments.

Bump up fund for beef, dairy, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbit and swine exhibitors separately, as well as general bump up fund for all Junior Fair Market Animal exhibitors.

Direct additional questions to the sale office at darke.livestocksale@gmail.com.

CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS BUYERS

Grand Champion Lamb Shown by Hunter Burns purchased by Dave Knapp Tire Warehouse, FedCrop Insurance Service, LLC

Reserve Grand Champion Lamb shown by Hunter Burns purchased by Premier Crop Insurance

Grand Champion Boer Goat shown by Aubrey Light purchased by Graves-Fearon Insurance Agency, SISCO, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln

Reserve Grand Champion Boer Goat shown by Aubrey Light purchased by Graves-Fearon Insurance Agency

Grand Champion Dairy Goat shown by Addyson Yount purchased by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home

Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat shown by Kaisley McCann purchased by Primetime Construction

Grand Champion Single Rabbit shown by Madison Hoying purchased by Dave Knapp Tire Warehouse

Reserve Grand Champion Single Rabbit shown by Leah Clark purchased by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home

Grand Champion Pen of Three Rabbits shown by Kali Jones purchased by Phelan Insurance Agency, Inc., Custom Foam Products, Fedcorp Insurance Services LLC

Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Three Rabbits shown by Leah Clark purchased by SISCO

Grand Champion Market Poultry shown by Cheyenne Swisher purchased by Graves-Fearon Agency, Dave Knapp Tire Warehouse, SISCO

Reserve Grand Champion Market Poultry shown by Evan Addis purchased by Zechar Bailey Funeral Home

Grand Champion Overall Commercial Egg Entry - Shown by Elliott Seubert purchased by Phelan Insurance Agency, Inc.

Grand Champion Market Hog shown by Seth Fearon purchased by Keystone Cooperative, Dave Ford Knapp Ford Lincoln, SISCO

Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog shown by Seth Fearon purchased by Park National Bank, Dick Lavy Trucking, Keystone cooperative

Supreme Champion Dairy Cow shown by Callum Francis purchased by Bruns Animal Clinic, Ltd., Fedcorp Insurance Services LLC

Grand Champion Dairy Steer shown by Adam Langenkamp purchased by Dave Knapp Tire Warehouse, Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd., Premier Crop Insurance LLC

Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Steer shown by Shawna Schmitmeyer purchased by Sunrise Cooperative Inc., Phelan Insurance Agency, Inc., Custom Foam Products, Versailles Feed Mill Inc.

Grand Champion Market Beef Steer shown by Adalee Printz purchased by Todd Bromhall, Keller William Hometown, Printz Farms, Printz Veterinary Service, Pin Ribbon, Hanes Cattle Company

Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef Steer shown by Logan Brinksneider purchased by Graves-Fearon Insurance Agency, SISCO, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION

TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.

To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the agricultural society reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistants who fitted the animal involved.

Unethical fitting shall include any and all cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removing of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dying or coloring of hair, adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels, as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness, by administration of fluids or air internally or externally in a liquid, solid or gaseous state. **THE USE OF CLENBUTEROL AND OTHER UNAPPROVED DRUGS IS PROHIBITED.**

All exhibitors, immediate family and any other party involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal, will be barred from exhibiting or showing at this fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize money and awards won in any Junior and/or open class divisions.

SHOULD FRAUD OR DECEPTION, AND PROOF, AS DETERMINED BY THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, BE DISCOVERED AFTER THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS HAVE BEEN SHOWN AND PRIOR TO THE SALE, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line at the show shall move up.

SHOULD A VIOLATION BE DISCOVERED AFTER SALE, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass or carcass value shall be returned to the exhibitor. All places in show will stand. NO animals will move up. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspect of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.

IF THE CARCASS IS CONDEMNED at the packaging plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.

RULE VIOLATIONS

In the question of a rule violation, the following due process will be used: The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by Fair officials. If it is felt a violation has occurred, Fair officials will make recommendations to the designated committee of the Agricultural Society which is appointed to that particular department. After the committee hears the allegations and/or evidence, they will decide if the case should be brought before the full Board of Directors.

In the decision of allegations being brought before the Board, all parties involved will be notified of a meeting date with all parties having the right to present their views and/or evidence. Upon hearing the case, the Fairboard will make a ruling.

When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Fairboard that any of the livestock rules have been violated, the exhibitor, a member of the exhibitor's family, or any other person shown to have care, custody or attendance of the animal in any way, may be banned from showing in any future agricultural fairs. The minimum number of years for disbarment is three (3)

years before the right to a review. In case any premium shall have been awarded to animals shown in violation of the rule, the Fairboard will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons and sale money under each violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.

PROTESTS

Refer to the Protest Section listed under Rules and Regulations in the front of the complete Fairbook for the procedures to file a protest.

CODE OF PRACTICES

The following describes general responsibilities of the farmer and all persons in their authority, in the proper care and handling of animals raised for food and fiber.

- To provide food, water and care necessary to protect the health and welfare of my animals.
- To provide a safe and healthy environment for my animals, that is clean, well ventilated and provides ample space.
- To provide a well planned disease prevention program to protect the health of my herd or flock. This includes a strong veterinarian/client relationship.
- To use humane and sanitary methods when it becomes necessary to dispose of my animals.
- To make timely inspections of all animals to evaluate the health and to ensure that all basic requirements are being met.
- To ensure proper handling techniques are used to eliminate any undue stress or injury when manual manipulation is necessary.
- To provide transportation for my animals that avoids undue stress or injury caused by overcrowding, excessive time in transit or improper handling when loading or unloading.
- The willful mistreatment of my animals or the mistreatment of any animal will not be tolerated. In cases of mistreatment, I will notify the proper authorities.
- To make management decisions based on scientific fact and to consider the welfare of my animals.

TESTING FOR DRUGS

The Darke County Senior Fairboard shall have the right to require the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals, or any other suspect animal, to be subjected to examinations or tests to determine if a substance has been administered to the animal to change the conformation or temperament of the animal.

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR SLEEPING FACILITIES

1. No Junior Fair exhibitor may stay on fairgrounds except with parents, without special permission. Permission will only be granted in an emergency. A complete permission form must be submitted to the Sheriff's Office on the fairgrounds prior to 5:00 p.m. the night(s) you are staying. Permission forms are available from the Junior Fair Office.
2. Exhibitors may stay overnight in assigned campers that are parked in camping areas.
3. Only livestock exhibitors and/or their parents and advisors may stay overnight on the fairgrounds. Sheriff's Patrol will ask anyone who does not have proper identification to leave the grounds.

JUNIOR FAIRBOARD ELECTIONS

Members in Charge:

Wesley Baker
Walon Keller

Brooklyn Miller
Allison Pierron

Karstyn Davidson

All Junior Fair exhibitors in 4-H and FFA are encouraged to vote for Junior Fairboard representatives in all departments in which they exhibit. Interested teen exhibitors can nominate themselves by completing an application no later than August 1st.

ELECTIONS RULES

1. No posters are to be displayed for Junior Fairboard candidates except those displayed by Junior Fairboard Election Committee. A poster with the pictures and names of all candidates with applications turned in by August 1st of the current year, will be displayed in each department with vacancies.
2. No write-in candidates will be allowed.
3. Candidates with applications turned in by August 1st are permitted to introduce themselves and campaign for themselves at show breaks for the department they are running in.
4. To vote, all Junior Fair exhibitors must vote only in the departments they are exhibiting in at this year's Junior Fair and must have a Junior Fair Exhibitor Pass to vote. No exceptions.
5. Voting is only done at designated times and areas. No exceptions.

FAIR SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN CONTEST**8:30 a.m., Wednesday - Swine, Sheep, Goat & Horse & Dogs****8:30 a.m., Thursday - Beef, Dairy, Poultry & Rabbits****Dog Barn - After Horse Class Concludes**

Members in Charge:

Lexie Shoop	Lincoln Winner	Isley DeMange
Cheyenne Swisher	Julia Arbogast	Isabella Bunting
Kensley Homan	Glori Mae Rausch	Sydney Baker

- Competition shall be held for the top showmanship winner in each department.
- All ten livestock areas will be included.
- Only animals who can be handled by any person in one contest, without being unruly, shall be used for competition. Numbers will be drawn to determine which animal will be shown by each participant.
- Individual may only participate every other year.
- No sideline coaching is permitted. Any participant observed receiving sideline coaching will be disqualified.
- We will start at 8:30 a.m. both days. Order to be determined.

Wednesday: Swine	Thursday: Beef
Sheep	Dairy - Market
Goat - Boer	Dairy - Breeding
Goat - Dairy	Poultry
Dogs	Rabbits
Horses	
- Judges will be secured by each committee.
- One specie shall be judged at a time.
- The winner of a previous Showman of Showmen Contest is ineligible to compete again.
- Boots (for safety reasons) are required. White shirts are required and dark colored jeans (blue or black).
- Time & place of award presented to be announced.
- The top Showman of Showmen awards are donated by Darke Rural Electric. Rosettes awarded to participants sponsored by Darke County Senior Fairboard.
- In the event of a tie there will be a tie breaker question.

JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**First Friday - 4:30 p.m.**

- General Livestock Judging Contest will be open to all Darke County members who are Junior Fair age.
- Rings of beef, goat, sheep and swine will be judged.
- Results will be posted at the Junior Fair Office.
- A team shall consist of 4-H and/or FFA members.
- Two Divisions: Juniors 8-13 and Seniors 14-18.

AWARDS**SENIOR TEAM TROPHY DONOR:**

1st - Darke County Township Association

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL TROPHY DONORS:

1st - Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care

2nd - Park National Bank

3rd - Ansonia FFA Alumni

JUNIOR TEAM TROPHY DONORS:

1st - Ansonia FFA Alumni

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL TROPHY DONORS:

1st - Darke County Farm Bureau

2nd - Ansonia FFA Alumni

3rd - Darke County Farm Bureau

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th place teams and individuals - Rosettes

Perfect score for any class - Special Ribbon Award

Darke County Agricultural Society sponsors all rosettes and ribbons

JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

First Saturday - 1:30 p.m.

1. Dairy Judging Contest will be open to all Darke County Jr. Fair members age 18 and under.
2. At least four rings of dairy cattle will be judged.
3. Results to be posted at the Junior Fair Office.
4. There will be 2 Divisions - Juniors age 8-13 and Seniors age 14 & up.
5. Team shall consist of four members. The top three scores to be counted for team honors.

2025 AWARDS

TEAM TROPHY DONOR:

1st Place Jr. Team - Don & Diane Delaplane

1st Place Sr. Team - Versailles FFA Alumni

INDIVIDUAL TROPHY DONORS:

JUNIOR DIVISION

1st - Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care

2nd - Thomas Shaw & Family

3rd - Thomas Shaw & Family

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th place teams and individuals - Rosettes

SENIOR DIVISION

1st - Jeff & Dena Wuebker & Family

2nd - Wuebker Farms

3rd - Alan & Sarah Wuebker

Perfect score for any class - Special Ribbon Award

Darke County Agricultural Society sponsors all Rosettes and Ribbons.

JUNIOR FAIR KING AND QUEEN PAGEANT

Members in Charge:

Allison Pierron
Grace Borchers

Waylon Keller
Lexi Brunner

Gabby Snider

1. Contestants must be 16 to 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year (Junior Fair age limit).
2. Contestants should be properly dressed. Girls - street length dresses for interview and formals for pageant. Guys - dress slacks, shirt and tie for interview and suit and tie for pageant.
3. Contestant must be sponsored by a 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, FCCLA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc., in Darke County that exhibit at the fair. Applications available through the Extension Office or Darke County Fair website.
4. Each club can sponsor only two king and two queen contestant. Each contestant can only be sponsored by one youth organization.
5. Applicants will be interviewed individually prior to the pageant. Applicants will be informed of their interview time after entry applications are received. Applications are due the first Friday in June.
6. Each contestant will then be interviewed before the judges and audience for approximately 5 minutes.
7. SCORING
 - A. Activities
 1. Participation
 2. Achievements
 - B. Poise & Personality
 - C. Personal Appearance - includes overall appearance during both interview and pageant
 - D. Junior Fair Involvement
 - E. Essay
 3. Leadership
 4. Initiative
8. A queen, king and six attendants will be selected.
9. The queen, king, and attendants must be available all of fair week to participate in various Darke County Fair activities when requested, including the Grand Opening.
10. King and queen and attendants should maintain the dress and poise of their position during the entire length of the fair.

AWARDS

Queen - Award - Darke County Agricultural Society

King - Award - Darke County Agricultural Society

1st Runner-up - Junior Fair Queen - Award - Tom & Debbie Bueter

2nd Runner-up - Junior Fair Queen - Award - Darke County Township Association

3rd Runner-up - Junior Fair Queen - Award - Darke County Township Association

1st Runner-up - Junior Fair King - Award - Darke County Township Association

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

REVUES

Entries Due: August 1st

1. All Jr. Fair members who are exhibiting a project in the Youth Building are eligible to participate in one or more of the many revues. Revues are primarily for clothing and food projects, but there are also revues scheduled for creative arts and many other projects.
2. Revue cards for all revues *MUST* be turned into the Senior Fairboard Office by August 1st. Participants must also be in line 15 minutes before the revue is scheduled to begin.
3. **All revue times are subject to change depending on number of participants.**

Judging:

Based on poise, posture and personable qualities, modeling skills, grooming, clothing and accessories and displaying of project.

Awards:

“Outstanding of the Day” rosette to top 10% in each revue. Members can only receive one Outstanding of the Day per day.

“Honor” ribbons to 20-50% who are “called back” but not awarded outstanding.

“Participation” ribbons to all models.

JUNIOR FAIR BAKE-A-RAMA

Entries Due: August 1st

Saturday - 9:30 a.m. - Intermediate Bake-A-Rama

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - Junior Bake-A-Rama

Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. - Senior Bake-A-Rama

Wednesday - 10:30 a.m. - Advisors/Parents Bake-A-Rama

1. Bake-A-Rama is open to any Junior Fair exhibitor.
2. Contests are divided into three divisions: Junior - age 11 and under; Int. - ages 12 to 14, Senior - ages 15-18, as of January 1st, current year.
3. Participants will be required to prepare baked items from the recipes sent from the Senior Fairboard Office.
4. The preparation and baking should be done by one member.
5. **No Baking Stones Allowed to be Used.**
6. Members will be judged on demonstration techniques in preparing food, quality of finished product and general overall appearance of members.
7. Set temperature on oven instruction must be followed and temperature on oven cannot be changed. If changed, the participant forfeits and placings.
8. If participant goes over on time limits, the participant will have points deducted from their score.
9. Participants will get 20 minutes to prepare.
10. No sideline coaching allowed during Jr. Fair competitions. Anyone suspected of coaching will be asked to leave the area by the Superintendent, Senior Fairboard or Jr. Fair Coordinator.

Awards: Whirlpool Kitchen-Aid Division

Stoves donated by: Hansbarger Home Solutions

JUNIOR FAIR BOOTHS

Each Youth Organization with projects may be assigned booth space in the Youth Building. Clubs that have space in the barn where their livestock is exhibited may construct a booth or display of non-livestock projects. Booths will be graded on use of theme, arrangement of projects, readability of printed materials, ability to attract and hold attention and general appearance, attractiveness and neatness. All projects must be in own club's booth by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday before the fair.

All paper used in booths must be flame retardant. No sheets, please, unless treated. Fire Marshall will remove.

AWARDS: Grade A - \$15.00; Grade B - \$12.00; Grade C - \$10.00

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YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBIT

Many non-livestock projects are exhibited in booths in the Youth Building during the fair. Each project exhibited is eligible for a premium of \$3.00.

JUNIOR FAIR BEEF SHOW

JFB: Angela Graf, Kaitlyn Barga, Lincoln Winner

COMMITTEE

Jenny Siegrist	Justin Slone	Trevor Mann
Gary Gehret	Luann Mann	Emily Graf
Lori Godown	Jenna Godown	Jena Whittington
Brittany Voke	Kayla Marker	Alison Byram
Andy & Jessica Byram	Tim Rhoades	Jeff & Tiffany Hartle
Dustin Snyder	Lori Perez	

SCHEDULE OF JUNIOR FAIR ACTIVITIES

ALL SHOW DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- Friday - 11:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Beef Exhibitors Meeting - exhibitor or representative to attend.
Weigh-in to follow
- Sunday - 4:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Beef Showmanship
- Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Junior Fair Market Heifer and Steer Show
- Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Beef Breeding - Junior Fair Homegrown Beef Breeding,
Showmanship to follow 30 minutes after breeding
- Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. - Junior Fair Showman of Showmen (Swine, Sheep, Goat, Dog & Horse)
- Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Feeder Calf Show
- Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. - Homegrown Steer & Market Heifer Show
- Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. - Grooming Contest
- Thursday - 8:30 a.m. - Showman of Showmen (Beef, Dairy, Poultry & Rabbit)
- Thursday - 6:30 p.m. - Junior Fair Beef sale to Thursday, 5:00 p.m. Junior Fair Celebration of Achievements.

EXHIBIT RULES

1. Refer to "Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation," "Code of Practices," and "Junior Fair Livestock General Rules" sections in the front portion of the Junior Fair section of the fairbook for general information that applies to all Junior Fair departments.
2. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of 2 steers and/or 2 market heifers.
3. All market beef must be without horns. Any animal determined to have horns that could cause bodily harm to be determined by the fair veterinarian will be removed from the grounds.
4. All steers must be properly castrated. If found not to be as such upon examination by fair veterinarian, steer will not be eligible to show.
Any infraction of rule #3 and rule #4 must be brought to the Jr. Fairboard by petition, and a \$75.00 fee, which will be refunded if an infraction is found to be true.
Petitions and fees must be submitted at least 6 hours prior to start of show.
5. Any tagged animal that develops any type of illness or injury that causes the animal to be destroyed will need to have an authorized licensed veterinarian present an official statement saying that this animal should be terminal; and at this point the Junior Fair exhibitor may obtain another Darke County ear tagged market animal. If this exhibitor already has another market beef ear tagged animal, he or she **MUST** use their own animal.
6. All market beef will be weighed to determine class make-up on Friday morning. Market beef animal weight minimum to show and sell is 850 lbs. No weigh backs are permitted.
7. **All registration papers will be checked in the show arena Friday morning during weigh-in at 11:00 a.m. Must declare whether showing breeding or weight. You must provide original copy of registration papers or electronic copy will be accepted (no photocopies).**

8. Market Animals will be divided in the following manner (unless total number dictates otherwise):
 - Division I - Market Heifer
 - Division II - Market Crossbred Steers Weight (850-1250)
 - Division III - Market Crossbred Steers Weight (1251-1350)
 - Division IV - Market Crossbred Steers Weight (more than 1350)
 - Division V - Breed SteersAll animals must meet national breed standards including registration papers. **Papers must be presented at weigh-in at the fair.** First & second of each must show for division champion. Each division champion, reserve and third place must show for overall.
9. A heifer cannot be shown in both the market heifer show and the Junior Fair beef breeding show.
10. Home Grown Classes - Steers & Heifers must be born and raised from an animal owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family member consisting of parents, stepparents, grandparents, brothers or sisters.
11. **No injections of any kind may be given to beef animals on the fairgrounds by anyone other than a veterinarian.**
12. No misrepresentation of breed, color or physical defects will be tolerated.
13. Members must show their own animals unless permission is given by Junior Fairboard. Showmen of all animals shown in the Junior Fair classes must be Junior Fair exhibitors at the Darke County Fair.
14. All disagreements will be settled by the Junior Fairboard.
15. Champion & Reserve Market Animal will be checked by an approved fair veterinarian according to state standards. Immediate family only in ring and exhibitor must hold animal.
16. **Only 2 fans per animal, which must be suspended. No standing fans allowed. NO screws, nails or painting permitted on middle divider wall. Parta-cools are permitted.**
17. Exhibitor will be assigned stalls for animals and tack. **Any changes in the number of needed stalls needs to be reported to the Beef Secretary by August 1st. Over stalling may result in the loss of choice of stall location for the following year. Outside chute/tent space on the north side of the Beef Barn will be on a first come basis. Each family will be limited to 10 ft. of space.**
18. Judge will place all five in Championship Drive. Champion, Reserve, 3, 4 & 5.
19. All Junior Fair Market beef projects must be weighed in and tagged by the date to be set at the discretion of the Beef Committee to participate in Rate of Gain for the next year's fair. Cost is \$3.00 per head.
20. Any Junior Fair member properly enrolled in a market project, may purchase and possess a market beef project not less than 150 days (March 24, 2026) prior to the date of exhibition. Date of exhibition is defined as the date of the Darke County Junior Fair Market Beef Show. All animals possessed after fair tag-in will not be eligible for the Rate of Gain Contest. Any exhibitor taking possession of their animal after Darke County Fair tag-in will need to obtain and submit Darke County Junior Fair beef animal tag and paperwork. All paperwork and 840 EID tag number must be submitted prior to 150 days (March 24, 2026) before exhibition to the Darke County Junior Fair Coordinator.
21. Any unruly animal may be dismissed at the discretion of the Jr. Fairboard.
22. **Any animal stall in the Beef Barn NOT kept clean and presentable daily will receive written notice** that will have future consequences spelled out. The 2nd warning is a loss of premium money. The 3rd warning is violator will be asked to leave the fairgrounds and lose the opportunity to sell.
23. All animals must be in the barn by 9:00 a.m. daily.
24. Junior Fair members whose projects are not owned by immediate family (parents/siblings) must have lease agreement on file with Junior Fair Coordinator by June 1st.
25. In order to show in a registered breed class, registration papers must be in the exhibitor's or immediate family member's name, otherwise the animal will fall into a crossbred class. All exhibitors show with a lease agreement will automatically show in a crossbred class.
26. All registered cattle will need to meet Ohio State Fair registered breed percentage guidelines.

27. All fitting for the Junior Fair Shows should be done in or around the surrounding area of the beef and dairy pavilion.
28. No sideline coaching allowed during grooming & showmanship shows. Anyone suspected of coaching will be asked to leave the arena by the Superintendent, Senior Fairboard or Jr. Fair Coordinator.

HEALTH RULES

All Junior Fair animals must comply with open class health requirements.

BEEF BREEDING CLASSES AND SHOW ORDER

(All males will be shown and then females in all breeds)

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| 1. Angus | 7. Shorthorn |
| 2. Charlois | 8. Shorthorn Plus |
| 3. Chianna | 9. Simmental |
| 4. Hereford | 10. Simmental Solutions |
| 5. Maine Anjou | 11. AOB |
| 6. Maine Trainer | 12. Crossbred |

Junior Fair beef breeding classes (specific order to be posted):

1. Refer to open class for proper age classification.
2. Cow/calf class - calf born after January 1st of current year. Calf must be cow's natural calf; calf must be sucking.
3. Top heifers of each breed will be selected by the judge. Champion & Reserve heifers of each breed will be asked to return for selection of Top 5 Females.
4. All class winners will come back for selection of Grand Champion Bull, selection of top 3.
5. Top 5 Females, Supreme Grand Champion Bull and Reserve Grand Champion Bull will be awarded.
6. Any bull over a year old must have nose lead. When showing bulls, the exhibitor may be accompanied by an adult as needed.
7. Animals must be owned at least 90 days prior to the opening of the fair.
8. **Original** registration papers must be shown at 11:00 a.m. on the first Friday at check-in.

BREED SHOW OR CLASSES

Regarding false, deceptive or unacceptable practices: Breed show or classes

- (A) Castration of livestock for purposes of this rule which exceed the following criteria is an unacceptable practice: (1) Cattle over eight months of age.
- (B) Exhibitors cannot show any animal which has been treated when a side effect of the drug conceals, enhances, transforms or changes the true conformation or condition of the livestock.
- (C) Any natural occurrence or surgical process which results in testicular or accessory reproductive tissue remaining in the body of exhibition livestock.

JUNIOR FAIR FEEDER CALF SHOW

1. All calves must be in place by Midnight Thursday of the fair.
2. Calves will be weighed the first Friday along with Market Animals.
3. Calves must be sired by a beef bull and out of a good grade beef cow. No dairy breeding accepted.
4. Heifers & Steers must be dropped after January 1st of the current year and should weigh 250-750 pounds. Any animal not meeting required weights will be disqualified.
5. Calves must be **castrated**. Dehorning is recommended, but not necessary.
6. CALVES MUST BE BROKEN TO LEAD AND SHOW.
7. No limits of animals exhibited.
8. The committee reserves the right to reject any calf that does not meet physical requirements as to size, age, quality, castration, or other physical defects.
9. Heifers will be shown in separate classes from steers. Classes will be determined by weight. Heifers will show first.
10. Code of Ethics: Refer to Junior Fair Rules.

SHOWMANSHIP

All ages are as of January 1st. Must enter online by August 1st. Classes will be posted in the Beef Barn on Tuesday morning. Grooming is permitted, but showmanship will not be judged on fitting.

Beginner: 8 or 9 years (First Year Only)

Junior age division: 9-12 years

Intermediate: 13-15 years

Senior age division: 16 & up

- Showmanship entries must be a Junior Fair project. Junior Fair members must show their own project. Showmanship classes will be open to any current member that has lost their project animal due to death or that was required to sell their animal at the Ohio State Fair.
- NO SIDELINE COACHING ALLOWED. Anyone suspected of coaching will be asked to leave the show arena.**
- Showmanship classes will be divided by 4-H age.
- Order of the Showmanship divisions will be:
 - Senior (16 & up)
 - Intermediate (13-15)
 - Junior (9-12)
 - Beginners (8-9 First Year Only)
 - Beef Showman of Showman
- The Beef Showman of Showman class will consist of current year winners from the Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Beginner Classes.
- The judge will acknowledge top showman in each division.
- Exhibitors can only represent the Beef department in the Fair Showman of Showman contest every other year. The Beef Showman of Showman may pass down the privilege of participating in the Fair Showman of Showman contest to the next available placed exhibitor from the Beef Showman of Showman class.
- Classes larger than 8 exhibitors will be split out alphabetically into as many heats as needed. The judge will keep as many exhibitors as he wants from each heat to return for the top 5 in each division.

BEEF SKILLATHON

- It is mandatory that **all** Junior Fair Beef Exhibitors participate in the Beef Skillathon. The Skillathon will be offered on Saturday, July 18, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday, July 21st, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Exhibitors must participate in the Skillathon write an essay or participate in an online skillathon in order to show and sell at the fair.
- If you are unable to participate in the Skillathon on these dates, you need to contact the Skillathon Committee or a Beef Advisor. You must submit an essay of a minimum of 500 words or participate in an online skillathon. Essays are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 1st. Exhibitors who do not participate in the Skillathon or submit an essay will be ineligible to show in the Darke County Junior Fair. Exhibitors who submit essays in place of the skillathon will not be eligible for outstanding exhibitor awards. Essay topic is: The challenges facing beef industry in the 21st century.
- Skillathon is based on your 4-H age:
 - Beginner - 8-9 (First Year Only)
 - Juniors - 9-12 years
 - Intermediate - 13 to 15 years
 - Seniors - 16 and older.
- Skillathon awards to be presented at the Beef Awards.

WEIGHT GAIN CONTEST

All Junior Fair exhibitors with market projects are eligible for the weight gain contest. The weight gain contest will be divided into two classes - heavy-weight and light-weight. Classes to be determined by averaging the starting weights and dividing animals by above average and below average weights. Late tagged market projects are not eligible. Animals must show to win.

Market heifers will have separate weight gain contest awards. Number of classes and placings in market heifers will be determined after the January weigh-in.

Steers tagged other than weigh-in day are not eligible.

Weight gain awards to be presented at the Beef Awards.

BEEF GROOMING CONTEST

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.

Age Groups & Show Order:

1. 16 years & older - maximum of 2 members per team.
2. 13-15 years old - maximum of 3 members per team.
3. 9-12 years old - maximum of 3 members per team.
1. All ages are as of January 1st of current year. Participants must be a current Darke County Junior Fair member.
2. Sign-up deadline - Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. (Check bulletin board.)
3. Grooming chutes will be supplied by the committee.
4. Contestants are to furnish their own grooming supplies and use their own steer or heifer for the contest.
5. Cattle are to enter the ring clean and blown out.
6. The animal's right side only will be groomed.
7. Time limit of 20 minutes for ages 13 to 15 and 16 to 18.
8. Time limit of 15 minutes for ages 9 to 12.
- 9. No sideline coaching allowed. Anyone suspected will be asked to leave.**

Cash Prizes - 1st Place - \$100.00; 2nd Place - \$75.00; 3rd Place - \$50.00. Additional cash prizes may be awarded. Sponsored by Darke County Cattleman's Association.

JUNIOR FAIR HERDSMAN AWARD RULES

A committee appointed by the Cattle Secretary(s) will make inspections to determine those who, in their judgement, make the best record, taking into consideration the following points:

POINTS

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| 30 | 1. Neatness and attractiveness of exhibit, bedding, signs, etc. |
| 30 | 2. Appearance of animals at all times |
| 15 | 3. Cleanliness of aisle behind cattle |
| 15 | 4. Exhibitor's behavior while at Fair |
| 10 | 5. Friendliness toward other exhibitors |

100 Points

The Herdsman award will have one division where the top 3 will be placed. There will be a sub-committee that consist of an advisor from each club that is on the Beef Committee and an FFA Advisor.

1st Place - Banner plus \$25 - 2nd Place - \$15 - 3rd Place - \$10.00

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR AWARDS

The outstanding exhibitor award will be awarded to the following age divisions:

Age is as of January 1st:

- Beginners - Age 8 - 9 (First Year Only) Junior - Age 9 - 12 Intermediate - Age 13 - 15
 Senior - Age 16 & Older

The winner will be the exhibitor who has accumulated the fewest number of points.

All first place plaques are donated by the Whittaker Family, In Memory of Sarah Whittaker.

Awards will be presented at the Beef Awards.

Junior Outstanding Exhibitor - Market Animal

Intermediate Outstanding Exhibitor - Market Animal

Senior Outstanding Exhibitor - Market Animal

Junior Outstanding Exhibitor - Breeding

Intermediate Outstanding Exhibitor - Breeding

Senior Outstanding Exhibitor - Breeding

Outstanding Exhibitor - Feeder Calf

Outstanding Exhibitor - Beginners

Placings will be determined by a point system earned from the following entry categories:

1. Placement in Class in the Market or Breed Show
2. Place in Showmanship Age Group
3. Skillathon Scores

In regards to the Showmanship Classes, points will be awarded according to placement in each age class ie. 1st place - 1 point; 2nd Place - 2 points, etc. In other words, you cannot mix the points assigned to more than one animal. In the event of a tie, the skillathon scores will determine the winners.

The class points earned for the animal you select to use in the Showmanship Class will be the # of points added to your overall score.

Cash Awards 2025 were: Crandall/Siegrist Family, Darke County 4-H Beef Club, Darke County Cattleman's Association, MTNA, Livestock-In-General 4-H Club, Merchants Bank - Lynn, IN, Printz Vet Service, T&K Cattle, In Memory of Mike Cole, Megan's Photography

JUNIOR FAIR BEEF SALE

1. Any 4-H/FFA exhibitor may sell market animals that are their 4-H/FFA projects.
2. All market animals must be without horns and tagged with approved Junior Fair tag.
3. The champion and reserve market steer will sell at celebration of achievements on Thursday evening of the County Fair in the Cattle Show Arena. All other market animals will sell online.
4. Each member is responsible for weighing, marking, and leading their respective market animal.
5. Every precaution will be taken to prevent the loss or injury of livestock or other exhibits, but the fair management will not be responsible for loss or injury to exhibits.
6. The sale will be clerked by the Sale Committee.
7. A 4% sale fee charge will be deducted for sale promotion.
8. All payments will be sent to Darke County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee.
9. A member can sell only one project in the livestock sales.
10. All animals selling in the Junior Fair Sale will be weighed Friday morning. Minimum weight for selling is 850 lbs. Market animal must weigh 850 lbs. day of weigh-in.
11. Market animals must be shown in order to sell.
12. No cattle are to be loaded after the sale until approved by the sale committee.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

All animals in each class will be graded A, B, C by club advisor. A-\$9.00; B-\$7.00; C-\$5.00.

2025 JUNIOR FAIR BEEF GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion Market Beef - Adalee Printz - \$11,475 - **Todd Broomhall Keller Williams Hometown, Printz Farms, Printz Veterinary Services/Pink Ribbon Girls, Hanes Cattle Company**, RJ Warner Insurance, Park National Bank, Heritage Landworks, LLC, King's Command Foods, Troutwine Auto Sales, Inc, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln

Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef - Logan Brinksneider - \$7,715 - **Graves-Fearon Agency, SISCO, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln**, Judy & Larry Baker, Apple Farm Service, GNB Banking Centers, Haney's Mowing & Landscaping, Theodore O Finnarn, Attorney at Law, Darke County Farmers Union, Spartan Insurance Agency, Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd, Zach Siefring DMD, Darke County Farm Bureau, Sunrise Cooperative Inc, Singer Sled Rental LLC, Bell Family Grain Farms, Garbig, Schmidt & Pohlman LLC, Keystone Cooperative Inc, The Service Company, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Greenville, Werling & Sons, Farm Credit Mid-America, The Butcher Block & Smokehouse, Buschur's Refrigeration, Inc, Heritage Landworks LLC, King's Command Foods, Goettmoeller Ag Lime, Troutwine Auto Sales Inc.

2025 JUNIOR FAIR BEEF AWARD DONORS

Grand Champion Steer - Cherry & Williams Dental
 Reserve Champion Steer - Todd & Jenny Siegrist
 Champion Division I - Darke Co. Farmers Union
 Reserve Champion Division I - Tim Rhoades Family
 Third Place Division I - Jackson Friendship 4-H Club
 Champion Division II - Riffle Family Ag, Scott and Cindy Riffle
 Reserve Champion Division II - Eikenberry's IGA
 Third Place Division II - Darke County 4-H Beef Club
 Champion Division III - Sue Voke
 Reserve Champion Division III - Cherry & Williams Dental
 Third Place Division III - Darke County 4-H Beef Club

Champion Division IV - Livestock in General 4-H Club
Reserve Champion Division IV - May Farms
Third Place Division IV - Park National Bank
Champion Division V - The Weiss Family - John, Brenda, Phillip & Jamie
Reserve Champion Division V - The Weiss Family - John, Brenda, Phillip & Jamie
Third Place Division V - Troutwine Auto Sales, Inc.
Champion Division VI - Darke County Township Association
Reserve Champion Division VI - Park National Bank
Third Place Division VI - Brittany Voke
Champion Division VII - Darke County Farmers Union.
Reserve Champion Division VII - Brittany Voke
Third Place Division VII - Troutwine Auto Sales, Inc.
Champion Supreme Breeding Heifer - Todd & Jenny Siegrist
Reserve Champion Supreme Breeding Heifer - 3rd Generation Family Farms
Third Place Supreme Breeding Heifer - Richard L. Baker
Fourth Place Supreme Breeding Heifer - Merchants Bank
Fifth Place Supreme Breeding Heifer - Ansonia FFA Alumni
Champion Home Grown Steer - Yingst Family
Reserve Home Grown Steer - Jeff & Terri Barga
Champion Feeder Calf, Steer - Livestock in General 4-H Club
Reserve Champion Feeder Calf, Steer - The Larry Stump Family
Champion Feeder Calf, Heifer - Mike & Linda Rhoades
Reserve Champion Feeder Calf, Heifer - Patriot Excavating
Champion Market Heifer - Jordan Insurance Agency
Reserve Champion Market Heifer - Riffle Family Ag, Scott and Cindy Riffle
Champion Homegrown Market Heifer - Riffle Family Ag, Scott and Cindy Riffle
Reserve Champion Homegrown Market Heifer - May Farms
Champion Homegrown Market Animal - Mike & Linda Rhoades
Reserve Champion Home Grown Market Animal - Darke County Farm Bureau
Supreme Champion Bull - Ansonia FFA Alumni
Reserve Champion Supreme Bull - Troutwine Auto Sales, Inc.
Champion Simmental Female - Bill & Bev Klepinger
Champion Crossbred Female - Hartle Beef Farms
Champion Hereford Female - Carl Hunt Custom Butchering
Champion Charolais Female - Yingst Family
Champion Chianina - Eikenberry's IGA
Champion Maine-Anjou Female - Darke Co. 4-H Beef Club
Champion Maine-Tainer - Carl Hunt Custom Butchering
Champion Simmental Solution Female - Bill & Bev Klepinger
Champion Shorthorn Female - Mercer Savings Bank
Champion Shorthorn Plus - Bill & Bev Klepinger
Champion AOB Female - Hartle Beef Farms
Grand Champion Home Grown Breeding Heifer - Troutwine Auto Sales, Inc.
Reserve Grand Champion Homegrown Breeding Heifer - Klepinger Insurance Agency
Grand Champion Homegrown Breeding Bull - Dana Woolson
Reserve Grand Champion Homegrown Breeding Bull - Merchants Bank
1st Place 8 & 9 Year Old Beginner Division (First Year Only) - Farm Credit Mid-America
1st Place 9 Year Olds - Mercer Savings Bank
1st Place 10 Year Olds - Darke County Township Association
1st Place 11 Year Olds - Cherry & Williams Dentistry
1st Place 12 Year Olds - Farm Credit Mid America
1st Place 13 Year Olds - Godown Farms
1st Place 14 Year Olds - Printz Vet Service
1st Place Beginner Professional Showmanship - Godown Farms
2nd Place Beginner Professional Showmanship - Goettmoeller Trucking
1st Place 15 Year Olds - Darke County Township Association
1st Place 16 Year Olds - Farm Credit Mid America
1st Place 17 Year Olds - Theresa Crandall
1st Place 18 Year Olds - Richard L. Baker
1st Place Junior Professional Showmanship - Hunt Farms
2nd Place Junior Professional Showmanship - In Memory of Mike Cole

1st Place Intermediate Professional Showmanship - In Memory of Tom Crandall
 2nd Place Intermediate Professional Showmanship - Mike & Linda Rhoades
 1st Place Senior Professional Showmanship - Godown Farms
 2nd Place Senior Professional Showmanship - Troutwine Auto Sales, Inc.
 1st Place Weight Gain Contest, Heavy - Richard L. Baker
 2nd Place Weight Gain Contest, Heavy - Siefring Skid Steer Services, LLC.
 1st Place Weight Gain Contest, Light - Eikenberry's IGA
 2nd Place Weight Gain Contest, Light - Shirley A. Linder & Family
 1st Place Weight Gain Contest, Market Heifer - Dayton Realtors
 2nd Place Weight Gain Contest, Market Heifer - Schlechty Family Farms
 1st Beef Skillathon, Senior - Hunt Farms - Tom, Deanna & Megan Hunt
 1st Place Beef Skillathon, Intermediate - Susan Voke
 1st Place Beef Skillathon, Junior - Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care
 2nd Place Beef Skillathon, Senior - Darke County Beef 4-H Club
 3rd Place Beef Skillathon, Senior - Darke County Beef 4-H Club
 2nd Place Beef Skillathon, Intermediate - Printz Vet Service
 3rd Place Beef Skillathon, Intermediate - Brittany Voke
 2nd Place Beef Skillathon, Junior - The Weiss Family
 3rd Place Beef Skillathon, Junior - The Weiss Family
 1st Place Beef Skillathon, Beginner - Patriot Excavating
 2nd Place Beef Skillathon, Beginner - Arnett Farms- Kenton Arnett
 3rd Place Beef Skillathon, Beginner - Horst Simmental

4-H CAT SHOW

JFB: Nevan Miley

Second Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4-H Cat Show, Youth Building

1. Refer to "Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation", "Code of Practices", and "Junior Fair Livestock General Rules" sections in the front portion of this Junior Fair section of the fairbook for general information that applies to all Junior Fair departments.
2. Exhibitors may enter 2 animals.
3. Must have a minimum of 5 cats entered to have a show.
4. Entries shall be no younger than 4 months of age the day of show. 4-H members must have their cats by June 1st, of the current show year. It is strongly recommended that adult cats be spayed or neutered.
5. Classes will be All-Breed, Long-Hair, and Short-Hair.
 All-Breed - All cats will compete against each other.
 Long-Hair - Long-hair only compete.
 Short-Hair - Short-hair only compete.
6. The judging for All-Breed will be a top 10 format. Long-Hair and Short-Hair will be a top 5 format, unless there are 15 or more entries in that class, then top 10 format will be used. Judging will include member interview.
7. Litter and litter pans will NOT be provided. Please bring your own litter and litter pan. It is recommended that exhibitors bring their own water, as water at the show hall is not what cats are used to and they may refuse to drink.
8. Cage Decorating Contest will be judged during the show. Theme is "Cozy Cats" (Think Wonderland). Scoring for cage decorating contest is: Originality (30 points); Creativity (30 points); Materials used (30 points); Decorations Compliment Cat (10 points).
9. All cats and kittens which are exhibited at the Great Darke County Fair must:
 - (A) Entries due by August 1st online.
 - (B) Have an Official Health Certificate turned in no later than August 1st.
 - (C) Be immunized against rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian within 12 months prior to the closing of exhibit.
 - (D) Be immunized against Panleukopenia, Phinotracheitis, Calici Virus & Chlamydia and **must have a negative Felina Leukemia test** some time and then yearly immunizations. Violators will not be eligible to show.
 - (E) All animals must be free of ear mites, fleas, and ringworm to be exhibited;
10. Cats not declawed must have the nails trimmed.

2025 4-H CAT SHOW AWARD DONORS

All-Breed, Best Cat - Brenda D. Arnett

All-Breed, Second Place - Darke County Friends of the Shelter

All-Breed, Third Place - Siefring Skid Steer Services LLC

Long-Hair Speciality, Best Cat - Dayton Realtors

Long-Hair Speciality, Second Place - Darke County Township Association
 Long-Hair Speciality, Third Place - Jordan Insurance Agency
 Short-Hair Speciality, Best Cat - Darke County Democratic Party
 Short-Hair Speciality, Second Place - Darke County Friends of the Shelter
 Short-Hair Speciality, Third Place - Darke County Friends of the Shelter
All rosettes and ribbons by Darke County Agricultural Society

JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY SHOW

JFB: Kensey Holman, Adrina Davenport, Bella Langstaff

Karen Stanley	Jacob Wuebker	Stephanie Bailey
Ryan Langenkamp	Taylor Bergman	Thomas Shaw
Trudy Snyder	Rachel Streitenberger	

SCHEDULE OF JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY ACTIVITIES ALL SHOW DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday, Midnight – All cattle must be on the fairgrounds
 Friday, 8:00 a.m. – Barn meeting and Dairy Market Weigh-In
 Friday, 1:00 p.m. – Junior Fair Dairy Judging Contest
 Friday, 2:30 p.m. – Junior Fair Dairy Clinic / Workshop
 Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – Open Market Show, (30 min. break), Junior Fair Dairy Market Showmanship
 Monday, 9:00 a.m. – Junior Fair Dairy Breeding Show (Heifers to start/Cows begin 2 hours later), (30 min. break), Junior Fair Dairy Breeding Showmanship
 Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. – Junior Fair Dairy Market Show
 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – Pizza Party/Awards
 Thursday, 4:30 p.m. – Celebration of Achievement (Cattle will be dismissed one hour after conclusion of sale)

EXHIBIT RULES

- 1. Exhibitors removing animals without permission before dismissal time shall forfeit all Junior Fair premiums. Failure to comply with the following rules, will result in not being allowed to show and/or sell.**
- “Refer to “Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation,” “Code of Practices,” and “Junior Fair Livestock General Rules” sections in the front portion of this Junior Fair section of the fairbook for general information that applies to all Junior Fair departments.
- At the December weigh-in animals will be declared by family. Then at the fair weigh-in exhibitors are to know which specific animal they will be exhibiting. Animals are to stay within immediate family and will be checked at fair weigh-in. However, if an exhibitor only tags one animal, and the animal becomes terminal, ill, or suffers from injury that causes animal to be destroyed, the exhibitor will need to have an official statement from a veterinarian stating the animal is not fit to be shown at the fair. If this occurs, the exhibitor may go before the dairy committee to obtain another Darke County ear tagged dairy market animal.
- One “free” scratch will be allowed before August 1. You must tell an advisor, Jr. Fairboard member, or dairy committee member. After August 1, there needs to be a note from a veterinarian. At the fair barn meeting, the exhibitor will need to turn in exhibitor page, printed from the ring book, and have it signed by both the exhibitor and the parent with all scratches made.
- There will be a mandatory barn meeting in show arena at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026. A member or family member must be present. If not present for the meeting, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show or sell.
- All animals must be on grounds no later than Midnight Thursday, day before the fair.
- No individual shall exhibit more than two animals per class. For the market show, individuals may exhibit two dairy steers, two dairy feeder calves, two crossbred steers and two crossbred feeder calves. All crossbred animals are for exhibition only - not for the dairy sale. Prizes will be awarded for the crossbred show.**
- Showmen of all animals shown in Junior Fair classes must be Darke County Junior Fair exhibitors.
- All pens must be cleaned, fed and watered by 10:00 a.m. All pens will be checked periodically throughout the day. First offense - the Jr. Fair exhibitor will be given a warning, Second offense - the exhibitor loses premiums and the right to sell.**
- First place animals of all classes will show for the championship awards. Second place animals may show by request of the judge.
- All grooming must be done by the exhibitor or immediate family or advisor. **No professional groomers.**

12. *“It is the intent of our Junior Fair Dairy Show to be educational for all exhibitors. For this to happen, it is important that the 4-H and FFA members be highly involved in caring for the animal(s) at home, breaking to lead, preparing for show and showing the animals at fair. Grooming of the animal(s) and care during the fair should be done primarily by the exhibitor.*
13. See 901-19-12 for a list of Ohio’s Administrative Code for Acceptable and Unacceptable practices on preparing for a show.
- Exhibitors Showing
14. Junior Fair members whose projects are not owned by immediate family must have a **lease agreement on file by April 15th of the current year**. Please see agreement rules.
15. Exhibitors showing Dairy Steers, *must wear collared shirt, dark colored jeans and closed toed shoes. If a skirt is worn, it must be at least knee length. No “farm Shirt” or hats/caps may be worn during the Junior Fair Show. **The Shirt must be long enough to be tucked in.***
16. Dairy breeding exhibitors, *must wear “show whites” for breeding shows. Show whites include: long pants, collared shirt, knee length skirt and closed toed shoes. No royalty attire on a showman is allowed.*
17. Dairy steers/feeders cannot be crossed with beef breeds. The exhibitor must be able to prove dairy bloodlines. **If an animal is in question, the exhibitor has the option to show in the crossbred show at the conclusion of the dairy steer show. Crossbred animals will not sell in the dairy sale.**
18. Animal in question must exhibit dairy breed characteristics of one of the six dairy breeds in their head, neck, muscle and body structure. If the animal does not meet the characteristics, hair sample will be pulled at the **EXHIBITOR’S EXPENSE** or they may choose to exhibit the animal in the crossbred class (for both feeders and steers) and they must be at least 87% Holstein or 75% of any other breed.
19. All dairy steers **must be properly dehorned** (no horn must be evident) and **castrated before** the time of tagging and fall weigh-in. The animal must be clamped or castrated, or it will not be tagged. Exhibitor will be charged a tagging fee per animal.
20. Dairy Feeder calves must weigh between 250-800 pounds at the weigh-in at the fair.
- 21. All animals, except spring calves, must be properly dehorned (no horn must be evident) and castrated by May 1st.**
22. Dairy Steers must be shown by exhibitor who tagged them or a Junior Fair member with approval from the Junior Fairboard.
23. Dairy Steers and Feeders, a show stick optional.
24. Clipping Optional on Dairy Steers and Feeders.
25. Dairy Steers must be a minimum of 800 pounds at weigh-in time to show or it will be placed into the feeder calf class, but it will not be able to show in championship classes.
26. All **official** complaints/protests need to be done **before** the show.
27. If you **do not** contact an advisor by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday about where your steer(s) are going, they **will** be put on the packers truck.
28. No sideline coaching allowed during showmanship shows. Anyone suspected of coaching will be asked to leave the arena by the Superintendent, Senior Fairboard or Jr. Fair Coordinator.
29. Milk cows released on Wednesday at the conclusion of the open show.
30. Dairy steers must have been tagged and weighed at December weigh-in. If exhibitors cannot make the steer weigh-in, you may have a fairboard member or committee representative tag your animal, however it will be subject to hair sample testing at the **EXHIBITOR’S EXPENSE**.

HEALTH RULES

All Junior Fair animals must comply with open class health requirements. (Check with Senior Fairboard).

JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY CLASSES AND SHOW ORDER

Specific classes posted after weigh-in.

- Feeder Calf
- Dairy Steers

Breeding classes - will alternate breeds alphabetically starting with heifers and will have an hour and a half to show. If the heifer show does not conclude by then, the heifer show will resume at the conclusion of the cow show.

- Spring Heifer Calf - Born after March 1, 2026

- Winter Heifer Calf - Born between December 1, 2025 and February 28, 2026
- Fall Heifer Calf - Born between September 1 and November 30, 2025
- Summer Yearling Heifer - Born between June 1 and August 31, 2025
- Spring Yearling Heifer - Born between March 1 and May 31, 2025
- Winter Yearling Heifer - Born between December 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025.
- Fall Yearling Heifer - Born between September 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024. A heifer that has freshened will show as a 2-Year-Old.
- Two-Year-Old - Born between September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024
- Three-Year-Old - Born between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023
- Four-Year-Old & Older - Born between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022
- Five-Year-Old & Older - Born before September 1, 2021
- Dry Cow - Any cow previously in milk but not currently in production.
- Grand Champion Overall Breeds - All Breed champions must participate.
- Supreme Junior Champion - Breed Junior Champions

SHOWMANSHIP

1. All showmanship entries must be made online. Any scratches to showmanship must be done at Barn Meeting.
2. All ages are as of January 1st of the current year.
3. All showmanship participants must show own project animal.
4. Overall Showmen will consist of the top three professional showmen from each breeding and market.
5. Showmanship will follow the PDCA Showmanship Guidelines. Guidelines may be found on the Jr. Fair website.
6. If an exhibitor wins both market and breeding showmanship, the exhibitor will have to choose which way they are showing for final drive.

Market Showmanship

1. 18 Year Old Showmanship – Winner of this class will show in the Senior Professional Class.
2. 17 Year Old Showmanship – Winner of this class will show in the Senior Professional Class.
3. 16 Year Old Showmanship – Winner of this class will show in the Senior Professional Class.
4. 15 Year Old Showmanship – Winner of this class will show in the Senior Professional Class.
5. 14 Year Old Showmanship – Winner of this class will show in the Intermediate Professional Class.
6. 13 Year Old Showmanship – Winner of this class will show in the Intermediate Professional Class.
7. 12 Year Old Showmanship – Winner of this class will show in the Intermediate Professional Class.
8. 11 Year Old Showmanship – Winner of this class will show in the Junior Professional Class.
9. 10 Year Old Showmanship – Winner of this class will show in the Junior Professional Class.
10. 8 & 9 Year Old Showmanship – Winner of this class will show in the Junior Professional Class.
11. Senior Professional – Winner from Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of current year's show.
12. Intermediate Professional – Winner from Classes 5, 6 and 7 of current year's show.
13. Overall market showmen will consist of the winner of the Sr. Professional, Int. Professional, Jr. Professional class winner and the winner of that class will go on to represent dairy market Showman of Showmen.

Breeding Showmanship

1. Senior II Showmanship – Ages 17-18.
2. Senior I Showmanship – Ages 15-16.
3. Senior Professional Showmen; top two from Senior II and Senior I.
4. Intermediate I Showmanship – Ages 10-14.
5. Junior Showmanship – Ages 8-9.
6. Overall breeding showmen will go to represent dairy breeding Showman of Showmen.

DAIRY SKILLATHON

1. The Dairy Skillathon is mandatory along with Quality Assurance. You must participate in both in order to show and/or sell.
2. Dairy Skillathon will be held Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Makeup date will be July 18, 2026 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds.
3. Skillathon age groups: Juniors - 11 and under, Intermediate - 12-14 and Seniors - 15 & over.

2025 JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY SUPREME CHAMPION

Supreme Champion Dairy Milk – Callum Francis - \$2,965 - **Bruns Animal Clinic, Ltd., FedCrop Insurance Services LLC**, Darke County Ag Society, Gordon & DeSantis Orthodontics, W.C. Sherry Excavating LLC, Wuebker Farms, LLC, North Star Hardware & Implement Co., Gary Heitkamp, Walnut Hill Feeds Inc. Mercer Store, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln, Arcanum VFW Post #4161

2025 DAIRY BEEF GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion Dairy Steer – Adam Langenkamp - \$4,400 - **Dave Knapp Tire Warehouse, Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd., Premier Crop Insurance LLC**, Dennis Langenkamp, Alice Otte, Homstead Quality Livestock Bedding, Mercer Landmark Heartland Feed Services, Theodore O Finnarn Attorney at Law, Cornerstone Veterinary Services LLC, Darke County Farmers Union, Burkettsville Garage, North Star Plumbing, Rindler Truss, Dale Langenkamp, Fullenkamps Frenchtown Trailer Sales, Buschur Dairy Farms, Dylan Graham, Ansonia Lumber, North Star Hardware & Implement Co., Schockman Lumber, Werling & Sons, RJ Mayo Family Farms, Flaig Lumber, King's Command Foods, Walnut Hill Feeds Inc.- Mercer Store, Jacob Wuebker, Langcrest Farms, Thomas & Hannah Shaw & Family

Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Steer - Shawna Schmitmeyer - \$6,465 - **Sunrise Cooperative Inc, Phelan Insurance Agency Inc.**, Custom Foam Products, Versailles Feed Mill Inc., Tuente Farms Inc, Tuente Farms Inc., Homstead Quality Livestock Bedding, Apple Farm Service, Poepelman Materials & Pepcon Concrete, Elite Truck & Auto Repair, Trackside Farms LLC, Mercer Landmark Heartland Feed Services, Theodore O Finnarn Attorney at Law, Cornerstone Veterinary Services LLC, Darke County Farmers Union, Rowland Truck & Equipment Inc., Kremer Roofing Inc., Jeff & Dena Wuebker, Fennig Homan Agribusiness, Minton Veterinary Service, Versailles Saving & Loan, Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd., North Star Plumbing, Greenville Ace Hardware, Ruchty Builders Inc., Monroe Livestock Auction, Jeffrey Kramer, Kleinhenz Brothers Livestock Inc., Wayne Oil Company, Buschur Dairy Farms, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln, North Star Hardware & Implement Co., Bill Ahrens Plumbing & Heating Inc., Cardinal Ethanol, Werling & Sons, Farm Credit Mid-America, The Butcher Block & Smokehouse, Heritage Landworks LLC, King's Command Foods, Goettemoeller Ag Lime

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

All animals in each class will be first graded A, B, C. This grade will be on clipping, cleanliness and general appearance. Type of animals (conformation, etc.) will not be a factor.

- Feeders, Steers and Heifers will receive premiums as follows: A-\$8.00; B-\$7.00; C-\$6.00.

- Cow Classes: A-\$9.00; B-\$8.00; C-\$7.00.

Following the A-B-C grading, all animals will be judged according to conformation and placed 1-2-3-4-5. Those placing 1 thru 5 will receive an additional ribbon for placing, however, no additional money will be given.

2025 DAIRY SHOW AWARD DONORS

Champion Guernsey Female - Donald Fourman & Family

Reserve Champion Guernsey Female - Merchants Bank of Indiana

Champion Holstein Female - In Memory of Mike Miller
 Reserve Champion Holstein Female - Darke County Holstein 4-H Club
 Champion Jersey Female - In Memory of Charles Shaw
 Reserve Champion Jersey Female - Miller Farms
 Champion Brown Swiss Female - Fun Bunch 4-H Club
 Reserve Champion Brown Swiss Female - Mary K. Miller
 Champion Ayrshire Female - Park National Bank
 Reserve Champion Ayrshire Female - Darke County Township Association
 Grand Champion Milking Shorthorn Female - Weissway Farms
 Reserve Champion Milking Shorthorn Female - Jordan Insurance Agency
 Junior Champion Holstein Female - Ted & Connie Schmitmeyer
 Junior Champion Brown Swiss Female - Ed & Shari Everman
 Senior Champion Guernsey Female - In Memory of Deb Dehan Ritche
 Junior Champion Jersey Female - Thomas & Hannah Shaw & Family
 Junior Champion Ayrshire Female - Ed & Shari Everman
 Junior Champion Milking Shorthorn Female - Grade A Kids
 Senior Champion Milking Shorthorn Female - Grade A Kids
 Senior Champion Holstein Female - Bryan Heating and Cooling
 Senior Champion Brown Swiss Female - Jordan Insurance Agency
 Senior Champion Guernsey Female - Farm Credit Mid America
 Senior Champion Jersey Female - Park National Bank
 Senior Champion Ayrshire Female - Bryan Heating and Cooling
 Grand Champion Dairy Steer - Darke County Farmers Union
 Reserve Champion Dairy Steer - Darke County Farmers Union
 Dairy Steer Best Rate of Gain - Rachel Streitenberger
 2nd Place Dairy Steer Best Rate of Gain - Benson & Letitia DeWeese
 Champion Dairy Feeder - Darke Co. Holstein 4-H Club
 Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder - TNR Farms
 1st Place Dairy Market Showmanship, Ages 8 & 9 - Siefing Skid Steer Services
 1st Place Dairy Market Showmanship, Age 10 - Darke County Township Association
 1st Place Dairy Market Showmanship, Age 11 - Don & Diane Delaplane
 1st Place Dairy Market Showmanship, Age 12 - Jeff & Dena Wuebker & Family
 1st Place Dairy Market Showmanship, Age 13 - Ed & Shari Everman
 1st Place Dairy Market Showmanship, Age 14 - Jeff & Dena Wuebker & Family
 1st Place Dairy Market Showmanship, Age 15 - Wuebker Farms
 1st Place Dairy Market Showmanship, Age 16 - Wuebker Farms
 1st Place Dairy Market Showmanship, Age 17 - Alan & Sarah Wuebker
 1st Place Dairy Market Showmanship, Age 18 - Ansonia FFA Alumni
 1st Place Dairy Breeding Junior Showmanship - Dairy Farmers of America
 2nd Place Dairy Breeding Junior Showmanship - Wabash Way Holstein LLC
 1st Place Dairy Breeding Intermediate I Showmanship - Klepinger Insurance Agency
 2nd Place Dairy Breeding Intermediate I Showmanship - Line View Farms, Doug & Brenda Schmitmeyer & Family
 1st Place Dairy Breeding Intermediate II Showmanship - John & Mary Rahm & Family
 2nd Place Dairy Breeding Intermediate II Showmanship - In Memory of Mike Miller
 1st Place Dairy Breeding Senior I Showmanship - Thomas and Hannah Shaw Family
 2nd Place Dairy Breeding Senior I Showmanship - Farm Credit Mid America
 1st Place Dairy Breeding Senior II Showmanship - Prenger's Inc.
 2nd Place Dairy Breeding Senior II Showmanship - Ed & Sharon Everman
 1st Place Junior Dairy Market Professional Showmanship - Jeff & Dena Wuebker & Family
 1st Place Intermediate Dairy Market Professional Showmanship - Alan & Sarah Wuebker
 1st Place Senior Dairy Market Professional Showmanship - Shrader Farms
 1st Place Junior Dairy Breeding Professional Showmanship - Gary & Denise Heitkamp
 1st Place Intermediate Dairy Breeding Professional Showmanship - Marry K. Miller
 1st Place Senior Dairy Breeding Professional Showmanship - Richard L. Baker.
 Grand Champion Overall Dairy Breeding Showman - Richard L. Baker
 Grand Champion Overall Market Dairy Showman - In Memory of Larry Miller
 1st Place Intermediate Grooming - Klepinger Insurance Agency
All rosettes and ribbons by Darke County Agricultural Society

JUNIOR FAIR DOG SHOW

**JFB: Madison Alexander, Julia Arbogast, Karstyn Davidson
COMMITTEE**

Kathleen Ditmer Sue Westfall Sheyla Clark Sharon Pitzen

SCHEDULE OF JUNIOR FAIR ACTIVITIES

Friday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Dogs on Stand

Friday, 6:15 p.m. - All candidates for Junior & Senior Canine King & Queen contest report to JFB members

Friday, 6:30 p.m. - Junior Fair Canine King & Queen Contest, Prince & Princess Contest

Friday, 8:00 p.m. - Mandatory Barn Meeting

Saturday, 12:30 p.m. - Junior Fair Obedience Show and Rally Show

Saturday, 12:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Dog House Opens

Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - Jr. Fair Dog Showmanship

Sunday, 12:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Dog House Open

Sunday, - Freestyle Innovation Show to start after Showman of Showmen and Awards.

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Fun Day for Dogs and Kids

Throughout this section of the fairbook, the term "Dog" refers to canines of both sexes.

GENERAL RULES

1. Project Eligibility and Enrollment:

- a. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H and age 8 and in the third grade as of January 1st of the current year, with the last year of eligibility or participation, in 4-H being the year in which the individual turns 19.
- b. FFA members are eligible to show provided they meet school FFA dog project requirements. FFA members must follow the Darke County Junior Fair Dog Show Rules and entry requirements.
- c. Only domestic dogs are permitted to be enrolled in the Junior Fair program and exhibited at either the Ohio State Fair or the Darke County Junior Fair. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
- d. All dogs exhibited must be six (6) months of age by the date of the show.
- e. The total number of dogs permitted in the Dog Program is limited to two (2) per member, though a third (3rd) may be designated only if it is enrolled in either the Pilot Dog or Service/Helper program.
 - i. If a designated dog is unable to show, then the member may substitute another non 4-H dog that meets 4-H requirements (immunizations, training level, etc.) and show exhibition only. In so doing, the exhibitor can complete the project requirements and receive his/her completion premium(s).
 - ii. If the exhibitor has registered more than one (1) dog in the Junior Fair and one (1) dog is unable to show, then the other dog may be substituted for both competitive placement and premium as long as it meets the training requirements, etc.
- f. All youth enrolled in a dog project are required to sign the Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims document. A parent or guardian is also required to sign the document. This document must be signed each year a youth enrolls in a 4-H dog project and it is to be kept on file at the county extension office. This document does not apply to anyone showing under FFA.
 - i. It is mandatory that all Junior Fair Dog Exhibitors participate in the Dog Skillathon. The Skillathon will be offered on July 15, 2026 in the Dog Arena.
 - ii. Dogs in season are not permitted to show.
 - iii. Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong/pinch collar, or electronic collar while on the fair grounds.

2. Leased & Co-Owned Dogs:

- a. See the "Lease Agreement Rules" for the Junior Fair Shows.

3. License and Health Requirements:

- a. All dogs entered in the Junior Fair program must have either a current dog license or current kennel license.
- b. A complete vaccination record and copy of either the dog license or kennel license must be turned into the exhibitor's advisor by June 1st in order for the dog to be eligible to show at the State Fair.
 - i. The Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate is the only certificate that will be accepted at the Ohio State Fair.

- c. A complete vaccination record and copy of the dog license/kennel license is due to the Sr. Fairboard office by August 1st.
 - i. Acceptable vaccination records include the Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification and Vaccination form with Bordetella OR vaccination records from an accredited veterinarian.
 - d. Entered dogs must be vaccinated between September 1st of the preceding year and July 1st of the current year.
 - i. Required Vaccinations: Rabies (either 1 year or 3 year rabies immunization is acceptable.) Distemper (CDV), Adenovirus-Type II (CAV-2), Leptospirosis*, Parainfluenza (CPI), Parvovirus (CPV), and Bordetella. Titer test option to vaccinations
 *Leptospirosis may be omitted only if a licensed veterinarian provides written exception. All required vaccinations and any written exceptions are due to the Sr. Fairboard office no later than August 1st.
 - e. No lactating or pregnant dogs are permitted on the fairgrounds.
- 4. Safety and Sportsmanship:**
- a. Treatment of Animals
 - i. Refer to “Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation,” “Code of Practices,” and “Junior Fair Livestock General Rules” sections in the front portion of this Junior Fair section of the fairbook for general information that applies to all Junior Fair Departments.
 - ii. No mistreatment of dogs will be tolerated. Exhibitors mistreating any dogs will not be permitted to show and will forfeit all premiums.
 - b. Misbehavior and Excusals for Dogs on the Fairgrounds.
 - i. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during or after exhibition will be removed from the fairgrounds.
 - ii. The judge or show officials will dismiss from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior. **This includes but is not limited to; any dog that appears dangerous to other dogs or exhibitors, any dog that snaps, attempts to attack or attacks any person or dog while in the show ring.**
 - c. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.
 - i. Any exhibitor or other person(s) abusing a dog will be removed from the fairgrounds.
 - ii. The judge or show officials will dismiss from the ring any exhibitor abusing the dog, which will result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal from the fairgrounds.
 - iii. Any handler who willfully interferes with another competitor or that competitor’s dog will be excused from competition.
 - iv. Exhibitors, parents, volunteers and other individuals verbally and/or physically abusive or threatening to show personnel will be removed from the fairgrounds and exhibitors will be disqualified.
 - d. No sideline coaching is allowed during Junior Fair Shows. Anyone suspected of coaching will be asked to leave the area by the Superintendent, Senior Fairboard or Junior Fair Coordinator.
- 5. Dress Code:**
- a. Exhibitors should be neat, clean and well-groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog show. Clothing should not distract, limit or hinder the judge’s view of the dog. Youth with long hair should tie it back to keep it from interfering with handling or the judge’s view.
 - b. *Obedience*
 - i. *Acceptable Clothing:* includes slacks, dressy shorts, skirts, capri’s or crop pants, colored dress jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts or similar attire, closed-toe shoes, rubber soled shoes, flats and similar type footwear.
 - ii. *Inappropriate Clothing:* includes clothing that is too tight or too revealing, such as short skirts, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, low cut blouses or shirts, shorts hanging too low on the waists, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, blue jeans, faded or torn jeans of any kind or other similar types of clothing. Do not wear shirts with club names or logo’s or clothing with lettering and distracting or offensive wording or designs. Do not wear hats. Do not wear sandals, open-toed shoes, high heeled shoes, clogs or similar type footwear.
 - c. *Showmanship*
 - i. *Acceptable Clothing:* for girls includes dresses, skirts, dress shorts, skirts, dress slacks, dressy capri’s or crop pants, collared blouses or similar attire. Acceptable clothing for boys includes dress shirts, ties and dress slacks. Sports jackets may be

worn, but are not necessary, especially in hot weather. When wearing a tie, secure it with a tie tack. Closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats and similar type shoes are acceptable footwear.

- ii. *Inappropriate Clothing:* includes clothing that is too tight or too revealing, such as short skirts, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, low cut blouses or shirts, shorts hanging too low on the waists, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, blue jeans, faded or torn jeans of any kind or other similar types of clothing. Do not wear shirts with club names or logo's or clothing with lettering and distracting or offensive wording or designs. Do not wear hats. Do not wear sandals, open-toed shoes, high heeled shoes, clogs or similar type footwear.

6. **Barn Rules:**

Mandatory Barn Meeting in show arena at 8:00 p.m. on first Friday of the fair. A family must be present. If not present for the meeting, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show.

- a. Only dogs entered in a show at the fair are permitted in the dog barn/show arena area.
- b. All dogs must enter and exit thru gate 2 to show arena and be loaded or unloaded in front of the dog barn.
- c. When not in a pen, each exhibitor will keep their dog on leash while on the fairgrounds and remain in dog barn area. **Any dog that can not be kept under control at all times will be dismissed.**
- d. Each kennel must be securely fastened while occupied by a dog.
- e. Dogs may not be left unattended.
- f. Exhibitors must allow their dogs to relieve themselves only in designated areas. All exhibitors must clean up after their dog when it is finished. Violators will forfeit all premiums.
- g. No unscheduled water fights will be permitted in the Dog Barn, Show Arena or surrounding areas.
- h. Awards, pictures, etc. may be placed in the crate areas at the exhibitor's risk. The Darke County Agricultural Society, Junior Fair and Dog Department Secretary are not responsible for loss or damage of these or other items of personal property.
- i. Exhibitors must clean both their pens and adjoining aisle ways before leaving at the end of the day.
- j. Each club is to clean own area. Furthermore, each exhibitor after showing on Sunday, will remove crate pan from crate - wash, dry and put pan on top of crate.
- k. Barn opens for Exhibitors and Advisors one hour prior to show. If an exhibitor needs to have a dog in the barn so they can show another specie, they need to contact the Barn Secretary prior to the Barn Meeting. Someone must supervise the dog at all times.

7. **Interpretation of Rules:**

- a. Interpretation of any Fairbook or Dog Show rule will be decided by majority decision of the Darke County Junior Fairboard Members.

GENERAL SHOW PROCEDURES

1. **Show Order:**

- a. The show order of classes and approximate show times for each class will be given to each club as soon as possible after the ring books are completed as a courtesy to the exhibitor and their families.
- b. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the show order may be changed and classes will show in the order posted on day of the show and will be organized in the make-up ring prior to the time when the class is announced.

2. **Show follows State Fair Class Descriptions.**

3. **Fouling in the ring:**

- a. If an exhibitor's dog fouls the ring, at any time during the show, the exhibitor will have a one (1) time deduction of 25 points. (This rule applies to Obedience, Rally and Showmanship Classes.)

4. **Score Sheets:**

- a. The Judge will give the score sheet to the official scorers (ring stewards) after each exhibitor has completed their individual exercises.
- b. Scorers (ring stewards) will return the score sheets to the Judge for scoring of group exercises.
- c. Each scorer (ring stewards) will add the score sheet independently of any other scorer (ring steward).

- d. If any errors are found in the judges computations, it will be the responsibility of the judge to make the corrections on the score sheet.

OBEDIENCE RULES

1. **Levels and Classes:**

- a. A level refers to an obedience sub-category, such as Novice.
- b. A class refers to the two (2) classes within an obedience sub-category.
 - i. The letters “A” and “B” refer to the experience of the exhibitor and dog.
 1. Beginner Novice A Classis for first-year exhibitors and first-year dogs with NO experience.
 - a. If an exhibitor has attended 8 or more organized training classes before April 1st, the exhibitor must move to Beginner Novice B or Pre Novice.
 2. “A” Classes can never be repeated by the same exhibitor, regardless of what exhibitor showed that dog.
 3. “A” Classes can never be repeated by the same dog, regardless of what exhibitor shows that dog.
 4. “B” Classes can be repeated by the same exhibitor regardless of what dog is shown and by the same dog, regardless of who shows that dog, provided the exhibitor and/or dog are not the class winners.
 5. If/when a youth and/or dog wins first place in a “B” Class, the exhibitor and dog must move to the next level. A dog must move to a higher level, once that dog begins performing at that higher level.

2. **Exercises:**

- a. All classes will perform the same exercises as listed in the American Kennel Club (AKC) Obedience Rules unless otherwise noted in the 4-H project guide or this Fairbook.

3. **Scoring Ties:**

- a. When two (2) or more exhibitors have the same overall scores, the scores in the first exercise will be compared.
 - i. The exhibitor with the highest score in the first exercise will receive the highest placing and so forth.
- b. If all exhibitors have the same score in the first exercise, the scores in the second exercise will be compared and so forth until the ties are broken.
- c. If the scores are equal throughout all of the exercises, including the Exhibitor’s Appearance, Dog’s Appearance and Sportsmanship, ties will be broken by the exhibitors and their dogs performing a heeling pattern specified by the judge.

4. **Number of Dogs in Same Class:**

- a. An exhibitor may enter two (2) dogs in the same obedience class.

5. **Non-Junior Fair handling:**

- a. After April 1st, of the current year, only the Junior Fair Exhibitor showing the dog is permitted to train it in obedience in any organized class or one-on-one.

6. **ALL CLASSES WILL FOLLOW STATE FAIR CLASS/LEVEL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES.**

RALLY RULES

1. **Classes and Levels:**

- a. *Levels* will be divided as “A” and “B”
 - i. “A” Classes will be for first (1st) year members only. Only one (1) year in this class.
 - ii. “B” Classes will be for second (2nd) year members and up.
- b. *Classes:*
 - i. Novice A—For first (1st) year exhibitors only.
 - ii. Novice B—For second (2nd) year exhibitors only.
 - iii Intermediate A - Exhibitor and/or dog who have not had any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate level prior the county’s current project year.
 - iv Intermediate B - For Second (2nd) year exhibitors of intermediate rally.
 - v. Advance A—For first (1st) year off lead only.
 - vi. Advance B—For second (2nd) year off lead and up only.
 - vii. Excellent A—Same as other A Classes.
 - viii. Excellent B—Exhibitors that have been through 2 years.
- c. *Rally Intermediate:*
 For Rally Intermediate classes, all signs are judged on leash. Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three (3) Advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class.

Rally Intermediate A This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who have not had any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate level prior the county's current project year. If they have any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate level prior to the county's current project year, they must show at the Rally Intermediate B level at the very minimum. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, they must move to Rally Intermediate B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in the Rally Intermediate B class at the very minimum. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2025 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair.

Rally Intermediate B This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has shown in Rally Intermediate A or has had any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate level prior to the county's current project year. Once winning this class, the exhibitor and/or dog must move to Rally Advanced A at the very minimum the next project year. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2025 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair.

2. Titles:

a. Exhibitors that have rally titles on current dog project or another dog must move up to the next class.

3. Awards:

a. Rally Novice A Placing:

- i. Gold: 120 - 130 points
- ii. Silver: 110 - 119 points
- iii. Bronze: 109 & below

b. Novice B, Intermediate A & B, Advance A & B, Excellent A & B

c. Novice B, Advance A & B, Excellent A & B

- i. Gold: 120-130 points
- ii. Silver: 110-119 points
- iii. Bronze: 100-109 points

d. Awards donated by Bruns Animal Clinic, Green Lawn Animal Clinic, and Hartzell Veterinary Service.

SHOWMANSHIP RULES

***Outstanding Exhibitor Trophy - Darke County Democratic Party; 2nd Place Outstanding Exhibitor Trophy - Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care; 3rd Place Outstanding Exhibitor Trophy - Darke County Democratic Party.

1. Purpose:

a. This activity is to promote a general knowledge of dogs and a basic ability of the exhibitor to show, groom and handle his/her dog. This is NOT a dog confirmation class. Areas being scored are: interview, handler appearance/attitude, grooming, handling and group exam.

2. Classes and Levels:

a. *Levels* will be divided as "A" and "B"

- i. "A" Classes will be for first (1st) year members only. Only one (1) year in this class.
- ii. "B" Classes will be for second (2nd) year members and up.

b. *Classes:*

- i. Showmanship Junior A: Ages 8 (and in third grade) to 11. Limited to Exhibitor/dog that has neither shown in this class in previous years nor has had any other experience in grooming/handling. (Exhibitor may show in this class for only one year.)
- ii. Showmanship Intermediate A: Ages 12-14. Limited to Exhibitor/dog that has neither shown in this class in previous years nor has had any other experience in grooming/handling. (Exhibitor may show in this class for only one year.)
- iii. Showmanship Senior A: Ages 15-18. Limited to Exhibitor/dog that has neither shown in this class in previous years nor has had any other experience in grooming/handling. (Exhibitor may show in this class for only one year.)
- iv. Showmanship Junior B: Ages 8 (and in the third grade) to 11. Exhibitor/dog that has previously shown in a Showmanship A Class.
- v. Showmanship Intermediate B: Ages 12-14. Exhibitor/dog that has previously shown in a Showmanship A Class.
- vi. Showmanship Senior B: Ages 15-18. Exhibitor/dog that has previously shown in a Showmanship A Class.

3. AKC Junior Handling:

- a. Any exhibitor who has shown Junior AKC showmanship and handling (or its equivalent) must show in the proper Showmanship B Class.

4. AKC Conformation:

- a. An exhibitor's dog can be shown in conformation by anyone, but not in obedience. This rule applies from January 1st until the end of the Darke County Fair. Any dog with a conformation title must show in a "B" class. (this is a state rule.)

5. Showmanship Patterns:

- a. All Showmanship Classes/Levels will be required to demonstrate a pattern as indicated by the Judge.
- b. Patterns shall be chosen from the Dog Project Resource Book.

7. Scoring Ties:

- a. When two (2) or more exhibitors have the same overall scores, the scores in the Handling exercise will be compared. The exhibitor with the highest score in the Handling exercise will receive the highest placing and so forth.
- b. If all exhibitors have the same score in the Handling exercise, the scores in the Interview Section will be compared, followed by the scores in the Handler Appearance & Attitude section and the scores in the Grooming section until ties are broken.
- c. If the scores are equal throughout all of the exercises, with grooming being the last section compared, ties will be broken by the exhibitors and their dogs performing a Handling exercise as specified by the judge.

8. Showman of Showmen:

- a. All first (1st) place current Junior Fair winners may compete for Showman of Showmen.
- b. If first (1st) place winner from each Showmanship class does not wish to participate/ compete in Showman of Showmen, then the second (2nd) place winner may compete.
- c. If for any reason the Dog Department's Showman of Showmen winner cannot complete in the Darke County Fair Showman of Showmen event, than a representative will be chosen by the Judge of the Showman of Showmen class. The representative will be awarded a trophy.

DOG SKILLATHON

1. It is mandatory that **ALL** Junior Fair Dog Exhibitors participate in the Dog Skillathon. The Skillathon will be offered on July 15, 2026 in the Dog Arena at the Darke County Fairgrounds.
2. **Skillathon Classes:** *(based on the exhibitors age on January 1st of the current year.)*
 - a. Junior: 8 to 11 years old
 - b. Intermediate: 12 to 14 years old
 - c. Senior: 15 to 18 years old
3. **Awards:**
 - a. Skillathon awards will be presented the first Friday of the Darke County Fair during the Canine Royalty Contest.
 - b. Awards for each age division are:
 - i. 1st Place - 1st Place Trophy and Ribbon - Trophies donated by Darke County Jr. Fair Dog Committee and Canine Capers 4-H Club.
 - ii. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Place - Ribbon
4. **Exceptions:**
 - a. If an exhibitor is unable to participate in the Skillathon on the date designated, the exhibitor must complete an essay of a minimum of 500 words or complete an online skillathon. The topic of the essay will be determined by the Junior Fairboard Representative each year.
 - i. Essays are due to the Extension Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 1st.
 - ii. Exhibitors who do not participate in the Skillathon or submit an essay will be ineligible to show in the 2026 Darke County Junior Fair.
 - iii. Exhibitors who submit an essay in place of completing the Skillathon will not be eligible for outstanding exhibitor.
5. See your advisor for more information.

POSTER CONTEST

The poster contest is open to exhibitor ages 8-18. The theme is "You and Your Dog." A standard size poster board 22" x 28" should be used. All entries may be dropped off to the Jr. Fair Office by Noon on Friday, August 21st. The exhibitor's name, club and age (as of January 1st) need to be wrote on the backside of the poster. Awards will be given by the following age divisions: Ages 8-11, 12-14 and 15-18. Posters used at State Fair may be entered.

AWARDS

1. **Trophies:**

a. Presented to High Point Obedience, the 1st Place in each Obedience and Showmanship class.

2. **Ribbons:**

a. Ribbons we be presented to all classes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Places.

3. **Premiums:**

a. A - \$3.50; B - \$3.00; C - \$2.50 for Obedience Classes.

b. You and Your Dog Project- \$3.00 (must either participate in Showmanship, Obedience or You and Your Dog to have an exhibit at the fair).

**All Trophies are donated by Darke County Veterinary Services, Chris W. Gilbert, DVM.

**All Rosettes and Ribbons are donated by the Darke County Agricultural Society.

CANINE ROYALTY

1. GENERAL

1. Interview: The interview will happen first titer test WITHOUT dog!

a. King/Queen: Exhibitor will pick two (2) questions at random. The exhibitor will have 3-5 minutes to answer each question. Timer will not start until the Exhibitor has started talking. Questions are created by the Darke County Dog Committee.

b. Prince/Princess: Exhibitor will pick one (1) question at random. The exhibitor will have 2-3 minutes to answer the question. Timer will not start until the Exhibitor has started talking. Question are created by the Darke County Dog Committee.

2. Handling: to follow the interview portion

a. King/Queen: Exhibitors will draw at random, for their dog, on the day of the contest. Exhibitors will have up to two (2) minutes to meet their dog and their dog's handler.

b. Prince/Princess: Exhibitors will show their own dog.

3. **Canine King & Queen Contest:**

a. Ages 13-18 years old

b. Entries/Applications must be turned in to the Senior Fairboard office by August 1st.

i. Overall score will be comprised of each candidate's handling and interview the first Friday of the Great Darke County Fair.

c. The Handling portion will be judged on the first Friday of the Great Darke County Fair at 6:30 p.m. at the Dog Barn. Candidates will be showing a dog drawn at random.

4. **Canine Prince & Princess Contest:**

a. Ages 8-12 years old

b. Entries/Applications must be turned in to the Senior Fairboard office by August 1st.

i. Overall score will be comprised of each candidate's handling and interview the first Friday of the Great Darke County Fair.

c. The Handling portion will be judged on the first Friday of the Great Darke County Fair at 6:30 p.m. at the Dog Barn. Candidates will show their own dog.

5. Scoring:

Interview - 50 points

Handler Appearance/Attitude - 35 points

Handling - 65 points

Total - 150 points

PAST QUEENS

Naomi Hathaway

Elli Earwood

Bailey Haworth

PAST PRINCESS

Brooklyn Lewis

Emma McVay

Julia Arbogast

Katelyn Bernholt

Avery Helman

Isabelle Westfall

PAST KINGS

Justin Heitkamp

Elijah Evans

PAST PRINCE

Beckett Bolton

Micah Arbogast

Brandon Heitkamp

Micah Arbogast

Easton Dicke

JUNIOR FAIR GOAT SHOW

**JFB: Lexie Shoop, Lexi Brunner, McKenna Yount
COMMITTEE**

Gary Knick

Bob & Barb Spittler

Heather Stump

Eric Stump

Dustin Fourman

Rorie Stump

Olivia Schmitmeyer

Amelia Price

Dylan Hesson

Christyana Emerick
Chris Trobridge
Deanna Pothast
Jon Winger

Laney Fourman
Korey Garland
Jared Hart
Jared Teagard

Chris Michael
Justin Kremer
Danicka Michael
Matt Osborne

SCHEDULE OF JUNIOR FAIR GOAT ACTIVITIES

Thursday, 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Goats checked by Committee, unloading of Goats

Friday, 1:00 p.m. - Mandatory Barn Meeting (All Goats must be on fairgrounds) **Immediately following Weigh & Mouth Market Goats. Scratches and class registration will be done after weigh-in.**

Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - Dairy Showmanship, Dairy Market Wethers, Dairy Breeding Classes

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. - Goat King & Queen, Prince & Princess Contest

Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - Boer & Pygmy Showmanship, Boer/Pygmy Market, Boer Breeding Classes, Pygmy Breeding Classes

Monday, 10:00 a.m. - Dairy and Boer Goat Fitting Contest

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - Born and Raised Market

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - Goat Awards

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Load Packer

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. - Goats released - Goat pens cleaned and tack removed by 11:00 p.m. or premiums will be held.

Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - Celebration of Achievements Cattle Show Arena - Boer Grand/Reserve, Dairy Grand/Reserve, Outstanding Market Exhibitor.

EXHIBIT RULES

1. Refer to "Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation", "Code of Practices", and "Junior Fair Livestock General Rules" sections in the front portion of this Junior Fair section of the fairbook for general information that applies to all Junior Fair Departments.
2. All Junior Fair Goats must be checked and wanded (on the truck or trailer) by selected Committee Members on Thursday from 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. prior to unloading and penning. If goats are unloaded prior to being checked by the Committee, goats **will not** be permitted to show. **No coverings on animals at check-in.**
3. Animals will be checked by the Fair Veterinarian.
4. **No items, equipment or animals can move out until the goat packer truck is loaded. No premiums will be paid to those who violate this rule.**
5. ADGA (American Dairy Goat Association) Rules will be followed by Dairy Goat Show.
6. All animals not staying until posted dismissal times will forfeit premiums unless approved by vet or Show Committee.
7. All goats must be dehorned by tag in with only 1 1/2 inch of regrowth.
8. Any exhibitor medicating an animal must notify an advisor, and fair vet, a Junior Fairboard member and submit a new DUNF.
9. Market Goats can be a Wether or a Doe but Does cannot also be shown in Dairy Breeding Classes or Boer Breeding Classes of the current year.
10. Only animals being shown for Junior Fair or for open show will be permitted to be in the Goat Barn unless the Show Secretary gives prior permission.
11. Animals may be exercised in and around the Goat Barn. Must not go up in the midway or into other barns. Goats may be washed at the Sheep Barn. Animals must be fed in their own pens.
12. Goats **MUST** be checked in and registered in the Goat Barn Office by 12:00 a.m. All blankets must be removed and goat walked to the barn. Any Goats not checked in by 12:00 a.m. must leave the barn. **There is a mandatory barn meeting of all Goat Exhibitors at 1:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the Fair.**
13. Pens will be assigned by a committee made up of two JFB Members, Open Show Secretary of the Goat Barn, and two Goat Committee Members and will be done the Monday evening prior to the start of the Fair.
14. Scratches must be made by the first Friday of the fair.
15. Per USDA Rules, all registered animals must have a permanent, legible I.D. tattoo or external scrapie tag. All non-registered and market animals must have an external scrapie tag. If ears are too small for a tag, tattoo number in tail web.
16. All pens and aisles must be cleaned and goats fed by 9:00 a.m. First Offense: The junior fair member will be given a warning, Second Offense: The junior fair member will lose

premiums and awards/prizes, Third Offense: The junior fair member will not participate in the sale or receive money.

17. Changes made to weight slip concerning animals going to the packer must be made in writing by Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Changes made after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday will be assessed a \$25.00 fee per animal. Fee will be deducted from buyer check.
18. A 1.25% buyer fee will be withheld from all buyer checks for barn improvements.
19. **No sideline coaching allowed during showmanship. Anyone suspected of coaching will be asked to leave the area by the Superintendent, Senior Fairboard or Jr. Fair Coordinator.**

BOER/BOER CROSS BREEDING SHOW

Show follows ABGA Rules, but is a non-sanctioned show.

Specific show order will be posted. Classes for entries are listed below. Each animal can only be shown in one class listed below not in multiple classes. Horns are permitted.

Boer Breeding Junior Doe

1. Doe Kids - 0 to under 3 months
(5/22/26 - 8/21/26)
2. Doe Kids - 3 to under 6 months
(2/22/26 - 5/21/26)
3. Doe Kids - 6 to under 9 months
(11/22/25 - 2/21/26)
4. Doe Kids - 9 to under 12 months
(8/22/25 - 11/21/26)
5. Junior Champion Percentage Doe
6. Junior Reserve Champion Percentage Doe

Boer Breeding Yearling Does

7. 12 to under 16 months
(4/22/25 - 8/21/25)
8. 16 to under 20 months
(12/22/24 - 4/21/25)
9. 20 to under 24 months
(8/22/24 - 12/21/24)
10. Yearling Champion Percentage Doe
11. Yearling Reserve Champion Percentage Doe

Boer Breeding Senior Does

12. 24 to under 36 months
(8/22/23 - 8/21/24)
13. 36 to under 48 months
(8/22/22 - 8/21/23)
14. 48 months and over
(on or before 8/21/22)
15. Senior Champion Percentage Doe
16. Senior Reserve Champion Percentage Doe
17. Overall Champion Percentage Doe
18. Reserve Overall Champion Percentage Doe

Wether Dam

- Classes are broke by weight for Does under 12 months and under
- Clipped like a Wether
- Shown like a Wether

Pygmy Breeding Does

1. Junior Does (8/22/25 - 8/21/26)
2. Senior Does Born on or before 8/21/25
3. Overall Champion Pygmy Doe
4. Reserve Overall Champion Pygmy Doe

Supreme Overall Doe

JUNIOR FAIR MARKET GOAT SHOW

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market goats must sell in sale. If not selected as Grand or Reserve exhibitor may withdraw the animal from the sale. Deadline for withdrawal is 6:00 p.m. the day of the show or at the end of the show. No additions to the sale bill will be made after this time. Both Grand and Reserve Champion market goats must be slaughtered.
2. All market goats must have an 840 tag and an external scrapie tag. Exhibitors may tag 5 animals, show 2 and sell 1. Anyone losing all their goats for any reason may purchase a goat already tagged from another member after contacting the Jr. Fair Coordinator. Tags will be available through your advisor. The cost is \$3.00 per tag.
3. All tags must be in market goat's ear by tag in and identification form must be turned in to the Secretary's Office by this date. No goats will be allowed off trailer without an 840 tag in ear or last 5 digits of tag tattooed in the tail web.
4. Market wethers must be castrated or banded by tag-in.
5. All goats must be dehorned by tag in with only 1 1/2 inch of regrowth.
6. There will be 1 weigh-in per each market goat - **no re-weighs.**

7. A. Market goats must have their baby teeth checked the day of the weigh-in.
 B. Designated qualified person will check teeth at weigh-in.
 C. Animals will not be allowed to show if teeth are not checked.
8. The qualified person's decision will be final when checking teeth.
9. Class divisions will be determined after weigh-in. There will be no more than 12 animals in a class.
10. Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions and Third Place Division will be chosen for Lightweight Division, Middleweight Division, and Heavyweight Division. From those winners, the Overall Champion, Reserve Champion, Third Overall Champion, Fourth Overall Champion and Fifth Overall Champion will be chosen.
11. Grand and Reserve Champion Market Goats will be hair and urine tested.

DAIRY MARKET GOAT SHOW

1. Open to dairy purebred and dairy crossbred animals. Must be dehorned by tag-in with only 1 1/2 inch of regrowth.
2. **NO** Boer Cross - they are to be shown in boer market.
3. No bracing to the dairy market wethers.

MEAT PRODUCTION MARKET WETHER SHOW

1. Open to all meat-type goats such as Pygmy, Kiko, Spanish, etc. Must be dehorned.

DAIRY BREEDING SHOW

Specific show order will be posted. Classes for entries are listed below.

CLASS A - SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS B - ALPINES

1. Junior Doe Kids - born April 1, or after of current year.
2. Intermediate Doe Kids - born between March 1, and March 31, of current year.
3. Senior Doe Kids - born between January 1, and February 28, of current year.
4. Yearling Does, not milking - 1 year old and under 2 years
5. Junior Champion
6. Yearling Does, milking - 1 year old and under 2 years
7. Does - 2 years old and under 3 years
8. Does - 3 years old and under 5 years
9. Does - 5 years old and older
10. Senior Champion
11. Dam & Daughter

CLASS C - LAMANCHA

CLASS D - NIGERIAN DWARFS

CLASS E - NUBIANS

CLASS F - OBERHALSI

CLASS G - SAANEN

CLASS H - TOGGENBURGS

CLASS I - RECORDED GRADES AND GRADES

12. Junior Champion Over-all
13. Senior Champion Over-all

JUNIOR FAIR GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Ages are of January 1 of current year. Showmanship entries must be made online by the date set by Senior Fair. Open to any Junior Fair member exhibiting Junior Fair goats during the current year. Winners will be chosen according to showmanship demonstrated and how well animals are fitted. Top two showman in each division will compete for overall showman.

Classes will be divided into Boer and Pygmy Goat Showmanship and Dairy Goat Showmanship in addition to ages. Boer and Pygmy Goat Showmen are required to wear appropriate professional attire with no holes in jeans. Dairy Goat Showmen are required to wear white pants and a white shirt. No club shirts or farm shirts are allowed in either showmanship show.

The same goat may not be shown by more than one exhibitor for showmanship. You must show your own animal.

Senior Showmanship: Ages 15 - 19

Intermediate Showmanship: Ages 12 - 14

Junior Showmanship: Ages 11 - 9

The Goat Committee and Junior Fairboard members will create the showmanship classes in advanced based on age. The participants can scratch prior to the competition if they choose not to participate.

BORN AND RAISED MARKET GOAT CLASS

1. Kid to be purchased from Darke County local breeder and the doe must have been in Darke County at time of her kidding. Proof must be shown by way of purchase slip and/or registration certificate. Kid must be identified as born and raised at the time of tagging;

OR:

2. Doe must be family owned (parent or legal guardian or member) prior to breeding and kids must be born on their farm. Proof of birth on the farm must be shown by way of registration certificate, 4-H or FFA Advisor inspection and certificate and/or veterinary inspection certificate. Kid must be identified as born and bred at time of tagging.

There will be classes for both Boer and Boer Cross Market Goats and classes for Dairy Market Goats. The purpose in adding another show to the Junior Fair Schedule is to encourage more participation and to allow more participants to have a chance at placing. Junior Fair exhibitors will not be allowed additional animals in order to show in this class but may be eligible for this opportunity if their two kids meet the requirements as stated. This class will have a different judge. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the Sunday classes would be welcome to enter as long as they fulfill the requirements as stated previously. The Grand and Reserve Champion Born and Raised Market Goats would not be required to go to slaughter. These Champions will be allowed to sell at the beginning of the sale after the other Champions from the Sunday Show if they are not the same animal. This would put them in the 5th-8th slot.

JUNIOR FAIR GOAT FITTING CONTEST

1. Each participant is responsible for one of their own does or wethers. Goats can be boer or dairy.
2. All equipment and supplies must be in place prior to the starting time of the contest.
3. Each individual must provide their own fitting equipment. The contest will take place in the show arena. Once the contest begins, no participant may leave the show ring area and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area.
4. Teams of two will compete. One participant must be a goat exhibitor.
5. Contestants have 30 mins to complete their work.
6. All goats are to be pre-washed prior to the contest starting.
7. Stand will be provided if you do not have one, but must be requested during the meeting prior to the contest starting.

JUNIOR FAIR GOAT SKILLATHON

1. It is mandatory for all Junior Fair goat exhibitors to participate in the Goat Skillathon on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Cattle Pavilion.
2. If you are unable to participate in the Skillathon, you must complete a 500 word essay on the topic of "Research three market goat and three dairy goat breeds" due August 1st at 4:00 p.m. to the Secretary's Office, fairgrounds or email jrffair@darkecountyfair.com, or complete an online skillathon, you will not be eligible for outstanding exhibitor.

DARKE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GOAT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is open to all Junior Fair exhibitors showing in Darke County who have shown goats three out of the last four years and who are showing goats in the current year. Applicants should be a high school graduate who has been accepted to a technical school, two-year college or four-year college.

Applications may be obtained from the Junior Fair Office or dcjrffair.com on the goat tab after April 1st and must be returned to the Junior Fair Office or email to jrffair@darkecountyfair.com no later than August 1st. Applicants may only receive this scholarship one time.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

All animals in each class will be first graded A, B, or C. This grade will be on fitness only. Type of animal (conformation, etc.) will not be a factor. Animals will receive premiums as follows: A--\$6.00; B--\$4.00; C--\$3.00.

Following the A, B, C grading, all animals will be judged according to conformation and placed 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8.

OUTSTANDING MARKET GOAT EXHIBITOR

This award is based on a combination score that is determined by 1) The individual's score on the skillathon 2) the individual's placing in the market goat class, either boer market or dairy market and 3) the individual's placing in the showmanship class.

There are three different divisions for the outstanding market goat exhibitor which are based on age of the exhibitor and the number of years that the exhibitor has shown market goats. There will be a Champion and a Reserve Champion in each division for a total of eight winners. The division are 1) Junior 2) Intermediate and 3) Senior. The ages are the same as in showmanship and skillathon.

Each individual will be given points in each competition if they place in the Top 6. The points are given as follows:

1st Place = 10 points 3rd Place = 6 points 5th Place = 2 points
 2nd Place = 8 points 4th Place = 4 points 6th Place = 1 point

The point totals will be calculated daily and will be posted at the Barn Office. If there is a tie, the individual with the highest skillathon score will receive the award.

Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor Awards for Champion and Reserve in each division will be announced at the beginning of the Celebration of Achievement.

JUNIOR FAIR MARKET GOAT SALE

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions will sell Wednesday at the Celebration of Achievements starting at 5:00 p.m.

A 1.25% buyer fee will be withheld from all buyers checks for barn improvements. No weight limit to go through sale, but 50 lbs. minimum weight limit for packer truck.

GOAT KING & QUEEN CONTEST

Contest will be held on the first Saturday of the fair at 6:30 p.m., in the Goat Barn. Prince and Princess must be ages 9-13. King and Queen must be ages 14 and up. Contestants must have a Goat Project.

Royalty will be asked to pass out ribbons, trophies, etc. on show days. This includes helping with open class show. Contact the open show secretaries for guidance.

**2025 JUNIOR FAIR MARKET GOAT
 GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

Grand Champion Dairy Wether - Adison Yount - \$1,995 - **Zechar Bailey Funeral Home**, Spirit EMS, Shur Green Farms LLC, Dustin & Heather Fourman, GNB Banking Centers, Deeter Genetics, Sullenbarger Farms, J & J Family Farms, Spencer Landscaping, Inc., Bethany Kremer, Amazing Acres Farms, Wagner Paving, Bruns Animal Clinic, Ltd., Family Health Services of Darke County, Darke County Farm Bureau, Weimer Electronics, SVG Chevrolet, New Madison Kiwanis, Barga Heating & A/C, Snack Shop, Gordon & DeSantis Orthodontics, Joe Singer Farms, Hunt David, Leis Realty Co., Darke County Ag Society, Laux Farms, Keystone Cooperative Inc., Fitzwater Outdoor Maintenance, The Farmers State Bank, Flaig Lumber, Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care Inc., Whirlpool Corporation/KitchenAid Small Appliances, EPPCO Feed & Supply, Curtis Yount, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln, Arcanum VFW Post #4161

Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Wether - Kaisley McCann - \$2,465 - **Primetime Construction**, Buckeye Trailer Rental, Local 162 Plumbers & Pipefitters, Hittle GMC, Bretz Sales & Services Inc., Wagner Paving, Cherry & Williams DDS, Bruns Animal Clinic, Ltd., STF Insurance Group-Buckeye Insurance, SVG Chevrolet, Cooper Farms, Tyler Poepelman State Farm Agent, Marshall Combs State Farm, Leis Realty Co., Park National Bank, Dylan Graham, The Farmers State Bank, Whirlpool Corporation/KitchenAid Small Appliances, Lenny & Terry McCann, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln

Grand Champion Boer Goat - Aubrey Light - \$3,580 - **Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln, SISCO, Graves-Fearon Insurance Agency**, Dr. Maher, Dr. Painting, Dr. Schwartz, GNB Banking Centers, Jesse & Shannon Baker Family, West Branch Express, Cooper Farms, Keystone Cooperative, Inc., Manor View Farm, The Butcher Block & Smokehouse, Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care, King's Command Foods, EPPCO Feed & Supply, Arcanum VFW Post #4161

Reserve Champion Boer Goat - Aubrey Light - \$1,075 - **Graves-Fearon Insurance Agency**,
New Madison Kiwanis, Bruns Animal Clinic, Ltd., Manor View
Farm, King's Command Foods

2025 DAIRY GOAT SHOW AWARD DONORS

Junior Champion Alpine - Dayton Realtors
Senior Champion Alpine - Darke County Township Association
Junior Champion Nubian - Bob Spitler & Family
Senior Champion Nubian - Bob Spitler & Family
Junior Champion Toggenburg - Bob Spitler & Family
Senior Champion Toggenburg - In Memory of Joanne Hesson, Barnyard Boosters 4-H Club
Junior Champion LaMancha - Rowe Nutrition
Senior Champion LaMancha - Mike Wright Family
Junior Champion Saanen - Rowe Nutrition
Senior Champion Saanen - Mercer Savings Bank
Junior Champion Oberhalsi - Wilma Murphy & Family
Senior Champion Oberhalsi - Nichole Lange
Junior Champion Nigerian Dwarf - Darke County Jr. Fair Goat Committee
Senior Champion Nigerian Dwarf - Darke County Jr. Fair Goat Committee
Junior Champion Dairy Goat Recorded Grade - Richard L. Baker
Senior Champion Dairy Goat Recorded Grade - Dayton Realtors
Junior Champion, Dairy Goat Overall - Bob Spitler & Family
Senior Champion, Dairy Goat Overall - Richard L. Baker
Grand Champion Light Weight Dairy Wether - Bob Spitler & Family
Reserve Champion Light Weight Dairy Wether - Bob Spitler & Family
Grand Champion Middle Weight Dairy Wether - Bob Spitler & Family
Reserve Champion Middle Weight Dairy Wether - Bob Spitler & Family
Grand Champion Heavy Weight Dairy Wether - Bob Spitler & Family
Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Dairy Wether - Bob Spitler & Family
Champion Dairy Market Goat - Darke County Junior Fair Goat Committee
Reserve Champion Dairy Market Goat - Darke County Junior Fair Goat Committee
Dairy Goat Junior Showmanship - Mercer Savings Bank
Dairy Goat Intermediate Showmanship - Darke County Township Association
Dairy Goat Senior Showmanship - Nicole Lange
Dairy Goat Showman of Showmen - In Memory of Joanne Hesson
Sportsmanship Award - In Memory of Naomi LeValley and In Memory of Lori Williams
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2025 MEAT PRODUCTION GOAT SHOW AWARD DONORS

Champion Meat Production Market Goat - Sowers Construction
Reserve Champion Meat Production Market Goat - Darke County Junior Fair Goat Committee
Champion Light Weight Market Wether - Jackson Friendship 4-H Club
Reserve Champion Light Weight Market Wether - Kountry Kids 4-H Club
Champion Middle Weight Market Wether - Stump Family
Reserve Champion Middle Weight Market Wether - Stump Family
Champion Heavy Weight Market Wether - Dustin & Heather Fourman
Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Market Wether - Dustin & Heather Fourman
Yearling Reserve Champion Percentage Boer Doe - Scammahorn & Family
Senior Champion Percentage Boer Doe - Darke County Junior Fairboard
Senior Reserve Champion Percentage Boer Doe - Heavens Grace Farms
Overall Champion Percentage Boer Doe - Don & Diane Delaplane
Overall Reserve Champion Percentage Boer Doe - Greenville Ace Hardware
Junior Champion Breeding Boer Doe - Scammahorn Family Farms
Junior Reserve Champion Breeding Boer Doe - Darke County Township Association
Yearling Champion Breeding Boer Doe - Scammahorn Family Farms
Yearling Reserve Champion Breeding Boer Doe - Darke County Township Association
Senior Champion Breeding Boer Doe - Farm Credit Mid America
Senior Reserve Champion Breeding Boer Doe - Greenville Ace Hardware
Champion Breeding Boer Doe - Don & Diane Delaplane

Reserve Champion Breeding Boer Doe - Greenville Ace Hardware
 Champion Pygmy Doe - Kountry Kids 4-H Club
 Reserve Champion Pygmy Doe - Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care
 Supreme Overall Doe - Terry & Becky Hartnagle Family
 Champion Boer Goat Junior Showmanship - Hesson Livestock
 Champion Boer Goat Intermediate Showmanship - Terry & Becky Hartnagle Family
 Champion Boer Goat Senior Showmanship - McDade Show Goats
 Boer Goat Showman of Showmen - Greenville Ace Hardware
 Goat Skillathon, Beginner – Stump Family
 Goat Skillathon, Ages 9-11 – Ansonia FFA Alumni
 Goat Skillathon, Ages 12-14 – Dayton Realtors
 Goat Skillathon, Ages 15-18 – Barnyard Boosters
 Born & Raised Grand Champion Boer Market Goat – Merchants Bank of Indiana
 Born & Raised Reserve Champion Boer Market Goat – Addy Lange
 Born & Raised Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat – In Memory of Lori Williams
 Born & Raised Reserve Champion Dairy Market Goat – Patriot Excavating

OUTSTANDING MARKET GOAT EXHIBITOR AWARD DONORS

Champion Junior Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor – Dustin & Heather Fourman
 Reserve Champion Junior Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor – Patriot Excavating
 Champion Intermediate Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor – Darke County Township Association
 Reserve Champion Intermediate Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor – Greenville Ace Hardware
 Champion Senior Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor – Dustin & Heather Fourman
 Reserve Champion Senior Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor - Greenville Ace Hardware

JUNIOR FAIR EQUINE COMMITTEE

JFB: Allison Pierron, Glori Mae Rausch, Tyrel Isreal, Micah Arbogast

COMMITTEE

Mary Neill	Kelly Smith	Jessica Post
Angie Bender	Elizabeth Rausch	Madison Werner
Brandi Hamm	Shayanne Auten	

SCHEDULE OF JUNIOR EQUINE ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting
 Friday, 9:00 a.m. - Contesting Classes
 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Western, Draft, Mule & Donkey Show & Ranch
 Monday, 9:00 a.m. - Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat, Hunter Hack and Versatility
 Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - Performance & Driving Classes
 Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. - Team Tournament
 Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - Generation Gap
 Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - Fun Show
 Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - Release time for Junior Fair horses, ponies, draft & mules

EXHIBIT RULES

1. Refer to “Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation”, “Code of Practices”, and “Junior Fair Livestock General Rules” sections in the front portion of this Junior Fair section of the fairbook for general information that applies to all Junior Fair Departments.
2. Junior Fair horse shows will be guided by the Circular 179, Uniform Rules of 4-H Horse Shows in Ohio.
3. A member can bring and show a **maximum of 2 projects** (horses and ponies) stalls permitting. All animals must be 4-H or FFA projects. If a horse is at the fair it must show in the Junior Fair Show or \$25.00 fee will be charged to the 4-H/FFA Member. If the member is unable to show their equine, then the President, Junior Fair Coordinator and a Senior Fairboard member must be made aware as to why.
4. Members must have their projects in their possession by June 1st and, show only their own project at the fair.
5. All horses **MUST** be fed, watered and stalls cleaned by 10:00 a.m. every day. Stalls and water will be periodically checked throughout the day.
6. Only the Junior Fair exhibitor will be allowed to ride, drive or lunge their equine project(s) during show days. No adults are allowed to ride, drive or lunge an equine project until the

conclusion of the show each day. If there is an exhibitor that needs assistance lunging their project during the show day they may have help as long as it is in a learning environment. If an adult is riding after the show it MUST be in a learning environment with the member present.

7. Equine outside of the arena must be led or ridden at a walk. No lunging outside of the arena or round pens.
8. There should be no unattended equine in the round pens and no riding in the round pens.
9. Sunday's open show is independent and separate from the Junior Fair Show.
10. Exhibit Premiums: \$9 per project exhibited. Animal must be shown in at least one class.
11. Ribbons will be awarded to eight places in each class.
12. All animals must remain on the fairgrounds until Thursday at 9:00 a.m. All animals must be removed by 5:00 p.m. Any individual who wishes to remove prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. will automatically forfeit all premium money, unless approved by Jr. Fair Coordinator or Senior Fair Board Representative of the Department.
Exceptions will be made by the following procedures:
 - A. Member whose animals get sick during the fair must get the fair veterinarian to evaluate at their animal before getting permission from the Department Superintendent and Junior Fair Coordinator to leave and must notify the Horse Committee President for horses.
 - B. College and school members must get permission from the Senior Fairboard Representative of the Department and Junior Fair Coordinator to leave early and must notify the President of horses.
 - C. Any exhibitor who leaves early without approval will not be eligible to show the following year.
13. **Entries for the Jr. Fair Equine Show must be made online by the third Monday in July. No changes after July 25th only scratches. See Junior Fair General Rules for late fees.**
14. If an exhibitor's equine dies or sustains a serious injury prohibiting the equine from being shown, as determined by a licensed veterinarian and stated in a written letter, they can choose to show another horse at the fair, if:
 - a. If the exhibitor only has one project entered in the Junior Fair Shows, they can use any horse that has been ID'd by the exhibitor by June 1st.
 - b. If the exhibitor has two projects entered in the Junior Fair Shows and something happened to one project, they cannot show any additional horses at the fair.
 - c. If the exhibitor is eligible to make a change of project and the new project does not fit the original classes, the exhibitor will be allowed to change classes to fit the new project entered.
15. Exhibitors are required to wear **properly fitted SEI-approved helmets** while riding. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to provide their own helmet.
16. Veterinarian certificate is required to be on file with the President for any Prescription medication administered during the fair. Certificate will be kept on file at the Jr. Fair office.
17. **If you are not at the gate when your class enters the ring, the gate will be closed. All tack changes need to be made in make-up arena, if possible. There is a four (4) minute tack change limit.**
18. Showman of Showmen Class ... Only Grand Champions of each division are eligible to participate in the Showman of Showmen Class. In the event the Grand Champion does not wish to participate, the Reserve Champion is **NOT** eligible to show. The winner of the Showman of Showmen Class may participate in the County Showman of Showmen Competition. In the event the winner of the Showman of Showmen Class is ineligible to participate in county competition, the next eligible placing will participate.
19. Contest championship will be determined by the fastest time of the top 3 horse and rider combination from each division, Juniors (9-13) and Seniors (14-18). This is only for the 4 state qualifying classes.

EQUINE SKILLATHON

1. Horse exhibitors must complete skillathon or essay or online skillathon in order to show at the fair.
2. Skillathon will be offered June 4, 2026, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Building. Participants must arrive between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. to start the Skillathon.
3. If the exhibitor is unable to attend the above day, they must write an essay. Ages 8-14 will write a 500 word essay and ages 15-18 will write a 750 word essay that must be turned in by August 1st. Topics for the essays are determined by the horse committee each year.

4. Age 8 - 14: Write a day in my life with my horse. - Essay must be 500 words minimum.
 Age 15 - 18: How I show sportsmanship in the horse world with fellow competitors - Essay must be 750 words minimum. Please submit essay to the secretaries office at the fairgrounds by the entry due date or email to jrfair@darkecountyfair.com.

POSTER CONTEST

Open to all junior fair equine exhibitors. Use regular size poster board. Theme must pertain to equine. Place name and age on back of poster. Age groups are Cloverbud, 8-14, and 15 and over, as of January 1st of current year. Posters must be turned in to an equine advisor or Junior Fairboard member on the 1st Friday of the fair. Posters will be evaluated on Friday evening.

SHOWMANSHIP & HORSEMANSHIP CLASSES

When applicable, classes will be broken down by size of horse and age of participants as described in Circular 179, Uniform Rules of 4-H Horse Shows in Ohio.

Championship classes will be held in showmanship (all division), horsemanship and equitation classes. All first, second and third place winners in each class are eligible to compete in their respective championship class. In Western Division only, there will be a pony and horse championship with the horses being divided into a Junior (13 & under) and a Senior (14 & over) championship.

Any member showing in any walk/trot class, the horse/rider combination cannot show in a canter class.

RING USE CONDITIONING

The ring will be cleared one hour before the show starts each day to allow for preparation. Please, not that this rule may be adjusted based on weather conditions.

CLASSES

Friday, 9:00 a.m. - Contesting

Ground Roping	Pole Bending	Flag Racing	Barrel Racing
Speed & Control	Cones & Barrels	Stake Race	Keyhole

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Western, Draft, Mules & Donkeys

Showmanship	Bareback	Pleasure
Horsemanship	Mare & Foal	Ranch

Monday, 9:00 a.m. - Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat, Hunter Hack, Versatility

Showmanship	Equitation	Versatility
Pleasure	Bareback	English Dressage

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - Performance & Driving Classes (East Arena)

Trail	Reining	Versatility - Draft
Ranch Versatility	Western Riding	Pleasure & Draft Driving

JUNIOR FAIR EQUINE ROYALTY CONTEST

The Equine King and Queen contest is open to any equine members 14-18 years of age. The Prince and Princess contest is open to equine member ages 8 (in 4-H and enrolled with a equine project) 13 years of age. Applications are due 3rd Friday in May to the Secretary's Office under the grandstand by Midnight. Scoring will be on activities, poise & personality, personal appearance, essay and skillathon. Complete rules are available by contacting the Junior Fair Coordinator. Equine royalty will be crowned at the PAS show in June.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUM

Grade A-\$9.00

2025 JUNIOR FAIR EQUINE SHOW AWARD DONORS

- Saddle Seat Champion Showmanship - Brian and Amy Rismiller
- Saddle Seat Reserve Champion Showmanship - Keller Grain
- Saddle Seat Equitation Champion - Darke County Democratic Party
- Saddle Seat Equitation Reserve Champion - Tennessee Double Tree Farm - Parris & Carolyn Brant
- Junior Western Showmanship Championship - Pam & Alan Cole
- Junior Western Showmanship Reserve - Pam & Alan Cole
- Senior Western Showmanship Championship - Pam & Alan Cole
- Senior Western Showmanship Reserve Champion - Darke County Democratic Party

Western Showmanship Championship Champion Pony - Clearview Farm - Steve & Lynne Myers
 Western Showmanship Reserve Champion Pony - Silver Hoofs 4-H Club, Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Richard Light

Senior Western Horsemanship Championship - Ron & Diane Wills
 Senior Western Horsemanship Reserve Champion - Pam & Alan Cole
 Junior Western Horsemanship Championship - Pam & Alan Cole
 Junior Western Horsemanship Reserve Champion - In Memory of Loni Walters
 Western Horsemanship Championship Pony - Pam & Alan Cole
 Western Horsemanship Reserve Champion Pony - Keller Grain
 Hunt Champion Showmanship - Darke County Township Association
 Hunt Reserve Champion Showmanship - In Memory of Bobbi Hinker & John - Patrick & Kristen Hinker

Hunt Equitation Champion - Meckes & Associates Insurance Ltd.
 Hunt Equitation Reserve Champion - Puthoff Performance Horses
 Western Showmanship Easy Gaited Champion - Commercial Printing Company
 Western Showmanship Easy Gaited Reserve Champion - Ro-Da-O Farm LLC
 Western Showmanship Easy Gaited Champion - Ro-Da-O Farm LLC
 Western Horsemanship Easy Gaited Reserve Champion - Little Bit of Heaven Stables - Doug & Pat Best

English Equitation Easy Gaited Champion - Wintrow Signs & Designs
 English Equitation Easy Gaited Reserve Champion - Rhoades Homestead Farm - Richard & Marilyn Rhoades

English Showmanship Champion - Little Bit of Heaven Stables - Doug & Pat Best
 English Showmanship Easy Gaited Reserve Champion - Darke Co. Township Association
 Draft Horse & Pony Champion Showmanship - Silver Hoofs 4-H Club, In Memory of James & Dorothy Mills

Draft Horse & Pony Reserve Champion Showmanship - Silver Hoofs 4-H Club, In Memory of Robert & Lola Mills

Showman of Showmen Award - Darke County 4-H Horse Committee
 Showman of Showmen Representative - In Memory of Jim Smith, Darke County 4-H Horse Committee

Draft Horse & Pony Horsemanship Champion - Silver Hoofs 4-H Club, In Memory of Karen Meier
 Draft Horse & Pony Horsemanship Reserve Champion - Silver Hoofs 4-H Club, In Memory of Karen Meier

Senior Pole Champion - The Winery At Versailles
 Senior Pole Reserve Champion - Triple M Aussies
 Junior Pole Champion - Darke County Township Association
 Junior Pole Reserve Champion - Mike and Shelley Meckes
 Senior Stake Champion - Brian and Amy Rismiller
 Senior Stake Reserve Champion - Ro-Da-O Farm LLC
 Junior Stake Champion - Wintrow Signs & Designs
 Junior Stake Reserve Champion - The Winery at Versailles
 Senior Keyhole Champion - Tom & Diane Taylor
 Senior Keyhole Reserve Champion - Tom Diane Taylor
 Junior Keyhole Champion - Tom & Diane Taylor
 Junior Keyhole Reserve Champion - Tom & Diane Taylor
 Senior Barrel Champion - The Winery At Versailles
 Senior Barrel Reserve Champion - Wintrow Signs & Designs
 Junior Barrel Champion - The Winery At Versailles
 Junior Barrel Reserve Champion - Tom & Diane Taylor
 Donkey Showmanship Champion - Keller Grain
 Donkey Showmanship Reserve Champion - Keller Grain
 Draft Horse Equitation Champion - Keller Grain
 Draft Horse Equitation Reserve Champion - Keller Grain
 Senior Ranch Horsemanship Champion - Puthoff Performance Horses
 Senior Ranch Horsemanship Reserve Champion - Meckes & Associates
 Junior Ranch Horsemanship Champion - Puthoff Performance Horses
 Junior Ranch Horsemanship Reserve Champion - Ro-Da-O Farm LLC

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JUNIOR FAIR POULTRY SHOW

JFB: Evan Addis, Cheyenne Swisher, Ethan Subler

COMMITTEE

Cindy Mayo	Kevin Bergman	Cody Stump	Maria Moore
Dena Wuebker	Amy Addis	Brian Subler	Chrissy Strausbaugh
Marlene Dirksen	Tyler Greer	Eric Walker	Jennie Bohman

SCHEDULE OF JUNIOR FAIR POULTRY ACTIVITIES

- Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - Mandatory Poultry Meeting, followed by weigh-in of Market Poultry Projects until 9:00 p.m. - Poultry Barn
- Friday, 5:00 p.m. - Poultry Barn - Announcement of Royalty-King, Queen, Prince and Princess, Poultry Photography Contest, and Educational Poultry Poster Contest
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Poultry Show - Commercial and Meat
- Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Poultry Show - Fancy (non-production and non-meat classes)
- Monday, 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Poultry Showmanship
- Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - Junior Fair Showman of Showmen (Swine, Sheep, Goat, Dog & Horse)
- Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. - Award Ceremony in the Poultry Barn - Announcement of Skillathon Winners, Coop Decorating Contest Winners, Top 3 Fancy and Market Overall Exhibitors in Each Age Division, and Herdsman Awards
- Wednesday, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Jr. Fair Poultry Released
- Thursday, 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Poultry Released. All Jr. Fair Poultry Must Be Removed by 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - Junior Fair Showman of Showmen (Beef, Dairy, Poultry & Rabbit)

EXHIBIT RULES

1. Refer to "Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation," "Code of Practices," and "Junior Fair Livestock General Rules" sections in the front portion of the Junior Fair section of the fair book for general information that applies to all Junior Fair Departments.
2. If exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, please refer to the rules/regulations for the Ohio State Fair.
3. American Standard of Perfection and American Bantam Association Standard will be the guide for judging Fancy poultry.
4. All birds must be entered in the proper class to be eligible for premium.
5. All cockerels and pullets must be under one (1) year of age.
- 6. No bird may be shown in more than one (1) class, excluding showmanship.**
7. Each market exhibitor may show only two (2) pens per class. A pen means two (2) birds with the exception of meat turkeys, in which a pen is one (1) bird.
8. All fancy birds will be shown as singles with a **maximum of 4 per class**. See Sunday show order.
9. All birds must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of their individual project, including showmanship.
10. If an exhibitor cannot be present at the show to exhibit the animal, another Junior Fair member may show the project with the pre-approved permission of the Junior Fairboard before the conclusion of the barn meeting.
11. Only authorized persons are permitted in the show and judging areas while the show is in progress. The show arena will be closed during judging.
12. Time for tack box/supplies drop off will be posted via social media.
- 13. All poultry exhibitors are required to wear a collared shirt or a tee shirt which was provided by the 4-H/FFA/Scouts or similar youth organization, jeans with no holes or khakis, and closed toe shoes. Not following guidelines, the exhibitor may be dismissed.**
14. Pens of each class will be individually graded A, B, C.
15. To qualify for exhibiting, competing, and participating in the Junior Fair Poultry show or sale, all meat birds must have been owned and in the custody of the junior fair exhibitor within 48 hours after hatching. Hatch papers are required from the hatchery or written verification from the 4-H or FFA advisor is needed if the exhibitor is hatching their own birds. **Hatching papers for meat pens (broilers, roasters, turkeys) and commercial production must be turned in by August 1st to the junior fair coordinator. Put papers in an envelope with the exhibitor's name on the outside.**
16. If hatching own production pullets and/or turkeys, birds will need pullorum testing.
17. Birds from a NPIP hatchery in the current year do not need to be pullorum tested providing they are not co-mingled with non-tested birds. If the birds are co-mingled and some are from a NPIP hatchery and others are not, then the birds will need to be tested.

18. Pullorum papers must be submitted by August 1st to the junior fair coordinator. Papers should be placed in an envelope with the exhibitor's name(s) on the outside of the envelope.
19. Exhibitors must provide their own feed and water cups.
20. Mandatory Barn Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20th. The exhibitor or immediate family member must be signed in and present throughout the meeting. If not, the exhibitor will not be eligible to show or sell. Immediate family is defined as parents, legal guardians, siblings (age 14 and older), and stepparents. Siblings must live at the same address as the exhibitor.
21. All pens must be cleaned, fed, and watered each day. First offense: the junior fair member will be given a warning. Second offense: the junior fair member will lose premiums and not participate in the sale or receive award money.
22. No sideline coaching allowed during the showmanship show. Anyone suspected of coaching will be asked to leave the area by the Superintendent, Senior Fairboard or Junior Fair Coordinator.
23. All pens must be cleaned and checked by a Poultry Committee member at the time of release with both parties signing off. (Poultry Committee member & Exhibitor)
24. No animals can be moved until barn release time. Birds entered in Open Show will not be released until Open Show birds are released.
25. **Birds will be released Wednesday, August 26th, from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., or Thursday, August 27th, from 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. All Junior Fair Poultry projects must be removed by 10:00 a.m. (except open-class birds). Pens must be cleaned, or premium and sale money will be forfeited.**
26. **Exhibitors may only weigh in a maximum of 18 birds total (regardless of classes). Birds may only be reweighed one time using the same scale. Once the bird is weighed it will be banded with a numbered band and recorded with the weight on the weigh-in slips. The exhibitor can match the weights to get their best pair.**
27. **At weigh-in it will be at the discretion of the Poultry Committee to reject a bird if it is too dirty.**
28. Meat classes will be determined at Thursday's weigh-in as follows: Broilers (4.0 pounds to less than 6.0 pounds) and Roasters (6.0 pounds to 8.0 pounds). 4 birds per class. Either sex may be shown. Market ducks must weigh 7.0 to 9.0 pounds.
29. All meat birds must be weighed on Thursday following the 6:00 p.m. mandatory barn meeting, August 20th, between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. All paperwork must be turned in by 9:30 p.m. Birds not weighed are ineligible to show. If an exhibitor cannot be present at weigh-in because of another fair conflict or fair obligation, the exhibitor is responsible for taking care of all weigh-in responsibilities. Responsibilities include weigh in of meat entries, completing the drug use notification forms online, and completely filling out their weigh tickets and market papers. Minors need a parent or legal guardian's signature. After Thursday's weigh-in, there will be absolutely no exceptions. Each pen sold will be assessed the 3% Darke County Junior Fair Sale Committee fee. A fee will **NOT** be assessed by the Poultry Committee.
30. All Commercial Production (hens, pullets, egg layers) must be banded (not weighed), following the mandatory barn meeting until 9:00 p.m.
31. Meat Turkey Class - a pen is one bird. Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 2 turkeys. Exhibitors may show any combination listed: 2 toms, 2 hens, or 1 tom and 1 hen. All turkeys must be banded (not weighed) following the mandatory barn meeting until 9:00 p.m.
32. **Champion pens of market birds will be selected from Saturday's show. Champion and Reserve Champion meat and commercial entries are required to sell.**
33. All fancy poultry must be in possession of the exhibitor prior to April 30th of the current year.
34. Champion pen of fancy birds in each category will be selected from the 1st and 2nd place pens of Sunday's show.

HEALTH RULES

- (A) Each bird will be checked prior to entering the barn and shall be free of any evidence of dangerously contagious or infectious disease, lice and mites.
- (B) Each decision will be made by an approved veterinarian regarding the health of any bird and their decision is final.
- (C) All birds, except ducks, geese, pigeons and quail to be shown must be Pullorum tested prior to fair. For additional information see rule #17 above.

- (D) Pullorum papers or NPIP papers must be turned in to the Junior Fair Coordinator by August 1st to the Secretary's Office. Please put papers in an envelope with the exhibitor name(s) on the outside.

JUNIOR FAIR POULTRY CLASSES AND SHOW ORDER

Refer to the open class section for proper breed entry.

SATURDAY SHOW

1. Commercial Production Classes (Egg Layers)

Pen of 2 Hens

Pen of 2 Pullets

Champion & Reserve Commercial Production

2. Market Classes

(2a) Broilers (pen of 2)

Champion & Reserve Broilers

(2b) Roasters (pen of 2)

Champion & Reserve Roasters

(2c) Meat Turkey — Hen (pen of 1)

Champion & Reserve Meat Turkey Hen

(2d) Meat Turkey — Tom (pen of 1)

Champion & Reserve Meat Turkey Tom

(2e) Market Duck — (pen of 2)

Champion & Reserve Market Duck

3. OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET BIRD (Includes: Broilers, Roasters, Turkeys, and Market Duck)

SUNDAY SHOW

(Show order will be posted) Maximum of 4 Birds per Class

All "Old" birds are to be over 1 year of age

All "Young" birds are to be under 1 year of age

1. Breeding Classes (Large Fowl)

Pen of Cock

Pen of Hen

Pen of Cockerel

Pen of Pullet

Champion & Reserve Large Fowl

2. Breeding Classes (Bantam)

Pen of Cock

Pen of Hen

Pen of Cockerel

Pen of Pullet

Champion & Reserve Bantam

3. Breeding Classes Bantam Duck

Old Drake

Old Duck

Young Drake

Young Duck

Champion & Reserve Bantam Duck

4. Breeding Class Ducks

Old Drake

Old Duck

Young Drake

Young Duck

Champion & Reserve Duck

5. Breeding Class Goose

Old Gander

Old Goose

Young Gander

Young Goose

Champion & Reserve Goose

6. Breeding Class Turkeys (Market Turkeys)

Not Eligible

Breeding Old Tom

Breeding Old Hen

Breeding Young Tom

Breeding Young Hen

Champion and Reserve Turkey

7. Breeding Class Guinea

Old Male

Old Female

Young Male

Young Female

Champion and Reserve Guinea

8. Breeding Class Pigeons

Fancy Old Male

Fancy Old Female

Fancy Young Male

Fancy Young Female

Champion and Reserve Pigeon

9. Breeding Class Game Bird (Pheasant, Quail, Etc.)

Fancy Old Male

Fancy Old Female

Fancy Young Male

Fancy Young Female

Champion and Reserve Game Bird

10. OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FANCY BIRD

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitor must wear white button dress shirt or white show coat with khaki pants or jeans and closed toe shoes. No shorts or jeans with holes are permitted.

Any Junior Fair member showing poultry in Junior Fair classes at the Darke County Fair may enter one of the poultry showmanship classes. Entries must be made online by the 3rd Monday of July. The exhibitor must show their own bird. The bird may be of any type. Overall Showman of each class will compete in the Showman of Showmen class, and winner will advance to the overall Jr. Fair Showman of Showmen competition.

Divisions will be based on the exhibitor's age as of January 1st of the current year.

- Age 8-9 years old

- Age 10-11 years old

- *Junior Division winners (1st and 2nd Place from each of the above classes) for champion and reserve champion*

- Age 12-13 years old

- Age 14-15 years old

- *Intermediate Division winners (1st and 2nd Place from each of the above classes) for champion and reserve champion*

- Age 16-18 years old

- *Senior Division winners (1st and 2nd Place from the above class) for champion and reserve champion*

Champions of each division will compete for Overall Showman to the Showman of Showmen class. If the overall Champion Showman is not able to compete in the Showman of Showmen contest, the Reserve Champion will assume their role. If Overall Poultry Showman won the prior year, representing the Poultry department, then the Reserve Champion will assume their role per Rule #4 of Fair Showman of Showmen contest. Show order will be posted in the poultry barn starting with Seniors, then Intermediate, followed by Juniors.

POULTRY SKILLATHON

The Poultry Skillathon is mandatory. You must participate in the skillathon in order to show and/or sell. Poultry Skillathon will be held on July 18, 2026, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Cattle Pavilion on the fairgrounds. Makeup date will be July 29, 2026, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Cattle Pavilion.

If the exhibitor is unable to attend either skillathon date, then they must write an essay. The essay topic is "The effects of colored lighting on poultry stress and productivity." Juniors, ages 8-11, must write a 250-word essay. Intermediate, ages 12-15, and Seniors, ages 16-18, must write a 500-word essay or complete an online skillathon.

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR

These awards are based on a combination score that is determined by the exhibitor's score on the poultry skillathon, their highest Jr. Fair Poultry Show placing and their Poultry Showmanship placing. Awards will be given by individual ages and overall. This will be done for both Market/Commercial and Fancy (non-production, non-meat).

POULTRY ROYALTY CONTEST

Contest will be held on the first Friday of the Fair at 5:00 p.m., in the Poultry Barn. Application is due by July 1st to the Secretary's Office. An interview will be given by the Junior Fair Royalty during skillathon on July 29th. Contestants will be notified of their interview time. Prince and Princess must be ages 9-13. King and Queen must be ages 14 and up. Contestants must own and exhibit a poultry project of the current year. Contestants must be a Darke County Junior Fair exhibitor. Royalty will be asked to pass out ribbons, trophies etc. on show days. King, Queen, Prince, and Princess crowns and tiaras donated by the Poultry Committee.

POSTER CONTEST

Open to all Junior Fair members exhibiting poultry. Use regular size poster board and theme must pertain to poultry. Place exhibitor's name, age, and club on back of poster. Posters must be the original design and creation of the entrant. Computer graphics may be used. Judges are to consider the following criteria when judging: legible content, and well organized. Awards will be selected from the following age groups: Ages 8-11, 12-14 and 15-18. Posters must be turned in by Thursday, August 20th, at 6:00 p.m. at the barn meeting. Results will be announced Friday, August 21st, at 5:00 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Open to all Junior Fair members exhibiting poultry. Photos must be poultry related and can be either black & white or colored. Photo must be 8 x 10 and mounted on either a stiff photo mount

board or foam core board. Matting is optional. Title of photo must appear on front of exhibit. Place exhibitor's name, age and club on back of display board. Photos must be taken by the exhibitor and can only be exhibited one time in the photo contest. Awards will be given for: Bird photo must be turned in by Thursday, August 20th, at 6:00 p.m. First, Second and Third Place will be awarded. Results will be Friday, August 21st.

COOP DECORATING CONTEST

Each entry needs to sign up Thursday at the barn meeting on August 20th. Contestant is to decorate the coop(s) of a bird(s) that they are exhibiting in the show. The coop can be decorated on the top or sides. Please consider the safety of your bird. The coop must be decorated by the contestant by 5:00 p.m., Saturday, August 22nd. Prizes will be awarded to each of the following age groups: 1st, 2nd, 3rd: 8-11, 12-14, and 15-18. Winners will be announced at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26th.

JUNIOR FAIR POULTRY SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship will be awarded to graduating High School Senior(s) of the current year. Applications are available on the Jr. Fair website. Applications must be post marked by July 15th. Darke County Poultry Committee, P.O. Box 1074, Greenville, OH 45331. Checks will be sent to the recipient's institution at the conclusion of their first semester and receipt of their transcripts.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

Each exhibit will be first graded A, B, or C. All pens will be judged according to fitness and only those receiving an "A" grade will be placed 1-2-3-4-5. Exhibits will receive premiums as follows: Pen of bird(s) - A - \$3.00; B - \$2.00; C - \$1.50. Payment will be made on a maximum of 6 entries per person in Junior Fair Classes.

JUNIOR FAIR POULTRY SALE

Each exhibitor may sell only one of the following: Commercial Pen of Pullets, Commercial Pen of Hens, Pen of Roasters, Pen of Broilers, Pen of Market Ducks, Tom Turkey or a Hen Turkey. Please refer to Junior Small Animal Sale under Darke County Junior Fair Livestock Sales section for more sale information.

2025 JUNIOR FAIR POULTRY GRAND CHAMPION

Grand Champion Poultry - Chyenne Swisher - \$3,750 - **Graves-Fearon Insurance Agency, Dave Knapp Tire Warehouse, SISCO, Spirit EMS, Lightning Electric Inc., State Farm Insurance Agency - Gable, Dr. Maher, Dr. Painting, Dr. Schwartz, Francis Furniture, Poepelman Materials & Pepcon Concrete, Bolyard Heating & Cooling Inc., GNB Banking Centers, Elite Truck & Auto Repair, Mercer Savings Bank, Cox Insurance, Jeff & Dena Wuebker, Wayne Builders Supply/St. Henry Tile Co., Larry Fourman Construction Inc., King's Poultry Farm, Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd., Family Health Services of Darke County, SVG Chevrolet, Barga Heating & A/C, Jon Coomer Investment Management, Gordon & DeSantis Orthodontics, Rodney Creech, Hansbarger Home Solutions, GMT Roofing Inc., Garbid, Schmidt & Pohlman LLC, Keystone Cooperative Inc., North Star Hardware & Implement Co., Fitzwater Outdoor Maintenance, The Service Company, T & C Motorsports, Martin's Old Fashion Lemonade, RJ Mayo Family Farms, The Farmers State Bank, Doss Business Systems, Flaig Lumber, Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care Inc., JAFE Decorating Inc., Creative Carpeting, Whirlpool Corporation/ KitchenAid Small Appliances, Troutewine Auto Sales Inc., Bruce Burns Family, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln, Arcanum VFW Post #4161**

Reserve Grand Champion Poultry - Evan Addis - \$1,845 - **Zechar Bailey Funeral Home, Spirit EMS, Worch Lumber, Sky Innovations LLC, G & G Floor Fashions Inc., Technical Roofing, Poepelman Materials & Pepcon Concrete, Melissa Bowman, GNB Banking Centers, Jeff & Dena Wuebker, Erk Cotrell American Legion Post #140, George Buchy, Cherry & Williams DDS, Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd., Family Health Services of Darke County, Versailles Feed Mill Inc., RJ Warner**

Insurance, Barga Heating & A/C, Jon Coomer Investment Management, Cooper Farms, K & L Tractor Sales Inc., SISCO, Gordon & DeSantis Orthodontics, Leis Realty Co., Hansbarger Home Solutions, Greenville Federal, Weaver Bros Inc., Flaig Lumber, Whirlpool Corporation/KitchenAid Small Appliances, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln, Arcanum VFW Post #4161

Grand Champion Egg Production - Elliot Seubert - \$1,390 - **Phelan Insurance Agency Inc.**, Spirit EMS, GNB Banking Centers, Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd., Family Health Services of Darke County, Littman Thomas Agency Inc., RJ Warner Insurance, Barga Heating & A/C, Cooper Farms, Cal-Maine Foods Inc, Gordon & DeSantis Orthodontics, Daren Hiatt, Wiley Well Drilling, Fitzwater Outdoor Maintenance, Members Choice Credit Union, Grow Excavating LLC, Midwest Ag Transport Inc., Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care Inc., Whirlpool Corporation/KitchenAid Small Appliances, Aesthetic Finishers Inc., Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln

2025 POULTRY SHOW AWARD DONORS

Champion Breeding Chickens, Standard - Park National Bank
 Reserve Champion Breeding Chickens, Standard - Dana Woodson
 Champion Breeding Chickens, Bantam - Whittington Produce Inc.
 Reserve Champion Breeding Chickens, Bantam - Brian and Amy Rismiller
 Champion Pen of Duck - Versailles Busy Beavers 4-H Club
 Reserve Champion Pen of Duck - Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care
 Champion Pen of Bantam Ducks - Merchants Bank of Indiana
 Reserve Champion Pen of Bantam Ducks - Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care
 Champion Pen of Geese - Dayton Realtors
 Reserve Champion Pen of Geese - Bestway Disposal
 Champion Pen of Pigeon - Jordan Insurance Agency
 Reserve Champion Pen of Pigeon - Jordan Insurance Agency
 Champion Pen of Guineas - The Darke County Democratic Party
 Reserve Champion Pen of Guineas - Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care
 Champion Waterfowl - Brian and Amy Rismiller
 Reserve Champion Waterfowl - Joyful Jets 4-H Club
 Champion Fancy Turkey - Farm Credit Mid America
 Reserve Champion Fancy Turkey - Park National Bank
 Champion Overall Fancy Entry - Fun Bunch 4-H Club
 Champion Commercial Production - Darke County Jr. Fair Poultry Committee
 Reserve Champion Commercial Production - Silver Hoofs 4-H Club -
 In Memory of Robert and Lola Mills
 Champion Hen Turkey - Dayton Realtors
 Reserve Champion Hen Turkey - Marlene and Macy Dirksen
 Champion Tom Turkey - Wuebker Farms
 Reserve Champion Tom Turkey - Shirley A. Linder & Family
 Champion Pen of Broilers - Joe & Mary Lou Topp, In Memory of Lynn Ann Topp
 Reserve Champion Pen of Broilers - Darke County Jr. Fair Poultry Committee
 Champion Pen of Roasters - Farm Credit Mid America
 Reserve Champion Pen of Roasters - Darke County Democratic Party
 Champion Market Duck - Farm Credit Mid America
 Reserve Champion Market Duck - Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care
 Champion Overall Meat Entry - Ansonia FFA Alumni
 Reserve Champion Overall Meat Entry - Jordan Insurance Agency
 1st Place Junior Division Showmanship - Richard & Patricia Grimes -
 In Memory of Mike Crawford
 2nd Place Junior Division Showmanship - Richard L. Baker
 1st Place intermediate Division Showmanship - Billers Stamps and Engraving
 2nd Place Intermediate Division Showmanship - Billers Stamps and Engraving
 1st Place Senior Division Showmanship - Mercer Savings Bank
 2nd Place Senior Division Showmanship - Farm Credit Mid America

Champion Overall Poultry Showman - Darke County Farm Bureau
All rosettes and ribbons by Darke County Agricultural Society

JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT SHOW
JFB: Isley DeMange, Hallie Case, Gabby Snider
COMMITTEE

Irene Rismiller	Luann Mann	Angie Parker	Morgan Aultman
Holly Daugherty	Dan Arling	Pat Carroll	Chris Michael
Velvet Grow	Amanda Behee	Carmen Hartzell	Christina Parker
April Mendenhall	Mollie Case	Monica Goubeaux	

SCHEDULE OF JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT ACTIVITIES

- Friday, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Rabbit Royalty written test given.
- Friday, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. – Weigh meat rabbits, contest entries due and check entries
- Friday, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. – Rabbit Royalty Interviews
- Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – Mandatory Barn Meeting
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Junior Fair Guinea Pig Project Show (carry in only)
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Junior Fair Rabbit Show
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. – Junior Fair Rabbit Showmanship
- Monday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Junior Fair Rabbit Judging Contest
- Tuesday, 12:00 Noon – Rabbit Safari
- Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. – Barn Party & Awards
- Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - Junior Fair Showman of Showmen (Swine, Sheep, Goat, Dog & Horse)
- Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – Junior Fair Showman of Showmen (Beef, Dairy, Poultry & Rabbits)
- Thursday, 5:00 p.m. – Celebration of Achievements – Cattle Arena
- Thursday, 8:00 p.m. - Rabbits are released from the fairgrounds.
- Friday, Noon - All Rabbits must be off of the fairgrounds.

EXHIBIT RULES

***Note that all changes and additions are noted in italics.**

1. Refer to “Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation,” “Code of Practices,” and “Junior Fair Livestock General Rules” sections in the front portion of this Junior Fair section of the fair book for general information that applies to all Junior Fair Departments.
2. All Junior Fair rabbit projects will be exhibited in the space allotted for Junior Fair
3. Each Junior Fair rabbit exhibitor must show his/her project unless permission is granted by the Junior Fairboard.
4. All Junior Fair exhibitors must handle and place their entries on and off the table for judging.
NO ADULT ASSISTANCE IS PERMITTED.
5. Any diseased or injured rabbit will be removed from the fairgrounds UPON APPROVAL by the fair veterinarian.
6. All Junior Fair rabbit exhibitors are responsible to help set up and tear down for all shows. All Junior Fair exhibitors are expected to help set up and tear down for the Celebration of Achievements.
7. Exhibitors who are selling in the Celebration of Achievements need to be present in the Cattle Arena before the auction. If not present, you will not sell.
8. Ask an advisor to help determine class, variety, and/or breed for rabbits to be shown *before July 21st*.
9. Rabbit cages must be cleaned daily by 11:00 a.m. (not during show) or premiums will be forfeited.
10. Substitutions that must be made because of illness or death of a rabbit can only be made in the same class and sex. Any changes must be made by 7:00 p.m. Friday evening. No changes in breeds permitted. No substitutions will be permitted Saturday.
NO EXCEPTIONS. ALL MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING ENTRIES BY FRIDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
11. Any Junior Fair exhibitor showing rabbits in Junior Fair classes at the Darke County Fair may enter one of the rabbit showmanship classes.
12. Rabbit showmanship will be judged on ability to answer questions and on handling, posing, and cleanliness of animal. Exhibitors must show their own rabbit.
13. Rabbits are released last Thursday at 8:00 p.m. All rabbits must be removed from the barn by *Noon* on Friday.
14. Each rabbit shown must have a permanent tattoo in its ear.
15. All chairs and show boxes must be behind the line on the floor in the barn.

16. Mandatory barn meeting at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Saturday. The exhibitor or immediate family member must be signed in and present throughout the meeting. If not, the exhibitor will not be eligible to show or sell. Immediate family is defined as parents, siblings (age 14 and older), stepparents, or legal guardians. Siblings must live at the same address as the exhibitor.
17. One canopy per club outside of the barn. Canopy must be 12x12 or smaller. No canopies will be permitted on the East or West end of the Rabbit Barn.
18. No sideline coaching allowed during Jr. Fair shows. Anyone suspected of coaching will be asked to leave the area by the Superintendent, Senior Fairboard, or Jr. Fair Coordinator.
19. Rules applying to Breeding Projects specifically:
 - A. Junior Fair breeding rabbit projects must be an ARBA recognized breed, pedigreed, & purebred. All rabbits must meet ARBA age and weight standards for its breed.
 - B. Members must have breeding rabbits in their possession by May 15th.
 - C. Breeding rabbits will be graded on cleanliness of animal, condition of rabbit, and conformity to breed type. All breeds will be shown separately in 4 classes or 6 classes.
 - D. Each breeding rabbit can only be shown in one class.
 - E. Breed order of the show will be posted in the Show Arena.
 - F. Breeding rabbits may NOT be shown in the market rabbit classes.
20. Rules applying to Market Projects specifically:
 - A. Junior Fair market rabbit projects can be an ARBA recognized breed or a commercial type crossbred. All rabbits must meet age and weight standards for the classes.
 - B. Members must have market rabbits in their possession by the last Saturday of July.
 - C. Market rabbits will be graded on cleanliness of animal, condition of the animal, and conformity to breed type. In addition, meat pen of 3, will be judged on the uniformity of rabbits.
 - D. Each rabbit can be shown in one class only with the exception being Homegrown Single Rabbit.
 - E. All market rabbits must receive a special marking on *Saturday, July 25, 2026 between 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.* in order to show at the fair, *no tattooing after this time and date will be allowed. Tattooing will be held on the Darke County Fairgrounds.* Rabbits must be clean, parasite free, and healthy. The Rabbit Committee has the right to refuse to tattoo any rabbit that is unhealthy or dirty.
 - F. *Each Member signed up for a rabbit project through their club or chapter AND who have entered to exhibit at the fair may tattoo up to 10 fryers and 4 roasters.*
 - G. Meat entries will be weighed in the Rabbit Barn from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Friday.
 - H. Each exhibitor may enter two single fryers, one meat pen of three, and two single roasters. Exhibitors may bring no more than seven market rabbits to weigh in.
 - I. Each meat rabbit must have a permanent tattoo in its ear. Each meat rabbit must have a different tattoo.
 - J. Exhibitors may decide at the time of weigh in which of their market rabbits will be single fryers and which will be the meat pen of three. This will be noted in the ring book.
 - K. All market rabbits can be weighed once unless they are over or underweight. Those under or overweight animals can be weighed a second time before the scales close.
 - L. Single fryers and meat pen of three entries must weigh no less than 3.5lbs and no more than 5.5lbs each and not be over 10 weeks of age.
 - M. Single roasters must weigh no less than 5.5lbs and no more than 9.0# and not be over 6 months of age.
 - N. Rabbits shown in the market classes may NOT be shown in the breeding classes.
 - O. Only Champion and Reserve Champion from the Single Fryer and Meat Pen of Three divisions are eligible to sell at the Celebration of Achievements.

JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT CLASSES

Any class changes must be approved by the show committee.

- A. 4 Class Rabbits
 - a. Seniors - 6 months of age and older
 - b. Juniors - under 6 months of age
- B. 6 Class Rabbits
 - a. Seniors - 8 months of age or older
 - b. Intermediates - 6 months of age and under 8 months of age (cannot be an animal that is shown in market classes.)
NOTE: No animal 8 months of age or over is eligible to show in an intermediate class.
 - c. Juniors - Under 6 months of age (cannot be an animal that is shown in market classes.)

NOTE: No animal 6 months of age or over is eligible to show in a junior class.
 There shall be separate classes for bucks and does in each age group in each of the breeds.

4 CLASS BREEDS:

American Fuzzy Lop	Florida White	Mini Satin
American Sable	French Angora	Netherland Dwarf
Belgian Hare	Harlequin	Polish
<i>Blue Holicer</i>	Havana	Rex
Britannia Petite	Himalayan	Rhinelander
Czech Frosty	Holland Lop	Satin Angora
Dutch	Jersey Wooly	Silver
Dwarf Hotot	Lilac	Silver Marten
Dwarf Papillon	Lionhead	Standard Chinchilla
English Angora	Mini Lop	Tan
English Spot	Mini Rex	Thrianta

6 CLASS BREEDS

American	Checkered Giant	Giant Angora
American Chinchilla	Cinnamon	Giant Chinchilla
Argent Brun	Creme D'Argent	New Zealand
Beveren	English Lop	Palaminio
Blanc de Hotot	Flemish Giant	Satin
Californian	French Lop	Silver Fox
Champagne D'Argent		

C. BEST OF SHOW: Selected from winner of BEST 6 CLASS & BEST 4 CLASS.

D. Market entries – All commercial type breeds

a. Single Fryers (cannot be part of pen of three):

- i. Up to 3.49 lbs. Underweight, not eligible for Grand of Reserve Champions or for Outstanding Exhibitor points.
- ii. 3.5 lbs - 4.5 lbs
- iii. 4.5 lbs - 5.5 lbs
- iv. 5.6 lbs and over. Overweight, not eligible for Grand of Reserve Champions or for Outstanding Exhibitor points.
- v. Grand and Reserve Single Fryer will be chosen in a final drive competition when all 1st - 5th place winners from 3.5 lbs. - 5.5 lbs. are invited to participate or by judge's invitation.

b. Meat Pen of Three

c. Single Roaster (cannot be an animal shown in breeding classes)

d. Home grown single fryer

- i. Entries limited to two single fryer type meat rabbits, chosen from your market animals.
- ii. Doe must be owned by exhibitor before being bred.
- iii. Litter must be born and raised on exhibitor's homestead.

SHOWMANSHIP

All ages as of January 1st, current year

All participants must stay in the show ring until the class has been dismissed by the judge.

Sr First Year - ages 12 & over - open to members showing in the Jr. Fair Rabbit Department for the first time.

Jr First Year II - ages 10 & 11 - open to members showing rabbits for the first time in Jr Fair.

Jr First Year I - ages 8 & 9 - open to members showing rabbits for the first time in Jr Fair.

Jr Showmanship I - ages 9 & 10 - open to experienced showmen.

Jr Showmanship II - age 11 - open to experienced showmen.

Int. Showmanship I - age 12 - open to experienced showmen.

Int. Showmanship II - ages 13 & 14 - open to experienced showmen.

Sr Showmanship I - ages 15 & 16 - open to experienced showmen.

Sr Showmanship II - ages 17 & 18 - open to experienced showmen.

Professional Showmanship - open to current winners of each previous showmanship class.

*Placings in the Professional Showmanship class will not apply to the Outstanding Exhibitor points.

RABBIT SKILLATHON

The Rabbit Skillathon is mandatory. You must participate in the skillathon in order to show and sell. The Rabbit Skillathon *will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026* from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on the *Darke County fairgrounds*. If you are unable to make the in person skillathon you must write an essay or *participate in the online skillathon*. The essay topic for Juniors (ages 8 - 11) is "Grooming and Preparing Your Rabbit for Fair" and needs to be 250 words. The Intermediates (ages 12 - 14) and Seniors (ages 15 - 18) *have the topic "Explain the purpose of the ingredients and nutrients on your feed tag."* You must provide a copy of your feed tag in addition to your essay and needs to be 500 words. Essays are due by August 1st at 4:00 p.m. to the Secretary's Office on the Fairgrounds.

POSTER CONTEST

Open to all Jr Fair members exhibiting rabbits. Use a regular size poster board and the theme must pertain to rabbits. Place name and age on the back of the poster. Awards selected from ages 8-10, 11-14, and 15 & over as of January 1st, current year. 1st place winners will each be awarded \$20.00, 2nd place winners will be awarded \$15.00, and 3rd place winners will be awarded \$10.00. Posters must be turned into a Rabbit Committee member or Rabbit Jr. Fairboard member by 7:00 on the 1st Friday of the fair. Posters will be judged Friday night. Awards for the poster contest are donated by the Darke County Rabbit Committee.

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

This program has 2 categories, Breeding and Market. Every Jr. Fair Rabbit member must participate in the in person Skillathon, Showmanship, and Jr Fair Show to be eligible. Outstanding Exhibitor points will be obtained from the raw in person Skillathon score, Showmanship, and the highest class placing in the Jr. Fair Show. (This is taken from a single class entry. Best of Breed, Best 4 Class, Best 6 Class, Best in Show, and Single Fryer class awards and placings do NOT count towards the Outstanding Exhibitor Calculation.) Scoring is as follows for Showmanship and Jr Fair Show: 1st - 100 pts, 2nd - 98 pts, 3rd - 96 pts, 4th - 94 pts, 5th - 92 pts, 6th - 90 pts, 7th - 88 pts, 8th - 86 pts, 9th - 84pts, 10th - 82 pts. All three scores will be added together for each participant to get an overall score. In case of a tie, the following will be used in this order to break the tie:

- a. Total Skillathon Score
- b. Showmanship Placing
- c. Animal Placing in Class
- d. Interview by Representative chosen by the Darke County Rabbit Committee

Awards will be given for each Junior (ages 8-11), Intermediate (ages 12-14), and Senior (ages 15 & older) for both Breeding and Market. If you need further clarification on how points are calculated, please see the Darke County Rabbit Committee Chairman.

JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT ROYALTY CONTEST

1. Anyone entering the King and Queen categories must be 14 or over as of January 1st. Prince and Princess must be 13 and under as of January 1st.
2. Contestants must own and exhibit a rabbit project in the Darke County Jr. Fair.
3. An interview and test will be given on the 1st Friday of the fair by a selected committee.
4. The King, Queen, Prince, and Princess will be announced before the shows begin on the 1st Saturday of the fair.
5. The reigning court is expected to be present for ALL Rabbit Department shows and activities and participate in the Junior Fair Parade.
6. King & Prince hats are donated by the Darke County Rabbit Committee. Queen and Princess tiaras are donated by the Darke County Jr Fairboard.

RABBIT SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Open to all Jr Fair exhibitors showing in Darke County that have shown rabbits 3 of the last 4 years and who are currently taking a breeding or market rabbit project.
2. The applicant has been accepted into a technical school, 2-year college, or 4-year college.
3. The applicant has graduated the current year from high school with at least a 2.0 GPA (grade point average).
4. Applications may be obtained from the Junior Fair Coordinator, beginning July 1st.
5. Completed applications are due back to the Darke County Fair Secretary's Office on August 1st.
6. Please attach a high school transcript.
7. Payment will be made when the winner(s) is/are announced during the Celebrations of Achievements.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

Each exhibit will be graded A, B, or C and will receive premiums as follows: A - \$3.00, B - \$2.50, and C - \$2.00. Premiums will be paid on a maximum of eight exhibits in the Rabbit Department. Additional entries may be made, but no further premiums will be paid. Grade ribbons will be awarded on all entries.

2025 RABBIT SHOW AWARD DONORS

Best of Show – Darke County Rabbit Raisers 4-H Club
 Best 4 Class Rabbit – Ansonia Animal 4-H Club
 Reserve 4 Class Rabbit – Richard L. Baker
 Best 6 Class Rabbit – Sydney Lange
 Reserve 6 Class Rabbit – May Farms
 Champion Single Meat Rabbit – In Memory of Karen Bucklew
 Reserve Single Meat Rabbit – Darke County Township Association
 3rd Place Single Rabbit – Darke County Democratic Party
 4th Place Single Rabbit – Dan Arling Taxidermy
 5th Place Single Rabbit – May Farms
 Champion Single Roaster Rabbit – Ansonia FFA Alumni
 Reserve Champion Single Roaster Rabbit – In Memory of Karen Bucklew
 3rd Place Pen Meat – Gary Manos, In Memory of Linda
 4th Place Pen Meat – Morgan Aultman
 5th Place Pen Meat – May Farms
 Champion Single Roaster Rabbit - Ansonia FFA Alumni
 Reserve Champion Single Roaster Rabbit - Dana Woodson
 3rd Place Single - Darke County Democratic Party
 3rd Place Roaster - Emily Thomas
 4th Place Single - Dan Arling Taxidermy
 4th Place Roaster - Emily Thomas
 5th Place Single - May Farms
 5th Place Roaster - Emily Thomas
 Junior 1st Year I Showmanship – Silver Hoofs 4-H Club – In Memory of Bonnie Jefferis
 Junior 1st Year II Showmanship – Jackson Friendship 4-H Club
 Senior 1st Year Showmanship – Darke Co. Township Association
 Junior I Showmanship – Rabbit Habbit 4-H Club
 Junior II Showmanship – Darke County Farm Bureau
 Intermediate I Showmanship – Don & Diane Delaplaine
 Intermediate II Showmanship – Dennis & Linda Miller Family
 Senior I Showmanship – Jackson Friendship 4-H Club
 Senior II Showmanship – Jordan Insurance Agency
 Professional Showmanship – Park National Bank
 Grand Champion Home Grown Single Rabbit – Holly Daughtery
 Best of Breed – Dan Arling, Buckeye Insurance Group, Klepinger Insurance, Ansonia FFA Alumni
 Best of Breed – Rosette: (Less than 5 rabbits in breed) Trophy: (Must have 5 or more rabbits in breed)
 Best Opposite – Rosette
 Best 4-H Guinea – Rosette
 Showmanship Classes - Rosettes
All rosettes and ribbons by Darke County Agricultural Society

JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT SALE

Please refer to Junior Fair Small Animal Sale under Junior Fair Livestock Sales section for sale information.

2025 JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion Pen of Three - Kali Jones - \$4,525 - **Phelan Insurance Agency, Inc., Custom Foam Products, FedCrop Insurance Services LLC, GNB Banking Centers, Ullery's Homemade Ice Cream LLC Lewisburg, Cox Insurance, Fenstermaker Excavating LLC, Wayne Builders Supply/St. Henry Tile Co., Cherry & Williams DDS, Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd., Weimer Electronics, Wieland Jewelers, Gordon & DeSantis Orthodontics, Darke County Veterinary Service LLC, Doug Jones Masonry, Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care Inc., Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln**

Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Three - Leah Clark - \$1,425 – **SISCO**, Gordon & DeSantis Orthodontics, Keystone Cooperative Inc., Winner's Meats, State Farm Insurance Agency - Gable, Hub City Propane, GNB Banking Centers, Clark Show Stock, Prenger Financial Services, Wagner Paving, Family Health Services of Darke County

Grand Champion Single - Madison Hoying - \$1,680 - **Dave Knapp Tire Warehouse**, Spirit EMS, Worch Lumber, Poeppelman Materials & Pepcon Concrete, Hittle GMC, Bolyard Heating & Cooling Inc., Rob's Auto Parts LLC, GNB Banking Centers, Elite Truck & Auto Repair, Hi-TEC Automotive Ltd., Western Ohio Chiropractic, Oliver's Butcher Shop, Spencer Landscaping Inc., Cherry & Williams DDS, Family Health Services of Darke County, West Branch Express, Barga Heating & A/C, SISCO, Leis Realty Co., Hartzell Veterinary Service, Greenville Federal, GMT Roofing Inc., Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln, Keystone Cooperative Inc., Dick Lavy Trucking, Wiley Well Drilling, Fitzwater Outdoor Maintenance, Rumpke Waste & Recycling, Midwest Ag Transport Inc., Flaig Lumber, Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care Inc., Walls Materials, Whirlpool Corporation/KitchenAid Small Appliances, EPPCO Feed & Supply

Reserve Grand Champion Single – Leah Clark - \$1,725 - **Zechar Bailey Funeral Home**, Spirit EMS, Judy & Larry Baker, State Farm Insurance Agency - Gable, Hub City Propane, Poeppelman Materials & Pepcon Concrete, Graves-Fearon Agency, SnowGoose Express LLC, Wagner Paving, Zach Siefring DMD, The Scouler Company, Hartzell/Kaeding Farms, Grow Excavating LLC, Nutrien Ag Solutions- Greenville, Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care Inc., Jacob & Maddy Osswald, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln, Arcanum VFW Post #4161

JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP SHOW

JFB: Isabella Bunting
COMMITTEE

Bill Stocksdale	Emily Williams	Kierra Reichert	Chuck & Vickie Willcox
Denice McDade	Kim Amspauh	Kobe Epperly	Josh Sargent
Sarah Drew	Jennifer Sachs		

SCHEDULE OF JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP ACTIVITIES

Friday, 9:00 a.m. – Fitting Contest

Friday, 10:00 a.m. – Intermediate Fitting Contest

Friday, 11:00 a.m. – Junior Fitting Contest

Friday, 2:00 p.m. – Lambs must be checked-in

Friday, 2:00 p.m. – Barn meeting followed by weigh-in

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Junior Fair Registered Breeding Show (Purebred Only)

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Junior Fair Market Lamb Show

Sunday, 12:15 p.m. – Lamb & Wool Queen Interviews

Monday, 9:00 a.m. – Junior Fair Sheep Showmanship, 30 minutes after Showmanship
Junior Fair Homegrown Market Lamb Show

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – Junior Fair Born and Bred Market Lamb Show

Tuesday, following Junior Fair Commercial Breeding Show

EXHIBIT RULES

1. Refer to “Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation,” “Code of Practices,” and “Junior Fair Livestock General Rules” sections in the front portion of this Junior Fair section of the fair book for general information that applies to all Junior Fair Departments.
2. Ewe Lambs shown in Junior Fair market classes are not eligible to show in Junior Fair breeding classes.
3. Entries are limited to two in the single class. A maximum of 2 animals of each age in the breeding classes may be shown. A maximum of 2 market lambs may be shown in Junior Fair.
4. All Market Lambs must show in a market lamb class to be paid a grade premium or sell in sale. All breeding sheep must show in a breed class to be paid a premium.
5. No misrepresentation of breeds, color or physical defects will be tolerated, including but not limited to adhesive and paint. Refer to prohibited grooming practices under the ODA section of the fair book.

6. All lambs must be inspected before weigh-in. All lambs must be washed within 24 hours prior to the weigh-in. Lambs will not be weighed unwashed and/or unshorn. All Market lambs must be completely slick sheared prior to weigh-in. For this purpose, slick shorn is defined as one uniform length of wool (no patches) above the knees/hocks and below the ears where the hide can be seen without separating the wool. Lambs will not be weighed if unshorn. Lambs rejected by the inspector must be reinspected before weighing or will be disqualified from showing. Lambs are subject to inspection to detect issues such as, but not limited to, prolapses, fungus, sore mouth, ringworm, foot rot and pinkeye. Any lamb that has visible signs of issues may be disqualified from showing.
7. All lambs will be tagged and hair samples pulled on tagging day May 2, 2026 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and May 5, 2026 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Refer to rule 13 for additional tagging rules. All lambs will be tagged on tagging day. Refer to rule 13 for additional tagging rules.
8. Members may tag a maximum of five (5) market lambs. Tags are \$3.00 each. All lambs must have scrapie ID tag in at the time of tag in. This number will be recorded along with the 840 tag number. Any lamb requiring re-tagging of the 840 tag must contact the Jr. Fair Coordinator. A \$3.00 per head charge will be collected for each re-tag. All market lambs entering the fairgrounds must have a 840 tag AND scrapie tag.
9. All animals must be cared for properly, pens kept cleaned. Decorations, lambs and tack may be removed at the conclusion of the sheep barn awards to clean pens. No pens are to be cleaned out before or during the lamb OR goat sale. Exhibitors must wait until after the conclusion of the sheep barn awards to clean pens. All pens must be cleaned AND gates put back as originally set up by 7:00 a.m. Thursday morning. Violation of this rule will result in no premiums for the exhibitor. Permission of Barn Superintendent must be obtained to extend past Midnight.
10. Junior Fair Yearling classes will be open to ewes and rams age 1 year, not exceeding 2 years old. Lamb classes must be ewes and rams less than one year of age as of September 1st. All lambs must have 8 temporary incisors.
11. Entries in all classes will be given A or B grades.
12. Single market lambs will be divided into 6 weight division, with no more than 12 lambs per class. First and second in each division will go to Champion Class. Judge will pick top 5 lambs in Champion Class.
13. Breeding Class - All crossbred ewe lambs must be weighed-in. Un-weighed ewe lambs will not be eligible to show. This class will be split by weight if over twelve (12) ewe lambs entered in the class.
14. All animals must be properly docked and castrated to show. All animals determined to be unfit for exhibit by Fair Vet shall be removed from the fairgrounds.
15. Home Grown Lamb Class – Ewes must be family owned by immediate family (parents, siblings, step-parents or member) prior to breeding and lambs must be lambled on their own farm. Lambs must be entered and shown in Junior Fair Homegrown Class on Tuesday and Junior Fair Market Lamb Class. Grand and Reserve Homegrown Lamb will have the option to sell.
16. Darke County Born and Bred Lamb Class - Ewe must be owned by Darke County breeder prior to breeding and must be lambled on their own farm in Darke County. Lambs must be purchased from Darke County breeder or be homegrown by Junior Fair exhibitor in Darke County. Lambs must be shown in the Junior Fair Market Lamb Class.
17. Exhibitors must use all natural bedding, no carpet, mats, etc. in place of proper bedding.
18. Market lambs must be in exhibitors possession and care day of tagging until the project is terminated at the fair.
19. All Junior Fair Entries must be entered by July 20th. If a change is needed, an email must be sent to the Junior Fair email: jrfairdarkecountyfair.com requesting the change.
20. The use of muzzles is prohibited on the fairgrounds. No drench guns will be allowed without prior veterinary approval.
21. Exhibitor's bedding with straw must bring in bumper boards of sufficient height to keep adjacent lambs from eating the straw.
22. All lambs in market classes must have scrapie identification tag. All breeding sheep, ewes, and intact rams must also have scrapie identification tag. All breeding sheep must have registration papers with the correct information.
23. **IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP EXHIBITORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHEEP SKILLATHON OR ESSAY. Refer to the "Junior Fair Sheep Skillathon" section for a list of dates when the Skillathon will be offered.**
24. All Lambs and Sheep showing in Jr. Fair must enter the make-up ring at the west end to be checked for proper identification.

25. No sideline coaching allowed during fitting and showmanship shows. Anyone suspected of coaching will be asked to leave the area by the Superintendent, Senior Fairboard or Jr. Fair Coordinator.
26. If any of the above rules are violated, exhibitors will forfeit premiums and will be ineligible to show.
27. Members of the rules committee are: Kierra Reichert, Josh Sargent, Isabella Bunting with Denise McDade as alternate.

HEALTH RULES

All Junior Fair animals must comply with the open class health requirements.

JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP CLASSES AND SHOW ORDER

- A. Junior Fair Market Lambs
 - Darke County Born and Bred – Homegrown Market Lambs
 - Single Market Lambs
- B. Junior Fair Purebred Breeding Sheep – Indicate Breed and registration number on Entry
 - Yearling Ram – Yearling Ewe
 - Ram Lamb – Ewe Lamb
- C. Junior Fair Commercial Breeding Sheep
 - Yearling Ram – Yearling Ewe
 - Ram Lamb – Ewe Lamb

Show order will be posted after entries are received. There will be a separate class for each registered breed entered.

All Breed Purebred Champions are eligible to participate in the Supreme overall Champion Ewe and Ram Classes.

SHOWMANSHIP

All ages are as of January 1st, current year. Exhibitors must be entered by August 1st. The lamb must be entered in Darke County Junior Fair Show and exhibitor must show their own animal. Exhibitors must show the same lamb in all showmanship classes. Showmanship classes that exceed twelve (12) exhibitors will be split by Judge's discretion. Top five from each split class will show for final placement.

1. *18 Years and Older Showmanship*
2. *17 Years Old Showmanship*
3. *16 Year Old Showmanship*
4. *15 Year Old Showmanship*
5. *14 Year Old Showmanship*
6. *13 Year Old Showmanship*
7. *12 Year Old Showmanship*
8. *11 Year Old Showmanship*
9. *10 Year Old Showmanship*
10. *9 Year Old and under Showmanship*
11. *The winners from each age bracket listed will compete to be sheep barn representative in the Showman of Showmen Contest. Awards will be presented to the top five in each age class.*
12. A showmanship card will be handed out to each exhibitor at check in to identify which lamb they're showing in showmanship. The card will contain the following information: Name of exhibitor, age of exhibitor as of Jan. 1, and scrapie tag of the sheep that is being shown in showmanship.

MARKET LAMB FITTING CONTEST

1. Each participant is responsible for providing one of their own ewes or wethers.
2. All equipment and supplies must be in place prior to the starting time of the division of the contest.
3. Each individual must provide their own fitting equipment. The contest will take place in the show ring. Once the contest begins, no participant may leave the show ring area and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area.
4. There will be no talking amongst competitors while in the competition.
5. Judges are able to help participants keep their lambs under control and give any needed assistance when it is appropriate.
6. Contestants have 30 minutes to complete their work.
7. There will be three divisions: Junior (ages 8-11) , Intermediate (ages 12-15), & Senior (ages 16-18) and each individual will work by themselves.

- 8. Exhibits will be evaluated using a three-judge system. Neatness of individuals and area after the completion time will be part of the evaluation. It is expected to take 15 minutes after each age group for judges to review work completed before you are released back to the pens.
- 9. Participants will be required to attend a mandatory meeting held at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning by the show ring as information will be provided and discussed one last time.
- 10. All lambs are to be pre-washed prior to the contest starting.
- 11. Stands will be provided if you do not have one, but must be requested during the meeting prior to the contest starting.

LAMB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- 1. Must be a senior in high school or a first year college student, Junior Fair age with intentions of going to college or technical school. Junior Fair applicants may only win once.
- 2. Must have completed a market lamb or breeding sheep project for a minimum of 3 out of the last 4 years through 4-H or FFA in Darke County. Applicants must be a current year exhibitor.
- 3. Applicants must fill out scholarship form.
- 4. Scholarship applications must be turned in to the Senior Fairboard Office by August 1st, 4:00 p.m.
- 5. Scholarship amount and number of recipients may vary from year to year depending on applications received.
- 6. If money is collected in time, scholarship money will be sent to award winners after the committee has received the first semester grade card, proof of registration of second quarter and proof that "Thank You" notes have been sent to donors is presented.
- 7. All scholarship money awarded will be dispersed to the recipient's school of choice within a two year period from the date awarded.
- 8. Donations to the scholarship fund can be given to any of the sheep committee members during the sheep barn awards at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

2025 LAMB SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS

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| Bruns Animal Clinic | FedCrop Insurance Services, LLC |
| Zumbrink Brothers | Jim Buchy |
| PK Farms | HB Livestock |
| Kevin & Gwen Bergman | Gary Philpot |
| King's Poultry Farm | Bruce Burns Family |
| Hanes Family Farms | Manor View Farm |
| Kevin & Kelly Winner | |

JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP SKILLATHON

- 1. It is mandatory for all Junior Fair Sheep Exhibitors to participate in Sheep Skillathon.
- 2. If you are unable to attend the Skillathon testing on the dates, you will be required to write an essay on the given topic or do an online skillathon. Exhibitors who submitted an essay or do the online skillathon are not eligible for the OME or OBE Awards.
- 3. There will be three classes based on age of exhibitor.
- 4. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age division.
- 5. Any exhibitor that does not complete Skillathon, write an essay or an online skillathon, will be ineligible to show and/or sell at the 2026 Darke County Junior Fair. Anyone needing additional help during the skillathon should contact Emily Williams before the skillathon date.
- 6. For additional information, contact your advisor or member of the Sheep Show Committee.

SHEPHERDS AWARD

Each exhibit will be judged on daily appearance of exhibit and member; availability of member with animal(s) to provide information about their exhibit; and interest of member in cooperating with sheep committee in making best possible presentation.

Items that will be considered when judging this are the following:

- Cooperation effort 35 points
 - 1. Willingness to cooperate with show management.
 - 2. Courtesy and willingness to follow regulations.
 - 3. General courtesy to public.
 - 4. Neat appearance.

- Sheep 25 points
 - 1. Sheep penned for best effect.
 - 2. Sheep kept properly fitted.

3. Plenty of bedding used.
4. Sheep fed and watered regularly.

Pens 40 points

1. Aisles kept free and clean for spectators' use.
2. Attractiveness of exhibit.
3. Equipment kept in show boxes.
4. Feed kept in proper place.
5. The Pen was kept clean and dry.

Judged by committee that has been selected by the Chairman of the Junior Fair Sheep Committee. Premium and banner to be provided by Darke County Agricultural Society. Awards to be announced on Tuesday at the Awards Meeting. 1st Place - \$25 – 2nd Place - \$15 – 3rd Place - \$10

OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITOR

These awards are based on a combination score that is determined by the exhibitor's Skillathon score, the highest placings of 2 of their breeding sheep and their showmanship score. Awards will be given by individual ages and overall for the following age groups: Ages 8-12, Ages 13-15 and Ages 16-18.

2025 Overall Market Exhibitor Awards were donated by the Sheep Committee.

OUTSTANDING REGISTERED BREEDING SHEEP EXHIBITOR

These awards are based on a combination score that is determined by the exhibitor's skillathon score, the highest placing of 2 of their breeding sheep and their showmanship score. Awards will be given by individual ages and overall for the following age groups: Ages 8-12; Ages 13-15; and Ages 16-18.

2025 OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITORS, SKILLATHON AND FITTING CONTEST SPONSORS:

Andy Prashun	Doug & Kim Amspaugh
Matt & Morgan Aultman Farms-Western Ohio Seeds	Paige Gehret
Bill Stocksdale & Family	Sachs Family-Manorview Farms
EPPCO	Jim & Denise McDade
Epperly Show Lambs	Gary & Jill Gehret
Sarah & Kirk Drew-Pine Row Transportation	Chuck & Vickie Willcox-PK Farms

2025 TOP 5 OVERALL MARKET LAMBS AND TOP 5 SHOWMAN SPONSOR:

Cut & Curl--Nicia & Josh Hanes Family

LAMB AND WOOL QUEEN

1. Girls entering the Queen contest must be between the ages of 14 and 17 and not more than a Junior in High School as of January 1st.
2. Has never been, is not married and has no children at time of current fair.
3. Must participate in helping raise their breeding sheep or their own market lambs.
4. Must be a current member of a Darke County 4-H Club or FFA program.
5. If chosen queen, you are asked to promote the sheep industry to the best of your ability for the year you reign.
6. Participants will provide a resume and be interviewed before judges on the 1st Sunday of the Fair at 12:30 p.m. The new Queen will be crowned on the 1st Sunday prior to the Ladies Lead Show.
7. An application must be submitted to the Senior Fairboard Office no later than August 1st at 4:00 p.m.
8. The reigning queen must be present for all Junior and Open Class shows and be willing to participate in other local Darke County parades.
9. For questions, call Vickie Willcox at 937-423-2700.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

Grades: A – \$6.00; B – \$4.00

Premiums are paid on each animal.

2025 SHEEP SHOW AWARD DONORS

Champion Market Lamb – Jordan Insurance Agency

Reserve Market Lamb – Livestock in General 4-H Club
 Champion Overall Ewe – Darke County Sheep & Lamb 4-H Club
 Champion Overall Ram – Jordan Insurance Agency
 Supreme Champion Registered Ram – PK Farms, Chuck & Vickie Willcox
 Supreme Champion Registered Ewe – Doug & Kim Amspaugh
 Champion Weight Class I – Ed & Shari Everman
 Reserve Weight Class I – Ansonia FFA Alumni Association
 Champion Weight Class II – Merchants Bank of Indiana
 Reserve Weight Class II – Nutrien Ag Solutions, Ansonia
 Champion Weight Class III – Gary & Gretta Philipot Family
 Reserve Weight Class III – Jackson Friendship 4-H Club
 Champion Weight Class IV – Family of Jim Crotcher
 Reserve Weight Class IV – Park National Bank
 Champion Weight Class V – Darke Co. Township Association
 Reserve Weight Class V – Livestock in General 4-H Club
 Champion Weight Class VI – Doug & Kim Amspaugh
 Reserve Weight Class VI – Livestock in General 4-H Club
 1st Place Sheep Showmanship, age 18 – PK Farms, Chuck & Vickie Willcox
 1st Place Showmanship, age 17 – Don & Diane Delaplaine
 1st Place Showmanship, Age 16 – Ed & Shari Everman
 1st Place Showmanship, Age 15 – Dayton Realtors
 1st Place Showmanship, Age 14 – Nutrien Ag Solutions, Ansonia
 1st Place Showmanship, Age 13 – Ed & Shari Everman
 1st Place Showmanship, Age 12 – Park National Bank
 1st Place Showmanship, Age 11 – Jim & Amy Hanes and Family
 1st Place Showmanship, Age 10 – Jim & Amy Hanes and Family
 1st Place Showmanship, Age 9 & under – Ed & Shari Everman
 Sheep Showman of Showmen – Jim & Amy Hanes
 Champion Home Grown Lamb – Mercer Savings Bank
 Reserve Champion Home Grown Lamb – Scott Zumbrink, Darke County Treasurer
 Champion Darke County Born and Bred – PK Farms - Willcox Family
 Reserve Champion Darke County Born and Bred – Jim & Amy Hanes & Family
 Breed Champion & Reserve Ewe – Rosette
 Breed Champion & Reserve Ram – Rosette
 Overall Reserve Champion Ram & Ewe – Rosette
 2nd - 5th Showmanship Classes – Rosette
 Queen's Sash – Chuck & Vickie Willcox & Family
 Queen's Tiara – Doug & Kim Amspaugh
All rosettes and ribbons by Darke County Agricultural Society

JUNIOR FAIR MARKET LAMB SALE

1. Animals sold must be a project of an FFA or 4-H member.
2. Sale order will be – Please refer to Celebration of Achievements Page.
3. Provisions for all other animals to be sold will be made.
4. Sheep will be weighed-in Friday at 2:00 p.m. Member must identify lamb to be sold in sale.
5. All market lambs must weigh a minimum 90 lbs. to be sold at the sale. Lambs weighing under 90 lbs. will not be sold. **If exhibitor wants to challenge the weight of the lamb(s) it must be done immediately after the lamb leaves the scale and before it is taken back to the pen.** The exhibitor can challenge the weight of the lamb(s) by asking scale attendant for a re-weigh. Lambs under 90 lbs. are eligible for one re-weigh. The re-weigh will take place following the weigh-in of all lambs. All call back to re-weigh will be announced. Any lamb not weighed will not show or sale.
6. Any exhibitor may show no more than 2 market lambs and sell 1. The second lamb may be sold at packer price for its weight. Exhibitors must show in the Junior fair market lamb class to participate in the premium online sale.
7. Decorations, lambs and tack may be removed at the conclusion of the sheep barn awards. No pens are to be cleaned out before or during the sheep barn awards. Exhibitors must wait until the sheep barn awards has concluded to clean pens. All pens must be cleaned AND gates put back as originally set up by Thursday at 7:00 a.m. Violation of this rule will result in no premiums for the exhibitor. Permission of Barn Superintendent must be obtained to extend time past midnight.

8. Exhibitor will be responsible for his/her animal until it is loaded (this includes feeding and watering and cleaning pen(s) immediately after awards).
9. Buyers will be billed by mail after the sale.
10. Junior Fair Sheep Committee fee of \$5.00 will go to Junior Fair Sheep Committee. All fees will be deducted from member's sale check.
11. IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ARE VIOLATED, EXHIBITORS WILL FORFEIT PREMIUMS AND FORFEIT SALE MONEY.

2025 JUNIOR FAIR MARKET LAMB GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion Market Lamb - Hunter Burns - \$4,225 - **SISCO, Dave Knapp Tire Warehouse, FedCrop Insurance Services LLC**, Reichert, Spirit EMS, State Farm Insurance Agency - Gable, Grilliot Alignment Service, Matt Steyer, George Buchy, Cherry & Williams DDS, Jeremy Manalo, King's Poultry Farm, Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd., Family Health Services of Darke County, North Star Plumbing, SVG Chevrolet, Greenville Federal, Park National Bank, Dick Lavy Trucking, Rumpke Waste & Recycling, Nutrien Ag Solutions-Greenville, Manor View Farm, King's Command Foods, Walls Materials, Whirlpool Corporation/KitchenAid Small Appliances, EPPCO Feed & Supply, Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln, Arcanum VFW Post #4161

Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Hunter Burns - \$1,750 - **Premier Crop Insurance LLC**, Gordon & DeSantis Orthodontics, A L Smith Trucking Inc., Manor View Farm, Alicia Marker, State Farm Insurance Agency - Tyler Poepelman, Poepelman Materials & Pepon Concrete, Jeremy Manalo, Versailles Feed Mill Inc., Reichert

JUNIOR FAIR SWINE SHOW

JFB: Wesley Baker, Sydney Baker, Mackenzie Subler

COMMITTEE

Amanda Brewer	Aaron & Becky King	Hannah Stikeleather
Liz Coning	Derek & Kourtnei Mayberry	Rachel Sullivan
Mike & Rachel Fearon	Jacob & Maddy Osswald	Jenna Warner
Megan Gower	Brian Pohlman	Brant Watson
Ashley Shilt		

SCHEDULE OF JUNIOR FAIR SWINE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Skillathon - Fairgrounds
 Saturday, July 18, 2026 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Skillathon - Fairgrounds
 Friday, 8:30 a.m. - Mandatory Barn Meeting - Swine Barn
 Friday, 9:00 a.m. - Weigh Market Swine for Show and Sale
 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Swine Showmanship
 Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Barrow Show
 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. - Awards Presentation, Arena

EXHIBIT RULES

1. Refer to "Junior Livestock Tampering and/or Misrepresentation," Code of Practices," and "Junior Fair Livestock General Rules" sections in the front portion of this Junior Fair section of the fairbook for general information that applies to all Junior Fair Departments.
2. Exhibitor must have in the exhibitor's possession and care for project by June 1st.
3. Exhibitors may tag up to 4 barrows at the cost of \$3.00 per tag. Tags must be acquired from the Jr. Fair Coordinator. If you lose your tag, you must contact the Jr. Fair Coordinator to get a new one. Tags must be placed in center of ear.
4. One Darke County Jr. Fair Identification Form per immediate family. Identification Form must be turned in by June 1st.
5. Refer to open class section of the fairbook for exhibit rules.
6. Overweight and underweight Market Swine will not be brought to the ring and are **NOT** eligible to show.

7. If an exhibitor has two animals in the same weight class, or is physically or medically unable to show their animal, the animal can be shown by another Junior Fair member with the approval of the Junior Fairboard.
8. Junior Fair swine exhibitors can **show two** barrows and **sell one**.
9. No drenching.
10. Exhibitor will be responsible for any packer assessment fee.
11. Grooming Requirements: Upon entering the show ring, paint and powder will not be permitted. Violators are subject to disqualification from the show and sale. Disqualification may occur after class is placed.
12. Clipping follows ODA rule of a 1/2".
13. Animals can't leave the barn.
14. No sideline coaching allowed during showmanship. Anyone suspected of coaching will be asked to leave the area by the Superintendent, Senior Fairboard or Jr. Fair Coordinator.
15. No more than two animals per exhibitor, regardless of what shows the exhibitor enters.

HEALTH RULES

All Junior Fair animals must comply with the open class health requirements.

NO INJECTIONS of any kind may be give to barrows on the fairgrounds by anyone other than the fair veterinarian, for any reason. Withdrawal times on medications will be monitored in the public interest. Penalty of forfeit of all premiums, sale rights and show rights will be enforced if any exhibitor is found to be using injections.

JUNIOR FAIR SWINE CLASSES AND SHOW ORDER ALL BREED CLASSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON BREED NUMBERS RULES

1. **Original Registration of breed association papers must accompanying animal to weigh-in by the first Friday at 9:00 a.m. Registration papers must be officially transferred by breeder into family name. If no papers are presented, animal will show in the light or dark cross class.**
2. **Ear notch & breed character must match the registration papers and breed standards.**
3. **To make a breed class there must be five animals per breed, otherwise they will show in an ALL OTHER BREED class.**
4. **The crossbred classes will be divided as dark or light in the following weights (200-235) (240-255), (260-275) & (280-315).**
 - A. **Dark cross shows red or black pigmentation on skin.**
 - B. **Light cross shows any blue, roan/sandy color or combination of those colors on the skin.**
5. **There will be six overall placings.**
6. **All Purebred Market Swine will show according to breed classes.**
7. **All Crossbred Market Swine will show in either dark or light cross.**
 - **Crossbred classes and weight divisions will be broken down according to weights as we have done in previous years.**
8. **Purebred classes and divisions will be broke at weigh-in at the discretion of the Jr. Fairboard and their advisors.**
9. **Back tags must be displayed during all junior fair shows. The back tag number will be per exhibitor.**
 - **MUST SHOW FOR GRADE FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT**

CLASSES will be determined after weigh-in.

CLASSES will be set by breeds and or weight divisions. Purebreds will show alphabetically by breed. Crossbreds will show from dark lightest to heaviest and lights, lightest to heaviest.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Classes will be posted Sunday morning. The top 5 in each sub-class will be called back for overall placing in the class.
2. All participants will be awarded ribbons.
3. Professional Showmanship Class will be age class winners of current year's show.

4. All exhibitors will be expected to drive his/her Junior Fair pig in the Junior Fair Showmanship drive.

CLASS

- 1 – 18 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Senior Professional Class.
- 2 – 17 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Senior Professional Class.
- 3 – 16 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Senior Professional Class.
- 4 – 15 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Senior Professional Class.
- 5 – 14 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Intermediate Professional Class.
- 6 – 13 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Intermediate Professional Class.
- 7 – 12 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Intermediate Professional Class.
- 8 – 11 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Junior Professional Class.
- 9 – 10 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Junior Professional Class.
- 10 – 9 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Junior Professional Class.
- 11 – 8 *Year Old Showmanship* – Winner of this class will show in the Junior Professional Class.
- 12 – *Senior Professional* – Winners from classes 1, 2, 3, & 4 of current year's show.
- 13 – *Intermediate Professional* – Winners from classes 5, 6, & 7 of current year's show.
- 14 – *Junior Professional* – Winner from classes 8, 9, 10, & 11, of current year's show.
- 15 – *Showman of Showmen* – Winners from classes 12, 13, & 14.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

All Animals will first be graded A, B, or C for cleanliness and condition. Type or conformation will not be considered. A – \$6.00; B – \$4.00; C – \$3.00. Following the A-B-C grading, all animals will be judged according to type and placed 1-10.

JUNIOR FAIR SWINE WEIGH-IN

1. Mandatory Barn Meeting – 8:30 a.m. Swine Area
2. Exhibitor must weigh each Market Swine for show and sales Friday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
3. The exhibitor **MUST** turn in weight sheets to the scales at weigh-in. ALL information must be complete and legible at this time.
4. Sale Order will be made up.
5. No re-weighs will be allowed unless Market Swine is under 200 lbs. or over 315 lbs. Only those Market Swine weighing under or over 10 pounds (190 or 325) will be eligible for re-weigh.
6. All ear tags must be removed prior to weigh-in except federal tags.
7. Animals can't leave the barn during weigh-in.

OVERALL MARKET EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

1. Every Swine Junior Fair member must participate in Skillathon, Showmanship, and Live Market Class.
2. Jr. Fair members can only gain points from showing their animal.
3. OME points will be obtained from Skillathon, Showmanship and Highest Live Market Class. (Only one live market class will go to total points.)
4. Scoring is as follows in all three areas (Skillathon, Showmanship, and Live Market Class):
 - a. First - 100 pts; Second - 98 pts; Third - 96 pts; Fourth - 94 pts; Fifth - 92 pts; Sixth - 90 pts; Seventh - 88 pts; Eighth - 86 pts; Ninth - 84 pts; Tenth - 82 pts. Anything over tenth place will get 50 pts.
5. All three scores will be added for each participant to get overall score.
6. In the case of ties:
 - a. 1st total common skillathon score.
 - b. 2nd showmanship age division placing.
 - c. 3rd live animal class placing.
 - d. 4th Skillathon Station 2.
 - e. 5th Skillathon Station 3.
 - f. 6th Skillathon Station 4.
 - g. Interview by 4-H representative, FFA representative, and Darke County Fair representative.
7. Barrow Boosters will award the top participant in each age division.
8. Barrow Boosters will award the top 20 participants in the swine barn.
9. See Barrow Booster members or advisors for prize list.

JUNIOR FAIR SWINE SALE

Celebration of Achievements 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, Cattle Arena

1. Animals that are a part of 4-H or FFA projects must be in possession of members by June 1st in order to be eligible for show and sale. This will be strictly enforced.
2. All exhibitors will participate in the Skillathon to be able to sell in the Junior Fair Swine Sale.
3. Junior Fair Grand & Reserve Champion market hogs must sell Thursday morning. Market Hogs will be sold at the Swine Sale. Junior Fair exhibitors may sell only one (1) lot at the Darke County Junior Fair Sale.
4. Provisions for other animals to be sold will be made. An exhibitor must indicate at weigh-in if he/she desires to have his/her animal put on the sale order.
5. Swine will be weighed Friday at 9:00 a.m.
6. All Market Swine over 315 lbs. and under 190 lbs. will not be sold at online sale.
7. Junior Fair swine exhibitors may exhibit two barrows and sell one barrow.
8. All exhibitors will be expected to be present with their animal at the sale, or a designated Junior Fair member with approval from advisors, or animal will not sell.
9. Market hogs will be sold according to random drawing.
10. **Exhibitor will be responsible for his/her animal until load out.**
11. Must declare hogs going to butcher at weigh-in on Friday at the Swine Office.

2025 JUNIOR FAIR SWINE SALE BUYERS

Grand Champion Market Swine - Seth Fearon - \$5,535 - **Keystone Cooperative Inc., Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln, SISCO**, Beth Davenport, Judy & Larry Baker, GNB Banking Centers, Haney's Mowing & Landscaping, Dr. Preston & Jacquelyn Deeter, Spencer Landscaping Inc., Indian Creek Beads, Shad & Liz Sebring, Nathan & Jennifer Davenport, Jesse & Shannon Baker Family, Logue's TLC Pet Hospital LLC, Alvetro Orthodontics, Amy Denlinger, Cherry & Williams DDS, Bruns Animal Clinic Ltd., Darke County Farm Bureau, Barga Heating & A/C, Hometown, Garbig, Schmidt & Pohlman LLC, Construction & Moore LLC, Rick & Emily Clark, Cut & Curl, Troutwine Auto Sales Inc, Jacob & Maddy Osswald

Reserve Champion Market Swine - Seth Fearon - \$4,075 - **Park National Bank, SISCO, Dick Lavy Trucking, Keystone Cooperative Inc.**, Cut & Curl, Troutwine Auto Sales

2025 SWINE SHOW AWARD DONORS

Grand Champion — Pierce & O'Dell Swine Farm
 Reserve Champion — Ben Gary & Family
 Champion Berkshire — 3rd Generation Family Farms
 Reserve Champion Berkshire — Grow Excavation, LLC - Todd & Amanda Grow
 Champion Chester White — 3rd Generation Family Farms
 Reserve Champion Chester White — Darke County Swine 4-H Club
 Champion Duroc Barrow — David George & Family
 Reserve Champion Duroc — Julie Brickler Solutions Hair Salon
 Champion Hampshire — 3rd Generation Family Farms
 Reserve Champion Hampshire — Wilma Murphy & Family
 Champion Hereford — Ansonia FFA Alumni
 Reserve Hereford — Patriot Excavating
 Champion Poland — Mikesell Show Pigs
 Reserve Champion Poland — Mikesell Show Pigs
 Champion Spot Barrow — Top Notch 4-H Club
 Reserve Champion Spot — Bob Spitzer and Family
 Champion Tamworth Barrow — 3rd Generation Family Farms
 Reserve Champion Tamworth — The Larry Stump Family
 Champion Yorkshire Barrow — Carl Hunt Custom Butchering
 Reserve Champion Yorkshire — Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care
 Champion Landrace — 3rd Generation Family Farms
 Reserve Champion Landrace — Patriot Excavating
 Champion Light Cross Bred - Mike & Rachel Fearon & Family
 Reserve Champion Light Cross Bred - Mike & Rachel Fearon & Family

Champion Dark Cross Bred - Graves-Fearon Insurance Agency
 Reserve Champion Dark Cross Bred - Graves-Fearon Insurance Agency
 1st Place Senior Professional Showmanship — Don & Diane Delaplaine
 Professional Showmanship — Richard & Kathleen Grow
 1st Place Intermediate Professional Showmanship — Loxley Farms
 1st Place Jr. Professional Showmanship — Mikesell Show Pigs, Derrick & Addie Mikesell
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 18 — Tom & Debbie Bueter
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 17 — Park National Bank
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 16 — Bobby & Erma Stump & Family
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 15 — Jed Smith Farms
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 14 — Kathleen & Richard Grow
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 13 — Darrell & Karen Leis
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 12 — Darrell & Karen Leis
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 11 — Jackson Friendship 4-H Club
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 10 — Darrell & Karen Leis
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 9 — Farmer Brown, Just Ice Cream
 1st Place Swine Showmanship, Age 8 — Mr. & Mrs. Duane & Sheila Scholl and Family
 Outstanding Market Exhibitors — Barrow Boosters
 Reserve Weight Class Champion — Rosette
 2nd - 5th Swine Showmanship Classes — Rosettes
All rosettes and ribbons by Darke County Agricultural Society

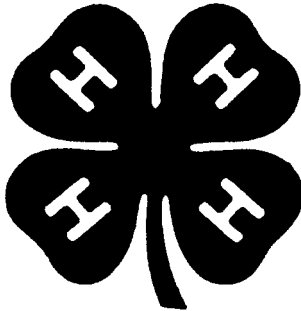
2026 SWINE SKILLATHON

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. — Fairgrounds

Thursday, July 18, 2026 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. — Fairgrounds

1. All youth exhibiting in the 2026 Darke County Jr. Fair Swine Show are required to compete.
2. A combination score of Showmanship, live show and the Skillathon will determine the overall winner.
3. Youth will be required to complete the skillathon.
4. Age divisions for the Skillathon and Outstanding Exhibitor will be the same as Showmanship age division.
5. All awards are sponsored by the Darke County Barrow Boosters.
6. See advisors for more information.

4-H DEPARTMENT



THE 4-H MOTTO

“TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER”

THE 4-H PLEDGE

I Pledge:

My Head to clearer thinking,
 My Heart to greater loyalty,
 My Hands to larger service,
 My Health to better living for
 My club, my community, my
 country and my world.

THE 4-H COLORS

Green & White

SUPERINTENDENT

Mercedes McFarland - Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
 OSU Extension, Darke County, 603 Wagner Avenue, Greenville
 937-548-5215
<http://darke.osu.edu>
 Facebook: DarkeCounty4-H

4-H Youth Building and FCS Junior Fairboard Members:
 Daxton Harter, Julia Raffel, Brooklyn Miller, Waylon Keller

DARKE COUNTY 4-H COMMITTEE

Amy Addis	Maria Moore	Susan Peele	Jennifer Siegrist
Matt Aultman	GraceLynn Harter	Betsy Petitjean	Kelly Smith
Stephanie Bailey	Tammy Leugers	Andria Haworth	Ashley Shilt
Krista Fourman-Unger	Rhonda McKinniss	Karen Stanley	

GENERAL RULES

1. 4-H is open to all youth age 5 and in kindergarten to age 18 as of January 1st, of the current year. To join 4-H, call 937-548-5215.
2. All 4-H activities at the Darke County Fair are planned and conducted according to regulations and policies of the Junior Fairboard.
3. All exhibits shall consist of materials, articles, animals and products as recommended in the 4-H project book or listing of 4-H exhibit requirements.
4. Each exhibit must be a part of the member’s project prior to 4-H enrollment deadline of April 1st. Those projects exhibited that are not listed on the enrollment form will not be eligible for premium money, placings or awards.

4-H AWARDS

1. Completion Recognition - 1st year member receive a certificate; members completing their requirements beyond their 1st year receive a seal for each year. 1st, 3rd, 5th and 8th year members will receive 4-H pins.

SPONSOR: Darke County 4-H Committee.

2. 10 year Member Awards - 4-H members who completed ten years as a 4-H member will receive a special recognition.

SPONSOR: Jordon Insurance Agency, RJ Warner Insurance, 1 Shot Recycling, Best Way Disposal

3. 11 year Member Award donated by 1 Shot Recycling
4. 12 year Awards donated by 1 Shot Recycling, Jordan Insurance Agency
5. 13 year Awards donated by 1-Shot Services

6. 14 year Awards donated by 1-Shot Services
7. County Project Rosettes - Outstanding 4-H'ers in project areas are eligible for special rosettes. These are selected at county judging in July. Rosettes are presented to 4-H members prior to the fair.

SPONSOR: Darke County Agricultural Society.

8. Outstanding 4-H member - Two members with outstanding overall 4-H records are selected for this recognition. Trophies presented at the Celebration of Achievements on Thursday.

SPONSOR: Homan Insurance Agency

9. Outstanding Service to 4-H by Junior Leader - Two 4-H teens will be recognized for their volunteer service to Darke County 4-H programs.

SPONSORS: Deo Miltenberger, In Memory of Jo Kay.

2025 TROPHY SPONSORS FOR 4-H PROJECTS

Ansonia Lumber Company

Jordan Insurance Agency

Darke Co Township Association

Joyful Jets 4-H Club

GNB Banking Center

Darke County 4-H Committee

Petitjean Family

Stewart Farms

The Leo Reed Rader Family

Siefring Skid Steer Services, LLC

Rob & Linda Kendig

Godown Farms

High Performance Excavating LLC

Ansonia Lumber Company

Dayton Realtors

Park National Bank

Mercer Savings Bank

Western Ohio Seed Matt & Morgan Aultman

Blue Angels 4-H Club

Don & Diane Delaplane

Alan & Sarah Wuebker & Family

Darke County Genealogical Society

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

Merchants Bank of Indiana

Addis Family

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

The County 4-H Public Speaking Contest is held in June each year. The contest is divided into Junior and Senior divisions.

4-H members may address any topic of interest. County winners represent Darke County at the Ohio State Fair in August.

Contact the Extension Office, 937.548.5215 for a copy of the rules and regulations.

To find out more about the 4-H program in Darke County, contact OSU Extension, Darke County, 603 Wagner Avenue, Greenville, OH 45331 or via telephone, 937.548.5215.

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Check out our web site: <http://darke.osu.edu>

Get the full schedule of events for Darke County 4-H! Now available in the ios and Google Play App Stores - Look for the app "4-H Now."



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AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING & CROP SECTION



FFA MOTTO:
 Learning To Do
 Doing To Learn
 Earning To Live
 Living To Serve

FFA ADVISORS

- Kevin Bergman Franklin Monroe
- Brian Pohlman Arcanum
- Justin Slone Tri-Village
- Dena Wuebker, Taylor Bergman Versailles
- Carmen Hartzell Mississinawa Valley
- Korey Garland Greenville
- Emily Williams, Jennie Bohman Ansonia
- Junior Fairboard Members Andrew Wuebker, Wyatt Bubeck, Alannah Sullivan, Josie Pothast

FARM CROP & ENGINEERING DISPLAY SECTION

Each FFA will be responsible for the area at time assigned according to schedule.

FFA AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. No Day of Entry. All entries must be registered online starting June 1st - Monday, July 20th, at 11:59 p.m.
- B. Judging will begin Friday at 9:00 a.m.
- C. Entries of poor construction, as deemed by advisors, will not be placed on exhibit.
- D. **No more than one entry, per exhibitor, per class.** All farm crops and horticultural crops must include the variety name. Any entries that do not include the variety name will automatically receive a B grade. **You can't enter an item in a miscellaneous class if there is a class available for the item. Item can only be entered in one class, not multiple classes.**
- E. In judging farm shop exhibits the judge will be instructed to take into consideration the fact that many of the articles exhibited have been practical use on the farm, or business which is not to be counted against them. All entries must have been constructed during the school year.
- F. An exhibit not earning the A grade will not receive 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place money. Exhibits not receiving an A grade will not be eligible to place in their class.
- G. **Any project not picked up by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, August 20, 2026 is not the responsibility of the Junior Fairboard and premiums will be forfeited. Spoiled or rotten fruit may be removed by advisors only during the week of the Fair.**
- H. Entrant must enter a minimum of 3 entries to be deemed a shop and crop exhibitor.
- I. Students must be enrolled in an agricultural education program and/or a dues paying FFA member.
- J. All projects can only be exhibited one year.

The Outstanding Shop Project will receive a trophy from Hupman Lawncare & Landscaping and Reserve Shop Project by Jed Smith, Farms.

Exhibit grade for Shop & Crops — A= \$4.00 B= \$2.50

Arc Welding Display Board (Must include a Butt, T, Lap and Bead)	\$4.00	2.50	1.50
Bird Feeder.....	4.00	2.50	1.50
Bird House	4.00	2.50	1.50
Boot Bench.....	7.00	5.00	3.00
Boot Scraper.....	4.00	2.50	1.50
Brazing Display Board (Must include a Butt, T, Lap and Bead)	4.00	2.50	1.50
Concrete Stepping Stone.....	6.00	4.00	2.50
Electric Light Stand	6.00	4.00	2.50
Electrical Projects	4.00	2.50	1.50
Fair Box	5.00	3.00	2.00
Farm Gate (large).....	6.00	4.00	2.50
Farm Gate (small).....	5.00	3.00	2.00
Farm Trailer	8.00	6.00	4.00
Feed Scoop (metal only)	4.00	2.50	1.50
Flower Box.....	4.00	2.50	1.50

Foot Stool.....	5.00	3.00	2.00
Hitch Pins - only	\$4.00	2.50	1.50
Household Articles.....	5.00	3.00	2.00
Landscape Drawings	5.00	3.00	2.00
Lawn Cart.....	11.00	9.00	7.00
Lawn Chair and Wooden Benches	7.00	5.00	3.00
Lawn Swing	8.00	6.00	4.00
Livestock Feeders	6.00	4.00	2.50
Metal Tool Construction	4.00	2.50	1.50
Mig Welding Display Board (Must include a Butt, T, Lap and Bead).....	4.00	2.50	1.50
Nail/Tool Box	4.00	2.50	1.50
Outdoor Recreational Games	6.00	4.00	2.00
Picnic Table.....	8.00	6.00	4.00
Plumbing Project.....	6.00	4.00	2.50
Reclaimed Wood Project.....	6.00	4.00	2.50
Reconditioned Machinery	9.00	7.00	5.00
Reconditioned Miscellaneous Project.....	5.00	3.00	2.00
SAE Photo Postboard Display	5.00	3.00	2.00
SAE Research Trifold Display	6.00	4.00	2.50
Saw Horse (1)	4.00	2.50	1.50
Scale Model Agricultural Facility.....	6.00	4.00	2.50
Shop Creeper.....	6.00	4.00	2.50
Shop Drawing	4.00	2.00	1.50
Single Cylinder Engine Display.....	5.00	3.00	2.00
Spray Paint Equipment	7.00	5.00	3.00
Spray Paint Tractor	11.00	9.00	7.00
Tap & Die Project	4.00	2.50	1.50
Wagon Bed	10.00	8.00	6.00
Welding Cutting Project.....	4.00	2.50	1.50
Welding Project (large)	8.00	6.00	4.00
Welding Project (medium)	6.00	4.00	2.50
Welding Project (small)	4.00	2.50	1.50
Wood Project (large)	7.00	5.00	3.00
Wood Project (Medium).....	6.00	4.00	2.50
Wood Project (Small).....	5.00	3.00	2.00

Premiums by Darke County Agricultural Society

FFA FARM CROPS

Premiums by Darke County Agricultural Society. Only one entry in each class per exhibitor.

Trophy by - Greenville FFA. 2nd Place FFA Crop Trophy donated by Jed Smith, Farms.

Barley (1 quart jar).....	\$5.00	3.50	2.00
Corn (6 ears) product of last year	5.00	3.50	2.00
Corn (6 ears) current year	5.00	3.50	2.00
Corn (single stalk) current year.....	5.00	2.00	2.00
Corn shelled (1 quart) product of last year	5.00	3.50	2.00
Corn Silage (1 quart ziplock bag).....	5.00	3.50	2.00
Grain Sorghum (1 quart) last year.....	5.00	3.50	2.00
Grain Sorghum (3 heads) current year	5.00	3.50	2.00
Hay Alfalfa (6" section of bale).....	5.00	3.50	2.00
Hay Clover (6" section of bale).....	5.00	3.50	2.00
Hay Mixed (6" section of bale).....	5.00	3.50	2.00
Hay Timothy (6" section of bale)	5.00	3.50	2.00
Haylage (1 quart ziplock bag).....	5.00	3.50	2.00
Hops	5.00	3.50	2.00
Miscellaneous (no straw)	5.00	3.50	2.00
Oats, current year (1 quart)	5.00	3.50	2.00
Popcorn (6 ears)	5.00	3.50	2.00
Rye (1 quart jar)	5.00	3.50	2.00
Soybeans (1 quart) last year.....	5.00	3.50	2.00
Soybeans (5 stalks) current year	5.00	3.50	2.00
Wheat (1 quart) current year	5.00	3.50	2.00
Wheatlage (1 quart bag).....	5.00	3.50	2.00

HORTICULTURAL CROPS

Premiums by Darke County Agricultural Society. Trophy donated by Buckeye Insurance Group.
 2nd Place FFA Horticulture Trophy donated by Richard L. Baker

Apples (4) Home Garden Project.....	\$4.00	2.50	1.00
Beans (25 beans in pod).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Beets (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Bell Peppers (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Berries (1 quart).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Broccoli (2 heads).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Brown Eggs (6).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Brussel Sprouts.....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Cabbage (1 head).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Carrots (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Cauliflower (1 head).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Cherry/Grape Tomatoes (12).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Cucumbers (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Cucumbers, Pickling (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Eggplant (2).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Eggs - Miscellaneous (6).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Fruit - Mixed Plate (4 varieties).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Fruit - Miscellaneous (any fruit not already listed).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Floral Arrangement - Cut.....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Floral Arrangement - Live.....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Garlic (4 with tops).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Gourds (2).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Grapes (2 bunches).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Green Beans (25 pods).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Herbs (2 specimens/variety, tied).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Herbs - Mixed Plate (4 or more varieties).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Honey Dew.....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Honey Display (pint).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Hot Peppers (5).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Kohlrabi (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Lettuce (1 head).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Miscellaneous (any vegetable not listed).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Miscellaneous Vegetable Variety Plate (Minimum 5 varieties, must match individual class requirements).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Mixed Plate of Apples (4 varieties).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Mixed Tomato Plate (4 varieties).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Muskmelon (1).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Okra (5).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Onions (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Peaches (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Pears (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Peas - Any variety (15 pods).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Plums (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Plum Tomatoes (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Potatoes (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Pumpkins (1).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Rhubarb (3 stalks).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Roma Type to Paste Tomatoes (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Squash (1).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Sunflower (1 head).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Sweet Corn (6 ears).....	5.00	3.50	2.00
Sweet Pepper - Specialty/Non - Bell.....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Sweet Potatoes (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Swiss Chard (3 stalks).....	5.00	3.50	2.00
Tomatoes Heirloom (4).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Watermelon (1).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
White Eggs (6).....	4.00	2.50	1.00
Zucchini (1).....	4.00	2.50	1.00



Girl Scouts of Western Ohio

Junior Fairboard Member:

Girl Scouts in Darke County is made up of two volunteer-led Service Units who support 370 girls and 120 adult members. East (Ansonia, Bradford, North Star and Versailles) and Treaty Tri-South (Greenville, Gettysburg, Arcanum, New Madison, Pittsburg, and Union City) Service Units are a part of the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio Council. Girl Scouts of Western Ohio is one of the top ten largest councils in the USA and serves nearly 50,000 girls in a 32 county area throughout western Ohio and southeast Indiana.

More than 15,000 trained volunteers work to provide services and deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls. There are four regional Girl Scout Centers located in Cincinnati, Dayton, Lima and Toledo.

Any girl of school age can join in the fun within the five age levels: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador. Activities vary with each level. By the time a girl is in 8th grade, she may have already gone skiing, scuba-diving, camping, archery, horseback riding, or even tried a high ropes challenge course. No matter what a troop tries, it's bound to be fun for all!

Girl Scouting is definitely more than fun and games, however, community service is a major part of Scouting and is emphasized at all age levels in all communities.

For further information, contact Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, Buckeye Trails Regional Office at 1-800-233-4845.



. . . **SCOUTING** . . .
SERVES THE COMMUNITY

The Boy Scouts of America is a ready and eager partner in every community effort to build boys into men of character and train them for their citizenship responsibilities. Scouting is a program in which boys of eight years and up can learn how to do things for themselves and for other people. It is a program that develops physical fitness, self-reliance, courage, and high ideals of service to God and Country.

These things are accomplished in partnership with the home, the school, the church and other institutions which accept responsibility for the proper guidance and education of boys and young men in the community. In fact, every Unit of Scouts must be sponsored by an established institution such as a school, church or synagogue, civic, farm, labor or business organization, or a responsible group of citizens, representative of the community as a whole.

Any established community institution may adopt all or part of the Whole Scout Family:

A Pack for Cub Scouts, 7 through 10.

A Troop for Boy Scouts, 11 through 18.

An Explorer Post, Sea Explorer Ship or Air Explorer Squadron, for young men 14 and older.

Every boy and young man within this age span in Darke County should have the opportunity to become a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout or an Explorer. Persons interested, phone 937-278-4825 or 937-569-2059. The following websites also have information available, www.mvcbbsa.com or www.beascout.org.



Gateway Youth Programs was developed under the Council on Rural Services umbrella in 1988. Our mission is to provide a unique mix of learning and social experience to develop competence, motivation and behavior for a better life and stronger community.

We specialize in positive youth development by working with youth of Darke County in conflict, at-risk, or in need of support. The program/services focus on building the positive attributes young people need to be successful in their life by providing non-therapeutic counseling to youth and their families. We focus on improving skills in conflict resolution, communication, anger management, self-esteem, decision-making, and socialization.

Services include the following: school visits, home visits with youth/family, office visits with youth/family, groups, recreational activities, mentoring, communication with other service providers and special events.

Our Youth Advocates work directly in the schools to teach life and coping skills through our community connectors program. We provide students with positive role models to motivate and inspire them to see beyond their current situation. This is accomplished by building character, resiliency, goal setting, and developing pathways to achievement that lead to success in school and the workplace.

Groups are created based on needs and interests of the students and have included: self-esteem, life skills, job training, healthy relationships, book club, leadership, exploring art, fitness and nutrition, alcohol and drug prevention, photography and running. During the summer, activities include field trips and special projects/events.

If you would like more information about the programs, you can contact us at 937-548-8002 or visit our website at www.gatewayyouthprograms.org or at our Facebook page at facebook.com/gatewayyouthprograms.



Boys & Girls Club of Greenville

The club is a non-profit organization 501C of Darke County. The club is locally organized to provide, manage, and control a recreational facility after school for the boys & girls. Teaching life skills and self-awareness through such activities as social time, games, arts-crafts, wood shop, kitchen and cooking classes, exercise/weight room along with outdoor activities fishing, baseball games, trips to Greenville Parks, and other educational trips, Ohio caverns, and zoo along with fair projects.

The club is well supervised by a club director and staff, assistant club director, treasurer, and board of directors which meet monthly to discuss club updates.

The Greenville Boys & Girls Club has an open-door policy for all boys & girls ages 6 thru 16 regardless of race, descent, religion, economic status, or sculptural level, who live in Darke County.

The goal of the Greenville Boys & Girls Club is to ensure a safe and fun place for kids to grow and enjoy after school activities and by making lifetime memories to hold and tell their children about the times they had at the club while growing up.

Tom Jenkins, Boys & Girls Club Director,
JoEllen Melling, Asst. Director/Treasurer,
Staff: Diane Jenkins, Terry Benge, Tina Crawford
Board of Directors: President Steve Willman



L.E.A.D. (learn, educate, achieve, drug-free) of Darke County is a youth-led prevention program ran by the Recovery and Wellness agency. LEAD promotes and celebrates teens living a healthy and positive life style. Contrary to what you may hear or read, the majority of young people are not participating in substance misuse, in fact many teens are actively campaigning to make sure they and their peers avoid risky behaviors like drinking, drug use, vaping/smoking, and violence.

LEAD consists of teen leaders in many of the Darke County Schools who help plan and implement healthy and positive programs for younger students to get involved in. Teen leaders serve as role models for these younger students. Leaders are trained by RWC Prevention Specialist staff to teach lessons from evidenced based curriculums like Botvin Life Skills, Too Good For Drug, and the Catch My Breath series which focuses on vaping education, coping skills, self-esteem, peer pressure refusal skills, building social skills, etc. Teen leaders also plan a summer camp every year along with many other positive activities like dodgeball, kickball, skating parties, pool days, etc.

If you would like more information about LEAD, you can contact us at 937-548-6842 or join our Facebook page to get involved in activities.