

LAWRENCE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

RULES & REGULATIONS

MARKET LIVESTOCK & CROPS

NON-SALE & BREEDING PROJECTS

All 4-H members, volunteer advisors, and parents must read and understand the Lawrence County Junior Fair Rules & Regulations: Market Livestock, Non-Sale & Breeding Projects guide and sign off on understanding at tag-in of their specie.

Effective November 1, 2022

**JUNIOR FAIR MARKET LIVESTOCK
2023 IMPORTANT
DATES & DEADLINES**

Livestock Tag -In Dates

Market Beef

December 17, 2022, Lawrence County Fairgrounds

10:00 – 11:00am

Market Steer or Market Heifer must be born on or after January 1, 2022

Market Hogs

April 22nd, 2023, Lawrence County Fairgrounds

8:00- 10:00am

Project gilts/barrows must be farrowed after December 1, 2022

Market Lambs

April 22nd, 2023, Lawrence County Fairgrounds

8:00 – 10:00am

Project ewes/wethers must be born on or after December 1, 2022

Market Goats

April 22nd, 2023, Lawrence County Fairgrounds

8:00 – 10:00am

Project does/wethers must be born on or after December 1, 2022

Market Chickens

Market Chickens must be ordered through the Extension Office by April 1, \$20.00 to be picked up the week of May 24th – 26th, 2023

Market Rabbits

June 10th, 2023, Lawrence County Fairgrounds

8:00 – 10:00am

Market Feeders & All Other Breeding Projects

ID & Class Registration Form Due June 15th, 2023

Lawrence County Junior Fair

July 8th – 15th 2023

Please see fair schedule for all designated weigh ins, check ins, and sale order.

JUNIOR FAIR MEMBER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Lawrence County Junior Fair division is open to all Lawrence 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters. To participate in livestock shows, activities, and sales youth must be a current member of a Lawrence County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

1. All current members must comply with the Ohio State 4-H membership policies.

“Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child’s age AND grade as of January 1 of the current calendar year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. A youth’s 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year he or she turns 19. Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University.”

- a. The official project(s) for the 4-H/FFA member at the Lawrence County Fair will be identified on the enrollment form due on March 15th. All entries must be a part of the exhibitor’s current enrollment or occupational experience program and meet Ohio State University’s project deadlines and all other county requirements.
- b. A minimum attendance of 5 meetings in the local 4-H club is required for project exhibition. The Club advisor is required to sign a statement certifying that each member has attended 5 meetings.
- c. Quality Assurance participation is state required for all livestock (market & non-market) exhibitors. Quality Assurance must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office to compete at the Lawrence County Fair by May 1st.
- d. All exhibitors are required to complete skillathon yearly prior to exhibition.
- e. All exhibitors must complete the 4-H Project Record Book or Livestock/FFA record book corresponding with their exhibition project. Please see list of Junior Fair Eligible Livestock Projects.
- f. All exhibitors must follow Chapter 901-19 Livestock Exhibition rules as outlined by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- g. All livestock exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves according to the 4-H Member Code of Conduct, in which all members and parents agree and sign at time of enrollment.

OHIO 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

"4-H members, parents, and other adults participating in 4-H activities will:

1. Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
2. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models.
3. Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities.
4. Fully participate in scheduled activities
5. Respect other's property and privacy rights.
6. Abstain from child abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment.
7. Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
8. Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
9. Adhere to rules of safety.
10. I will uphold and support the responsible and lawful use of social media. In so doing, I will not create or post social media content that is abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, or creates a hostile environment. Consequences for violating any part of the code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); sanctions on participating in future 4-H events, forfeiture of financial support for the event, removal from offices held, etc. Behavior outside of 4-H activities can affect "member in good standing" or "volunteer in good standing" status."

Failure to meet the above stated junior fair member eligibility requirements will disqualify 4-H/FFA members from exhibiting at the junior fair and participating in the junior fair sale.

JUNIOR FAIR ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK PROJECTS & 4-H PROJECT BOOK REQUIRED

Beef #117 Beef Project and Record Book

117B Beef Breeding 117BF Beef Feeder 117DF Dairy Beef Feeder 117M Market Beef
 122 Dairy Heifer Project & Record Book 126 Dairy Cow Project & Record Book

Goat #135 Goat Project & Record Book

135BD Breeding – Dairy Goats 135BM Breeding – Meat Goats 135F Fiber Goats
 135H Harness Goats 135M Market – Dairy, Meat, or Cross Goats 135P Pack Goats
 135PY Pygmy Goats

Poultry #150 Poultry Project & Record Book

150CE Chicken, Exhibition 150CM – Market Chicken 150DE Duck, Exhibition
 150GE Goose, Exhibition 150TE Turkey, Exhibition 150H Helmeted Guinea Fowl

Sheep

198 Market Lamb Project and Record Book 199 Sheep Breeding Project and Record Book

Swine

139 Market Hog Project and Record Book

Rabbit

225 Breeding Rabbit Project & Record Book 226 Market Rabbit Project & Record Book

MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITION ALLOWANCES

Animal	Tag In/Identify	Exhibit*	Weight Limit**
Market Beef	Can tag in up to 2	Show up to 1	950 lbs minimum
Market Goat	Can tag in up to 3	Show up to 2	60 lb minimum
Market Hog	Can tag in up to 3	Show up to 2	220 – 280 lbs
Market Lamb	Can tag in up to 3	Show up to 2	85 – 140 lbs
Market Rabbit	Can tattoo up to 4	Show a pen of 2	4 ½ lbs to 5 ½ lbs
Market Chickens	Receive 10 chicks	Show a pen of 2	-----

Exhibit* 4-H & FFA Members are eligible to exhibit **up to** two animals of two large market species and one pen of market rabbits or market chickens. With the exception, members may not exhibit more than one market beef. Multiple species exhibition is not required.

If Market Rabbit and Chicken exhibitors only have one remaining junior fair tagged/identified animal at time of fair, exhibitors are permitted to bring their single entry to the fair during designated weigh-in time to house at the fair and participate in showmanship. The single entry will not be permitted to show in the market show or sell at the Livestock Sale.

In 2023, Market Chickens will be weighed to sort classes, but there is no maximum or minimum weight requirement. Recommended weight, according to Ohio State Fair exhibition requirements, is a maximum of 7 pounds per bird.

Weight limit** There will be a 5 lb allowance at the scale for all large animals and a ½ lb allowance for small animals.

BREEDING ANIMAL EXHIBITION ALLOWANCES

Beef Feeder

Exhibitors may register and exhibit 1 market feeder project per class below:

Feeder Steer, January 1 – April 30, 2023

Feeder Heifer, January 1 – April 30, 2023

Beef Breeding & Dairy Cattle

Exhibitors may register and exhibit 1 breeding project per age class below:

Junior Calf: January 1 – April 30, 2023

Senior Calf: September 1 – December 31, 2022

Summer Yearling: May 1 – August 31, 2022

Junior Yearling: January 1 – April 30, 2022

Senior Yearling: September 1 – December 31, 2021

Cows: Before September 2021

Aged Cows: without calf 2 years or older

Cow & Calf

Breeding – Dairy Goats

Exhibitors may register and exhibit 1 breeding project per age class below:

Doe, Junior Kid, born on or after April 1, of exhibit year

Doe, Intermediate Kid, born on or after March 1, through March 31, of exhibit year

Doe, Senior Kid, born on or after January 1 through February 28, of exhibit year

Doe, Yearling, Dry, born between January 1 and December 31, of previous year

Doe, Yearling, 1 year old and under 2, in milk

Doe, 2 years old and older, in milk

Doe, 2 years old and older, dry

Breeding – Meat Goats

Exhibitors may register and exhibit 1 breeding project per age class below:

Doe, 0-6 months

Doe, 6-12 months

Doe, 12-24 months

Doe, 2-3 years

Doe, 3-5 years

Doe, 5 and older

Senior Does must have freshened, but do not need to be in milk

Pygmy & Fiber Goats

Exhibitors may register and exhibit 1 pygmy and/or fiber goat per class below:

Doe

Wether

Pack & Harness Goats

Exhibitors may register and exhibit 1 pack and/or harness goat per class below:

Harness Kid: Must be halter broke, led with strap, and respond to voice commands of stop, go, left, and right

Harness Yearling: Harnessed and pull an empty cart strap and respond to voice commands of stop, go, back, left, and right

Senior Harness: Cart must be driven through an obstacle course and respond to voice commands

Pack, 1st year: Must be halter broke and led with lead through three obstacles

Pack, 2nd year: Must be halter broke and led with lead carrying an empty pack through an obstacle course and remove pack once finished obstacle course

Senior Pack: Must complete obstacle course carrying 10% of body weight on each side. (Must complete 1st and 2nd year requirements before senior.)

Sheep Breeding

Exhibitors may register and exhibit 1 ewe per class below:

Ewe Lamb less than 1 year old

Yearling Ewe between 1 and 2 years old

Ewe more than 2 years old

Breeding Rabbits

Exhibitors may register and exhibit 1 rabbit per class below:

Junior Does: 6 months and younger

Junior Bucks: 6 months and younger

Senior Does: over 6 months

Senior Bucks: over 6 months

Doe & Litter: For a doe and litter project, the litter must not be less than 35 days old and not more than 56 days old by the first day of fair each year and must be shown together.

Fancy Poultry

Exhibitors may register and exhibit 1 exhibition poultry per class below:

Duck

Goose

Chicken

Turkey

Helmeted Guinea Fowl

Accepted Breeds found in the Poultry Standards of Perfection

** All turkeys, chickens and gamebirds moved within or imported into Ohio for exhibition must:

- (1) Originate directly from a flock or hatchery which is a participant in the national poultry improvement plan for the eradication of disease and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirements of this paragraph; or
- (2) Originate directly from a flock which has had a negative test for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease within twelve months preceding the opening date of exhibition and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph; or
- (3) Have had a negative test for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease, within ninety days, preceding the opening date of the exhibition and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph;

OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FAMILY ALTERNATE ALLOWANCES

All Breeding Projects must be owned and in the possession of exhibitor for no less than sixty days.

All Market Projects must be owned and in the possession of exhibitor by tag-in.

All market and breeding animals exhibited at the Lawrence County Fair must be fully owned by the exhibitor and in the complete custody and care of the exhibitor by each project's tag-in/registration date. Members are responsible for their project at all times. If the exhibitor is housing the project on property other than where they currently reside, they must submit an Alternative Project Housing Form by their designated tag-in.

- a. Families may tag in up to one extra market beef, lamb, goat, hog or per member, per family. If there are alternate family household animals, then each exhibitor shall have his/her specific animals tagged in and the alternate family household animal may be substituted for any tagged-in animal. There can be a maximum of 1 extra animal per family member. Each exhibitor may only use one alternate. The household enrollment will be based off 4-H enrollments.
- b. Exhibitors may tag in up to one extra pen of 2 rabbits. The alternate pen of 2 can be used as a family alternate, however a maximum of only 4 rabbits may be associated to each member.

EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS

PRE-FAIR TAG IN/REGISTRATION

1. All exhibitors planning to exhibit at the county fair must bring their animals to the designated tag in/registration deadline below to be eligible to show at the county fair. If a project animal loses the assigned tag, the 4-H/FFA member must notify the Extension office immediately. Project animals will not be re-tagged if notification has not been received. *Evidence of tag ID falsification will result in disqualification.* There will be no substitution of an unidentified animal not tagged at the designated tag in for any reason.
2. All large market animals (except pigs) will receive an ear tag and tattoo at tag -in. Market hogs will be tagged at tag-in and will receive their tattoo at weigh-in. Rabbits will be tattooed at tag-

in. Market chickens will be banded at weigh-in. Any existing tags, except scrapie, identification will be removed at tag-in, with the exception of EID tags.

3. All projects requiring the need for castration or dehorning, must be complete by their designated tag in/registration date. Animals found with any problem concerning castration will be given 7 days to correct the problem. This must be done by a licensed veterinarian at the members and/or parents expense. A letter from the veterinarian certifying that the problem has been corrected must be sent to the Extension Office within 7 days after weigh-in date.
 - a. **Market Goats and Market Steers/Feeders** are required to be disbudded/dehorned or have their horns cut back to approximately 1 inch in length.
 - b. **Market Lambs** are required to be docked.
 - c. No intact large animal males, market or breeding, are eligible to show in any large animal exhibition.
4. **All lambs and goats** must have a scrapie tag in the ear at time of tag-in, if not, one must have this corrected within 7 days of tag-in, and present proper documentation to the Extension Office once complete. If scrapie tag is not in the ear at weigh-in, or present at time of weigh-in, the animal will not be permitted onto the grounds.
5. **Market Beef** must be brought to tag-in with a halter and one lead rope, broke to lead. One lead rope must be long enough to touch the ground. If deemed unsafe, the livestock committee reserves the right to deny tagging.
6. All cross county lines participants bringing their animal across state line for participation must bring certified vet health certificate upon each entry into the fairgrounds.

WEIGH IN

1. All projects housed on the fairgrounds must be weighed/checked-in at the designated time. The Barn Committee may provide an additional weigh-in period on weigh-in day for unusual circumstances such as flood, illness, or mechanical failure. Requests must be made to the 4-H Livestock Committee before the designated weigh-in end time.
2. All cross county lines participants bringing their animal across state line for participation must bring certified vet health certificate.
3. All identification tags must be present, in the ear, at weigh-in to be allowed onto to the grounds. Failure to provide all required ID for your animal will result in the animal not being permitted onto the grounds. Lambs and goats must also have scrapie tag identification.
4. All livestock animals are required to meet their specie specific weight requirement to show and sale. Due to the possible drifting of animals in transport and the difficulty of exhibitor to have access to certified scales there will be a tolerance of 5 lbs. allowed for all existing weight limits for large animals and a ½ lb. weight tolerance for rabbits.
5. If the weight of an animal is in question, animals will be backed off the scales, scales zeroed and animal placed back on the scales for re-weigh immediately, before entering the stall area. Exhibitor must then take the second weight. All blankets and coverings must be removed before weighing the animals. No additional tampering to alter weight is permitted (ie: excess substances added to any livestock).
6. Once the animal is on the grounds, you must unload and weigh in, no backing out of line. Therefore, you must only bring the animals you plan to exhibit onto the grounds. All alternate animals must be left at home. Once the animal is on the scale, if it does not make weight exhibitors have the option to withdrawal and take the animal home immediately or remain on

the grounds and participate in showmanship only then drop slip or send to market following drop slip/market procedures. Light/heavy weight animals are not permitted to compete in the market show or go through the junior fair sale.

7. Any livestock that goes through the weigh-in/check-in process must stay on the grounds until the designated load out time. Any animal being dropped from the Junior Fair Sale, must be checked out from the Lawrence County Fairgrounds with the clerk during the designated time. All animals not checked out during this time and not taken through the sale, will go to market. No exceptions. Animal removal, for any reason, must be approved by the fair vet and fairboard president. The OSU Extension Office must receive an early release and haul sheet immediately following dismissal.
8. All animals must be residue free (as determined by the fair veterinarian) to be eligible to show and sale as designated on the animal's DUNF Form. All exhibitors must complete the DUNF form and submit by designated deadline to be eligible to show and sale. The official Fair Veterinarian or Ohio Department of Agriculture official may conduct testing or inspection of all animals entered for exhibit before, during, or after the competition to carry out the Ohio Department of Agriculture pursuant to Title IX of the Revised Code, or any rules or regulations promulgated there under.
 - a. All large animal (goats, lambs, steers, and hogs) market champion and reserve winners are required to undergo testing and the Lawrence County Agricultural Society and ODA reserve the right to require random testing of exhibit animals.

EXHIBITOR SHOW EXPECTATIONS

1. Exhibitors must participate in the quality and showmanship show to be eligible for project premium and the junior fair livestock sale. Should you opt not to put your livestock through the junior fair sale, quality show and showmanship is still required to receive premium.
2. Junior Fair exhibitors are expected to show their own animal at all livestock shows & the Junior Fair Sale. They must be present one half hour prior to the start of all shows and the sale unless prior arrangements have been made. Exceptions will only be made for exhibitors who have a Winning 4-H Plan in place with the Extension Professional, have a doctor's excuse, or have two animals in the same class determined by the Extension Office. Other circumstance must be presented in writing to the Extension Office 24 hours prior to show/sale (including name, project, and brief description of conflict), and will be considered by the Extension Professional and the Livestock Committee. In case of these excused absences, another eligible Lawrence County 4-H/FFA member must exhibit the animal.
 - a. If an exhibitor does not have excused permission prior to the show/sale, and is not present to show/sale their market animal, that animal must be drop slipped or will be sent to stockyard and sold for market price. It will not be eligible to be sold through the Junior Fair Sale.
 - b. If a project animal dies after tag-in and prior to project completion and the member does not have another project animal to exhibit, the member will be permitted to

receive premium money (\$7.00) if they participate in Skill-a-thon. There will be no substitution of an unidentified animal not tagged at the designated tag in.

****Rabbits/Chickens** – if a rabbit or chicken dies after the market show, you still may sale your single rabbit. A pen (2) of rabbits is required to participate in the market class. Showmanship is still required with the single rabbit.

3. Only show officials, judges, and youth are to be in the ring during show times. The show official is to not be an immediate family member of any exhibitor in the arena.
4. Lawrence County Fair dress code during **show and sale consists of a clean dress**. Anyone in the show/sale arena must wear closed toed shoes, boots or leather shoes preferred. Long pants with no holes are required when in the show/sale arena. No advertisements on clothing with the exception of 4-H or FFA Logos; but no identification of club or chapter permitted. Also shirts must NOT have any sayings that are inappropriate for ANY age of participants and spectators. Shirts must have shoulders, appropriate necklines, no cut-out arms, cover all undergarments and the shirt MUST meet the pants. Some examples of shirts not permitted are: midriff baring, spaghetti straps, arms cut out shirts and tube tops. No hats will be permitted in the show ring. All tattoos must be covered during show and sale. The use of cell phones, iPads, etc. are prohibited during show and sale. Failure to comply, may result in show/sale dismissal.
5. Any violation or disorderly conduct toward fair officials, judges, show managers, exhibitors, or any other volunteer will not be tolerated. Any violation of this rule will warrant withholding of premiums and awards and any other penalties deemed appropriate.

LIVESTOCK PEN ASSIGNMENTS/TACK REQUIREMENTS/HANDLING GUIDELINES

1. The Livestock and Barn Committee will assign all barn, stall, pen, and tack spaces on the fairgrounds. Members can stall their animals and set up tack only in assigned spaces. Animals cannot be moved from these assigned stalls without permission.
 - a. All market projects will be housed at the fair throughout the duration of the fair.
 - b. All breeding and feeder projects may request space, if available, as indicated on the specie specific registration form.
2. All exhibitors must feed, water, and care for their animals regularly throughout each day. All animals must have water available at all times.
3. All exhibitors must keep their assigned pens, stalls, and aisles clean and in order, along with keeping animals on exhibit clean and well cared for. Exhibitors must place manure/bedding outside barn in a place designated by Fair Board. Show boxes and other equipment shall be kept in an area designated by the Fair Board. Exhibitors are responsible for animals until loaded for shipment following the sale, water must be available to the animal until the animal has been loaded out. Following sale load out, members must clean out their stall/pens. Neglect to care for animal or clean pen will result in probation for the next year and may result in disqualification for competition the following year.
4. **BEEF PROJECTS** (steers, heifers, feeders, etc) being moved on the fairgrounds at any time including unloading, must have a halter with a neck strap. All bovine must be controlled by the use of a chain halter or cables during shows. No other method of restraint may be used during

shows at the fair. All bovine must have a neck rope and halter on and be tied by both when in the barn. Halter and neck rope must remain on the animal until the animal is loaded out following the sale. Exhibitors are responsible for retrieving their own equipment.

5. **All goats** must be clipped and shown with a well-fitted collar or hummel halter. Only non-mechanical, blunt, prong collars, plain buckle quick release collars, or slip collars of an appropriate length of leather, and fabric or chain collars are permitted.
6. The **market lamb** show will be a slick-sheared show and must be shown without a halter. Failure to control the animal, will allow for a halter.

SHOW PROCEDURE

1. Weight/Show classes will be made up by Extension officials to match the recommended number of animals per class by species. Market Shows may be broken into weight divisions, based on number of animals and safety concerns, up to the Livestock Committee's discretion. If broken into divisions, the 1st places from each division will return for the final drive and 2nd and 3rd places will be on stand-by.

CLASS DIVISIONS

<u>Species</u>	<u>Maximum Number In Classes</u>	<u>Selection Criteria</u>
Beef	6 animals	Weight
Goat	12 animals	Weight
Poultry	12 pair	Pen Weight
Rabbits	12 pair	Pen Weight
Sheep	12 animals	Weight
Swine	12 animals	Weight

****Any scheduled show with less than 5 exhibitors registered is subject to cancellation****

2. The judge will place each class beginning with the lightest weight class and continuing to the heaviest class. The judge has the discretion to place either top to bottom or bottom to top.
3. The first place animals from each class will be brought to the ring for the championship drive with the second places lined up and ready. The Grand Champion will be selected from the first place animals.
4. The Judge will then select the remaining animals 2nd through 10th place by bringing in the next placed animal in the class that the last placed animal came from. This continues until the top TEN are placed.
5. Each show will have a 5 minute break between the last class and the championship drive and a 5 minute break between the end of the quality show and beginning of showmanship.

6. Livestock that break loose two (2) times during the exhibition, quality and/or showmanship show, due to the exhibitors inability to maintain control, will be brought to the rail and tied for the remainder of the show at the discretion of the show officials, the Extension 4-H Professional and/or the judge if deemed necessary for the safety of exhibitors.
7. The holding area designated for livestock animals preparing for show must be cleared, during the livestock show and sale, of everyone except members showing animals, livestock and barn committee members, one designated immediate family member, with children/members showing in the particular show for safety purposes. Show Arm bands will be distributed to the exhibitor and one immediate family member prior to each species show. These must be worn by the exhibitor and one immediate family member to be permitted into the holding area during their time of exhibition.
8. The use of wash stalls in the makeup area will cease thirty minutes before shows or sales. Only the veterinarian can authorize use of the stalls during that time for health reasons only.

SHOWMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS

The purpose of the showmanship contest is to encourage young exhibitors to acquire skill and know-how in the handling of animals and to obtain information and practice in fitting and grooming them for show.

1. All Market, Non-Market, Breeding exhibitors must complete showmanship in order to receive premium and to sale their animal at the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
2. Junior showmanship is open to exhibitors who have not passed their 14th birthday as of January 1. Senior Showmanship is open to exhibitors who have passed their 14th birthday.
3. Each contestant must fit and show his/her own animal.
4. The animal used for showmanship must be one entered and shown by the exhibitor in respective production or market class in Junior Fair.
5. In judging showmanship contests the judge will consider these major points of emphasis:
 - The judge will observe the general all around ability and know-how the contestant demonstrates in training and handling of animals, and manner in which he/she presents his animal.
 - The judge will be looking for contestants who demonstrate they know how to handle themselves in the show ring.
 - The judge will be looking for evidence that the contestants know how to fit and groom an animal. But grooming alone will not be emphasized.
 - The judge will appraise the contestant's knowledge and use of good show ring equipment as demonstrated by the equipment used and the skill in using it.
 - The judge will appraise the extent the contest demonstrates knowledge of accepted show ring practices and customs, and may ask questions relating to animal production.

SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN CONTEST

1. Winners from the each of the Market Showmanship shows within each of the Senior (14 and older) and Junior (13 and younger) divisions are eligible for the showman of showmen. Seniors will exhibit a market steer, market lamb, market goat, market hog, market rabbit, and market chicken. This is an optional event. Youth may also scratch species they wish not to show, but will take the points deduction.
2. See Jr. Fair Schedule of Events for contest times.
3. Senior contestants must select their own animals to use for contest (except rabbit & chicken). Contestant cannot use their own animal or immediate family member's (as described on page 5 rule #7) animal or animals that have been housed together.
4. The contestants will be required to show each species to be in the contest. In case of a tie, a tie breaking decision will be up to the discretion of the judge to determine the contest winner.
5. All participants must sit in a designated judging area, no cellphone use is permitted.
6. All exhibitors must follow the 4-H Code of Conduct and Dress Code.
7. See Junior Livestock General Rules/Regulations and Sale Rules/Regulations in addition to the Ohio's Livestock Reform Act, Ohio Department of Agriculture's Administration Code, and ODA Laws and Rules (Red Book) for additional rules that pertain to all 4-H/FFA livestock projects, shows, and sale.

LIVESTOCK FITTING GUIDELINES & PROHIBITED TAMPERING RULES

1. All animals must be washed, groomed, and clipped according to specie standards.
 - a. **All lambs** must be slick-sheared and washed by weigh-in.
 - b. The slick clipping, body clipping, shaving or removal of hair on **market hogs** except head, ears, and tails is highly discouraged. Hogs must have at least ½ inch of hair.
2. Market Hogs cannot use any oils, paints, powders, glitter or other dressings at any time while on fair grounds, from arrival to the time they are put on the truck. Except that, non-oil based products may be used according to product directions. No oil or oil based products can be used due to packer & health concerns.
3. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breed, age, ownership, custody, and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. To maintain a high degree of confidence in the livestock shows, the Lawrence County Livestock Committee, Ohio State University Extension, and the Lawrence County Agriculture Society Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical matter and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistants who fitted the animal.
4. Unethical fitting, as defined by the Ohio State Livestock General Rules and Regulations, means to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including but not limited to, the removal of animal tissue or body part, to cut or tear hide, to cover, dye or color the hair, hide, or hooves, to add artificial

tailheads, switches, polls, hair, or heels, or to administer feed, given or inject any substance or drug, except when medically necessary or when the drug has been approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture. Furthermore 901-19-33, states applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance that enhances, transforms or changes the true conformation, configuration, or appearance of the livestock, unless prescribed by the exhibition veterinarian.

5. Prohibited grooming practice examples include, by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders; pigmented grooming aids or materials, and slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on the ears and tails. "Slick clipping" or "body shaving" means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.
6. Only immediate family members (mother, father, brother, sister, grandparent, uncle or aunt of exhibitor by marriage or by law), 4-H/FFA advisors from Lawrence County, or such other persons as authorized by the Extension Educator, are permitted to assist member with fitting of animals for exhibition. Use of professional trainers, groomers, etc. in any project area is strictly prohibited and is cause for disqualification.
7. No exhibitor shall enter an animal that is ineligible due to age for the particular classification.
8. No exhibitor shall falsify any information included in an entry form submitted to the Lawrence County Extension Office.
9. No exhibitor shall engage in unsportsmanship like or disorderly conduct.
10. The drenching of livestock or metering of water is prohibited. Drenching of livestock for a medical condition at an exhibition when diagnosed by the licensed fair veterinarian. (901-19-12)
11. Any natural occurrence or surgical process which results in testicular tissue remaining in the body of exhibition livestock except rabbits and poultry is a false, deceptive, and unacceptable practice. Exhibitors will be disqualified.
12. The use of ice, iced towels, and/or wet towels on goats while at the fair unless prescribed by the Fair veterinarian will not be permitted.
13. There will be no building, pumping, or painting conformation alterations for show. Any product which changes, enhances or alters the natural color of an animal will not be permitted (Including but not limited to paints, dye, powder, non-clear adhesive and foam or shoe polish)

Should fraud or deception, with reliable proof, determined by the Lawrence County Livestock Committee, OSU Extension Office, and the Lawrence County Agricultural Society Board of Directors be discovered during exhibition or after the animal(s) has been exhibited and prior to the sale, such animal(s) will not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line at the show will move up in the class. In case any premium money has been awarded to animals shown in violation of these rules, the Fair Board will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons, and sale money under each violation. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete. If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot division of the show. All exhibitors must

abide by the Ohio's Livestock Reform Act, Ohio Department of Agriculture's Administration Code, ODA Laws and Rules.

LIVESTOCK RULE PENALTIES & APPEALS

All Exhibitions must adhere by Lawrence County Junior Livestock General Rules/Regulations and Sale Rules/Regulations in addition to Ohio's Livestock Reform Act, Ohio Department of Agriculture's Administration Code, and ODA Laws & Rules (Red Book) for additional rules that pertain to all 4-H/FFA livestock projects, shows, and sales.

The 4-H Livestock Committee is responsible for interpretation and enforcement of the rules and procedures for all livestock projects until the final weigh-in. Upon the animals entering the fairgrounds, the interpretation and enforcement of the rules regarding livestock projects is under the ultimate control and authority of the Lawrence County Fair Board, its Barn Committee and the official Fair Veterinarian.

The County Extension Professional and Livestock Committee is responsible for the organization and oversight of all shows. Any member effected by the application and enforcement of the rules may request the Barn Committee to review the situation or the action of the Extension Professional and the Livestock Committee.

An exhibitor and/or parent may appeal the decision of the Barn Committee by filing a written notice and posting a \$50.00 appeal fee with the Fair Board Secretary, within ten (10) days of the Barn Committee's decision. During the fair, any appeal should be filed within 24 hours. The fee will be non-refundable unless the Fair Board rules in favor of the appellant. Upon the appeal being filed, the Barn Committee shall submit its findings and decision, along with the recommendation of the Livestock Committee and evidence it deems relevant to the Fair Board Directors. The appellant may present to the Board his/her position and arguments as to why the decision should be changed. The review of the Board will be limited to whether the Committee properly interpreted and applied the rules to the facts and circumstances as the Committee found them to be.

Penalties for violation of the Lawrence County Junior Fair Rules and Regulations will be determined by the following factors, and any other factors deemed applicable, and will not be arbitrary or unreasonable:

- a. Whether the member has committed previous violations;
- b. The severity of the violation;
- c. The potential effect of the violation upon the integrity of the entire Junior Fair Process;
- d. Age and maturity of the member;
- e. The complexity of the rule and its susceptibility to different interpretations;
- f. Whether the act or failure was an attempt to purposely circumvent the rules.

Penalties available will be as follows:

- a. Written warning;

- b. Imposition of fine up to \$50.00 to be deducted from the sale proceeds of the project
- c. Change of position in sale order
- d. Declaration of ineligibility for the animal, project or member for that year;
- e. Disqualification of the member and/or family members involved from participation or assisting in the market projects for up to 3 years;
- f. Lifetime disqualification of member or family members involved from showing, selling or assisting in market projects at the Lawrence County Fair. With a lifetime disqualification, a petition for reinstatement may be filed with the Fair Board after 3 years, and if initially denied, every 5 years thereafter. The Fair Board may seek the recommendation of the Extension Professional and the Livestock Committee before action upon the petition.

Though these penalties may be applied aggressively, such is not mandatory. The initial penalty shall be determined based on the type and severity of the violation. As an alternative or in addition to any of these penalties, the member may be placed on probation for a period of up to 3 years.

JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK SALE

The Market Sales Committee is in charge of the operation of the market livestock sale and load out, including the receipt and disbursement of the proceeds of the sale. The Market Sales Committee shall consist of the chairman of the Fair Board Barn Committee, along with 2 other members of the Barn Committee as appointed by the chairman, the chairman of the 4-H Livestock Committee, along with 2 other members of Livestock Committee as appointed by the chairman and two at-large appointments, as appointed by the President of the Fair Board. At-large appointments shall be for a one-year period, with such appoints continuing from year-to-year unless appointment action is otherwise taken by the President of the Fair board. The Market Sales Committee will appoint a Secretary/Treasurer to be in charge of collection and disbursements of sale funds. This person shall be bonded by the Fair Board. The Livestock Committee will cooperate with the Market Sales Committee regarding the organization and operation of the sale and shall assist in obtaining or providing volunteers with the sale.

1. The Lawrence County Market exhibitions are a partial-terminal show and terminal sale. Exhibitors will only be permitted to sell one market project, with the exception of grand and reserve champions, through the county junior fair sale. To clarify:
 - a. A partial terminal show means Grand and Reserve must sell and be harvested when released from exhibition. According to ODA 901-19-02 (D): The livestock shall be consigned to slaughter either at the conclusion of the show or immediately following the exhibition. With the exception of grand and reserve, exhibitors may submit a drop slip to withdrawal their market project from the sale. Please see fair schedule for deadlines.
 - b. A terminal sale means all animals sold through the sale must be harvested or sent to a recognized market, as indicated by the buyer. [No animal sold through the sale can be donated back to the exhibitor].

- c. Per ODA all Champions/Reserve Champions must sell, if an exhibitor wins more than one grand and/or reserve then all will sell. Exhibitor will receive all the proceeds. of one champion/reserve, market value plus 50% of overage of 2nd champion/reserve, and market value plus 25% of overage for the third. The remainder goes into a scholarship fund to be used the following year.
 - d. Any market project except for grand or reserve, can be removed from the sale order, so long as a Market Sale Drop Slip is completed and turned in by the identified deadline. If the exhibitor does not turn in a Market Sale Drop Slip and the market project is not in the sale, the animal will be consigned to market and the exhibitor will receive market price, no exceptions. Market Sale Drop Slips must be turned in by designated specie deadlines. Rabbits and chickens continue to sell as a pen, not as individual stock, and unless withdrawn from the sale will be sent to harvest.
 - e. Failure to complete a Market Sale Drop Slip will result in the exhibitors highest placing animal going through the sale and all others going to market for market price.
 - f. For any year the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) requires a terminal show, the state requirement will take precedent over any local county conflicting rules.
2. Order of sale:
 - i. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion etc., according to the quality of the animals.
 - ii. Order of sale will be rotated each year. Large animals selling first will be rotated to last the following year followed by same rotation of small animals.
 3. The top 10 of each specie is placed by the judge and sales in that order. The Sale order for the remaining animals will be placed in lot order (no placing intended) according to their placing in their respective classes. Lots will start with the next highest placing animal in line from heavy to light weight classes until all qualifying animals have been assigned a sale/lot number.
 4. A fee per animal/pen, as set yearly by the sales committee will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check for administration fee for sales expenses.
 5. There will be no re-sale of animals during the Junior Fair Sales. Market projects may be sold only once through the sale ring.
 6. There will be no guaranteed price to the exhibitor for their Junior Fair market livestock project animal.
 7. If project animal is deemed ineligible to sell at the county fair by the fair vet due to health concerns or death, but the exhibitor has completed their quality and showmanship show, the exhibitor may enter the sell ring for sale premium bid with fairboard approval.
 8. If animals are refused, or discounted by the stockyard/packing house the 4-H member will bear any financial burden associated with this action. The Lawrence County Agricultural Society and/or Sale Committee is not responsible for finding alternative markets for improperly clipped, groomed and/or medicated animals.

Sale payments will be mailed to the address listed on the 4-H/FFA member's enrollment form. If change of address is necessary, you must submit 2 different documents verifying the address change. For example... electric bill and your water bill or any bill and a postmaster verified documentation, etc. If custody or divorce issues have occurred between parents a copy of the current custody order will need to be presented along with documentation of change of address. All sale payments will be issued to the 4-H/FFA member.

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