

176th BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

A Family Tradition Since 1851



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The The The
Past Present Future

Gates

Open 7:00am

Close 11:00pm

Address:

1715 Fairgrove Ave.

Hamilton, OH. 45011

**Every Effort Has Been Made to Assure that the
Information in this Program is Complete and Accurate**

RIDES & GAMES

July 26th Rides Open @ 4:00PM	July 27th-31st Rides Open @ 1:00PM	August 1st Rides Open @ 1:00PM
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4-H YOUTH PROJECTS & DEMONSTRATIONS

CARNIVAL FOOD & FOOD TRUCKS

EXHIBITS & VENDORS

GRANDSTAND EVENTS

Sunday
July 26th
Garden Tractor
Pull @10:00AM
Antique Tractor Pull
@4:00PM

Monday
July 27th
Truck/Tractor
& Semi Pull
@ 7:00 PM

Tuesday
July 28th
Rodeo
@ 7:00PM

Wednesday
July 29th
Demolition Derby
@ 7:00PM

Thursday
July 30th
Demolition Derby
@ 7:00PM

Friday
July 31st
Demolition Derby
@ 7:00PM

Saturday
August 1st
Combine Derby
@ 7:00PM

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LIST OF PREMIUMS
 RULES & REGULATIONS
 Of The
 ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIXTH
 ANNUAL FAIR
 Of The
 BUTLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

www.butlercountyohfair.org

To Be Held Seven Days and Seven Nights

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

JULY 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and AUGUST 1

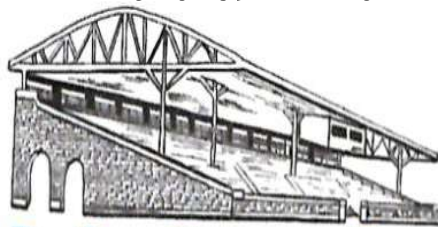
At 1715 Fairgrove Avenue • Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Owned and Operated by:

The Butler County Agricultural Society Since 1851

SENIOR FAIR BOARD OFFICE PHONE

513-892-1423



Butler County Fair
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General Admission & Parking

GATES OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. CLOSE AT 11:00PM

- General Admission per Day..... \$10.00
- Children 6-12 accompanied by paying adult - gate only.....\$5.00
- Senior Citizen (age 62) , Veterans & Kissel Cares Day Wednesday, July 29thFree
- Membership Ticket (Seven day admission, Parking and vote).....\$40.00
- 7-Day Pass - 7 Day Admission and Parking\$35.00
- 4-Day Pass - 4 Day Admission and Parking\$25.00
- SATURDAY ONLY ..\$5.00 Adult, Kids 6-12 Free (accompanied by paying adult)

GRANDSTAND ADMISSION

Grandstand Seating Wristband.....\$40.00 Adult, \$15.00 Child (6-12)

*Includes grandstand seating for the entire week of fair

**Must be purchased prior to event in fair office

***Once Grandstand ticket is purchased it cannot be upgraded or exchanged for a Grandstand Seating Wristband.

Day:	Event:	Time:	Admission Cost:
SUNDAY	Garden Tractor Pull Antique Tractor Pull	10:00AM 4:00PM	No Admission Adult: \$10.00 Child: \$ 5.00
MONDAY	DCTPA Tractor, Semi & Truck Pull	7:00PM	Adult: \$10.00 Child: \$ 5.00
TUESDAY	Rodeo	7:00PM	Adult: \$10.00 Child: \$5.00
WEDNESDAY	Demolition Derby	7:00PM	Adult: \$15.00 Child: \$5.00
THURSDAY	Demolition Derby	7:00PM	Adult: \$15.00 Child: \$5.00
FRIDAY	Demolition Derby	7:00PM	Adult: \$15.00 Child: \$5.00
SATURDAY	Combine Derby	7:00PM	No Admission

*** Pit Passes for All Events \$20.00 per person ***

OFFICE HOURS

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 11am-3pm	5 11am-3pm	6
7	8	9	10 11am-3pm	11 11am-6pm	12 11am-3pm	13 9am-3pm JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES DUE
						ALL CAMPING & PREFERRED PARKING APPLICATIONS DUE
14	15	16 11am-3pm	17 11am-3pm	18 11am-3pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 11am-6pm START ACCEPTING OPEN CLASS ART HALL ENTRIES	26 11am-4pm	27
28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED				

Entries may be made online at www.butlercountyohfair.org or in person during office hours listed on calendar.

Every Effort has been made to assure that the Information in this program is complete and accurate.

OFFICE HOURS

JULY-AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED
5 CLOSED	6	7	8 11am-3pm	9 11am-5pm	10 11am-4pm	11 9am-3pm OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK ENTRIES DUE
12	13	14	15 11am-3pm	16 11am-5pm	17 11am-4pm	18 9am-3pm ART HALL OPEN CLASS ENTRIES DUE <hr/> FINAL DAY TO ACCEPT LATE ENTRIES (\$75/ENTRY)
19	20	21 9am-5pm PICK UP	22 9am-5pm ENTRY TAGS	23 9am-5pm ART HALL	24 9am-5pm	25 Office Opens 8am MEMBERSHIP SALES CLOSE AT 6PM
		PICK UP	PREFERRED	PARKING	TAGS	
26 Office Opens 8am	27 Office Opens 8am	28 Office Opens 8am	29 Office Opens 8am	30 Office Opens 8am	31 Office Opens 8am OPEN CLASS PREMIUM CHECKS READY AFTER 1PM IN FAIR OFFICE	1 Office Opens 8am 9am JR FAIR LIVESTOCK SALE
2 10am-12:30pm	3 Call Office	4 513.892.1423				

Ride Band Prices (Per Person)

Sunday July 26th: Opens @ 4:00PM \$15.00

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
July 27th-July 31st Opens @ 1:00PM \$25.00**

**Saturday August 1st
Family Day! Opens @ 1:00PM \$18.00**

Fair Week Sponsor:

LEI Home Improvement

FAIR DAY SPONSORS:

SUNDAY -

MONDAY - Zimmer Tractor

TUESDAY - Bobcat Enterprises

WEDNESDAY - Kissel Amusements & Rides

THURSDAY - G&J Pepsi

FRIDAY - Reliable Containers LLC

SATURDAY - Tri-State Landscaping

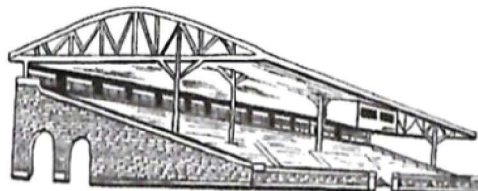
OTHER SPONSORS

Brubaker Grain- Swine Show Ring

Buckeye Power Sales - Sheep/Goat Show Ring

Keystone Co-Operative - Swine Barn Sponsor

Art's Rental - Equipment Sponsor



Butler County Fair
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Butler County Fair Schedule at a Glance

2026 BUTLER COUNTY

July 26th-August 1st 2026

General Admission (Includes Parking)
 General Admission Per Day.....\$10.00
 Children 6-12, Accompanied by paying adult
 Gate Only.....\$5.00
 Senior Citizen, Veterans Day
 Wednesday July 29th.....FREE

Sunday, July 26th

Fair Day Sponsor:

Grange Displays Judging.....9:00am
 Produce/Farm Products Judging.....9:00am
 Rabbit Show Class Open Only.....9:00am
 Jr Fair Rabbit Showmanship to Follow
 Jr. Fair Swine Showmanship.....9:00am
 Open Swine Peewee Showmanship to Follow
 Fine Arts & Photography Judging.....9:00am
 Open Class Sheep Breeding Show.....9:30am
 Open Class Market Lambs to Follow
 Open Class Sheep Fleece to Follow
 Open Class Sheep Decorator Class - Open Class Sheep Guys/Gals to Follow
 Open Class Sheep Showmanship to Follow

Garden Tractor Pull.....10:00am
 Decorated Cakes/Candy Judging.....11:00am
 Pickles, Preserves, Canned Goods.....At Conclusion of Candy Judging
 Girl Scout Judging Results.....Noon
 Honey Judging.....Noon
 Jr. Fair Style Review & Awards.....Noon
 Open Class Beef Breeding Judging.....1:00pm
 Open Class Feeder Calf Judging to Follow
 Open Class Market Beef Judging to Follow
 Jr Fair Shop, Crop & Arts.....1:00pm
 Arts & Crafts Judging (Christmas, Sewing etc.).....1:30pm
 Born & Raised Hog Show.....2:30pm
 Small Animal Showman of Showmen.....3:00pm
 Jr. Fair Special Interest Awards Program.....4:00pm
 Butler County Fair Antique Tractor Pull & Farm Stock.....4:00pm
 Born & Raised Goat Judging.....5:30pm

Monday, July 27th

Fair Day Sponsor: Zimmer Tractor

Jr. Fair Sheep Show.....9:00am
 Jr. Fair Poultry Show.....9:00am
 Jr. Fair Poultry Showmanship to Follow
 4-H Shopping Bag Contest.....9:00am
 Arts & Crafts Judging (All Other Divisions).....9:15am
 Jr. Fair Horse Show-Western Day.....9:30am
 Judging of Open Class Dairy Cattle.....9:30am
 Jr. Fair Dairy to Follow
 Open Class Swine Judging.....11:00am
 Cake Judging.....11:30am
 Flower Show/Garden Club Judging.....Noon
 Jr. Fair Goat Showmanship-All Breeds
 Following Jr Fair Sheep Show
 Jr. Fair Beef Showmanship.....5:00pm
 FFA Agri Science Fair.....6:00pm
 Tractor/Truck Pull - Semi's to follow.....7:00pm

Tuesday July 28th

Fair Day Sponsor: Bobcat Enterprises

Jr. Fair Swine Show.....9:00am
 Jr. Fair Horse Show- English, Gated, Jumping & Dressage.....9:00am
 Jr. Fair Nutrition Judging & Skillathon.....9:00am
 Pie Judging.....11:00am
 Open Class Adult Swine Showmanship.....6:00pm
 Jr Fair Dog Cloverbud CGC & Trick Dog.....6:00pm
 Pie and Cake Auction.....6:00pm
 Barrett Rodeo Company.....7:00pm

Wednesday, July 29th "Senior Citizen Day"

Fair Day Sponsor: Kissel Amusements & Rides

Jr. Fair Horse Contesting.....8:00am
 Jr. Fair Feeder Calves.....9:00am
 Jr. Fair Market Beef Show to Follow
 Jr. Fair Beef Breeding (30 Minutes After)
 Peewee Showmanship to Follow
 Adult Showmanship to Follow
 Jr. Fair Market Goat.....9:00am
 Boer Doe Breeding Show to Follow
 Fiber Goat Show to Follow
 Companion Goat Show to Follow
 Pack Goat Show to Follow
 Goat Costume to Follow
 Jr Fair Rabbit Show.....9:00am
 4-H Demonstration Contest.....9:00am
 Yeast Bread Judging.....11:00am
 Artistic Design Flower Show.....Noon
 Senior Citizen Dance.....1:00pm
 Poultry, Rabbits & Pocket Pets Awards Program.....4:00pm
 Demolition Derby.....7:00pm

Thursday, July 30th

Fair Day Sponsor: G&J Pepsi

Boy Scout Camp Demonstration.....All Day
 Open Class Market Goat Show.....9:00am
 Jr. Fair Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat to follow
 FCS Bake in Contest.....9:00am
 Jr. Fair Horse Fun Show.....9:00am
 Born & Raised Beef Judging.....9:00am
 Born & Raised Dairy Judging.....After Conclusion of B&R Beef Show
 FCCLA Bake-A-Rama.....10:00am
 Open Cookie Judging.....11:00am
 Men's Bake Off.....11:30am
 Born & Raised Sheep Judging.....6:00pm
 Jr. Fair Dog- Fun Day & Awards.....6:00pm
 Demolition Derby.....7:00pm

Friday, July 31st

Fair Day Sponsor: Reliable Containers, INC.

Horse Fun Show.....9:00am
 Barnyard Rodeo Fun Day.....10:00am
 Open Class Jr. Division Baking.....11:00am
 Skillathon Awards.....Noon
 Premier Exhibitor & Herdsman Awards to Follow
 Animal & Me.....2:00pm
 Jr. Fair Grand Showman of Showmen Contest.....6:30pm
 Demolition Derby.....7:00pm

Saturday, August 1st

Fair Day Sponsor: Tri State Landscaping

Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.....9:00am
 Horse Awards Program.....9:00am
 Youth Exhibit Hall Released.....12:00-1:00pm
 Horses Released.....2:00pm
 All Other Livestock Exhibits Released.....5:00pm
 Small Animals Released.....5:00pm
 Beer and Wine Judging and Tasting.....6:30-9:30pm
 Combine Derby.....7:00pm
All Remaining Exhibits Released Sunday August 2nd.....10:00am-12:30pm

For More Information, Contact:

The Butler County Agricultural Society
 Fair Board Office
 513.892.1423



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LIVE MUSIC AT THE MUSIC TENT EVERYDAY 5:30PM - 9:00PM

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2026-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Butler County Agricultural Society meets the Second Tuesday of each month at the Fairgrounds office.
 Any special meeting notification will be posted on the website 24 hours prior to meeting.

Assignments of Open Class Departments:

Department 1–Beef Cattle: David Vollmer
 Department 2–Goats: Mark Mignery
 Department 3–Swine: Mike Green
 Department 4–Sheep: Tim Ross
 Department 6–Rabbits: Leon Simpson
 Department 7–Dairy: David Vollmer
 Department 10–Farm Products & Garden Produce: Gary Gerber
 Department 11–Culinary: Gary Gerber
 Department 12–Grange Display: Gary Gerber
 Department 13–Flower Show: Gary Gerber
 Department 14–Household Arts & Crafts: Gary Gerber
 Department 15–Amateur Fine Arts: Gary Gerber

Agricultural Machinery: Leon

Simpson & Dave Hiltbrand

Auditing Committee: Mark Mignery, Casey Wells & Tim Ross

Camper Space Assignments:

Doug Turner & Chad Idle (Horse Area)

Concessions Manager: Casey Wells

Facilities and Grounds: Doug Turner

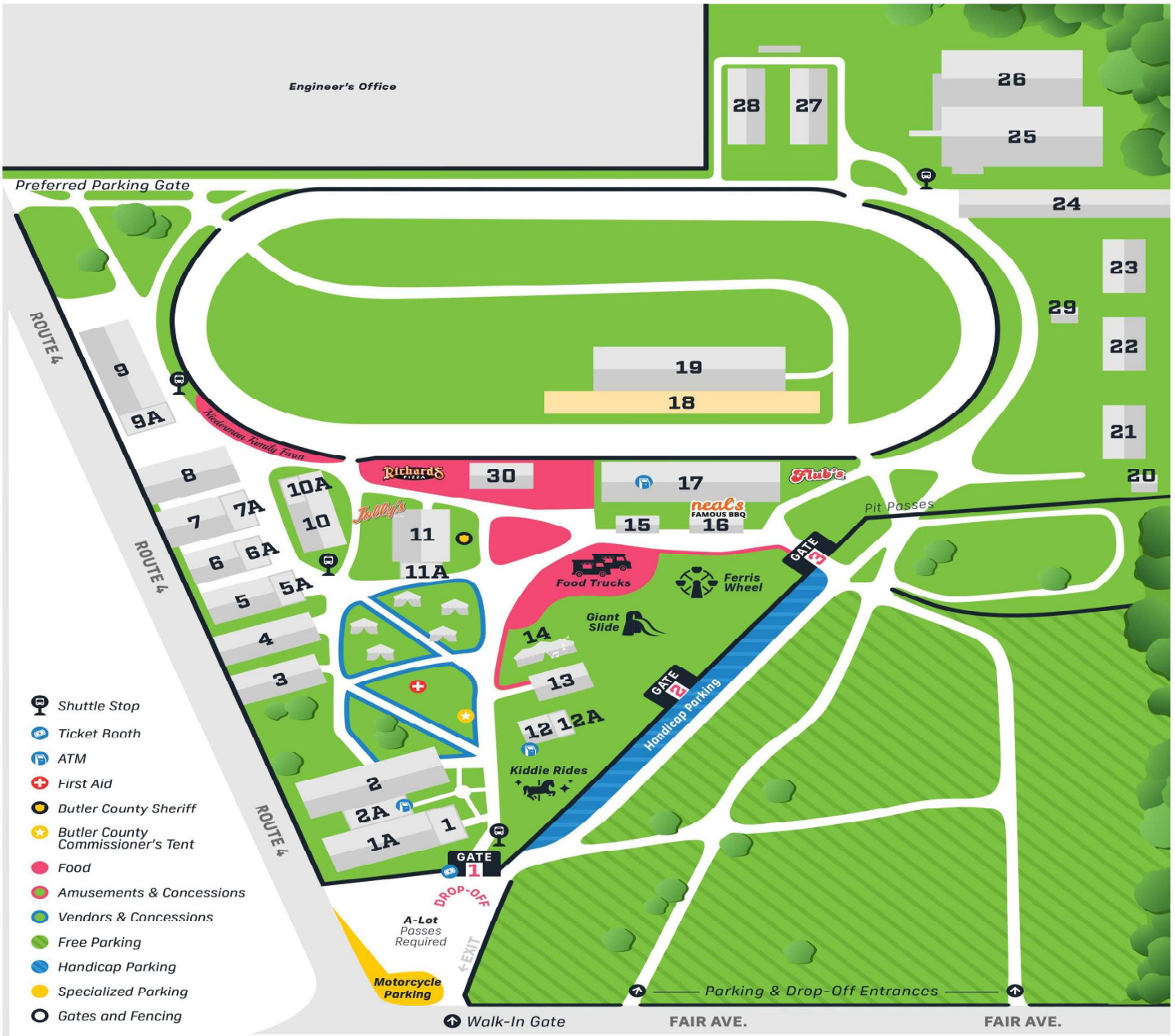
Grandstand: Leon Simpson, Gary Gerber

Grounds Committee: All Directors

Safety Committee: Doug Turner, & Mark Mignery

Sponsorship Committee: Casey Wells, Mark Mignery, Gary Gerber, Mike Green & Dave Hiltbrand

BUTLER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



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|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Fairboard Office | 9 Morris VanGorden Dairy Barn | 18 Clay Pulling Track |
| 1A Expo Hall | 9A Show Arena | 19 Demo Derby Area |
| 2 Art Hall | 10 Goat Barn | 20 Maintenance Building |
| 2A Event Center Foyer/
Restrooms* | 10A Restrooms & Showers* | 21 Jr. Fair Horse Barn 1 |
| 3 Small Animal Barn | 11 Youth Exhibit Building/
Special Interest | 22 Jr. Fair Horse Barn 2 |
| 4 Open Class Swine Barn | 11A Jr. Fair Office | 23 Jr. Fair Horse Barn 3 |
| 5 Jr. Fair Swine Barn | 12 Picnic Area | 24 Paddock Barn |
| 5A Show & Sale Arena | 12A Restrooms* | 25 Jr. Fair Horse Show Arena 1 |
| 6 Jr. Fair Sheep Barn | 13 The Farm Zone | 26 Jr. Fair Horse Show Arena 2 |
| 6A Sale Office | 14 Entertainment Tent | 27 Green Trotter Barn 1 |
| 7 Open Class Sheep Barn | 15 Restrooms* | 28 Green Trotter Barn 2 |
| 7A Show & Sale Arena | 16 Concessions | 29 Restrooms & Showers* |
| 8 Jr. Fair Beef Barn | 17 Grandstand | 30 Rest Tent |

WRIST BANDS

Sponsored By:



NEW FOR 2026

All Junior Fair members with a project or exhibit in the fair are eligible to receive a Junior Fair Wristband. Only adult advisors recognized by their respective youth organization and provided on an approved list are eligible to receive a Junior Fair advisor's wristband. There will be a \$5.00 fee for the member wristband, payable in cash or check to the club advisor. Only one wristband per eligible member or advisor, who must meet with advisor to have advisor put on wristband. Wristbands will be for admission into the fairgrounds and for identification. Wristband must be worn at all times. Wristband must stay on for as long as you need admission to the fair. If wristband is cut, taped, stretched, pried or otherwise damaged, it will not be honored at the gate and admission fee will be charged. All replacement wristbands will cost \$20.00. Wristbands will be available from your advisor at a date to be determined by the advisor.

4-H/FFA Advisor

- Member List Due to Extension Office
 - July 1st
- Payment Due to Extension Office
 - July 1st
- Advisor Packet- Includes Back Tags and Wristbands
 - Pick Up: July 13th-16th at Extension Office

Thank You to All of Our Fair Book & Week/Day Sponsors

WEEK SPONSORS: LEI HOME

Sunday Sponsor:

Monday Sponsor: Zimmer Tractor

Tuesday Sponsor: Bobcat Enterprises

Wednesday Sponsor: Kissel Amusements & Rides

Thursday Sponsor: G&J Pepsi

Friday Sponsor: Reliable Container, LLC

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Fairbook Ad Sponsors:

**Baker Concrete Construction
Bobcat**

**Brubaker Grain
Butler County Sheriff Mounted Patrol**

**Butler Rural Co-Operative
Couch's Farm Market**

L&H Rentals

**Please Support Them and Let Them Know You Saw Their Ad in the 2026
Butler County Fair Book**

**Advertisements: Anyone wishing to place an ad in the 2027 Fairbook may visit our website at
www.butlercountyohfair.org**

Admission Rules & Regulations

Membership— Must be 21 years or older and resident of Butler County. Membership gives the right to vote in annual election of board of directors, and the right to make entries in all departments. Membership tickets go off sale at 6 o'clock P.M. Saturday, July 25th. They must be purchased by the person intended. Tickets are not transferable, and if presented by any person other than to whom it was issued, it shall be confiscated and appropriate action taken by the Board of Directors of the Butler County Agricultural Society. Anyone duplicating or reproducing tickets shall be banned from the fair along with all other penalties imposable by law.

All persons entering upon the Fairgrounds shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio and the Department of Agriculture, and in particular, the rules, regulations and policies of the Butler County Agricultural Society. The Butler County Agricultural Society by and through any director or directors of its Board (also referred to as the Senior Fair board), reserves the right to have any person or property removed from the Fairgrounds (including camping and parking areas) for any reason whatsoever. Drugs, drug-related substances and alcohol are strictly prohibited upon the fairgrounds (including parking and camping areas). Matters concerning drugs, drug-related substances and/or alcohol, or evidence or suspicion of any type or nature of the same, shall be referred to a director or directors of the Agricultural Society or its duly authorized agents for disposition. Any action to be taken on the matter is within the sole discretion of the Directors of the Agricultural Society, and such actions may include, without limit, the following:

- A. Referral of the matter to law enforcement authorities
- B. Notice to parents and/or guardians.
- C. Removal from the fairgrounds.
 - Bar from Participating in any manner in future fairs
- D. Forfeiture of any awards and/or prize money.
 - No gambling of whatsoever type and nature including, without limit, card playing for money, shall be allowed or permitted on the Fairgrounds
 - Vandalism of any type or sort shall not be tolerated and any such vandalism shall be referred to proper authorities for prosecution
 - There shall be absolutely no smoking in or around any barns or barn areas
 - All days, trucks or delivery wagons, delivering articles on the grounds will receive a delivery ticket. This ticket will give permission for such day, truck or delivery wagon and one person to enter the grounds until noon during the Fair for the delivery of articles only. No person shall be permitted to make solicitations of any nature on the Fairgrounds except in contracted concession or commercial rented spaces.

Camping Fees & Rules

**Members in Charge: Doug Turner
Chad Idle (Horse Area)**

1. Camping fee for the week of the fair is \$350.00 Horse Area 1, Horse Area 2 is \$400.00, \$325.00 for fence along Engineers Office and \$400.00 for the infield
2. Absolutely no Motorized Vehicles (ATV, RTV, Golf Carts) Permitted on Fairgrounds.
3. Fee does not include Fair entry. Everyone staying in camper must have and hold a ticket for the week. Tickets must be 4-day, 7-day, Membership, Jr. Fair, or Jr. Fair Advisor Pass. Must be Fair Participant
4. Spaces will be assigned by the following criteria in order listed:
 - Families with Jr. Fair Livestock entries
 - Families with other Jr. Fair entries.
 - Families with Open Class Livestock Entries
 - Sr. Fairboard and other essential personnel, with the infield and fence spaces filling first, then overflow areas.
5. Camping Applications will be accepted at the Fair Office, either in person, by Postal Mail or emailed to butlercountyohfair@gmail.com. NO Faxed applications will be accepted.
6. Prior Year Campers must have application and payment to the Fair Office by the Jr. Fair Entry Deadline. If you do not secure your space by the deadline, it will be made available to others. If size or type of camper is different than previous year, same location or space cannot be guaranteed.
7. NEW CAMPER APPLICANTS: Your name will be added to the waiting list based on date & time your application is received in the office. Campers spaces will be awarded based on criteria above, after the prior year campers have been assigned, considering size, space, availability and position on wait list.
8. Campers move in Friday before the start of fair, you many not move in prior, unless you are Authorized Fair Personnel.
9. If using sewer you must have proper adapters. Card-board and Duct Tape are not appropriate.

The above rules will be enforced by a Director of the Butler County Agricultural Society and/or its authorized agents. The Society reserves the right to take whatever action deems appropriate, in its sole discretion, to remedy any concern in the camping area which shall include, without limit, the following: to immediately terminate or cancel the rental arrangement, to have the applicant or camper removed from the premises to reject or refuse camper rental privileges to any applicant.

FULL LIST OF CAMPING RULES CAN BE
FOUND [HERE](#)

Open Class Entries

Competition is open to the world except where otherwise specified. Anyone wishing to exhibit in open class must purchase a membership ticket, 4-Day or 7 Day pass, unless otherwise stated in Department Rules. Only Butler County residents twenty-one years and older may purchase a membership ticket. Only one exhibitor may show on a ticket. Only one exhibitor number and check will be issued per 4-Day, 7-Day pass or membership ticket. Departments 1 thru 7 have additional entry fees and housing fees. **Departments 10 thru 15 have additional entry fees if over 50 entries.** Every exhibitor must complete entry online or fill out an official entry blank, found on the web site, or at the Senior Fair Board Office. Only one exhibitor may be listed per entry blank. Exhibitors may also complete the entry online. NO phone entries will be accepted. **All Exhibitors will**

All Open class goat, dairy and hog livestock entries must be into the Senior Fair Board Office no later than Saturday July 11th, 2026 @ 3:00pm

All Open Class entries for produce, farm products, culinary, grange, arts & crafts, fine arts and flowers must be into the Senior Fair Board Office no later than Saturday July 18th, 2026 by 3:00pm

be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.

All articles entered for premium will be under control of the Senior Fair Board during the Fair, and cannot be removed without the consent of the member in charge of the article

sought to be removed. Awarding committees appointed by the Senior Fair Board will not be changed during the examination of the class for which they were appointed, unless the committee or any portion of it is related to any of the exhibitors. Awarding committees will not award any more premiums than are offered by the Senior Fair Board, and they will not award any animal or article a premium unless it is in their opinion decidedly meritorious; and if not satisfied as to the age of any animal, may require proof. The Butler County Agricultural Society shall have the right to subject animals exhibited to examinations or tests as prescribed to determine substance has been administered to the animal to change the conformation or temperament of the animal.

Premiums

All checks given at the fair must be cashed in 60 days or they will be voided with no recourse. When premium is obtained by fraud or deception, and when the owner or person in charge of the article or stock shows disrespect

All animals entered in competition must be exhibited in the show ring to be eligible for premium

All Livestock exhibits will remain in place until 7:00pm Saturday August 1, 2026

to or insults committee men in the discharge of their duties, he shall forfeit any or all premiums awarded to him during the fair. Any exhibitor who wins \$600 or more in premiums will be issued a 1099 misc. in compliance with IRS regula-

tions.

Premium check will be released after office receives all required information.

The Society will not be responsible for premiums awarded by committees or claimed by exhibitors, when such award of claim is based upon a typographical error in the catalogue.

The judges book is the official guide in the awarding of premiums, not the placement of ribbons.

Courteous and orderly conduct is expected from the exhibitors, their attendants, parents and advisors. Any violation of the rules, misstatement of facts or discourteous conduct toward a judge, department director, or any other Fair Employee could be warrant with holding premiums won and banning from showing at future fairs.

Any exhibitor making a protest against another exhibitor shall deposit \$200.00 with the Secretary at time of making complaint, and if protest is not sustained money will be forfeited.

Stalls/Pens:

- Dairy Cattle - \$5.00
- Beef, Steers - \$5.00
- Swine - \$5.00
- Sheep - \$5.00
- Goats - \$5.00

Stall and pen rent must accompany entry blank. Any person occupying a stall and not exhibiting his/her horse will be charged \$5.00 per day for each stall so occupied. NO straw furnished. Do not reserve more stalls/pens than needed. If additional housing is reserved and cannot be accommodated, fees will not be refunded.

Police

Police security will be provided both day and night and all possible effort will be made to prevent loss or injury of articles on exhibition, but the Society will not be accountable for any article lost, stolen or injured during the Fair or any damage or injury to persons or property by reason of any exhibitor game on the grounds, or the neglect of any exhibitor, patron or employee.

Newspaper Solicitor's

NO concession or booth or privilege will be granted for newspaper solicitors, except on request of its publishers or manager, mailed to the Secretary ten days prior to the opening of the Fair, which request must contain name of publication, privilege desired and names of such persons authorized as solicitors (who have been continuously employed for a period of three months preceding date of application). Solicitor must be gentlemanly, courteous and honest in dealing with the public, and is absolutely prohibited from influencing subscriptions such as by the issue of tickets for future drawing of gifts or by the giving away of merchandise, livestock or articles of any kind whatsoever in connection therewith. All subscription sales must be made strictly upon the merits of the publication

Sale of Membership

Agricultural Society Membership Tickets will be placed on sale annually on December 15th for the following year and to remain on sale until 6:00pm the preceding day of the Fair. Said tickets will be on sale at the Fair Office during hours or from any current Fair Board Member. NO membership certificates shall be issued to any corporation, organization, partnership or firm. NO person shall pay for or secure more than one membership and that membership shall be for himself and shall be signed at the time of purchase by himself. The Fair Board will have established office hours listed in the Fair Book and on the website. All articles must be properly entered on the books of the Fair Board, and properly arranged in the department to which they belong, on dates stipulated in the Fairbook, or the same will not be accepted by the Superintendent of the Department. Persons desiring to exhibit may use their Membership pass to make entries.

**The Butler County Agricultural Society
Constitution and By-Laws****Article I– Title**

This organization shall be known as the Butler County Agricultural Society.

Article II– Object

The object of the Society shall be for the improvement of agricultural horticulture, better livestock, uniform domestic science and art, general community betterment, together with all other industrial commercial and education interests of the County.

Article III– Membership

Any person that is 21 years of age or over and a resident of Butler County may become a member of this society by purchasing a membership ticket not later than 6:00 pm the preceding day of the Fair.

Article IV– Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) members. The Directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, and so arranged that one-third (1/3) of the members be elected each year. The terms of office of the retiring Directors expire and that of the Director elect begins on the last Board Meeting in December of each year. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business. The compensation of Board Members shall be fixed by the Board in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Agriculture.

Article V– Election

The annual election of the directors of the Society shall be by ballot, held at the office of the Society in Hamilton, Ohio, on the second Saturday of November of each year; said election shall be held between the hours of 11A.M. and 3 P.M. of said day. Only persons who are 21 years of age and over, residents of Butler County, Ohio, and who hold membership tickets shall be entitled to vote at said election. The President shall appoint three judges and two clerks who are members of the Society, but not candidates for election to conduct the election of directors and declare the results thereof. Candidates may witness the count either personally or by proxy. Candidates for Directors of the Society must be members of the Society, and nominations must be in writing to the Secretary, no later than 11 A.M. seven days preceding the election, and must have ten or more signatures, who hold membership tickets. Blank petitions to be obtained from the Secretary and circulated no earlier than six weeks before the annual election of directors.

The Board of Directors at its first meeting shall organize by the selection of a President, a Vice- President, Secretary and Treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for one (1) year, except Secretary who may be elected for three (3) years. All officers shall be elected from the membership of the Board, except Secretary and Treasurer, who may or may not be. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Board, and to act as a delegate to Annual State Convention. He shall appoint all committees for whatever purpose they may be selected. President shall be allowed a reasonable compensation. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside at the meeting of the Board in the absence of the President, and to perform such other duties as may be required of him. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive all moneys from all sources and turn same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefore. Also to keep accurate account of all the proceedings of the Society and Board of Directors. He shall issue all orders on the Treasurer for payment of premiums and expenses. He shall give bond in such a sum as the Board may require. He shall be allowed a reasonable compensation for his services to the Board. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys from the Secretary, giving his receipt therefore, to keep an accurate account of the same and to pay out under the direction of the Board of Directors by the order of the Secretary, and to make a report of receipts and disbursements at the last meeting of the Board in each year. He shall give bond in such sum as the Board may determine. His salary shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Article VII– Vacancy

In case a vacancy occurs on the Board from any cause, the Board of Directors shall have power to fill such vacancy at any regular meeting until the next annual election. If any member of the Board of Directors fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Senior Fair Board without reasonable excuse satisfactory to the Board, the Board shall have the right to declare said place vacant, and that said member so failing to attend shall be no longer a member of the Board, and the Board shall have the right to fill said vacancy until the next annual election.

Article VIII–Miscellaneous

The constitution or by-laws of a Society shall not be amended except by a majority vote of the membership voting at the annual election of the Board of Directors. Amendments to the constitution or by-laws may be proposed by:
A. A majority of the Board of Directors at a scheduled meeting voting in favor of placing an amendment on the ballot; or
B. Filing a petition with the Secretary of the Society at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual election of the Board of Directors. Said petition must set forth the proposed amendment and be signed by not less than 25 members of the Society. In case the Society, after paying indebtedness and incidental expense, has insufficient funds to pay the full amount of premiums, the same shall be paid pro-rate among all successful competitors to whom any premiums are awarded, except purses for speed. The Executive Committee shall have charge of all business of the Society not otherwise provided for, and shall obey and carry out all orders and instructions of the Board. The President shall appoint each year one or more of the Directors to the supervision of each department, whose duty it shall be to report promptly on the Thursday before the commencement of the Fair, and to take charge of all stock and articles on exhibition in the department to which he has been assigned and to perform such other duties relating to his department as the President may direct.

Article IX– Life Membership

All past directors who have been elected at least once at the Annual Election, shall be entitled to a life membership in the Society. At their death the Life Membership goes to the widow or widower, whichever the case may be.

Concessions/Vendors

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Concessionaires are bound by the terms of the contracts they signed at the time of securing concession. In addition, they are liable to strict supervision by the management. The right is reserved to promulgate and enforce whatever rules appear necessary for the regulation of concession. The abuse of any privilege granted, by extortion, impure or unwholesome food, sale of dishonest goods, untidy appearance of booths, or other acts of practices objectionable to the Butler County Agricultural Society, will forfeit all rights and privileges. The sale of alcoholic liquors and games of chance are strictly prohibited. Any Violation of this rule will be prosecuted to the full extent. No person will be allowed to show outside of the Fairgrounds on the Public Highway any curiosity for pay or set up for profit any swing or refreshment stand of any kind within the distance prescribed by law, and under penalty of the law, according of Division 9884-12 of the General Code. No Person shall be permitted to make solicitations of any nature on the Fairgrounds except in contracted concession or commercial rented spaces. All commercial spaces must be paid before June 1, 2026 or space will not be reserved. Commercial Exhibitors may pick up their passes during office hours July 21st to July 25th.

ABSOLUTELY NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES (ATV, RTV, GOLF CARTS) PERMITTED ON FAIRGROUNDS

Butler County Farm Zone Building Farm Zone Usage Rules:

1. The Butler County Farm Zone Building is an educational facility.
2. Membership on the Farm Zone Building Fair Planning Committee is determined by The Ohio State University Extension, Butler County.
3. Butler County Farm Zone Building Fair Planning Committee are as follows: The Ohio State University Extension Office – Butler County, Central State University Extension – Butler County, Butler County Soil & Water Conservation District, Butler County Master Gardeners & Butler County Farm Bureau.
4. Farm Zone activities during the Butler County Fair will be developed & determined by the Butler County Farm Zone Building Fair Planning Committee. Final activities, daily schedule & daily themes for the Butler County Farm Zone will be approved by the Butler County Agricultural Society (Butler County Fairboard).
5. Groups using the Butler County Farm Zone Building for the entire duration of the Butler County Fair are as follows: The Ohio State University Extension – Butler County, Central State University Extension – Butler

- County, Butler County Soil & Water Conservation District & Butler County Master Gardeners
6. Groups using the Butler County Farm Zone Building on a limited basis are as follows: Butler County Farm Bureau, educational groups, daily theme day groups or other organizations. The Butler County Agricultural Society (Butler County Fairboard) will make final approval of those limited use groups that will participate in the Farm Zone Building activities based on their dates and times of participation on the Farm Zone Building schedule at the Butler County Fair.
7. Butler County Farm Zone will consist of youth & adult education with the primary focus on youth education.
8. The Farm Zone Building at the Butler County Fair is and will always be a place for youth and adult education with a primary focus on youth education.
9. The Ohio State University Extension & Central State University Extension serve as a liaison to the Butler County Agricultural Society (Butler County Fairboard) when it comes to matters involving the Butler County Farm Zone Building Fair use only. All other uses of the building will be determined by the Butler County Agricultural Society (Butler County Fairboard). If use of the Farm Zone building has plans to change, all parties of the Farm Zone Building Planning Committee must be contact and given an opportunity to state any concerns.
10. All other expectations of the Farm Zone Building at the Butler County Fair will be determine by the Butler County Agricultural Society (Butler County Fairboard)

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

The Farm Zone:

Open Sunday-Saturday 11:00am-7:00pm

"I am a Farmer" An interactive Area for children

Cake and Pie Auction

Tuesday July 28th @ 6:00pm

Located in the Art Hall

Senior Citizen Dance

Wednesday July 29th

1:00pm-3:00pm

Located in 18FiftyOne Room

Music Tent is Back for 2026

- » Entertainment Tent Located next to the Farm Zone**
- » Live Music Daily**
- » Featuring Local Music Entertainment**
- » Music Times**
 - » 5:30pm - 9:00pm**
- » Several Acts all Week!**



2026 Homebrew & Wine Competitions

(Beer/Mead/Cider/Wine)

Friday, July 31, 2026 Judging begins 1:00 pm

Saturday, August 1st, 2026 Judging begins 9:00am

Beer/Mead/Cider Entry Fee: \$10 per entry – Limit of 4 entries

Wine Entry Fee: \$10 per entry – no limit (Wine contest starts Saturday 12pm)

Medals or Ribbons for Best of Show and 1st/2nd/3rd in each category

Registration websites and more information:

Beer/Mead/Cider: www.frenzy.butlercountybrewing.org/

Wine: www.winefrenzy.butlercountybrewing.org/

Entries must be received by July 18, 2026, at the following locations:

- *Municipal Brew Works 20 High Street, Hamilton, OH 45011*
- *HBYO Dayton (1615 Brook Lynn Dr # B, Dayton, OH 45432)*
- *Third Eye Brewing (11276 Chester Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45246)*

Questions: Lance Clayton (Competition Coordinator) 513-300-9627

Butler County Fairgrounds, 1715 Fairgrove Ave. Hamilton, OH 45011



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7 PM START TIME

**FWD STOCK
 2-MAN TEAM HEATS**

ENTRY FEE \$250

40 TEAMS / 2 CAR TEAMS / 20 1V1 HEATS

THURSDAY – JULY 30TH

7 PM START TIME

FWD STOCK ENTRY FEE \$75 1ST \$3,000 2ND \$1,500 3RD \$750 <small>BASED ON AT LEAST 20 CARS</small>	MWFA ENTRY FEE \$75 1ST \$3,000 2ND \$1,500 3RD \$750 <small>BASED ON AT LEAST 20 CARS</small>	YOUTH FWD STOCK ENTRY FEE \$60 1ST \$1,000 2RD \$300 3RD \$100 <small>BASED ON AT LEAST 10 CARS</small>	POWDER PUFF FWD ENTRY FEE \$60 1ST \$1,000 2ND \$300 3RD \$100 <small>BASED ON AT LEAST 10 CARS</small>
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FRIDAY – JULY 31ST

7 PM START TIME

FWD STOCK 2-MAN TEAM FEATURE 1ST \$20,000 2ND \$7,500 3RD \$3,000	RWD STOCK-1SH ENTRY FEE \$125 1ST \$5,000 2ND \$2,500 3RD \$750 <small>BASED ON AT LEAST 20 CARS</small>	PROSTOCK/SMASH IT FULL ENTRY FEE \$125 1ST \$5,000 2ND \$2,500 3RD \$750 <small>BASED ON AT LEAST 20 CARS</small>
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BUTLER COUNTY DEMOLITION DERBY 2026 EVENT PAGE







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Combine Derby

2026 BUTLER COUNTY

Saturday August 1st @ 7:00PM

2026 BUTLER COUNTY COMBINE DEMOLITION DERBY RULES

Questions: Tony Sterwerf 513.623.2104

All combines must be on grounds 1 hour before start of derby for inspection. All participants of the combine derby must be a paid member of the tractor club. If driver is under the age of 18 they must have a parent present and sign a waiver. Drivers meeting will be held at 5:30pm in front of the announcement stand.

Combine Unit:

1. Disconnect all drive belts to threshing unit, grain table, straw chopper, and grain unloading system.
2. Fuel tank must be mounted inside grain tank with a spill proof cap. No more than 15 gallons of fuel in tank.
3. Seat belts must be installed to seats.
4. All window and glass must be removed from cab.
5. Remove ladder to cab.
6. Remove unloading auger from grain tank.
7. Hydraulic hoses for hydro stat must be covered but no protection on belts or transmission drive.
8. If no cab unit must have full roll cage.
9. Tail end of combine can be off. Straw chopper cannot hang out, must be smooth with outer edge.
10. Windshield and door must have some kind of protective webbing.

Combine Tires:

1. No loaded tires. All tires to be filled with air only. No water. They will be checked before derby.
2. Small combine tires or fork tires can be used. Must have rubber

Header Unit:

1. Grain table must be used in combine derby.
2. Remove complete reel, sickle bars, guards and floating cutter bar.
3. Head must be fastened solid to the combine.
4. Hydraulic hoses to cylinder must be removed. There can be no lift action on the header from cab.
5. Head must be 18 to 24 inches off the ground.

6. Head can be reinforced. Braces and/or brackets can be used, but may not extend outside the head and must be smooth with outer edge.
7. No spikes mounted to head.
8. No concrete allowed..

Safety Rules:

1. There can be no fires.
2. Combine may not be raised more than 10 inches off ground from side impact.
3. Combine must operate in responsible safe manner at all times on the track.
4. A protective helmet must be worn by the operator at all times on the track.
5. All drivers must remain in the cab at all times during the derby heat. No hanging outside of the cab.
6. During heat, combine has 3 minutes to make contact. You will be given 2 warnings. After time limit combine is disqualified.
7. No head hunting, no attempts to injure operators, or turn combines over.
8. If header becomes unattached or deemed unsafe by officials combine is disqualified for that heat.
9. Judges have final say on all rules and regulations.

NO COMBINES may be worked on until after the last heat has ended

*** All combines have 1 hour from end of the last heat to get ready for the final heat. ***



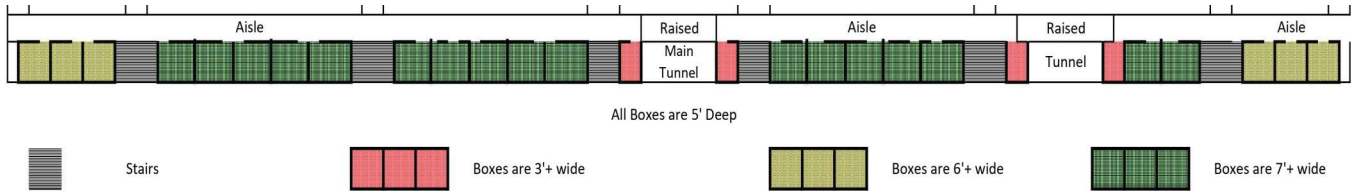


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**Butler County Fair Garden Tractor Pull
Sunday July 26th 2026 @ 10:00 AM
1715 Fairgrove Ave. Hamilton OH. 45011
Weigh In & Registration Begins @ 8:30 am**

Questions: Jon Spencer w/ No Bull Pulling 937.533.6684
Registration for every class will remain open until the class in front begins. Once Class in front begins registration will be stopped.

Entry Fee & First Hook Up: \$30.00

Added Class is: \$15.00 per class
Payout if more than 5 Tractors in class:
1st \$50.00 2nd \$30.00 3rd \$20.00
Class of 5 Tractors or less:
1st(only) \$50.00

• RULES:

- All Tractors must be equipped with some sort of kill switch and dead man throttle; Wheelie bars are required in all classes. You must have either wheels or skids on them.
- *They are not to be NO MORE than 5" above the ground and MUST be at least 5" behind rear tires* Children must be 5yrs of age and must be able to operate the tractor, children must have parent/or guardian walk next to the tractor in case of emergency, or if the child is incapable of starting/stopping the tractor on their own.
- All drivers must be checked by tech committee.
- No alcoholic beverages allowed on the fair grounds, Zero Tolerance!

CLASS	STOCK TIRES	CUT TIRES
12 HP & Under	1030lbs	1000lbs
14HP & Under Small tire only	1055lbs	1025lbs
16HP & Under	1080lbs	1050lbs
25HP & Under	1130lbs	1100lbs
Hot Stock Singles-30.9 Cubes & Under	1050lbs	May Run Pro Tires
Hot Stock Singles-31 Cubes & Above	1050lbs	May Run Pro Tires
Hot Stock Twins-39.9 Cubes & Under	1050lbs	May Run Pro Tires
Hot Stock Twins-40 Cubes & Above	1050lbs	May Run Pro Tires

**Below are weights for stock and cut tires

Work Stock & Belt Drive	Weights
9HP & Under	1100lbs
12HP & Under	1075lbs
14HP & Under	1050lbs
16HP & Under	1025lbs
All Twins	1000lbs

CLASS LIST

- Work Stock (23x10.5x12)
- Belt Drive
- Stock 12HP & Under (23x10.5x12)
- Stock 14HP & Under (23x10.5x12 or smaller tire only)
- Stock 16HP & Under
- Stock 20HP & Under
- Stock 25HP & Under
- Hot Stock Singles(30.9 cube & under & 31 cubes & above)
- Hot Stock Twins (39.9 cubes & under & 40 cubes & above)

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Butler County Fair Antique Tractor Pull
Sunday July 26th 2026 @ 4:00PM
1715 Fairgrove Ave. Hamilton OH. 45011
Weigh In: 3:00pm (scales on grounds)
Class 1: 6000# Stock Antique Tractors

Entry Fee: \$30.00

Purse: \$100.00 \$75.00 \$50.00 \$30.00

RULES:

-Tractors must be 1955 or older -1 Tractor 1 Driver -
 Weight 6,000lbs -No electric Fuel Pumps -Low Gear,
 Maximum Speed Limit 3.5 MPH -Gasoline, Propane or
 Diesel-Maximum Tire Size 15.5 -NO Alcohol -Carburetor
 Must be Stock -Hitch must be rigid, no floating draw bars
 -Top Cut Tires permitted, however no cutting on the front of
 bar -Finish line 200ft. Horn after 75ft. for speed disqualifi-
 cation

Class 2: 6500# Antique Tractors

Entry Fee: \$30.00

Purse: \$100.00 \$75.00 \$50.00 \$30.00

RULES:

-Tractors must be 1959 or older -1 Tractor, 1 Driver -
 Weight 6,500lbs. -Stock Intake & Exhaust manifolds
 -Must Have Original Engine for Particular Model of Tractor
 » For Example: no 310 Twelve port Oliv-
 ers or Red Diamonds in 460 or 560 Farmall's.
 -Weights must be Securely Fastened to Tractor
 -Stock Appearing Carburetors Only
 -May Run Open RPM subject to Following:
 » Cut Tires Permitted » Maximum Tire Size 15.5 » Hitches may be rigid
 minimum 18" from centerline of rear axle and 20" in height

Class 3: 10,500# Farm Stock

Entry Fee: \$30.00

Purse: BASED ON DONATIONS

RULES:

-Tractors must be 1970 & Older -1 Tractor, 1 Driver -
 Tires 18.4x38" max. -3 Point Hitch -Stock Draw Bar -No
 Alcohol -Factory Cast Centers on Rims -Maximum
 RPM 3000 -No Duals -No Front Wheel Drive -No
 Water Injection -Clevis 3.5" Opening -No P Pumps
 -Speed Limit 6MPH Horn after 75 Feet- Disqualification
 -NO weights hanging from the 3 point hitch. Hitch height
 20" -Use of torque converters & power shifts up or down
 gear on IH

Class 4: 14,000# Farm Stock

Entry Fee: \$30.00

Purse: BASED ON DONATIONS

RULES:

-1 Tractor,1 Driver -Tires 20.8x38" Max. -3 Point Hitch -
 Stock Draw Bar -Factory Cast Centers on rims -Max
 RPM 3000 -Clevis 3.5" Opening -No Duals -No Alcohol -
 No P Pumps -No Front Wheel Drive -No Water Injection
 -Speed Limit 6MPH. Horn After 75ft Disqualification
 -No Weight Hanging from the 3 Point Hitch. Hitch Height
 20" -Use of Torque Converters & Power shifts up or down 1
 gear on IH.

Butler County Fair Tractor Pull
Darke County Sanctioned
Monday July 27th @ 7:00pm
1715 Fairgrove Ave. Hamilton OH. 45011
******Open To All******

Gates Open @ 4:00pm.

Questions: Leon Simpson 937.371.9114 or
 Gary Gerber 513.200.5742

Schedule:

- 1. Open Semi-Truck**
- 2. 6000# Natural Aspirated Superstock**
- 3. 6200# Altered Gas Four Wheel Drive Trucks**
- 4. 5800# Hot Rod Tractors**
- 5. 7800# 2.5 Diesel Trucks**
- 6. 9000# Altered Farm Stock**
- 7. 9500# Hot Farm**

6000# Natural Aspirated Superstock

Entry Fee: \$30.00

Purse: \$1,500.00

RULES: Visit www.dctpa.com

6200# Altered Four Wheel Drive Trucks

Entry Fee: \$30.00

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5800# Hot Rod Tractors

Entry Fee: \$30.00

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8000# 2.6 Diesel Trucks

Entry Fee: \$30.00

Purse: \$1,500.00

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9000# Altered Farm Stock

Entry Fee: \$30.00

Purse: \$1,500.00

RULES: Visit www.dctpa.com

9500# Workstock Diesel Trucks

Entry Fee: \$30.00

Purse: \$1,500.00

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Open Semi-Truck

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Purse: To Be Determined

Questions: Tony Sterwerf 513.623.2104

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LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION FACT SHEET
and
WHAT'S NEW FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITIONS IN 2024
by Dennis M. Summers, DVM, DACVPM
State Veterinarian, Ohio Department of Agriculture

The Ohio Livestock Show Reform Act authorizes the Director of Agriculture to adopt mandatory and optional rules. Mandatory rules apply to all livestock shows, while the sponsor has the option to opt out of the optional rules on an individual rule basis. If a sponsor decides not to opt out of an optional rule, the rule then becomes mandatory. The following is a clarification of how the statute (Ohio Revised Code) and rules (Ohio Administrative Code) are to be interpreted and applied at all **terminal, partial terminal, and non-terminal** livestock exhibitions in Ohio:

1. Livestock means any animal generally used for food or in the production of food, including cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, swine, alpacas, and llamas. Equids are not considered market livestock.
2. Livestock exhibitions includes county and independent fairs and the Ohio State Fair.
3. A sponsor is any entity who conducts an exhibition.
4. The sponsor **may** opt out of any or all the optional rules at least **30 days prior to the opening** day of the exhibition (the forms are located on ODA's website: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/animal-health/Livestock+Exhibitions> and must be returned to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Oh. 43068 or cindy.bodie@agri.ohio.gov).
5. Exhibitors shall annually attend or complete a [quality assurance program](#) before exhibiting terminal or partial terminal market livestock, or at the option of Ohio State University Extension, annually pass a test administered by or under the supervision of Ohio State University Extension.
6. Exhibitors may pass a test based on age and skill level to be exempt from quality assurance re-certification. This exemption is at the discretion of OSU Extension or Ohio agricultural education.
7. Exhibitors who fail to attend or complete a quality assurance program or fail to pass the exam may be subject to the disciplinary actions listed in rule 901-19-21 of the Administrative Code.
8. Effective **April 22, 2018**, junior fair exhibitors are required to complete a [quality assurance program](#).
9. Swine being sent to a licensed livestock facility or going out of state for slaughter or commingling with other swine must be [identified](#) with an [ear tag](#) or four-digit tattoo.
10. The department does not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for exhibition livestock originating in Ohio, including swine. However, an exhibition sponsor can choose to require additional regulations above those of the department.
11. Under rule 901-19-13, drenching of livestock is prohibited at an exhibition, unless prescribed by the official veterinarian.
12. Applying any physical practice, electrical or mechanical appliance, device, or appliance that enhances, transforms, or changes the true conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock, unless prescribed by the exhibition veterinarian for the immediate treatment and welfare of the livestock is prohibited. If such treatment is applied during the exhibition, the livestock are ineligible to be shown.
13. **Prohibited Grooming Practices** (Rule 901-19-33 of the Administrative Code) **and Unacceptable Practices** (Rule 901-19-13 of the Administrative Code) are **mandatory** and apply to all exhibitions. "Slick clipping" or "body shaving" means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.
14. Even if the sponsor opts out of one or more of the optional tampering rules, the statute **prohibits the use of any material, gas, solid, or liquid, that conceals, transforms, or enhances the true confirmation or configuration of all livestock, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, and hemp.**
15. For **breeding classes**, the rules of the breed association will constitute **acceptable** grooming practices.



17. Junior market livestock shows at county and independent fairs and the Ohio State Fair are defined as either terminal or partial terminal shows:
 - partial means that at least the grand and reserve grand champion livestock are required to go to slaughter or **directly** to a licensed livestock facility for slaughter only,
 - terminal means all market livestock go to slaughter or **directly** to a licensed livestock facility for slaughter only.
18. Preview and jackpot shows, as well as breeding classes are **non-terminal shows**.
19. At all terminal, partial terminal, and non-terminal shows **urine samples** may be collected for drug testing.
20. A Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) **will be required** to be completed for all livestock for which a test sample is collected.
21. The Director of Agriculture requires a DUNF be completed for livestock including market beef, market hogs, market lambs, veal calves, market dairy cattle, market goats, market poultry, lactating dairy animals, market rabbits, and feeder cattle. The DUNF **will be reviewed locally** (assistance will be available from the Ohio Department of Agriculture by faxing the form to 614-728-6310).
 - **NEW FOR 2024-** DUNF's are to be completed for **feeder cattle**.
22. For all shows, the statute **prohibits** the misuse of legal drugs (including but not limited to the use of drugs approved for use in humans, but not approved for animal use) and the use of illegal drugs.
23. The statute **prohibits** the showing of **tranquilized** livestock, including products such as Calf Calm, and use of **diuretics for cosmetic purposes**.
24. All livestock entered in a carcass contest at a terminal, partial terminal, and non-terminal show must be **drug free on the day of show, which means:**
 - the FDA withdrawal time must have elapsed by the day of show, and
 - the drug must not exceed the tolerance level on the day of show.
25. Immediately before or during a terminal and partial terminal show and sale and within a **valid veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR)** or for a **valid medical purpose** a drug or an over the counter (OTC) drug may be used if it is:
 - **declared on a DUNF;**
 - **the livestock will be exhibition drug residue legal at the start of the show and;**
 - **the drug's side effect does not conceal, enhance, transform, or change the true conformation or condition of the livestock.** Any such permitted drug use must be **disclosed at the time of sale**.
26. The drug use notification form shall be filed with the records official **prior** to the show in which the animal is entered. If at any time, the information on the original drug use notification form changes, an updated form shall be filed **immediately** with the records official.

The preceding is not intended to be an all-encompassing review of the statute and rules as they pertain to livestock exhibitions in Ohio. Exhibitors, exhibition sponsors, parents, advisors, and veterinarians are encouraged to call the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Cindy Bodie, Program Administrator, or Dennis M. Summers, DVM, DACVPM, State Veterinarian at 614-728-6220 with any questions.

The success of this program is based on the continued input and cooperation of educators, industry, and government. Through your continued support, Ohio will continue to be a national leader in livestock show reform.

Open Class Entry Procedures

Entry Forms can be mailed to:

**Butler County Fair
1715 Fairgrove Ave
Hamilton OH. 45011**

We will have online entries for open class beginning June 1st 2026.

Late entries accepted until July 18th at 3:00 p.m. (Departments: Swine, Dairy & Goat only) \$75.00 late fee per entry. If entries are mailed, you may check with the Senior Fair Board office at (513) 892-1423 to see if they have been received before the deadline. We are not responsible for delay or loss of mailed entries. Open Class rabbit, sheep(12am) and cattle entries will be taken on Sunday, July 26th, 2026 before the show begins at the show site. Exhibitors are required to purchase a Membership ticket, 7-day pass, or 4-day pass, unless otherwise stated in Department Rules, or they are a Junior Fair Exhibitor entering their Junior Fair animal or a Clover Bud. All Junior Fair livestock animals must be entered in Open Class under the Junior Fair Exhibitor's name. Junior Fair & Cloverbud Exhibitors must still pay entry fees required by each department. Clover Bud members must also pay stall/pen fees.

Jr. Fair members and Clover Buds entering Art Hall departments will be required to purchase pass with entry unless they are children's divisions. Entry Fees: If participant qualifies by age to enter Jr./Child Division Classes and is not a FFA, 4-H, or Clover Bud member, there is a \$5.00 entry fee. (This fee does not include gate admission. \$5.00/ day for 12 and under, or \$5.00 for a wristband for the whole week.) If this Jr./Child enters any Sr./adult classes, they must purchase a 4-day

or 7-day pass instead. All Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.

Entry forms are online and available on the website. Please complete the form prior to making your entry in order to avoid errors and save time. Please print all information. Exhibitors must determine for themselves in which class they will make entry.

Absolutely no changes will be made after entries close. Entry tags will not be available at time entries are made. Tags may be picked up at the fair office beginning July 21st. Exhibitor is responsible for checking tags for accuracy. If an error is found or a tag is missing, you must report it to the office before item can be displayed. Tags or tickets will not be mailed. See each department for placement dates and times and rules. All exhibits and displays must be left in building until Sunday, August 2nd @ 10:00 am. The management will not be responsible for items left after 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 2nd If possible, Open Class premium checks may be picked up at Fair Office beginning on Friday, July 30th, beginning at 1:00 pm.



**Butler County
Open Beef Show
Sunday July 26th,2026**

Weigh In / Check In: 8:00am-10:00am

Show Order:

Breeding : 1:00PM

**Beef & Dairy Feeders Calves: Immediately Following Beef Breeding
(Heifers-Beef ONLY & Steers)**

Market Beef: Following Feeder Show

Entry Fee: \$25 per entry due by July 25th 2026

CHAMPIONS

BREEDING	FEEDERS	MARKET
\$100	\$100	\$200
\$80	\$50	\$100
\$60		
\$40		

Department 001: Beef Cattle**David Vollmer-Member In Charge****Rules Governing This Department:****Please Read All Rules Carefully**

- A. Registration for Open Class Beef Cattle will take place online and by mail. Online Entries open June 1st and close July 25th at 9:00am. Mail in Entries must be into the Fairboard Office by 3:00pm on Saturday July 18th, 2026. We are not responsible for delay or loss of mailed entries.
- B. All Visitors, including Exhibitors must pay admittance to the fair.
- C. Entry Fee: ***ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.*** \$8.00 per entry in County, by Open Class Entry Deadline. For all Day of Show & Out of County entries, \$25.00 per entry. Fees must be paid at time of entry. All Junior Fair animals must be entered under Junior Fair exhibitor's name. **There will be NO stalls for open class only beef entries. Open class only exhibitors must show off trailers.**
- D. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition.
- E. Livestock trailers will not be permitted to park in the infield fair week. Trailers must be moved off the fairgrounds by 12:00 a.m., Sunday, July 26th, 2026.
- F. Any exhibitor making a protest against another exhibitor shall deposit \$200.00 with the Secretary at the time of making the complaint and if protest is not sustained, will be forfeited.
- G. All Jr. Fair animals must be entered under Junior Fair exhibitor's name.
- H. All animals must be exhibited in show ring and judged, even in absence of competition, in order to be awarded premium.
- I. Exhibitors must furnish own bedding.
- J. No chutes or canopies are permitted between any buildings/barns.
- K. No Cooking in barns.

All Rules for Divisions 1 & 2

- » Market Beef Animals will be weighed Saturday, July 25th 2026 beginning at 12:00pm (Noon)
 - » Special Weigh in time for Open Class only Feeder class and Market Beef. Weigh in on Sunday July 26th 2026 from 8:00am-10:00am. \$25.00 entry fee per head.
- » **STEERS, HEIFERS AND FEEDERS MUST WEIGH TO SHOW**
 - » Open Class Market Beef Not exhibiting in Jr. Fair will be released on Sunday July 26th @

6:00pm or After the Open Class Market Beef Show.

MARKET RULES:

- A. Animals can be groomed by anyone.
- B. Exhibitor must comply with all the general rules of the Cattle Department.
- C. Animals must be owned by exhibitor at least 90 days prior to the opening date of the fair.
- D. All market beef animals must be halter broken.
- E. Any exhibitor may enter and show a maximum of two steers or market heifers or combination of the two.
- F. Code of Ethics: To maintain a high degree of confidence in the livestock show, THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANY ANIMALS THAT HAVE BEEN FITTED IN AN UNETHICAL MANNER. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin to alter the normal conformation. It shall include also, any cutting or tearing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development as well as the dyeing or coloring of individuals which alters their natural coloration; also artificial tail heads or polls. Any attempts to change the degree of firmness of any individual shall also be considered unethical. Any persons guilty of the above will be disqualified and barred from future shows.
- G. No grooming chutes allowed in aisles in Beef Barn.
- H. Classes will be determined after weigh-in.

DIVISION 1– Open Class Feeder Calf**Classes:**

1. Dairy Feeders (NO Dairy Heifers)
2. Beef Feeders

Open Feeder Calf Show:**Sunday July 26th, 2026 Following Breeding****Premiums for each Feeder Weight Class:**

1st-\$15.00 2nd-\$10.00 3rd & 4th- \$8.00 5th- \$5.00

Rosettes for ChampionsBeef Feeder Champion-\$100 Beef Feeder Rs. Champion-\$50
Dairy Feeder Champion-\$100 Dairy Feeder Rs. Champion-\$50**DIVISION 2– Open Class Market Beef****Classes:**

1. Market Heifers (NO Dairy Heifers)
2. Market Steers

Open Market Beef Show:**Sunday July 26th 2026 after Open Class Feeders****Premiums for each Market Weight Class:**1st-\$20.00 2nd-\$15.00 3rd & 4th- \$10.00 5th - \$8.00
6th - \$8.00 7th & 8th- \$5.00

Trophy and \$200 for Grand Champion.

Trophy and \$100 for Reserve Grand Champion.



DIVISION 3– Open Class Showmanship**Classes:**

1. **Pee-Wee Showmanship-5-8 years old**
 - » NO Jr. Fair Exhibitors can enter with any beef project.
2. **Adult Showmanship**
 - » Anyone can be nominated but must be aged out of 4-H
 - » Any adults may participate & dress up if they wish
 - » \$20 to opt out of the adult showmanship
 - » All proceeds go back members for awards.

Open Showmanship Show:**Wednesday July 29th Following Jr Fair Beef Breeding****DIVISIONS 4-14 BREEDING RULES:**

- A. Open Class Beef Breeding Cattle are to arrive between 7 a.m. and 9:00am, Sunday, July 26th 2026.
- B. All animals, regardless of age, must be recorded and appear in the name of the exhibitor on the records of the respective breed associations.
 - »» Applies to Divisions 4-13
- C. The awards in Open Class Beef Breeding will be made Sunday, July 26th following conclusion of show. Only two premiums will be paid per exhibitor per class.
- D. All animals must be led into ring & judged, even in absence of competition, in order to be awarded premium.
- E. All Animals in group classes must be shown in individual classes.

Open Beef Breeding Show:**Sunday July 26th @ 1:00pm:**

Premiums for Beef Breeding
1st \$20.00 2nd \$15.00 3rd \$10.00

Champion Premiums Bulls:

Champion Bull-Rosette
Reserve Champion Bull-Rosette

Champion Premiums Breeding:

Overall Female Champion: \$100.00 & Banner
Overall Female Reserve Champion: \$80.00 & Banner
3rd Overall Female Champion: \$60.00
4th Overall Female Champion: \$40.00
5th Overall Female Champion: \$ 20.00

Beef Breeding Divisions:

- Division 4 - Angus
- Division 5 - Charolais
- Division 6 - Chianina
- Division 7 - Hereford
- Division 8 - Maine Anjou
- Division 9 - Maintainer
- Division 10 - Shorthorn
- Division 11 - Shorthorn Plus

Division 12 - Simmental

Division 13 - AOB

*Division 14 - Crossbred

*This Division consists of all non-registered

Classes for Beef Breeding-Divisions 4-14:**BULL CLASSES:**

1. Junior Bull Calf - calved after January 1, 2026.
2. Late Senior Bull Calf - born Nov. 01, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025.
3. Early Senior Bull Calf - born Sept. 01, 2025 - Oct. 31, 2025.
4. Late Summer Yearling Bull - born July 01, 2025 - Aug. 31, 2025.
5. Early Summer Yearling Bull - born May 01, 2025 - June 30, 2025
6. Late Junior Yearling Bull - born March 01, 2025 - Apr. 30, 2025.
7. Early Junior Yearling Bull - born Jan. 01, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2025
8. Senior Yearling Bull - born Sept. 01, 2024- Dec. 31, 2024.
9. Bull - 2 year old-born Jan 01,2024 - Aug. 31, 2024.

FEMALE CLASSES:

10. Junior Heifer Calf - born after January 1, 2026.
11. Late Senior Heifer Calf - born Nov. 01, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025.
12. Early Senior Heifer Calf - born Sept. 01, 2025 - Oct. 31, 2025.
13. Late Summer Yearling Heifer - born July 1, 2025- August 30, 2025
14. Early Summer Yearling Heifer - born May 01, 2025 - June 30, 2025.
15. Late Junior Yearling Heifer - born March 01, 2025 - Apr. 30, 2025.
16. Early Junior Yearling Heifer - born Jan. 01, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2025.
17. Senior Yearling Heifer - born Sept. 01, 2024 - Dec. 31, 2024.
18. Cow - 2 year old - born Jan 01, 2024 - Aug. 31, 2024
19. Aged Cow - born prior to Jan 01, 2024.
20. Pair of Bulls - two bulls - any age owned by exhibitor.
21. Pair of Heifers - two Heifers - any age owned by the exhibitor.
22. Get of Sire - four animals, any age, both sexes represented, sire.
23. Cow & Calf - exhibited as pair - calf born after

Department 002 - Goat
Mark Mignery-Member In Charge
Rules Governing This Department:
Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Entries close and must be into the Senior Fair Board Office by 3pm. On Saturday July 11th, 2026. Late Entries accepted until July 18th, 2026 at 3pm. With \$75/entry. If entries are mailed, you may check with the fair board office at 513.892.1423 to see if they have been received before the deadline. We are not responsible for delay or loss of mailed entries.
- B. Open Class exhibitors must purchase a Society Membership, 4-Day Pass or 7-Day Pass, except Butler County Jr. Fair Exhibitors who are entering their Junior Fair Animals. All Junior Fair animals must be entered under the Junior Fair Exhibitor's name.
- C. ***ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.*** Stall rental is \$5.00 per head unless it is a 4-H or FFA project Entry Fee \$8.00 per entry. Fees must be paid at time of entry. All Junior Fair animals must be entered under Junior Fair exhibitor's name. Do not reserve more stalls/pens than needed. If additional housing is reserved and cannot be accommodated, fees will not be refunded.
- D. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition.
- E. Livestock trailers will not be permitted to park in the infield fair week. Trailers must be moved off the fairgrounds by 12:00 a.m., Sunday, July 26th 2026.
- F. Any exhibitor making a protest against another exhibitor shall deposit \$200.00 with the Secretary at the time of making the complaint and if protest is not sustained, will be forfeited.
- G. All animals must be exhibited in show ring and judged, even in absence of competition, in order to be awarded premium.
- H. All Jr. Fair animals must be entered under Junior Fair exhibitor's name.
- I. Exhibitors must furnish own bedding. No straw furnished. Straw and wood shavings Only type of bedding permitted.
- J. Exhibitors must furnish a 1"x6"x4'8" kick board on all pens along aisles.
- K. No Cooking in barns.

All Rules for Division 1

****NO Breed Classes****

- A. All market goats will be ear tagged with Butler County ear tags at weigh in. All market goats will be weighed on Saturday July 25th from 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

- B. All market goats must have their milk teeth intact. Any market goat missing milk teeth will be disqualified.
- C. Ideally all market goats should have their horns dis-budded or have their horns cut back to approximately 1 inch in length. However, if market goats are shown without being dis-budded they should have horn tips cut off in a blunt manner,
- D. All animals must have a scrapie tag or tattoos with official registration papers, which match. Implants are acceptable but you must provide your own reader. All animals must be tagged, tattooed, or implanted before arriving on the Fairgrounds.
- E. All market goats will be checked by the fair board member in charge.
- F. Any animals showing signs of sore mouth, pinkeye, open abscesses or open sores will be prohibited from unloading, pending vet examination.
- G. No uncastrated male market goats are allowed on grounds.
- H. Exhibitors may bring a maximum of two Market Goats to the Fair .(Include Jr. Fair animals in total).
- I. All Junior Fair animals must be entered under the Junior Fair exhibitor's name.
- J. All Goats must have water available 24/7.
- K. All classes will be set by weight.
- L. All market goats will be divided into classes of approximately 15 to 20 according to weights, with each group having approximately the same number.
- M. Market Classes will be broken down into weight divisions to allow for a fair final drive. Divisions will be determined after weigh-in.

Division 1-Open Class Market Goat Class:

1. Boer Market Goat
2. Dairy Market Goat

Open Market Goat Show

Thursday July 30th @ 9:00am

Premiums for each Weight Class:

1st \$12.00 2nd \$10.00 3rd \$9.00 4th \$8.00 5th \$7.00
 6th \$6.00 7th \$5.00 8th \$4.00

Rosettes for Division Champions

Grand Champion- \$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion-\$15.00 & Rosette



Department 003 - Swine**Mike Green-Member In Charge****Rules Governing This Department:****Please Read All Rules Carefully**

- A. Entries close and must be into the Senior Fair Board Office by 3pm. On Saturday July 11th, 2026. Late Entries accepted until July 18th, 2026 at 3pm. With \$75/entry. If entries are mailed, you may check with the fair board office at 513.892.1423 to see if they have been received before the deadline. We are not responsible for delay or loss of mailed entries.
- B. Open Class exhibitors must purchase a Society Membership, 4-Day Pass or 7-Day Pass, except Butler County Jr. Fair Exhibitors who are entering their Junior Fair Animals.
- C. ***ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.*** Stall rental is \$5.00 per head unless it is a 4-H or FFA project. Entry Fee \$8.00 per entry. Fees must be paid at time of entry. All Junior Fair animals must be entered under Junior Fair exhibitor's name. Do not reserve more stalls/pens than needed. If additional housing is reserved and cannot be accommodated, fees will not be refunded.
- D. Livestock must be in their proper places by 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 25th 2026.
- E. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition.
- F. Livestock trailers will not be permitted to park in the infield fair week. Trailers must be moved off the fairgrounds by 12:00 a.m., Sunday, July 26th 2026.
- G. Any exhibitor making a protest against another exhibitor shall deposit \$200.00 with the Secretary at the time of making the complaint and if protest is not sustained, will be forfeited.
- H. All animals must be exhibited in show ring and judged, even in absence of competition, in order to be awarded premium.
- I. All Jr. Fair animals must be entered under Junior Fair exhibitor's name.
- J. Exhibitors must furnish own bedding. No straw furnished. Straw and wood shavings Only type of bedding permitted.
- K. Exhibitors must furnish a 1"x6"x4'8" kick board on all pens along aisles.
- L. No chutes or canopies are permitted between any buildings.
- M. An exhibitor must not place any obstruction in the aisles and must keep them clean. All show boxes must be located with the exhibitors pens.
- N. Exhibitor must be 6 years old (day of show) or older to

show.

- O. No Cooking in barns.

Rules for Classes 1-10**Registered Breed**

- A. Registration Certificates for all Purebred Market Hogs are REQUIRED from respective Breed Assn. To be shown at weigh-in.
- B. Registration certificates must be in Exhibitors name or family as owner, transferred by entry due date.
- C. All purebred market hogs to be ear notched. (Universal System)
- D. Breed Purity Verification by Sr./Jr. Fair Board. All market hog entries not meeting the purebred requirement will be permitted to enter as a crossbred, unless it is the exhibitors 3rd crossbred pig, at which time it is disqualified, as exhibitors are limited to a maximum of 2 crossbred entries. Animal will need to be removed from the fairgrounds by Saturday night of weigh-in.
- E. A minimum of 3 entries is required per breed or they will show AOB.
- F. Purebred or composite breeds not recognized by the Ohio State Fair Breeds will not be eligible for AOB classification.
- G. Purebred hogs will show per breed. A Champion and Reserve Champion from each breed will be selected Each breed Champion and Reserve will be eligible to show for the top 5 purebred, at the conclusion of the breed shows.
- H. The top 5 purebreds will be eligible to show for the Overall Top 5 open class market hog with the 4 crossbred Division Champions & Reserve Champions.

Rules for Class 11**Crossbred**

- A. Exhibitors may bring a maximum of two market hogs to the fair. (Include Jr. Fair animals in total.)
- B. Market hogs will be weighed and tagged Saturday, July 25th from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30am. Each exhibitor must be with his/her own animals at this time. All hogs under 220 lbs or over 300 lbs must be removed from fairgrounds by 10:00 p.m. Saturday.
- C. All entries will be judged by weight classes. All hogs not going though the Jr. Fair sale need to be removed from the fairgrounds Tuesday night, after the Jr. Fair Show. All pigs remaining on the grounds will go to the packer.
- D. Weight Classes for market hogs will be divided as evenly as possible. The number of show classes will be determined once all hogs are weighed and processed.
- E. Crossbred classes will be divided into 4 Divisions.
- F. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each division.
- G. The Champion and Reserve Champion from each crossbred division will be eligible to show for the Overall Top 5 open class Market Hog.

Open Market Hog Show:**Monday July 27th 2026 @ 11:00am****Premiums for each Weight Class in Divisions 1 & 2**

1st \$18.00 2nd \$15.00 3rd \$14.00 4th \$13.00 5th \$12.00

6th \$11.00 7th \$10.00 8th \$9.00

Rosettes for Division Champions**Grand Champion-Trophy Reserve Grand Champion-Trophy*******NO CASH AWARDS*******Division 1– Market Hog****Class:**

1. Berkshire - ABA
2. Chester Whites - CPS
3. Duroc - NSR
4. Hampshire - NSR
5. Hereford - CPS
6. Landrace - NSR
7. Poland China - CPS
8. Spotted (Spots) - CPS
9. Tamworth - TSA
10. Yorkshire - NSR
11. Crossbred Market Hog

Division 3– Open Class Showmanship**Class:**

1. Pee-Wee Showmanship-6 to 8 years of age
 - » Day of Show
 - » Not Open to Jr. Fair Exhibitors
 - » Must Enter with Open Show Entries

Open Class Pee Wee Showmanship Show:**Sunday July 26th 2026****Following Jr. Fair Showmanship****Prior to the Born & Raised Show****Premiums for Showmanship:****Pee-Wee Champion: Trophy Donated by:****Doug & Chris Turner & Family****Pee-Wee Reserve Trophy Donated by:****Al Couch Farm Market & Garden Center****Open Class Adult Showmanship:**

Adults can be nominated to participate by 4-H showmen between the ages of 9-18, (4-H age). Adults (anyone age 19 and over) should be encouraged by kids to participate. All adults of all barn will be eligible; however, ALL proceeds will go towards the betterment of the swine barn. The judge will be determined by a volunteer bases or those who are interested and asked to judge. Those who will be nominating a volunteer MUST have a 4-H swine project that they are allowing the nominee to use, OR a 4-H showman who has agreed to allow the nominee to use their animal. Nominees without a project to show will not be able to participate.

Nomination Fee: \$10.00**Opt. Out Fee:**

\$10.00 x the amount of times an adult was nominated.

- » Adults will be able to be nominated 5 times, and those who are nominated over that will not be asked to pay nay opt out fee over \$50.00 dollars.
- » Opting out of showing will mean that the adult pays their fee
- » If they participate, nominees WILL NOT be asked to make any payment, excluding any more donations they would like to include.

Sign Up:

- » Sign-Ups will be as follows during fair week
- » If interested in signing up after these times, can contact Amy Darner or Leah Watson (as appropriate) via phone- (513) 704-2282
- » Saturday (during swine barn weigh in): 7:30am-11am
- » Sunday (during first part of show): 9am-11am
- » Monday: 9am-11am
- » All Proceeds will go towards swine barn repair/refurbishing

Open Class Adult Showmanship Show:**Tuesday July 28th 2026 @ 6:00pm****Premiums for Showmanship:**

Butler County Fair Open Market Lamb Show

When?

Sunday July 26th (30 Minutes After Conclusion of Breeding show)

Where?

Butler County Fairgrounds

Info:

Entry Fee: \$8.00 per entry (Maximum 2 Entries per person)

Open Entries and Weigh In: All Butler County Jr. Fair Lambs will be weighed in and tagged Saturday, July 25th from 4:30-6:00pm (Market Animals shown by weight)

All other market lamb weigh-ins will take place Sunday July 26th from 7:00am-8:00am in the Open Class Sheep Barn.

Pens:

Pens are available for \$5 if reserved in advance.

For more details, please refer to the fair book at: www.butlercountyohfair.org

All Butler County Fair Rules Apply

Commercial Overall Ram: \$50.00

Sponsored by:

Commercial Overall Ewe: \$50.00

Sponsored by:

Grand Champion Market Lamb: \$50.00

Reserve Champion Market Lamb \$30.00

3rd Overall Champion Market Lamb \$15.00

Butler County Open Sheep Breeding Show

Sunday July 26th 9:30am

Check in:

7:00am-8:00am

Pens available-Please Reserve in advance

For more information, or to reserve pens in advance, contact the Fairboard Office (513) 892-1423 or butlercountyohfair@gmail.com

Overall Champion Registered Ram-\$100

Overall Champion Registered Ewe- \$100

Prize Money Donated by:

Individual class premiums as printed in the Butler County Fair Book.

Department 004 - Sheep**Tim Ross-Member In Charge**

timross.bcf@gmail.com

Rules Governing This Department:**Please Read All Rules Carefully**

- A. All Visitors, including Exhibitors must pay admittance to the fair.
- B. Registration for all open market lambs, entries will occur online and need to be submitted by 8:00am on July 26th, 2026. For breeding see breeding show rules. Premiums for all open classes will be available on Friday July 31st after 1:00pm, if not picked up will be mailed after July 31st. OPEN BREEDING class entries are \$8.00 per entry. OPEN MARKET class entries are \$8.00 per entry. ***ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.***
- C. Pens for sheep, \$5.00 each. It is recommended that pens be purchased. Showing out of trailer is difficult due to proximity of show ring to the parking area. Pens are to be purchased at time of registrations. Exhibitors must furnish own bedding. Straw, mulch and wood shaving are the only acceptable forms of bedding. For Pens in use for more than 1 day, exhibitors must furnish kick boards on all pens along aisles (board measure 1"x6"x4'8").
- D. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition.
- E. Livestock Trailers will have designated parking areas within the fair grounds. Once sheep and all supplies have been unloaded, please see the member in charge for parking guidance. All trailers must be moved off of the fairgrounds property by midnight of the day of show unless given approval by a representative of the Agricultural Society Board.
- F. For those choosing to show out of their trailers, generators are recommended as electric will not be available in the parking area. Water is available at the barns, but the barns are not in close proximity to the parking area. Wash racks are also available at the show barn.
- G. Member in charge reserves the right to hold any premium while any decision is pending. Pending decision can result from verification of paperwork, protests, etc. Upon final decision, held premiums will be released.
- H. Any exhibitor wishing to make a protest against another exhibitor shall deposit \$200 with the Secretary at the time of making the complaint. If the protest is not sustained, then the money will be forfeited.
- I. All animals must be led into the ring and judged in order to be awarded a premium. (Even in the absence of competition)
- J. Out of State Papers Required.
- K. Cooking in the barns, and areas around the barns, is prohibited

Open to the World Market Lamb Show Rules:

- A. Pens to be assigned by Member in Charge.
- B. NO STOCK REMOVED until animals are released by the Member in Charge. Open Class Breeding sheep will be encouraged to leave after the Open Class Breeding Show if the exhibitor has no market animals to show. All open class only animals will be released at the conclusion of the Open Class Market Show.
- C. Classes will be shown by weight. All Junior Fair Open Market Lambs will be weighed Saturday, July 25th from 4:30-6:00 pm. In the Open Class Sheep Barn. All others will be weighed in on Sunday, July 26th from 7:00am-8:00am in the Open Class Sheep Barn.
- D. All Market Lambs will be checked for an official USDA scrapie ear tag or they will be dismissed.
- E. Market Lambs may be purebred, crossbred, or grade. All lambs must be slick shorn uniform in length. Lamb's wool is not to be longer than ¼ inch in length. Longer wool on the lower leg is acceptable.
- F. All male market lambs must be castrated by May 1, 2026.
- G. All Single market lambs will be divided into classes that will be displayed prior to the beginning of the show.
- H. All market lambs entered in pen of two will show in the same weight class.
- I. All Junior Fair animals must be entered under the Junior fair exhibitors name, unless numbers necessitate two weight classes.
- J. Use of drench guns and feeding syringes is prohibited.

Division 1– Market Lamb**Class:****1. Single Market Lamb****Open Market Lamb Show:****Sunday July 26th 2026 Immediately****Following Conclusion of Breeding Show**

Premiums for each Weight Class:

1st \$13.00 2nd \$11.00 3rd \$10.00 4th \$9.00 5th \$8.00

Grand Champion Market Ram: \$50.00

Sponsored By:

Grand Champion Market Ewe: \$50.00

Sponsored By

Grand Champion Market Lamb: \$50.00

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: \$30.00

3rd Overall Market Lamb: \$8.00

Division 2– Pen of Two**Class:****1. Pen of Two Market Lambs****Open Market Pen of Two Show:****Sunday July 26th, 2026 Following Open Class****Market Lamb Show**

Premiums for each weight class:

1st \$13.00 2nd \$11.00 3rd \$10.00 4th \$9.00 5th \$8.00

Grand Champion Pen of Two: \$10.00

Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Two: \$8.00

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Decorator Showmanship Rules:

- A. The purpose of this class is to promote a lamb and wool in a clever manner to the public.
- B. Entry Fee \$5.00, entries taken between 7:00am-8:00am on Sunday.
- C. Out of State Papers Required.
- D. Shown By Age of the exhibitor
- E. Exhibitors to Wear Open Class Numbers
- F. Participants may be male or female between the ages of 1-8 years old as of January 1, 2026.
- G. Each entry may include one more child depending on choice of entry.
- H. Exhibits will be judged on the decoration of a Sheep and entrant as to the artistry, attractiveness and originality.
- I. Entrants must be relative of Sheep exhibitor or sponsored by Open Class exhibitor.
- J. Entrant is free to choose their own colors, designs and materials for exhibition in class.

Division 3- Decorator/Lead Class Decorator:

1. 1-5 Years of Age
2. 6-8 Years of Age

Open Decorator Show:

Sunday July 26th Immediately Following The Market Show

Premiums for Decorator Classes:

****All Placings receive a ribbon****

1st \$12.00 2nd \$10.00 3rd \$8.00 4th \$6.00 5th \$5.00

Lead Showmanship Rules:

- A. Age Group as of January 1, 2026.
- B. Entrants can be exhibitors in Junior Fair or open class sheep divisions or sponsored by Open Class Exhibitors.
- C. Entrants must be responsible for obtaining their own sheep to exhibit during lead class. Entrants may bring sheep the day of the show with health papers.
- D. The sheep must be ewe or wether, broken to lead on a halter and groomed in show condition. The ewe or wether must be shown in a halter. Any violations of this ruling will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant.
- E. The costumes are to be handmade or purchased of fabric or yarn that is at least 50% wool.
- F. Entrants will be judged on poise and presentation, general appearance, garment construction, and the behavior and grooming of the sheep.
- G. No decoration on animal or halter.
- H. Entry Fee \$5.00. Entries close same date as open class.

Class Guys and Gals Lead:

3. 20 Years & Over - Handmade Garment
4. 15-19 Years - Handmade Garment

5. 9-14 Years - Handmade Garment
6. 20 Years & Over - Purchased Garment
7. 15-19 Year - Purchased Garment
8. 9-14 Years - Purchased Garment
9. OPEN: Antique Class Garment 20 Years & Older

Open Guys and Gals Lead Show:

Sunday July 26th Immediately Following

Decorator/Lead

Premiums in Each Level:

****All Placings receive a ribbon****

1st \$12.00 2nd \$10.00 3rd \$8.00 4th \$6.00 5th \$5.00

Open Showmanship:

10. Pee-Wee Showmanship - 4-8 Years
11. Adult Showmanship - 19 Years & Older

Open Showmanship Show:

Sunday July 26th Following Guys & Gals Lead

NO Premiums Awarded

****Places 1st - 5th Receive Ribbon ONLY****

BREEDING RULES: Divisions 4-19

- A. Premiums for all open classes will be available on Friday, July 30th after 1:00pm Out of county will be mailed after Friday July 30th. OPEN BREEDING class entries are \$8.00 per class entry. Check in 7:30am-8:30am
- B. Pens for sheep are \$5.00 each. It is recommended that pens be purchased. Showing out of a trailer is difficult due to proximity of show ring to the parking area. Pens are to be purchased at the time registration. Exhibitors must furnish own bedding. Straw mulch, and wood shavings are the only acceptable forms of bedding.
- C. Fair admission is NOT included in class registration. Each person must purchase fair admission.
- D. Pens to be assigned by the Member in Charge. Do not reserve more stalls/pens than needed. If additional housing is reserved and cannot be accommodated, fees will not be refunded.
- E. NO STOCK REMOVED until animals are released by the Member in Charge. Open Class Breeding sheep will be encouraged to leave after the Open Class Breeding Show if the exhibitor has no market animals to show. All open class only animals will be released at the conclusion of the Open Class Market Show.
- F. All breeding sheep will be checked for an official USDA scrapie ear tag or they will be dismissed.
- G. All breeding sheep, with the exception of commercial class, must have required paperwork at check in.
- H. All Wool Breeding Sheep must have a minimum of 2" fleece length. (Unless breed standard dictates otherwise)
- I. All animals must be led into the ring and judged, even in the absence of competition, to be eligible for premiums.

**Show order for Sheep Breeding
Wool Breeds will show first, followed by Meat
Breeds**

**Open Sheep Breeding Show:
Sunday July 26th @ 9:30 am**

Premiums for Breeding Classes:

1st \$14.00 2nd \$12.00 3rd \$10.00 4th \$8.00 5th \$6.00
6th \$5.00 7th \$4.00 8th \$3.00 9th \$2.00

Champion Ram Overall: \$100.00

Champion Ewe Overall: \$100.00

****Both will receive Rosettes****

Donated by:

Sheep Breeding Divisions:

Division 4 - Columbia-Wool

Division 5 - Corriedale-Wool

Division 6 - Lincolns-Wool

Division 7 - Rambouillet- Wool

Division 8 - Natural Color-Wool

Division 9 - All Other Breeds-Wool

Division 10 - Cheviot-Meat

Division 11 - Dorper-Meat

Division 12 - Dorset-Meat

Division 13 - Hampshire-Meat

Division 14 - Horned Dorsets-Meat

Division 15 - Khatahdins-Meat

Division 16 - Montadales-Meat

Division 17 - Oxford-Meat

Division 18 - Shropshire-Meat

Division 19 - South Down-Meat

Division 20 - Suffolk-Meat

Division 21 - All Other Breeds-Meat

Division 22 - Commercial Breeding -Meat

Classes for Sheep Breeding-Divisions 4-22:

1. Ram, 1 Year Old and Under 2
2. Fall Ram Lamb
3. Ram Lamb
4. Pair of Ram Lambs
5. Ewe, 1 Year Old and Under 2
6. Pair of Ewes, 1 Year Old and Under 2
7. Fall Ewe Lamb
8. Ewe Lamb
9. Pair of Ewe Lambs
10. Pen of Four Lambs
11. Flock- To consist of one Ram and Four or More Ewes or Ewe Lamb

Fleece Rules:

- A. Entry Fee will be \$5.00 per fleece. All wool must have been shorn within the year shown.
- B. All fleeces must be in clear bags.
- C. Fleeces with excessive foreign material tags, burrs, chaff, seeds or straw, will be disqualified at the discretion of the judge.
- D. The management or individuals connected with the fleece show will not be responsible for loss or damage in any way, shape, or form of any fleece on exhibit.
- E. Fleeces will be brought to the Open Class Sheep Barn on Saturday, July 25th 2026 from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. and will be released on Sunday after the fair on August 2nd, 2026 9:00 A.M. If your fleece is not picked up after the fair ,it will be disposed of.
- F. Judging will be held in the Open Class Sheep Barn.

Open Fleece Show:

**Sunday July 26th 2026 Following Conclusion
of Market Show**

Premiums for Fleece Classes:

1st \$12.00 2nd \$10.00 3rd \$8.00 4th \$6.00 5th \$5.00

Champion: Medium White - Rosette

Reserve Champion: Medium White - Rosette

Champion: Long White/Natural Color - Rosette

Reserve Champion: Long White/Natural Color - Rosette

Division 23 – Fleece

Class:

1. Medium White: Suffolk, Hampshire, Tunis
2. Medium White: Dorset, Polypay, Montadale
3. Medium White: Shropshire, South-down, Oxford
4. Long White: Romney, Lincoln, Border, Leicester
5. Natural Color



Department 006 - Rabbit
Leon Simpson-Member In Charge
John Schomaker
Show Coordinator/ Superintendent / Secretary
Phone: 513.441.3619

Rules Governing This Department:

Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. ENTRY FEE: Single Rabbit-\$6.00; Fur-\$6.00. Entries turned in day of show.
- B. This will be a no Sweepstakes show for any breed.
- C. All exhibitors must pay admittance at the Gate- no exhibitor's pass required.
- D. This Show will be run by the ARBA Show Rules, using the ARBA Show Remark Cards. Entries are to be made on the ARBA Forms. Your entry is to be **TURNED IN THE DAY OF SHOW** - Additional entry forms will be available day of show. Cards are to be made out by the EXHIBITORS and turned in with Completed Entry Form and Entry Fee.
- E. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition.
- F. If rabbits are not entered correctly or do not meet ARBA standard, they will be disqualified.
- G. This will be a carrying case show.
- H. All Rabbits must be permanently ear - marked in LEFT Ear.
- I. Stock will be released as soon as judged, except Best of Breed Which must remain for picking BEST OF SHOW.
- J. Ribbons will be given through 5th place in each class and must be picked up day of show.
- K. PREMIUMS will be paid at show - be sure to pick up premium winning before you leave show. NO PREMIUMS PAID AFTER 5:00PM SUNDAY
- L. The Butler County Fair reserves the right to substitute or add judges.
- M. The Butler County Fair will not be responsible in case of fire, theft, or accident, however, precautions will be taken to avoid mishaps.
- N. Jr. Fair Members NOTE: Your rabbits may be entered in this show and in the Jr. Fair show, by complying with all Open Class Show Rules.
- O. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their Rabbits to the Judging Tables for their class and returning them to their carrying cage when released by the judge.
- P. No breeding of rabbits allowed in the showroom.
- Q. Rabbits must be entered in the regular class to be eligible for competition in the Fur Class. The Butler County Agricultural Society Reserves the right to remove from the showroom any diseased animal. Entry fees on such rabbits will be forfeited.
- R. Decision of the judges is final.
- S. DUTCH and HOLLAND LOPS are to be in show room by 8:00 A.M. All other breeds to be in showroom by 9:00 A.M. Judging will start at 9:00 A.M.

Open Rabbit Show:

Sunday July 26th 2026 @ 9:00am

Premiums for Rabbit Classes:

# In Class	First	Second	Third	Fourth
2-3	\$2.00			
4-6	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	
7-10	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
11-16	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
17 & Up	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00

**** Fur Class Premiums Same as Above****

Best Of Breed: \$10.00

Best Opposite Sex: \$5.00

***Provided 20 or more rabbits are shown in class.

Best 6 Class: Commercial - \$20.00

Best 4 Class: Fancy - \$20.00

Best in Show: \$20.00

*Rosette for each

Rabbit Classifications:

American	Checked Giant	Lilac
American Fuzzy Lop	Chinchilla, Giant	Lion Head
American Sable	Chinchilla, Standard	Lop, French Lop, Mini
Angora, English	Cinnamon	Mini Satin Mini Rex
Angora, French	Crème D'Argent	Netherland Dwarf
Angora, Giant	Czech Frosty	New Zealand
Angora, Satin	Dutch	Palomino Polish
Argente Brun	Dwarf Hotot	Rex Rhineland
Belgian Hare	Dwarf Papillon	Satin
Beveren	English Spot	Silver Silver Fox
Blanc de Hotot	Flemish Giant	
Blue Holicer	Florida White	Silver Marten
Britannia Petite	Harlequin Havana	Tan Thrianta
Californian	Himalaya Holland Lop	
Champagne D'Argent	Jersey Wooly	

Department 007 - Dairy
David Vollmer-Member In Charge
Rules Governing This Department:
Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Entries close and must be into the Senior Fair Board Office by 3pm. On Saturday July 11th 2026. Late Entries accepted until July 18th 2026 at 3pm. With \$75/entry. If entries are mailed, you may check with the fair board office at 513.892.1423 to see if they have been received before the deadline. We are not responsible for delay or loss of mailed entries.
- B. Open Class exhibitors must purchase a Society Membership, 4-Day Pass or 7-Day Pass, except Butler County Jr. Fair Exhibitors who are entering their Junior Fair Animals.
- C. ***ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.*** Stall rental is \$5.00 per head unless it is a 4-H or FFA project . Entry Fee \$8.00 per entry. Fees must be paid at time of entry. All Junior Fair animals must be entered under Junior Fair exhibitor's name. Do not reserve more stalls/pens than needed. If additional housing is reserved and cannot be accommodated, fees will not be refunded.
- D. Livestock must be in their proper places by 12:00 Midnight, Saturday, July 25th 2026.
- E. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition.
- F. Livestock trailers will not be permitted to park in the infield fair week. Trailers must be moved off the fairgrounds by 12:00 a.m., Sunday, July 26th 2026.
- G. Any exhibitor making a protest against another exhibitor shall deposit \$200.00 with the Secretary at the time of making the complaint and if protest is not sustained, will be forfeited.
- H. All Jr. Fair animals must be entered under Junior Fair exhibitor's name.
- I. All animals must be exhibited in show ring and judged, even in absence of competition, in order to be awarded premium.
- J. Exhibitors must furnish own bedding. No straw furnished. Straw and wood shavings Only type of bedding permitted.
- K. No Cooking in barns.
- L. Entries will not be accepted unless animals are registered. All exhibitors must be prepared to show certificates of registration when called for. Failure to produce registration forfeits right to show or award. No premiums will be awarded unless animal corresponds to description and ownership as shown by transfer certificates. All animals, regardless of age, must be recorded and appear in the name of the exhibitor on the records of the respective associations.

BREEDING RULES:

- A. Misrepresentation as to breeding or ownership of animals and irregularity or violation of rules in showing will be exposed, and any premium won by such exhibitor or agents will be forfeited and if payment to exhibitor has been made before the evidence is given that such violations have occurred, the exhibitor must refund premium money so forfeited to the Butler County Fair Board of the State of Ohio or be banned from exhibiting at the Butler County Fair in the future.
- B. The unethical fitting of livestock which shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance is considered tampering and is prohibited. It should also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dyeing or coloring hair, adding artificial tail heads, 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.
- C. The awards in Open Class Dairy Judging will be made Monday, July 27th, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Open Dairy Show:

Monday July 27th. @ 9:30am

Premiums for Dairy Cattle:
 1st \$20.00 2nd \$15.00 3rd \$10.00

Divisions 1-3 N/A

Dairy Breed Divisions:

Division 4: Ayrshire

Division 5: Brown Swiss

Division 6: Guernsey

Division 7: Holstein

Division 8: Jersey

Division 9: Milking Shorthorn

Classes for Dairy Cattle-Divisions 4-9:

1. Junior Heifer Calf - born March 01, 2026 - Apr. 30, 2026.
2. Intermediate Heifer - born Dec 01, 2025- Feb. 28, 2025.
3. Senior Heifer Calf - born Sept. 01, 2025 - Nov 30, 2025.
4. Summer Yearling - born June 01, 2025 - Aug 31, 2025.
5. Junior Yearling - born March 01, 2025- May 31, 2025.
6. Winter Senior Yearling-born Dec 01, 2024 - Feb 29, 2025.
7. Senior Yearling Calf - born Sept. 01, 2024 - Nov. 30, 2024.
8. Junior 2 Yr. Old Cow - born March 01, 2024 -

Aug. 31, 2024

9. Senior 2 year Old Cow - born Sept. 01, 2022- Feb. 28, 2023
10. 3 Year Old Cow - born Sept. 01, 2021 - Aug. 31, 2022.
11. 4 Year Old Cow - born Sept. 01, 2020 - Aug. 31, 2021.
12. Aged Cow - born prior to Sept. 01, 2020.
13. Dry Cow 3 Years and Over
14. Produce of Dam
15. Daughter of Dam
Any age owned by exhibitor
16. Best Three Females
Shall be Bred and Owned by the Exhibitor



THE PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

Adopted April 3, 2014

The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates and sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. It is also an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows and to present a wholesome and progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring. PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, and the national breed associations. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall, at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane

manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance, or residue. The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

GROOMING AND PREPARATION

Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA Unified Score Card (1994), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. In this connection, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge's evaluation in order to display the animal's natural contour, conformation, performance and mobility.

Specifically:

1. External applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.
2. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the top line is not to exceed 1". Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.
3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited.
4. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal's skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats

VIOLATIONS: FALSE, DECEPTIVE OR UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES

These practices are violations of the Code of Ethics and will be reported to show management and may be reported to the respective national breed associations:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally:
 - a. With an irritant or counter-irritant
 - b. Using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease.

- c. Using other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation.
 - d. Plugging of teat canal with foreign substances.
3. Surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body (e.g., administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen), though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
 4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or their conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
 5. Challenging, threatening or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds., And/or the national dairy breed association without recourse.

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibitor") for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound and photographic methods and by direct examination of animal. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor") to have disciplinary action for violation of this Show Ring Code of Ethics taken by show management, the state in which the show occurs, and/or the national dairy breed association without recourse.

SHOW ETHICS COMMITTEE

Each show should have an Ethics Committee. The make-up of this committee should include official breed representatives, representative (s) of show management (e.g., dairy cattle show superintendent, General Manager), the official show veterinarian, and Extension representative. The Ethics Committee will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee will investigate the report of any violation and determine the accuracy of the allegation. The Ethics Committee will have the authority to inspect

VIOLATIONS: REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

Complaints of alleged violations can be reported to the breed superintendent, the show superintendent, show management, and/or the Ethics Committee. Before An Animal is Shown If the Ethics Committee suspects that a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will occur if the animal is shown, and that violation is reasonably well established before the animal is shown, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to show management. Show management will discuss the violation with the Exhibitor:

1. If, at the Exhibitor's discretion, the animal in question is not shown, no violation will have occurred.
2. If the Exhibitor wishes to challenge that a violation occurred he/she/they will have the opportunity to appeal to the Ethics Committee. If its decision is not changed, the Exhibitor will be denied opportunity to exhibit the animal in question.

During and After An Animal is Shown:

All animals are subject to examination during judging. The judge and Ethics Committee are instructed to examine the top five (5) animals in each class closely for violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. When a violation may have occurred, a milk out maybe called for. This call may be by breed association, the judge, the Ethics Committee, or show management. If an animal is exhibited and a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics is subsequently suspected, investigated, and determined to have occurred, the violation will be reported to the Ethics Committee and show management for action. The Exhibitor will be notified of the violation and the supporting evidence and invited to defend or explain the allegations. Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of show management, the state in which the show occurs, and the national dairy breed association

- Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds;
- Written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor");
- Disqualification of the Exhibitor from the show;
- Publication of offense Exhibitor. Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.



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Department 010 - Farm Products & Garden Produce

Member In Charge-Gary Gerber
Lori Newport, Superintendent
Larry Johnson - Assistant Superintendent

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Rules Governing This Department:
Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Entries for Art Hall are open July 8th - 18th online and in office. Entries close and must be into the Senior Fair Board Office by 3pm. On Saturday July 18th 2026. If entries are mailed, you may check with the fair board office at 513.892.1423 to see if they have been received before the deadline. We are not responsible for delay or loss of mailed entries. No late Entries will be Accepted.
- B. Open Class exhibitors must purchase a Society Membership, 4-Day Pass or 7-Day Pass. This pass gives you 50 entries for the Art Hall. Once 50 entries are made the cost is .50¢ per entry, except for Junior or Children's Classes.
- C. **ENTRY FEES: *ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.*** If participant qualifies by age, to enter Jr./Child Division Classes and is not a FFA, 4-H, or Cloverbud member, there is a \$5.00 entry fee. (This fee does not include gate admission. \$5.00/day for 12 and under, or \$5.00 for a wristband for the whole week.) If this Jr./child enters any Sr./Adult classes, they must purchase a 4-day or 7-day pass instead.
- D. Art Hall will be open Daily 9am-9pm.
- E. All articles will be released for pick up on Saturday August 1st from 7:00pm-9:00pm and Sunday, August 2nd from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30p.m. Please make arrangements with Superintendents if picking up early. Unclaimed articles will be considered abandoned and may be disposed of as the Fair Board chooses.

All Rules for Divisions 1-5

- A. Actual farm and garden produce (Divisions 1 - 5) must be delivered to the Art Hall between 9:00a.m. And 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25th. Exhibits must be completed during the same 6hr period.
- B. The judge will have the right to withhold an award if he or she feels the entry is not worthy of a rib-

bon and premium. All entries must be prepared or raised by the exhibitor. An entry tag must accompany each article.

- C. No person will be allowed to make more than one entry in each class. No entries by clubs or groups will be accepted. **This competition is for individuals only.**
- D. All grains and seed must be shown in glass mason jars with screw lids and each variety labeled. All grain and seeds are to have been grown in 2025, except those which mature and are harvested before the Fair in 2026.
- E. Division 4– Exhibitor must be a bona fide beekeepers. All Entries must originate from the apiaries of the exhibitor and be the production of the current or first past season and not previously shown at the Butler County Fair.

Open Farm Products & Garden Show:

Sunday July 26th @ 9:00am

Honey Judging

Sunday July 26th @ 12:00 pm

Premiums for Farm Products & Garden Produce:

Divisions 1-4: 1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

Division 3 - Class:7 1st \$11.00 2nd \$6.00 3rd \$4.00

Classes:8,10 & 11 1st \$11.00 2nd \$6.00 3rd \$4.00

Division 5: 1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

***** A Best of Show exhibitor will be selected from each Division**

Division 1:

*****Best Farm Display-Rosette*****

Division 2:

*****Best of Show Peppers-Rosette*****

*****Best Of Show Tomatoes-Rosette*****

*****Longest Quality Zucchini-Rosette*****

Division 3:

*****Best Vegetable Basket-Rosette*****

*****Best Scarecrow-Rosette*****

*****Best Garden Display-Rosette*****

*****Best Yard Goose-Rosette*****

Division 1– Farm Products Classes:**Wheat:**

1. Any Variety, Label Variety

Oats:

2. Any Variety, Label Variety

Soybeans:

3. Soybeans IN Mason Jar from 2025, Any Variety, label
4. Best bush or stalk of soybeans, 2026 crop

Corn:

5. Best Quart of shelled corn, any variety, labeled: 2025 Crop
6. Best 3 Stalks of new corn
7. Tallest Single Stock of New Corn
8. Best 6 Ears of Old Corn
9. Best 6 Ears of New Corn
10. Best Single Ear Old Corn
11. Best Single Ear New Corn
12. Longest Ear Old Corn
13. Longest Ear New Corn
14. Best 6 Ears Sweet White Corn
15. Best 6 Ears Sweet Yellow Corn
16. Best 6 Ears Sweet Bi-Colored Corn
17. Best 6 Ears Popcorn (2026)
18. Best 6 Ears of Indian Corn (2026)
19. Best Single Ear White Corn
20. Best Single Ear Sweet Yellow Corn
21. Best Single Ear Sweet Bi-Colored Corn
22. Best Single Ear Popcorn (2026) Crop
23. Best Single Ear Hulless Popcorn (2026) Crop
24. Best Single Ear of Large Kernel Popcorn (2026) Crop

Hay & Mixed Grasses:

25. Clover, 2 Slices
26. Alfalfa, 2 Slices
27. Mixed Grasses, 2 Slices
28. Timothy, 2 Slices
29. Sheaf Grain: To Be Displayed in Sheaves
30. Oats in Straw
31. Timothy in Straw
32. Wheat in Straw
33. Barley in Straw
34. Rye in Straw
35. Best Display of Farm Products:

* Must contain at least 8 different labeled varieties raised by exhibitor. Judging will be based on Creativity and Quality of Products.

Division 2– Garden Produce**Classes:****Potatoes:**

1. Best Plate of 3 Kennebec
2. Best Plate of 3 Khatahdins
3. Best Plate of 3 Irish Cobbler
4. Best Plate of 3 Red Pontiac
5. Best Plate of 3 Idaho
6. Sweet Potatoes:
7. Best Plate of 3 Red Yams
8. Best Plate of 3 Nancy Hall
9. Best Plate of 3 Porto Ricos

Onions:

10. Best Plate of 3 Yellow Onions
11. Best Plate of 3 White Onions
12. Best Plate of 3 Red Onions
13. Best Plate of 12 Leeks
14. Best Plate of 12 Shallots

Turnips:

15. Best Plate of 3

Cabbage:

16. Best One Head Flat Dutch
17. Best Two Heads Round
18. Best Two Heads Red
19. Largest Quality Single Head
(IN Circumference)

Eggplant:

20. Best Two

Beets:

21. Best 3 Dark Red
22. Best 3 Early Wonder

Carrots:

23. Best 3 Nantes
24. Best 3 Danver

Celery:

25. Best Stalk of Celery

*Must be Displayed in a jar or larger glass container filled with water

Beans:

26. Best Plate of 18 Green podded bush beans
27. Best Plate of 18 Green podded pole beans
28. Best Plate of 18 Golden wax beans
29. Best Plate of 18 Large or Small Lima beans,
In pods
30. Best Plate of 18 Horticultural Beans, in pods

Cucumbers:

31. Best 3 Long Green Cucumbers
32. Best 3 Pickling Cucumbers

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33. Longest Quality Cucumber

Peppers:

34. Best of 3 Large Green Bell Peppers

35. Best Display of Peppers

* Plate of 5 Different Varieties, Each Labeled

Tomatoes:

36. Best Plate of 3 Red (No Cherry Or Grape)

37. Best Plate of 3 Yellow or Golden (No Cherry Or Grape)

38. Largest Quality Tomatoes (Any Color)

39. Best Plate of 18 Cherry Tomatoes (Any Color)

40. Best Display of Tomatoes

*Plate of 5 Different Varieties, Each Labeled

Pumpkins:

41. Best Connecticut Field

42. Best Pie or Sweet

43. Largest Quality Pumpkin, Largest as well as Heaviest

44. Best Display of Gourds

*Plate of 5 different Varieties Each, Labeled

Squash:

45. Best Hubbard, Any Variety or Color

46. Best Acorn, Any Variety or Color

47. White Bush Scallop

48. Butternut

49. Best Cushaw, Any Variety or Color

50. Best Quality Zucchini

*9 Inches or under

51. Spaghetti

52. Summer Yellow Crookneck

53. Banana Squash, Blue or Pink

54. Longest Quality Zucchini

Melons:

55. Best Watermelon

56. Best Cantaloupe (Muskmelon)

57. Best Honeydew

58. Other Classes:

59. Best 3 Kohlrabi, White or Purple

60. Best 3 Okra, Green or Burgundy

61. Best 3 Stalks Rhubarb

62. Best 3 Garlic

63. Largest Quality Garlic

64. Best Plate of 18 Blackberries

Division 3– Other Products

Classes:

1. Tobacco-Best Stalk

2. Tallest Sunflower (Stalk & Head)

3. Largest Sunflower Head (Remove Stalk)

4. Corn Husk Article

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5. Wheat Straw Article

6. Painted Vegetable (Adult Entrant)

7. Vegetable Basket

*Five or more home grown vegetables arranged in a basket. Judged on artistic appeal as well as horticultural quality. Baskets will be displayed throughout the garden department.

8. Best Scarecrow

*Must be free standing and not over 8 feet tall. Judged on appearance, originality and effectiveness.

9. Best Junior Novelty Decorated Vegetable Contest

*Exhibitor may be no older than 12 years of age and must do project themselves. Projects must fit on a 10"x12" foil-lined cardboard (due to space limitations). Vegetable projects will be judged on imagination and creativity. Cards will be provided for naming of project.

** Ribbons will be awarded for placings 1-8.

10. Best Garden Display

*Must have at least ten different labeled varieties of garden products raised by exhibitor. Display must not exceed 2'x4' space. No changes or additions may be made after that time.

11. Decorated Yard Goose Contest

*May be wood, cement, or plastic goose. Will be judged on appearance and originality.

Division 4– Honey

Sunday July 26th @ 12:00pm

*Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness of the jar and lid; correct fill level; cleanliness and purity of the honey; uniformity of product within the jars/ containers. There are to be NO labels on any entry. A 3X5 index card will be provided at check-in for exhibitor to write down Flavors, description, uses, and ingredients if class requires.

Guidelines:

Classes 1-3 consist of three 1-pound jars of extracted honey of the same clarity. (Queen line/ Classic, NOT Mason jars.)

Classes 4-5 consist of one 1-pound jar of extracted infused honey. (Queen line/ Classic, NOT Mason jars.)

Classes 6-7 consist of one wide-mouth jars, no less than eight ounces (8oz.)

Class 8 consist of one wide mouth jar containing one piece of honeycomb covered with liquid honey. Class 9 consist of three Ross Rounds or three 4"x 4" pieces in plastic containers. Classes 10-11 exhibitor must supply stand/tray

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for frames. Class 15- A display of 6 pieces. At least 25% of the sweetener must be honey. Class 16 - black jars provided at check in.

Ribbons will be awarded for placings

1-8 in classes with as many exhibitors.

*** Best in classes 1-3 will be awarded with a Rosette***

*** Best in classes 4-15 will be awarded with a Rosette***

***Premiums will only be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. ***

Classes:

1. White & Light Amber
2. Amber
3. Dark
4. Infused, non-spicy
5. Infused spicy
6. Creamed, soft set, natural
7. Creamed, soft set, flavored
8. Chunk Honey
9. Cut Comb
10. One Cut Comb Honey Frame (Shallow or Medium)
11. One Extraction Honey Frame-(Deep, Medium, or Shallow)
12. Beeswax- One Piece 1-Pound Minimum
13. Novelty Item (For the most novel exhibit produced by using Honey, Bees or Beeswax)
14. Best Display in Standard Observation Hive Containing Bees, Brood and Queen
15. Candy-6 Pieces of candy displayed on provided paper plate.
16. Black Jar- 2oz-4oz of honey judged on taste ONLY!

Division 5– Junior

Sunday July 26th

*Ages 12 & Under

**Best of Show Rosette

Classes:

1. Best of 3 ears of Corn, Uniform, any variety
2. Best Plate of 10 beans, any variety
3. Best 2 Cucumbers, uniform
4. Best 2 Sweet Peppers, uniform
5. Best 4 Hot Peppers, uniform
6. Best of 2 Tomatoes, uniform
7. Best 2 Squash, uniform
8. Best 3 Apples (Any Variety)



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Department 011 - Culinary**Member In Charge-Gary Gerber****Danielle Ritter, Superintendent**
culinary.bcf@gmail.com**Rules Governing This Department:****Please Read All Rules Carefully**

- A. Entries for Art Hall are open July 8th - 18th online and in office. Entries close and must be into the Senior Fair Board Office by 3pm. On Saturday July 18th, 2026. If entries are mailed, you may check with the fair board office at 513.892.1423 to see if they have been received before the deadline. We are not responsible for delay or loss of mailed entries. No Late Entries Accepted.
- B. Open Class exhibitors must purchase a Society Membership, 4-Day Pass or 7-Day Pass. This pass gives you 50 entries for the Art Hall. Once 50 entries are made the cost is .50¢ per entry, except for Junior or Children's Classes.
- C. **ENTRY FEES: ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.** If participant qualifies by age, to enter Jr./Child Division Classes and is not a FFA, 4-H, or Cloverbud member, there is a \$5.00 entry fee. (This fee does not include gate admission. \$5.00/day for 12 and under, or \$5.00 for a wristband for the whole week.) If this Jr./child enters any Sr./adult classes, they must purchase a 4-day or 7-day pass instead.
- D. Culinary products must be in place in the culinary Division of the Art Hall as stated at the beginning of each division shown below. Commercial products and products made from mixed will not be judged. All baked goods must be well covered with plastic wrap or in plastic bags. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate Fair pass, as explained elsewhere in the Fair Book. Fresh baked projects that do not place need to be picked up by 6:00 p.m. on the day of judging.
- E. All articles will be released Saturday August 1st from 7:00pm-9:00pm and Sunday, August 2nd between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Please make arrangements with Superintendents if picking up early. Unclaimed articles will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of by the Butler County Agricultural Society.

Division 1- Decorated Cake

- Entries Must Be In Place by 10:30am Sunday
- July 26th .
- Entry Tags must accompany all cakes.
- All decorated cakes will remain on display for the duration of the Fair.
- Judging will begin on Sunday, July 26th @ 11:00 a.m.
- All visible parts must be edible except for separator plates and columns. Other non-edible parts used for decoration will be judged at the judge's discretion.
- No more than one inch margin allowed between cake base and plate edge. Styrofoam as well as regular cake base may be used.
- Cakes will be judged on appearance, originality and workmanship.

Premiums for Decorated Cake Classes

1st \$11.00 2nd \$9.00 3rd \$7.00

Jr. Classes: 1st \$6.00 2nd \$5.00 3rd \$4.00

****Best Overall Cake in each group will Receive Rosette******Professional Classes:**

- Business cards may be placed with cake after judging.
 - All decorated cakes must be on boards no larger than 15½ inches square and no higher than 2 feet.
 - They must fit in cases for display.
1. Wedding Cake _
* Premiums for this class only*
1st \$15.00 2nd \$10.00 3rd \$8.00
 2. Any Occasion Cake
 3. Butler County Fair Theme Cake
 4. Decorated Cupcakes
* Any Theme Plate of 6
 5. Decorated Cookies
* Any Theme Plate of 6

Amateur Classes:

- Open only to those who do not decorate cakes for pay or sale.
6. Any Occasion Cake
 7. Butler County Fair Theme Cake
 8. Decorated Cupcakes
*Any Theme Plate of 6
 9. Decorated Cookies
*Any Theme Plate of 6
 10. Dessert Imposters
*on real cake

Junior Classes:

*16 Years and Under

11. Fancy Cake With Flowers
12. Novelty Cake
13. Theme Fair Food (TV Dinner)
14. Decorated Cupcakes
15. Decorated Cookies

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Division 2 – Candy

- Entry products must be in place in the Art Hall by 10:30am Sunday, July 26th.
- Judging will begin on Sunday, July 26th
- Following completion of judging of decorated cakes.
- Candy must be displayed on a paper plate (6 pieces on the plate) and in a zip-lock bag.
- Only placing candies will remain on display. The rest can be picked up Sunday evening.

Premiums for Candy Classes

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

Jr. Classes: 1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

Best of Show Adult Candy and Jr. Candy will Receive Rosette

Adult Candy Classes:

1. Chocolate Fudge
*6 Pieces
2. Chocolate Truffle
3. Caramel Candy
*6 Pieces
4. Peanut Brittle
*6 Pieces
5. Peanut Butter Fudge
*6 Pieces
6. Buckeyes
*6 Pieces
7. Hard Candy
8. Suckers
9. Favorite Candy (Containing Nuts)
10. Any Other Candy
*Name and Ingredients
*6 Pieces

Junior Classes:

- 16 Years and Under
11. Chocolate Fudge
*6 Pieces
 12. Divinity Candy
*6 Pieces
 13. Caramel Candy
*6 Pieces
 14. Peanut Brittle
*6 Pieces
 15. Peanut Butter Fudge
*6 Pieces
 16. Buckeyes
*6 Pieces
 17. Hard Candy
 18. Suckers
 19. Honey Comb
 20. Any Other Candy
*Name and Ingredients *6 Pieces

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Division 3 – Cake

- Cakes Must Be in Place in the Art Hall by 10:30am on Monday July 27th .
- All cakes must be out of baking pans and well covered, but do not leave in Tupperware or other such containers. Do not use decorative cake plates or holder.
- Judging will begin Monday, July 27th @ 11:00 a.m.
- Cakes will be released for pick up Monday afternoon when judging is complete

Premiums for Cake Classes

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

Best Of Show Cake will Receive Rosette

Cake Classes:

1. Applesauce Cake
2. Boozy Cake
*Name Liquor Used
3. Carrot Cake With Icing
4. Chiffon Cake With Icing
5. German Chocolate Cake
6. Jam Cake
7. Devil's Food Cake With Caramel Icing
8. Pound Cake
*No Icing
9. Pineapple Upside Down Cake
10. Plate of 13 Spectacular Iced Cupcakes
*Using Your Favorite Recipe With **Cheese** being one of the Ingredients
*Name and List Ingredients
11. White Layer Cake With White Icing
12. Yellow Layer Cake With Chocolate Icing
13. Chocolate Layer Cake with Chocolate Icing
14. Pumpkin Cake
15. Plain Cheese Cake
16. Cake roll
*Any Variety
17. Your Favorite Cheese Cake
*Name and List Ingredients
*Refrigeration Available
18. Your Favorite Cake
*Name and List Ingredients
19. Your Favorite Cupcake
*Name and List Ingredients

Division 4 – Pies

- Pies must be in place in the Art Hall by 10:30am on Tuesday, July 28th.
- Pies will be scored considering general appearance, tenderness, flakiness and flavor of the crust. The flavor and consistency of the pie filling will also be considered.

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- Refrigeration will be available for cream pies.
- Judging will begin @ 11:00am on Tuesday, July 28th.

Premiums for Pie Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

****Best Of Show Pie will Receive Rosette and \$10.00****

Two Crust Fruit Pie Classes:

1. Cherry
2. Peach
3. Berry
4. Cooked Strawberry
5. Special Apple Pie Contest
*You Must Use Fresh Apples in the Pie
*Label Shortening used in Crust

One Crust Pie Classes:

6. Butterscotch Made From Scratch
7. Old Fashioned Sugar Cream
8. Coconut Cream Made From Scratch
9. Chocolate Cream Made From Scratch
10. Pumpkin Pie
11. Pecan
12. Lemon Meringue
13. Hand Pies Fruit or Cream Filling (Baked or Fried)
*Plate of 13 **Peach**
14. Your Favorite Pie
*Name and List Ingredients

Best Of Show Pie

Division 5 – Yeast Bread & Quick Bread

- Breads must be in place in the Art Hall by 10:30am Wednesday, July 29th
- Entries must be on paper plates and stored in zip lock bags or covered with plastic wrap. Do not use Tupperware or similar storage containers
- Breads will be scored on general appearance, lightness, crust, crumb, texture and flavor.
- Quick Breads: Do not leave bread in pan
- Yeast Breads: Do not leave bread in pan
- Judging will begin Wednesday, July 29th @ 11:00 a.m.

Premiums for Yeast & Quick Breads Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

****Best Of Show Yeast Product will Receive Rosette & \$5.00****

****Best Of Show Quick Bread will Receive Rosette & \$5.00****

Yeast Bread Classes:

1. Raisin Bread
*Loaf
2. White Bread
*Loaf
3. Wheat Bread
*Loaf
4. Sourdough

*Loaf

5. Loaf: Any Other Combined Grain(s)
*State Name and Grain(s) Used
6. Any Style Dinner Rolls
*6 Rolls
7. Cinnamon Rolls
*6 Rolls
8. Yeast Coffee Cake
*8"x8" 9"x9" 8"round ONLY
*Favorite Filling - Named
9. Machine Bread
*Name - Any Variety
10. Pretzels

Quick Bread Classes:

11. Your Favorite Quick Bread Not Listed Below
* Include Name
12. Pumpkin Bread
*Loaf
13. Your Favorite Donut
*6 On a Plate
14. Ginger Bread
*Loaf, *8"x8" 9"x9" 8" Round ONLY
15. Nut Bread
*Loaf
16. Banana Bread
*Loaf
17. Crumb Top Coffee Cake
*8"x8" 9"x9" 8" Round ONLY
18. Biscuits
*Your Favorite
*6 On a Plate *Include Name
19. Muffins
*Any Variety
*6 On a Plate *Include Name
20. Zucchini Bread
*Loaf
21. Cornbread
*Cut into 6 Pieces on a Paper Plate
22. Dried Homemade Noodles
*Store in Zip Lock Bag

Best of Show Yeast Product

Best of Show Quick Bread

Division 6 – Cookie

- Cookies must be in place in the Art Hall by 10:30am on Thursday July 30th.
- Adult Cookies – Six Cookies on a paper plate in zip lock bags.
- Judging will begin @ 11:00am on Thursday, July 30th.

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Premiums for Cookie Classes

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

Sr. Fair Board Cookie Jar:

1st \$8.00 2nd \$5.00 3rd \$3.00

Men's Bake Off:

1st \$15.00 & Rosette 2nd \$10.00

Best Of Show Cookie will Receive Rosette & \$5.00

Adult Cookie Classes:

1. Chocolate Chip Cookies
2. Ginger Cookies
3. Oatmeal Cookies
4. Peanut Butter Cookies
5. Refrigerator Cookies
6. Brownies
7. Sugar Cookies
8. Snicker doodles
9. Bar Cookies
 - *Any Variety *List Name & Ingredients
10. Best Diabetic/Gluten Free Brownie
 - *List Name & Ingredients
11. Best Diabetic/Gluten Free Cookie
 - *List Name & Ingredients
12. Your Favorite Cookie
 - *List Name & Ingredients
13. Senior Fair Board Cookie Jar Contest
 - *Cookie Jar Must Include 6 each of 5 Variety of Cookies
 - *Each Variety of six cookies should be in a zip lock bag
 - *Cookies will not be returned after Judging
14. Men's Bake-Off Contest
 - *Each Male Contestant will enter 3 Items
 - *A plate of 6 of his favorite cookies, cake & pie
 - * Pie must have homemade crust
 - **Each Item must be named. Judging will be based on quality, flavor & appearance of each item.
 - ***Using a point system, the total high points will determine the winner.

Division 7 – Jelly, Preserve & Jam

- Jams, Jellies and Preserves must be in place in the Art Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25th.
- Entries must be in clean, proper canning jars with rings on the lids. The exhibitor must have prepared the entry within the year 2025-2026 and never before exhibited.
- All jars may be opened by the judge. Jars with rusted lids will not be judged. Each jar must be neatly labeled and edible in the judge's opinion.

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- Must be in canning jelly jars and processed
- Preserves contain whole or large pieces of fruit
- Jam Jar – Jams are crushed or chopped fruit
- Judging will begin on Sunday, July 26th, following completion of the candy judging.

Premiums for Jams, Jellies and Preserves Classes

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

Best of Show Exhibitor will be Chosen from Divisions 7,8 & 9

****Winner will Receive a Rosette & \$10.00****

Jelly Classes:

1. Apple Jelly
2. Blackberry Jelly
3. Crab Apple Jelly
4. Grape Jelly
5. Raspberry Jelly
6. Preserves Classes:
7. Blackberry Preserves
8. Cherry Preserves
9. Grape Preserves
10. Peach Preserves
11. Plum Preserves
12. Strawberry Preserves
13. Peach Jam
14. Raspberry Preserves
 - *Black or Red
15. Tomato
 - *Red or Green
16. Apple Butter
17. Any Other Butter
 - *Non Dairy
18. Jam Classes:
19. Blackberry Jam
20. Raspberry Jam
 - *Black or Red
21. Strawberry Jam
22. Sugarless Jam
 - *Any Variety * Named
23. Freezer Jam
 - *Any Variety
24. Marmalade
 - *Any Variety
25. Pepper Jelly
 - *Any Color * Mild, Medium or Hot * Please Label
26. Your Favorite Jam or Jelly Not Listed Above
 - * Include Name and Ingredients

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Division 8 – Pickles– Pints or Quarts

- PICKLES MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE Art Hall on Saturday, July 25th between 9:00am and 3:00pm
- Entries may be pints or quarts.
- Judging will be Sunday, July 26th following the completion of judging of preserves, etc.

Premiums for Pickle Classes

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

Best of Show Exhibitor will be chosen from Divisions 8,9 &10

****Winner will Receive a Rosette & \$10.00****

Pints or Quarts Classes:

1. Pickled Beets
2. Pickled Mixed Vegetables
3. Corn Salad or Any Other Vegetable Pickled Salad
4. Zucchini Pickles
5. Bread & Butter Pickles
6. Dill Pickles
7. Green Tomato Pickles
8. Sweet Pickles
9. Any Other Pickles

*Include Name & Ingredients

Best Sauce or Relish Classes:

10. Tomato Sauce
11. Chili Sauce
12. Sweet Relish
13. Sweet Pepper Relish
14. Catchup
15. Salsa
16. Spaghetti Sauce
17. Hot Sauce
18. BBQ Sauce
19. Any Other Relish or Sauce

*Must Include Ingredients

20. Best of Show –Pickles/Sauce/Relish

Division 9 – Fruit & Vegetable

- Fruits and Vegetables **MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE** Art Hall on Saturday, July 25th between 9:00am and 3:00pm
- Best canned pints or quarts, one variety of fruit or vegetable per jar, except as noted.
- Judging will be Sunday, July 26th following the completion of judging of preserves, etc.

Premiums for Fruit & Vegetable Classes

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

Best of Show Exhibitor will be Chosen from Divisions 8,9 &10

****Winner will Receive a Rosette & \$10.00****

Fruit & Vegetable Classes:

1. Apples
2. Apple Sauce
3. Blackberries
4. Pears
5. Peaches
6. Black or Red Raspberries
7. Green Beans
8. Lima Beans
9. Beets
 - *Not Pickled
10. Carrots
11. Corn
12. Peas
13. Tomatoes
14. Mixed Vegetables
15. Canned Sauerkraut
16. Squash
 - *Any Variety
17. Okra
18. Mushrooms
19. Dried Vegetables
 - *Any Variety-IN Jar
 - *Does Not have to be Sealed
20. Dried Fruit
 - *Any Variety-IN Jar
 - *Does Not have to be Sealed

Department 011J Culinary Jr Baked Goods

Division 001 – Juniors: Boys & Girls 16 Years and Younger

- Baked goods must be in place in the Art Hall by 10:30am on Friday, July 31st.
 - All baked goods must be out of the baking pans and displayed on either a foil-covered board or a paper plate and covered with plastic wrap or in a zip lock bag.
 - Do not leave Tupperware containers.
 - Premiums will not be available until after conclusion of fair.
 - Judging will begin @ 11:00am On Friday, July 31st
- Premiums for Junior Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00
Best Of Show Junior will Receive Rosette & \$5.00

Junior Classes:

1. Chocolate Cake
*Iced
2. Yellow Cake
*Iced
3. Plate of 6 of Your Favorite Cupcakes
*Iced & Named (Specify Type)
4. Plate of 6 of Your Favorite Biscuits
*Named (Specify Type)
5. Plate of Your Favorite Muffins
*Named (Specify Type)
6. Plate of 6 Plain Chocolate Chip Cookies
7. Plate of 6 Peanut Butter Cookies
8. Plate of 6 Snicker doodle Cookies
9. Plate of 6 Plain Brownies
*Not Iced

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Rules and Regulations:

- The First Place winner of each class in Section 3 (Cakes) and the first place winner of each class in Sections 4 (Pies) will be asked to donate the winning cake or pie to be auctioned off.
- If the First place winner declines, the second place winner will be asked to donate his or her pie or cake.
- The Pie and cake auction is optional for winning exhibitors.
- The exhibitor must mark the entry ticket of each pie or cake "yes or no" to indicate that he or she would be willing to participate should he or she be a winner.
 - An exhibitor will not be allowed to auction more than 3 entries, unless there is a category with no contribution for auction.
- Fair Board is not responsible for notifying winners.
- Proceeds from the Auction will be divided 50% to the exhibitor and 50% to the Fair Board for use in improvements in the Art Hall.

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Department 012– Grange

-Member In Charge- Gary Gerber

Phil & Bev Foutz County Deputies in Charge
For Best Grange Display of Butler County

Rules Governing This Department: Please Read All Rules Carefully

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- B. **All exhibits must be in place by 6:00 P.M., Saturday, July 25th 2026.**
- C. ***ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.***
- D. Displays are limited to subordinate granges of Butler County.
- E. No materials attached to ceiling.

Division 1– Best Grange Display

NOTICE:

- Exhibits will be released Sunday, August 2nd @ 10:00am-12:30pm.
- The purchase of any products is forbidden. These must be grown by grangers.
- Floor covering may be of natural materials, such as alfalfa, etc. Or can be made of man made materials.
- Bible must be displayed closed.
- Flag is to be displayed in all booths and to be to the left of the booth as you face it.

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Pine Ridge Partners

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- Ribbons, or anything won by the grange, may be displayed.
- Achievements must be for the past year and Goals must be for the coming year.
- Achievements and Goals will not be judged on the basis of what they were, but that each grange had Goals and Achievements and may be displayed anywhere in the booth.
- Permitted to change flowers - or water deteriorating products,
- Replace as needed.

2026 Score Card for Fair Display: Total 100 PTS.

****Label Only State and National Contest Entries****

- BUTLER COUNTY GRANGES THEME (use any theme)
- Theme should tell grange story 30pts
- GRANGE ACHIEVEMENTS (Past year: July 2025-July 2026) 10 pts.
- GRANGE GOALS (Coming year: July 2026-July 2027) 10pts.
- GENERAL APPEARANCE 30 pts.
- MATERIAL USED (To be judged on quality instead of quantity) 20 pts.
 - * Grain-threshed or sheaf
 - * Corn-3 varieties-ears & shelled or stalks
 - * Grass seed-3 varieties of grass
 - * Baked goods- 3 varieties
 - * Fresh fruits and vegetables
 - * State Baking Contest
 - * Flowers- fresh cut or potted
 - * Needlework- Sewing contests plus additional needlework and crafts to make nice display
 - * Plants- all home grown

The Blakley Family-

In Memory of Juanita & Gene Blakley

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Michael & Douglas Bolton Family-
In Memory of Tom Bolton

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BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

GLADWIN COUNTY FAIR

Department 13 - Flower Show**Member In Charge-Gary Gerber****Mrs. Richard Roemer - Superintendent****Mrs. Marguerite Plasman - Asst. Superintendent**

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Rules Governing This Department:**Please Read All Rules Carefully**

A. Entries for Art Hall are open July 8th - 18th online and in office. Entries close and must be into the Senior Fair Board Office by 3pm. On Saturday July 18th 2026. If entries are mailed, you may check with the fair board office at 513.892.1423 to see if they have been received before the deadline. We are not responsible for delay or loss of mailed entries.

NO Late Entries Accepted.

B. Open Class exhibitors must purchase a Society Membership, 4-Day Pass or 7-Day Pass. This pass gives you 50 entries for the Art Hall. Once 50 entries are made the cost is .50¢ per entry. Except for Junior or Children's Classes.

C. **ENTRY FEES: ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.** If participant qualifies by age, to enter Jr./Child Division Classes and is not a FFA, 4-H, or Cloverbud member, there is a \$5.00 entry fee. (This fee does not include gate admission. \$5.00/day for 12 and under, or \$5.00 for a wristband for the whole week.) If this Jr./child enters any Sr./adult classes, they must purchase a 4-day or 7-day pass instead.

D. **Exhibitors may enter as many classes as desired, but may make only one entry in each class or subdivision.**

E. **Garden clubs may enter only under Garden Club name, not an individual.**

F. All horticulture specimens must be grown by the exhibitor. All houseplants must have been owned by exhibitor for at least 2 months.

G. Houseplants having received 1st Place in the previous year cannot be entered the following year.

H. **All specimens should be clean and free of spray materials, disease and insects.**

I. All cut specimens must be displayed in CLEAR, NON-COLORED GLASS containers

of suitable size. (Entries displayed in paper cups, cans, etc. Will not be judged.) Entries should be tagged before bringing to fair.

- J. On horticulture entries, leaves and/or thorns below the waterline should be removed.
- K. Waxed paper, soft foam or other suitable material may be used for support of horticulture specimens in their containers.
- L. Entries should include name of specimen, if known, for educational purposes. (More consideration, when judging, will be given to a groomed specimen, correctly named, labeled and attractively staged.)
- M. Plant material used in artistic arrangements can be obtained from any source. Plant material used in artistic arrangements should be listed on a 3x5 card. No artificial plant material is permitted.
- N. The standard form of judging will be used and will be done by accredited judges of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs.
- O. All articles will be released on Sunday, August 2nd, 2026 between 10:00am & 12:30pm. Unclaimed articles will be considered abandoned and may be disposed of as the Butler County Agricultural Society sees fit.

Division 1- House Plant**NOTICE:**

- Houseplant entries must be in place Saturday, July 25th between 9:00 and 11:00 am.
- These entries will remain for the duration of the fair. They will be released Sunday, August 2nd, 2026 between 10:00am. - 12:30pm.
- The owner may groom their plant Monday, July 27th between 9:00am. And 10:00am
- Judging will begin on Monday, July 27th after Garden Clubs.

Premiums for House Plants Classes

1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00 4th \$1.00

Best of Show House Plant Rosette & \$10.00

House Plant Classes:

1. African Violets
2. African Violet-Single Crown-Single Bloom
3. African Violet-Single Crown-Double Bloom
4. Miniature-Single or Double

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Begonia

5. Single
6. Double
7. Beefsteak
8. Rex
9. Wax

Geraniums

10. Geranium In Bloom
11. Scented Geranium

Fern

12. Boston Fern
13. Asparagus Fern
14. Any Other Variety-Named

Any Other– Single Plant Only

15. Any Other Flowering Plant-9" Pot and Under
16. Any Other Flowering Plant-10" Pot and Over
17. Any Other Foliage-9" Pot and Under
18. Any Other Foliage-10" Pot and Over
19. Dish Garden-Variety of Plants Excluding
Cacti & Succulents

Hanging Baskets

20. Vining Geranium
21. Hanging Begonia
22. Ivy-Any Variety
23. Any Other Hanging Basket Grown for Foliage
24. Any Other Hanging Basket Grown for Bloom

Cactus and/or Succulent

25. Cactus
26. Succulents (only)
27. Hens & Chickens (only)
28. Dish Garden-Cactus and/or Succulents

Herbs-Container Grown

*Should be Potted and Identified

29. Oregano
30. Chives
31. Rosemary
32. Sage
33. Tarragon
34. Thyme-English
35. Basil
36. Marjoram-Sweet
37. Parsley
38. Savory-Summer

Division 2– Patio Planters

NOTICE:

- Patio Planters must be in place on Saturday July 25th between 9:00am - 11:00am.
- Must Remain for the Duration of the Fair.

- Patio Planters may be up to 18" overall in size
- Patio Planter must be container grown by exhibitor for 2 months prior to fair
- Label plants included in planter on a 3x5 card
- Judging on Mon July 27th After Garden Clubs.

Premiums for Patio Planters Classes

1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00 4th \$1.00

Patio Planter Classes:

1. Patio Planter

Division 3– Garden Club

NOTICE:

- Entries must be placed between 9:00 am & 12:00 pm Monday, July 27th
- Members may place their arrangements in a designated place.
- Judging will be Monday July 27th @ 12:00pm
- Entries will be released Sunday, August 2nd between 10:00am and 12:30pm

- For Garden Clubs Only

Premiums for Garden Club Classes

1st \$20.00 2nd \$15.00 3rd \$10.00

****\$25.00 Will be given to each Garden Club Entering****

**Best of Show Rosette

Garden Club Classes:

1. Most Artistic Exhibit By a Senior Garden Club
- **Eight Arrangements per Club

Division 4– Horticulture

NOTICE:

- Open To All
- Entries must be placed between 9:00 & 11:00am Mon. July 27th and will remain for the duration of the fair.
- Judging will begin Monday July 27th @ Noon
- Entries will be released August 2nd, 2025 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Premiums for Horticulture Classes

1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00 4th \$1.00

**Best of Show Horticulture Rosette & \$10.00

Horticulture Classes:

1. Roses - Hybrid Tea
 - * Dis-budded *1 Bloom
 - *Name Variety if Known
 - *All Foliage Remaining
2. White or Near White
3. Yellow or Yellow Blend
4. Pink or Pink Blend
5. Red or Red Blend
6. Lavender
7. Orange Or Orange Blend



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Roses - Floribunda and Polyantha

*Spray *Not Dis-budded *Foliage Remaining *Named

- 8. White or Near White
- 9. Yellow or Yellow Blend
- 10. Pink or Pink Blend
- 11. Red or Red Blend
- 12. Lavender
- 13. Orange or Orange Blend

Grandiflora

*1 Bloom *Foliage Remaining *Named

- 14. Red or Red Blends
- 15. Yellow or Yellow Blends
- 16. Pink or Pink Blends
- 17. White
- 18. Orange/Coral
- 19. Any Other Variety

Mini Roses

- 20. Any Variety, Any Color-1 bloom
- 21. Any Variety, Any Color –1 spray
- 22. Roses-Full Blown
- 23. Any Variety; One Stem; One Bloom

Celosia

- 24. Plumed Type-Not Dis-budded
- 25. Crested Type-Not Dis-budded

Any Other

- 26. Any Other Annual Not Listed
- 27. Any Other Perennial Not Listed

Dahlias

*1 Bloom *Dis-budded *All Foliage Attached

- 28. Large-6” & Over
- 29. Medium-4-5”
- 30. Small-Under 4”

Gloriosa Daisy

- 31. Any Variety

Marigolds

*1 Bloom *Dis-budded *All Foliage Attached

- 32. Large Orange-3” & Over
- 33. Medium Orange-Under 3”
- 34. Large Yellow-3” & Over
- 35. Medium Yellow-Under 3”
- 36. Collection of 3-Same Variety

Marigolds

*Small Flowered *NOT Dis-budded

- 37. Single
- 38. Collection of 3-Same Variety

Hemerocallis

- 39. Red
- 40. Yellow

- 41. Orange
- 42. Melon
- 43. Any Other Color
- 44. Double-Any Color

Lilium.Lilies

- 45. Tiger Lily
- 46. Asiatic Lily
- 47. Oriental Lily
- 48. Trumpet lily
- 49. Magic Lily

Gladiolus

*1 Spike *All Foliage Attached

- 50. White-With or Without
- 51. Cream or Yellow
- 52. Orange or Buff
- 53. Red or Scarlet
- 54. Rose
- 55. Pink
- 56. Lavender/Purple
- 57. Smokies-Tan or Brown
- 58. Salmon
- 59. Green
- 60. Violet (Blue)
- 61. Collection of 3-Same or Different Varieties

Miniature Gladiolus

- 62. Miniature 1 Spike-Any Other
- 63. Miniature Collection-3 Spikes-Same or Different Variety

Snapdragons

*1 Spike *All Foliage Attached *Medium

- 64. Height-12”
- 65. White
- 66. Pink or Pink Blend
- 67. Yellow or Yellow Blend
- 68. Red
- 69. Orange
- 70. Lavender

Zinnia

*1 Bloom *Dis-budded *All Foliage Attached

- *Giant Cactus Flowered-4 1/2 & Over
- 71. Pink
- 72. Orange
- 73. Red
- 74. Yellow
- 75. White
- 76. Any Other

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Zinnia

*Medium Cactus Flowered-21/2" to 41/2"

77. Pink

78. Orange

79. Red

80. Yellow

81. White

82. Any Other

Giant Flowered Zinnia 4.5" & Over

83. Pink

84. Orange

85. Red

86. Yellow

87. White

88. Any Other

Medium Flowered Zinnia

*2.5" to 4.5"

89. Pink

90. Orange

91. Red

92. Yellow

93. White

94. Any Other

Small Flowered Zinnia

95. Button

96. Lilliput or Pompom

97. Any Other

98. 3 Stems-All Same Color-Same Variety -
Blooms 21/2 & Under

99. 3 Stems-Each a Different Color or Variety -
Blooms 21/2 & Under

Division 5 – Jr. Horticulture

Notice:

- Ages 12 & Under
- Entries must be placed between 9:00am - 11:00am Monday, July 27th, 2026
- Judging will begin on Monday July 27th After Garden Clubs.
- Release Sunday August 2nd

Premiums for Jr. Horticulture Classes

1st-\$4.00 2nd-\$3.00 3rd-\$2.00 4th-\$1.00

Best of Show Jr. Horticulture Rosette & \$5.00

Jr. Horticulture Classes:

Zinnia-Any Variety-One Bloom

Marigold-One Bloom

Petunia– 1 Stem Only-Foliage Attached

Any Other Annual or Perennial not listed above

Cactus-Any Variety

Dish Garden

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Division 6 – Artistic Designs Senior

"State in Floral Design"

NOTE TIME CHANGE

- Entries must be in place on Wednesday July 29th between 9:00am & 12:00pm
- Entries in this Division are open to all amateur gardeners
- Plant material used should be listed on a 3x5 card
- Plant material used in artistic arrangements need not be grown by the exhibitor
- Painted or dyed dry plant material is permitted
- Judging begins @ Noon on Wednesday July 29th
- Entries are to be removed on Sunday August 2nd between 10:00am-12:30pm

Premiums for Artistic Design Classes

Best Of Show Senior Artistic Design Rosette & \$10.00

1st \$15.00 2nd \$10.00 3rd \$5.00

Sr. Artistic Show Classes:

As We Celebrate 250 Years of America, Here Are Some States That Helped Shape Our Country

"States in Floral Designs"

1. New York - In The Vertical Manner
2. California - Own Design
3. Ohio - A Mass Arrangement Featuring Red, White & Blue Flowers
4. Kentucky - Own Design
5. Maine - An All Foliage Design
6. Texas - A Dry Arrangement
7. Florida - Incorporate Water in Design
8. South Dakota - Incorporate a Rock or Rocks in the Design

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- E. (Any other) classes are for those items that do not fit the categories listed.
- F. Exhibitor cannot furnish own competition. Only one item per class.
- G. No group or club entries. Must be individual entries. Item must be entered under name of individual who made it
- H. Items having received first place in previous years cannot be entered again.
- I. Tags for entries may be picked up at the Senior Fair Board Office beginning on Tues., July 21st 2026.
- J. All articles must be tagged and brought to the Art Hall on Friday, July 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for display. No items will be taken on Saturday, July 25th.
- K. Items must be displayed in area assigned by superintendent. No dress forms or mannequins allowed.
- L. Articles must be clean and neat and odor free.
- M. The superintendents have the right to reject any item that doesn't meet the above requirements or is judged unfit for display.
- N. All wall hanging categories must be fixed for hanging.
- O. All entries must have named covered before entry.
- P. The best possible care will be taken of all items, but the Society will not be held responsible for loss or damage to articles on exhibition.
- Q. All articles will be placed and taken down by the superintendents or assistants. No article may be removed from hall until released by superintendent
- R. The decision of the judge is final.
- S. Items can be picked up Sunday, August 2nd 10:00am-12:30 p.m. After the deadline, unclaimed articles will be considered abandoned and may be disposed of as the Butler County Agricultural Society sees fit.

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- Judging Times:**
- Quilt & Afghan - Saturday July 25th @ 9:15am
- Sewing, Christmas, Toys & Wreaths -Sunday July 26th @ 1:30pm
- All Other Items- Monday July 27th @ 9:00am

Division 1– Quilts And/Or Bed Coverings**NOTICE:**

- Entries in Classes 1-17 Must be quilted
- Entries in Classes 1-6 Must be at least 60"x80"
- Entries in Class 17 must be 24"x24" or smaller
- Entries in **ALL CLASSES** must have names covered.

Judging will begin on Saturday July 25th @ 9:15am

Premiums for Quilts and/or Bed Coverings Classes

1st \$6.00 2nd \$5.00 3rd \$4.00 4th \$3.00

****Best of Show Quilt Rosette & \$10.00****

Quilts and/or Bed Covering Classes:

1. Applique Quilt
2. Pieced Quilt (quilted by exhibitor)
3. Pieced Quilt (quilted by professional)
4. Embroidered Quilt (machine)
5. Hand Embroidered Quilt
6. Machine Quilted Quilt (quilted by exhibitor)
7. Hand Quilted Quilt (any size)
8. Mixed Media (any size)
9. Applique Baby Quilt
10. Embroidered Baby Quilt
11. Pieced Baby Quilt
12. Small Pieced Quilt (quilted by exhibitor)
13. Small Pieced Quilt (quilted by professional)
14. Small Quilt Applique
15. Small Quilt Embroidered (by machine)
16. Small Quilt Embroidered (by hand)
17. Miniature Quilt
18. Crochet Bed Spread
19. Hand Made Bed Spread (not quilted)

Division 2– Crochet**NOTICE:**

- Judging will begin on Monday July 27th @ 9:15am

Premiums for Crochet Classes

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

****Best of Show Crochet Rosette & \$10.00****

Crochet Classes:

1. Hat
2. Neck Scarf
3. Hat & Scarf set
4. Tablecloth
5. Slippers
6. Baby Dress
7. Baby Shawl/Shawl
8. Vest
9. Doily

10. Sweater
11. Collar
12. Baby Set
13. Booties
14. Any Other

Division 3– Afghan**NOTICE:**

- Judging will begin on Saturday July 25th @ 9:15am

Premiums for Afghan Classes

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

****Best of Show Afghan Rosette & \$10.00****

Afghan Classes:

1. Crochet
2. Lap Robe
3. Ripple
4. Granny Square
5. Shell Stitch
6. Knitted
7. Baby Crochet
8. Baby Knitted
9. Afghan Stitch
10. Any Other

Division 4 – Knitted Articles**NOTICE:**

- Judging will begin on Monday July 27th @ 9:15am

Premiums for Other Knitted Article Classes

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

****Best of Show Knitted Article Rosette & \$10.00****

Knitted Article Classes:

1. Shawl
2. Vest
3. Hat
4. House slippers
5. Mittens/Gloves
6. Baby Set
7. Baby Dress
8. Scarf
9. Socks
10. Sweaters
11. Felting
12. Hand spun
13. Any Other

Division 5 – Material/Yarn Craft**NOTICE:**

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- Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Material/Yarn Craft Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
****Best of Show Embroidery Rosette & \$10.00****

Material/Yarn Craft Classes:

1. Macramé
2. Rug
3. Pin Cushion
4. Hand Embroidery
5. Felting
6. Any Other

Division 6 – Christmas

NOTICE:

- Judging will begin on Sunday July 26th @ 1:30pm
- Premiums for Christmas Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
****Best of Show Christmas Rosette & \$10.00****

Christmas Classes:

1. Wall Hanging
2. Santa Claus
3. Gift Wrap
4. Ornament
5. Table Centerpiece
6. Wreath
7. Door Decoration
8. Tree Skirt
9. Stockings
10. Angel
11. Snow Man
12. Any Other

Division 7 – Crafts

NOTICE:

- Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Craft Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Craft Classes:

1. Jewelry one piece
2. Jewelry (set)
3. Refrigerator Magnet
4. Stain Glass
5. Paper Crafts
6. Silk Flower Arrangement
7. Dried Flower Arrangement
8. Ceramic
9. Leather Crafts
10. Any Other

Division 8 – Counted Cross Stitch

NOTICE:

- Size Based on Cross Stitch Area
 - Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Counted Cross Stitch Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
****Best of Show Counted Cross Stitch Rosette & \$10.00****

Counted Cross Stitch Classes:

1. Small 5x7 up to 8"x10"
2. Medium 8x10 up to 16"x16"
3. Large 16x16 or larger
4. Miniature
5. Sampler
6. Any Other (Non Picture)

Division 9 – Basket

NOTICE:

- Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Basket Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Basket Classes:

1. Woven (woven by exhibitor)
2. Material Covered
3. Lined
4. Decorated
5. Any Other

Division 10 – Wreath

NOTICE:

- Judging will be on Sunday Afternoon
- Premiums for Wreath Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Wreath Classes:

1. Grapevine
2. Fabric
3. Straw
4. Holiday, except Christmas
5. Any Other

Division 11 – Wall Hanging

NOTICE:

- Please ensure item is ready to hang
 - Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Wall Hanging Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
****Best of Show Wall Hanging Rosette & \$10.00****

Wall Hanging Classes:

1. Crewel
2. Quilted (Under 30")
3. Quilted (Over 30")
4. Embroidery
5. Diamond Art
6. Any Other

Division 12 – Toy Classes**NOTICE:**

- Judging will be on Sunday
- Premiums for Toy Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Toy Classes:

1. Stuffed Animal (Small)
2. Stuffed Animal (Large, over 12")
3. Stuffed Doll (Small)
4. Stuffed Doll (Large, Over 12")
5. Material Dressed Doll
6. Crochet Dressed Doll
7. Novelty (Toy)

Division 13 – Table Decorations**NOTICE:**

- One Centerpiece and Two Favors
 - Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Table Decoration Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Table Decoration Classes:

1. Thanksgiving or Halloween
2. Wedding or Anniversary
3. Baby
4. Birthday
5. Any Other (except Christmas)

Division 14 – Pillows**NOTICE:**

- Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Pillow Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Pillow Classes:

1. Counted Cross Stitch
2. Needlepoint
3. Crochet
4. Quilt Pattern
5. Embroidery
6. Applique
7. Any Other

Division 15 – Table Runner or Topper**NOTICE:**

- Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Table Runner or Topper Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Table Runner or Topper Classes:

1. Embroidery
2. Crochet
3. Quilted
4. Holiday
5. Any Other

Division 16 – Machine Clothing**NOTICE:**

- Judging will be on Sunday Afternoon
- Premiums for Machine Clothing Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
Best of Show Machine Sewed Clothing Rosette & \$10.00

Machine Clothing Classes:**CHILDREN**

1. Dress
2. Skirt
3. Blouse/Shirt
4. Slacks (girl's or boy's)
5. Jacket (girl's or boy's)
6. Sleepwear (girl's or boy's)
7. Sportswear (girl's or boy's)
8. Costume

ADULT

9. Casual Dress
10. Formal/Dinner Dress
11. Blouse/Men's Shirt
12. Skirt
13. Sportswear (women's or men's)
14. Slacks (women's or men's)
15. Housecoat/Robe
16. Women's/Men's Sleepwear
17. Adult Jacket
18. Vest
19. Coat
20. Suit
21. Costume

Division 17 – Gift Wrapping**NOTICE:**

- Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Gift Wrapping Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Gift Wrapping Classes:

1. Baby
2. Birthday
3. Wedding/Anniversary
4. Other

Division 18 – Decorative Clothing**NOTICE:**

- Judging will be on Sunday Afternoon
- Premiums for Decorative Clothing Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Decorative Clothing Classes:

1. Sweatshirt
2. T-Shirt
3. Any Other

Division 19 – Machine Sewed Item**NOTICE:**

- Judging will be on Sunday Afternoon
- Premiums for Machine Sewed Item Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Machine Sewed Item Classes:

1. Apron
2. Place mat
3. Pot Holder
4. Carry-All
5. Pillow
6. Doll or Goose Clothes
7. Purse
8. Baby Outfit (12 months and under)
9. Machine Embroidery
10. Any Other

Division 20 – Recycled Old Items Into New**NOTICE:**

- Item must have a different function from its original purpose.
 - Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Recycled Old Items Into New Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Recycled Old Items Into New Classes:

1. Clothing
2. Household
3. Needlework/Sewing
4. Crafts
5. Any Other

Division 21 – Wood/Metal Craft**NOTICE:**

- No Items Over 5ftx5ft
 - No Items Over 50 Pounds
 - Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Wood/Metal Craft Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
Best of Show Wood/Metal Craft Rosette & \$10.00

Wood/Metal Craft Classes:

1. Wood Carving
2. Wall Hanging
3. Wooden Toy
4. Wood Burning
5. Home and Lawn Decoration
6. Small Furniture (Refurnished)
7. Metal Work (Under 30")
8. Any Other

Division 22 – Junior Craft**NOTICE:**

- Ages 12 & Under
 - Judging will be on Monday
- Premiums for Junior Craft Classes
1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00
****Best of Show Junior Craft/Lego Rosette & \$10.00****

Junior Craft Classes:

1. Needlework/Sewing
2. Stuffed Toy
3. Model (Except Lego)
4. Stain Glass
5. Pillow
6. Jewelry (one piece)
7. Jewelry (set)
8. Recycled old item into new
9. Wood/Metal
10. Any Other

Division 23 – Legos

NOTICE:

- Ages 12 & Under
- Entries should be displayed on firm platform for classes 1-2 and 4-5
- Judging will be on Monday

Premiums for Lego Classes

1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

Lego Classes:

1. Star Wars (Under 20" Wide)
2. Scenery set (Under 20" Wide)
3. Creatures (Under 12" Wide)
4. Scenery Original Design (small – under 12" Wide)
5. Scenery Original Design (large – under 20" Wide)
6. Super Heroes

Division 24 – Embracing Disabilities

NOTICE:

- Developmental Or Physical
- Judging will be on Monday

Premiums for Overcoming Disabilities Classes

1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00 4th \$1.00

Embracing Disabilities Classes:

1. Yarn work (crochet, needlework) Weaving
2. Ceramics
3. Painting & Drawing
4. Crafts
5. Jewelry

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Section: 5
Class: 7
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Okemah, OH

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Sonia Lightfield-Superintendent

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Rules Governing This Department:

Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Entries for Art Hall are open July 8th - 18th online and in office. Entries close and must be into the Senior Fair Board Office by 3pm. On Saturday July 18th, 2026. If entries are mailed, you may check with the fair board office at 513.892.1423 to see if they have been received before the deadline. We are not responsible for delay or loss of mailed entries. Open Class exhibitors must purchase a Society Membership, 4-Day Pass or 7-Day Pass. This pass gives you 50 entries for the Art Hall. Once 50 entries are made the cost is .50¢ per entry. Except for Junior or Children's Classes. NO Late Entries Accepted.
- B. **ENTRY FEES: ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.** If participant qualifies by age, to enter Jr./Child Division Classes and is not a FFA, 4-H, or Cloverbud member, there is a \$5.00 entry fee. (This fee does not include gate admission. \$5.00/day for 12 and under, or \$5.00 for a wristband for the whole week.) If this Jr./child enters any Sr./adult classes, they must purchase a 4-day or 7-day pass instead.
- C. Entry tag must accompany picture. Tags for all entries may be picked up at the Fair Office beginning on Tuesday, July 21st 2026.
- D. Only one entry per class per exhibitor.
- E. All work must be original work of exhibitor – no kits, no Xerox type reproductions or color copies. No group or club entries.
- F. All entries must be made under an individual's name – no group, club, family, farm, etc. Entries.
- G. All entries must be of good taste and non-offensive to any person viewing them.
- H. Entries previously exhibited may not be entered again.
- I. All entries are hung on pegboard pegs and

must have a suitable hanger. We are not responsible for damages that occur from faulty hangers. Children's items may be in clear sleeves and hung from clips on pegboard.

- J. Exhibits must be brought to the Art Hall on Friday, July 24th between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. with tag taped to top right corner of work. There will be a \$20 late fee due to the Fair Office, for any entries arriving after 3pm on Friday July 24th. Articles can be picked up on Sunday, August 2nd between 10:00am & 12:30pm.
- K. No incomplete or wet work will be accepted
- L. The Senior Fair Board or their representative reserves the right to reject any work which doesn't conform to the rules. All exhibits will be judged in respect to appropriateness for category, visual quality and composition, technical quality and display/presentation of print. Judge may choose not to award premiums in any class where desired quality is not exhibited. The exhibitor assumes responsibility for any loss or damage due to fire, theft or other causes.
- M. No articles are to be removed early.
- N. Unclaimed articles will be considered abandoned and may be disposed of as the Butler County Agricultural Society sees fit.

Judging Times:

All Fine Arts Judging will be held Sunday July 26th @ 9:00 am

Division 1 – Adult Painting/Drawing

NOTICE: For Divisions 1-4

- **PAINTINGS:** All entries must have been completed within the past year. **All paintings must be ready to hang or they will not be accepted.** It is suggested that watercolors and pastels be covered with rigid plastic (NO GLASS) for protection from dust, etc. All must be done on traditional medium – not glass, metal, wood, etc.
 - **DRAWINGS:** All entries must have been completed within the past year. May use closed bottom sleeve protectors. All items will be hung.
 - Judging will begin on Sunday July 26th @ 9:00am
- Premiums for Adult Paintings/Drawing Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
Best of Show Adult Painting/Drawing Rosette & \$10.00

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Adult Painting/Drawing Classes:

1. Oil
2. Watercolor
3. Acrylic
4. Pastel
5. Pencil Class
6. Color Pencil Class
7. Ink
8. Mixed Media
9. Charcoal

Division 2 – Senior High Painting/ Drawing

NOTICE:

- Ages 13-18
 - Judging will begin on Sunday July 26th @ 9:00am
- Premiums for Senior High Paintings/Drawing Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
Best of Show Sr. High Painting/Drawing Rosette &
\$10.00

Sr. High Painting/Drawing Classes:

1. Oil
2. Watercolor
3. Acrylic
4. Pastel
5. Lead Pencil
6. Colored Pencil
7. Ink
8. Mixed Media
9. Charcoal

Division 3 – Junior Painting/Drawing

NOTICE:

- Ages 8-12
 - Judging will begin on Sunday July 26th @ 9:00am
- Premiums for Junior Paintings/Drawing Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
Best of Show Junior Painting/Drawing Rosette & \$5.00

Junior Painting/Drawing Classes:

1. Oil
2. Watercolor
3. Acrylic (Tempera)
4. Pastels (chalk)
5. Drawing

Division 4 – Children's Painting/Drawing

NOTICE:

- Ages 7 & Under
- Due to space limitation, Children's Division may be exhibited in another area. All pictures must be mounted

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on poster board no larger than 11"x14".

- Judging will begin on Sunday July 26th @ 9:00am
- Premiums for Junior Paintings/Drawing Classes
1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.00 3rd \$1.00

Best of Show Children's Painting/Drawing Rosette

Children's Painting/Drawing Classes:

1. Watercolor
2. Finger Painting
3. Drawing

Division 5 – Adult Amateur Color Photography

NOTICE: Divisions 1-8

- Print size must be 8"x10" with an 11"x14" mat frame.
 - Mount on cardboard/poster board backing with clear plastic sleeve cover.
 - Tags to be attached prior to drop off with tape in top right corner.
 - NO frames or glass coverings, plastic sleeve ONLY.
 - Prints that are not properly framed WILL NOT be accepted for judging or display.
 - Prints will be hung with clips, not hooks. Plastic sleeve(s) will be available for purchase at the check in table as long as supplies last.
 - DEFINITIONS:
 - Portrait – Planned photograph taken primarily to show identity and character of the included person or persons.
 - Picturesque–Photograph in which subject is a broad view such as landscape, seascape, or cityscape, etc.
 - Animal/Birds – Photography in which primary subject is obviously an animal, bird, or insect.
 - Action – Photograph depicting an obvious action by subject.
 - Nature – A photograph of any natural subject that does not show obvious hand of man.
 - Still Life – Planned and arranged photo of inanimate objects.
 - Miscellaneous – Photo that doesn't fit into any other category.
 - Butler County Scene – Any place in Butler County. Location must be named.
 - The winners of the Butler County Scene in each Division will each receive an individual membership to the Butler County Historical Society and the opportunity to have their winning photograph on display at the Historical Society for the months of September – December 2024 (or any other mutually agreed upon time) compliments of the Butler County Historical Society.
 - Judging will begin on Sunday July 26th @ 9:00am
- Premiums for Adult Amateur Color Photography Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Best of Show Rosette & \$10.00

Adult Amateur Color Photography Classes:

1. Portrait
2. Picturesque

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3. Animal/Bird/Insect
4. Action
5. Nature
6. Still Life
7. Miscellaneous
8. Butler County Scene any place in Butler County.
Location must be named.
9. Butler County Fair

Division 6 – Adult Amateur Black & White Photography

NOTICE:

- Judging will begin on Sunday July 26th @ 9:00am
- Premiums for Black & White Photography Classes
1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
****Best of Show Rosette & \$10.00****

Adult Amateur Black & White Photography Classes:

1. Portrait of Person
2. Picturesque
3. Animal/Bird/Insect
4. Action
5. Nature
6. Still Life
7. Miscellaneous
8. Butler County Scene – any place in Butler County. Location must be named.
9. Butler County Fair

Division 7 – Sr. High Photography

NOTICE:

- Ages 13-18
 - Color or Black and White
 - Judging will begin on Sunday July 26th @ 9:00am
- Premiums for Sr. High Photography Classes
1st \$4.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00 4th \$1.00
****Best of Show Rosette & \$10.00****

Sr. High Photography Classes:

1. Portrait of Person
2. Picturesque
3. Animal/Bird/Insect
4. Nature
5. Butler County Scene – Any place in Butler County. Location must be named.
6. Butler County Fair
7. Action

Division 8 – Junior Photography

NOTICE:

- Ages 8-12
 - Color or Black and White
 - Judging will begin on Sunday July 26th @ 9:00am
- Premiums for Junior Photography Classes

- 1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
****Best of Show Rosette & \$5.00****

Junior Photography Classes:

1. Portrait of Person
2. Picturesque
3. Animal/Bird/Insect
4. Nature
5. Butler County Scene – Any place in Butler County. Location must be named.
6. Butler County Fair
7. Action

Division 9 – Computer Generated/Modified

NOTICE:

- Photo that starts as photograph either digital or traditional film, then is modified, manipulated or enhanced via a computer. The print may be computer generated or from film.
 - Judging will begin on Sunday July 26th @ 9:00am
- Premiums for Computer Generated Classes
Class:1&2 :1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
Class 3: 1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.00 3rd \$1.00
****Best of Show Rosette & \$5.00****

Computer Generated/Modified Classes:

1. Adult (19 & Older)
2. Senior High (13-18)
3. Junior High (8-12)

Division 10 – Scrapbooking

NOTICE:

- Theme – Examples: Vacation, Family, Special Occasion, Historical, School, etc.
 - Neatness and style
 - Quality of photos
 - Artistic design and creativity
 - Journaling – written story lines
 - Must have a minimum of 10 individual pages
- Premiums for Scrapbooking Classes
Class 1 & 2 :1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00
Class 3: 1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.00 3rd \$1.00
****Best of Show Rosette & \$5.00****

Scrapbooking Classes:

1. Adult (19 & Older)
2. Senior High (13-18)
3. Junior (12 & Under)

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Constitution

Article I - Title

The name of this organization shall be the Butler County Junior Fair Board.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the interests of Butler County youth through their exhibits and activities at the Butler County Fair. Whenever possible, activities of the junior exhibitors shall be coordinated for the benefit of the total board. The members and officers of the organization shall cooperate with the Junior Fair Board Advisors and Senior Fair Board in carrying out the activities of the Butler County Fair.

Article III - Membership

Division I

Membership on the Butler County Junior Fair Board shall consist of representatives of 4-H Clubs, FFA, Family Career and Community Leaders of America and other established youth groups as the need arises. Youth organizations desiring membership on the Junior Fair Board shall submit an application to the Junior Far Board. This would be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Junior Fair Board.

Division II

Representation shall be as follows: Total 45 Members:

- 4 Beef Department Members
- 2 Dairy Department Members
- 4 Special Interest Department Members
- 4 Goat Department Members
- 4 FCS Department Members
- 2 Farm Bureau Youth
- 2 Girl Scouts
- 4 Horse Department Members
- 5 Swine Department Members
- 4 Small Animal Department Members
- 4 Sheep Department Members
- 2 Dog Department Members
- 2 FCCLA
- 2 Boy Scouts

This representative will be open to review every year with changes based only on Total enrollment of the participating organizations.

A.) Total Fair participation from within the various organizations

B.) Numbers and types of departments within the Junior Fair Total enrollment of the participating organizations.

Division III

Junior Fair Board members will be selected by a selection committee consisting of no more than 2 representatives from each department. Farm Bureau Youth and Girls Scouts

representatives will be selected by their respective organizations. New members shall be selected at the Sept. meeting.

Division IV

Prospective Jr. Fair Board members must be eligible to exhibit at the Jr. Fair for two more years and be at least 14 years old by September 1st. They must also submit applications to the Junior Fair Board by September 1 of that year.

Division V

Junior Fair Board members will serve a term of 2 years.

Division VI

One-half of the representatives in each department listed in Article III, Division II will be selected each year. Any vacancies may also be filled.

Division VII

Junior Fair Board members may choose superintendents to assist with their duties at the fair.

Article IV - Organization and Meetings

Division I

The Junior Fair Board officers shall be elected at the November meeting as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Community Service and Fundraiser. No members can serve in the same office for more than two consecutive years. President and Vice-President must have served on the Junior Fair Board for one year previously.

Division II

Meetings of the Junior Fair Board may be called by the President of the Junior Fair Board or the advisor. A minimum of 8 meetings shall be held. A 4-day notice shall be given before a meeting is called, unless an extreme emergency exists.

Division III

A vacancy occurring on the board shall be filled immediately, for the unexpired term, by appointment of the Junior Fair Board. It shall be filled by a majority vote of the board members present at the next meeting after the vacancy occurs. Anyone who misses three Junior Fair Board meetings from September 1 through July 31, (excused or unexcused) will be removed from the Junior Fair Board. Member's position will be declared vacant upon the third absence. The Junior Fair Board shall have the right to fill said vacancy until the next Junior Fair Board election for that vacancy.

Division IV

The officers of the Junior Fair Board will constitute the Executive Committee. Should immediate action on issues need to be handled, the Executive Committee, along with the Junior Fair Board in charge of that department, may take action to address the issue

Article V - Duties of Officers

- It shall be the duty of the President at the sessions of the Board to see that the rules of the organization are enforced.
- It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assume the duties of the President in his/her absence, and be in charge of all committees.
- It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of the organization and to receive and conduct correspondence
- It shall be the duty of the Community Service Officer to plan and conduct service projects.
- It shall be the duty of the Fundraiser to plan and conduct fundraisers.

Article VI - Adult Advisors**Division I**

Each department mentioned in Article III, Division II may choose adult advisors at the October meeting with approval of the Senior Fair Board. The adult advisor will serve a term of one year and must follow O.S.U. guidelines regarding volunteer selection process.

Division II

The adult advisors will help plan and assist the Junior Fair Board members as the situation requires.

Division III

Advisors shall serve as Ex-Officio members with no voting privileges.

Article VII - Quorum

A quorum shall consist of 1 over 50% of the Board Members. A quorum must be present for any motion to be voted upon.

Article VII - Amendments

Amendments shall be submitted to the members of the Junior Fair Board in writing at least one week prior to the meeting on which action is taken. A 2/3 vote of the Junior Fair Board must be in force for any amendments added to the Constitution by the members present.

Article VIII - Complaint Procedure

A complaint for an alleged violation of the Junior Fair General Rules, Junior Fair Exhibitor Rules, or any other laws, rules, regulations policies or decisions (here in after "Rule") of the Junior Fair Board, Senior Fair Board, Ohio Department of Agriculture, or State of Ohio may be presented to any Director of the Senior Fair Board or the Fair Manager. The complaint must be in writing; it must clearly state the nature of the alleged Rule violation and the Rule that has been violated; and it must be signed by the party alleging that a Rule violation has occurred. At the time the complaint

is presented, a non- refundable protest fee in the amount of Two Hundred and 00/100 (\$200.00) Dollars shall also be paid to the Senior Fair Board; a Director or the Fair Manager is under no obligation to accept a written complaint without the protest fee first being paid. The written complaint must be presented by 12:00 Noon of the day immediately following the day in which the alleged Rule violation took place. Upon receipt of a complaint as set forth above, the following procedure shall be employed, to-wit:

- A hearing on the alleged Rule violation shall be held by a designated committee consisting of certain Directors of the Fair Board and/or other qualified persons, as appointed by the President of the Fair Board, or a quorum of the Fair Board itself; it shall be held at a date and time to be established at the sole discretion of the Fair Manager or President of the Fair Board.
- At the hearing, the Exhibitor, his/her immediate family, Parents/Guardian, by themselves or through their attorney, or any other interested party may submit his/her evidence or comments on the issue of whether or not a Rule violation has occurred.
- Upon hearing the comments and/or evidence, the designated committee or Fair Board shall decide by majority vote, in its sole discretion, whether or not a Rule violation has occurred.
- The Fair Board shall notify the Exhibitor, his/ her Parents/Guardians and/or immediate family of its decision on whether or not a violation has occurred and the disciplinary action to be taken pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Livestock Exhibitor Agreement.

Butler County Junior Fair General Rules for Participants

1. All Junior Fair members with a project or exhibit in the fair are eligible to receive a Junior Fair Wristband. Only adult advisors recognized by their respective youth organization and provided on an approved list are eligible to receive a Junior Fair advisor's wristband. There will be a \$5.00 fee for the member wristband, payable in cash or check to the club advisor. Only one wristband per eligible member or advisor, who must meet with advisor to have advisor put on wristband.. Wristbands will be for admission into the fairgrounds and for identification. Wristband must be worn at all times. Wristband must stay on for as long as you need admission to the fair. If wristband is cut, taped, stretched, pried or otherwise damaged, it will not be honored at the gate and admission fee will be charged. All replacement wristbands will cost \$20.00. Wristbands will be available from your advisor at a date to be determined by the advisor.

4-H/FFA Advisor

- Member List Due to Extension Office
 - July 1st
 - Payment Due to Extension Office
 - July 1st
 - Advisor Packet- Includes Back Tags and Wristbands
 - Pick Up: July 13th-16th at Extension Office
2. All persons participating in the Junior Fair shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and in particular, the rules, regulations, and policies of the Butler County Agriculture Society. The Butler County Agricultural Society, by and through any director or directors of its Board (also referred to as Senior Fair Board), reserves the right to have any person or property removed from the fairgrounds (including camping and parking areas) for any reason whatsoever and in its sole discretion
 3. Participants in the Butler County Junior Fair must belong to a youth organization described in the Junior Fair Constitution.
 4. The Senior Fair Board and Junior Fair Board in Butler County and their authorized agents shall not be responsible for any person either over or under eighteen(18) years of age on the fairgrounds or in any barns at any time.
 5. Drugs, drug-related substances and alcohol are strictly prohibited upon the fairgrounds (including parking and camping areas). Matters concerning drugs, drug-related substances and/or alcohol, or evidence or suspicion of any type or nature of the same, shall be referred to a director or directors of the Agricultural Society or its duly authorized agents for disposition. Any action to be taken on the matter is within the sole discretion of the Directors of the Agricultural Society, and such actions may include, without limit, the following: Referral of the matter to law enforcement authorities. Notice to parents and/or guardians.
 - Removal from the fairgrounds.
 - Bar from participating in any manner in future fairs.
 - Forfeiture of any awards and/or prize money.
 6. The duplication of projects by 4-H, FFA or FCCLA members is not permitted.
 7. Members must be enrolled in their respective Junior Fair organizations (4-H, FFA, etc.) by April 1 of the current year. Enrollment must include the selection of projects. Members may not change projects after the April 1st deadline. All exhibiting livestock projects must be registered with both the Junior Fair organization (4-H, FFA, etc.) AND the Butler County Senior Fair Office at the Fairgrounds. 4-H enrollment must be completed through v2.4honline.com. If 4-H enrollment is not completed by 11:59p.m. on April 1st of the current year, there will be a late fee of \$50 to complete enrollment in the 4-H program. If April 1st falls on the weekend, enrollment will be accepted on the next business day. To exhibit at the Butler County Fair, late enrollment, with the late fee paid, must be completed by April 15th of the current year. All late fees are payable by check to Butler County 4-H Committee. All late fees must be delivered in-person to the Butler County Extension Office, 1802 Princeton Rd, Suite 400, Hamilton, Ohio, during business hours
 8. Animal enrollments can be made online or in person at the Butler County Senior Fairboard Office. Links and forms are available on the fair's website. Each exhibitor will pay a \$2.00 exhibitor fee regardless of whether entries are made online or in person. If entries are late, a \$75 per entry late fee will be assessed by the Butler County Senior Fair office.
 9. No gambling of whatsoever type and nature including, without limit, card playing for money, shall be allowed or permitted on the fairgrounds.
 10. Vandalism or any other potential criminal activity of any type or sort shall not be tolerated and any such activity shall be referred to proper authorities for prosecution.
 11. If a Junior Fair member is staying in a camper, then, a parent or guardian must be present in the camper during that night.

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12. Once the Exhibitor has entered upon the Fairgrounds and has "checked in" as determined that Department's procedures, said Exhibitor and his/her parents and guardians may only remove the Exhibit from the Fairgrounds prior to the scheduled times with a written release signed by both a Senior Fair Director and the Board President. Said written release shall only be granted upon a valid excuse being given by the Exhibitor as determined by the Senior Fair Director and the Fair Manager in his/her sole discretion. In accordance with General Rules, Senior Fair Board shall determine the penalties for violating this rule which shall include, without limit, expulsion of the Exhibitor, his or her parents, guardians, and other immediate family members from the Fairgrounds in the year of the occurrence or a prohibition from participating in the following year's fair.
13. All Junior Fair members must exhibit their own projects unless they have more than one per class or if they are at the Ohio State Fair showing a Junior Fair project on the same day. In this case the other project must be exhibited by another Butler County Junior Fair member.
14. Junior Fair exhibitors must follow all department and exhibitor rules and guidelines relating to their exhibits.
15. All Jr. Fair Exhibitors must not have passed their 19th birthday by January 1st, of the current year.
16. Dress codes are set by each department. See department Divisions of the fair book for current dress codes.

Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitor Rules

- A. All Junior Fair members must comply with all rules and regulations dealing with exhibitors and all terms and conditions of the Livestock Exhibitor Agreement and Drug Use Notification Form.
- B. Junior Fair Exhibitors will be permitted to show their exhibits in the open classes, provided entries are properly filed with the Senior Fair Office, prior to 3:00 P.M. Saturday, June 28th.
- C. Equipment for feeding and watering livestock must be furnished by Junior Fair members themselves. Each Junior Fair Exhibitor will be expected to care for his/her livestock regularly throughout the fair, keeping pens properly bedded and aisles cleared at all times for visitors.
- D. Health regulations must be met before livestock is allowed onto the fairgrounds.
- E. All livestock entries are to be made on official entry blanks and filed at the Senior Fair Office prior to 3:00 p.m. June 7 or made online by same deadline. Each exhibitor will pay a \$2.00 exhibitor fee regardless of weath-

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- er entries are made online or in person. Entry forms are available in the fair book or online. Late entries will be accepted until June 28th with a \$75 per entry late fee.
- F. All livestock projects must be owned and in possession by Junior Fair exhibitors prior to May 1, of the current year, except for market beef which must be owned and in possession by January 1, and market poultry on June 1. Exhibitors may not change animals after the possession date.
 - G. Market animals cannot be exhibited in a breeding class.
 - H. Straw, mulch and wood shavings or sawdust are the only type of bedding permitted in any of the livestock barns.
 - I. All Junior Fair livestock Exhibits must be in place by 7:00 p.m. Saturday, the day before the fair, except for hogs which must be in place no later than 12:00 p.m.
 - J. Junior Fair livestock exhibits will be released for removal at 7:00 p.m. on the last day of the Fair. Jr. Fair Horses will be released at 2:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair. Sale animals may be released to the packer upon sale of the animal.
 - K. For any animals and/or livestock that are not properly cared for, the Senior Fair Board reserves the right to have the animal and/or exhibitor and/or Junior Fair member removed from the Fairgrounds.
 - L. Market Livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy cows, poultry, and dairy goats) must submit a drug use notification form at the weigh-in on the Saturday before fair (move-in day).
 - M. Members exhibiting beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, rabbit or poultry must attend a Butler County Quality Assurance Program (QA) along with a parent/guardian in order to participate in the Jr. Fair livestock show and sale. The Butler County Agricultural Society will accept any Quality Assurance program which is approved by Ohio State University Extension, in person or online at least 45 days before the Butler County Fair. Exhibitors may attend a Quality Assurance out of county with prior approval from Ohio Extension Office. Contact the Extension office for a list of QA dates .
 - N. All Jr. Fair beef, sheep, goat, swine, and dairy must be groomed by the Exhibitor, members of their immediate family (mother, father, legal guardian, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent), any Jr. Fair participant, or Butler County 4-H or FFA advisor.
 - O. Precautions will be taken to prevent loss or injury to livestock or other exhibits during the Fair. The Junior and/or Senior Fair Board will not be responsible for loss or injury to exhibits.

- P. A violation of the above rules shall be handled by a director or directors of the Senior Fair Board, who in their sole discretion, may dispose of the matter as said director or directors deem appropriate along with any disciplinary actions deemed appropriate. The hearing required for a violation of the Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitor Agreement is not applicable to a violation of these General Rules.
- Q. If you plan to either not exhibit or, due to an emergency, may arrive late, please contact the fairgrounds.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT
For: Market Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats,
Dairy, Rabbits & Poultry

Please Read All Rules Carefully:

This Agreement is entered into between the Butler County Agricultural Society and its Officers and Board of Directors (collectively, hereinafter "Fair Board") and the Exhibitor and his/ her Parents/ Guardians. In consideration of Fair Board allowing Exhibitor to show his/her livestock and small animals at the Butler County Fair, and in consideration of Exhibitor showing livestock at the Butler County Fair, and for the mutual promises contained herein, Fair Board, Exhibitor and Parents/Guardians agree as follows:

1. Fair Board, Exhibitor and Parents/Guardians shall abide by and comply with the laws of the State of Ohio, regulations of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the rules, regulations and decisions of the Fair Board as set forth in the Butler County Fair Program Book, this Agreement or otherwise established by Fair Board decision from time to time. Violations of any of the above, as determined by the Fair Board, in its sole discretion, shall subject Exhibitor, his/ her Parents/Guardians, and his/ her immediate family to disciplinary action as set forth in Paragraph 4 below.
2. Tampering as defined in this paragraph is absolutely and unconditionally prohibited and shall result in disciplinary action as set forth below in Paragraph 4.
 - a. Definition. Tampering is defined to mean any one of the following:
 - misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and/or any other irregularity in showing; or
 - the unethical fitting of livestock which shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dyeing or coloring hair, adding artificial tail heads, 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; or
 - the use of any "unlawful substance" as that term is defined in the regulations of the State of Ohio Department of Agriculture; or
 - engaging in a "prohibited practice" as that term is defined in the regulations set forth in the Ohio Administrative Code for the State of Ohio Department of Agriculture.
3. In the event of an alleged violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or any term of this Agreement, by an Exhibitor, his/her Parents/Guardians and/or assistants, that is initiated by a Director of the Senior Fair Board, unless immediate action is required by any Director of the Senior Fair Board, the following procedure will be used:
 - a. A hearing on the alleged violation shall be held by a designated committee consisting of certain Directors of the Fair Board and/or other qualified persons, as appointed by the President of the Fair Board, or a quorum of the Fair Board itself, at a date and time to

- b. Testing.
 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champions in Beef, Sheep, Swine & Goats shall be tested immediately following show.
 - Exhibitor hereby permits and authorizes examination or testing of his/her livestock, and Fair Board hereby reserves the right to select for testing for any tampering as defined herein, any animal appearing in a livestock show or sale conducted by or under the direction of the Senior Fair Board. The expense of any such examination or testing shall be borne the Senior Fair Board. However, if tampering or a violation(s) of any of the rules and regulations of the Ohio Department of Agriculture or the Fair Board is found to exist, then, Exhibitor and his/ her Parents/Guardians hereby agree to reimburse the Senior Fair Board for the cost of the examination or testing, and shall also be subject to any other disciplinary action as set forth below in Paragraph 4.

- be established at the sole discretion of the President of the Fair Board.
- b. At the hearing, the Exhibitor, his/her immediate family, his/her Parents/Guardians, by themselves or through their attorney, or any other interested party, may submit his/her evidence or comments on the issue of whether or not a violation occurred.
 - c. Upon hearing the comments and/or evidence, the designated committee of Fair Board shall decide by majority vote, in its sole discretion, whether or not a violation has occurred.
 - d. The Senior Fair Board shall notify the Exhibitor, his/her Parents/ Guardians and/or immediate family of its decision on whether or not a violation has occurred and the disciplinary action to be taken pursuant to Paragraph 4.
 - e. In the event an alleged violation of the laws, rules, regulations, or this Agreement is initiated by an Exhibitor, his/her Parents/Guardians, or other interested party through the protest procedure as set forth in the constitution, and rules and regulations of the Butler County Agriculture Society, then, said protest shall follow the procedures set forth in this paragraph.
4. In the event there is a determination that there has been a rules violation pursuant to paragraph 3 above, then the Senior Fair Board, in its sole discretion, may subject the Exhibitor, his or her Parents/Guardians, any immediate family member, or any other person to any and all disciplinary action it deems appropriate, which may include, without limitation, any of the following:
- a. Reimbursement of costs and expenses.
 - b. Disqualification from any exhibition.
 - c. Disqualification of the exhibition livestock from any exhibition or sale.
 - d. Continuing Education
 - e. Public Advertisement
 - f. Probation
 - g. Reprimand
 - h. Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums and proceeds.
 - i. Prohibition from Exhibition
5. All market Animals must be drug residue free on the Saturday weigh-in date of the fair, and remain drug free throughout the remainder of the fair.
6. Swine Department. Slick clipping or body shaving of hair on market hogs, except ears, tails and underlines has created problems in the "dehairing process" at the pack-

- ing plant. If, in the sole discretion of the packer, the carcass is removed from the line and hand scraped, which increases packer costs, Exhibitor and his/her Parents/Guardians shall pay any such additional costs of packer of whatsoever type or nature for "dehairing" due to the hair length. Failure to promptly pay said amounts shall constitute a violation of this Agreement and the rules and regulations of the Senior Fair Board. All pigs will be tattooed at weigh-in to maintain identification through the packing plant.
7. Any exhibitor participating in a championship class may not remove their entry from the championship class except for safety reasons, which must be approved by a Fair Director.
 8. Exhibitor hereby understands and agrees that the Junior Fair Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Swine, Sheep, Market Beef, and Goats must go through the sale and shall be terminal at a place and time designated by the Fair Board.
 9. Exhibitor and his/her Parents/Guardians, for themselves and on behalf of Exhibitor and their immediate family hereby release, acquit and discharge the Senior Fair Board, its officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, successors and assigns (collectively "Released Parties") from and against any and all liabilities, damages, claims, causes of action, losses, demands, costs and expenses of every kind and nature (including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees) arising in any manner out of or in any way connected with their participation in the Butler County Fair, the livestock exhibition, this Agreement, or its enforcement. In addition, Parents/Guardians shall indemnify the Released Parties from any losses, liabilities and damages (including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees) arising in any manner out of or in anyway connected with their participation in the Butler County Fair, the livestock exhibition, this Agreement or its enforcement.
 10. Notwithstanding the procedures set forth in paragraph 3 above, the Senior Fair Board, in its sole discretion, may take whatever actions against any exhibitor, parent, guardian, immediate family member of an exhibitor or any other person that it deems necessary and appropriate to preserve and protect the fairness and integrity of any exhibition and the principles under which the Agricultural Society is founded.

JUNIOR FAIR ORGANIZATIONS

4-H

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age and grade as of January 1 of the current year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is enrolled in Kindergarten and is five years old. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begin when a child is age 8 and in 3rd 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.

NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

Jr. Fair Board Members in Charge: Addison Roller, Addison Asher & Jake Allgeier
Adult Advisor: Anna Moeller Kari Roberts

FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The FFA is a National Organization of young people studying Agricultural Education in public schools. Today, there are over 1,027,273 FFA members, aged 12-21, in 9,325 chapters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, FFA members in grades 5 through 12 and college. Locally, the FFA organization is for students enrolled in Agricultural Education courses in public schools in Butler County. The FFA has become well known as an integral part of the Career & Technical Education in agricultural programs that exist in the American public school system. Organized in November of 1928, it has served to motivate and vitalize the systematic instruction offered to students of Agricultural Education and to provide further training in ideas of leadership, responsibility, and citizenship. FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which gives members the tools to achieve real-world success. Members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.

FFA is an intra-curricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of three components of agricultural education: Classroom Instruction, FFA and Supervised Agricultural Experience (*SAE). The official name of the organization is the National FFA Organization. The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change. The FFA motto consists of only four lines, but these lines are filled with practical philosophy reflecting the spirit and sincerity that shows the true viewpoint of rural youth: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve".

FFA is structured by three levels: local chapter, state association and national. In Ohio over 30,000+ young people are members of 333 chapters. Agricultural education and the FFA have been represented in Butler County from the very beginning of the organization. The satellite programs through Butler Tech consist of: Talawanda, chartered in 1957, Ross, chartered in 1972, Natural Science Center chartered in 1975, Edgewood, chartered in 1981 and Madison chartered in 2025.

Agricultural Education (FFA)-4-H Youth Development Memorandum of Understanding

OVERVIEW: It is important for young people to engage in positive activities that help them develop life skills and best practices. FFA and 4-H youth programs use many successful learning laboratories to enhance youth development. These two youth organizations are strongly committed to continued member participation in such learning laboratories. The following memorandum of understanding is designed to facilitate the working relationships between FFA and 4-H, as well as other collaborators in joint learning activities.

A. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION (FFA) - 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RELATIONSHIP

The persons supervising 4-H and Agricultural Education (FFA) youth work are expected to plan projects and programs which will supplement each other and will provide for the broad development of the individual. Acknowledgments of individual development in both organizations shall be considered in the appraisal of youth accomplishments.

Eligible youth may be members of either 4-H or FFA, or members of both youth organizations. When a youth be-

State and can be found in the Ohio Administrative Code and Ohio Revised Code.

- ii. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY-JUNIOR FAIR RULES are adopted and enforced by the individual county and independent fair boards.
- iii. THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between FFA and 4-H outlines criteria necessary for both organizations to participate in a joint activity. The criteria addressed in this memorandum include educational philosophy, ethics, and community involvement in addition to the leadership our professional personnel will provide for professional development, research, educational design, and idea sharing.

Agricultural Education projects will be showcased in the Jr. Fair Activities Building. To enter a project, see your local FFA advisor for details and deadlines.

FAMILY, CAREER, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA)

Jr. Fair Board Member in Charge: Colin Achterman
 Adult Advisers: Sharon Gregory & Taylor Gregory
 FCCLA is a career technical youth organization for grades 6 through 12 studying Family and Consumer Sciences. It was founded in 1945, and its mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education
 Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

GUIDELINES:

☐ All students who want to enter or exhibit at the Butler County Fair in FCCLA categories must be a member of the Jr. Fair through enrollment with your FCS teacher. Teacher or Student must register with Sharon Gregory by emailing sharongregory179@gmail.com Students may obtain wrist bands for \$5.00 to the fair prior to the fair but is not required to enter. ☐ A list of participants must be sent to Sharon Gregory (sharongregory179@gmail.com) by June 1, 2026, to obtain wrist bands for students and adviser. ☐ There will be three divisions for students to enter in all events: Level 1 (grades 6-8) Level 2 (grades 9-10) Level 3 (grades 11-12) determined based on 2025-26 school year. NEW this year will also be a Senior Citizen (age 50 and above) category

Bake-O-Rama:

Judging Wednesday July 29, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Baking Contest Categories:

- ☐ Decorated Cake
 - ☐ Apple Pie
 - ☐ Cherry Pie
 - ☐ Favorite Candy
 - ☐ Large Decorated Cookie
 - ☐ Favorite Other Dessert
 - ☐ Drop Cookies
 - ☐ Bar Cookies
 - ☐ Decorated Cookies
 - ☐ Bread (quick, yeast or sourdough)
- A. Products need to be in place by 9:45am
 B. Judging results will be given at Noon. Any items left by 12:30pm will be disposed of
 C. Ribbons to be given are 1-5 th place in each category, Judges decision will be final.
 D. One “Best Overall” product will be given in each level.
 E. Members are permitted to enter two categories. They must be two separate categories. You may not compete against yourself.
 F. A copy of the recipe should be placed by product being judged. Name and school should be on reverse side.
 G. All entries must be from scratch except the decorated cake may use a mix.
 H. Decorated cake and cookies to use mainly icing applied with decorating tips. Make sure to have the icing recipe.
 I. Pies must be a pastry two crust pie made from “scratch”. Lattice top is considered 2 crusts.
 J. Candy and cookies must have 3 per plate
 K. NO NUTs in any of the products
 L. All products can be tasted at the discretion of the judges.

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SCOUTS BSA

Fort Hamilton District

Dan Beard Council

Jr. Fair Board Members in Charge:

Adult Advisors:

CUB SCOUTS-BOY SCOUTS-EXPLORERS-VENTURE CREW

Scout Adventure Display: In Youth Exhibit Building

GIRL SCOUTS

Western Ohio

Jr. Fair Board Members in Charge: Ann Kim & Liz Baker

Adult Advisors: Donna Morgan & Jenni Kim

Butler County Girl Scouts will be eligible to participate at the fair this year. Troops and service units from all over the county will be displaying crafts and projects in booths in the Youth Exhibit Building. All levels of Girl Scouting will be represented. Questions email: BCFGirlScouts@gmail.com

Guidelines For the Butler County Girl Scout Exhibit Participation in the Butler County Fair will be looked upon as a privilege and an opportunity for girls to show their skills, accomplishments, interests and ideas they have or have developed in Girl Scouts. This shall be expressed through high quality effort, neatness, and originality by each participant. Every registered Girl Scout (Kindergarten through 12th grade) will be eligible to enter. Neither Butler County Fair nor Girl Scout Council will be liable for lost or damaged exhibits or equipment. All rules must be followed. Rules will change yearly. Entries will be determined by the level the girl is registered in as of October 1st 2025. Bring your exhibit to the Butler County Fairgrounds Youth Exhibit Building on Friday July 24th 9am-4pm or Saturday July 25th 9am-12pm(noon). There will also be drop off locations in West Chester, Hamilton and possibly others prior to Fair. For an up to date list of locations please email. Each exhibitor will be permitted to submit a project in as many classes as desired. However, you may not enter into a class not in your age level. **NO MORE THAN ONE ENTRY CAN BE MADE BY AN EXHIBITOR IN ANY ONE CLASS.** Girl Scout members may obtain a wristband to enter the fair for \$5.00. Scout Leaders need to send a list of participants to the following email by May 25th, 2026. BCFGirlScouts@gmail.com. Girls can then pay \$5 and pick up the wristband during the times listed for the wristband schedule under Butler County Jr Fair-General Rules for participants. The girl must be physically present for the wristband to be put on them. Each entry will be marked with a tag that will include name, program level, and category name when you turn in your entry.

Please Read All Rules Carefully:

A) There will be a card to fill out at drop off of projects to

include program level, category and any notes for the judges about why you did the project or something you learned.

B) Multiple items of a project should each have the class number and age category of the exhibitor clearly marked on them. Each part of the project should also have a count of what part of the exhibit the part is. (i.e. 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3). All parts together should not exceed size restriction- see Rule D below.

C) All exhibits must be made by the exhibitor and must not have previously been entered in Butler County Fair exhibit. School projects done by the exhibitor maybe entered, even if it has been graded, but the grade, name of the exhibitor, and teacher comments must be clearly covered.

D) Exhibits may not exceed the following size requirements: 22x28x22 inches with the exception of projects that may be folded.

E) All artwork, wall hangings, etc., must be within the stated size limitations. All art material must be ready to hang. Wires, cords, etc., must be securely attached. No taped on cords or wire. Valuable craft items will not be boxed under glass. Unframed material may be stapled to display panels.

JUDGING:

- Judging will be completed in a closed setting prior to the start of the fair.
- Projects will be judged on originality, creativity, workmanship, attractive appearance, honesty of material and construction durable enough for the designed projects.
- Ribbons will be awarded to each project. This ribbon may be a placing ribbon or a participation ribbon.
- Any project may be disqualified if found to be entered into the wrong age categories, being of size over that which is previously mentioned, and/or any other rule or guideline that is not being followed by the exhibitor. Project can also be disqualified if they are found to be dangerous in any way.

BREAKDOWN DAY AT THE END OF THE FAIR

Projects must be picked up at the Youth Exhibit Building at the Butler County Fair between 12-5pm p.m. on July 31st or between 12 p.m.-1:00 p.m. on August 2nd. If you are unable to pick up your project, other arrangements must be made with Jenni Kim at BCFGirlScouts@gmail.com. **NO PROJECT MAYBE LEFT AT THE YOUTH EXHIBIT**

BUILDING. If any projects are left in the building they will be disposed of as deemed necessary.

*Categories and Rules or Guidelines resemble those of the Ohio State Fair Girl Scout categories and Rules or Guidelines used for the Exhibit at the Butler County Fair.

Categories

Label your projects with your Girl Scout level as of October 1st, 2024 and the project number Daisy-D, Brownie-B, Junior-J, C-Senior, Ambassador-A i.e D-2 or A-9

LIFE SKILLS

1. Nutrition (i.e. recipe books, food diary, food tests)
2. Sewing projects-clothing
3. Miscellaneous sewing projects (i.e. doll clothes, toys)
4. Quilting projects (i.e. quilt, wall hanging, table runner, placements)
5. No sew projects (i.e. tie blankets, pillows, fabric care)
6. Sportsmanship and non sports skills
7. Health and safety (i.e. first aid, personal safety, substance abuse, child care, exercise)
8. Animal Care

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

9. Heritage and heritage crafts (i.e. family tree, saying, traditions, historical people)
10. Holiday crafts
11. Collections
12. Friendship projects (i.e. pen pals, world, national friendship activities)

SCIENCE AND BEYOND

13. Money management, budget, or financial literacy
14. Career exploration
15. Science experiments (scrapbooks, poster or display)
16. Robots
17. Weather
18. Recycling projects
19. Ecology projects
20. Energy awareness
21. Carpentry project (i.e. doll house, tool-use displays)

THE ARTS

22. Fine art (i.e. paintings-oil, acrylic, or water color)
23. Art (i.e. pen, pencil, ink, crayon, liquid embroidery, chalk, or markers)
24. Fiber art (i.e. macrame, weaving, knitting, crochet)
25. 3-D art (i.e. sculpture, string, wire, clay, metal, or dough art)

26. Needlework (crewel, embroidery, needlepoint, or cross stitch)

27. Decorated clothing accessories (i.e. tie dye, original screen print, fabric paint, stencil)

28. Jewelry

COMMUNICATIONS

29. Visual (i.e. video, photography, prints, or sun-prints)

30. Performing arts (i.e. drama, handmade instruments, or costuming)

31. Creative writing, poetry, or stories (with or without illustrations)

32. Scrapbooking

33. Puppets (i.e. finger, hand, or marionettes)

OUT OF DOORS

34. Outdoor projects, nature crafts, weather (rain gauge, forecasting, weather station)

35. Outdoor safety and camp planning (i.e. compass usage, knots, trail signs, fire safety, camp meal planning, kaper charts, camp health, dressing for camp)

36. Account of outdoor experience (i.e. poster, journal, or scrapbook)

GIRL SCOUT PROGRAM

37. National, council, troop, or junior aide activities

38. Girl Scout tradition (i.e. Journey, badge work, programs)

39. Community Service project/special population project

40. Juliette Gordon Lowe and history of Girl Scouts (i.e. life and times, past uniforms, badges, songs)

Cloverbud Department

Jr. Fair Board in Charge: Ava McClellan,
Maeve Gerard, and Bennett Phair

Adult Advisors: Alyssa Thompson

Fair Opportunities:

Every Day

- Royalty For The Day
- Peewee Showmanship*

Friday, July 24th and Saturday, July 25th

- Cloverbud Shop & Crop Drop off

Sunday, July 26th

- Cloverbud Creations Interviews and Modeling

Monday, July 27th

- Cloverbud Mini Project Interviews

Tuesday, July 28th

- No Bake Bake-In

Wednesday, July 29th

- Goat Costume*
- Cloverbuddies
- Veggie Car Race

Thursday, July 30th

- Farmer Town USA

Friday, July 31st

- Barnyard Rodeo

*Check with respective barn for verified show dates.

Cloverbud Royalty for the Day

Cloverbuds will be randomly selected from the pool of entries received. Watch the e-newsletters to enter. Parents need to be present while they are traveling around the fairgrounds with the royalty member designated for the day. They

will get a glimpse into the roles and responsibilities associated with being part of the royalty court.

Peewee Showmanship

Peewee Showmanship is open to all registered cloverbuds. This is an opportunity for them to practice their showmanship skills and grow more comfortable in the show ring.

- Youth can be accompanied by an adult/older member in the ring.
- Check with the department you are interested in to verify their Peewee Showmanship date.
- Peewee Showmanship signups will be located in the department barn associated with each livestock animal.
- Make sure you have an animal available for the show. Only animals on site can be shown, so a willing 4-H member must allow their animal to participate in the event.
- Scratches are allowed.
- Cloverbud participation ribbons will be awarded.

Shop and Crop Rules:

Shop & Crop exhibits accepted July 24th and July 25th ONLY

- All entries must be brought in between 10:00am-4:00pm on Friday, July 24th or 10:00am-4:00pm on Saturday, July 25th.
- There will be a maximum of 2 entries per class, per exhibitor.
- Cloverbud participation ribbons will be awarded.
- All garden produce and flowers must have been grown in the current year.
- All garden produce must be displayed on heavy paper plates.
- All flowers will be combined to make beautiful arrangements, so you will only need to bring the individual flower(s).

- G. Garden produce and flowers will be discarded through the week, as needed.
- H. Display item pick up is in the Youth Exhibit Building on Saturday, August 1st. Please pick up your items between 4:30pm-7pm. If they are not picked up by the specified time your items may be discarded.

Categories:

- Garden Produce - any variety, 1 item (tomato, corn, squash, potato, cabbage, etc)
- Flower - any flower, 1 stem
- Photography - 5x7 or smaller
- Legos - any design, 10x10 or smaller
- Artwork - any medium, 8.5x11 or smaller (watercolor, painting, drawing, etc)

Cloverbud Mini Project

Cloverbud Mini Project Judging will take place on Monday, July 27th from 9am-12pm.

- A. Cloverbud participation ribbons will be awarded after their “mini-interview”.
- B. Watch the e-newsletters to register.
- C. After registration, watch your email to sign up for a specific interview time.
- D. The Cloverbud Mini Project Packet will be made available on the Butler County 4-H website.
- E. Projects will be displayed for the duration of fair week in the Youth Exhibit Building. If you are concerned with your project being damaged please feel free to take your item home. Having it on display IS NOT mandatory.
- F. Only one project item per child will be displayed.
- G. All items displayed are to be identified by a tag provided by the Jr Fair.
- H. Display item pick up is in the Youth Exhibit Building on Saturday, August 1st. Please pick up your items between 4:30pm-7pm. If they are not picked up by the specified time your items may be discarded.

Project Details:

- Complete the Cloverbud Mini Project Packet
 - Parents may help/assist with writing in the packet, but artwork should be completed by the Cloverbud.
- Decorate an item representing a project you are most interested in taking when you become a 4-H member.
 - Examples: Shoe Box, Canvas (8.5x11 or smaller), Poster (22x28 or smaller; NO TRI-FOLD POSTERS), Legos (10x10 or smaller).
 - A farm scene with your favorite animal.
 - A garden or flower bed scene.
 - A space scene with rockets.
 - A bedroom with your favorite clothes you might like to learn how to sew.
- Be prepared to share the following information during their “mini-interview”. (approximately 5-7 minutes):
 - Name, age, and club name.
 - Recite the 4-H Pledge, including hand motions.
 - Discuss the decorated item – (why they like the project, how they created the project, etc.).

Cloverbud Creations

Cloverbud Creations will take place on Sunday, July 26, 2026 from 9am-12:30pm in the Event Center.

The event is designed for cloverbuds who would like the opportunity to create a project that is appropriate for their age and skill level. These projects are designed to encourage

creativity, hands-on learning, confidence building, and fun in a supportive environment.

- A. Cloverbud participation ribbons will be awarded after their “interview”.
- B. Watch the e-newsletters to register.
- C. After registration, watch your email to sign up for a specific interview time.
 - a. Interviews will be conducted from 9am-11:30am
 - b. Style Review participation to begin at 12pm
- D. Projects will be displayed for the duration of fair week in the Youth Exhibit Building. If you are concerned with your project being damaged please feel free to take your item home. Having it on display IS NOT mandatory.
- E. All items displayed are to be identified by a tag provided by the Jr Fair.
- F. Display item pick up is in the Youth Exhibit Building on Saturday, August 1st. Please pick up your items between 4:30pm-7pm. If they are not picked up by the specified time your items may be discarded.

Project Details:

Age 5• Drawing: Create a picture of your choice on an 8 x 11-inch sheet of paper.

Age 6• Pillowcase Project: Create your own pillowcase using fabric paint or fabric markers.

Simple machine sewing is allowed with adult assistance.

Age 7• Creative T-Shirt: Use any type of shirt and decorate it creatively using craft items of your choice (fabric paint, markers, iron-on designs, etc.).

Age 8• Tie-Knot Pillow: Create a tie-knot pillow using a 12 x 12-inch pillow form and fleece fabric of your choice.

- Be prepared to share the following information during their “interview”. (approximately 5-7 minutes):

- Name, age, and club name.
- Discuss the decorated item – (why they like the project, how they created the project, etc.).

No Bake Bake-In

The Cloverbud No Bake Bake-In will take place on Tuesday, July 28th from 9am-12pm in the Event Center.

The event is designed for cloverbuds who would like to participate in a friendly "contest" where they are able to create their own trail mix recipe. The participants will prepare the trail mix in front of a “judge” where they will discuss the contents chosen, why they chose those ingredients, etc.

- A. Participants will learn basic cooking skills while making their own unique trail mix recipe.
- B. Registration Deadline is Tuesday, July 1st.
- C. Participants create their own Trail Mix recipe of up to 5 ingredients.
- D. Participants must bring their own supplies to measure and mix their ingredients in front of their "judge".
- E. After completing the recipe, participants will create an original “theme based” table display for their trail mix to be showcased.

Cloverbuddies

This event will occur prior to the Veggie/Fruit Car Race on Wednesday, July 29th in the Swine Barn.

Cloverbuddies is a program orchestrated by our department royalty court. In this program, cloverbuds participate in an interactive activity that corresponds to each department. These activities will provide cloverbuds an opportunity to expand their knowledge and interests to better prepare them for future 4-H projects.

Veggie/Fruit Car Race

The Veggie/Fruit Car Race will take place on Wednesday, July 29th at 12:30pm in the Swine Barn.

Bring your completed veggie/fruit car to the race to participate in two heats. Awards will be given out following the race.

- A. Cars are only to be made out of vegetables and fruits, only axels and wheels can be made out of wood if desired.
- B. No metal or plastic allowed.
- C. At least 3 different types of vegetables/fruits must be used in construction.
- D. Car should be no more than 10" Wide by 12" Long, no height restrictions.
- E. Car needs to have a theme or name, use your imagination and be creative, the possibilities are endless!
- F. Cars will be on display in the Youth Exhibit Building until Saturday, August 1st.

Farmer Town USA

This program will take place on Thursday, July 30th from 2pm-3:30pm in the Swine Barn.

Step into the world of farming at Farmer Town USA, where participants of all ages get hands-on experience with the very roots of where our food and commodities come from! From sheering sheep to riding tractors, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Learn the vital skills and hard work that go into farming, discover the process behind the products we rely on every day, and have fun while doing it all.

No registrations is needed, so feel free to join us for a day full of learning, adventure and unforgettable memories!

Barnyard Rodeo

This event will take place on Friday, July 31st at 10am outside of the Small Animal Barn.

Join us for the exciting Barnyard Rodeo at the Fairgrounds, an event open to all ages and fun for everyone! Youth participants will have the

stations, including a three-legged race, "pen the pig" challenge, stick horse race, and more. At the end of the event, prizes will be awarded to participants, making it a day of fun and friendly competition. Come on down and join the fun—it's a rodeo you won't want to miss!

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THE FARM ZONE

Open Sunday-Friday 11:00am-7:00pm

Saturday 11:00am-5:00pm

Special Event Schedule

Day	Theme	Times
Sunday	Farm Bureau Day	12:00pm-5:00pm
Monday	Kids Activity Day	12:00pm-5:00pm
Tuesday	OSU Extension Butler County Day	12:00pm-5:00pm
Wednesday	Butler County Soil & Water Conservation District Day	12:00pm-5:00pm
Thursday	Natural Resource Day	12:00pm-5:00pm
Friday	Historical Day	12:00pm-5:00pm
Saturday	Farm Zone Day	12:00pm-5:00pm

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Farm Bureau Youth

Farm Bureau Youth is the youth council of Butler County Farm Bureau Federation. Membership is open to any Butler County youth, ages 6 to 19. Members conduct their own meetings and participate in county, regional, and statewide activities including square dancing, and summer leadership camp. There is no individual competition, just a chance to have fun, develop leadership and social skills, and manage a cooperative. Two active Farm Bureau Youth members will be nominated by election at the July youth council meeting preceding the Butler County Fair, to apply for a seat on the Junior Fair Board. This member must be 15 years of age as of July 1st of the election year and must follow all rules set by the Junior Fair Board for election (Constitution -Article III, Division IV) except that one of the advisors signing the application must be a Farm Bureau Youth Advisor. When confirmed by the Board, the elected youth will serve a two-year staggered term, with the second FBY Junior Fair Board member and assist the Junior Fair Board in their duties. This year during the Junior Butler County Fair on Friday, July 31st Butler County Farm Bureau will sponsor Barn Yard Rodeo Fun Day at the fair. Will provide lots of fun and excitement for ages 2-15.

2026 JUNIOR FAIR KING & QUEEN CONTEST

Judging June 22nd @ 6:00pm @ OSU Extension Office

Qualifications:

- Each candidate must be a member of a youth organization participating in the Butler County Junior Fair.
- Each contestant must be 16-18 years old as of January 1ST and not married, nor have been married, nor borne a child
- Entries must be made before June 1ST, of the current year at the OSU Extension.
- Details will be announced at a later date.

Code of Conduct:

- Code of conduct will be signed by the new King and Queen. If they are found at fault, then the King and Queen will lose title.

Department Queen Competition:

Notice:

- Candidates must have a project in the department they represent.
- Candidates must follow the same qualifications as the Junior Fair Queen candidates for Butler County.
- Applications for Department Queen are due on June 1st.
- Department Queens will present awards at their

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departments' judging events, and be present at the Showman of Showman program on Friday evening of Fair week..

- Department Queens will dress appropriately when wearing their crown and sash.
- Candidates can be selected as Department Queen in only one department in a given year.

Out Of County Judges

- Will conduct one on one interviews with each candidate. Once interviews are completed, the judges will make their decisions. After the ballots are submitted, the judges decisions are final.

Reigning Queen:

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Scoring

Scoring will be done on the following basis:

- Activities:.....50%
 - * Participation
 - * Achievement
 - » Leadership
 - » Community Service

Poise & Personality.....20%

Personal Appearance.....20%

Submit One Letter of Recommendation.....10%

King & Queen: Trophies & Crown

Runner Up: Plaques

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Herdsman Award

Notice:

Awarded at Grand Showman of Showman Contest.

The Herdsman contest is open to all Jr. Fair members, exhibiting livestock including Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy and Goats. Scoring criteria: done on the following basis in terms of %.

- Sportsmanship - 30pts.
 - » In Showing
 - » Greeting Public
 - » With Jr. Fair Members
- Evidence of respect and courtesy to public and other members - 10pts,
- Leadership ability - 25pts.
- Cleanliness of project area and animals - 20pts.
- Appearance of project display - 15pts.
 - * Jr. Fair Board members and superintendent are allowed to receive award
 - * Will be judged by Adult Advisor/Jr. Fairboard & Senior Fairboard

Premier Exhibitor Award

Sponsored By: Gordon Cornelius Family

Rules:

- A. There will be one Premiere Exhibitor Award given to the highest point scorer from each of the following depts...: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Horse, Goat, Dairy Cattle, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, Nutrition, Clothing, Small Engine, Gardening & Shooting Sports.
- B. The Premiere Exhibitor Award will only be given to senior exhibitors, those who are at least 14 years old as of January 1, of current year.
- C. The award scoring will be broken down into three categories for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Dairy Cattle, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, and Horse. Two categories will be utilized for the Nutrition, Clothing, Small Engine, Gardening and Shooting Sports
- D. The scoring using 3 categories will consist of Skillathon placing, Showmanship placing, and the exhibitor's top live animal placing. *Horses will use the exhibitor's largest 2 classes for points, plus Skillathon. Exhibitors market animal placing takes priority. If a member does not show a market animal, their largest non-market Jr. fair class placing will be used.
- E. To earn premiere exhibitor points, the exhibitor must have a project in that species and be registered in the Premiere Exhibitor Program. This will not interfere with exhibitors wanting to participate in Skillathon's outside of their species area. Nor will it interfere with determining the 1st and 2nd place winners in the Skillathon. The points a participant will receive will be based on their placing among all participants in each Skillathon.
- F. For tie breaking an oral five-question quiz will be used. These tie-breaking measures will only be used between the two exhibitors who are tied.
- G. Once a person wins the Premiere Exhibitor Award in a specie area, they are not eligible to win again in the same area. Although they may win in a different spe-

cies.

- H. The points will be awarded on the following system. For everything except FCS (5 places)
1ST 25 PTS. 2ND 23 PTS. 3RD 21 PTS.
4TH 19 PTS. 5TH 17 PTS. 6TH 15 PTS.
7TH 13 PTS. 8TH 11 PTS.
- *All participants will receive 10 pts. if they do not place.
- I. The award will be presented prior to the start of the Grand Showman of All Showmen Contest at approximately 6:30 p.m.
 - J. Only points awarded to a participant are legal for that species. For example, beef participants do not have more of a chance for receiving points because their classes are smaller than those of swine. Beef compete against beef, swine against swine. The two species do not cross. To be eligible one must compete in all three categories
 - K. Exhibitors cannot win in more than one category in a given year.
 - L. Premiere Exhibitor forms MUST be turned in on weigh-in day (Saturday) and is due no later than 9:00 pm in the Jr. Fair Office.

Junior Fair Skillathon Contest

2026 SKILLATHON DATES & LOCATIONS:

For all livestock departments (Beef, Goat, Swine, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbit, Dairy & Horse) Skillathon will be July 24th, 2026 from 9am-noon & 1pm-5pm in the Event Center at the Fairgrounds. Nutrition department Skillathon will be July 28th. Shooting Sports, FCS, and Special Interest contest July 22nd. Check for updated information at www.butler.osu.edu.

- A. Members need not be enrolled in a project in the Skillathon Contest category in order to participate. Those participating in any of the contests are asked to go to the registration table at the location of the contest to get entered.
- B. Participants needing reading assistance will be provided service if it is requested at contest check-in.
- C. Age levels: The age levels for the contest are as follows for all Skillathon Contests:
- D. Juniors-3rd Grade and 8 years old thru 13 years old
- E. Seniors-14 to 19 years old.
- F. The Skillathon Contests will have questions from the skillathon kits, current project manuals, OSU Extension website, Ohio State University Extension Skillathon materials sources online from website or a combination of all.
- G. Each contest will have a series of 25 questions used for scoring the contestant. Contestants with tie scores will be asked to return to the contest test area to answer tiebreaker questions until the tie is broken.
- H. No contestants will be allowed to use cell phones or other communication devices in the testing area. All cell phones must be on silent or vibrate only.
- I. Top scorers will receive a special recognition at the Fair's Award Ceremony. Contestants receiving said awards will be given notice by email to attend the ceremony to pick up their awards. Awards not picked up

at the Fair Award Ceremony will be available from the OSU Extension Office after the fair.

- J. Skillathon kits may be used at educational meetings and workshops and may be checked out from the OSU Extension Office.

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Butler County Junior Fair Showmanship

- A. Rules are for the Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy & Goat areas. Each individual species Jr Fairboard determines how their representative qualifies (see each department for details)
- B. The showmanship contest shall be open to any Junior Fair exhibitor in his or her area
- C. Age groups will be broken down as designated in each area.
- D. Class winners must compete in their age group each year.
- E. Winners from all age classes may compete for "Showman of Showmen" in their area. (Current year's winners only)
- F. Exhibitors must show their own animals.
- G. Grand Showman of all Showmen Contestants will be the highest placing individual and must be 14 yr. 4-H age at minimum
- H. Exhibitors will participate in their age group as of January 1st.
- I. Exhibitors may decline their privilege of participation in the Showman of Showmen Contest upon doing so, the next highest placing 14 year-old or older will be eligible
- J. Showmanship winner must declare or decline participation in Grand Showman of Showmen within 24 hours of being named Department Showmanship Winner

Grand Showman of All Showmen

Coordinators: Amy Darner & Karen Hiltbrand-Bockenstedt
 Show: Friday July 31st @ 6:00pm @ The Morris Van-Gorden Show Arena

Sponsored By: " Lou Hoelle Hamilton Kiwanis Award"
 Rules:

- A. The contest will be divided into six parts (beef, swine, sheep, dairy, horses & goats) with a different judge for each of the six livestock departments represented.
- B. Members will show six species using correct showmanship techniques. The showmanship winner from each species will demonstrate using own animal for the species. They will not be judged for that species.
- C. Five animals in each species will be shown in each class when available.
- D. Each judge will place the participants on a scale of one to five with one being first and five being the most improvement needed. Members with the fewest total points in the six departments will be the winner.
- E. At the end of the show all participants will be placed.
- F. In case of tie, all participants will be asked an industry-specific question on the mic. Judges will serve as a committee to rank participants from one to six.
- G. Grand Showman of Showmen participants must be 14 years of age or older
- H. A trophy will be presented to the first place winner donated by the Hamilton Kiwanis Club. Reserve-fifth place will receive a plaque.
- I. A participant may win Grand Showman of Showmen only once.
- J. Results and critiques will be posted for participants to view after show at the podium, afterward results will be posted in the Senior Fairboard Office until the conclusion of the Jr Fair Livestock Sale.
- K. Participants should dress appropriately to reflect their species. The equine representative is not required to wear traditional equine attire they may wear jeans, a collared shirt/button-up with close-toed boots.



Butler County Jr. Fair Livestock**Sale Information:**

»Livestock Sale will be split into two rings that will operate concurrently at the conclusion of the sale of champions

»The order of the sale will be as follows:

- Sale of Champions will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Open Class sheep barn.

- If necessary, take a 5-10 minute break to adjust for a second ring.

- Market Hogs as well as Rabbits, Chickens and Turkeys will sell in the Junior swine barn.

- All other species will sell in the Open Class sheep barn on a yearly rotation

- * Multiple buyer numbers will be accepted at the time the animal is declared sold.

- No more than 4 different buyer numbers will be accepted on any one animal with the purchase price being distributed evenly across those buyers, i.e. 4 buyers purchase an animal for \$1000.00, each buyer will be charged \$250 equally.

- Buyers groups will be accepted and welcomed under the condition that a representative collecting the monies, present that under one number, if more than 4 buyers would like to contribute, or varying amounts of donations are desired – i.e. 2 buyers purchase a project for \$400. Buyer 1 puts in \$300, and Buyer 2 wants to contribute \$100. Both will need to purchase the project under one buyer's number.

All buyer names will be recognized on all monies run through the ring -Add-ons will be allowed, however, that will occur at the cashier's station (sale office) and those names will not be recognized on the microphone or recognition board, yet will still factor in to the buyer's total contribution of the livestock sale.

- *All hogs will be loaded out sale day (Saturday) night at the conclusion of the fair activities.

- Hogs will run through the sale ring, and at the responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor, be returned to their pen, and the care of the hogs will be under the responsibility of the exhibitors or their guardians until the packer truck arrives that evening (this is simply to maintain a group and community effort to keep the pigs' wellbeing as our primary interest. Loading out in the middle of

the day is very stressful on the pigs, and packers will pay more for the packer bid if we load out at night).

All Junior Fair Market projects are eligible to run through the sale ring on sale day Saturday.

- Every Junior Fair exhibitor is eligible to sell up to 2 animals per species. This includes the beef department where an exhibitor can sell 2 market animals, or 2 feeder calves, or 1 of each.

- Projects will be automatically entered into the sale and it is the responsibility of the exhibitor and their guardian to pull them from the sale (if sold at the auction, projects are ineligible to show at any other junior shows).

- Exhibitors have 11/2 hrs after completion of livestock show to pull animal from sale. Sale Representatives will be at podium in show ring. If not pulled by this time, all remaining projects will be required to be sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Both the exhibitor and the parent/guardian must sign the Livestock Auction Removal Agreement

- If for any reason a packer bid would not be obtained and there would be no Junior Fair Sale Auction, it will be the sole responsibility of the owners of all market livestock to remove their animals from the Butler County Fairgrounds at their expense by no later than 12:00 midnight Saturday, the last day of the fair

- If there is no packer bid secured for a specific species, the Jr. Fair member will only receive the bid price at sale and will be responsible for removal of their animal by midnight, sale day.

Butler County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale**August 1st 2026 Sale of Champions:**

9:00am Open Class Sheep Barn

Sale Rotation:

- 1.Rabbits
- 2.Chickens
- 3 Turkeys
- 4.Goats
- 5.Sheep
- 6.Swine
- 7.Feeder Calves
- 8.Market Beef

Following Sale of Champions:

Swine Barn:

1. Swine
2. Rabbits
3. Chickens
4. Turkeys

Open Class Sheep Barn

1. Market Beef
2. Feeder Calves
3. Sheep
4. Goats

*All Market Animals will be turned unless buyer indicates otherwise

Rules:

- A) Junior Fair participants must sell their own animals at the Junior Fair Livestock sale unless participating at the Ohio State Fair on that day. In this case the market project must be sold by another Butler County Junior Fair Exhibitor.
- B) Junior Fair Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion goat, swine, sheep, and market beef must go through the sale and shall be terminal.
- C) Sale weight will be determined at the Saturday weigh in, with no re-weigh prior to the sale. Weights required to sell in the Jr. Fair sale are: Market Beef -1000 lbs., Dairy Steers -1100 lbs., Swine -220 lbs. -300 lbs., Lambs -85 lbs., Poultry Pens -no more than 24 lbs., Rabbits -10.5.-16.5 lbs., Turkeys -20 lbs., Goats -50 lbs., Feeder Calves must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds and have a top weight of 750lbs. Market animals weighed on Saturday, move-in day, will only be weighed once.
- D) All market animals that do not make the set weight range must be removed from the fair-grounds by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday of move-in day.
- E) All market animals must be drug residue free on the Saturday weigh-in date of the fair and remain drug free through the remainder of the fair
- F) In the case of an animal being condemned at slaughter, the responsibility of said animal will be that of the seller. If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant, for any reason this shall be grounds for disqualification in the Jr Fair market division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of

the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.

G) The sale will be conducted using the Premium Bid system. If a buyer "turns" the animal (s) over to the packer the buyer pays the bid price. If the buyer "keeps" the animal (s), buyer pays the bid price plus the packer price.

H) Rabbits and poultry sold at the auction may be released from the fair as soon as the buyer shows his or her animal release slip to the barn superintendent.

I) If sale animals are not in correct order and in line to sell, they will sell at the packer bid price at the appropriate time.

J) Settlements of sale to exhibitors will occur only when total sale receipts are collected.

K) Exhibitor must cash sale checks within 60 days

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Grand Champion Market Lamb: Fisher Guenther

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Miranda Kidd

Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat: Charlianne Majors

Reserve Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen: Owen Truster



Department 100: Beef Cattle

Jr. Fair Board in Charge: Logan Kremer, Kristen Webb, Alura Zier, Jacob Allgier, Jacori Richardson and Meaghan Smith

Barn Superintendents: Paisley Rice, Stella Bonham, Riley Koch, Laney Jordon & Sadie Watkins

Adult Advisors: Kailey Schlichter, Aubrie Summe & Adam Achterman

Rules Governing This Department:

Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Livestock entries are due to the Senior Fair Board Office by June 13th 2026. ***ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.***
- B. NO ONE is permitted in the Barn until Thursday (before Fair) @ 7:30pm
- C. Dress Code Beef: jeans, sleeved shirt; hard-soled shoes
- D. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition
- E. Exhibitors must furnish own bedding (straw, shavings or mulch).
- F. Fans are allowed on South Side of Dairy Barn where none are located.
- G. Chutes will be located east of the dairy barn. NO Grooming Chutes allowed in the barns.
- H. All animals must have bedding at tie-outs. Tie-outs must be removed by 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 31st. All exhibitors must clean their animal pens daily.
- I. All animals must be fed & watered daily and be kept cross-tied.
- J. All animals must be handled in a safe manner and so as to not endanger other members. If the animal is determined to be unruly, Sr. Fair Board has the authority to require that the animal leave the fairgrounds.
- K. All Jr. Fair beef animals must be groomed by the exhibitor, parents, legal guardian, siblings, aunt, uncle, grandparent, or any Butler Co. Jr. Fair participant.
- L. Clubs will be responsible and are required to keep barn aisles clean.
- M. Exhibitors have 1 1/2 hrs. after completion of cattle

show, Wednesday July 29th pull animal from sale. Sale Representatives will be at podium in show ring. If animals are not pulled with the 1 1/2 hours following show, they will be required to go through the Jr Fair Livestock sale. Both the exhibitor and the parent/guardian must sign the Livestock Auction Removal Agreement.

Rules for Division 1

NOTICE:

1. Calves must be owned and in possession by May 1.
2. Castration and dehorning must take place by May 1.
3. Calves should be weaned at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the fair and eating dry feed, and broke to lead.
4. Feeder Calves must weigh a minimum of 200 lbs. and cannot weigh more than 750 lbs.
5. Feeder calves consist of all beef and dairy breeds.
6. Individual exhibitors may enter and show not more than two feeder calves.
7. Dairy Feeders must be 100% dairy, or they will be placed in beef class.
8. All dairy feeders must be steers. NO HEIFERS!
9. There will not be a Championship drive that includes the Champion and Reserve Champion Beef Feeder competing against the Champion and Reserve Dairy Beef Feeder.
10. Champion & Reserve Champion feeder calves are not terminal.
11. Feeder Calves are not required to sell.

Division 001.01– Dairy Feeder Calf

Class:

1. Dairy Feeders

Division 001.02– Beef Feeder Calf

Class:

1. Beef Feeders & Feeder Calf Heifers

Feeder Calf Show:

Wednesday July 29th @ 9:00 am

**Dairy Feeder calves will show first. The feeder calf steers will be divided by weight into classes not to exceed 12 calves per class.

Rules for Division 2

1. Market beef must be in the possession of the exhibitor by January 1st of this year.
2. All market beef must be without horns.
3. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of two market beef and will be tagged at the fair
4. Market beef will weigh on Saturday, July 25th @ 12:00 p.m. No reweighs allowed. Market beef will be identified at the Saturday weigh-in.
 - Weigh-in/Check-in order as followed: Market Beef, followed by Feeder Calves, followed by

Beef Breeding.

5. Market beef must be shown in the Jr. Fair Show in order to sell at the Jr. Fair Sale and must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs. Dairy Steer must weigh 1100 lbs. to sell. Market beef that do not make weight must be removed from the fairgrounds by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday of move-in day
6. Classes will be broken out according to registration and number of animals that show up, at the discretion of Sr. and Jr. Fair authorities.
7. There will not be any division. All 1st and 2nd place winners will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion Market Beef.
8. Grand Champion Market Beef and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef will be terminal.
9. Dairy Steers must be 100% Dairy, or will be placed in Beef Class.

Division 002.01– Dairy Steer**Class:**

1. Dairy Steers

Division 002.02– Market Heifer**Class:**

1. Market Heifers

Division 002.03– Market Beef Steer**Class:**

1. Beef Steers

Market Beef Show:**Wednesday July 29th Following Feeder Calves****Rules for Division 3**

- Beef Showmanship will follow the General Rules and Rules designated for each respective Division (breeding, market beef, and feeder calf.)

Division 3– Market Beef Showmanship**Classes:**

1. Ages 18-19
2. Age 17
3. Age 16
4. Age 15
5. Age 14
6. Age 13
7. Age 12
8. Age 11
9. Age 10
10. Ages 8-9

Market Beef Showmanship Show:**Monday July 27th @ 5:00 pm****Rules for Divisions 4-14**

1. Beef Projects must be purebred or crossbred for Jr. Fair classes. All animals that are reg-

istered must be in the member's name, joint partnership or lease agreement.

2. Any exhibitor may enter a maximum of two beef breeding animals per class.
3. **Purebred animals must have proof of registration. All purebred beef breeding must have tattoos that match registration paperwork.**
4. All Beef Breeding exhibitors must check-in animals on Saturday July 25th 2026 between 8am- noon in the breeding barn. Registration papers must be presented for registered animals or the animals will be shown as a crossbred. Paperwork and tattoos will be checked during weigh ins. Exhibitors who do not check-in will be **SCRATCHED FROM THE SHOW!**
5. Any cattle registered in Divisions 1 or 2 may **NOT** be exhibited in beef breeding classes.

Beef Breeding Divisions 4-14**Division 4** - Angus**Division 5** - Charolais**Division 6** - Chianina**Division 7** - Hereford**Division 8** - Maine Anjou**Division 9** - Maintainer**Division 10** - Shorthorn**Division 11** - Shorthorn Plus**Division 12** - Simmental**Division 13** - AOB**Division 14** - Crossbred

*This Division consists of all non-registered & any breed not listed above

Classes for Beef Breeding-Divisions 4-14

1. Junior Bull Calf - calved after January 1, 2026
2. Junior Calf- calved after January 1, 2026.
3. 3. Senior Calf– calved Sept.01, 2025 - Dec.31, 2025
4. 4. Late Summer Yearling– calved July 01, 2025- Aug. 31, 2025.
5. 5. Early Summer Yearling – calved May 01, 2025 - June 30, 2025.
6. 6. Late Junior Yearling – calved March 01, 2025– Apr. 30, 2025.
7. 7. Early Junior Yearling – calved Jan. 01, 2025– Feb. 28, 2025.
8. 8. Senior Yearling– calved Sept.01,2024- Dec. 31, 2024.
9. 9. Two Year Old - calved May 01, 2023– Aug. 31, 2023.

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Born & Raised Beef Show

Sponsored by: The Butler County Cattlemen's Association

Born & Raised Show

Thursday, July 30th at 9:00am

Show Order:

- Dairy Feeder Calves
- Beef Feeder Calves
- Market Steers & Market Heifers
- Beef Breeding Heifers and Bulls

Please read and abide by all rules and policies below:

1. The Born & Raised Show will follow all Junior Fair rules listed in the Junior Fair Beef Division of the Fairbook.
2. The exhibitor must be a Junior Fair member, and the animal must also be entered in the Junior Fair Show.
3. Check In for Born & Raised projects will be at the same weigh in as junior fair beef projects; date and time are listed in the Junior Fair

Division.

4. Per Junior Fair rules, you cannot show the same heifer in the feeder calf and beef breeding show, or in the market animal show and beef breeding show. They have to also be entered the same way they are listed on Junior Fair entries, double entries are not allowed.
5. The Born & Raised entry forms will be provided to the producer by the Butler County Cattlemen's Association when the herd is nominated.
6. Entry forms will be filled out by the producer and turned into the Association to be retained for show entry. The due date is indicated on each form, late forms will not be accepted.
7. The original breeder is required to tag all sold animals, by the dates indicated on the entry forms. Feeder calves and market beef will have orange tags, and beef breeding will have purple tags. Tags can be picked up from a Cattlemen's board member, or at any Cattlemen's meeting or event.
8. Please check the Born & Raised box by the animal on the Junior Fair entry form. All animals in the show must be born and raised in Butler County, or a county school district; and must be the progeny of a cow that resides in the county
9. All Born & Raised animals must be purchased directly from a registered Butler County Cattlemen's breeder. No second party sales allowed.
10. If an animal was shown last year as a feeder calf, and is coming back as a market steer/heifer or breeding heifer, it will need to be entered again under the correct class and the original breeder will need to nominate their herd.
11. Market steers must be in the exhibitors possession by January 1st. Feeder calves and breeding animals must be in the exhibitors possession by May 1st.
 - If you have any questions about registration, entries, tagging information, membership, etc. - please contact the Butler County Cattlemen's Association at butlercountycattlemens@yahoo.com

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Department 200: Goats

Jr. Fair Board in Charge: Paige Williams, Bryce Warren, Hannah Herbst, Hope Ritter, Grace Harris, Liz Baker, Katelyn Clark & Emily Egbert
Adult Advisors: Bailey Tinch & Logan Ritter

Rules Governing This Department:

Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Livestock entries are due to the Senior Fair Board Office by June 13th 2026. **ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.**
- B. Dress Code: Dairy Goats : white pants, white shirts with sleeves, hard-soled shoes
Market/Boer Goats: dark pants, shirt with sleeves; hard-soled shoes
Pygmy: dark or khaki pants, shirts with sleeves; hard-soled shoes
- C. NO ONE is permitted in the Barn until Thursday (before Fair) @ 7:30pm
- D. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition
- E. All market goats must have their milk teeth intact. Any market goat missing milk teeth will be disqualified.
- F. All animals for the goat project must be secured/ owned and records started by May 1 of the current year.
- G. Mandatory Tag In:
- All Market Animals (Jr. Fair-Boer & Dairy) MUST be tagged in on Friday May 8th from 6:00-8:00pm OR on Saturday May 9th from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Fairgrounds. (Rate of Gain contest is an option for all markets at Friday & Saturday weigh-in.)
 - Exhibitor Does Not need to be present, however every market animal must be tagged in at one of the dates & times stated previously.
 - Animals that are NOT tagged & weighed and on record WILL NOT be permitted to be exhibited & sold at the Butler County Fair.
 - All market goats must have a scrapie tag prior to tag in
- H. Exhibitors must furnish own bedding (straw, shavings or mulch).
- I. All pens must have 1"x 6"x 4'8" kick boards on aisle sides of pens.
- J. Each exhibitor is limited to showing a maximum of 1 entry per class in the Boer Doe Show, Dairy Show, Pygmy Doe Show, and Pygmy Wether Show. No more than 2 market animals per Jr. Fair Exhibitor.
- K. Animals entered in the market class cannot be entered in the breeding class.
- L. All entries in the Dairy & Pygmy classes must follow breed specific standards, including dress for show.
- M. Ideally all market goats should have been disbudded or have their horns cut back to approximately 1 inch in length. However, if market goats are shown without being disbudded they should have horn tips cut off in a blunt manner.
- N. All Breeding goats over 2 years of age must be or have been in milk, with an exception of pygmy goats. Determination at Judges Discretion.
- O. All animals must have a scrapie tag or tattoos with official registration papers, which match. Implants are acceptable but you must provide your own reader. All animals must be tagged, tattooed, or implanted by May 1st of the current year.
- P. All goats (Dairy, Boer, Pygmy & Market) that are not registered must have a USDA scrapie tag.
- Q. Exhibitors have 11/2 hrs after completion of livestock show to pull animal from sale. Sale Representatives will be at podium in show ring. If not pulled by this time all remaining projects will be required to be sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Both the exhibitor and the parent/guardian must sign the Livestock Auction Removal Agreement.
- R. Please have registration papers for all registered animals available at check-in and throughout the fair.
- S. Intact male goats will only be permitted on the fairgrounds if they are nursing on a doe entered in the fair and are under 3 months of age.
- T. Fresh water must be accessible to goats at all times. Please call in scratches to the Sr. Fair Board Office at (513) 892-1423.
- U. Any animal showing signs of sore mouth, pinkeye, open abscesses or open sores may be removed from the fairgrounds upon the decision of the Senior Fair Board Director.
- V. Each member must show the animal on their entry form including the showmanship class. If there are 2 animals in the same class another 4-H'er may show the animal.
- W. Exhibitors are responsible for making sure their animal is in the correct class. If shown in the incorrect class. It will not be allowed back in the show ring.
- X. Dairy pre-show milk-out on Wednesday, July 29th 2026 at 9:00 p.m.
- Y. All animals are released at 7:00 p.m., Saturday,

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July 26th 2026. Prior to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, July 26th 2026, a stall release must be obtained by the department's Senior Fair Board Director.

- Z. Fairboard retains right to stall animals in other barns to accommodate overcrowding.
- AA.No animal is to be groomed solely by the parent, the 4-H member must be present unless the 4-H member is in the show ring.

Rules for Division 1

1. All Market Animals (Jr. Fair-Boer & Dairy) MUST be tagged in on Friday May 8th from 6:00pm-8:00pm OR on Saturday May 9th from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Fairgrounds.
2. All animals will be weighed on Saturday, July 25th 2026 at approximately 1:00pm-3:00 p.m.
3. All market animals MUST be body shaved. Wethers must be castrated or banded by May 1 of current year.
4. Market goats must weigh 50 lbs. in order to show in a market class and sell in the livestock sale.
5. Animals that do not make weight must be removed from the fairgrounds by 10:00 p.m. on weigh-in day, July 25th 2026, unless the Animal was previously entered in Open Class.
6. Market goats will be divided into 2 classifications:
 - Dairy
 - Boer – Goat with any percent of Boer or other meat goat bloodline.

Division 1– Boer Market Goats

Class:

1. Market Goat

Division 2–Dairy Market Goats

Class:

1. Market Dairy

Market Goat Show:

Wednesday July 29th @ 9:00 am

Rules for Division 3

- See Jr. Fair Dress Code.
- All Breeds Show Together

Division 3– Goat Showmanship

Classes:

1. Age 18
2. Age 17
3. Age 16
4. Age 15
5. Age 14
6. Age 13
7. Age 12
8. Age 11
9. Age 10

10. Age 9

11. Age 8

Goat Showmanship Show:

Monday July 27th @ 1:00PM or Following
Sheep Show

Divisions 4-7

Visit ABGA for help with selecting class.

Division 4– Dairy Goat Classes:

*Determined Based on Date of Show

*All Animals in Senior Category Must have been in Milk

*Dam & Daughter Class: Both animals MUST be registered for classes 1-4 and 5-9 AND under the same Jr. Fair member's name.

Junior Division

1. Junior Kids - Under 4 months.
2. Senior Kids - 4 months. & Under 9 months
3. Junior Yearling - 9 months & Under 12 months
4. Senior Yearling - 12 months & Under 24 months
 - Never In Milk.

Senior Division

5. Under 2 years - In Milk
6. 2 years & Under 3 years
7. 3 years & Under 5 years
8. 5 years & Over
9. Dam & Daughter

Dairy Show: All Breeds Show Together

Thursday July 30th After Open Class Market
Show

Rules for Divisions 5-6

1. Determined Based on Date of Show
2. Pygmy goats must be dehorned or disbudded.
3. Wethers must be castrated or banded by May 1 of current year.
4. Pygmy goats should either be shown with a neck chain or 18" lead, unless otherwise directed by Judge. NO harness will be permitted in classes.
5. Production Class: any age. All animals MUST be registered for doe classes 1-5 or 6-10 and/or wether classes 1-3 or 4-9 AND under the same Jr. Fair member's name

Division 5– Pygmy Doe Goat Show

*Determined Based on Date of Show

Classes:

Junior Division

1. Junior Does - 0 to under 4 months
2. Junior Does - 4 to under 8 months
3. Junior Does - 8 to under 12 months
4. Junior Does 12 to under 18 months
5. Junior Does 18 to under 24 months

Senior Division

6. Senior Does - 12 to 24 months (freshened)

7. Senior Does - 2 years (freshened)
8. Senior Does - 3 years old (freshened)
9. Senior Does - 4 years old (freshened)
10. Senior Does - 5 years old (freshened)

Pygmy Doe Show:

Thursday July 30th After Dairy Show

Division 6– Pygmy Wether Goat Show

Classes:

Junior Division

1. Junior Wether - 0 to under 4 months
2. Junior Wether - 4 to under 8 months
3. Junior Wether - 8 to under 12 months

Senior Division

4. Senior Wether - 12 to 24 months
5. Senior Wether - 2 years
6. Senior Wether - 3 years
7. Senior Wether - 4 years
8. Senior Wether- -5 years
9. Production Class

Pygmy Wether Show:

Thursday July 30th After Pygmy Doe Show

Division 7– Boer Breeding Doe Show

*Determined Based on Date of Show

* Mother Daughter – Both animals MUST be registered for classes 1-4 and 7-9 or 12-13 AND under the same Jr. Fair member’s name.

Classes:

Junior Division

1. Doe Kids - 0 to under 3 months
2. Doe Kids - 3 to under 6 months
3. Doe Kids - 6 to under 9 months
4. Doe Kids - 9 to under 12 months

Yearling Division

5. Yearling Does - 12 to under 16 months
6. Yearling Does - 16 to under 20 months
7. Yearling Does - 20 to under 24 months

Senior Division

8. 2 year old Does - 24 to under 36 months
9. Aged Does - 36 plus months
10. Mother Daughter

Boer Breeding Doe Show:

Wed July 29th After 4-H Market Goat Show

Division –8 Pack Goat Show

- Each exhibitor may only show one goat.
- No currently lactating goats will be permitted in the pack goat show
- No market goats that will be going to the sale will be permitted in the show.
- The exhibitor should be able to name the parts of a saddle pack.
- The exhibitor should be able to place a saddle/pack on their goat.
- » For kids the pack can be removed before starting

the course. For goats over a year the pack should remain on the goat throughout the entire course. Points will be deducted if it slips or falls off.

- » Yearlings will not carry any weight
- The exhibitors must show their goats in a halter, a collar or a collar and a leash

Obstacle Course

- The course will consist of 5 obstacles which will test how well you and your goat work together to navigate through the obstacles. If a goat refuses an obstacle they will be given a second attempt. After the second attempt, the handler should proceed to the next obstacle.
- Goat and participant will be judged on how well they work as a team, whether they complete the course and the exhibitor’s patience with his/her goat. If a tiebreaker is needed, the judge either will make each animal go around the course again or will choose an obstacle to be used as the tie-breaker. If the judge determines to use on obstacle, then this obstacle will be decided upon and announced at the beginning of the pack goat competition prior to any exhibitor starting the course.

Possible Obstacles:

- Plank —A board wide enough for the goat to walk across.
- Water — An obstacle with water for the goat to walk through.
- Jump — Some sort of jump to show the goat can maneuver a fallen object on a trail.
- Weave — Weave poles the goat should follow the handler between.
- Teeter Totter— The goat should calmly cross the teeter totter without jumping off as it lowers.
- Balance Board — A wide teeter totter where the handler and goat are required to stand on the board and balance with both ends off the ground.
- Backing Up — The goat will have to maneuver an area while backing up.
- Distraction — Some sort of distraction that the goat should accept calmly. Possibly a loud noise, approach by another animal, etc.
- Loading — The handler will load the goat into a trailer.
- Tunnel – The goat will maneuver through a tunnel from one end to the other.

Classes:

1. Goat Cart
2. Pack Goat

Pack Goat Show:

Wednesday July 29th After Companion Goat Show

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Division – 9 Fiber Goat Show

- Goat shown by age
- Goats should be in fleece with growth of 4-6 months.

Classes:

1. Under 12 months
2. Over 12 months

Fiber Goat Show:

Wednesday July 29th After Boer Doe Breeding Show

Division – 10 Companion Goat Show

- An animal in the Companion-Pet Goats project can be any breed and any sex, but it is kept as a pet and not enrolled in any other project category.

Classes:

1. Companion Goat

Companion Goat Show:

Wednesday July 29th After Fiber Goat Show

GOAT TROPHY DONORS

3V Livestock

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Butler County Meat Goat Association

Coombs Excavating & Drainage Inc.

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The Heritage Barn & Lodge at Garver Farm

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Watson Gravel, Inc.

Wayne Town & Country 4-H Club

Windy Hill Farm

Born & Raised Market Goat Show

Sponsored by: Butler County Meat Goat Association

Market Goat Born & Raised Show:

Sunday July 26th @ 5:30PM

- Market Goats only (wether/doe). Entry forms will be completed by the Butler County Meat Goat Association approved breeder at the time the goat is purchased.
- The association will retain the paperwork to be compared at the Butler county Fair check in.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to check mark the Born and Raised box on the Fair Office Junior Fair Entry Form.
- Please contact a board member of the Butler County Meat Goat Association with questions. Contact information can be found at

www.bcmgaohio.com.

Rules:

- A. All goats entered in the Butler County Born & Raised show must be the prodigy of a doe that resides in Butler County, Ohio. The goat kid must be born and raised in Butler County or a Butler County school district.
- B. The exhibitor must be a Butler County Junior fair exhibitor.
- C. The goat kid must be in the possession and care of the exhibitor by May 1st of the current year.
- D. The goat kid must be purchased directly from a Butler County Meat Goat Association born and raised breeder. No second sales.
- E. Eligible breeders shall be in good standing with the organization. (i.e. dues, fees)
- F. All Butler County Born & Raised goat show exhibitors must obey all of the Junior Fair rules concerning showing at the fair. All Born & Raised market goats must have an official USDA Scrapie tag intact at fair upon check in.

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Department 300: Swine

Jr. Fair Board in Charge: Sydney Schiff, Paysley Reeves, Jonathan Peck, Josey Schiff & Charlie Fall

Barn Superintendent: Paige Ferneding

Adult Advisors: Sam Darner, Holly Fritz & Natalie Darner

Rules Governing This Department:

Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Livestock entries are due to the Senior Fair Board Office by June 13th 2026. **ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.**
- B. Dress Code Swine: black or blue jeans or pants; short or long sleeved-shirt, recommended hard-soled shoes
- C. **NO ONE is permitted in the Barn until Thursday (before Fair) @ 7:30pm**
- D. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition
- E. All hogs must be castrated by May 1st.
- F. Each exhibitor may show only three market hogs, as long as one is a registered purebred.
- G. Exhibitors must furnish own bedding (shavings) It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to keep the pen(s) clean the entire week.
- H. Exhibitors that have 2 pigs will have 1 pen, 3 pigs will have 2 pens.
- I. Exhibitors must furnish 1"x6"x4'8" kickboards on all pens along aisles.
- J. Market hogs will be weighed and tagged Saturday, July 25th from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30am. Each exhibitor must be with his/her own animals at this time. Hogs must weigh between 220 – 300 lbs to show and sell in Jr. Fair Sale.
- K. Any hog not making weight must be removed from the fairgrounds by 10:00 p.m. on the Saturday of weigh-in.
- L. No ice water or oil based products may be used on hog projects.
- M. OAC-901-19-33 A,B,C,D-Using any substance to change color of hide- refer to above.
- N. Exhibitors have one and a half hours after completion of the Jr. Fair livestock show to pull animals from the sale.

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- O. Cross bred hogs will be divided evenly into 4 Divisions. A Champion & Reserve Champion will be selected from each Division.
- P. The top 5 purebreds will return to show with the 4 crossbred Division Champions and Reserves for the top 5 overall market hog.
- Q. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Hogs must sell at livestock sale on Saturday. These hogs are terminal.
- R. **All hogs not going through the Jr. Fair sale need to be removed from the fairgrounds Tuesday night, after the Jr. Fair Show. All pigs remaining on the grounds will go to the packer.**

Rules for Classes 2-12

- A. Registration Certificates for all Purebred Market Hogs are REQUIRED from respective Breed Assn. To be shown at weigh-in.
- B. Registration certificates must be in Exhibitors name or family as owner, transferred by entry due date.
- C. All purebred market hogs to be ear notched. (Universal System)
- D. Breed Purity Verification by Sr./Jr. Fair Board.
- E. All market hog entries not meeting the purebred requirement will be permitted to enter as a crossbred, unless it is the exhibitors 3rd pig, at which time it is disqualified, as exhibitors are limited to a maximum of 2 crossbred entries. Animal will need to be removed from the fairgrounds by Saturday night of weigh-in.
- F. A minimum of 3 entries is required per breed or they will show AOB.
- G. Purebred or composite breeds not recognized by the Ohio State Fair Breeds will not be eligible for AOB classification.
- H. Purebred hogs will show per breed. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected. Each breed Champion and Reserve Champion will be eligible to show for top 5 purebred, at the conclusion of the breed shows.
- I. The top 5 Purebreds will return to show with the 4 Crossbred Division Champion and Reserve Champion for the top 5 overall market hog.

Division – 1 - Market Hog

Classes:

- 1. Berkshire - ABA
- 2. Chester Whites - CPS
- 3. Duroc - NSR
- 4. Hampshire - NSR
- 5. Hereford - CPS
- 6. Landrace - NSR
- 7. Poland China - CPS

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8. Spotted (Spots) - CPS
9. Tamworth - TSA
10. Yorkshire - NSR
11. All Other Breeds
12. Crossbred Market Hog

Market Hog Show:

Tuesday July 28th @ 9:00 am

Division – 3 - Swine Showmanship

Classes:

1. Ages 18-19
2. Age 17
3. Age 16
4. Age 15
5. Age 14
6. Age 13
7. Age 12
8. Age 11
9. Age 10
10. Ages 8-9

Swine Showmanship Show:

Sunday July 26th @ 9:00AM

SWINE TROPHY DONORS

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Leon & Sandy Simpson	
Mark & Nicole	

Born & Raised Swine Show

Sponsored by: Butler County Pork Producers

Swine Born & Raised Show:

Sunday July 26th @ 2:30PM

- Born and Raised: Entry forms will be provided by the Butler County Born & Raised Swine Producers at the time of purchase and retained by that group for show entry.
- Check mark next to the animal entered in born and raised on the Fair Office Junior Fair entry form
- Born and Raised Show Chairman, Mark Korb

Rules for Market Show:

- A. All market hogs entered into the Butler County Born & Raised hog show must be the progeny of a sow that resides in the county. The hog must be born and raised in Butler County or a county school district.
- B. The exhibitor must be a Butler County Junior Fair member.
- C. The hog must be in the possession of and in the care of the exhibitor by May 1 of the current year.
- D. The hog must be purchased directly from a Butler County swine breeder, no second party sales.
- E. All Butler County Born & Raised hog show exhibitors will follow the same rules listed in the Jr. Fair Market Hog Show.
- F. Premiums will be determined by number of entries and will be prorated by class.
- G. Rules for Purebred Market Hog Show:
- H. Registration Certificates for all Purebred Market Hogs are required from respective Breed Assn. To be shown at weigh-in.
- I. Certificates will be presented to the BCBR Show Manager or appointed Assistants at check-in time on Saturday Morning of the Butler County Fair.
- J. Registration Certificates must be in Exhibitors name or family as owner or co-owner, transferred by entry due date.
- K. All Purebred Market Hogs to be ear-notched (Universal System)
- L. Breed Purity Verification by BCBR members
- M. All Market Hog entries not meeting the purebred requirement will be permitted to show as crossbreds. Unless this makes the exhibitors 3rd crossbred hog.
- N. A Minimum of 5 entries is required per breed or they will show as an AOB class.
- O. Premiums will be offered for AOB Division
- P. The champion of the AOB Division will be eligible for Overall Champion.
- Q. Purebred or composite breed not recognized by the Ohio State Fair Recognized Breeds will not be eligible for AOB classification.

Recognized Breeds:

HAMPSHIRE - NSR	SPOTTED (SPOTS) CPS
YORKSHIRE - NSR	LANDRACE - NSR
BERKSHIRE - ABA	DUROC - NSR
CHESTER WHITE - CPS	HERFORD - CPS
POLAND CHINA - CPS	TAMWORTH - TSA

Department 400: Sheep

Jr. Fair Board in Charge: Remmi Hamilton, Colt Hamilton, Bennet Bonham, Aleah Smith, Diesel Lyons

Superintendents: Reighllyn Smith, Emily Lykins, Cayden Petrie & Steele Lyons

Adult Advisors: Linda Bonham, Peggy Jenkins & Robbie Casey

Rules Governing This Department:

Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Livestock entries are due to the Senior Fair Board Office by June 13th 2026. ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.
- B. To be eligible to participate in the fair, the exhibitor must be a current 4-H member in Butler County.
- C. Market lambs must weigh at least 85 lbs. to sell at the Junior Fair Auction ideal birth for market lambs to achieve weight requirement is 1/1-2/28 of current year.
- D. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition
- E. Mandatory Tag-In May 8th 6pm-8pm and May 9th 10am-12pm at the Fairgrounds.
- F. Market Lambs will be weighed in to fair from 5pm-6:30pm on Saturday July 25th 2026 and will be weighed only once. This follows the 5:00pm barn meeting for the sheep.
- G. All lambs must have a USDA approved scrapie tag.
- H. All lambs must be docked and tagged. All male market lambs must be castrated by May 1st of current year.
- I. All Market Lambs must be slick shorn uniform in cover, washed and trimmed before entering fairgrounds. Touch up shearing is permitted in the sheep barn. The owner is responsible for cleanup.
- J. Altering or enhancing the natural color of a lamb shall be considered fraud and deception. Neutral coloring (clear) only may be used. Painting of hoofs is prohibited. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from competition at the Butler County Jr. Fair
- K. Professional groomers are Prohibited to fit and/or groom Jr. Fair Sheep. Only 4-H club members, family members, 4-H advisors are permitted to help groom and/or fit Jr. Fair Sheep.
- L. The Jr. Fair Grand and Reserve Champion Market Lambs are subject to drug testing, performed by the veterinarian, immediately following the show.
- M. The Grand and Reserve Champion Market Lambs are considered terminal and must be sold at the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

Pen Rules:

- A. Pens assignments are done by the Jr. Fair Adult Advisors. It is prohibited to change pen assignments without permission from this Jr. Fair Sheep Barn.
- B. NO ONE is permitted in the Barn until Thursday (before Fair) @ 7:30pm
- C. Pens may be no larger than 10 foot by 10 foot.
- D. Retention boards MUST be placed on aisle panels so that bedding stay in pens. 1"x 6"x 4'8" kickboards are required on all pens along aisle.
- E. Exhibitors must furnish own bedding (straw, shavings or mulch).
- F. Exhibitor signage may only be displayed. Pen decorations are discouraged will be subject to removal based on the discretion of the Jr. & Sr. Fair Board members.
- G. Exhibitors are required to provide a 2-gal. and no larger than 5 gal. bucket container of fresh water and must be accessible to sheep at all times.
- H. No muzzles are allowed.
- I. No forced feeding is allowed; no feeding with syringes and bottles or drench gear.
- J. Jr. Fair Sheep must stay within a restricted walking area. Animals are prohibited on the midway, campground areas and in-field.
- K. All exhibitors must put their lambs on the packer truck after they sell.

General Show Rules and Showmanship Rules:

- A. Exhibitor Dress Code: jeans, sleeved shirt, hard-soled shoes
- B. A member may exhibit a maximum of two market lambs, as a pen of two, and/or as individuals.
- C. In the Jr. Fair Market lamb show there will be only ONE person per sheep in the showing. Exception: if exhibitor is handicapped in any way.
- D. Market lambs entered in Pen of 2 should have a suggested spread of not more than 10 lbs. between lambs. Lambs in the Pen of 2 Show will be divided into two equal weight classes. With approximately 8-16 lambs per class. Light weight class-total of 2 lambs weighing 235 lbs. or lower. Heavy weight class- total of 2 lambs weighing 235 lbs. and higher. (This is approximate weight break down) First and Second place winners will go into the final drive to determine the Grand and Reserve winners.
- E. Exhibitors have 11/2 hrs after completion of livestock show to pull animal from sale. Sale Representatives will be at podium in show ring. If not pulled by this time, all remaining projects will be required to be sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Both the exhibitor and the parent/guardian must sign the Livestock Auction Removal Agreement.

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Division – 1 - Market Lamb

Classes

1. Single Market Lamb

Market Lamb Show:

Monday July 27th @ 9:00 am

Division –2 - Pen of Two Market Lamb

Classes

1. Pen of Two Market Lamb

Market Lamb Pen of Two Show:

Monday July 27th Following Market Lamb

Show

Division – 3 - Sheep Showmanship

Classes

1. Ages 18-19
2. Age 17
3. Age 16
4. Age 15
5. Age 14
6. Age 13
7. Age 12
8. Age 11
9. Age 10
10. Ages 8-9

Sheep Showmanship Show:

Monday July 27th Following Pen of Two

Show

Rules for Divisions 4-19

1. All breeding sheep must be registered, except Commercial Class.
2. A member may exhibit a maximum of two in any one class.
3. All breeding sheep owners must show proper registration papers to Jr. Fair Board by 6:00 p.m. Sunday.
4. Breeding sheep must be presented and in show condition or they will be dismissed from the show.
5. All breeding sheep must have a USDA approved scrapie tag.
6. Exhibitor may be allowed help in the show ring by another Jr. Fair exhibitor (Breeding only.)
7. Market lambs may not be shown in breeding classes.

Sheep Breeding Show:

Monday July 27th Approximately @

1:00pm

Sheep Breeding Divisions

Division 4 - Columbia -Wool

Division 5 - Corriedale - Wool

Division 6 - Dorper- - Meat

Division 7 - Dorset- Meat

Division 8 - Hampshire- Meat

Division 9 - Katahdin-Meat

Division 10 - Kurakul-Wool

Division 11 - Montadale-Meat

Division 12 - Romney-Wool

Division 13 - Shropshire-Meat

Division 14 - South Down-Meat

Division 15 - Suffolk-Meat

Division 16 - Tunis-Meat

Division 17 - Baby Doll - Wool

Division 18 - All Other Breeds

Division 19 - Commercial

Classes for Sheep Breeding-Divisions 4-19:

*All Classes are According to respective Breed Associations

* Breeder's Flock – Exhibits must consist of two ewes and one ram bred and raised by Jr. Fair member.

Ewes:

1. Spring Ewe Lamb - Lambs after January 1, 2026
2. Fall Ewe Lamb - Lambs after September 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025
3. Pair of Ewe Lambs
4. Aged Ewe – 2 years or older.
5. Yearling Ewe – Ewe one year old and under two years.
6. Pair of Yearling Ewes

Rams:

7. Spring Ram Lamb – Lambs after January 1, 2026.
8. Fall Ram Lamb– Lambs from September 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Flock:

9. Breeder's Flock
10. Commercial Breeder Flock

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 Windy Hill Farm

Rules for Born & Raised Show:

- A. All lambs entered in the Butler County Born and Raised Lamb show must be the progeny of a ewe that resides in the county. The lamb must be born and raised in Butler County.
- B. The exhibitor must be a Butler County Junior Fair member.
- C. The lamb must be owned and in the possession of and in the care of the exhibitor by May 1 of the current year.
- D. The lamb must be purchased directly from a Butler County Sheep Association breeder, no second party sales.
- E. All Butler County Born and Raised Lamb show exhibitors must obey all of the Junior Fair rules concerning showing at the fair.
- F. All Born and Raised lambs (including wethers) must have an official USDA Scrapie tag.
- G. All exhibitors showing will receive awards.
- H. The Born and Raised Yearling Ewe must have been shown in the Jr. Fair Sheep Breeding Yearling Ewe class on Monday.

Rate of Gain Contest:

- This is determined from the weigh-in taken at mandatory weigh-in in May to the weigh-in at fair.
- The winner will be announced during the Born & Raised Sheep Show

Carcass Contest:

- Classified by the age of the lamb, conformation and fat content.
- The loin eye area is measured and the back at is considered.
- The winner will be announced during the Born & Raised Sheep Show.

Overall Supreme and Reserve Champion:

- Determined by places in market class, rate of gain contest and carcass contest.
- The winner will be announced during the Born & Raised Sheep Show.

Born & Raised Sheep Show

Sponsored by:

Butler County Lamb & Wool

Sheep Born & Raised Show:

Thursday July 30th @ 6:00PM

Notice:

- Entry Forms will be provided by the Sheep Improvement Association producer at the time of purchase and retained by the association for show entry.
- Checkmark next to animal entered in Born and Raised on the Fair Office Junior Fair Entry Form.

Department 500: Poultry**Jr. Fair Board in Charge:**

Lacey Sprinkles, Landon Ogborn, Cali Locke-Bible, Zeke Locke-Bible, Addison Roller, Rebekah Runge & Natalie Schuh

Superintendents: Colton Judd & Addi Caldwell

Adult Advisors: Melanie Bible, Rita Zeiser, John Schomaker & Brian Schomaker

Rules Governing This Department:**Please Read All Rules Carefully**

- A. Livestock entries are due to the Senior Fair Board Office by June 13th 2026 ***ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.***
- B. Dress Code Poultry: pants or Capri's, long-sleeved shirt and/or lab coat; closed toe shoes
- C. NO ONE is permitted in the Barn until Thursday (before Fair) @ 7:30pm
- D. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition
- E. Entry times will be from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, before Fair Week. If the animal is not checked in, the animal will not show. No exceptions.
- F. Each exhibitor shall provide his/her own food. Animals should be fed at least once per day, watered multiple times a day. Animals should always have water. ALL CAGES (including cages with risers) Must be cleaned by 11am each day.
- G. Any member's animal not properly cared for will be removed upon the recommendation of Jr. Fairboard to the Senior Fairboard and the responsible exhibitor will not be permitted to show any small animal project the following year.
- H. No locks permitted on cages.
- I. Each exhibitor is responsible for keeping all aisles swept and clear at all times for visitors.
- J. Feeding time in the small animal barn shall be 7:00 a.m. thru 10:00 p.m.
- K. Tack Boxes—must be 20" w x 36" or smaller and must be kept under the exhibitors cages at all times. No boxes in the aisle.
- L. No selling of animals other than at the Livestock Sale.
- M. Any Small Animal Jr. Fairboard member or Barn

Superintendent must have an entry in the department.

- N. Market pens of poultry, if not within the required weight range will be disqualified & must go home on Saturday night of weigh-in day.
- O. Exhibitors have 1 1/2 hrs after completion of livestock show to pull animal from sale. Sale Representatives will be at podium in show ring. If not pulled by this time, all remaining projects will be required to be sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Both the exhibitor and the parent/guardian must sign the Livestock Auction Removal Agreement.
- P. Dismissal will be Saturday night after 5:00 p.m. at conclusion of sale (No cars allowed by building) All animals must be out on Saturday.
- Q. Any participant with any small animal projects removed before the dismissal time without prior arrangements, will not be permitted to participate the following year in the Butler County Fair with any small animal project.
- R. Each exhibitor will be responsible for showing his animals at the fair on Wednesday of fair week unless he/she has more than one per class. In this case the other project must be exhibited by another Butler County Junior Fair member.
- S. If you are unable to be at the Poultry Show, due to other duties at Fair, you will need to find another 4-H member from your club to take your prospect to the table. The Jr. Fair Board members and superintendents will no longer take project to the table
- T. There will be two calls to bring project to table, second call will be the last call. If no show at the last call, the Judging will start without project
- U. Turkeys will be weighed between 2:00pm - 3:00pm the Saturday of check - in.

Division 1– 9 Rules:

- Each participant may enter a maximum of 3 pens of poultry regardless whether or not they are 4-H or FFA. Members may only enter one meat pen.
- Members are responsible for cleaning cages and aisles daily and providing feed and water at least once a day.
- All meat pens must be hatched and owned by June 1 of the current year. All market pens will be sold at the Junior Fair Livestock Sale
- Members are allowed to enter one pen of market chickens and one pen of market turkey.
- All meat pen poultry will be weighed between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the small animal building. Only one weigh-in will be permitted. Those not making weight will be sent home.
- Each exhibitor must have their chickens pullorum

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tested before the fair and must have official proof either from the hatchery or the tester. Papers must be presented at the time of check-in.

- Turkeys must be blood tested by a veterinarian and tests sent to Dept. Of Agriculture in Reynoldsburg (unless purchased at a hatchery). This must be done 4 weeks prior to fair.
- Each exhibitor will be responsible for showing his/her animals at the fair on Monday of fair week unless he/she has more than one per class. In this case the other project must be shown by another Butler County Junior Fair member.
- Any animal showing visible injury, illness, or parasite infestation will not be permitted.
- In common courtesy, please notify the Fair Office of any scratches (withdrawal from competition) by the Wednesday preceding the fair.
- Premiere exhibitor will be awarded to those eligible.

Division – 1 - Market Chicken

- Meat Pen: Pen of 3 commercial chickens, same breed, variety and sex. Must be Cornish Cross.
- Maximum weight of meat pens is 24lbs
- Minimum weight of meat pens is 15lbs.

Classes:

1. Meat Pen

Market Chicken Show:

Monday July 27th @ 9:00 am

Division 2– Market Turkey

- Market Turkey, Tom or Hen, minimum weight of 20 pounds.
- Hens shown separate from Toms
- Show either Tom or Hen not both
- Top 2 Hens & Top 2 Toms will go for Grand and Reserve Champion

Classes:

1. Market Turkey (Tom) - Single
2. Market Turkey (Hen) - Single

Market Turkey Show:

Monday July 27th @ 9:00 am

Division 3– Poultry Showmanship

Classes:

1. Senior
2. Junior

Poultry Showmanship Show:

Monday July 27th

Poultry Showmen of Showmen Show:

Monday July 27th

Small Animal Showman of Showmen

Monday July 27th

Awards Program

Wednesday July 29th @ 4:00PM

Division 4– Chickens

Classes:

1. Pen of 2: Same breed standard (male & female)
2. Bantam (male & female)
3. Egg Production (2 females)

Chicken Show:

Monday July 27th

Division 5– Geese

Classes:

1. Pen of 2 (male & female)

Geese Show:

Monday July 27th

Division 6– Ducks

Classes:

1. Ducks Pen of 2 (male & female)

Duck Show:

Monday July 27th

Division 7– Turkey

Classes:

1. Turkeys Pen of 2 (male & female) Fancy

Turkey Show:

Monday July 27th

Division 8– Pigeons and Doves

Classes:

1. Pigeons & Doves Pen of 2 (male & female)

Pigeon & Doves Show:

Monday July 27th

Division 9– All Other Poultry

- Quail, Pheasant Etc.

Classes:

1. Pen of 2 (male & female)

All Other Poultry Show:

Monday July 27th

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Department 600: Rabbits

Jr. Fair Board in Charge: Lacey Sprinkles, Landon Ogborn, Cali Locke-Bible, Zeke Locke-Bible, Addison Roller, Rebekah Runge & Natalie Schuh

Superintendents: Colton Judd & Addi Caldwell

Adult Advisors: Melanie Bible, Rita Zeiser, John Schomaker & Brian Schomaker

Rules Governing This Department:

Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Livestock entries are due to the Senior Fair Board Office by June 13th 2026. ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.
- B. Dress Code Rabbits: pants or Capri's, long- sleeved shirt and/or lab coat; closed toe shoes
- C. NO ONE is permitted in the Barn until Thursday (before Fair) @ 7:30pm
- D. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition
- E. #225 Breeding Rabbit Project & Record Book/#226 Market Rabbit Project & Record Book, Complete the Member Project guide Listed in the Project Book
- F. Each participant may enter a maximum of 3 projects regardless whether or not they are 4-H or FFA. Members may only enter one meat pen.
- G. All exhibitors must have their rabbits in their possession, by May 1st of current year, with the exception of the three meat pen rabbits. At check-in the Saturday before the fair, the rabbit entered must be the one described on the entry form or it will be disqualified, no substitution once entered. Exceptions will be made for the sex of Junior rabbits provided that all other information on the form is correct.
- H. Pen of three rabbits must be 8-10 weeks old during the fair. All meat pens will be sold at the livestock sale only if they make weight. They must have a minimum weight of 10.5 lbs. and a maximum weight 16.5 lbs. Those not making weight will be sent home. Each fryer must be over 3.5 pounds and / or under 5.5 pounds. Must be a commercial breed ex: New Zealand, Champagne D'Argen, Californian
- I. Rabbits must be legibly tattooed. PLACE TATTOO IN LEFT EAR.
- J. Any animal showing visible injury, illness, or parasite infestation will not be permitted.
- K. Each exhibitor shall provide his/her own food. Animals should be fed at least once per day; watered multiple times per day. Animals should always have water. ALL CAGES (including cages with risers) must be cleaned by 11am EVERYDAY.
- L. Double pens will only be permitted for largest rabbit breeds if Jr. Fair Board feels it necessary and space permits.
- M. In common courtesy, please notify the Fair Office of any scratches (withdrawal from competition) before Wednesday, preceding the fair.
- N. Entry times will be from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, no exceptions. If the animal is not checked in, the animal will not show and be sent home.
- O. Exhibitors have 1 1/2 hrs after completion of livestock show to pull animal from sale. Sale Representatives will be at podium in show ring. If not pulled by this time, all remaining projects

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will be required to be sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Both the exhibitor and the parent/guardian must sign the Livestock Auction Removal Agreement.

- P. All meat pen rabbits will be weighed between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the small animal building. Only one weigh-in will be permitted.
- Q. Market Pens of rabbits, if not within the required weight range, will be disqualified and must go home on Saturday during weigh-ins. COMMERCIAL RABBITS ONLY
- R. Each exhibitor will be responsible for showing his animals at the fair on Wednesday of fair week unless he/she has more than one per class. In this case the other project must be exhibited by another Butler County Junior Fair member.
- S. If you are unable to be at the Rabbit Show, due to other duties at Fair, you will need to find another 4-H member from your club to take your prospect to the table. The Jr. Fair Board members and superintendents will no longer take project to the table
- T. Rabbits will be shown by breed, sex, and age—Not variety (ex. New Zealand Sr Bucks)
- U. There will be two calls to bring project to table, second call will be the last call. If no show at the last call, the Judging will start without project.
- V. Premiere Exhibitor Award will be awarded to those eligible.
- W. On Sale Day Fair Member Must check sale time, the Project owner will be in Charge of taking Market Animal to the Sale Barn. If not there, project will not sell. It is up to the parent or Advisor to be sure the Owner of the Project is at the Arena.

Division 1— Rabbit

Classes:

1. Meat Pen of 3 (Same breed and variety)

Market Rabbit Show:

Wednesday July 29th @ 9:00 am

Division 2— N/A

Division 3— Showmanship

- The showmanship contest is open to any Junior Fair exhibitor in rabbits or poultry.
- Rabbit Showmanship will be an oral interview with the judge. Participants must have an animal present during judging.
- Winner of age class will compete for Showman of Showmen (current year's winners only).
- An exhibitor can only win a showmanship class once. If a younger member wins his class this year, he/she will compete in the next age class next year, unless he/she is a Showman of Showmen winner.
- Each year, Showman of Showmen judging will alternate between the rabbit judge and poultry judge. Therefore, judging will be held on either Monday or Wednesday of fair
- An exhibitor can only win Showman of Showmen once.

Classes:

1. Junior
2. Senior

Rabbit Showmanship Show: Sunday July 26th after Open Class Show

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| 4. American (6 Class)
5. American Fuzzy Lops (4 Class)
6. American Sable (4 Class)
7. Angora, English (4 Class)
8. Angora, French (4 Class)
9. Angora, Giant (6 Class)
10. Angora, Satin (4 Class)
11. Belgian Hare (4 Class)
12. Beveren (6 Class)
13. Blanc de Hotot (6 Class)
14. Britannia Petite (4 Class)
15. Californian (6 Class)
16. Champagne D'Argent (6 Class)
17. Checkered Giant (6 Class) | 18. Chinchilla, American (6 Class)
19. Chinchilla, Giant (6 Class)
20. Chinchilla, Standard (4 Class)
21. Cinnamon (6 Class)
22. Crème D'Argent (6 Class)
23. Dutch (4 Class)
24. Dwarf Hotot (4 Class)
25. English Spot (4 Class)
26. Flemish Giant (6 Class)
27. Florida White (4 Class)
28. Harlequin (4 Class)
29. Havana (4 Class)
30. Himalayan (4 Class)
31. Holland Lop (4 Class) | 32. Jersey Wooly (4 Class)
33. Lilac (4 Class)
34. Lop, English (6 Class)
35. Lop, French (6 Class)
36. Lop, Mini (4 Class)
37. Mini Rex (4 Class)
38. Netherland Dwarf (4 Class)
39. New Zealand (6 Class)
40. Palomino (6 Class)
41. Polish (4 Class)
42. Rex (4 Class)
43. Rhinelander (4 Class)
44. Satin (6 Class)
45. Silver (4 Class) |
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- 46. Silver Fox (6 Class)
- 47. Silver Marten (4 Class)
- 48. Tan (4 Class)
- 49. Thrianta (4 Class)
- 50. Mixed Commercial (6 Class)
- 51. Mixed Fancy (4 Class)
- 52. Mini Satin (4 Class)
- 53. Lionhead (4 Class)
- 54. Argente Brun (6 Class)
- 55. Dwarf Papillon (4 Class)
- 56. Blue Holicer (4 Class)
- 57. Czech Frosty (4 Class)

Classes:

1. Senior Buck: Over 6 months
2. Senior Doe: Over 6 months
3. Junior Buck: Under 6 months
4. Junior Doe: Under 6 months
5. 6-8 Buck (Commercial)
6. 6-8 Doe (Commercial)

Rabbit Show:

Wednesday July 29th @ 9:00 am

Poster Contest:

- An optional Small Animal Poster Contest will be held during the fair and is open to all small animal exhibitors.
- Judging will be held on Sunday and the posters will be displayed throughout the barn the entire week.
- Posters must be made solely for the contest and may not be the one made for any project.
- Posters must be brought to the small animal barn no later than 3:00 p.m. Saturday of check-in and picked up by 5:00pm on Saturday (end of fair).
- Posters must include on the BACK: exhibitor's name, age, and club. Exhibitor's names will not be permitted on poster fronts.
- Posters will be divided into two classes: junior, ages 13 and younger, and senior, ages 14 and older. They will be judged on creativity, originality and effort.
- Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor.

Small Animal Trophy & Award Donors

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| Agri-Pet Veterinary Service
Baker Hardware
Barnyard Rebels
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Gloria Hoelle
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Coombs Excavating &
Drainage Inc.
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Hospital | Nibbles-N-Needles 4-H
Club
Rebecca Lee
Sally Ruskaup
Shawn Webster
St. Clair
Specialties
Union Busy Fingers 4-H
Club
Watson Gravel, Inc.
Wayne Town & Country
4-H Club
Windy Hill Farm |
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Department 650: Pocket Pets

Pet Rabbits/Cats/ Guinea Pigs/Hamsters/Gerbils/Mice/Rats/Poultry/Rabbits/Self-Determined Animals

Rules Governing This Department:

Please Read All Rules Carefully

1. Fair Dress Code:
 - Pants or Capri's; long- sleeved shirt and/or lab coat (shirts must be collared and buttoned appropriately); closed toe shoes.
2. Pre-Fair Dress Code:
 - Long pants (jeans or dress pants), skirt or dress, and collared shirts, buttoned appropriately.
 - » 5 Points will be deducted if dress code is not met.

Cats:

9 Years & Older

- Awards will be on Sunday July 26th, 2026 @ the Awards Ceremony Located in the Event Center
 - » All exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Cat Project.
 - » Cats must show at the pre-judging unless they are in season. Cats will not be on display at the fair.
 - » Cats must have certification of rabies and distemper inoculation.
 - » Exhibitors must make something to go along with their cat project or a poster and exhibit this item in the Small Animal Building in a booth during the fair. Bring project book and be able to answer questions about the project.
 - » Cats must be on a harness or collar and leash or in a cage at all times on the Fairgrounds.

#216 Cat 1 – Purrfect Pals – beginning level

#217 Cat 2 – Climbing Up – intermediate levels

#218 Cat 3 – Leaping Forward – advanced

#214R – Small Animal Record Book – Please order this book to keep records of your cat project.

Description:

Learn about the history of cats, feeding, watering, and caring for an animal. Make a carrying case, scratching post or some other toy for your pet.

Hamsters, Guinea Pigs, Reptiles & Amphibians

Pocket Pets-Mouse, Rat, Gerbils, Pet Rabbits

* Show: Monday July 20th 2026 9:00 a.m. in the Event Center

- » Members will bring their project in for judging and leave only the exhibit item for display during the week of the fair.
- » All animals must be owned by May 1st of the current year.
- » All exhibitors are responsible for their animals at the judging and must be prepared to present their animals to the judge on the table.
- » Members must exhibit a poster about their project to leave on display in the Youth Exhibit Building
- » Awards will be given on Sunday, July 26th 2026 at the Multipurpose Building

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#215 – Guinea Pig I (9 years and older)

Description:

Start with one animal. Learn to feed, care and manage guinea pigs. Raise one litter if possible. Complete member project guide. Bring an exhibit or poster from one area.

Requirements:

Bring one or two guinea pigs to judging; exhibit fair poster.

#220 – Pocket Pals Project Book

- » Complete member project guide. Bring an exhibit or poster from one area. (gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats, chinchillas, ferrets, hedge hogs)

#227 Pet Rabbit

- » Members will participate in judging on Tuesday July 21st, one week prior to the fair at the Small Animal-judging contest. Participants must bring a rabbit(s) and a poster to judging. Pet rabbits must be healthy and show no signs of aggression. Pet rabbits are not exhibited at the fair. Small Animal Record Book (214R) and Small Animal Resource Book (220R) recommended.

#230 Pet Pals

- » For judging, members can bring in your pet (must be on a leash or in a cage). Please bring in your PetPals activities and accomplishments records along with a poster or a scrapbook.

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Department 700: Dairy Cattle

Jr. Fair Board in Charge: Sadie Watkins, Stella Neanover & Waylin Ruskaup

Adult Advisors: David Vollmer

Rules Governing This Department:

Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Livestock entries are due to the Senior Fair Board Office by June 13th 2026. **ALL Exhibitors will be charged a one time \$2.00 exhibitor fee each year, regardless of online or in person entries.**
- B. Dress Code Dairy: white pants, white shirts with sleeves, hard-soled shoes
- C. NO ONE is permitted in the Barn until Thursday (before Fair) @ 7:30pm
- D. Per the Ohio Department of Agriculture rules, the application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses on market animals is prohibited, except when specifically prescribed by the official fair veterinarian to treat heat stress or a diagnosed medical condition. Using these items for other purposes is considered an unacceptable practice. The use of these treatments will make the market animal ineligible for competition
- E. Animals may be registered or grade dairy cattle.
- F. All animals must be owned, leased and in possession by May 1.
- G. No Bulls may be exhibited.
- H. Lactating animals brought to fair as Jr. Fair exhibits may be released after the completion of the show with all proper stall release paperwork. Lactating animals that are the exhibitor's sole project must remain at the fair the entire week.
- I. Animals must have proof of birthday.
- J. All animals must be fed and watered daily.
- K. All animals must be cross tied.

Division 3— Dairy Showmanship

Classes:

1. Ages 16 & Older
2. Ages 13-15
3. Ages 10-12
4. Ages 8-9

Dairy Showmanship Show:

Monday July 27th Following Open Class Show

Dairy Show:

Monday July 27th Following Showmanship

Dairy Breed Divisions:

Division 4: Ayrshire

Division 5: Brown Swiss

Division 6: Guernsey

Division 7: Holstein

Division 8: Jersey

Division 9: Milking Shorthorn

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Classes for Dairy Breeding-Divisions 4-9:

1. Junior Calf - born March 01, 2026 - April 30, 2026
2. Intermediate Calf - born Dec 01, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026.
3. Senior Calf – born Sept. 01, 2025 – Nov 30, 2025.
4. Summer Yearling – born June 01, 2025 – Aug 31, 2025
5. Junior Yearling – born March 01, 2025 – May 31, 2025
6. Intermediate Sr. Yearling– born Dec 01, 2024 – Feb 29, 2025.
7. Senior Yearling – born Sept. 01, 2024 - Nov. 30, 2024.
8. Junior 2 Yr Old - born March 01, 2024 – Aug. 31, 2024.
9. Senior 2 year Old - born Sept. 01, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024.
10. 3 Year Old – born Sept. 01, 2022 – Aug. 31, 2023.
11. 4 Year Old and Over– born before Sept. 01, 2022.

Dairy Award Donors 2026

**Agri-Pet Veterinary
Service**

Baker Hardware

**Coombs Excavating
& Drainage Inc.**

Fall Family Farm

Gayle Weber

Gillespie Feed &

Farm Supply

Rebecca Lee

Roger VanGorden

Sally Ruskaup

**Select Sires Mem-
ber Cooperative
Watson Gravel, Inc.**

Born & Raised Dairy Show

Thursday, July 30th After Born & Raised Beef Show

For Dairy Heifers ONLY

WILL FOLLOW JR SHOW RULES

Butler County Sheriff's Office

705 Hanover St. Hamilton, Ohio 45011 (513)785-1300

Sheriff Richard K. Jones



Members of the Butler County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol are primarily "Honorary Special Deputies" serving entirely as volunteers. These Deputies must meet the same qualifications as any other employees of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. They must pass a thorough criminal background check, financial background check, drug screen and also a horsemanship test, before being placed on the Mounted Patrol.

Each horse and deputy goes through training and certification and can only be used for the Mounted Patrol upon completion of this training.

Deputies on horseback fill a much needed role during events with large numbers of people, especially those containing groups with contrasting views. All riders and horses are highly trained to withstand hostile contact with large crowds.

In addition to the function of crowd control, the Mounted Patrol Unit is also used during searches when someone flees from a crime scene or when an inmate or criminal escapes custody. They are also used for security purposes at major events, such as the Butler County Fair. Additionally, they are present at a large number of parades and other public appearances.



Mounted Patrol is always a parade favorite.



We Support the Butler County Fair

Department 800: Horse

Jr. Fair Board in Charge: Lilly Haddad,
Ava McClellan, Ruby Morris, & Nora
Wallace

Barn Superintendents: Ava Crabtree &
Ally Dennett

Adult Advisors: Angie Wallace & Cindy
Schwab

Rules Governing This Department:**Please Read All Rules Carefully**

- NO SMOKING IN OR AROUND THE BARNs
- All Fair Class entries are due to the Senior Fair Board Office by June 7, 2026. This includes Horseless Horse entries.
- NO ONE is permitted in the Barn until the Thursday before Fair @ 7:30 pm
- Sr Fair Board and Jr Fair Board reserve the right to make changes, at their discretion, to benefit the integrity of the show.
- HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: A veterinarian, or horse advisor with an attached receipt, must sign the Junior Fair vaccination form (influenza and rhino), in ink, when the animals are vaccinated. All advisors must turn in vaccination forms at the June Horse Advisor Meeting. Any member that has not submitted their vaccination form by July 1st will be barred from participating in Fair.
- A Jr Fair member may only show one horse at the fair. Switching of horses is prohibited and may result in suspension from fair.
- A horse carried as a project may be shown by only one member in any one year.
- Stallions cannot be used as a Horse project.
- Those wanting to participate in the Premier Exhibitor Program must turn in their registration at Skillathon.
- Horses shown by Jr Fair members in Jr Fair classes must be owned by the member, be in partnership with his or her immediate family, or on lease with a lease agreement turned in to the Extension Agent on or before May 1 of the current year. Included in the lease form, there must be an identification page. This page will also include photos of the horse, minimum 3"x5" clear and color photos. Photos must be current and of the front view (head on), right side, and left side. There will also be noted any markings i.e. star, stripe, snip, right rear sock, etc.
- All members are to be under adult supervision in the barns or in campsites by 12 midnight and the lights out at that time. If no adult is present, parents will be notified.
- Stalled horses must be haltered at all times with a lead on the door.
- No horse may be left unattended in wash racks for any reason.
- No free style lunging in round pen. Horses must be on a lunge line.
- There will be no parking around the barns from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm Sunday through Saturday. Cars will be towed away at the owner's expense. All fire lanes must be kept open at all times.
- Each club will be permitted to keep one horse trailer at the fair if necessary. All other trailers need to be removed by 10:00 am on Sunday.
- No yearling horses are to be shown in pony classes. Ponies may be shown in either all pony classes or in age group classes against horses, but not both. The member must choose between the divisions. Only exceptions are classes that do not offer pony division.
- Dress Code Horses: Proper Western or English attire.
- Junior Fair Board will inspect stalls daily. A warning notice will be given if stalls need to be cleaned or if there is no drinking water present. Upon second notice, 5 club points will be deducted per day when not in compliance with the notice. Each club will be responsible for maintaining clean and safe aisles in their section of the barn during the fair. Daily stall cleaning is mandatory. Stalls must be stripped and barns left in their original condition before departure from the fairgrounds. Any stall partition which is destroyed must be replaced. This includes all stalls assigned, whether they are used for tack, horses, or anything else. Failure to comply with the above could disqualify a club's

member(s) from Butler County Fair competitions.

- Tack boxes should be reasonable in size and should not encroach on barn aiseways. Placement of tack boxes is at the discretion of each barn superintendent, the Jr Fair Board and the Sr Fair Board.
- Each member enrolled in a Horse Project as of April 1st, including Horseless Horse, is required to pay a Horse Participation Fee of \$10. This fee is to be turned in to your Advisor and they will submit their total Club Amount no later than the May Advisor Meeting.

Moving Into Fair

- A General meeting for all club members will be held in the Event Center on Saturday (Move-In Day) at 6:00 pm. A preliminary bit check will be available to members at this meeting. (Note: the Judge's decision regarding bits on show day governs and is final). Immediately following the meeting, there will be a horse test for all Test Levels. Make-up test must be completed on Sunday, at either 11:30 am or 6:30 pm. Please make necessary arrangements with the Test Committee.
- Horses are to be stalled by 6:00 pm Saturday. Horses are not to be removed from the Fairgrounds until after the awards ceremony the following Saturday. Any exceptions must be approved by the Senior Fair Board.
- Each member showing project at the Fair must provide his or her own transportation for their project to and from the fair.
- Ponies must be measured no later than Sunday at 6:00 pm at the announcers booth. Ponies are to be 58" and under. Minis do not need to be measured.

Riding Guidelines

- While riding, all Youth are required to wear an approved helmet, boots, and their back number.
- Anytime a horse is out of its stall, the handler must have their number displayed and wearing boots or hard toed shoes.
- No one will be permitted to ride a member's horse except their immediate family and advisors, and they must

abide by the rules set up for the members.

- There will be no riding around the Fairgrounds.
- Members entered in the Bareback class are permitted to practice only the evening before their scheduled class.
- No riding doubles.
- No riding in the barn aisles.
- All horses must be ridden in the designated areas and at the designated times.
- **THERE WILL BE NO RACING IN THE EXERCISE AREAS.**
- Horses may not go faster than a walk on the way to or from the exercise areas.
- When a horse is out of a stall, they must be under saddle or on a lead at all times.
- Contest riders may only practice their classes at the designated times.
- Any horse under saddle cannot be led into the show arena on a lead line for a show class.

Show Days

- A bit check will be conducted on each show day, 30 minutes before classes are scheduled to begin.
- All horses in the ring must be handled by the Jr Fair member.
- A member must show in a minimum of 3 classes, but may show in no more than 6 classes. The advisor has the final authority to decide in which competition classes a member is qualified to enter.
- If a member shows an animal that is unruly, the judge may dismiss that members from the class if he/she feels it is necessary. If dismissed, the member will still receive 10 points for the class.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward judges, show personnel, or other exhibitors will not be tolerated. Violators will be dismissed from the show by the Jr Fair Board or the Sr Fair Board director.
- Club members are responsible for their equipment, projects, and attendance in the show ring when their classes begin.
- Junior Fair classes will be set up depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the Jr Fair Board. Members signed up for classes with under 5 participants at the enrollment

- deadline may switch to another class or remain in the class of less than 5.
- Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the Jr Fair Board.
 - A Jr Fair member may opt to change or scratch their class(es). A class may be scratched at any time. However, any changes must be submitted no later than 9:00 pm the night before your scheduled class. These changes or scratches must be presented on the form supplied to your Advisor. Your Advisor must sign the form and turn into a Jr Fair Board Advisor within the time limit stated above. Scratches or changes submitted to anyone other than a Jr Fair Board Advisor will not be honored.
 - All first and second place winners of all classes (excluding walk-trot, halter, ground roping, and driving classes) will be eligible for the Championship Classes. The patterns for these classes will be made up by a committee of adult advisors and/or the Judges suitable for all styles of showing. There is no limit to how many times a member can compete in a Championship Class, however a member may only compete in Grand Showman every other year. In the event, the Showman of Showmen Champion is not eligible to compete in the Grand Showman event, the Reserve Champion will have the opportunity to represent the Horse Department in the Grand Showman Competition.

Show Schedule:

Monday: July 27th 9:30 – Western and Ranch

Tuesday: July 28th 9:30 – English, Dressage, Gaited

Wednesday: July 29th – Contesting

Code of Conduct

- 4H horse clubs reserves the right to dismiss any member from its membership if the member does not adhere to the 4-H membership requirements. The procedure is as follows:
 - The advisor of the club must write a letter to the member in question and submit copies to his/her parents and the 4-H Educator detailing the reasons for the intended dismissal.

- The member in question may appeal the action by presenting his or her case to the 4-H Educator. If the decision to dismiss the member is upheld, the member may complete the year's club work by rejoining another 4-H horse club, providing that club will accept him or her.
- The Sr. Fair Board director may refuse a member the right to participate in any event at the Fair if they see fit to do so for the betterment of the Jr. Fair program. Example: unfit or unhealthy animal, conduct unbecoming to a Jr. Fair Exhibitor, etc.
- Procedures for handling horse show complaints will follow the procedures as published in the *Uniform Rules for 4H Horse Shows* book.

EquiSTEP

EquiSTEP is an annual statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities. EquiSTEP replaces the statewide requirement of reading the *Horses, Safety, and You* (191R) resource and viewing the *Every Time, Every Ride* and *Horses, Kids, and Ethics* videos for youth and their families who are new to the 4-H horse program. The EquiSTEP curriculum focuses on helmet safety, equine safety & handling, equine health & nutrition, and sportsmanship. It is designed to rotate topics every year.

STEP 1: Head (Helmet Safety Video)

- Every Year

STEP 2: Hands (Equine Safety & Handling)

- YR 1 Equine Behavior
- YR 2 Safety & Handling
- YR 3 Tack & Equipment

STEP 3: Health (Equine Health & Nutrition)

- YR 1 Assessing Horse Health
- YR 2 Preventative Health
- YR 3 Nutrition

STEP 4: Heart (Sportsmanship)

- YR 1 Winning & Losing
- YR 2 Discipline vs. Punishment
- YR 3 Handling Adversity

EquiSTEP is designed to be completed online by each participant individually through Scarlet Canvas of administered in a group setting by a county 4-H educator to their participants, similar

to QA for livestock market projects. **This must be completed by May 1st by ALL Horse Members Every Year.**

To complete EquiSTEP individually, a participant must enroll using their own unique email address. (Participants should not use their school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system). Participants must view all five videos (Introduction and STEPS 1-4) which last approximately one hour in total. Once the videos are completed, participants will be able to access the 10-question quiz. Participants must complete the quiz associated with the training and achieve a minimum score of 7 (out of 10) in order to pass the training. Once the quiz is successfully completed, participants will need to complete the course survey to trigger a certificate of completion. The certificate will be emailed to the participant's email address as well as their county's 4-H Extension Agent. The participant must select their correct county to trigger the email to the correct email address and they must click on the submit button at the end of the survey to trigger the email.

Horseless Horse Project Guidelines

It is recommended and encouraged for members taking this project to read the Beginning Horse Management Project Book (#174). A Horseless Horse Project Book (#173) is available for your reference, however, that book will not be used as part of Judging. Fair Judging will take place in the Event Center, Friday before Fair. An online sign-up program will be used to schedule your interview time. An email will be sent to you explaining the sign-up process. Project topics may be any Horse Related topic of your choice. Projects must be on a Standard Size Poster Board, 22"x28". Interviews should be 5 to 7 minutes in length. Part of the judging process is Dress Code. Proper English or Western Attire must be worn. This includes hat/helmet, long sleeve collared button-up shirt, jeans/breaches, and boots. (Belts are optional). Projects will be disqualified if members are not in appropriate attire. At the completion of your interview, Jr Fair Board members will collect your poster and place it in the Youth Exhibitor Building for display. The awards ceremony will be held Sunday in conjunction with Special Interest & Shooting Sports in the Event Center. Youth taking the Horseless Horse Project that are members of a horse club, shall appear for

the horse test on Saturday with your club members.

Judging will be separated into Junior (8-13) and Senior (14-18) Divisions.

Project and interview will be placed separately awarding 1st – 8th place for each category.

High Point Club

- A club's enrollment for the High Point Award would be the club's official enrollment number at the time of the Fair Class Entry Deadline. This includes:
 - A minimum of 5 horse members is required
 - Any member who decides not to exhibit or show at the Fair
 - Any member excused from exhibiting or showing at the Fair through a veterinarian or doctor excuse
- A club's total points will be accumulated and computed in the following way:
 - Each member's top 3 placing classes plus their test score will be added together for a total. All members' scores will then be totaled and divided by the number of horse members enrolled resulting in a Club Average.
- Clubs will be placed based on their overall point average and receive ribbons 1st through 8th.
- Class Point System

1 st :	25 points
2 nd :	24 points
3 rd :	23 points
4 th :	22 points
5 th :	21 points
6 th :	20 points
7 th :	19 points
8 th :	18 points

Classes with 5 or less entries, all participants will receive 10 points. Members showing in a class but not placing will receive 10 points. Scratching a class will result in 10 points for that class. Total overall Fair competition points consists of: Top 3 Classes and Test.

Test Level Guidelines

All 4H horse members (including Horseless Horse) must take a test each year. Each member will need to purchase the appropriate test book from the extension office. Advisors have an order form in the binder that you received from the extension office. Additionally, each member should purchase a Uniform Rules of 4-H Horse Shows book to know the rules for their show classes at the fair.

Members should begin with Beginning Horse Management (Project 174). This book is divided into five test levels as follows:

- 174 – Test Level 1 (pages 17-50)
- 174 – Test Level 2 (pages 51-64)
- 174 – Test Level 3 (pages 65-80)
- 174 – Test Level 4 (pages 81-94)
- 174 – Test Level 5 (pages 95-146)

New members must start with Level 1 regardless of age. Members must complete Levels 1-5 in order and then they move on to Letter Levels.

The Letter Levels may be done in any order and members are tested over the entire book. They are:

- Level A – 175 Light Horse Selection
- Level C – 188 Trail Riding
- Level E – 177 Horse Training
- Level F – 180 Learning to Jump
- Level G – 184 Standardbred Horses
- Level H – 181 Draft Horses
- Level I – 189 Dressage
- Level M – 182 Small Equine
- Level N – 186 – Gymkhana
- Level R – 187 Roping

A member may stay in a level for a second year if they scored less than a 22 on the test. Any score of 22 and up automatically moves up to the next level. After a second time of taking a test level the member moves up to the next level regardless of the score.

Any member needing a reading will be provided one by someone not in their own club. Please discreetly notify the test committee which members need one.

Test Level Trophies

- All members with a perfect score of 25 will be given an award medallion at the Awards program Saturday morning.
- Test Level Trophies will be determined by the highest score within that Level by someone not receiving 1st place in one of their horse classes. If there is only

one person in a given quiz level, they will receive the quiz level trophy.

Butler Co. 4-H Program State FairSelection PAS Guidelines

- The Butler County PAS show is June 20, 2026 and will be held at the Warren County Fairgrounds.
- 4-H members must qualify in a minimum of 2 classes at PAS show. You will be required to show in the same classes at State Fair.
- Participants will be required to pay a registration fee for PAS shows.
- Pre-registration of classes is recommended and preferred. However, you may enter the day of the show with a late fee being added.
- You are permitted to compete in a total of 4 classes (plus Ground Roping). You must qualify in 2 of these classes in order to compete at State Fair. If you qualify in 4 classes, you may show all 4 classes at State Fair, plus Ground roping. These cannot be changed to any reason. If you wish, you may choose only to show in 2 or 3 of your qualified classes.
- You must use your fair project horse for the PAS Show. No exceptions or changes. Judge's decision is final in all classes.
- Gymkhana Classes – if exhibitor does not qualify on the first run, they will not be given a second run. Helmets are required.
- All horsemanship and equitation classes will include a pattern to qualify a youth for State Fair.
- Pony measurements: 58" and under. (54"-58" = Large Pony; 50"-54" = Medium Pony; 50" & Under = Small Pony). Ponies will be measured at designated time.
- 4-H youth must participate at the Butler County Fair the previous year to be eligible for the State Fair PAS Qualification Show. First year members are eligible for PAS competition.
- Members may qualify at another county PAS show with approval of both County's 4-H Educators in writing. An official form is available and must be completed prior to competing across county lines at another County's PAS Show. A maximum of 2 PAS Shows

may be shown in order to qualify for the State Fair.

- To compete in Dressage at State Fair, a member must be enrolled in the Dressage Project.
- To compete in the Competitive Trail Ride at State Fair, a member must be enrolled in the Trail Riding Project.
- Youth wanting to show in Ground Roping ONLY at State Fair are required to qualify in Ground Roping at a PAS qualifying show but are NOT required to qualify in any other PAS horse class. All exhibitors wanting to show in Ground Roping at State Fair are required to be enrolled in the Roping project book and must submit their completed project book to the State show office the morning of the Ground Roping class for scoring which will count towards their overall class placing.

Injured Animal or Unable to Compete

- To receive fair competition points, a member must exhibit his or her animal or have a veterinarian's certificate stating the animal cannot be exhibited at the fair.
 - A member may complete his or her project without showing in classes, but must turn in a class dismissal slip signed by the judge to receive any points for that class.
- If a horse dies, is permanently disabled, or injured, a member may change to a horseless horse project or request to change their project, at which time must turn in the following three letters by the July Horse Advisors meeting to the Junior Fair Board for review. Any replacement animal must still meet all health requirements. A decision will be made by Jr. Fair Board in conjunction with the Sr. Fair Board regarding the project change request:
 - A veterinarian's statement describing the nature and extent of the horse's debility. In the case of death, the statement must describe the cause and reason for the death.
 - A statement from the 4-H member to the Jr. Fair Board detailing the horse's debility. In

the case of death, the cause and reason for the death.

- A statement from the 4-H member's advisor detailing the problem and whether he or she would recommend a replacement project or not.
- In any case, a member may drop down to a horseless horse project at any time.

Club Camping Spaces

Camping selections will take place at the May Advisor Meeting at the Fairgrounds. All Paperwork and Payment will be due at the time of selection. Selling or Transferring Camper Spaces is Prohibited. If a space is no longer needed, the Senior Fair Office must be informed ASAP.

The order of the camping selection process will go as follows:

1. Advisor Board Officers will select in the order of President, Vice President, Secretary, then Treasurer.
2. Jr. Fair Board Advisor(s).
3. Jr. Fair Board Members (excluding Barn Superintendents). Order will be based on the following criteria:
 - a. Seniority
 - b. Meeting Attendance
 - c. Participation in Fundraisers & Community Service Projects
4. Committee Chairpersons/Advisors
5. Club Advisors, with preference to the Advisors based on the following criteria:
 - a. Working at horse events
 - b. Attendance at the 4H Advisor Meetings from June of one year through May of the following year
 - c. Horse Participation Fee of \$10 per member enrolled as of April 1st, including Horseless Horse. This fee is to be turned in no later than the May Advisor Meeting.

NO SLEEPING IN ANY VEHICLES OTHER THAN THOSE IN RENTED CAMPER SPOTS. All campers located in the new horse camper spots are required to have the proper sewage hookup.

Horse (800)

Section	Class	Class Description
Section 1, HORSELESS	1	Horseless Horse 8-13
	2	Horseless Horse 14-18
Section 2, WESTERN <i>*No Cross Entry to Section 7</i>	1	Western Halter Horse 8-18
	2	Western Showmanship 8-13
	3	Western Showmanship 14-18
	4	Western Horsemanship 8-13
	5	Western Horsemanship 14-18
	6	Western Pleasure 8-13
	7	Western Pleasure 14-18
Section 3, ENGLISH	1	English Type Halter 8-18
	2	Hunt Seat Showmanship 8-13
	3	Hunt Seat Showmanship 14-18
	4	Hunt Seat Equitation 8-13
	5	Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18
	6	Hunt Seat Pleasure 8-13
	7	Hunt Seat Pleasure 14-18
	8	Working Hunter Under Saddle 8-13
	9	Working Hunter Under Saddle 14-18
Section 4, JUMPING <i>*If these W/T classes are entered, you are permitted to enter a class with a canter on the flat</i>	1	Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences 2'-2'9" 8-18
	2	Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences 18" 8-18
	3	Working Hunter Over Fences 2'-2'9" 8-18
	4	Working Hunter Over Fences 18" 8-18
	5	Hunter Hack 2' 8-18
	6	Walk Trot Ground Pole Jumping 8-18
	7	Walk Trot Cross Rail Jumping 8-18
Section 5, GAITED <i>*For Halter Classes, See Section 3</i>	1	Easy Gaited Showmanship 8-18
	2	Easy Gaited Equitation 8-18
	3	Easy Gaited Pleasure 8-18
	4	Easy Gaited Bareback Pleasure 8-18
	5	Walking Horse/Saddle Seat Showmanship 8-18
	6	Walking Horse/Saddle Seat Pleasure 8-18
	7	Walking Horse/Saddle Seat Equitation 8-18
Section 6, DRESSAGE	1	Dressage Introductory C 8-18
	2	Dressage Training Level 1 8-18
	3	Dressage Training Level 2 8-18
	4	Dressage Training Level 3 8-18
	5	Dressage Equitation 8-18
	6	Western Dressage Basic Level Test 1 8-18
Section 7, RANCH <i>*No Cross Entry to Section 2</i>	1	Ranch Halter 8-18
	2	Ranch Showmanship 8-13
	3	Ranch Showmanship 14-18
	4	Ranch Pleasure 8-13
	5	Ranch Pleasure 14-18
	6	Ranch Riding 8-13
	7	Ranch Riding 14-18
	8	Ranch Horsemanship 8-13
	9	Ranch Horsemanship 14-18
Section 8, TRAIL	1	Trail 8-13
	2	Trail 14-18
	3	Trail In-Hand 8-13
	4	Trail In-Hand 14-18

Class List Horse (800)

Section	Class	Class Description
Section 9, WALK TROT *No Cross Entry to Canter Classes <i>*No Cross Entry between Classes 1,2 and 5,6,7 (Western & Ranch)</i>	1	Walk Trot Western Horsemanship 8-18
	2	Walk Trot Western Pleasure 8-18
	3	Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation 8-18
	4	Walk Trot Hunt Seat Pleasure 8-18
	5	Walk Trot Ranch Riding 8-18
	6	Walk Trot Ranch Pleasure 8-18
	7	Walk Trot Ranch Horsemanship 8-18
	8	Walk Trot Trail 8-18
	9	Walk Trot Dressage Introductory A 8-18
	10	Walk Trot Dressage Introductory B 8-18
	11	Walk Trot Western Dressage Introductory Level Test 1 8-18
Section 10, MINI/PONY	1	Mini/Pony Open Halter 8-18
	2	Mini/Pony Western Showmanship 8-18
	3	Mini/Pony Hunt Seat Showmanship 8-18
	4	Mini/Pony Ground Poles In-Hand 8-18
	5	Mini/Pony Cross Rail In-Hand 8-18
Section 11, DRIVING	1	Ground Driving Reinsmanship 8-18 (<i>no cart</i>)
	2	Pleasure Driving 8-18
Section 12, GYMKHANA	1	Barrel Racing 8-10
	2	Barrel Racing 11-13
	3	Barrel Racing 14-15
	4	Barrel Racing 16-18
	5	Pole Bending 8-10
	6	Pole Bending 11-13
	7	Pole Bending 14-15
	8	Pole Bending 16-18
	9	Flag Race 8-13
	10	Flag Race 14-18
	11	Texas Keyhole 8-10
	12	Texas Keyhole 11-13
	13	Texas Keyhole 14-15
	14	Texas Keyhole 16-18
	15	Cones & Barrels 8-13
	16	Cones & Barrels 14-18
	17	Stakes Race 8-10
	18	Stakes Race 11-13
	19	Stakes Race 14-15
	20	Stakes Race 16-18
	21	Speed & Control 8-13
	22	Speed & Control 14-18
Section 13, MULE/DRAFT	1	Mule & Draft Horse Showmanship 8-18
	2	Mule Horsemanship 8-18
	3	Mule Pleasure 8-18
	4	Mule & Draft Horse Driving 8-18
Section 14, OTHER	1	Bareback Pleasure 8-18
	2	Western Riding 8-18
	3	Reining 8-18
	4	Ground Roping 8-18

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Department 900: Dog Projects

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Delana Eschenbach, Sophia Norman, Kaelee Duschheid & Aimee Mikulich

Superintendents: Audree Mikulich, Ava Lawson & Emma Truster

Adult Advisors: Amy Eschenbach & Chelsea Smith

Show Dates:

Saturday June 6th

Butler County Fairgrounds Art Hall: 4-H Show (Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, You and Your Dog with Dog, All About Dogs, Assistance Dog, You and Your Dog without Dog).

Registration: 8:30am Show: 9am

Sunday July 12th @ Hamilton Dog Training Club: Agility

Registration: 8:30am Show: 9am

Placings-Judges, show staff and 4H Dog Committee reserve the right to withhold class placements.

Tuesday July 28th:

Cloverbud, CGC & Trickdog, Demo

Registration 5:30pm Show 6:00pm

Thursday July 30th: Fun Day (Weather Permitting):

Registration 5:30pm 6pm

IMPORTANT: Each member enrolled in the Butler County 4-H/FFA Dog Project MUST have a copy of the dog resource book. Members taking dog projects must have on file a Permission to Participate form by April 1st.

Rules Governing This Department:

Please Read All Rules Carefully

- A. Entries Due May 1st to Jr Fair Dog Department
- B. All rules based on OSU Dog Department Rules, with the exception of limited sharing of a dog between siblings. Rules

C. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY:

- Dogs entered in the Butler County 4-H and FFA Dog activities must be enrolled in the Butler County 4-H and FFA Dog Project.
- Youth must be enrolled in the correct dog project to show in classes at the Fair as follows:
 - » You and Your Dog, Project No. 201D – to show in You and Your Dog classes
 - » Obedience, Project No. 201O – to show in Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Brace, Team, and Rally classes
 - » Showmanship, Project No. 201S – to show in Showmanship classes
 - » Performance Dog, Project No. 201P to show in Agility.
 - » Working Dog, Project No. 201W – to show in the Assistance Dog classes
 - » 4-H PetPALS, Project No. 230 - to show in the 4-H PetPALS class.
- Winning Plan: Exhibitors with a Winning Plan are required to submit that plan at least two weeks prior to the first day of the dog show. The sooner the Winning Plan is received the more time we have to work with the parent to develop a plan to help the exhibitor succeed. With advance preparation we can ensure that the winning will be attached to score sheet prior to the show. Please email Erin for more information.
- Members taking a dog project must have on file at the

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Butler County Extension Office a "Permission to Participate" form by April 1st. This form can be found www.go.osu.edu/dog and www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs

D. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

- All exhibitors must have the current year "Ohio State 4-H Certificate of Vaccination" for ALL dog project activities. Found at <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-ohio-state-fair>. The required vaccinations must be given after August 1, 2025 and before May 31, 2026 by a licensed accredited veterinarian. This must be in the handlers hands when doing the check in on the day of their show. for every dog for show prior to fair and during.
- Upon exhibitors arriving at dog show area, your "Ohio State 4-H Certificate of Vaccination" will be checked. Incomplete or falsified information is grounds for dismissal.
- Health Check at the OSF: Reminder: only the paper copy of the County Dog Project Identification Form & Vaccination Certificate will be accepted at Health Check. Please know that we will not accept electronic or digital copies.
- Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness or diseases, as determined by a veterinarian, will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment.

E. LICENSE REQUIREMENT:

- All dogs participating in Butler County 4-H and FFA Dog Project must be licensed in its county of residence. Junior Fair exhibitors must list their dog's license tag numbers on the 2026 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate. Exception: Assistance Dogs licensed through their respective organizations.

F. DOG ELIGIBILITY :

- Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
- All dogs exhibited must be six months of age by the date of the show. This includes Pilot Dog puppies and other assistance dogs. Dogs exhibited in Agility must be 18 months or older on or before July 1, 2026. Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family. Dogs not meeting this age requirement cannot be shown.
- Youth may show multiple project dogs but no more than 1 dog per class, unless stated otherwise under division.
- Siblings may share a family dog, but may not show within the same project with the same dog. This rule does not apply to the Ohio State Fair. (Sharing a dog at the county level is not permitted for State Fair Dog Show participation. If two youth share a dog at the county level, neither youth is eligible to show that dog at the State Fair, including 4-H Agility competition and 4-H PetPALS.) ex: one shows in you & your dog and the other in rally.

G. OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Dogs participating must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family as defined by General Dog Show Rules for Ohio 4-H.
- Ownership of Assistance Dogs is respective of each applicable organization.
- Dogs must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor for the duration of the project.
- The date of ownership must be no later than April 1, 2026. Proof of ownership is the burden of the exhibitor

and exhibitor's family.

H. RECOMMENDATION FOR DEFINITION OF OWNERSHIP

• Definition of Ownership

- » If the dog is registered by AKC, UKC, individual breed registries, herding dog registries, etc. the exhibitor's name, or a member of their immediate family's name, must appear on the registration certificate. Co-Ownership of a dog is permitted provided the exhibitor's name or a member of their immediate family's name is listed on the registration certificate. It is recommended that a copy of the registration certificate to be on file in the County Extension Office.
- » If non-registered dog was purchased by a private owner, pet shop, humane society, dog rescue, etc., the exhibitor's name or a member of their immediate family must appear on the bill of sale.
- » If a dog was given to the exhibitor or immediate family, or found by the exhibitor or immediate family, the exhibitor or a member of their family receiving or finding the dog should verify the date received or found by use of veterinary records, dogs licenses, and other forms of records, and write a statement as to the definite or approximate date the dog was received as a gift or found.

I. TRAINING

- Lessons, instruction and advice for the exhibitor are encouraged. As long as the exhibitor is present in the learning situation, and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional handling or training by another person.
- Only the exhibitor can train the dog at any type of training class on or after April 1, 2026.
- The judge will not permit an exhibitor to train or practice any exercise in the show ring at any time.

J. SHOWING

- No one other than the junior fair exhibitor is permitted to show the project dog(s) at any type of dog show, including agility, field trials, rally trials, etc., as well as fun matches, on or after April 1, 2026.
- No one other than the junior fair exhibitor is permitted to take the project dog(s) on animal assisted activities (pet therapy) visits, on or after April 1, 2026.
- Eligibility for showing in an "A" class is defined as "no training or showing experience for the handler and/or dog prior to the county's current project year." Handlers and/or dogs not meeting this requirement MUST show in a "B" class. Refer to "A" class information in the rules for each show discipline.
- Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs at the same or higher level than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Fun matches do not apply.
- ONLY dogs shown by junior fair exhibitors are permitted on the Fairgrounds.
- Class may be canceled or regrouped if less than 5 people are signed up for that class. If you are the only exhibitor in your class, you are able to repeat the class the following year.

K. MISBEHAVIOR AND EXCUSALS FOR DOGS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS OR SHOW RING.

- Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during, or after exhibition MUST be removed from the fairgrounds and will not be permitted to return at any time throughout the Dog Show. Determination of the show committee and/or judge will be final.
- The judge or show officials will immediately excuse from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening

behavior.

- » The judge will immediately excuse any dog that appears dangerous to other dogs or exhibitors.
- » Any dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite any person or dog while in the show ring will immediately be excused.
- » Any uncontrolled behavior such as barking, running away from its handler, etc., will be penalized according to the seriousness of the misbehavior, whether it occurs during or between exercises, or before or after judging.
- » Any dog not under its handler's control may be excused from competition.

- ANY dog that needs more space should wear a yellow ribbon or collar to let others know to keep an appropriate distance. Dogs wearing a yellow collar may be crated in a separate space.

L. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- Any exhibitor or other person(s) abusing a dog will be removed from the fairgrounds.
- Judges have the right to deduct points from the Sportsmanship category on the exhibitor's score sheet if unsportsmanlike conduct is displayed at any time throughout the 4-H dog show prior to or during judging.
- Judges and/or show officials have the right to disqualify any participant exhibiting poor sportsmanship at any time throughout the 4-H Dog Show from showing, participating in activities, or from receiving any awards.
- Any handler who willfully interferes with another competitor or that competitor's dog will be excused from competition.
- 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.
- Show officials have the right to order the removal from the Fairgrounds anyone showing unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Exhibitors must check in at their show ring within 15 minutes after being called to their ring. Exhibitors who do not check in at their show ring within 15 minutes after being called will have sportsmanship points deducted on their score sheets.

M. OTHER

- An exhibitor disciplining a dog in the show ring will be excused from further competition in that class.
- The judge will not permit any handler to use excessive verbal commands or to move toward the dog to correct it.
- Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the Fairgrounds.
 - » Dogs must be kept on leash while on the Fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging.
 - » Dogs must be attended to at all times by exhibitor or exhibitors family members.
 - » Dogs must be kenneled in designated areas.
 - » Exhibitors must clean up after their dogs.
 - » Dogs are not permitted outside show venue.
 - » Exhibitors or exhibitors family members are not permitted to tie up the dog.
- Dogs must not be left unattended.
- Females dogs showing ANY signs of heat are not permitted on the Fairgrounds, They are NOT permitted to show. Each dog must go through a health check each day of showing, where all females will be checked for signs of heat. If a female shows any signs of heat, she will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. DECISION OF THE HEALTH CHECK OFFICIALS IS FINAL. (This is a State Rule.)
- Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle,

prong/pinch collar, or electronic collar while on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their dogs are seen wearing muzzles, prong/pinch collars, or electronic collars.

- Only the exhibitor's dog, exhibitor, and show officials are permitted in the show ring area at any time throughout the show.
- Judges' decisions are final. Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals are not permitted to talk with judges at any time during the Dog Show, except during Agility or Rally briefings and walkthroughs.
- Any violation of these set of rules will result in a deduction of points from an exhibitor's high point achievement award or class score sheet.
- No handler, parent, advisor or otherwise is permitted to sell livestock, products, services, etc at 4-H related events. These events are NOT to be used to promote personal businesses or other non 4-H related organization at any show, training or other 4-H related events.

N. DOG WALK PASS

- A Dog Walk Pass must be presented to enter a dog onto the fairgrounds during fair week, of current year. Passes will be given to advisors to be passed out to members.

O. DOG'S APPEARANCE

- **Dye & Coloring:** Dogs are not permitted to be dyed or colored in any way. If coat or nails show any evidence of dye or coloring, the score sheet will reflect a major point deduction
- It is not necessary that a 4-H dog be shown in a show clip; however, Dogs must be clean, well brushed and in good physical condition appropriate for the dog's age. The coat must be free from mats and loose hairs. Ears must be clean, but it is not required that all hair be removed from the ear canal. The eyes must be free from matter. Any dog whose hair surrounding the eyes, ears, or beard interferes with its performance may have its hair tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes. Ribbons or bows are not permitted. The teeth should not have tarter buildup. Some staining on the teeth of older dogs is permissible. The toenails must be proper length. Hair between the pads should be trimmed to prevent matting, as well as from collecting dirt and ice. It is not required that whiskers be trimmed; but if the dog's face is shaved, the stubble should be removed.

• COLLARS

- Acceptable collars while in the show ring for all classes except showmanship:
 - » Well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, martingales, or a slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar.
- Acceptable collars while in the show ring for Showmanship:
 - » Nylon or very small chain link slip collars, or combination lead and collar, such as martingale. Nothing may be hanging from dog's collar
- Acceptable collars while outside the show ring:
 - » Well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, martingales, or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. Head halters, fancy collars, and harnesses are permitted on dogs.
- Dogs Must **NOT** wear the following anywhere on the Fairgrounds:
 - » Pinch Collars, collars with prongs or spikes on inside or outside, electric collars, or any other special training collars, or muzzles, glitter, paint, hair dye, or nail color, different/un-nor-

mal hairstyles or shaves. Youth are subject to disqualification from showing and removal from Fairgrounds if their dogs are seen wearing these collars or devices.

- **Leads:**
 - » Leads may be of fabric or leather and must be 6ft in length. Slip leads are not permitted unless in agility levels 1-5 provided they are removed before the run begins. Chain leads are not acceptable. Showmanship leads may be of fabric or leather and should be long enough to allow for easy handling. Dogs are shown on a lead that is appropriate to their size. All dogs must be kept on leash except when in the show ring performing an off lead exercise, and must be brought into taken out of the ring on leash. Dogs must be kept on leash in the ring when brought in to receive awards.
- **Use of Bait:**
 - » Using bait in Showmanship and You and Your dog classes are up to the discretion of the judge. During obedience classes, food, treats, or toys are not permitted in the show ring, or show ring areas.
- **Appearance and Conduct:**
 - » Excessive grooming of the dog in the ring to gain the judge's attention is inappropriate and should be faulted accordingly . Handlers are expected to handle their dogs without distracting the dogs of other competitors. A handler who crowds or disturbs other dogs should be faulted. Handlers who exhibit impatience or heavy-handedness with their dogs should be penalized
- **Dumbbells:**
 - » Must be made of one or more solid pieces or one of the heavy hardwoods, or of rigid or semi rigid firm, nontoxic, no wooden material, similar in size, shape, color, and weight to a wooden dumbbell. Metal dumbbells are not permitted. Dumbbells shall not be hollowed out. It shall have no decorations or attachments, but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumbbell shall be proportionate to the size of the dog.

P. HANDLER'S APPEARANCE

- Exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance, their appearance should resemble as if you're going to a job interview. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle, is appropriate for dog shows, and complements their dog. Clothing should not distract, limit hinder the judge's view or the presentation of the dog. Youth with long hair should tie it back to keep it from interfering with handling or the judge's view.
- **Acceptable Clothing:**
 - * Includes dresses with sleeves, skirts, dress slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, dressy capris or crop pants, colored dress jeans (not for showmanship), collared blouses and shirts, dress shirts, ties, polo shirts, or similar attire. Sports jackets may be worn, but are not necessary, especially in hot weather. When wearing a tie, secure it with a tie tack; footwear: closed-toe shoes, rubber soled shoes, flats and similar type footwear (Hint: Wear something you would normally wear to an interview). For Agility, Exhibition Classes Fun Day Only: Club shirts, blue jeans, and shorts are acceptable. 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 to low on the waist, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, faded or torn jeans of any kind, bare midriff, bare belly, bare chest or other similar types of clothing. All tops should be worn along with collar bone (no cleavage) and straps should be at the width of a dollar bill or three fingers wide. Do not wear clothing with lettering, distracting, offensive or sexually suggestive wording or designs. Do not wear hats. Do not wear sandals, open toed shoes, high heeled shoes, clogs, or similar types of footwear. Please avoid any jewelry or accessories that may get in the way of handling your dog. Exhibitors dressed inappropriately will have points deducted or may be excused from the show ring.

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Division 1-Obedience:

- The figure 8 exercise will be performed using cones as posts. People will no longer be used as posts in the figure 8 exercise.
- Obedience Classes demonstrate the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the obedience ring and emphasize the usefulness of the dog as a companion to humankind. The objective of obedience class is to recognize dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs in a manner that will reflect credit on the sport of obedience at all times and under all conditions. Each level of obedience competition requires mastering a specific skill set, which increase in difficulty, before advancing to the next level.
- Rules and requirements for 4-H Dog Obedience including classes, Handler's Appearance, Dog's Appearance, Acceptable Collars & Leads. Any dog holding an AKC Companion Dog Obedience Title may not compete in the Beginner-Novice A or B class Pre-Novice or Novice A or B.
- Members MUST move to the next level if they win a class with competition. Members may move forward in the obedience class progression if he or she choose, but may not drop back to a lower level class with the same dog. Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs at the same or higher level B classes than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs completing their Companion Dog (CD) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) prior to July 1, 2025, must show in Graduate Novice classes. Dogs completing their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) prior to July 1, 2025, must show in Open or Graduate Open classes. Any dog receiving one or more legs toward a title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned. Fun matches do not apply.
- An Exhibitor may compete with no more than 3 dogs in same class

Classes:

J-1 Beginner-Novice A - For first-year youth and dogs with no prior experience in obedience before April 1. Show one year then move either to Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice.

J-2 Beginner-Novice B - For youth and/or dogs already shown in Beginner Novice A or have had experience at Beginner Novice or Pre-Novice level before April 1. Can move back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice unless winning first place. If Winning first place in Beginner Novice B, exhibitor can still show in Pre-Novice until winning first place or experience at the Novice level.

J-3 Pre-Novice - For youth and/or dogs already shown in Beginner Novice A or have had experience at Beginner Novice or Pre-Novice level before April 1. Can move back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice un-

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less winning first place -If winning first place in Pre-Novice, exhibitor can still show in Beginner Novice B until winning first place or experience at the Novice level

J-4 Novice A - In this class, neither the handler nor dog have had any prior experience at the Novice level before their county's current 4-H or FFA enrollment deadline. Once a member shows in this class, he/she must move to Novice B at the very minimum.

J-5 Novice B - This class is for the 4-H member or dog that has shown in Novice A or has had experience at the Novice level prior to their county's current enrollment deadline. They have not yet progressed to Graduate Novice A level or higher. If an exhibitor wins the Novice B class with competition, he/she must move to Graduate Novice A or higher the next year with the same dog.

J-6 Graduated Novice A - In this class neither the handler nor the dog have had any prior experience at the graduated novice level before their county's current 4-H or FFA enrollment deadline. Once a member shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduated Novice B at the very minimum

J-7 Graduate Novice B - This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Graduate Novice A or has had prior experience at the Graduate Novice level. They have also not progressed to the Open level or higher. If an exhibitor wins the Graduate Novice B class with competition, he/ she must move to Open A or higher the next year with the same dog

J-8 Open A - In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Open level before the county's current enrollment deadline. Once a member shows in this class, he/ she must move to Open B at the very minimum

J-9 Open B - This class is for the exhibitor or dog which has shown in Open A or has had prior experience at the Open level. They have also not progressed to the Graduate Open level or higher. If an exhibitor wins the Open B class with competition, he/she must move to Graduate Open the next year with the same dog.

J-10 Graduate Open - In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience in a higher level of dog obedience before the county's deadline.

J-11 Brace-Details from State website.

Division 2-Showmanship:

*Bait Allowed

- The judging order for showmanship at the fair will change. Dog and handlers will be judged in the following order, dog exam, handling & interview questions.
- Rules and requirements for 4-H Showmanship classes,

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Handler's Appearance, Dog's Appearance, Acceptable Collars & Leads.

- The Showmanship Classes have been divided into Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. Please read the age divisions and descriptions. Winners of the "B" classes may return every year with the same dog, provided they meet the age requirements

Class A: 1st Year ONLY

J-11 Junior Showmanship A - This class is for the 4-H member 9-11 years of age as of January 1, current year. Neither the 4-H member nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title before their county's current enrollment deadline. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/ she must move to Junior Showmanship B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 12 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Intermediate Showmanship B

J-13 Intermediate Showmanship A - This class is for the 4-H member 12-14 years of age as of January 1, current year. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title before the county's current enrollment deadline. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/ she must move to Intermediate Showmanship B provided he/ she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 15 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Senior Showmanship B

J-15 Senior Showmanship A - This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 15-18 years of age as of January 1, current year. Neither the 4-H or FFA member nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title before the county's current enrollment deadline. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Senior Showmanship B

Class B: 2 Years or More

J-12 Junior Showmanship B - This class is for the 4-H member or dog who has shown in Junior Showmanship A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or champion title before the county's current enrollment deadline. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 9-11 years of age as of January 1, current year.

J-14 Intermediate Showmanship B - This class is for the 4-H member or dog who has shown in Intermediate Showmanship A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. handling or like experiences, or a champion title before the county's current enrollment deadline. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 12- 14 years of age as of January 1, current year.

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J-16 Senior Showmanship B - This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog who has shown in Senior Showmanship A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before the county's current enrollment deadline. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 15-18 as of January 1, current year.

J-122 Brace Showmanship - This class is for the 4-H or FFA member that has 2 showmanship dogs that will complete judging with both dogs at the same time in the ring.

Division 3-You and Your Dog Class:

- You and Your Dog Care class shall be divided into three Divisions -Junior 9 to 11 years old, Intermediate 12 to 14 yrs. Old and Senior 15 -18 years old. If you are bringing in a poster as your exhibit it must be a full size poster of 22x28. No foam boards or tri-folds. It will be displayed in the Youth Exhibit Building for the duration of the fair.

J-17 – You and your Dog – Junior Class

J-18– You and Your Dog – Intermediate Class

J-19 – You and Your Dog – Senior Class

Division 5-Rally

- Every effort will be made to post Rally maps in advance of the walk through. If the map cannot be posted the handler may write or photograph sign information during the walk through
- Rally is a sport that follows a course from one sign to the next, with the handler and dog performing the skill listed on each sign before proceeding to the next sign. Rally differs from obedience in that the exhibitor may communicate with the dog using multiple commands

Rules and requirements for Rally Classes including Handler's Appearance, Dog's Appearance, Acceptable Collars & Leads

- An Exhibitor may compete with no more than 3 dogs in same class.
- Members MUST move to the next level if they win a class with competition. Members may move forward in the Rally class progression if he or she choose, but may not drop back to a lower level class with the same dog. Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Rally Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs at the same or higher level B classes than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs completing their Rally Novice (RN) title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) prior to July 1, 2026, must show in Rally Intermediate classes. Dogs completing their Rally Intermediate (RI) Title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) must show in Rally Advanced classes. Dogs completing their Rally Advanced (RA) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) prior to July 1, 2026, must show in the Rally Excellent class. Any dog receiving one or more legs toward a title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned. Fun matches do not apply.

Classes:**J-20 Novice A –****J-21 Novice B –****J-22 Intermediate A –****J-23 Intermediate B****J-24 Advanced A –****J-25 Advanced B –****J-26 Excellent A -****J-27 Excellent B –.****Division 6-Agility:**

1. Dogs must be a minimum of 18 months old to compete in the 4-H dog agility.
 2. 4-H members and their families should consult with their veterinarian before beginning agility training. Dog with health or other physical limitations should not be trained or show in agility without consulting a veterinarian. County and/or State show officials and/or judges have the authority to stop the performance of any dog whose soundness they question.
 3. To participate in classes, shows and demonstrations, exhibitors must have been trained on all pieces of agility equipment for their particular class level. Exhibitors must agree they will not attempt any piece of equipment on which they have not been trained.
 - * The 4-Paw rule for contact equipment will be eliminated. In the event the dog comes off the up-contact handler may choose to allow the dog to retry the obstacle.
 - * Dog agility is a competitive sport in which a handler directs his or her dog over a timed obstacle course. The level of the dog and handler teams determines the obstacles. For the Beginners class, dogs may compete on leash using a buckle collar.
 - * The dog must have 1 year of obedience in order to participate in agility.
 - * An exhibitor may compete with no more than 3 dogs in same class. The agility classes will follow State Fair Rules . The course will be determined day of show.
- Scoring will be based on the State rules as follows.

Classes:**J-29 Level 1 on lead exhibition only (bait allowed)****J-30 Level 2 (off lead)****Division 8-Cloverbud Classes:**

For registered Cloverbud members ages 5 and in kindergarten up to second grade, must bring your own stuffed animal dog. Stuffed dog must be between 8 and 16 inches at the withers to show. Sign up day of show

- Showmanship -ring work only -must provide proper showmanship equipment.
- Poster Parade - short interview with "judge" to explain poster
- will proceed to ring to display to crowd - same rules for posters as "You and Your Dog".

Outstanding Dog Member:

- Complete the form (the advisors have) to receive recognition on Fun Day. Forms will be due on Tuesday July 28th 2026.

DOG DEPARTMENT AWARD DONORS**Agri-Pet Veterinary Service****Baker Hardware****Becky Hileman****Carousel Critters Dog Training****Chris Carroll****Classy Canines & Critters****Coombs Excavating & Drainage Inc.****Engel Brick****Happy Tails 4-H Butler County****Karen Young****Kathy & Ron Pflum****Lawrence L Baum DVM****Marvelous Marmadukes 4-H Club****Mt. Pleasant Animal Hospital****Rebecca Lee****Shawn Webster****W. Joyce Bradley****Warren County Kennel Club of Ohio Inc.****Watson Gravel, Inc.****Windy Hill Farm**

Butler County Ohio SPECIAL INTEREST DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES

DEPARTMENT NO. 1000

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Dress Code

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Participants must follow the following dress code for judging:

SHOES: Dress Shoes, casual shoes, sandals, or boots- should be clean and presentable

BOTTOMS: Dress pants, capris, skirt (to fingertips or longer) or shorts (ex: golf shorts fingertips length) dressy jeans with NO holes.

DRESS: Knee length or longer dress. Cleavage back and shoulders must be covered. Spaghetti strap dresses must have something to cover the shoulders (sweater, jacket etc.)

TOPS: Blouse or Shirt with or without collar; no cleavage, no bareback, or midriff should be showing. NO 4-H T-SHIRTS OR CLUB SHIRTS SHOULD BE WORN TO JUDGING.

*Remember when you are getting ready for judging be thinking about your total look.

Remember to dress to impress.

Special Interest Department Schedule

July 1, 2026

- Submission deadline for writing projects. Includes Project 588 The Writer in You and Project 587 Writing & Reporting for Teenagers. Projects must be turned in at the OSU Extension Office for preliminary grading by 4:30pm on July 1. Judging interviews for writing projects are on July 21, 2026.

July 21, 2026, Tuesday- Judging

- Judging interviews for The Writer in You (588) and Writing & Reporting for Teenagers (587) projects in the Multipurpose Building (New Building). Interviews start at 9am.

- **Project judging online sign-up will be in the July newsletter sent by email.**
- Skillathon Contests for Shooting Sports, Lawn & Garden, Small Engines, and Horticulture, 9:00 am-Noon in the Multipurpose Building (New Building).

July 24, 2026, Friday

- Booth set-up and decorating, 9:00am-4:00pm in the Youth Exhibit Building. Building closes promptly at 4pm.
- Shop & Crop exhibits accepted from 9:00am-4:00pm in the Youth Exhibit Building.

July 25 2026, Saturday

- Booth set-up and decorating, 9:00am-4:00pm in the Youth Exhibit Building. Booth must be completed by 4pm.
- Shop & Crop exhibits accepted from 9:00am-4:00pm in the Youth Exhibit Building.

July 26, 2026, Sunday

- Special Interest Award Ceremony, 4:00pm or immediately following awards for Horseless Horse, Small Animal and Shooting Sports, Multipurpose Building (New Building)

August 1, 2026, Saturday

- Project removal from Youth Exhibit Building, 12-5 pm
- Booth tear down from Youth Exhibit Building, 12-5 pm

NO PROJECT REMOVAL ON SUNDAY AUGUST 2nd

General Guidelines for Special Interest Projects:

All 4-H project requirements for 4-H Special Interest can be found online at

www.butler.osu.edu

1. Dress Code:

Participants must follow the following dress code for judging:

SHOES: Dress Shoes, casual shoes, sandals, or boots- should be clean and presentable

BOTTOMS: Dress pants, capris, skirt (to fingertips or longer) or shorts (ex: golf shorts fingertips length) dressy jeans with NO holes.

DRESS: Knee length or longer dress. Cleavage back and shoulders must be covered. Spaghetti strap dresses must have something to cover the shoulders (sweater, jacket etc.)

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judging be thinking about your total look. Remember to dress to impress.

2. Special Interest projects include all projects other than those in Livestock, Family & Consumer Sciences or Small Animals.
3. All 4-H Special Interest projects must be made for a 4-H project only. Duplication of projects in FFA, Shop, FCCLA, Family & Consumer Science classes, Scouts, or other youth organizations is not permitted.
4. All project posters and exhibit items must be displayed during the entire county fair week in order for the exhibitor to receive his/her award. Projects removed before dismissal or without special permission will result in the inability to participate in the Jr. Fair the following year.
5. All Special Interest projects shall be judged prior to the Fair.
6. **All judging requirements will include:**
 - a. **Judge's interview**
 - b. **Completed project per requirements listed in project section below**
 - c. **Completed project book**
 - d. **Poster- No tri-fold board, foam board or cardboard posters**
 - e. **One item to exhibit. The project book cannot be considered the exhibit item.**
7. The same poster used at judging is to be displayed at the Fair.
8. The judge's interview will focus on the member's development and knowledge of the project area.
9. All State Fair competitors will be decided by the judge. Please read the State Fair packet before attending State Fair Judging.
10. Required project poster size is 22" by 28".
NO foam board, cardboard or tri-fold posters will be permitted.
Posters that don't meet the restrictions may have 5 points deducted during judging and may NOT be displayed in the Youth Exhibit Building as we are unable to hang them.
11. Awards will be provided for all projects where members meet project requirements and judge's standards. The type of awards provided will depend upon funding available and type of project competition.
12. The following Outstanding Awards will be given in addition to individual project awards:
 - a. Creative Arts, Junior & Senior
 - b. Photography, Junior & Senior
 - c. Woodworking, Junior & Senior
 - d. Conservation, Junior & Senior
 - e. Creative Writing, Junior & Senior
 - f. Small Engine, Junior & Senior
 - g. Gardening, Junior & Senior
 - h. Aerospace, Junior & Senior
13. **Project exhibits are to be taken to the Youth Exhibit Building immediately after judging to be displayed.** Items and posters displayed are to be identified with a tag provided by the Jr Fair.
14. Project removal is on Saturday, August 1, 2026 between 12 and 5pm - NO SUNDAY REMOVAL.
15. Items not picked up by 5pm on Sunday may be discarded.
16. Special Interest and FCS projects selected for State Fair may be removed before the specified project removal times only if they are going to State Fair judging and are listed on the approved list.
17. Projects not otherwise designated will be grouped for judging where Juniors are age 8-13 and Seniors are age 14 and above. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
18. All combustible fuel needs to be removed from tractor or small engine projects before entering any fairgrounds building.
19. 4-H Special Interest competitors must be present at judging in order to win their class. Exceptions are made only for 4-H sponsored trips or camps.
20. Projects not judged at Special Interest Judging must have their projects in the Youth Exhibit Building by 4:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the Fair.

Special Interest Project List

All projects require that the participant complete project guidelines as listed in the project book.

Participants must bring the completed project book, one exhibit from an interest area and a 22" X 28" poster to display.

Some projects may have additional requirements as listed. Refer to the 2026 Family Guide to 4-H for information about which projects are eligible to go to the State Fair.

091 – Discovering 4-H: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

092- 4-H Around the Globe Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

101– How to Herd Multiplies: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

244 – From Airedales to Zebras: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

245 – All Systems Go: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

246 – On the Cutting Edge: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

300 – You're the Athlete: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

343-- Superhero You: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

353 – First Aid in Action: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

354-Medicine Science and Safety: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

355-Tracking your Health and Fitness: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

356- Relationships 101: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

357 – Alcohol & Drug Abuse: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster

359 – Your Thoughts Matter: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

360- Your Feelings Matter: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

365 – Self-Determined Projects

Self-determined projects must be related to Special Interest project categories. Members must submit a plan to their 4-H Advisor on what he/she plans to do with the project and must also submit the plans to the Extension Office by July 1. Print and complete one Self-Determined Project Guide (plan) for each self-determined project. Copies of the Self-Determined Project Guide can be found here:

<https://ohio4h.org/selfdetermined>

Participants must complete project guidelines as listed in the plans, bring the plan, one exhibit from an interest area, and a poster.

Only one 1st place trophy will be awarded for the Self-Determined Junior Division and one trophy will be awarded for the Self-Determined Senior Division.

General Self-Determined Projects: The following is a list of topics which have printable Self-Determined Starter Guides available at www.ohio4h.org/selfdetermined.

For topics not listed below use the Use the [Self-Determined Project Guide](#) to describe your project, set goals, and record your activities.

Note: Self-Determined Animal Projects

Complete general project guidelines. Bring and exhibit a poster for judging. **Please leave ALL animals at home in a safe place.**

370 – Mentoring Leadership in Action: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

371 – Club Leadership 1: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

373 – My Hands to Larger Service: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

375 – Leadership Road Trip: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

376 – Pantry Panic: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

378M – Leadership Master: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

382 – Am I Ready for Work?: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

383 – Club Leadership 2: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

385-Local Government: Answer the Call Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

386- You're Hired: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

387- Here, There, Ag Careers

Are Everywhere: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

434- SuperHero You!- Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster

442 – Family History Treasure Hunt:

Each participant will be interviewed and evaluated on their knowledge of genealogy and what they learned in the project, their abilities in conducting genealogy, their abilities in conducting genealogical searches, specifically documentation or reference, organization, certificates, personal research, and overall appearance and presentation of their work. Bring completed project book, correspondence log, your research journal, pedigree charts, family group sheets with documentation of your research as outlined on pages 3-4 of your project book. DO NOT bring any of the following: BIG display/exhibit, poster board, computer, videos, tape recorder, photo albums, framed photos, reference books, family heirlooms, or knick-knacks. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

489-Microscope Mysteries: : Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

492 – Cake Decorating Project & Record Book:

For Cake Decorating, participants are judged according to age groups and skill levels.

492B- Cake Decorating Beginner

492I- Cake Decorating Intermediate

492A- Cake Decorating Advanced

Description: Cake decorating is a personal enjoyment that is self-rewarding and enjoyed by others. You will learn the proper way to bake and frost, to create a design, develop decorating techniques and color techniques.

Judging is on decorating technique only.

Therefore, you can use Styrofoam forms to decorate. All cakes will be on display in the Youth Exhibit Building.

Judging Requirements:

1. Album or photos of cakes of your learning experiences.
2. Judged on authentic colors, uniform size, spacing and shapes.
3. No smaller than 8" round size and no larger than 12" X 18" sheet cake size.

4. Cake must be on heavy cardboard with foil or some suitable tray. Cake must not be decorated in a pan.

Must complete level area in the "Skills and Techniques Record book" and bring to judging. (Project book #492B) **PLEASE NOTE: No real (edible) cakes!

493 – Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry:

Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

496 – My Favorite Things:

Follow general guidelines. Exhibit samples of your collection in addition to other project requirements.

497 – Scrapbooking, A 4-H Guide to Preserving Memories:

Follow general guidelines. Exhibit item is to be a completed scrapbook.

498 – Quilting the Best Better: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

500 – Science Fun with Physics: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

501 – Rockets Away

Complete planning section and activities in project interest area. Build and launch a 2 liter bottle-rocket. Rockets will be launched following interviews. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

502 – Fun with Flight

Build one (1) airplane with ability to fly. Kits are permitted. Complete project guidelines in member project guide in the front of the manual and bring completed airplane (launched after interviews). Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

503 – Rockets (Estes type Rockets)

Complete planning section and activities in project interest area. Build and launch an "Estes" type rocket. Rockets will be launched following interviews. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

503m – Solid Fuel Rocketry Master

This project is for members who have completed 503 Rockets Away! Members of any age may complete this project. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

509- Robotics Essentials: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

512m – Robotics Master: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

517 – Bicycling for Fun:

Follow general guidelines and bring your bicycle to judging. Judging day will include a bicycle inspection. All participants will be required to provide their own bicycle.. Bring one AND a poster.

State Fair Age Categories: (Age as of January 1 of current year)

9 through 11 years

12 through 14 years

15 years and over

527- Paper Circuits: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

528- Smart Circuits: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

531 – Science Fun with Electricity

Members will have an interview based on their project. The judge may ask for a demonstration of the project. Complete the general project guidelines in the member project guide for electricity. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

540 – Not Just Knots: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

541 – Crank It Up: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

542 – Warm It Up: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

543 – Tune It Up: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

544- Ready, Set, Mow: Follow general guidelines - Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

549- Young Engineers in Space: Missions in the Microgravity: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

550 – Youth Engineers in Solar Energy: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

552 – Tractor Operations: – Gearing Up for Safety: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

553 – Moving Out: Learning About Your Tractor and Farm Machinery: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

554 – Learning More: Learning About Agricultural Tractors and Equipment: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

555 – ATV Safety: Follow general guidelines- Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

556 – Measuring Up
Project Requirements

A. The project may be based on plans from the 4-H project book or a project of similar size and scope from any other plan.

Allowable Tools:

B. The "designated adult helper" may dimension lumber to correct width. They may also advise and assist so long as the member does at least 90% of the project work.

C. Any non- power tools may be used.

- D. The following power tools may be used only with proper safety instruction and under direct supervision of the "designated helper":
*Power sanders, *Power drills, *Saber saws, *Scroll saws
- E. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

557 – Making the Cut

Project Requirements

- A. The project may be based on plans from the 4-H project book or a project of similar size and scope from any other plan.

Allowable Tools:

- B. The "designated adult helper" may advise & demonstrate so long as the member does 100% of the project work.
- C. All tools permitted in #556 & 557 may be used.
- D. The following additional power tools may be used only with proper safety instruction and under direct supervision of the "designated helper"
*Miter saw, *Table saw, *Drill press, *Band saw, *Thickness planer, *Cordless trim saw, *Power nailing devices.
- E. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

558 – Nailing It Together

Project Requirements

- A. Complete and exhibit one constructed project. The project may be based on plans from the 4-H project book or a project of similar size and scope from any other plan.

Allowable Tools:

- B. The "designated adult helper" may advise & demonstrate so long as the member does 100% of the project work.
- C. All tools permitted in #556, #557 & #558 may be used.
- D. The following additional power tools may be used only with proper safety instruction and under direct supervision of the "designated helper"
*Radial arm saw, *Router, *Shaper, * Lathe, * Power circular saw
- E. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster

559 – Finishing Up

- A. The project may be based on plans from the 4-H project book or a project of similar size and scope from any other plan.

Allowable Tools:

- B. The "designated adult helper" may advise & demonstrate so long as the member does 100% of the project work.
- C. A member may use all power tools if they have safety instructions and supervision by a knowledgeable adult.
- D. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

560m – Woodworking Master

Members who want to make a woodworking project in a category that is different from other 4-H woodworking project categories. Members must have completed the other 4 levels. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

573 – Arcs & Sparks: Follow general guidelines. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

584 – Photography Basics, Book 1

Each participant is required to bring one of the following three items for exhibit: 1) a single print of any size mounted at the discretion of the participant; or 2) a collection of prints illustrating a "Photo Story," consisting of at least five and not more than 10 photographs mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor; or 3) a collection of prints illustrating one of the "activities" the participant completed for the project, consisting of at least five and not more than 10 photographs, mounted at the discretion of the participant. Each participant may also bring any other materials they feel might demonstrate their learning experiences of the current project year (although participants are not required to do so). Photochemical developing and printing may be done by the participant, but is not required. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

585 – Next Level Photography, Book 2

Each participant is required to bring one of the following four items for exhibit: 1) a single print of any size mounted at the discretion of the participant; or 2) a single print illustrating an "enlargement," which shall consist of an enlargement print, accompanied by the original print, mounted at the discretion of the participant; or 3) a collection of prints illustrating one of the "activities" the participant completed of the project, consisting of at least five and not more than 10 photographs mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor; or 4) a single original print illustrating a "News Story," which shall be an original photo mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor and accompanied by the published article. Each participant may also bring any extra materials they feel might demonstrate their learning experiences of the current project year, but participants are not required to do so. Photochemical developing and printing may be done by the participant, but is not required. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

586 – Mastering Photography, Book 3

Each participant is required to bring one of the following four items for exhibit: 1) one print of any size mounted at the discretion of the participant; or 2) a single print illustrating an "Enlargement," which shall consist of an enlargement print mounted at the discretion of

the participant and be accompanied by the original print; or 3) a collection of prints illustrating one of the "activities" the exhibitor completed for the project, consisting of at least five and not more than 10 pictures mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor; or 4) a single original print illustrating a "News Story," which shall be an original photo mounted at the discretion of the participant and be accompanied by the published article. Each participant may also bring any extra materials they feel might demonstrate their learning experiences of the current project year, but participants are not required to do so. Photochemical developing and printing may be done by the participant, but is not required. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

*#365 Self Determined (Advanced Photography)

Each participant is required to bring one of the following six items for exhibit: 1) one print mounted at the discretion of exhibitor; or 2) a collection of prints illustrating a "Picture Story" or a "Documentary," which shall consist of at least five and not more than ten mounted prints; or 3) a single original print illustrating a "News Story," which shall consist of an original photo mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor and be accompanied by the published article; or 4) a single print illustrating an "Enlargement," which shall consist of the enlargement print mounted at the discretion of the exhibitor and be accompanied by the original print; or 5) a series of slides illustrating a "Slide Story," which shall consist of at least five and not more than ten slides which shall be exhibited in a Kodak carousel tray, or 6) a collection of digital images illustrating a "Picture Story" or a "Documentary" which shall consist of at least five and not more than 10 digital images that can be viewed on a laptop computer brought by the participant and accompanied by a "hard copy" version of the photos. Each participant may also bring any extra materials they feel might be of interest to the judge (participants are not required to do so). Exhibitors in this class are encouraged to bring their Self-Determined project manual (4-H 365) showing involvement in and progress made toward completing their Self-Determined project. It is not necessary for exhibitor to have competed in classes #584, #585 & #586 prior to entering this class. Developing and printing should be done professionally or by the exhibitor. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

588 – The Writer in You

- A. Writing must be turned into the Extension on July 1st for preliminary review.

B. Project Judging will be done on same day as other Special Interest Projects provided the writing was submitted to the Extension office by July 1.

C. Project Subcategories:

- J-1 RHYMED POETRY – Junior: An interpretation of a subject in rhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.
- J-2 RHYMED POETRY – Senior: An interpretation of a subject in rhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.
- J-3 FREE STYLE POETRY – Junior: An interpretation of a subject in unrhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.
- J-4 FREE STYLE POETRY – Senior: An interpretation of a subject in unrhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.
- J-5 SHORT STORY – Junior (formerly Fiction Writing): A fiction piece comprised of three basic elements: a theme, a plot and characters. Submit one story, maximum length – 2,000 words.
- J-6 SHORT STORY – Senior (formerly Fiction Writing): A fiction piece comprised of three basic elements: a theme, a plot and characters. Submit one story, maximum length – 2,000 words.
- J-7 ESSAY – Junior: A short nonfiction composition in which a theme is developed or an idea is expressed. Submit one essay, maximum length – 500 words.
- J-8 ESSAY – Senior: A short nonfiction composition in which a theme is developed or an idea is expressed. Submit one essay, maximum length – 500 words.
 - Must be typed or printed on 8 ½ X 11 paper.
 - Stories must be double spaced – poems may be single spaced.
 - Entrants name, class, county and club must be on cover page. Class means: Ex: Jr. or Sr. & J-1
 - Entrant's last name with page number must be on each page.
 - Paper clip or staple pages together.
 - Please submit 3 copies of your entry in a 9" X 12" envelope with your Name, Club, Class, Jr. or SR. to our office by July 1. Do not use any type of folder.
 - You must follow these guidelines or risk disqualification.

589M – Photography Master

For members who want to make a photography project in a category that is different from other 4-H'ers photography projects. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit AND a poster.

592 – Get Started in Art

Complete all eleven activities under project guidelines and the “More Challenges” activities are optional. Bring an exhibit AND a poster.

Description

- A. Emphasize experimentation with a variety of creative projects.
- B. School projects or other youth projects are not permissible.
- C. Age groups as of January 1 of the current year.
Junior Division – Age 9 through 13
Senior Division – Age 14 through 19
- D. Evaluation criteria include knowledge of elements, principles and techniques used in creative arts; skills and abilities as evidenced in the exhibit; and understanding and knowledge developed through project work.

593 – Seeing Through Graphic Design: Follow general guidelines -display one exhibit item and a poster

611 – Explore the Outdoors: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

612 - Geology: Can you did it?: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

613- Exploring Polar Science: Follow general guidelines -display one exhibit item and a poster

616- Water Matters: Follow general guidelines -display one exhibit item and a poster

617 – Exploring Ponds: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

620 – Why Trees Matter: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

621 – Ohio Birds: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

622 – Trapping Muskrats in Ohio

Level I (Intermediate)

- This is for a participant who may NOT want to set an actual trap line.
- A participant will display a poster, complete “year one” in project book and complete at least one activity in project book.
- Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

Level II (Advanced)

- A participant will actually set a trap line in an ethical and humane way.
- Display poster, complete project book and do 2 activities found in project book.
- Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

623 – Outdoor Adventurer: Beginning Fishing: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

624 – Outdoor Adventurer (Intermediate): Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

630 – Safe Use of Guns

This project is designed for younger members who have little or no experience with guns. Complete project guidelines as listed in the

project book. Bring one exhibit from an interest area AND a poster.

631 – Basic Archery: Follow general guidelines
641 – Beekeeping Project & Record Book: Follow general guidelines

644 – Insect Adventures 1: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

645 – Insect Adventures 2: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

646 – Insect Adventures 3: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

651 Be a Sustainability Hero: : Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

652 Farm to Table To Career: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

668 Field Crops and Forages: Follow general guidelines-display one exhibit item and a poster

750 – Shooting Sports-Rifle Member Record Book

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

751 – Shooting Sports-Archery Record Book

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

752 – Shooting Sports-Shotgun

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

753 – Pistol Member Record Book

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

754 – Shooting Sports-Hunting Wildlife

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

755 – Shooting Sports-Muzzle Loading

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

756 – Living History: This is considered a Shooting Sports Project.

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

757 – Crossbow

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited.

758 – Western Heritage Project: This is considered a Shooting Sports Project.

4-H members taking shooting sports projects must be in a shooting sports club with a Certified Instructor. Instructors must be certified teachers who completed a Shooting Sports training program. Contact the Extension office for details. Poster must be exhibited. Available from Montana State University.

Fair Booth Contest Guidelines

1. Booth set-up and decorating schedule in the Youth Exhibit Building will be:
 - a. Friday, July 24, 2026 9:00am-4:00pm, building will close at 4:00pm
 - b. Saturday, July 25, 2026, 9:00am-4:00pm. Booths must be in place by 4:00pm.
2. Booth dividers cannot be moved.
3. Junior Fair booths will focus on informative or promotional information about your organization.
4. Fair booths must list names of members and advisors, identify club officers, and name of club.
5. A fair booth is a club project. Every member should participate in the creation of the booth.
6. Booth fronts may not be covered with any type of material. This severely hampers entrance/exit to booths.
7. Booths will be the same size; approximately 8' by 5'.
8. Non-flammable items should be used.
9. Do not put perishable food items in the booth.
10. Commercial trademarks or logos are not allowed.
11. Staples may be used on wood dividers **but must be removed at take down.**
12. Keep security in mind when setting up a booth. Arrange projects so they will not be too close to the aisles. Check the booth closely and carefully when completed for articles that may tempt a passerby.
13. Ribbons will be given to the top 5 booths. One Premier Booth Award will be presented at the 4-H Special Interest awards ceremony on Sunday beginning of fair week.

14. Each club will be responsible for a three-hour building watch. Details will be provided to advisors.
15. Booth tear down and removal will be on Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 12-5pm.

Junior Fair Shop, Crop & Arts Class

Exhibits

Shop & Crop exhibits accepted on July 24 and July 25

1. All entries must be brought in between 9:00am-4:00pm on Friday, July 24, 2026 or 9:00am-4:00pm on Saturday, July 25, 2026.
2. Junior Fair participation is open to any Junior Fair member, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, FFA member, 4-H member, or FCCLA member.
3. There will be a maximum of two entries per class per exhibitor.
4. Awards of 1-8 ribbons will be given.
5. Judge's decisions are final.
6. All crops exhibited must have been grown in the current year unless otherwise designated.
7. All grain will be exhibited in quart jars.
8. All small grains exhibited must be on the Ohio Recommended Seed List.
9. Hay will be exhibited by slices securely tied.
10. All garden products must be displayed on **heavy paper plates.**
11. Judging criteria for garden produce, crops, houseplants, and flowers: Uniformity, freedom from defects, maturity, size, true to variety name, and cleanliness.
12. Judging criteria for arts and crafts: Originality, creativeness, workmanship, attractive appearance, and durable construction.
13. **All photos, paintings, drawings, and scrapbook pages should have a protective plastic covering.**

Garden Produce Classes:

- Class 1100 – Tomatoes
- Class 1101- Cherry/Grape Tomatoes
- Class 1102 – Potatoes, 3 uniform
- Class 1103 – Corn, 3 uniform
- Class 1104 – Green Beans, 5 uniform
- Class 1105 – Cabbage, 1 head
- Class 1106 – Squash, 2 uniform
- Class 1107 – Pumpkin, best 1
- Class 1108 – Cucumbers, 3 uniform
- Class 1109 – Onion, 3 uniform
- Class 1110 – Red Onion, 3 uniform
- Class 1111 – Carrots, 3 uniform
- Class 1112 – Beets, 3 uniform
- Class 1113 – Banana Peppers, 3 uniform
- Class 1114 – Sweet Peppers, 3 uniform
- Class 1115 – Any other vegetable

Field Crop Classes:

Class 1116 – Old Corn, 2024, 5 uniform ears
 Class 1117 – New Corn, 5 uniform ears
 Class 1118 – Best Stalk of Corn
 Class 1119 – Shelled Corn, 2025, quart
 Class 1120– Soybean Stalks, 2025
 Class 1121 – Old Soybeans, 2024, quart
 Class 1122 – Wheat, 2025, quart
 Class 1123 – Oats, 2025, quart
 Class 1124 – Best Hay, any variety
 Class 1125 – Best Sunflower

Shop Classes:

Class 1126 – Wood: Small Projects
 Class 1127 – Wood: Large Projects
 Class 1128 – Small Wall Shelf
 Class 1129 – Book Shelves
 Class 1130 – Nail Boxes
 Class 1131 – Tool boxes
 Class 1132 – Wood Bench
 Class 1133 – Metal: Small Projects; feed scoop, hay hook, pins, small welded projects, etc.
 Class 1134 – Welding Panels Brazing
 Class 1135 – Welding Panels Arc
 Class 1136 – Welding Panel, MIG
 Class 1137 – Metal: Medium Projects; frame sign and bracket, jack stand, wheel garden, tractor trailer, etc.
 Class 1138 – Metal: Large Projects; wagon running gear, large trailers, farm machinery repaired and reconditioned, etc.
 Class 1139 – Electrical Skills Panel
 Class 1140 – Plumbing Skills Panel
 Class 1141 – Shaker Style Wood Stool

Flower Classes: please put flowers in a small vase or jar with water

Class 1142 – Zinnia
 Class 1143 – Marigold
 Class 1144 – Any other flower, 1 stem
 Class 1145 – Rose, 1 bloom, any variety, any color
 Class 1146 – Min-Rose, any variety, any color
 Class 1147 – Gladioli
 Class 1148 – Silk Flower Arrangements
 Class 1149 – Snapdragons
 Class 1150 – Live Flower Arrangements
 Class 1151– Sunflowers
 Class 1152– Dalias

Arts & Crafts Classes: - Please cover all photos and artwork with plastic or place in frame

Class 1153-- Handmade Tie-Dye Shirts
 Class 1154—Drawing, any medium 12 and under
 Class 1155 – Drawing, pencil or ink, age 12 and under
 Class 1156 – Drawing, pencil or ink, age 13 and older
 Class 1157 – Painting, age 12 and under
 Class 1158 – Painting, age 13 and older
 Class 1159 – Lego build or scene small
 Class 1160-- Lego build or scene large
 Class 1161 – Ceramics or Clay

Class 1162 – Photography, 5 x 7 or smaller
 Class 1163 – Photography, Butler County scene
 Class 1164 – Photography, 8 x 10 or larger
 Class 1165 – Scrapbook, one page in plastic
 Class 1166 – Natural Art (any all-natural material)
 Class 1167 – Miscellaneous Crafts
 Class 1168 – Jewelry
 Class 1169 – Model Farm Scene; Display has to fit on a 32X32 inch base. Be creative; can be made from anything such as paper, clay, or bought pieces. Suggested items include small barns, silos, animals, tractors, fields, etc. Displays will be placed in the Special Interest Board during fair week.

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RULES GOVERNING THIS DEPARTMENT –
PLEASE READ ALL RULES CAREFULLY

ALL FCS activities will be in the Multipurpose Building at the front of the fairgrounds.

Family and Consumer Science Projects (FCS) are categorized as either:

- Clothing Project
- Nutrition Project
- FCS Related Project

Clothing Project: FCS Guidelines:

A. Participants must follow the following dress code for judging:

SHOES: Casual shoes, sandals, or boots

BOTTOMS: Dress pants, capris, knee length skirt (to fingertips or longer) or shorts (ex: golf shorts fingertip length), dressy jeans with **NO** holes

DRESS: Knee length or longer dress. Cleavage, back and shoulders must be covered. Spaghetti strap dresses must have something to cover the shoulders (sweater, jacket, etc.)

TOPS: Blouse or Shirt with or without collar; no cleavage, no bare back, or midriff should be showing.

NO 4-H T-Shirts or club 4-H T-shirts should be worn to judging. Remember when you are getting ready for judging be thinking about your total look. Remember to dress to impress.

B. The Family and Consumer Sciences age class breakdown for the county Junior Fair project competition is as follows:

- ⇒ As of January 1, of the current year
- ⇒ Seniors – 14 years and up
- ⇒ Juniors – 13 years and under

C. To become eligible to participate in the County Fair, members must follow these guidelines and complete the requirements in the project book.

D. All projects have judging and display requirements. Items to be displayed are based on the project book and these guidelines.

E. Members do not automatically receive a copy of these requirements. County guidelines for judging and judging schedule can be found at

<https://butler.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>

F. All 4-H FCS competitors must be present during their judging to be eligible to win awards. Clothing project competitors must also participate in the Style Review to be eligible to win awards. Exceptions will be made only if the competitor is absent due to a 4-H related event such as County Fair judging, 4-H camps, State Fair judging, etc.

G. All display items are to be identified with a tag provided by the FCS department.

H. Posters are not required for clothing projects.

I. Members may take more than one project per area.

J. If not noted otherwise in the Family Guide to 4-H, members may repeat a project as often as desired provided that new skills are learned each time.

K. Project skill levels are listed in the Family Guide to 4-H.

L. All projects must be made as a 4-H project only.

M. No food or drink is allowed in the judging, dressing, or preparation areas.

N. During all events, only participants and program volunteers are allowed in the judging, dressing, and preparation areas.

O. Awards will be provided for all projects where members meet project requirements and judge's standards.

P. A schedule of specific project titles and judging times will be provided.

Q. Display items may be removed from the Youth exhibit Building on Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 12 pm to 4:30 pm. Exceptions will be made only for items needed for State Fair competitions.

R. Booths may be disassembled on Saturday, August 2, 2026 from 12 p.m. to 4:30 pm. Guidelines for Club Booth Contest are in the Special Interest Department Guidelines.

S. Any items left in the Youth Exhibit Building after 4:30 p.m. Saturday, August 1, 2026 will be DISCARDED.

FCS Clothing Important Dates

Clothing Project Judging Date: Monday, July 20, 2026; Multipurpose Building; Beginning at 9am

Clothing Skillathon Contest: Monday, July 20, 2026; Multipurpose Building; 9am to 12 pm

Clothing Project Style Review and Related

Project Awards: Sunday, July 26, 2026;

Multipurpose Building; **FCS Related Project**

awards will begin at 12 noon followed

immediately by the Style Review. All

participants should report to the

multipurpose building at 11:45 am.

Fashion Show Clothing Project Removal:

Saturday, August 1, 2026; 12 pm to 4:30 pm; Youth Exhibit Building

Clothing Project: Judging Guidelines:

- A. Members must adhere to all FCS clothing project general, judging, style review, and award guidelines as listed in this document.
- B. Clothing projects will be judged prior to the fair on Monday, July 20, 2026.
- C. Judging will be in the Multipurpose Building at the County Fairgrounds.
- D. A Clothing Skillathon Contest will be held during the Clothing Project judging on Monday, July 20, 2026. The Skillathon Contest will be held 9 am to 12 pm.
- E. Members who take more than one clothing project must complete separate learning experiences related to each.
- F. Bring pattern used, if applicable, to the judging.
- G. Bring completed project book to the judging.
- H. Garment/item to be judged must be appropriate for the project as determined by the project book.
- I. Garment/item to be judged must be brought to the judging on a hanger that is provided by the member.
- J. Upon arrival, garment/item to be judged must be tagged for identification. Tags are provided by FCS department. Once tagged, member should change into the garment/accessories before joining their judging circle.
- K. Accessories and non-project clothing needed to complete the "total look" of the outfit are required for judging and modeling.
- L. Only garments/items required in the project book will be judged and displayed. Extra garments/items may be used for modeling but cannot be judged or displayed.
- M. The project judging will include construction judging and an individual style review where the garment/item being judged is modeled.
- N. The garment/item will be judged both on and off the person.
- O. Only participants will be allowed in the dressing rooms.
- P. As part of the judging, 4-H members will be interviewed on project knowledge and the "total look" of the outfit.
- Q. Style Review Narration Sheets will be written by 4-H competitors at project judging and must be turned into the FCS Junior Fair Board members on judging day.
- R. The judge will complete the entire judging sheet and add the score. Supervisors will double-check the score. Total scores will determine class winners.
- S. Following clothing judging, all clothing projects are to be placed on a member-provided hanger and left on the clothing rack in the Multipurpose Building.** Identifying tags given at judging must be attached to the garment or hanger. Garments/items will be held for competitors to model during the Style Review.
- T. To be eligible for awards, all clothing project participants must be in the Style Review. The only exceptions are for 4-H sponsored award trips, award

camp, or conflicts with judging in other departments in which case another 4-H member may model the garment.

Clothing Project: Style Review Guidelines:

- A. A Style Review (Fashion Show) of all clothing projects will be held Sunday, July 26, 2026 in the Multipurpose Building.
- B. Related Project Awards will begin at 12:00 p.m. followed immediately by the Style Review. **All participants should report to the Multipurpose Building at 11:45 am.**
- D. Following the Style Review, garments/items to be displayed must be placed on a hanger and left on the clothing rack in the Multipurpose Building. Items must be identified with the FCS tag given at judging. Only garments/items required in the project book will be displayed. Extra garments/items may be constructed for modeling but cannot be judged or displayed.
- E. Items for display will be transported to the Youth Exhibit Building by the Jr. Fair Board members and displayed for the duration of the County Fair.
- F. In order to place and go to State Fair, members must participate in the Style Review. The only exceptions are for 4-H sponsored award trips, award camps, or conflicts with judging in other Departments. In which case another 4-H member may model the garment.

Clothing Project: County Award & State Fair Guidelines:

- A. Member must display project garments/items for the entire duration of the Butler County Junior Fair.
- B. Removal of garments/items prior to the conclusion of the County Fair can only be done with permission of FCS Department personnel. Permission for garment/ items removal will be granted only in cases where the garment/item is needed for a State Fair judging.
- C. Premier Exhibitor Award – One member from the senior age division will be selected based on the highest scores received from Project Judging and project area Skillathon score. A Nutrition Premier Exhibitor Award and a Clothing Premier Exhibitor Award will be presented. Participants may win each award one time only.
- D. Advanced Construction Award - Judges will select one Junior and one Senior Advanced Construction Award winner that will be announced during the Style Review. Winners of this award are not eligible to win the Rookie Clover Construction Award.
- E. Rookie Construction Award – Judges will select one Junior Rookie Construction Award winner from participants taking a 1st year clothing project (for Junior ages, 13 and under). Award based on knowledge of project, use of proper construction techniques, and appropriate fit. Winners will be announced during the Style Review.

F. Participant projects are chosen to go to the State Fair if:

- ⇒ Project is eligible for State Fair competition as listed in the Family Guide to 4-H
- ⇒ Participant receives highest score at County Fair of eligible participants
- ⇒ Participant is eligible to compete at the State Fair as defined by the State Fair 4-H Non-Livestock Guidebook. Information found here: [By Clicking Here](#)
- ⇒ Please review State Fair Packet and Non-Livestock Guidebook before attending the State Fair to be sure participant is eligible for judging at the state level. State Fair packets are available after awards are issued.

G. In case of a tie, selection for State Fair is determined by the Judge.

H. If one participant wins more than one State Fair eligible first place award, scheduling conflicts can occur which requires the member to choose which project to take to State Fair.

Clothing Project List with Butler Co. Requirements:

A. Members must adhere to all FCS Clothing project, general, judging, style review, and award guidelines as listed in this document.

B. All clothing projects can be taken by all members at the county level. Participants should select projects based on their current skill level. State requirements must be met in order to be eligible for State Fair competition.

C. See the current Family Guide to 4-H for information regarding assigned skill levels. At the end of each project description below is the skill level as assigned by the state.

#406 Clothes for High School and College –

Complete the project book and construct an outfit with a minimum of 2 pieces or construct a one-piece outfit with sleeves that also has another style detail not tried before. (Advanced)

#407 Accessories for Teens – Complete the project book and make at least one accessory from the project book. Choose one item which has been made to be judged and displayed. (Beginning)

#408 Creative Costumes – Complete the project book and make a costume in one of four categories; historical, ethnic/ cultural, theatrical, or special interest. Authenticity and knowledge of costume history will be judged. (Advanced)

#409 Sew Fun – Complete project book and construct one elastic waistline shorts, skirt or pants. Member must bring a 6" X 12" sample of material with one 12" side hand hemmed. Select an easy or beginner pattern. (Beginning)

#410 Designed by Me – Complete project book and create a top using at least two embellish techniques. (Beginning)

#411 em-bel-lish A 4-H Guide to Wearable Art- Complete project book and embellish at least one

garment for an outfit. One item will be judged and displayed. Bring three samples of embellishment techniques you tried including the technique used for the garment being judged. (Intermediate)

#412 Sew for Others – Complete project book and construct one complete outfit for the person of your choice or adapt three different garments for a disabled or handicapped person. (Intermediate)

#413 Sundresses and Jumpers – Complete project book and construct a sleeveless, collarless one piece dress. Jumpers may include a top worn under the jumper. Choose another project if you want to make a split-skirt jumper, "skort", jumpsuit or pantsuit.

(Beginning)

#415 Ready, Set, Sew Active! – Complete project book and construct at least one garment for an active sportswear outfit. (Intermediate)

#417 Dress Up Outfit – Complete project book and construct a complete outfit in one category: Category 1 – Day Wear; Category 2 – Formal Wear. (Advanced)

#418 Loungewear – Complete project book and construct an outer layer of an outfit for lounging such as a cotton robe, a fleece shawl, or a terry cloth cover-up. Other garments and accessories, such as sleepwear, undergarments, slippers, or shoes may be purchased or made to complete your lounging outfit. Outer layer only will be judged and may not be removed during style review. (All skill levels)

#419 Terrific Tops – Complete project book and construct a shirt, blouse, vest, tank top, poncho, T-shirt, or sweater. (Beginning)

#420 Outer Wear for Anywhere – Complete project book and construct a coat, jacket, cape or other outer garment. (Advanced)

#424 Clothing for Middle School – Complete project book and construct a maximum of two pieces. If you only make one garment it must have sleeves. If you choose to make two garments it must be a top and bottom. Top can be with or without sleeves. Bottom can be skirt or pants. (Intermediate)

#425 Look Great for Less assemble an inexpensive outfit. This is a consumer project. Sewing skills are not involved. (Advanced)

#426 Clothing for Your Career and construct and evaluate an outfit with a minimum of two pieces. (Advanced)

#430 Shopping Savvy – Complete project book and assemble an outfit. It may be made, purchased, or put together from your current wardrobe. (Intermediate)

4-H Nutrition Project Information

FCS Nutrition Project Important Dates:

Nutrition Project Judging Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026; Multipurpose Building beginning at 9:00 a.m.; specific times assigned per project title

Nutrition Project Award Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026; Multipurpose Building. Awards presented at the end of judging per project title.

Nutrition Skillathon Contest: Tuesday, July 28, 2026; Multipurpose Building beginning at 9am.

Nutrition Project: FCS Guidelines:

A. Participants must follow the following dress code for judging:

SHOES: Casual shoes, sandals, or boots

BOTTOMS: Dress pants, capris, knee length skirt (to fingertips) or shorts (ex: golf shorts fingertip length), dressy jean with **NO** holes

DRESS: Knee length or longer dress. Cleavage, back and shoulders must be covered. Spaghetti strap dresses must have something to cover the shoulders (sweater, jacket, etc)

TOPS: Blouse or Shirt with or without collar; no cleavage, no bare back, or midriff should be showing.

NO 4-H t-Shirts or club 4-H T-shirts should be worn to judging

Remember when you are getting ready for judging be thinking about your total look. Remember to dress to impress.

B. The Family and Consumer Sciences breakdown for the county Junior Fair competition is as follows:

As of January 1 of the current year:

⇒ Seniors – 14 years and up

⇒ Juniors – 13 years and under

C. Members do not automatically receive a copy of these requirements. It is the responsibility of the club advisor to inform members of the State and County project requirements.

D. All 4-H FCS competitors must be present during their judging to be eligible to win awards. Exceptions will be made only if the competitor is absent due to a 4-H related event such as County Fair judging, 4-H camps, State Fair judging, etc.

E. All display items are to be identified with a tag provided by the FCS department.

F. Members may take more than one project per area.

G. If not noted otherwise in the Family Guide to 4-H, members may repeat a project as often as desired provided that new skills are learned each time.

H. Project skill levels are listed in the Family Guide to 4-H.

I. All projects must be made as a 4-H project only.

J. During all events, only participants and program volunteers are allowed in the judging or preparation areas.

K. Awards will be provided for all projects where members meet project requirements and judge's standards.

L. A schedule of specific project titles and judging times will be provided in county newsletter and on

county website at <https://butler.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>

M. Display items may be removed from the Youth Exhibit Building on Saturday, August 1 2026 from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Exceptions will be made only for items needed for State Fair competitions.

N. Booths may be disassembled on **Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 12 pm to 4:30 pm.** Guidelines for Club Booth Contest are in the Special Interest Department Guidelines.

O. Any items left in the Youth Exhibit Building after Saturday, August 1, 2026 will be DISCARDED.

Nutrition Project - Judging Guidelines:

A. Members must adhere to all FCS Nutritional Project General, Judging, Portfolio and Award Guidelines as listed in this document.

B. Project judging requirements for all Nutrition Projects are:

⇒ Completed project book.

⇒ One food suitable for project.

⇒ All food prepared for judging should be suitable for serving a family of four.

⇒ Recipe of food item must be typed on 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper with name, age, club name and project name included.

⇒ A menu for a complete meal must be typed on 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper. Menu must include the dish prepared for judging. Menu is to be balanced and nutritious.

⇒ A place setting for the meal planned on your menu that would include the food item you made for judging.

In 2026, Portfolios are optional for county level judging (no points are awarded or deducted) but portfolios are mandatory for State Fair judging.

Each member is required to display 2 copies each of a full menu for the item being judged, a recipe for the item judged, and a 5X7 head shot photo for the week of the fair. These must be in place in the Youth Exhibit building by Saturday, July 25, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.

The displayed items will be brought to the Multipurpose Building for project judging by the FCS department. After judging the items should be returned to the check in table. These will be returned to the Youth Exhibit Building following judging by the FCS Junior Fair Board Members.

C. For all nutrition projects, the member may use a recipe other than the ones in their project book. The food prepared for judging should be one that is similar in skill level and food category as those in the project book.

D. Centerpieces are optional in all food displays.

E. A nutrition Skillathon Contest will be held during nutrition judging. The Skillathon Contest may end before the end of the judging times.

Nutrition Project: Portfolio Guidelines for State Fair Judging:

A. **Portfolios** are optional for Nutrition Judging at the 2026 Butler County Fair. However, it is mandatory if the member is selected and goes to the State Fair for judging.

B. The participant will be responsible for a portfolio that is comprised of a 3-pronged folder that includes 8 ½" x 11" pages.

C. The participants will create a maximum of one page (one-sided only) per "activity area" or "interest area" as designated in the front of their project books.

D. These pages could be in collage, journaling, timeline, photo, or any other format that would illustrate the work and knowledge of the participant.

E. Each page could be different or could be a combination of styles providing the 4-H'er to reflect on their learning experience.

Nutrition Project: County Award & State Fair Guidelines:

A. Portfolios are optional for Butler County Fair Judging but are still mandatory for State Fair Judging. Member must display 2 copied each of a menu for the food being judged, a recipe for the item presented to the judge, and a head shot photo for the entire duration of the Butler County Junior Fair in order to compete in that project's competition for Junior Fair Awards.

B. Removal of project display items prior to the conclusion of the County Fair can only be done with permission of FCS Department personnel. Permission for project removal will be granted only in cases where the item is needed for a State Fair judging.

C. Premier Exhibitor Award – One member from the Nutrition senior age division will be selected based on the highest scores received from Project Judging and project area Skillathon score. Awards will be presented on Friday, July 31, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Morris VanGorden show arena. Participants may win the award one time only.

D. Participant projects are chosen to go to the State Fair if

⇒ Project is eligible for State Fair competition as listed in the Family Guide to 4-H

⇒ Participant receives highest score at County Fair of eligible participants

⇒ Participants are eligible to compete at the State Fair as defined by the State Fair 4-H Non-Livestock Guidebook. Information found here: [By Clicking Here](#)

⇒ Please review State Fair Packet and Non-Livestock Guidebook before attending the State Fair to be sure participant is eligible for judging at the state level. State Fair packets are available after awards are issued.

E. In case of a tie, selection for State Fair is determined by the Judge.

F. If participant wins more than one State Fair eligible first place award, scheduling conflicts can occur which requires the member to choose which project to take to State Fair.

Nutrition Project List (See Guideline Section for Requirements)

#459 Let's Start Cooking (Beginning)

#461 Let's Bake Quick Breads (Intermediate)

#462 Yeast Breads on the Rise (Advanced)

#463 Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set, Go (Intermediate)

#467 Cooking On My Own (Advanced)

#469 Global Gourmet (Advanced)

#472 Grill Master (Intermediate)

#474 Beyond the Grill (Advanced)

#475 Star Spangled Foods (Intermediate)

#476 Kitchen Boss (Advanced)

#477 Party Planner: A 4-H Guide to Quantity Cooking (Intermediate)

#481 Everyday Food and Fitness (Beginning)

#484 Snack Attack! (Beginning)

#485 Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals (Intermediate)

#487 Take a Break for Breakfast (Beginning)

Nutrition Bake-In Contest Information:

*This contest involves completely preparing and baking an assigned recipe in front of judges.

Bake-In Contest Entry Deadline: July 1st, 2025

Bake-In Contest Date: Thursday, July 30, 2026 in the Multipurpose Building. Contest begins at 9am. Start time for each age division will be provided to every contestant prior to the fair.

Bake-In Contest Awards: Thursday, July 30, 2026 following contest

Bake-In Contest Guidelines:

A. Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H as of April 1 of the current year.

B. Contestants do not need to participate in a Nutrition Project to be eligible to participate in the Bake-In Contest.

C. Bake-In Contest will start at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2026 with specific time slots for the divisions to be announced to registered contestants by email.

D. Bake-In Contest Age Groups – Three Classes

⇒ Beginner Class – 8 to 10 years old as of January 1st of the current calendar year

⇒ Intermediate Class – 11 to 13 years old as of January 1st of the current calendar year

⇒ Senior Class – 14 years old and over as of January 1st of the current calendar year

E. Recipes for each age class will be provided by the OSU Extension Office. Recipes will be posted at

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Ev69SdUg3xGtj8

- F. Members are required to provide all their own ingredients (they should not be pre-measured). Members also need to bring all the equipment needed, display dish(es) for finished item, and a place setting.
- G. Use of electrical appliances is permitted. If using electrical appliances, the member must provide his/her own extension cord.
- H. Ingredients are to be prepared in front of judge. DO NOT pre-measure, peel, sift, etc. ingredients except if specifically directed on recipe.
- I. Contestants will be provided the use of a table and an oven. All other supplies and equipment must be provided by the contestant.
- J. Contestants must follow FCS Dress Code including wearing closed toe shoes.
- K. Aprons should be worn to protect clothing.
- L. Hands should be washed as the first step in preparation. Hand sanitizer is recommended.
- M. Recipe is to be followed as given.
- N. Preparation time is 45 minutes. Preparation time is to be used to prepare the recipe, place it in the oven for baking, and cleaning of work station.
- O. Cooking time is in addition to preparation time
- P. The baked product will be displayed for the judge.
- Q. Review the Bake-In Contest Score Sheet for information on how the contest is judged.
- R. Garnishes appropriate for the prepared dish are allowed when displayed.
- S. Pans used may not exceed 12.5" X 16".

Related Family & Consumer Science Information:

FCS Related Project Important Dates:

FCS Related Project Judging Date: Monday, July 20, 2026; Multipurpose Building. Judging starts at 9am; specific times for project areas will be assigned

FCS Related Project Award Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026; Multipurpose Building. Awards for FCS Related Project Awards will begin at 12 noon immediately followed by the Style Review.

FCS Related Project Guidelines

A. Participants must follow the following dress code for judging:

SHOES: Casual shoes, sandals, or boots

BOTTOMS: Dress pants, capris, knee length skirt (to fingertips) or shorts (ex: golf shorts fingertip length), dressy jean with **NO** holes

DRESS: Knee length or longer dress. Cleavage, back and shoulders must be covered. Spaghetti strap dresses must have something to cover the shoulders (sweater, jacket, etc)

TOPS: Blouse or Shirt with or without collar; no cleavage, no bare back, or midriff should be showing.

NO 4-H t-Shirts or club 4-H T-shirts should be worn to judging

Remember when you are getting ready for judging be thinking about your total look. Remember to dress to impress.

B. The Family and Consumer Sciences age class breakdown for the county Junior Fair project competition is as follows:

As of January 1 of the current year

⇒ Seniors – 14 years and up

⇒ Juniors – 13 years and under

C. To become eligible to participate in the County Fair, members must follow these guidelines and complete the requirements in the project book.

D. All projects have judging and display requirements. Items to be displayed are based on the project book and these guidelines.

E. Guidelines and judging schedule are available at <https://butler.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>

F. All 4-H FCS competitors must be present during their judging to be eligible to win awards. Clothing project competitors must also participate in the Style Review to be eligible to win awards. Exceptions will be made only if the competitor is absent due to a 4-H related event such as County Fair judging, 4-H camps, State Fair judging, etc.

G. All display items are to be identified with a tag provided by the FCS department.

H. If a poster is required for the project it must be 22" x 28" on standard poster board. NO trifold or foam board posters are allowed.

I. All posters that don't meet regulations will have 5 points deducted during judging.

J. Members may take more than one project per area for 4-H credit.

K. If not noted otherwise in the Project Guide to 4-H, members may repeat a project as often as desired provided that new skills are learned each time.

L. Project skill levels are listed in the Project Guide to 4-H.

M. All projects must be made as a 4-H project only.

N. During all events, only participants and program volunteers are allowed in the judging, dressing, and preparation areas.

O. Awards will be provided for all projects where members meet project requirements and judge's standards.

P. A schedule of specific project titles and judging times will be provided and can be found at <https://butler.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development>.

Q. Display items may be removed from the Youth Exhibit Building on Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Exceptions will be made only for items needed for State Fair competitions.

R. Booths may be disassembled on Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 12 p.m. to 4:30 pm. Guidelines for Club

Booth Contest are in the Special Interest Department Guidelines.

S. Any items left in the Youth Exhibit Building after 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2026 will be DISCARDED.

FCS Related Project: Judging Guidelines:

- A. Members must adhere to all FCS Related General, Judging, and Award Guidelines as listed in this document.
- B. FCS Related Projects will be judged on Monday, July 20, 2026.
- C. FCS Related projects include all Family and Consumer Sciences projects not classified as Nutrition or Clothing projects.
- D. All FCS Related project display items must be taken to the Youth Exhibit Building immediately following judging.
- E. All FCS Related Projects require a completed project book, poster and an exhibit item.
- F. Displays may be photos or a poster of the item if the item prepared for judging cannot be placed in a booth.

FCS Related Projects: County Award & State Fair Guidelines:

- A. Member must display project items for the entire duration of the Butler County Junior Fair in order to compete in that project's competition for Junior Fair Awards.
- B. Removal of project display items prior to the conclusion of the County Fair can only be done with permission of FCS Department personnel. Permission for project removal will be granted only in cases where the garment/item is needed for a State Fair judging.
- C. Participant projects are chosen to go to the State Fair if:
 - ⇒ Project is eligible for State Fair competition as listed in the Family Guide to 4-H
 - ⇒ Participant receiving highest score at County Fair is eligible for State fair.
 - ⇒ Participant eligible to compete at the State Fair as defined by the State Fair 4-H Non-Livestock Guidebook. Information found here: [By Clicking Here](#)
 - ⇒ Please review State Fair Packet and Non-Livestock Guidebook before attending the State Fair to be sure participant is eligible for judging at the state level. State Fair packets are available after awards are issued.
- D. In case of a tie, selection for State Fair is determined by the Judge.
- E. If one participant wins more than one State Fair eligible first place award, scheduling conflicts can occur which requires the member to choose which project to take to State Fair.

Related FCS Project List With County Project Requirements:

- #376 Pantry Panic** – This is an advanced project. Bring completed project book, poster and item to exhibit.
- #405 The Laundry Project** - Bring completed project book, poster and item to exhibit. (Beginning)
- #432M Sewing & Textiles (non-clothing)** FCS Related 4-H member of any age can complete this project, but should have previous clothing construction experience. Construct a non-clothing item that exhibits specialized or professional level skills. Bring completed book, poster, and item to exhibit. (Advanced)
- #445 Exploring Personal Finance** - Bring completed project book, poster and item to exhibit. (Beginning)
- #446 Empowering Personal Finance (formerly Teens On the Road to Financial Success)** - Meant be taken 2 years. Bring completed project book, poster and item to exhibit. (Advanced)
- #491 It's My Home** - Bring completed project book, poster and one item that was constructed according to the project book guidelines and visuals to show how the item fits into the home. (Beginning)
- #494 Makeover My Space** - Bring completed project book, poster, item to exhibit, and visuals of arranged and decorated room. (Intermediate)
- #495 Living On Your Own** - Bring completed project book, poster, item to exhibit, and visuals.
- #498 Quilting the Best Better** – Bring completed book, poster, and item to display. (Intermediate)
- #499 You Can Quilt!** – Bring completed book, poster and item to display. (Intermediate)
- #594 Knitting It Together** - Bring completed project book, poster, item to exhibit, and visuals.
- #651 Be A Sustainability Hero** – Bring completed book, poster, and item to display. (Beginner)
- #652 Farm to Table to Career** – Bring completed book, poster, and item to display. (Intermediate)
- #670 Canning and Freezing** – Members must have access to a current, reliable home food preservation guidebook. Bring completed book, poster, and item to display. (Intermediate)
- #671 How Does Your Garden Grow** – Bring completed book, poster, and item to display. (Beginner)
- #673 Edible Landscapes** – Bring completed book, poster, and item to display. (Intermediate)
- #691 Grow Your Own Vegetables** – Bring completed book, poster and item to display. (Beginner)
- #692 Growing with the Seasons** – Bring completed book, poster and display item.

4-H Shopping Bag Contest Information:

Shopping Bag Contest Important Dates:

Shopping Bag Contest Registration Deadline: July 1, 2026.

Shopping Bag Contest Date: Monday, July 27, 2026; Multipurpose Building. The contest will begin at 9am

Shopping Bag Contest Awards: Monday, July 27, 2026 following contest

Shopping Bag Contest Guidelines:

- A. Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H as of April 1 of the current year.
- B. Shopping Bag Contest Age Groups – Three Classes
 - ⇒ Beginner Class – 8 to 10 years old as of January 1st of the current calendar year
 - ⇒ Intermediate Class – 11 to 13 years old as of January 1st of the current calendar year
 - ⇒ Senior Class – 14 years old and over as of January 1st of the current calendar year
- C. A maximum of ten minutes will be allowed for finishing each contest station.
- D. Reading assistance will be provided upon request.
- E. Participants are not allowed to talk to each other after the contest begins.
- F. Score cards will be evaluated by 4-H advisors and Junior Fair Board members.
- G. A theme for the contest is selected by the FCS department.
- H. Once the contest begins, no late contestants will be permitted to participate.
- I. Participants must register by July 1.
- J. Registered contestants will be notified by email with information about contest start times for their age category.

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Demonstrations or Illustrated Talks**Wednesday, July 29, 2026 – 9 am – Multi-purpose Building****Illustrated Talk or Demonstration** (without use of computer technology)

Junior Individual – (Age 8-11 and in the third grade)

Intermediate Individual (Age 12-13)

Junior Team (Age 8-11)

Intermediate Team (Age 12-13)

The presenter uses appropriate props and other visual aides to teach others about a subject or how to do something. May use charts, posters, or pictures to deliver their illustrated talk or to stress points with their demonstration. No PowerPoint or computer generated messages. Presenters are evaluated on their ability to present a speech. A demonstration should last between 6-9 minutes.

Illustrated Talks or Demonstrations (with the addition of computer technology)

Intermediate Individual (Age 12-13)

Senior Individual (Age 14 and up)

The presenter uses appropriate props and computer generated visual aides to teach others about a subject or how to do something. Examples: A **Demonstration** may be delivered in this category. Prezi or PowerPoint type slides may be added in addition to other props to help present their message. An **Illustrated Talk** may be delivered in this category, with the member using PowerPoint or Prezi type technology to present their entire visual message; accompanied by their live narration. Requires live speech delivered along with PowerPoint, Prezi or poster message, (**NO** pre-recorded narration). Member is evaluated on their communication skills and their ability to effectively use technology, poster or other props within their Illustrated Talk or Demonstration. Illustrated Talks/Demonstrations should be 9-12 minutes in length with 4 points deducted for time over or under.

4-H Multi-Media Presentations (J-7)

Senior Individual (Age 14 and up)

The Multi-Media presentations should share a message related to 4-H experiences or 4-H project work. This is a fully-automated, stand-alone presentation using video, pictures, slides, PowerPoint or other home/office computer generated programs along with sound/narration to convey a message. The program is free standing and only requires an introduction by the participant. It should include recorded visual, sound, and narration to convey a message. Evaluation is based upon the creative and professional use of technology, as well as the ability to communicate a message, with a clear opening, body, and conclusion. Presenters will introduce

themselves and the title of their topic. At the conclusion of their recording, they may address questions from the audience, followed by an interview with the judge. Presenters are required to furnish their own equipment for this presentation. Audio Visual Presentations should be 6-7 minutes in length. Four points will be deducted for over and under times. Timing of the presentation is from the time the pre-recorded presentation begins and ends. The introduction and questions and answers are not included in the timing.

General Guidelines:

A team demonstration consists of two people sharing the speaking and teaching roles. When members of a team fall into different age categories, they will participate in the older class.

Due to the limitations of the building, no large animals (i.e., Horse, Beef, Sheep, Goat, Dairy, or Hogs over 20 pounds) may be used in a 4-H Demonstration. Members should use models, photographs, or illustrations to make their point when giving a talk about large animals.

Any small animals (under 20 pounds) can be used in a 4-H Demonstration (provided that the animals do not place the public at risk and that they meet all of the health requirements established by the Ohio Department of Agriculture Livestock Health Requirements found in the Ohio State Fair Livestock Exhibitor Handbook.) Current health and shot records must be carried with the animal. Animals must remain caged or leashed before and after the presentation.

Members who use PowerPoint with an Illustrated Talk or Demonstration should use the technology to supplement their delivery. The Illustrated Talk may not be pre-recorded narration. The member is required to provide a live delivery of the topic.

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Fill out top Section of the form completely. Only 4-H & FFA animals being shown during the fair are to be entered on this form.

Beef Department – 100

Fill in page #, Department #, Division #, Class #, Animal ID & Description. Place an "x" in Born and Raised box if you entered animal with producer at time of purchase.

Goat Department – 200

Fill in page #, Department #, Division #, Class #, Animal ID, Description, Butler County Tag & Scrapie. Place an "x" in Born and Raised box if you entered animal with producer at time of purchase.

Swine Department - 300

Fill in page #, Department #, Division #, Class #, Animal ID & Description. Place an "x" in Born and Raised box if you entered animal with producer at time of purchase.

Sheep Department - 400

Fill in page #, Department #, Division #, Class #, Animal ID, Description, Butler County Tag & Scrapie. Place an "x" in Born and Raised box if you entered animal with producer at time of purchase.

Poultry Department – 500

Fill in page #, Department #, Division #, Class #, & name of animal under Animal ID & Description.

Rabbit Department – 600

Fill in page #, Department #, Division #, Class #, Animal ID & Variety and color under Description.

Dairy Department – 700

Fill in page #, Department #, Division #, Class #, Animal ID & Description.

Horse Department – 800




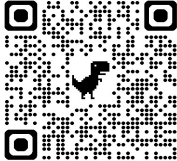
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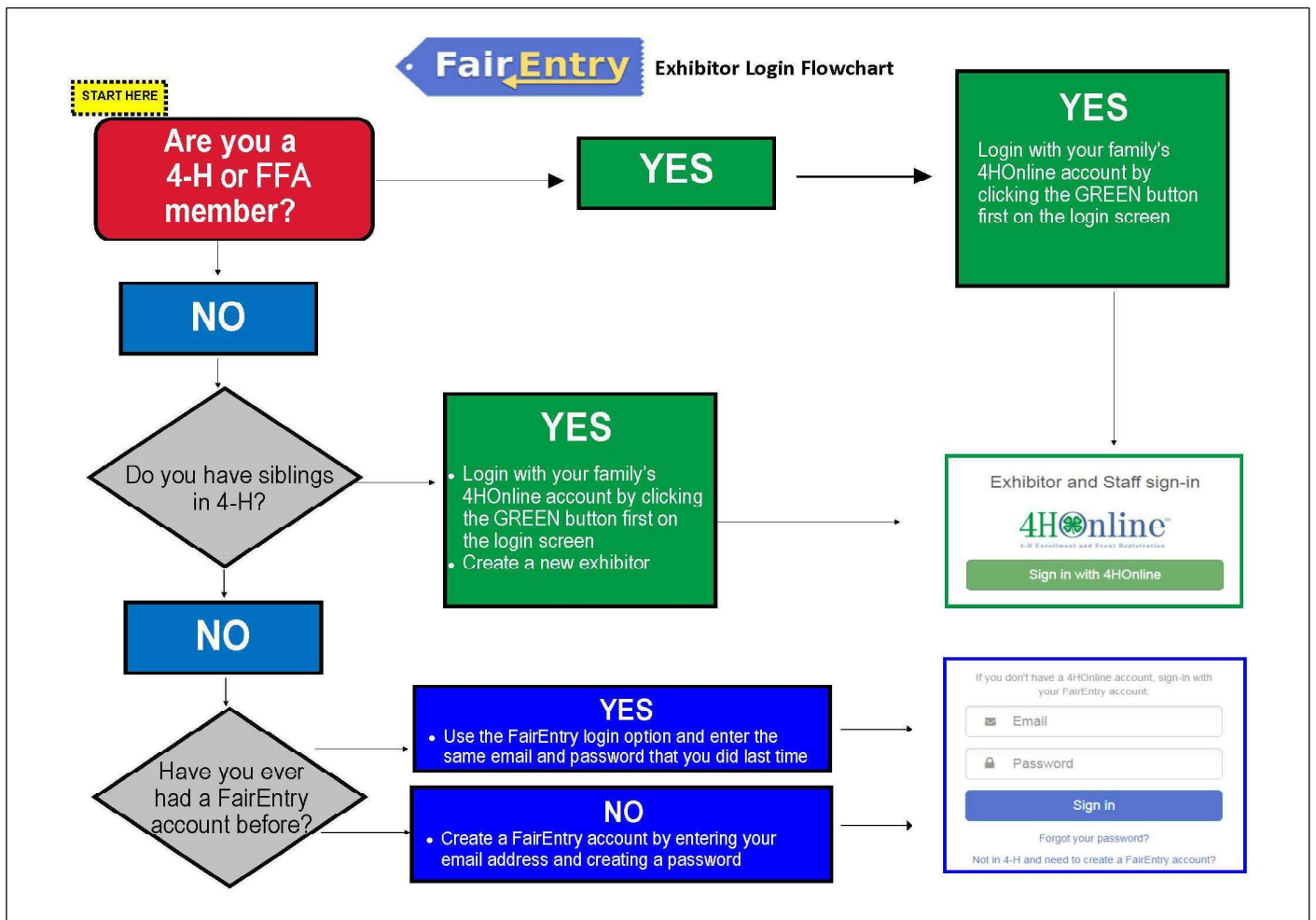
Entries can be made online butlercountyfair.org

MAKE SURE FORMS ARE SIGNED AND DATED.

FORMS ARE DUE TO THE SENIOR FAIR BOARD OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3:00P.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

Fair Guidelines for Jr. Fair Livestock Projects:

<p>Membership Registration</p> 	<p>All club members must be registered in the online system with projects listed to compete in the County Fair.</p> <p>Due April 1st.</p>	 <p>https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/Sign-in</p>
<p>Fair Registration</p> 	<p>All Exhibitors must submit livestock entries to the fair office in person or online. There is a \$2 charge per exhibitor, one time per year. This is for Jr. Fair and Open Class Exhibitors.</p> <p>Due June 13, 2026</p>	 <p>https://butlercountyohfair.fairentry.com</p>



Here are some helpful resources for making entries in Fair Entry:

Log in with 4-H online: <https://vimeo.com/265821971>

Resources for Families: <https://fairentry.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/217431057-Resources-for-Families-Making-Entries>

Fair Guidelines for Jr. Fair Livestock Projects:

What to look for when you are registering for Jr. Fair entries through 4-H or FFA.

You will also see this, as well as Cloverheads, when you are signing up for Open Class Entries. You will use the same login/exhibitor information for Open Class entries as you did for Jr. Fair entries.



Smith, Joe

11/17/2015 • 10 years old (4-H age) • Grade: 4

#123 **4-H Online** Butler • Barnyard Rebels

Notice in this example the Green and White 4-H Online listed with the exhibitor's club and information. If you are a 4-H member and you **don't** see this – DO NOT PROCEED. You are logged in incorrectly.



Smith, Joe

11/17/2015 • Grade: 4

#456 Butler

This example is an exhibitor who is not connected to 4-H Online. This is for Open Class only exhibitors who are not in 4-H or FFA.

Problems from last year:

1. Logged in and registered the exhibitor without adding any entries. This is okay, but you must wait for that to be approved by the fair office before you can add any entries. In some cases, that wasn't understood, so folks created another exhibitor account to put in the entries. This is a problem, because then it's not connected to the 4-H Online account. Solution: put your entries in before you submit your exhibitor. Do this for each member of your family/group all at once.
2. We will communicate with you via email. Watch for your approval or rejection email. No money comes out of your bank account until we approve the exhibitor or entries. Just because you submitted something, it still must be approved.
3. All animals you are bringing to the fair need to be entered and added to the correct entry. You can't sign the same pig up for 3 different classes, or a calf for a goat class, etc.
4. Market animals need to be registered for market classes and Breeding animals need to be registered for breeding classes.
5. If anyone is making entries for an exhibitor, they must use the same username and password as 4-H Online. Don't create an additional exhibitor record.
6. An animal that is registered to come to the fair must stay with the original exhibitor. You don't sign up Andy's 4-H hog for Katie's Open Class entry. If Katie wants to show Andy's hog in Open Class, sign it up in Andy's name and have Katie wear Andy's back tag to show it in Open Class.

Our office is open and we are able to help. Call us if you have questions. And remember, we are also still learning this program. Just sharing what we learned in year one! We appreciate your patience!

(513)892-1423 Butlercountyohfair@gmail.com

Butler County Junior Fair Section

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2026 Butler County Jr. Fair Livestock Entry Form

Entry Deadline is 3:00 p.m. - June 13, 2026
at the Senior Fair Board Office - 1715 Fairgrove Ave. Hamilton, Ohio 45011
or online at Butlercountvohfair.org

For 2026 – there will be a \$2 exhibitor fee, paid once per year, per exhibitor.

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (St.) (Zip)

Club Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age (as of 01/01/26) _____

Email address _____

Page #	Department	Division	Class	Animal ID **	Description

**** Animal ID required: Beef/Dairy Cattle:** Tag or Registration. **Swine:** Tag, Registration, or Ear Notch. **Goats & Sheep:** Scrapie, Butler C
Registration. Rabbits: Tattoo. **Poultry:** Name. **Horse:** Name **FOR 2026

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Required: The undersigned have also read and understand the Livestock Exhibitor Agreement in the Butler County Fair Book and hereby agree to be bound by contained therein:

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

2026 Butler County Fair Open Class Entry Form

Please read all rules for your department before filling out entry form.

All entry blanks for **livestock** must be received by the Senior Fair Board Office by
3:00 pm, Saturday, July 11, 2026

All entry blanks for **Farm/Garden, Culinary, Grange, Flowers, Arts & Crafts, and Fine Arts** must be received by the Senior Fair Board Office between
July 8, 2026 at 11:00am through Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 3:00 pm,

Mailing Address for entries: Butler County Fair
 1715 Fairgrove Ave.
 Hamilton, Ohio 45011
 Phone: (513)892-1423

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Exhibitor # _____

Pass #'s _____

Initials _____

Date: _____

ONLY ONE EXHIBITOR PER FORM – Please fill out all boxes for each entry.

Name: _____ **County:** _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **St:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Required D.O.B.:** _____

Email Address: _____

Please check if applicable

4-H _____ FFA _____

Cloverbud _____

Page	Dept	Division	Class	Description of Entry as written in Fairbook LIVESTOCK NEEDS AN ANIMAL ID OR NAME	✓ if Jr Fair Animal	# of Entries	Stalls Pens
Continue on back.				All fees must accompany entry blank			

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 Exhibitor Signature Date

 Parent/Guardian Signature Date

<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Check/M.O.
Invoice – email required above	Made Payable to Butler Co Agricultural Society

	QTY:		TOTAL:
Exhibitor Fee: OC Only	1	x \$2	\$2.00
Membership:		x \$40	
7 Day Pass:		x \$35	
4 Day Pass:		x \$25	
Jr. Art Hall Entry Only:		x \$5	
Art Hall > 50 Entries		x 0.50	

Entry Fees: On All Animals/Entries (even Jr. Fair animals)

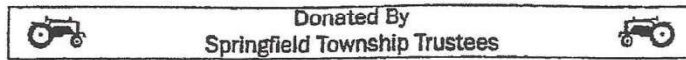
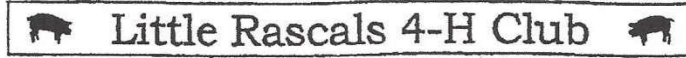
Beef/Steers:		x \$8	
Goats:		x \$8	
Sheep:		x \$8	
Sheep Decorator/Lead:		x \$5	
Fleece:		x \$5	
Swine:		x \$8	
Dairy Cattle:		x \$8	

Stall/Pen Fees – On All Open Class ONLY Animals

Beef/Steers:		x \$5	
Goats:		x \$5	
Sheep:		x \$5	
Swine:		x \$5	
Dairy Cattle:		x \$5	

Total: \$ _____

Examples of Personalized Top Board for Benches



Don't forget to complete the following option choices to personalize your bench.

Step 2 Options - Decorative Ends - Circle 1 or 2



1 Rose



Ivy



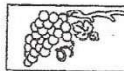
Pig



Roost



Acorns



Grapes



Tractor



Beef



Wheat



Barn



Horse



Dairy

No Decorative End

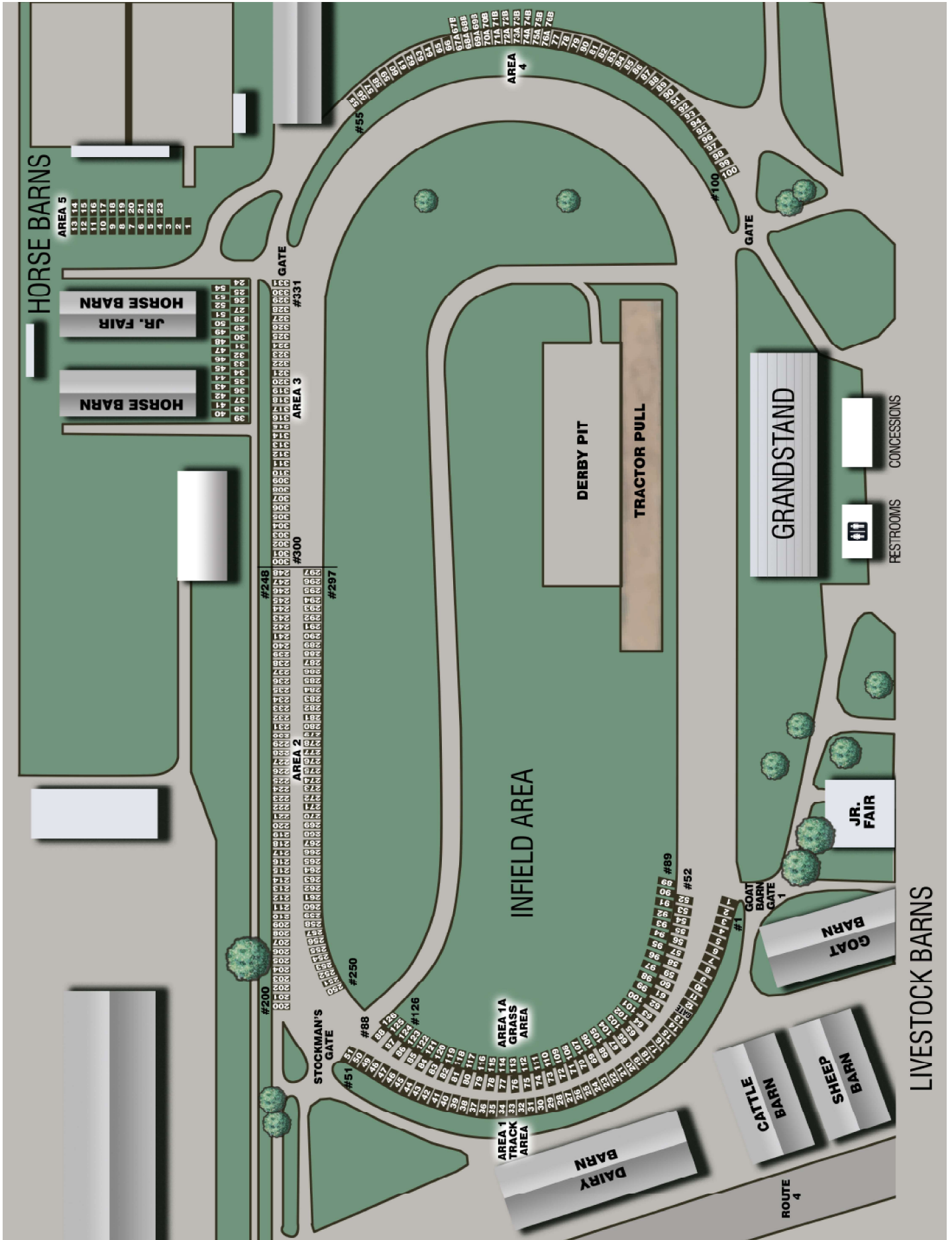
Additional decorative ends may be available. Please email your request to butlercountyohfair@gmail.com

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____



Office Use Only

Date Received: _____

Area # _____

Space Assigned: _____

PREFERRED PARKING REGISTRATION

2026 – ALL AREAS 1 – 5

Butler County Fair: July 26th – August 1st 2026

\$35.00/SPACE – 1 FORM REQUIRED FOR EACH SPACE

LIMIT OF 2 SPACES PER HOUSEHOLD

PREFFERED PARKING PRIVILEGES BEGIN SUNDAY, JULY 26th AT 12 AM.

Deadline to renew last year’s space is June 13, 2026.

1. FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES ONLY – NOT TO BE USED AS A CAMPING AREA – ANYONE CAUGHT SLEEPING IN VEHICLE WILL BE TOWED AND LOSE ALL PRIVILEGES.
2. Preferred Parking will be available on the racetrack in areas 1 & 2, behind the track in area 3, and in horse areas 4 & 5. There are also some spots in Area G, at the end of the Dairy barn that will start 7/27/26. -
3. Preferred Parking spots will be assigned, and a corresponding number will be issued. Lost numbers will not be replaced.
4. Number must be attached to rearview mirror at all times or vehicle will be towed at owner’s expense. Only one vehicle per space unless otherwise specified.
5. Anyone not parking in his or her assigned spot will be towed at the owner’s expense.
- ★ **THIS IS NOT A CAMPER OR INFIELD PARKING PERMIT – VIOLATORS WILL BE TOWED**
6. Parking will be head in parking towards the racetrack fence or towards infield.
7. Spaces will be issued on a first come first serve basis; a limited number of spaces are available. You may reserve same space you had in 2025 in ALL AREAS up until 3:00 P.M. on June 13, 2026.
8. Completed application must accompany fee. Only 2 spaces may be purchased per household.
9. Parking spaces cannot be sold or traded.
10. Preferred Parking does not include gate admission for occupants.
11. Preferred Parking privilege pass can be picked up at Fair Office beginning Wednesday, July 21st during normal office hours. If you have a preferred parking in Area G at the end of the Dairy Barn your pass will be ready on 7/26/26
12. Must fill out a form for each spot purchased.

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____



Area Requested: _____ Same as 2025 Space? _____

I have read the rules of this registration concerning preferred parking at the Butler County Fair and agree to comply with the said rules or be subject to eviction. **REQUIRED**

★ Signed: _____ Date: _____

If mailing application, send to: **Butler County Fair, 1715 Fairgrove Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45011**

Payment Method:

<input type="checkbox"/> Invoice me for CC payment – with phone #	<input type="checkbox"/> Check/M.O.	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid Online
 	Made Payable to Butler Co Agricultural Society	Paid with Entries thru FairEntry

2026 CAMPER FEES AND RULES – JULY 26TH-AUGUST 1ST, 2026

Livestock Camping Member in Charge: Doug Turner
Horse Camping Member in Charge: Chad Idle

Quiet Hours in Campgrounds is 12:00 midnight.

- 1) Camping fee for the week of the fair is:
\$400: Infield, Horse Area 2 & Overflow.
\$325: Fence Camping.
\$350: Horse Camping Area 1.
Do not include this payment with any other fees. Fee must accompany application.
- 2) Absolutely no motorized vehicles (ATV, RTV, golf carts) permitted on fair grounds.
- 3) Fee does not include Fair entry. Everyone staying in camper must have and hold a ticket for the week. Tickets must be 7-day, Membership, Jr. Fair, or Jr. Fair Advisor Pass.
- 4) Spaces will be assigned by the following criteria in order listed: 1.) Families with Jr. Fair Livestock entries 2.) Families with other Jr. Fair entries, 3.) Families with Open Class Livestock entries, 4.) Sr. Fairboard and other essential personnel, with the infield and fence spaces filling first, then overflow areas.
- 5) Camping applications will be accepted at the fair office, either in person, by Postal Mail, or emailed to Butlercountyohfair@gmail.com. No faxed applications will be accepted.
- 6) **Prior year campers must have application & payment to the Fair Office by the Jr. Fair Entry Deadline.** If you do not secure your space by the deadline, it will be made available to others. If size or type of camper is different than previous year, same location, or space cannot be guaranteed.
- 7) **New Camper Applicants:** Your name will be added to the waiting list, based on date & time your application is received in the office. Camper spaces will be awarded based on criteria above, after the prior year campers have been assigned, considering size, space, availability and position on wait list.
- 8) **Horse Area ONLY: Club Camping Spaces During the Fair:** Camping selections will take place at the May Advisor Meeting at the Fairgrounds. All paperwork & payments will be due at the time of selection. The Order of the Camping Selection Process will go as follows:
 - a) Advisor Board Officers will select in the order of President, VP, Secretary, then Treasurer.
 - b) Jr. Fairboard Advisors(s)
 - c) Jr Fairboard Members (excluding Barn Superintendents) based on:
 - i) Seniority
 - ii) Meeting Attendance
 - iii) Participation in Fundraisers & Comm. Svc Projects
 - d) Committee Chairpersons/Advisors
 - e) Club Advisors, based on:
 - i) Working at Horse Events
 - ii) Attendance at the 4H Horse Advisor Meetings from June of one year through May of the following year.
 - iii) Horse Participant: Fee of \$10/member enrolled as of April 1st, including Horseless Horse (turn in no later than May Advisor Meeting.
- 9) **NO SLEEPING IN ANY VEHICLES OTHER THAN THOSE IN RENTED CAMPER SPOTS.**
- 10) **Campers move in Friday before the start of Fair, You may not move in prior, unless you are Authorized Fair Personnel.**
 - 11) All fire lanes must be kept open at all times.
 - 12) No pets are allowed in camping area
 - 13) Drugs, drug-related substances and alcohol are strictly prohibited upon the fairgrounds (including parking and camping areas). Matters concerning drugs, drug-related substances and/or alcohol, or evidence or suspicion of any type or nature of the same, shall be referred to a director or directors of the Agricultural Society or its duly authorized agents for disposition. Any action to be taken on the matter is within the sole discretion of the Directors of the Agricultural Society, and such actions may include, without limit, the following:
 - a) Referral of the matter to law enforcement authorities.
 - b) Notice to parents and/or guardians.
 - c) Removal from the fairgrounds.
 - d) Bar from participating in any manner in future fairs.
 - e) Forfeiture of any awards and/or prize money.
 - 14) Air conditioners will be permitted.
 - 15) Electric hook-ups are to be proper receptacles only, and only one camping unit per extension cord. Use only UL approve extension cord. No Generators allowed unless authorized by Fairboard.
 - 16) Premises around camping area are to be kept clean and sanitary. Trash is to be placed in proper containers. No dumping of holding tanks will be permitted. If using sewer you must have proper adapters. Cardboard and Duct Tape are NOT appropriate.
 - 17) No open fires are permitted.
 - 18) Room for slide-outs and awnings is not guaranteed. Only if space is available.
 - 19) No person staying in a camper may cause a disturbance, nuisance or annoyance as determined by the sole discretion of any members of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Society or their duly authorized agents.
 - 20) The Butler County Agricultural Society is not liable in any way for any actions, losses, damages, or claims of any type which might arise as a result of a person using the Fairground facilities for camping.
 - 21) No subletting of camper space is permitted. Cannot give space to someone else.
 - 22) Space is for camper only. No other vehicles permitted to park in camper area.
 - 23) Sitting on top of campers is prohibited due to safety/ liability issues.
 - 24) DO NOT unplug someone else's camper. If you have a problem, please contact a Fairboard member
 - 25) The above rules will be enforced by the Directors of the Butler County Agricultural Society and/or its authorized agents. The Society reserves the right to take whatever action it deems appropriate, in its sole discretion, to remedy any concern in the camping area which shall include, without limit, the following: to immediately terminate or cancel the rental arrangement, to have the applicant or camper removed from the premises, to reject or refuse camper rental privileges to any applicant.

For Camper spaces that include parking, you MUST come to the fair office before setting up your camper to get your exact location and parking passes.



2026 APPLICATION FOR CAMPER PERMIT

This form MUST be completed by the site occupant, who is responsible for the camping unit. All those wanting to camp MUST complete this form. **This form is Due by June 13th by 3:00pm**
The Camping spots are for the entire week of fair.
Horse Participants will turn in this application at the May Horse Advisors Meeting.

For All Departments:
 Move in Friday before
 Fair, Unless Authorized
 Fair Personnel!

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address (City, State & Zip) : _____

Email: _____

Number Choice	Camping Area	Price \$	Did you have this space in 2025?	
	Infield Camping	\$400	Yes	No
	Fence Camping	\$325	Yes	No
	Horse Camping 1 (Original)	\$350	Yes	No
	Horse Camping 2 (New)	\$400	Yes	No
	Over Flow Camping	\$400	Yes	No

Camper Type:
 _____ RV
 _____ Truck Camper
 _____ Camping Trailer

**** Required **** Length of Vehicle: _____ (From Hitch to Rear Bumper)
Measurements must be accurate and will be checked by a member in charge

**** Required **** Slide Outs? _____ Yes _____ No
(Circle One)

of Adults _____ Name(s): _____

of Youth _____ Name(s): _____

Club/Chapter Represented: _____ Jr Fair/FFA Exhibit Livestock Projects: Yes No

Are you an advisor of this club? YES NO (Circle One, will be verified with advisor)

List Projects: _____

I have read the Rules of this application concerning camper parking at the Butler County Fair and agree to comply with Said Rules or be subject to Eviction. Camping spots (Infield, Horse Camping 2 and Overflow) include 2 parking spots at the camper. Camper Parking tags have to be picked up in the Fair Office starting the week prior to fair.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please submit application and payment to:
Butler County Agricultural Society 1715 Fairgrove Ave. Hamilton Oh, 45011

Applications due by:
***If Part of Horse Department, due at Horse Advisors Meeting in May**
***All other camping sites, due by Junior Fair Animal Enrollment Deadline.**

New Applications: Payment will be held until camping space confirmed.

Office Use Only
 Payment Amt.\$: _____
 Receipt #: _____
 Date Received: _____
 Space Assigned: _____

2026 OHIO AGRICULTURAL FAIR SCHEDULE

Ohio State Fair (Columbus) July 29 – August 9

County Fair (Location)	Dates
ADAMS (West Union)	July 12 -July 18
ALBANY (Athens Co.)	Sept 23-Sept 27
ALLEN (Lima)	Aug 21-Aug 29
ASHLAND (Ashland)	Sept 20 -Sept 26
ASHTABULA (Jefferson)	Aug 11-Aug 16
ATHENS (Athens)	Aug 7- Aug 15
ATTICA (Seneca Co.)	Aug 11-Aug 15
AUGLAIZE (Wapakoneta)	Aug 2-Aug 8
BARLOW (Washington Co.)	Sept 30-Oct 4
BELLVILLE (Richland Co.)	Sept 16-Sept 19
BELMONT (St. Clairsville)	Sept 7-Sept 13
BROWN (Georgetown)	Sept 28-Oct 3
BUTLER (Hamilton)	July 26-Aug 1
CARROLL (Carrollton)	July 21-July 26
CHAMPAIGN (Urbana)	Aug 7-Aug 14
CLARK (Springfield)	July 24-July 31
CLERMONT (Owensville)	July 27-Aug 1
CLINTON (Wilmington)	July 11-July 18
COLUMBIANA (Lisbon)	Aug 3-Aug 9
COSHOCTON (Coshocton)	Oct 2-Oct 8
CRAWFORD (Bucyrus)	July 20-July 25
CUYAHOGA (Berea)	Aug 11-Aug 16
DARKE (Greenville)	Aug 21-Aug 29
DEFIANCE (Hicksville)	Aug 22-Aug 29
DELAWARE (Delaware)	Sept 19-Sept 26
ERIE (Sandusky)	Aug 10-Aug 16
FAIRFIELD (Lancaster)	Oct 11-Oct 17
FAYETTE (Wash. C.H.)	July 20-July 25
FRANKLIN (Hilliard)	July 20-July 26
FULTON (Wauseon)	Sept 4-Sept 10
GALLIA (Gallipolis)	Aug 3-Aug 8
GEAUGA (Burton)	Sept 3-Sept 7
GREENE (Xenia)	Aug 2-Aug 8
GUERNSEY (Old Wash.)	Sept 14-Sept 19
HAMILTON (Carthage)	June 25-June 28
HANCOCK (Findlay)	Sept 1-Sept 7
HARDIN (Kenton)	Sept 8-Sept 13
HARRISON (Cadiz)	June 22-June 27
HARTFORD (Licking Co.)	Aug 9-Aug 15
HENRY (Napoleon)	Aug 13-Aug 20
HIGHLAND (Hillsboro)	Sept 6-Sept 12
HOCKING (Logan)	Sept 14-Sept 19
HOLMES (Millersburg)	Aug 10-Aug 15
HURON (Norwalk)	Aug 16-Aug 22
JACKSON (Wellston)	July 17-July 25
JEFFERSON (Smithfield)	Aug 17-Aug 23
KNOX (Mt. Vernon)	July 25-Aug 1

County Fair (Location)	Dates
LAKE (Painesville)	July 28-Aug 2
LAWRENCE (Proctorville)	July 13-July 18
LOGAN (Bellefontaine)	July 12-July 18
LORAIN (Wellington)	Aug 23-Aug 30
LOUDONVILLE (Ashland Co.)	Oct 6-Oct 10
LUCAS (Maumee)	July 13-July 19
MADISON (London)	July 11-July 18
MAHONING (Canfield)	Sept 2-Sept 7
MARION (Marion)	June 28-July 4
MEDINA (Medina)	Aug 3-Aug 9
MEIGS (Pomeroy)	Aug 17-Aug 22
MERCER (Celina)	Aug 13-Aug 19
MIAMI (Troy)	Aug 14-Aug 20
MONROE (Woodsfield)	Aug 24-Aug 29
MONTGOMERY (Dayton)	July 14-July 19
MORGAN (McConnelsville)	Sept 8-Sept 12
MORROW (Mt. Gilead)	Aug 31-Sept 7
MUSKINGUM (Zanesville)	Aug 16-Aug 22
NOBLE (Caldwell)	Aug 31-Sept 5
OTTAWA (Oak Harbor)	July 19-July 26
PAULDING (Paulding)	June 6-June 13
PERRY (New Lexington)	July 20-July 25
PICKAWAY (Circleville)	June 20-June 27
PIKE (Piketon)	July 24-Aug 1
PORTAGE (Randolph)	Aug 25-Aug 30
PREBLE (Eaton)	Aug 1-Aug 8
PUTNAM (Ottawa)	June 22-June 27
RICHLAND (Mansfield)	Aug 9-Aug 15
RICHWOOD (Union Co.)	Sept 1-Sept 7
ROSS (Chillicothe)	Aug 9-Aug 15
SANDUSKY (Fremont)	Aug 24-Aug 30
SCIOTO (Lucasville)	Aug 3-Aug 8
SENECA (Tiffin)	July 26-Aug 2
SHELBY (Sidney)	July 26-Aug 1
STARK (Canton)	Sept 1-Sept 7
SUMMIT (Tallmadge)	July 28-Aug 2
TRUMBULL (Cortland)	July 14-July 19
TUSCARAWAS (Dover)	Sept 21-Sept 27
UNION (Marysville)	July 26-Aug 1
VAN WERT (Van Wert)	Sept 1-Sept 7
VINTON (McArthur)	July 27-Aug 1
WARREN (Lebanon)	July 20-July 25
WASHINGTON (Marietta)	Sept 5-Sept 8
WAYNE (Wooster)	Sept 12-Sept 17
WILLIAMS (Montpelier)	Sept 12-Sept 19
WOOD (Bowling Green)	Aug 2-Aug 9
WYANDOT (Up. Sandusky)	Sept 14-Sept 19