



Livestock Guideline Changes ~ 2025

Skillathon:

- 2025 Stations will be parts and meat cuts
- Skillathon Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Central Tagging:

- Central Tagging will be June 14th from 7:00 am – 10:00 am.
- NEW: Families with market animals not present at Central Tagging will be charged a \$50 farm visit and \$10/tag which is payable up front. The \$10/tag will be charged in 2025.
- Essay Lambs and Pig Catch will be tagged when they are picked up from the Fairview Young Farmers.

Rabbit Tattooing – Single Fryers

- **2025 Date: July 31st NEW LOCATION: Fairgrounds at 6:00 pm – Rabbit Barn**
- Rabbit showmanship at the Fairgrounds in the Strausbaugh Arena at 6:30 pm. Bring your rabbit.

Horses:

- 2025: Horse show will be one day on Tuesday at 9:00 am. Contesting will be at 5:00 pm
- Jr & Sr. classes may be combined based on number of entries.
- The exhibitor participating in a class is fully responsible for understanding the specific requirements of each class the/she enters. If exhibitor does not meet those criteria, the judge has the authority to remove exhibitor from the class.
- Mandatory Barn Meeting: Participation by at least one family member is required unless other arrangements have been made with the Barn Supervisor. Failure to have a representative will result in forfeiture of all horse premiums.

Rabbits: There will be a half hour break between market and breeding classes.

Dogs: Dog show will move to Wednesday morning after dairy show at 11:00 am.

Sheep: Halters may be used in show arena if deemed necessary by the barn supervisor for safety reasons.

Goats:

- The Jr. Fair fun classes (pet, costume, pack and harness) will be moved to the Thursday open show. There will be a Pet Performance Overall Award given to the 4-H Goat Fun Classes that were moved to the Thursday show.
- Boer market does are permitted to have horns. This is for Defiance County Fair only.
- Removed maximum weight for market goats
- Minimum Weight for Pygmy Market Goats is 20 lbs
- Overall Goat Showmanship classes will consist of the 1st and 2nd place winners from each age division.

Species	Minimum Weight	Maximum Weight
Goat	Boer/Dairy Market: 50 lbs Pygmy Market: 20 lbs	Boer/Dairy: none Pygmy Market: none

Swine:

- Keeping the pre-determined market weight splits.
- First in class awards will switch from a plaque to a small banner.

Poultry

- Max weight for Market Chicken Broiler class is 16 lbs.
- Pullet class definition: any female under a year
- Laying Hen definition: any female over a year
- Market Ducks and Geese: Required Mandatory Age: Must be between 18-20 weeks. Hatch dates between March 30 and April 13. Proof of purchase is required.
- Mandatory Market Chicken Bulk Order will remain for 2025. Zeedyk Poultry & Waterfowl will sponsor 4 chicks for each exhibitor.

HPAI Avian Influenza

The Defiance County Fair Livestock Committee met on Feb., 18, 2025. The Committee is keeping any eye on the current HPAI Avian Influenza and will continue to monitor the situation. The Committee has determined that currently it is too early to cancel the Junior Fair Poultry Show. Exhibitors are encouraged to use biosecurity practices to limit the spread of HPAI. Exhibitors may also want to consider adding a backup livestock project by May 1st. Families may drop the backup project at any time prior to skillathon. If 4-H enrollment has been completed for 2025, families will need to contact the Ext. Office to add a project.

Poultry Showmanship Clinic:

- 2025 Date: July 24th NEW LOCATION: Fairgrounds at 6:00 pm - Main Show Arena

Poultry Pullorum Testing:**NEW ODA UPDATE: CLARIFICATION ON PULLORUM TESTING OF POULTRY****Exemption for 2025 Exhibition year: - Testing not required.**

- All Market chickens and Market turkeys that are bought from an NPIP source do NOT have to be pullorum tested before exhibition. Defiance County Bulk Orders of Market Chickens and Turkeys are from an NPIP source.
- Exhibitors are Encouraged to have separation of project types (Market, layers, fancy, etc)
- Fancy birds/breeding birds will not be subject to pullorum testing in 2025.
- It is at the discretion of the Senior Fairboard to test chickens at Fair check-in should any bird display symptoms.
- Reminder- Waterfowl are exempt from this rule per OAC 901:1-18-05 (D)

Approved by

Livestock Committee 10/22/24
Senior Fairboard 12/10/2025