

# Defiance County Junior Fair Department 400 Dairy Department Guidelines - 2025

**Show Date:** *Wednesday, August 20, 2025 @ 9:00 am*

## **Dairy Possession Dates**

The Livestock Committee requests members with Dairy projects to identify by June 1st the animals they will be bringing to the County Fair. Final class entry is due at skill-a-thon.

## **Defiance County Junior Fair Information**

### **A. Project Completion Requirements**

1. All livestock exhibitors must complete at **Skillathon** and **Livestock Quality Assurance Training** for project completion. A 4-H/FFA member is not required to show in the Junior Fair Horse Show.

### **B. Livestock Move-In**

1. Livestock check-in is the Friday before start of Fair.
2. Move-In Times: 9:00 am – 11:00 am **OR** 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Check in with Barn Supervisor.
3. All animals must have a valid DUNF form completed via the Online DUNF link **PRIOR** to move-in. The On-Line link will open the Wednesday before livestock check-in. It is recommended to wait as close to move-in day as possible to ensure information is correct.
4. Animals must be free of all drug residues on **move-in date**.
5. Health papers are not required for animals purchased and residing in Ohio. Animals imported/brought into Ohio for exhibition must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days preceding the exhibition opening date. See Ohio's Livestock Health Exhibition Rules for further clarification and a complete listing of health requirements.

### **C. Livestock Release**

1. All animals are released on Friday from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.
2. **Cattle Exhibitor Last Day Clean-up Responsibilities:** All Cattle Exhibitors must remove bedding back two feet from the rail and side of barn. Must remove all gates, post, wire and gates and put in proper places. This must be completed **by 9:00 am on Saturday morning**. Premiums will be forfeited for those not complying with this rule.

### **D. Pen Assignments**

1. Any changes in pen assignments without prior approval of the Barn Superintendent will result in forfeiture of premium and the exhibitor not being permitted to show in the current year with that project.

### **E. Junior Fair Eligibility**

1. All Defiance County Junior Fair exhibitors must successfully meet all requirements of their youth organization before being eligible to exhibit for competition. See Exhibitor and General Guidelines.

2. 4-H and FFA Dual Membership Policy: Ohio 4-H members are often also FFA members, sometimes within the same county and sometimes in an adjacent county. These members need to keep in mind the 4-H policy about 4-H projects being separate from school projects. To keep work in both organizations clearly separate, **4-H members are advised to take different species in the two organizations** or, at the very least, to take market animals in one and breeding animals in the other. FFA members must exhibit FFA projects in the county of their school chapter.

## Livestock Sale

### A. Lactating Animals

1. Must complete an intent to participate in Livestock Sale at the County skillathon by signing up for Lactating Dairy Animal Class.
2. The Ohio Department of Agriculture defines lactating dairy cattle and lactating goats as market animals. Exhibitors with a lactating dairy animal and NOT selling another market project will be able to go through the Livestock sale with their animal individually. This will be for a premium bid only. The Livestock Committee will allow young dairy heifers to participate in the livestock sale.
3. Individual sale order number: The sale order of exhibitors is randomly assigned by the Livestock Sale software. Exhibitors missing their sale spot will be placed at the end of that species.
4. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will sell first in their species.
5. **Attendance at Livestock Sale Required:** For the privilege of selling a market animal in the Livestock Sale, the exhibitor must present his/her own project for sale. Exceptions must be presented to the Sale committee at least two (2) days prior to sale. Sporting events/practice will not be considered as warranting an exception. Exception: Seniors who are already at college do not have to be present at the livestock sale and may receive add-ons only.

## General Guidelines

### A. Class Entries

1. **Class Limits:** Exhibitors are allowed two entries per class.
2. All animals must have BOTH a halter and neck tie for stalling and security purposes.
3. Early dismissal of milking dairy cows will be at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
4. An exhibitor whose animal exhibit dies after its designated possession date may complete the project by completing Skillathon. Exhibitor may also display a poster in club booth for a premium.
5. **Unable to Show Animal:** If an exhibitor is unable to show his/her animal due to health concern, another current Jr. Fair exhibitor may be permitted to show the animal based upon PRIOR approval with the Barn Supervisor.

### B. Showmanship

1. Show attire may NOT include a farm name and/or advertisement. It is at the discretion of the Barn Supervisor to ask an exhibitor to change attire for a class.
2. Exhibitor may show in ONE type/breed of showmanship class.
3. Any exhibitor showing misconduct or poor showmanship in the show area, or barns will have full forfeiture of premiums by decision of the Junior Fair Supervisors.
4. Exhibitor must show own animal for showmanship according to Junior Fair records
5. The following Showmanship Classes apply to all Departments.  
**Senior Division:** 16 - 19 years old as of January 1 of current year  
**Intermediate Division:** 13 - 15 years old as of January 1 of current year  
**Junior Division:** 12 years old and younger as of January 1 of current year  
**Beginner Division:** Any age but limited to those exhibitors who are taking that species at the Defiance County Fair for the first time.

## C. Grooming and Livestock Care Guidelines

### 1. Responsibilities of and Assistance to Defiance County Junior Fair Exhibitors

- a. The Defiance County Junior Fair Livestock Committee's goal of opening up of the current grooming guidelines is to encourage others to work with and share knowledge of grooming practices and animal care with our Junior Fair exhibitors.
- b. These new guidelines apply to all livestock departments except Horses and Dogs.

### 2. Guidelines:

- a. A junior fair livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of livestock entered the junior fair livestock shows. In the event an exhibitor is unable to care for/feed animal(s), he/she must notify the Jr. Fairboard Office of who will be responsible in his/her absence.
- b. An exhibitor may receive assistance (from anyone) in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.
- c. Violations by the exhibitor, family members or any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal may result in any or all of the following.
  - Withholding of the exhibitor's premium
  - Recall awards received by the exhibitor
  - Declare an exhibitor ineligible for awards
  - Revoke Ohio State Fair showing rights.
  - Revoke exhibitor's right to participate in the livestock sale
  - Ban exhibitor from showing in future Defiance County Fairs

### 3. **TAMPERING "UNETHICAL FITTING"** – Means to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including but not limited to, the removal of animal tissue or body part, to cut or tear the hide, to cover, dye or color the hair or hide, to add artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair or heels, or to administer, feed, give or inject any substance or drug to an animal exhibited, except when medically necessary or when the drug used has been approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture.

- a. Any product which changes, enhances, or alters the natural color of an animal will not be permitted. (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAINTS, DYE, POWDER, NON-CLEAR ADHESIVE AND FORM OR SHOE POLISH).
- b. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
- c. The use of any unapproved drugs is prohibited.
- d. Should violation be discovered after the Defiance County Junior Fair Livestock Sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass or carcass value shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in show will stand. No animals will be moved up.
- e. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.

## D. Show Attire

1. Exhibitor must wear white pants and shirt.
2. Hard soled shoes (ex: work boots or cowboy boots) no tennis shoes or sandals.
3. No hats or caps. No clothing items with logos visible. No Shorts
4. Show attire may not include a farm name and or advertisement for a farm, breeder, etc.
5. No identifying tags or marks on animals or exhibitors will be permitted. This means no farm tags, special show harnesses or marked show shirts are allowed.
6. It is at the discretion of the Barn Supervisor to ask an exhibitor to change clothing for a class.

## E. Barn Guidelines

1. Sleeping in the barns is not permitted.
2. Couches/Furniture are NOT permitted in any barn. (Picnic tables are allowed.)
3. All livestock barns will be closed to the public at 11:00 pm. Barns are also closed to the general public during livestock shows.
4. All animal washing and grooming must be done in designated areas.
5. Junior Fair members and or family members should not feed other member's animals without permission.
6. All stall decorations, stall cards, signs, etc are to be removed by noon on Saturday in addition to stalls/pens being cleaned or forfeit all premiums.
7. **Dogs on the Fairgrounds:** Dogs are not allowed on the midway, in or around the livestock barns and/or show arenas. Exception to service dogs.
8. Curfew is 12:30 am every night of the fair.

## F. Clean Pen Guidelines

1. All livestock pens must be kept clean and presentable at all times. Livestock pens must be cleaned at a minimum of once daily and may be cleaned by the exhibitor or family member.
2. Each exhibitor must clean his or her stall/pen prior to leaving the fairgrounds. Exhibitor must wait until animal has been loaded from stall to start cleaning pens. Exhibitor must check out with a Barn representative. Pens must be cleaned by 12:00 noon on Saturday. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting current year premiums and eligibility for exhibition with that species for the following year. Evaluation of the stalls/pens will be done by the Barn Supervisor.
3. Pens, aisles and animals must be kept clean during fair week. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting current year premiums and eligibility for exhibition with that species for the following year. Evaluation of the stalls/pens will be done by the Barn Supervisor.
4. Pens will be inspected on a daily basis. Pens determined not to be presentable will receive a verbal warning from Barn Superintendent. Pen must be cleaned within two hours of receiving the verbal warning.

## G. Code of Conduct

1. Exhibitors are representing their youth organization at Junior Fair events, shows and activities. The 4-H membership agreement extends to all organized Junior Fair activities. The Livestock Committee, in communication with the Extension Educator, will handle behavior and disciplinary action at the Fair as necessitated by a member's inappropriate and/or unlawful behavior.

## H. Awards and Premiums

1. Refer to the Premium List for class premiums.
2. Ribbons: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded for each Junior Fair class.
3. Thank you cards will be required by the end of the week to the Jr. Fair office in order to receive premiums. It is up to the Barn Superintendent as to how to distribute the trophies/thank you cards.

## Ohio Health Exhibition Guidelines

**Health Papers:** Animals imported or brought into Ohio for exhibition must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days preceding the exhibition opening date.

Any medications that need to be administered to animals during the fair must be coordinated with the **COUNTY FAIR VET** prior to administering the medication. A DUNF form must be completed. Medication may not be performance enhancing.

### 901:1-18-06 Cattle

- A. Cattle moved within Ohio for exhibition: (1) The animals presented for exhibition must show no symptoms or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- B. All cattle imported into Ohio for exhibition must: (1) Be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days preceding the opening date of the exhibition; (2) Originate from a tuberculosis-accredited free herd, an accredited free state or zone, or a modified accredited advanced state or zone; (3) If originate from a modified accredited state or zone must comply with rule 901:1-17-03 of the Administrative Code; (4) If originate from an accreditation preparatory or a non-accredited state or zone are prohibited from exhibition; (5) If from a brucellosis class A state or area/zone must be negative to an official brucellosis test within thirty days of the opening date of the exhibition unless: they are under six months of age, steers, or official vaccinates under twenty months of age (dairy) or twenty-four months of age (beef); and (6) If from a brucellosis class B or C state or area/zone must meet all requirements for pre entry testing as specified in 9 C.F.R. 78.9 and obtain an Ohio permit prior to movement.
- C. Cattle from a brucellosis certified free herd or class free state or area/zone are not required to be brucellosis tested.

## Dairy Show

Senior Showmanship (Ages 16-19)

Intermediate Showmanship (Ages 13-15)

Junior Showmanship (Ages 12 & under)

Beginner Showmanship (any age)

### Lactating Dairy Animal - Livestock Sale

Spring Heifer Calf-born on/after 3/1/25

Winter Heifer Calf-born 12/1/24 – 2/28/25

Fall Heifer Calf-born 9/1/24– 11/30/25

Summer Yearling Heifer-born 6/1/24– 8/31/24

Spring Yearling Heifer-born 3/1/24 – 5/31/24

Winter Yearling Heifer-born 12/1/23 – 2/28/24

Fall Yearling Heifer-born 9/1/23– 11/30/23

Junior Two-Year-Old Cow-born 3/1/23 – 8/31/23

Senior Two-Year-Old Cow-born 9/1/22 – 2/28/23

Junior Three-Year-Old Cow-born 3/1/22– 8/31/22

Senior Three-Year-Old Cow-born 9/1/21 – 2/28/22

Four Year Old Cow-born 9/1/20 - 8/31/22

Five-Year-Old Cow-born 9/1/19– 8/31/20

Aged Cow-born 2019

Dry Cow-3 years old/over born before 9/1/22