



# 2025 Henry County 4-H/Junior Fair Livestock Update

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# Identifying 4-H vs. Jr Fair

- 4-H does NOT equal the fair  
And
- The fair does NOT equal 4-H

# Who makes up Jr Fair?

- 4-H
- FFA
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Farm Bureau Youth



# How do we work together?

Senior Fair Board  
Junior Fair Board  
Livestock Sale Committee  
OSU Extension\*

\*Clearinghouse!



# New Rules

- Let's take a look at what's NEW this year!



# Beef Department

## New Classes

- Born & Raised Beef Feeder Class
- Born & Raised Dairy Beef Feeder Class

## Adjusted Classes

- Born & Raised Market Beef Class
- Born & Raised Dairy Market Beef Class

# Beef Department

## June Tagging

- Beef Feeders – Saturday June 7
- *More information to come later*

# Dairy Department

## Lease Agreements

- Lease agreements will need to be put on file for any animal not owned by the exhibitor
  - ODA has leasing guidelines and lease templates and will be available for you to review/use
- Leases must be on file with MP no later than June 1!



# Dairy Department

## **STILL IN THE WORKS** (under review w/ SFB)

- Previous rule restricts exhibitors to only take 1 entry per class
- Proposed Rule:
  - Allow exhibitors to allow 2 entries per class
  - Exhibitors permitted to show **MUST** be a Henry County-enrolled Jr Fair Youth member.

# Goat Department

## Updated Weight Requirements

- Dairy Market: 45# > 55#
- Boer Market: 55# > 65#
  - Grace period between previous minimum to current minimum for 2025 only

**June Tagging – Saturday June 7**

*More information to come later*

# Horse Department

- **Updated Showbill Changes –**
  - to be sent out after March 15
- **Horse Parent-Member Meeting**
  - April 3 by Zoom
  - <https://go.osu.edu/henryhorsemtg>

# Poultry Department

- **HPAI Update**
  - **Darke, Mercer & Van Wert currently affected**
  - **Mercer county has suspended poultry shows for 2025**
  - Families need to be diligent to separate NPIP hatched birds w/ any animals exposed to wild birds and need to be sure to be diligent to not allow approved personnel to interact with their flock

# Poultry Department

- **Updated Hatch Dates**
  - Pullets: Week of Feb. 16 or after
  - Layers: Week of Feb. 9 or before
  - Market Pen of 2 Broilers: Week of June 22 with a 7# minimum bird
  - Market Duck: Week of May 11
  - Market Geese: Week of April 13

# Poultry Department

- **New Turkey Information**
  - 35# maximum weight to stay in place
  - New Hatch Date: Week of May 11  
(no more than 12 weeks of age)
- **Cooper Turkey Order**
  - Pick up for birds will be week of May 11
  - *More information to come*

# Poultry Department

- **New Rule**
  - Non- Market ducks/geese can only bring ONE entry in breeding pair of ducks or single goose or gander class.
- **Eliminated Class**
  - Single Breeding Duck

# Poultry Department

- **Pullorum Testing**
  - July 16 – 5:00-6:00p
  - @HCFG
- **NWO Poultry Clinic**
  - Tuesday April 22 – 6:00p



# Rabbit Department

- **Updated Birth Dates**
  - **Pen of 2:** no older than 10 weeks (May 29, 2025 or after)
  - **Roaster:** no older than 6 months (February 7, 2025 or after)
  - **Fryer:** no older than 10 weeks (May 29, 2025 or after)

# Rabbit Department

- **Updated Tattoo Dates**
  - **Roaster:** June 7, 2025
  - **DOE of Doe & Litter:** June 7, 2025
  - **Breeding Rabbits:** June 7, 2025
  
- **Pen of 2:** July 16, 2025
- **Fryer:** July 16, 2025

# Rabbit Department

- **NWO Rabbit Clinic**
  - Saturday April 26 – 10:00a

# Sheep Department

- **4-H Advisory Council Essay Lamb Program**
  - Deadline for Applications: March 1
- **June Tagging – Saturday June 7**
  - *More information to come later*

# Swine Department

- **Working to have hogs on site all week**
  - What does this mean???

# Swine Department

## New Rules

- Previous Rule: 1 barrow & 1 gilt

## New Rule:

**Exhibitors will be permitted to bring 2 hogs of the same sex to exhibit**

# Swine Department

## New Class Structure for Fair

- Showbill to integrate Purebred Classes

What will this look like??

# Swine Department

## Documentation **REQUIRED**

- In order for an animal to be eligible for a Purebred class...
  - The animal must be registered in an established registry within the US
  - Purebred registration will be required
    - Papers will need to be presented at fair weigh in
    - If no papers are presented, animal will be moved to the Crossbred class
  - Registration papers and breed characteristics will be evaluated during the fair weigh-in process



# Swine Department

## Documentation **REQUIRED**

- In order for an animal to be eligible for a Purebred class...
  - Ownership information on pedigrees **MUST** match the name of the Jr Fair Exhibitor at the HCF
    - Farm names or failure to explicitly list the exhibitor will be a failure to provide adequate proof of ownership
  - Ear notches on pedigrees **MUST MATCH** the animal being exhibited
  - Any pigs failing to meet pedigree or breed characteristic requirements (according to their respective breed association) will show as crossbreds
  - Purebred paperwork must show ownership date of no later than June 1st of the current year

# Swine Department

## Tag Information

- All Market hogs to have yellow 840 tag
- **MUST BE ORDERED & PICKED UP NO LATER THAN JUNE 1!**

# General Updates

## Project Completion

- “It is the agreement of the HCJFB and HCSFB that any market animal that fails to meet the specie’s minimum weight requirement will not be permitted to show or exhibit in any of that specie’s Junior Fair Show.”

# General Updates

- **New 4-H County Due fee** – increase from \$5.00 per member to \$10.00 per member
- **Late Fair Entries**
  - There will now be a \$50.00 late fee for any entry made from June 16-22
  - After June 22, no late entries will be accepted
- **Sale Fee**
  - Increase of \$10.00 per market animal to \$12.00 per market animal to return to the Livestock Sale Committee
- **Grievance Fee**
  - Increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 with expectation that rule broken will be cited in order to proceed with the Grievance accusation
  - This is NOT intended to challenge a judge's ruling – it is intended to challenge HC Jr Fair Rules

# General Updates

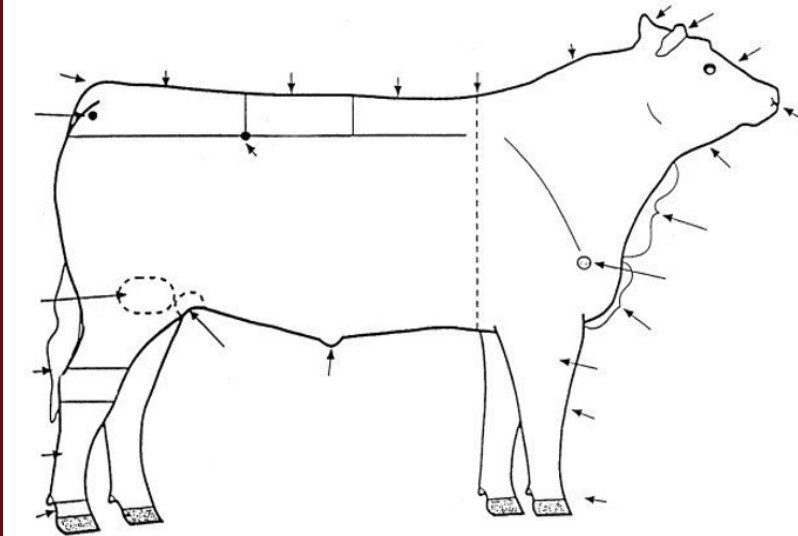
- **Sale Destination**
  - Decision must be made no later than Livestock Skillathon (July 7 &8)
  - Animal to Return home (re-enter the herd or family to arrange alternate means)
  - Animal Custom Slaughter Appt (must indicate processor & date)
  - Animal to use Henry Co Livestock Support Buyer

**ALL GRAND & RESERVE MARKET ANIMAL WINNERS MUST BE SLAUGHTERED – NO EXCEPTIONS (ODA REQUIREMENT)**

# General Updates

- Skillathons will have an overhaul this year!
  - *Stay tuned for more information coming in March!*

Parts of a Beef Animal



  
LEARNING LABORATORY KIT

Parts of a Beef Animal

Muzzle	Face	Ear	Poll	Crest
Heart Girth	Back	Loin	Hook	Rump
Tail Head	Pin	Quarter	Stifle Joint	Switch
Hock	Cannon Bone	Dew Claw	Pastern	Rear Flank
Belly	Sheath or Navel	Rib	Hoof	Knee
Forearm	Brisket	Point of Shoulder	Dewlap	Neck
				Throat

# Beginner's Guide to Livestock

Thursday April 10, 2025

- Held by Zoom
- 6:30p

Fantastic Learning Opportunities for new-to-livestock families!



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For MARKET HOG exhibitors

### Date of Animal Possession for the Henry County Fair:

- June 1

### Minimum Weight Requirement:

- Henry County - 210 pound minimum
- Ideal Weight Range: 235-285#

### Optimum Birthdate for healthy rate of gain:

- Early January through February

### Books used to complete the Project

- 139 – Market Hog Record Book
- 134R – Swine Resource Handbook

### Best/Preferred Practices:

- In purchasing your animal
  - o Approximate purchase cost is \$2.50/lb for a 40# feeder pig
    - Show pigs run a minimum of \$200.00
  - o Projected market prices if roughly \$0.64 per pound
  - o Projected feed cost is roughly \$300.00 and includes
    - Corn
    - Soybean Meal
    - Salt & Mineral
- Animal Selection [Swine Selection](#)
  - o Using a reputable breeder allows for an exhibitor to be set up for success
  - o Quality genetics are key and communicating with your breeder is a preferred practice
- Animal Care [Swine Quality Assurance](#)
  - o Has your hog received the proper vaccines? If so which ones?
  - o When should they be wormed?
    - You can worm your pigs to control internal and external parasites once every 30 days OR as directed by your veterinarian. ALWAYS check withdrawal times for the drug.
  - o What type of feed have they been on?
  - o What should you plan to feed them at home?
- Animal Identification
  - o ALL Market Swine project exhibited at the Henry County Fair are required to have an electronic ID Tag (EID Tag)

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For MARKET STEER exhibitors

### Date of Animal Possession for the Henry County Fair:

- January 1

### Minimum Weight Requirement:

- Henry County - 1000 pound minimum
- Ideal Weight Range:
  - o 1100-1400# - Beef Steers
  - o 1200-1500# - Dairy Steers

### Optimum Birthdate for healthy rate of gain:

- December 1<sup>st</sup>- March 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year of possession

### Books used to complete the Project

- 117 – Market Beef Record Book
- 117R – Beef Resource Handbook

### Best/Preferred Practices:

- In purchasing your animal
  - o Approximate purchase cost is \$2.50/lb for a 500# steer
    - Beef Show steers run a minimum of \$1000.00
    - Dairy Steers can sometimes be purchased as "bottle/bucket babies" for about \$650
  - o Projected market prices of roughly \$1.80 per pound
  - o Projected feed cost is roughly \$1500.00 and includes
    - Hay
    - Corn Sweet Feed
    - Stress (Mineral) Tub
- Animal Selection
  - o Using a reputable breeder allows for an exhibitor to be set up for success
  - o Quality genetics are key and communicating with your breeder is a preferred practice
- Animal Care
  - o Don't be afraid to ask your breeder questions or for advice regarding animal care
  - o Has your steer received vaccines?
    - Vision 5 at a minimum
    - Vista Once SQ recommended
  - o When should they be wormed?
    - Topically, every 60-90 days
  - o What type of feed have they been on?
  - o What should you plan to feed them at home?
- Animal Identification
  - o ALL Market Steers exhibited at the Henry County Fair are required to have an electronic ID Tag (EID Tag)
    - If you do not buy your animal with an EID tag, you can pick one up from the Extension Office no later than January 1
- Space Considerations
  - o 40-50 sq. feet per animal in confinement
  - o 400-600 sq. feet exercise area
  - o Clean, draft-free, dry, warm environment



# Livestock Facebook Groups

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## Henry County, OH Rabbit Exhibitors

Public group · 9 members



Morgan Alexis Parcher  
Admin · February 6 at 8:55AM ·

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### Rabbit School

**Schedule** January 25, 2025  
Where: MSU Pavilion 4-H Rabbit Show, MSU Pavilion 4201 Farm Lane, East Lansing, Michigan  
Contact: Glenda with Questions: 517.676.7303 | WEISSGLE@MSU.EDU

Time	Topic
7:30am	<b>Selecting which rabbits to keep in a litter</b> How do breeders decide which rabbits to give for show rabbits, what to keep for breeding stock, and what to cull? Learn from Greg Michael as he teaches how to choose which rabbits he selects in a litter for the next generation.
8:15am	<b>Interpreting the Standard of Perfection</b> What does "super" mean? Is the high point too far forward? Is the high point too far back? Learn from Bryan Skur, an American Rabbit Breeders Association Judge, as he teaches common rabbit judging terminology, body type terminology, Loh shoulder, hollow fan, Pocked hangers, Ear terminology, Color terminology.
9:00am	<b>Rabbit Body Types</b> There are seven recognized body types. Learn what makes each body type unique. Learn how the body types are scored. Session will include lesson plans, ice breaker, and fun activities for you to do at your local 4-H meeting.
9:45am	<b>Tagging Cavies &amp; Tattooing Rabbits &amp; How to Register Your Rabbit with ARBA</b> Learn the steps to tagging your cavy and tattooing your rabbit with both Carpenter. Both is also an ARBA rabbit register and the will be covering the steps on how to register a rabbit with the ARBA.
10:30am	<b>Rabbit Showmanship Fundamentals: Improving Your Posing, Handling and Examination Skills</b> Improve your showmanship skills. Learn how to get 100% on each day and the purpose of the steps. Do you hope there is a way to remember pattern to the examination? Learn from Audrey Johnston, Michigan State Gold Ribbon Champion, 2014 and Eastern State Fair Overall Showmanship Champion. Bring your rabbit as your carrier. After the presentation, we will help you improve your showmanship skills.
11:15 am	<b>Cavy Showmanship Fundamentals</b> Cavies are a 21st century animal. Learn the steps of cavy showmanship and how to do them correctly by Sherry Buehler.
11:30am	<b>Rabbit Showmanship – How to standout from the competition</b> This class is designed for the advanced showman. Do you want to stand out from the competition? Learn from Kaitlin Sigurd, as she teaches her strategies, including eye contact and posing different breeds.
12:00pm	<b>Breeding Fundamentals</b> Where do you breed? How to identify which rabbits to breed together? How long do you leave them together? Learn the process of breeding rabbits, the timeline, common mistakes to avoid, and how to have a successful litter.
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# New Building Update!

- Sarah Shepard – Henry County Event Center Manager



# Further Questions?

- Morgan Parcher – 4-H Extension Educator
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  - 419-592-0806

\*Reserve the right to connect you with another individual more equipped/informed to handle your question 😊