



May 2, 2023

Dear Dairy Cattle member and 4-H advisors,

As you work on your project we wanted to be sure that you have available the information you need. Included you will find information you need to know if you choose to participate in the Delaware County Fair, Ohio State fair or Hartford Fair. Please look into the exhibitor's handbook for all the rules for your project.

- You need to attend a Quality Assurance by **July 1**. Email Jacci [smith.11005@osu.edu](mailto:smith.11005@osu.edu) for QA questions.
- Contact Rose Sherman @ 614-558-0641 if you are interested in participating in the Dairy Quiz Bowl

#### Delaware County Fair

- **Entry deadline August 25**
- Possession date is June 1
- Leasing of dairy cattle is approved- if you are leasing animals, you must turn in your lease agreement by **June 7** at <https://go.osu.edu/dcflease>
- Mandatory project interview judging is the Saturday before the fair.
- The August tagging is for Dairy Beef feeders, **dairy cattle do not come to this event**
- No bulls are allowed to show
- Limited to 6 entries with no more than 2 per class
- Jr. Fair Dairy Exhibitors must attend the Exhibitor meeting. 9AM the first Saturday of fair- Dairy Barn.
- Dairy Cattle showmanship will be broke into 2 age divisions- Jr. (8-13 yrs.) and Sr. (14-18 Yrs.)
- If you are planning to do Dairy Showmanship you should wear all white pants and plain white shirt (no logos) and for safety concerns, hard soled shoes
- The showman of showman must let the Dairy Cattle chair know by 6pm on Saturday if they plan to participate in the supreme showman contest
- Each Dairy Cattle exhibitor that is not selling another animal is eligible to go through the sale individually selling a dairy basket.
  - The Delaware County Dairy Association will provide a basket and some dairy products. Exhibitors must use this basket. The exhibitor is responsible for filling out the rest of the basket with at least \$5.00 worth of additional dairy products. Products must be from Dairy Cattle. No home-made products please.
  - Jr. Fair Sale participation must be declared with the fair entries. Enter the Dairy Exhibitors Basket class along with your dairy cattle show entries.
    - If you plan to sell a different market project and it becomes ineligible to go through the sale (i.e. doesn't make weight), you must inform the Jr. Fair Office by Monday at 10 am if you wish to sell a dairy exhibitors basket.
  - Please read the exhibitors handbook Jr. Fair Sale section for sale attire.
- You may arrive Friday evening before the fair or by 9 am on the first Saturday of the fair.
- Lactating Cows are allowed to leave at the conclusion of the show.
- The show is at 11 AM on the first Saturday of fair.
- Junior fair dairy cattle show will be separate from the Open show and Jr. Fair will show first. The show order will be: Best-Fitted Animal, Showmanship, Jr. Fair Dairy Show
- For the junior fair show, all breeds will show together, and classes will be broke by animal age.
- Animals are released at 4pm on Wednesday of the fair.

If you have any questions please talk to your advisor or call the Extension office. Enjoy your projects!

Sincerely

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### **Ohio State Fair**

- Please visit the following website for Dairy Cattle rules and entry form:  
<https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-competitions>

### **Hartford Independent Fair**

- Must complete Quality Assurance by June 1
- No limit of entries
- Possession date 90 day prior to fair
- Entries due June 26
- No horns permitted (except on junior and intermediate heifers)
- Not a sale animal

## 2023 DELAWARE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SALES/AUCTION

1. 4-H members taking a market animal to show and sell at the fair will be required to take a picture with their animal and upload it by 11:59pm, Saturday, September 9, 2023 (*links and information will be sent out with fair sign-up information*). Each species requires a submission. Photo requirements must follow sales & show arena rules:
  - The animal should be clean and groomed for show and the exhibitor should be dressed neatly as well.
  - A button/ snap collared shirt closed to within one button from the top or Department approved shirt (such as a lab coat), long or short sleeves permitted.
    - No sleeveless shirts allowed.
    - No bare midriffs allowed.
    - No logos/ads on shirts other than 4-H or FFA.
  - Long pants or skirts whose length is below the knee shall be worn, no shorts.
  - Footwear should be sturdy shoes or boots.
    - No sandals, open toed or open heel shoes.
  - Clothes must be neat in appearance with no rips or tears.

Please plan a plain/solid background with little distractions/clutter. (ex: building wall, pine tree, etc.)

These pictures will be printed and given to the buyers during the auctions, so please plan to take a great picture as a thank you to your buyer.

2. Junior Fair exhibitors may enter and exhibit a market project in up to 2 departments if they meet the conditions outlined by the Fair Board.
  - **Exhibitors will still only be allowed to sell ONE market project through the sale.** Please see the "Fair General Rules" of the Exhibitors handbook posted on the Delaware County Fair's website ([www.delawarecountyfair.com](http://www.delawarecountyfair.com))
3. W-9 forms will be required from all market exhibitors prior to the fair. These forms are to be filled out and turned into the fair office no later than the Wednesday before the start of the fair. Exhibitors who sell in the Jr. Fair Sale with gross proceeds greater than or equal to \$600 will receive a 1099 tax form from the fair. More information will be provided on these forms closer to the fair.
4. The sale order is established by having the species that sold last in the previous year sell first in the current year.
  - The sale order for the 2023 Tuesday sale shall be Dairy Products, Rabbits, Poultry, Beef, and Baked Goods.
  - The sale order for the 2023 Wednesday sale will be: Lambs, Pigs, and Goats.
5. A new rule has been added to the fair book this year to address the potential loss of a market animal at the fair:  
If an exhibitor's market animal dies at the fair after weigh-in, meets the show weight requirements, and the exhibitor does not have another market animal at the fair, the exhibitor will be permitted to go through the auction to receive a premium for their project.
6. All exhibitors selling a market animal or product through the Junior Fair Sales at the Delaware County Fair must submit a thank you note, card or letter to the Junior Fair Office (drop box), located on the fairgrounds, by October 31.

## 2023 Quality Assurance Opportunities

(Please contact the county before attending any Quality Assurance Session that is not your own county for possible changes.)

### Quality Assurance

6 PM	<b>April 19</b>	Virtual Via Zoom
10AM	<b>April 22</b>	Merchant Building
6:30PM	<b>May 16</b>	Ag. Center (New Junior Fair Building)
6:30PM	<b>June 1</b>	Ag. Center (New Junior Fair Building)
6:30 PM	<b>June 5</b>	Ag. Center (New Junior Fair Building)

**\*The QA clinic on June 5 is after the deadline for the Hartford fair and will not meet the requirement for exhibitors.**

**\*All Livestock will be required to attend a QA session by July 1 in order to show at Delaware County Fair.**

**For in-person QA- NO PREREGISTRATION IS NEEDED**

For the Virtual QA session register at: <https://go.osu.edu/delqa>

### In person Quality Assurance Test

Email or call to schedule a convenient time for you! **No tests will be administered after July 1<sup>st</sup>.** The Quality Assurance test is offered for youth 4-H ages 12 years and older who have previously completed Quality Assurance programming. Participants must pass by at least 70%. Participants can receive QA credit for multiple years, depending on their age. The test may be taken once each year, and participants who do not pass will be required to complete a Quality Assurance program to receive QA credit.

### Nearby Quality Assurance Training Dates:

- **Most dates are early March through the end of May**

### COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Delaware County, 740-833-2030

Knox County, 740-397-0401

Licking County, 740-670-5315

Marion County, 740-223-4040

Union County, 937-644-8117



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## Quality Assurance 2023 - Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who must attend Quality Assurance?** All 4-H and FFA members taking **Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Lambs, Breeding sheep, Market and Breeding Rabbits, All Poultry, Goats (including Pygmy and Pack goats) and Dairy Cattle** **MUST** attend a Quality Assurance program in order to exhibit at the Delaware County or Ohio State Fair. Completing the quality assurance requirement **each year** is mandatory by state law for junior exhibitors.
- **When is the Quality Assurance attendance deadline?** For the Delaware County Fair this deadline is on or before **July 1**. Hartford Fair deadline is on or before **June 1**. For Ohio State Fair this deadline is **June 1**. Ohio Department of Agriculture requires exhibitors to have participated or tested out of a Quality Assurance program within 45 day prior to the opening day of the exhibition.
- **Does it matter which Quality Assurance I attend?** There are 5 QA programs offered in Delaware County this year. Credit will be given for QA attendance regardless of which program you attend.
- **What if I arrive at a Quality Assurance program late?** It is important for each 4-H or FFA member to receive all the training in order to meet Ohio Department of Agriculture requirements. **Anyone arriving more than 10 minutes late will not receive credit for attending the QA session.** For the virtual sessions we will have a moderator letting individuals in from a waiting room. Attendance will be taken via the chat feature at the beginning and the end of the session. If you experience technical difficulties during the session email Jacci at [smith.11005@osu.edu](mailto:smith.11005@osu.edu).
- **What happens if I am unable to attend any of the Delaware County Quality Assurance programs?** If you have a conflict with each of the listed Quality Assurance options on the reverse of this sheet, you may contact other county offices to see if you can participate at their offerings. If you know you will have conflicts with the Delaware County dates, call as soon as possible because many counties have earlier QA dates. **Also, an asynchronous online session can be taken. YQCA online version is the only type of online QA accepted in the state of Ohio.** Information on how to complete this can be found on our website- <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance>
- **What about the Hartford Fair?** Exhibitors at the Hartford fair taking **any** market or breeding projects must attend a Quality Assurance program on or before **June 1**. Call the Licking Co. Extension office with questions. **The QA sessions on June 5 is after the deadline for the Hartford fair and will not meet the requirement for exhibitors.**
- **Can I Test Out of Quality Assurance?** Yes! Delaware County offers in person opportunities for youth to test out of their Quality Assurance. Youth ages 12 and above may take a Quality Assurance test to see how well they know the material. Youth passing the test may potentially fulfill their QA requirement for multiple years, depending on their age. Email [smith.11005@osu.edu](mailto:smith.11005@osu.edu) or call the Extension office to schedule a time to take the test or if you have additional questions (740-833-2039). **Tests will NOT be scheduled after July 1<sup>st</sup>!** You can now also take the YQCA online test out option. You must email Jacci at [Smith.11005@osu](mailto:Smith.11005@osu) your completion. Information on how to complete this can be found on our website- <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance>

