



NEWS FROM THE FAIR

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

The Delaware County Fair is September 14th – 21st. This letter contains important fair and judging information. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference.

FAIR ENTRIES

FairEntry website is: <http://DelawareCoJrFair.fairentry.com>

Online ENTRY DEADLINE - FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd – 11:59 PM

Late Entries are accepted until August 30th and subject to a \$50 per exhibitor late fee.

ENTRIES AFTER August 30th WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! Note: Late entries are not included in immediate reports we pull for fair prep, such as buyers letter list of exhibitors, fair pass lists, and pen assignment lists given to committees.

Step-by-step instructions are enclosed and available at <http://go.osu.edu/dcfinstructions>. **4-H families must click the GREEN button** and use their 4-H Online login information. If you click the blue button, you will get an error that your account cannot be found. FFA members who are also 4-H members will log in with their 4-H account and select the entries that belong to FFA as they make each entry. FFA only exhibitors will create an account using the BLUE button. **Make all entries in the system for your entire family prior to submitting the entries, or you will be shut out until we approve the existing entries.**

EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK: It is important to use the Exhibitors Handbook and have it handy as you make entries, hard copies of the 2024 Exhibitors Handbook are available at the Extension Office and on the Fair website at <https://go.osu.edu/dcfbook>.

Still exhibit projects will be in the Delaware County Agricultural Center (aka Ag Center). Refer to this document for guidance on which department and section to enter non-livestock projects <https://go.osu.edu/dcifprojectexhibitinfo>. All Junior Fair exhibits, unless otherwise specified in the Handbook, must be in place by 9:00 AM Saturday, September 14th. Vegetable, crop, and flower exhibitors must be in place by Noon, Saturday, September 14th.

Entries for Livestock Judging contest and Skillathons use the Livestock Activities department. Livestock exhibitors should also sign up for showmanship classes within the animal departments. If a member does not sign up they can still sign up at fair. Showmanship animals **MUST** be entered in a show class at the fair and owned by the exhibitor.

You will need animal ID information to make your entries, so have tag/tattoo and scrapie ID information handy. Market Lamb, Market Hog, Market Goat, Dog, and Alpaca/Llama exhibitors will already have your animal in the system. When making entries you will select them from your list. All other livestock exhibitors will need to enter your animals information at time of entry. **If you turned in ID for multiple animals and are not sure of which specific animal you will bring, enter A, B, C, etc. for the tag field.** We can make changes at weigh-in if you end up bringing a different animal than the one you registered. **If you have two entries in the same class (for example in Market Hogs and Market Lambs) you must have an entry for EACH animal.** Those with two lambs should enter Individual Lambs and the Pen of 2 class (choose the "existing animals" you entered for the individual market lamb classes.)

FAIR PASSES

The fair uses wristband passes in place of paper passes. Those members and volunteers that cannot use a wrist pass due to safety in their job or sport can wear them on an ankle or can go to the Fair Office at the Fairgrounds to exchange them for a paper pass.

The 4-H organizational advisor (or designee) or the advisor for FFA must pick up the passes for the entire club between August 30 and September 12 at the Extension office. We are open 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, M - F. Club dues must be turned in prior to receiving fair passes. A list of advisors and youth exhibitors will be prepared at our office. Each qualified advisor and exhibitor that makes a valid entry to the Delaware County Fair will receive one free pass good for the entire week. **Passes cannot be mailed, so plan to pick passes up at our office prior to September 12th. Passes are not available at the fair.**

Advisor Pass Requirements

- A. Advisors receiving fair passes should have attended at least 60 percent of your meetings, the same as the member requirement.
- B. Only 4-H advisors who have completed the application process and are properly enrolled as an advisor will be eligible for a pass. Also, they must have completed all of the state required annual trainings.
- C. Advisors are eligible for one pass only. Those advisors who have completed 20 years or more will receive a lifetime pass from the fair office and will not get a pass from our office.

Exhibitor Pass Requirements

- A. Only members who are exhibiting are to receive a pass. A fair pass is a privilege extended to Delaware County Fair exhibitors. **No exceptions.**
- B. Members age 9 and older need passes. Those age 8 and under are free.
- C. Advisors should put the member's name on the pass before giving it to the member.
- D. Members belonging to FFA and 4-H or more than one 4-H club will receive **one** pass.
- E. 4-H members who have not met the requirements of attending 60 percent or more of their club meetings or have not met the club requirements such as paying their dues or completion of project work, should not receive a Junior Fair pass. These members are also not eligible to enter the Junior Fair. We will send organizational advisors a list of entries so they can notify us of ineligible members. Advisors must be the enforcers of these rules and if we receive complaints, we will contact you to verify their eligibility.

PARKING PASS AND GATE INFORMATION

Livestock Parking Passes are available, one per family and should be picked up by the advisors when they pick up fair passes. Use the Penn West gate to park in the Livestock parking area.

An Unloading Pass is available for exhibitors with large displays of vegetables, crops, and/or flowers on the first Saturday of fair. Advisors need to request one unloading pass per family for those exhibiting these projects.

LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL BEDDING

Bedding **WILL NOT** be provided for any animals. All exhibitors, including Beef, must supply your own bedding. Dumpsters are available to dispose of bedding material. Exhibitors must pay a fine to the Sr. Fair office if pens are not cleaned out, per rule #13 in General Rules on page 147.

DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORMS (DUNFs)

Market Beef, Beef Feeders, Dairy Feeders, Market Goats, Lactating Dairy Goats, Market Lambs, Market Hogs, Market Chickens, Market Turkeys, Market Rabbits, and Lactating Dairy Cattle must complete a DUNF before exhibiting at the fair. Drug Use notification forms will be online again this year at: <https://go.osu.edu/deldunf>. One form is required per animal (Market Chickens and Market Rabbits are one per pen). Please use a tag/tattoo/ leg or wing band number (not a name) for your animal's identification number. Please fill this out between September 2nd and September 13th. Hogs must complete a DUNF after weigh-in using their fair tag number, this must be completed before the show. If for some reason you give medication to your animal after submitting your DUNF, use the same link to submit a new form.

SALE

W-9

All exhibitors must submit a W-9 to the Fair Office by December 31st. Sale checks will be mailed when available to those who have turned in their W-9 forms. Exhibitors who fail to have a W-9 turned in by this date must send a written letter, with a completed W-9 to the fair office to be reviewed by the Sales Committee, at their next meeting, after which a check will be written and sent to the Exhibitor. W-9 forms are available at <https://www.delawarecountyfair.com/junior-fair/> under required to sell or at https://linktr.ee/delawareco_jrfairsale. Exhibitors can turn their form into the Sr. Fair Office during their office hours. Their office hours are 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, and 9 AM to Noon on Saturdays (August 3rd through the fair). W-9's will be available at livestock interview judging on September 7th to fill out and turn in that morning to the Sr. Fair Office.

Sale Order

The Sale Committee established a rotating sale order. Each year the last in the sale moves to first the following year. The order for Tuesday night's sale this year is **Baked Goods, Dairy Products, Rabbits, Poultry, & Beef**. The order for Wednesday night's sale this year is **Goats, Lambs, & Pigs**

Website

The sale committee has a linktr.ee website where you can find more sale specific information at https://linktr.ee/delawareco_jrfairsale. All forms will be posted here for pictures and add on information as well as additional sale information. The link will be available for buyer's to add onto winning bids during the fair, until 11:59pm Wednesday, September 18th.

Pictures

Market project exhibitors are required to take a picture with their project animal for use by the sale committee. The form will be at https://linktr.ee/delawareco_jrfairsale and must be submitted between 8/17/24 and 11:59pm on 9/7/24. Exhibitors must be in proper show attire for the picture. Dress code is rule #9 on page 114 in the Exhibitor Handbook.

Barn Signs

It is important to show appreciation to those who purchased your project. One way to do that is to hang a sign by this year's project thanking your previous year's buyers. Corrugated plastic thank you signs are available, free of charge, during livestock judging on September 7th in the Merchants Building and outside the Jr. Fair Office on the 7th, the night of check-in and during Jr. Fair. Previous buyers can be found at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/fair-results>

Buyers Club

The sales at the Delaware County Fair provide an opportunity to support the youth from throughout the county as they sell their prize-winning livestock and baked goods. Your support as a bidder is welcomed and a bidder packet can be received by contacting Katie Meade at kvanhoose@delawarecountyfair.com. If you are unable to attend the sales on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings or want to pool your contribution with others, there is an opportunity for you. Become a member of the Delaware County Junior Fair Sales Buyers Club. Your contribution will be used to purchase animals at the sale that lack bidding support. Their objective is to make sure all youth who participate in the sale are rewarded for their hard work and effort. Membership applications are available at www.delawarecountyfair.com under the Junior Fair tab. This is a great opportunity for clubs to support their fellow 4-Hers.

EXHIBIT ARRIVAL AND RELEASE TIMES

Page 7 of this letter has a chart of check-in and release times. Exhibitors removing exhibits early **will lose their premiums and be ineligible to exhibit in that department for one year after the violation.** See General Rules in the Exhibitor's Handbook (Rule 18, Page 143) for department specific release times. Exhibits in the Ag Center must stay until released at 9:00 AM, Sunday, September 22. The building will be open for release of items until 2:00 PM.

PREMIUM PAYMENTS

Premiums are paid by check to each exhibitor after the fair. One advisor from each club can pick up checks at the Extension Office after October 15. We cannot hand out checks to individuals. Checks must be cashed within 90 days of issue.

STILL EXHIBIT PROJECTS

Interview judging is 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Saturday, September 7th in the Ag Center. Sign-ups for staggered arrival times will open September 1st at <https://go.osu.edu/dcjrfairjudging>. Sign-ups will close 8 AM, Friday, September 6. Crop, garden and flower interview judging is 10:00 AM to Noon, Saturday, September 14th. There is not a sign-up for judging on the 14th. Each exhibitor must bring a completed current year project book and an exhibit as outlined in the Exhibitors Handbook. **The project book is NOT an exhibit and you must have an exhibit to receive premiums.** Refer to the document at <https://go.osu.edu/dcjfprojectexhibitinfo> for guidance. These judging's are when awards are decided. Check out our video <https://youtu.be/9sfonjPm-DY> for more information about the judging process.

Exhibitors that were judged for State Fair Selections must be judged again to be considered for a Delaware County Fair award. If a member was judged at summer judging and chooses not to be judged again, they must drop off their exhibit for the project at the fair to receive a grade exhibit premium. Summer judged projects can be dropped off at the Ag Center during judging on Saturday, September 7th or prior to fair during booth set up on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

The awards program for exhibitors earning top trophies in still exhibits, gardening & horticulture, food, and clothing is 6:30 PM, Saturday, September 14th in the Ag Center.

CLOTHING/SEWING AND FOOD PROJECTS

Summer Judging is when Delaware County Fair awards are decided. For those not judged in July, judging is 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Saturday, September 7th in the Ag Center for grade and premium. Projects that were judged at Summer Judging must be exhibited at the fair to receive a

grade exhibit premium. Summer judged clothing projects and food portfolios can be dropped off during judging on Saturday, September 7th or during booth set up. See chart on page 7.

There are now two paths for food judging: competitive and non-competitive. The requirements for what to bring to judging are different. The non-competitive judging is similar to other still exhibit projects. For competitive food judging, members need to bring their project book, project portfolio, place setting, and a daily menu. See the complete list of requirements in the Exhibitors Handbook on pages 51-53. More details and a chart to help you decide which path fits your project goals are at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/fair/foods-and-nutrition>

CLOVERBUD DISPLAYS AND OPTIONAL INTERVIEWS

Cloverbuds have the option of a show and tell interview with a Junior Fair Board member. Interviews are 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Saturday, September 7th in the Ag Center. All Cloverbuds receive a ribbon and \$1 premium. Cloverbud exhibits may be dropped off on Saturday, September 7th or during booth set up. See chart on page 7 of this letter.

SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING OPTIONS

Youth taking Pet Rabbit, Cats, Cavy, Pocket Pets or other small animals will show at the Small Animal Show on Saturday, September 21st, beginning at 9 AM and ends about noon. Rules for this show are on page 116 of the Exhibitor's Handbook. This show includes a costume contest after interview judging. You will enter in the Small Animals & Pets department for this show. If your pet cannot come to judging day due to age or health, you may enter Junior Fair Still Exhibits under STEM department instead and choose the Animal Science section.

HORSE INTERVIEW GRADING – NEW DATE THIS YEAR

Horse project interviews are **Saturday, September 7th** in the North end of the Merchant's Building from **9:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. Doors will open at 9:15 AM. You will not bring your horse; you only need to bring your Horse Record Book. Be sure to enter your horse and/or small equine in Horse Interview Grading as well as your Horse and Pony Show Classes.

DOG PROJECT INTERVIEWS

Dog project interviews are Saturday, September 7th in the North end of the Merchant's Building from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Doors will open at 9:15 AM. You will bring your dog and project book to this judging. The You and Your Dog project requires a 22"x28" poster. All About Dogs is under STEM: Animal Science and is judged in the Ag Center.

LIVESTOCK INTERVIEW JUDGING

Livestock Interview Judging is 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Saturday, September 7th in the Merchant's Building at the fairgrounds. Doors will open and registration will begin at 9:15 AM. Members can arrive anytime during the judging hours for their interview. Participation is **mandatory** to show and/or sell in the Delaware County Junior Fair for dairy, beef, goat, swine, sheep, alpaca, llama, rabbit & poultry exhibitors. Exhibitors must bring their project record book to the interview. If a record book is not brought, the grade will be dropped by one letter. Grades are A, B, and C. Premiums awarded for animals brought and shown at the fair are based on the grade received at interview judging. Interview tips for exhibitors can be found at https://delaware.osu.edu/sites/delaware/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Fair/GeneralItems/Interview%20tip%20sheet.pdf

MAKE-UP INTERVIEW JUDGING

The make-up judging process will be done through your advisor. Please coordinate with your club organizational advisor for details on how the club is handling make-up interviews. These must be completed by the Tuesday prior to fair at 4:30 PM.

ANIMAL SKILLATHONS

Skillathons for swine, sheep, beef, goat, dairy, rabbit, poultry, dog, alpaca/llama, and horse projects are 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 7th in the Coliseum. **Exhibitors must sign up for a time slot at:** <https://go.osu.edu/dcifskillathons>. *Look for your species tab at the top before signing up. Email Jacci at smith.11005@osu.edu if all spots are full. Study topics can be found at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/fair/skillathon>

Participation in skillathons is optional. Exhibitors should sign up on their fair entry for the skillathon under the Livestock Activities department. If a member does not sign up, they can still participate. Exhibitors may participate in more than one skillathon. Skillathon place awards are 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$15, 4th - \$10, 5th - \$5. Skillathons do not have a record book station.

JUNIOR FAIR CAMPING

Junior Fair Camping is managed by the Fair Office. Contact them at 740-362-3851.

JUNIOR FAIR BARN BASH - NEW THIS YEAR:

Exhibitor families are invited to join the Junior Fair Coordinator and volunteers for the first ever, Junior Fair Barn Bash from **7:30 pm - 9:00 pm on Saturday, September 14th** in the Show Arena. This event is only open to Delaware County Jr. Fair exhibitor families and will be come-and-go style. Every exhibitor who stops by can enter a raffle to win a prize. The fair will provide snacks, drinks, yard games, music, & more! RSVP at <https://forms.gle/RGsfQjGt3sPBarG9> to let us know you plan to attend. Reach out to Junior Fair Coordinator, Katie Meade at kvanhooose@delawarecountyfair.com with any questions.

STOCK THE TRAILER: FOOD DRIVE

Junior Fair Board is participating in Farm Credit's Stock the Trailer sponsored by Rural 1st. Stock the Trailer is a statewide competition to collect the most canned food items. The winning county will receive prize money for future Junior Fair Board use.

We invite you to join us to Fight Hunger; Stock the Trailer with a Food Drive Contest that benefits local communities and food pantries. 4-H and FFA organizations who want to participate should begin collecting non-perishable food items. Donations can be dropped off to the Ag Center on September 11th (6-9pm), September 12th (6-9pm), or September 13th (1-8pm) to be counted and placed in the running for a prize. The organization with the most items collected will be announced via email on September 14th. When gathering items, choose non-perishable foods such as: cases of water, Peanut Butter, Soup, Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Pasta, Rice, or other similar items.

For those who want to donate as individuals and not take part in the contest, donation boxes will be available at the fair office beginning August 1st. The trailer will also be available on the fairgrounds during fair week for in-person donations. For questions, contact Junior Fair Coordinator, Katie Meade at kvanhooose@delawarecountyfair.com

2024 Delaware County Junior Fair Arrival and Release Times

Type of project	The days/times when it must arrive	The day during the fair it is released
Beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 4-8 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 PM Wednesday
Goats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 4-8 PM Saturday 8-9 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Goats: 2 PM Wednesday
Sheep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 2-11 PM Saturday 6:30-8:30 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breeding & Market lambs not sold thru sale: 8 AM- 4 PM Wednesday
Pigs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 2-11 PM Saturday 6:30-8:30 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market Hogs not sold thru the sale: 10 PM Sunday- 8 AM Monday OR 10 PM Monday- 8 AM Tuesday
Rabbits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 4-10 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breeding Rabbits: 4 PM Wednesday Market Rabbits not going through the sale: Tuesday evening
Poultry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 4-10 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 PM Wednesday Market poultry not going through the sale: 4-6 PM Tuesday
Dairy Cattle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most people bring Friday- any time Must be in place by Saturday 9 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lactating animals – end of show 4 PM Wednesday
Alpacas & Llamas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday – any time Saturday before 8 AM Fiber project- 8:30 AM 9/14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 PM Wednesday Fiber project- 9 AM – 2 PM Sunday following close of the fair
Horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most people bring Friday - any time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equine Check in times are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 6-8 PM Saturday 7:30-9:00 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 PM Thursday
Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to the specific show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No dogs on midway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of show
Small Animals & Pets- Poultry Barn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Saturday of fair by your sign up time for judging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of show
Baked Goods Auction Ag Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 1-2:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of show Champions at sale
Crop, Vegetable, & Flowers Ag Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 10 AM-noon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 AM – 2 PM Sunday following close of the fair
All Other Ag Center Exhibits Cloverbud Displays Clothing Food and Nutrition Other Still Exhibit Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday prior to fair 9 AM-1 PM Wednesday prior to fair 6-9 PM Thursday prior to fair 6-9 PM Friday prior to fair 1-8 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 AM – 2 PM Sunday following close of the fair
Club Booths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday prior to fair 6-9 PM Thursday prior to fair 6-9 PM Friday prior to fair 1-8 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 AM – 2 PM Sunday following close of the fair

Consequences:

- Exhibits not in place by designated times are not eligible to exhibit in the current fair. (Rule #17, pg 143)
- Exhibitors removing exhibits before office release times are not allowed to participate in that department as an exhibitor for one year following the violation. (Rule #18, pg 143)

2024 Delaware County Junior Fair Animal Exhibitors Meetings and Weigh-In Times

Type of Animal	Exhibitor Meeting	Market Weigh In Time
Sheep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 9 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following Meeting
Pigs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 10 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following Meeting
Market Poultry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 10 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 4-10 PM
Goats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 2 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following Meeting
Beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 2 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 4-8 PM
Dairy Cattle/ Basket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 9 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
Market Rabbits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 7:30 AM prior to the show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 4-10 PM
Baked Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a

Submit pictures by midnight September 7th can be found Form is at

https://linktr.ee/delawareco_jrfairsale

You must wear proper show attire.

Dress code is rule #9 in the Sale Rules on page 114 in the Exhibitor Handbook.