176th Annual

# September 21-27, 2026

# 2026 Junior Fair Supplement

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# JR. FAIR GENERAL GUIDELINES

*All rules and guidelines apply to all exhibitors, parents, 4-H/FFA volunteers and supporters, fair visitors, and concessionaires at all 4-H/Junior Fair related activities for the current year, and at all activities which qualify any individual to participate at the fair. During the course of the year any additions, changes, and/or amendments of the guidelines will be available at the Extension Office, Junior Fair Office, and the Senior Fair Office.*

## JUNIOR FAIR RULES—2026

1. Tuscarawas County Agricultural Society reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment it may determine, and to withdraw all premium offerings in all departments should any emergency and circumstances demand it.
2. Senior Fair Board rules apply in the absence of a Junior Fair rule.
3. Junior Fair exhibitors must be enrolled in one of the Junior Fair organizations with project by designated dates. All boys and girls are eligible to enter the Junior Fair Program when they are eight and in the third grade as of January 1 of the current year. Eligibility ends December 31 the year they turn 19.
4. All members must exhibit their project at the county fair with the club in which they are enrolled.
5. Exhibitors are required to attend a Tuscarawas County Quality Assurance Program sponsored and conducted by Ohio State University Extension before exhibiting a hog, beef (market steer, beef breeding, beef feeder calf, dairy steer or dairy feeder calf), lamb (market or breeding), goat (market, dairy, utility, or pygmy), poultry (broiler, fancy, pullets, turkey, market duck or water fowl), rabbit (breeding or market), or dairy (cow or heifer) at the Tuscarawas County Junior Fair show.

   As an option, county Extension professionals and senior fair board members may elect to allow 12-14 year-old and 15-18 year old 4-H and FFA members to test out of their annual Quality Assurance (QA) program. Youth ages 12-14 years who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program for up to 3 years. Youth ages 15-18 years who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program permanently. Those successfully completing the test out option must pick up a packet of QA material from the Tuscarawas County Extension office. These ages are as of January 1 of the current year—a youth's 4-H age.

   All horse and pony exhibitors must have completed the EquiStep Program. Additionally, all horse and pony exhibitors must have accessed a county horse packet containing current year policies and guidelines.

   All dog projects must have received care and ethics training specific to their species at project training meetings.
6. All Junior Fair exhibitors must be exhibiting a project at the Tuscarawas County Fair to be eligible to receive a fair wristband for admission to the fair. In addition, a member must have completed all requirements set forth by their local club/chapter constitution, and have attended an interview judging process. Members must be in good standing with their club. 4-H and FFA advisors have the right to refuse a pass to members who have not completed these requirements.

   Wristbands distribution will be in the Clover Cafe on the following dates:

   Friday, September 18, 2026; 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

   Saturday, September 19, 2026; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

   Sunday, September 20, 2026; 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.
7. Each 4-H club has a definition of completion in their constitution. Advisors must submit their completed club completion sheet, indicating whether or not a member's project is complete and to be exhibited at the fair, to the Tuscarawas County Extension Office by September 14, 2026, as stated on 4-H calendar.
8. All animal projects to be exhibited at the fair must be owned and in continual care of the exhibitor during the project year. The project animal shall either be owned by the exhibitor or leased (horses and dairy only) and verified by the 4-H or FFA advisor by their designated registration date as noted below.

**Possession and registration dates (for project and back-up animals) are as follows:**

All market beef must have been weighed in December 2025 to be eligible to show.

Horse and ponies must be in possession with registrations and pictures submitted by June 2, 2026.

All turkeys must be picked up the week of June 2.

All market hog registrations must be completed in 4-H Online by June 2, 2026. ID tag must be in the hog's ear with EID number readable in the picture.

All market lamb and market goat registrations must be completed in 4-H Online by June 2, 2026. Scrapie tag must be in the sheep/goat ear with full tag readable in the picture.

Meat pen of rabbits must be tattooed on August 29, 2026, 9 to 10 a.m.

All breeding rabbits must be tattooed on May 30, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; registrations must be completed in 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.

Dairy, pygmy and pack goats, sheep and beef breeding, feeder calves, poultry (except broilers, market ducks and market turkeys), and dairy project animals must be in possession with registrations completed in 4-H Online by June 2, 2026. All identifying tags/registrations must be in place and clearly readable in the picture upon application.

Broilers and market ducks must be picked up designated date. Market Ducks will be picked up the week of July 27; broilers will be picked up the week of August 11.

**All animals must be owned (or leased, horses and dairy only) and in the continual care of the exhibitor by these dates.**

## Jr. Fair Entries will be On-line ONLY!

JR. FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE AUGUST 7TH OF THE CURRENT YEAR AT 11:59 P.M.

See Rule #9 or call the OSU Extension office at *330-339-2337* for more details.

***No entries or corrections to entries will be taken over the phone.***

Scan the QR code or enter at *http://tuscjrfair.fairentry.com*

**Back-up Animal Rule:** Although not required, non-market exhibitors may choose to have one back-up animal in the event the primary animal is unable to come to the fair. There is a limit of one back-up per exhibitor per registered project animal. If there are 2 or more exhibitors, regardless of relationship, residing in the same household, they may share one back-up animal. In a household with multiple exhibitors and multiple back-up animals of the same project, each back-up must be designated to a specific exhibitor.

Market exhibitors may designate one primary and one back-up for a total of two animals with one being eligible to exhibit at the Tuscarawas County Fair. Members residing in the same household (with at least one parent residing in the home) may share back-up animals if each back-up animal is registered to at least one exhibitor in the household. This may be a brother/sister, half-brother/half-sister or other non-related child with established residence in the home.

9. **All Junior Fair exhibitors must have their official entries using the on-line entry form (http://tuscjrfair.fairentry.com ) completed and submitted by their parent or legal guardian by August 7 of the current year at 11:59 p.m..**
**A GRACE PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED FROM AUGUST 8 TO AUGUST 14 DURING WHICH ENTRIES MAY BE MADE WITH A LATE FEE OF $100 PER CLASS ENTRY.**

   Junior Fair Exhibitors MUST sign up for Showmanship Class and Bred, Born and Raised classes when submitting their entry form by entry deadline.
   **NOTE:** These entries are separate from Market/Breeding classes.

10. All entries of Junior Fair livestock will be housed in the Junior Fair area unless a request is made for the open class barn (dairy and beef only). This request must be made with your entry by August 7 of the current year at 11:59 p.m.. No guarantee of open class housing will be made. Stall assignments will be worked out by the Extension Office and Junior Fair Board and all requests will be considered.

** *Please state on your Junior Fair entry if and how many open class animals you have, and if you have a specific reason to be housed in a specific barn.* **

11. All pens are pre-assigned and an exhibit card will be given to each exhibitor. No pen assignments may be changed without prior approval from an Extension Professional. If an animal does not make weight, the pen may be reassigned to another exhibitor at the discretion of the Extension Professional. An attempt will be made to contact the exhibitor originally assigned to the pen. If unsuccessful, any personal items will be held at the Junior Fair Board office.

    A procedure for the placing of grooming chutes will be announced prior to fair.

12. All projects must unload during their assigned check-in times and be in place by the cut off time for their species.
**Species check-in times are as follows:**

**Saturday, September 19, 2026**

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Swine
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Poultry/Water Fowl

**Sunday, September 20, 2026**

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Goats and Sheep
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Beef (including Dairy Steers)
12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dairy
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Rabbits
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Horse

13. An animal may only cross the scale one time.
**Species weigh-in times are as follows:**

**Saturday, September 19, 2026**

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Swine
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Broilers, Market Ducks (must bring all birds you are entering to the scale) and Market Turkeys.

**Sunday, September 20, 2026**

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Market Goat and Market Lambs
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Market Beef, Dairy Steers & Feeder Calves
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Meat Pen of Rabbits (must bring the 3 bunnies you are entering to the scale)

14. Exhibitors must submit a properly completed on-line Drug Use Notification Form in advance of check-in for all lactating animals, feeder calves, and market animals. Animals must be free of any drug residue by their assigned check-in time, even if the animal is under the continued care of a veterinarian.

15. No horned animals, other than goats, are permitted on the fairgrounds except by prior approval by the Senior Fair Board.

16. All exhibitors are responsible to care for their own project during the fair including proper feeding and watering, cleaning stalls and providing proper bedding, etc. If an exhibitor fails to keep pens and animals clean, they will be contacted and asked to take corrective action. If the pen is not cleaned within 8 hours of being contacted, the respective committee will clean the pen and the exhibitor will be charged a fee of not less than $15.00 and not more than $50.00. A second offense will result in the fine being doubled.

17. All exhibits must remain in place until their designated

## Jr. Fair Guidelines, Cont.

release times with the exception of those who will be attending nationally recognized show events overlapping with the Tuscarawas County Fair dates with the project animal they are exhibiting at the fair. Proof of entry and show registration must be submitted prior to the first day of fair with release approved by the Senior Fair Board. The Senior Fair Board may allow early release at their discretion.

**Release of livestock will be as follows:**

Members are responsible for livestock until loaded or until Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., whichever comes first.

**Thursday, September 24, 2026**

Market broilers, market turkey, market ducks

**Saturday, September 26, 2026**

4:00 p.m. Horses

10:00 p.m. Market hogs (Commercial processors only)

**Sunday, September 27, 2026**

7:00 a.m. Steers, lambs, and goats sold in a market livestock sale going to Commercial processors.

9:00 a.m. All remaining market steers, lambs, goats & hogs going to private processor or will haul.

2:00 p.m. Beef Breeding, Feeder Calves, Breeding Sheep

3:00 p.m. Dairy

5:00 p.m. Breeding Rabbits, Standard & Fancy Poultry, Water Fowl, Dairy, Pygmy and Utility Goats, Draft Horses

18. Exhibitors with poultry, rabbits, goats, sheep, hogs, and horses should completely clean out pens. **All pens must be cleaned out by the exhibitors when the animal leaves the fairgrounds. NOT BEFORE animals leave.** Fair premiums will be held for pens not cleaned.
19. Junior Fair exhibitors are required to keep their animals in the pens or stalls assigned to them by Junior Fair officials. All cattle should be securely fastened. There shall be NO locks allowed on any cage or pen in case of emergency. Locks will be cut off if put on. No fans are allowed on stands on the fairgrounds. All fans must be suspended above the animal.
20. **Each department will expect courteous and orderly conduct by the volunteers, parents, exhibitors and their attendants and helpers. Harassments, profanity, or unsportsmanlike conduct toward fair officials, judges, show manager, help, or exhibitors will not be tolerated. Any violation of this rule would warrant removal from the activity and/or the fairgrounds. Sale shares, or parts thereof, may also be withheld from exhibitors.**
21. Junior Fair exhibitors may enter open class divisions with non-market animals only. Once an animal is designated as a market animal, it must retain that designation. Entries of non-market animals may be made with the Senior Fair Board Secretary by the designated date. These entries must conform to open class rules and regulations.
22. All Junior Fair exhibits must be shown by the member making the exhibit in showmanship classes. In conformation classes, special arrangements may be made with the Extension Professional to have another Junior Fair exhibitor show their project. Only emergency or unavoidable situations will be considered. Permission slips may be obtained from the Extension Office. The form must be on file during the show. Any Jr. Fair animal on the grounds is eligible to be used in the livestock judging contest on Saturday. If families do not wish their animal to be used in the judging contest, a form must be returned to the Junior Fair Board Office by 12:00 p.m. Noon the Friday of the fair.

    Showmanship classes will be held at specifically designated times for all species. Classes are open to all Junior Fair livestock exhibitors within the species. Members must show their own animal. Exhibitors MUST sign up for showmanship on their fair entry form. Classes are determined by member's age. Helpers will only be allowed in the ring under special circumstances. The member requesting a helper must complete a request form and receive approval from the Extension Professional and Sr. Fair Board prior to the show. Ages and guidelines are listed later in this tabloid.
23. All health regulations pertaining to Senior Fair livestock shall apply to Junior Fair livestock exhibits. All animals will be inspected by a fair veterinarian as they are unloaded.
24. All animal projects may be inspected at any time for compliance to all fair rules.
25. Parents wishing to feed and care for animals exhibiting must pay for admission at the gate or purchase a membership or season ticket which may be exchanged for a wristband.
26. ONLY Junior Fair exhibitors with livestock projects will be permitted to stay overnight and ONLY if parental permission is granted and they agree to supervise and assume all responsibilities for their child(ren)'s actions. Exhibitors will only be allowed to stay in designated areas and must have adult supervision. Any Junior Fair exhibitor engaged in any misbehavior may have their parents called and be dismissed with their exhibit from the fairgrounds for the rest of the fair.
27. Exhibitors show and display their animals at their own risk. Natural or man-made catastrophes and thefts are not covered by insurance. Security against loss or theft is the owner's responsibility.
28. Testing for drugs: The Tuscarawas County Agricultural Society shall have the right to require places 1 through 5 in each class of animals, or any other suspect animal, to be subject to examination or tests as prescribed by the Commission to determine if a substance has been administered to the animal to change the conformation or temperament of the animal. Any individual and/or exhibitor requesting testing must file a written protest and $100 deposit (filing fee) with the Senior Fair Board. If blood tests are positive, the exhibitor pays the costs and protest money is returned. If blood tests are negative, the protest fee is kept to cover all costs.

**JUNIOR FAIR TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION RULES**

Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock show, the Agricultural Society reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistants who fitted the animal involved.

Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels, as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness, by administration of fluids or air internally or externally in a liquid, solid, or gaseous state.

**THE USE OF CLENBUTEROL AND OTHER UNAPPROVED DRUGS IS PROHIBITED.**

All exhibitors, their immediate family, and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal at any fair or livestock show will be barred from exhibiting or showing at this fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize money, and awards won in any Junior Fair and/or Open Class divisions.

SHOULD FRAUD OR DECEPTION AND PROOF, AS DETERMINED BY THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, BE DISCOVERED AFTER THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS HAVE BEEN SHOWN AND PRIOR TO THE SALE, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line at the show shall move up.

SHOULD VIOLATION BE DISCOVERED AFTER THE SALE, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer. All placings in show will stand. NO animals will move up. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.

IF THE CARCASS IS CONDEMNED at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.

**RULE VIOLATIONS**

In the question of a rule violation, the following process will be used:

A person who wishes to lodge a complaint or report a suspected rule violation must do so in writing. The written report/complaint must be signed and personally delivered to either the Tuscarawas County Agricultural Society Secretary's office or, if during the annual fair, the Junior Fair/4-H office.

The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by Fair officials. If it is felt a violation has occurred, Fair officials will make recommendations to the designated committee of the Agricultural Society which is appointed to that particular department. After the committee hears the allegations and/or evidence, they will decide if the case should be brought before the full Board of Directors.

In the decision of allegations being brought before the Board, all parties involved will be notified of a meeting date with all parties having the right to present their views and/or evidence. Upon hearing the case, the Fair Board will make a ruling.

When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Fair Board that any of the livestock rules have been violated, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from showing in any future agricultural fairs. The minimum number of years for disbarment is three (3) years before the right to a review.

In case any premiums shall have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Fair Board will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons, and sale money under each violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.

See Chapter 901-19 of the ODA Rules available in this book.

29. A Junior Fair exhibitor may carry a combination of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, etc., projects; however, they cannot be the same item, and they will only be paid premiums on three total projects.

    Members may exhibit a maximum of 5 animals. Maximum exhibits within a species are as follows:

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| HORSES | 1 draft, 2 saddle |
| BEEF | 1 steer (market or dairy), 1 breeding, 1 feeder calf |
| SHEEP | 1 market, 1 breeding |
| SWINE | 1 market |
| DAIRY | 2 providing they are in 2 different classes |
| GOATS | 2 providing they are in 2 different classes |
| RABBIT | 2 breeding and 1 meat pen; a member may also take a pet rabbit which does not exhibit at the fair. Breeding projects can be the same class. |
| POULTRY | 4 total with a maximum of 2 market and 2 fancy. Fancy projects can be the same class. |

30. Members not turning in entries on time or within the stated grace period will not be eligible to receive any fair sale proceeds. Members are only eligible to receive money from the sale and/or shares associated with two revenue generating exhibits, regardless of the number shown. For example, a member exhibits a dairy cow project, a steer, and a market rabbit. Although the member has the potential to generate revenue from the sales/shares from three animals, he/she can only receive proceeds from two of the animals. **In this case, the member must declare from which two sales he/she wishes to receive proceeds 24 hours prior to the first sale. The proceeds from the third sale will be retained by the respective committee.**

    If a member earns a grand or reserve champion this must be one of the sales. If an exhibitor wins a third Market champion, either grand or reserve, the exhibitor will only receive a fair market value for the animal with the premium being donated back to the Tuscarawas County 4-H Endowment.

## Jr. Fair Guidelines, Cont.

31. Tuscarawas County Fair Market Livestock & Small Animal Sales will be held in a hybrid format (simultaneously live and on-line). The Top Five/Ten in each species will sell first. An animal may pass through the sale only once. The Dairy Sale will be in person only.
32. Any steer, lamb, hog, or goat exhibitor who does not wish to sell their market animal must turn in a No-sale form to the Junior Fair Office 24 hours prior to the start of the respective sale. Forms will be available at the Junior Fair Board Office.
    All market poultry & market rabbit projects must go through the auction.
    **All grand champion and reserve champion market animals must go to a Fair Board approved slaughter house to be slaughtered. They may not be sold at any livestock auction market subsequent to the Tuscarawas County Fair Market Livestock Auction or Small Animal Sale.** This includes: market beef, dairy steers, hogs, sheep, market goats, market broilers, market turkeys, market rabbits and market ducks.
33. Exhibitors' appearance should be neat and clean while in the show ring and during sales. Apparel advertising a business, farm, association, or commodity group should not be worn. 4-H club shirts and polos are acceptable. Long pants are recommended. See your project resource book and/or project guidelines for recommended attire.
34. **All livestock must be properly handled, transported, and treated and not abused.** Extension Professionals, committee members, and Senior Fair Board members will have the discretion to refuse entry of any animals transported in an inhumane manner. Said officials will have the discretion to dismiss the exhibitor and the animal from the fair at any time for any other abusive treatment or handling. Those exhibitors and animals dismissed will not be permitted to show and/or sell. During the course of an exhibition if an animal becomes so unruly that it is a threat to itself or dangerous to exhibitors or bystanders, the Extension Professional and Senior Fair Board Representatives shall require the animal be removed from the fairgrounds, forfeiting any further participation rights in 4-H/FFA or fair activities.
35. There will be no bedding provided by the Senior Fair Board and no stock piling of any bedding. Each exhibitor is responsible for his or her own bedding. Wood shavings, wood chips, sawdust, straw, and other bedding appropriate for the species should be used. Paper products may not be used for bedding.
36. In order to receive the proceeds from any sale held during the annual fair, all Junior Fair exhibitors must present Thank You notes for their buyers to sale committee representatives. Additionally committees will require proof of project book completion for issuance of sale premium earning. **If a Junior Fair Sale Check has to be reissued, a $50 processing and re-issuance fee will be assessed.**
37. If an animal dies at the fair but made it through the check-in process and was exhibited, the youth may walk through the sale. If the youth has a back-up animal, they may offer that animal to the buyer instead. If an animal dies prior to exhibition, the youth will not be eligible to go through the sale.

**OHIO YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION RULES**

Scan QR code for rules

## TUSCARAWAS COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY CONTEST

### Winner Announced Sunday, September 20, 2026 — Main Arena

1. Candidate must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA Chapter and eligible to exhibit at the Tuscarawas County Fair. Applications are available on the Tuscarawas County Fair website and must be e-mailed to wendyvogel.fair@gmail.com by August 7 of the current year at 11:59 p.m..
2. Applicants must be 16-19 years of age (as of January 1).
3. The King and Queen will be selected through a combined application and interview process.
4. The reigning King and Queen must be present to preside over the remaining days of the fair and be present at judging and contests.
5. The reigning Queen at the Tuscarawas County Fair shall be eligible to compete in the Queen Contest at the Ohio Fair Managers Conference.

2025 Fair King & Queen
Colton Domer & Maggie Hamilton

# TUSCARAWAS COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY CONTEST

## PURPOSE

To be a spokesperson for the Tuscarawas County Fair while representing the Tuscarawas County Fair during the Junior and Senior fair activities and Tuscarawas County functions. The Queen is to represent Tuscarawas County at the Ohio Fair's Queen Contest in January at the Ohio Fair Managers Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Senior Fair Board will cover hotel and conference fees.

**SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS AND LETTERS TO:**
*wendyvogel.fair@gmail.com*

**WENDY VOGEL,** Coordinator
*330-340-9696*

## APPLICANTS WILL BE JUDGED ON:

- Club Activities
- Leadership
- Poise
- Personality
- 4-H or FFA Achievements
- Appearance & Attire
- Question responses at interview
- Communication Experience

## INTERVIEWS

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Board Office.

## INTERVIEW ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

Dress—Business Professional
*Applicants will be contacted to schedule a specific interview time.*

Shirt Size:

## ELIGIBILITY

Any older youth enrolled in a 4-H or FFA chapter and eligible to exhibit at the Tuscarawas County Fair. Entrants must be between the ages of 16 to 19 years of age as of January 1st.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026 _____

**All items below must be submitted electronically to wendyvogel.fair@gmail.com**

1. This application form
   Additional pages & items typed and submitted as a word document or PDF. Items should each be on it's own page and limited to one page per item. Items 2-5 should be presented as a list for the judges to read easily. Item 6 should be a one page essay:
2. List 4-H Experiences—Projects, boards, awards, and activities
3. List FFA Experiences—Projects, boards, awards, and activities OR Marked NOT Available At My School
4. List Jr. Fair Involvement and Public Speaking Experiences
5. School and Community Activities—Clubs, teams, organizations, awards, boards, offices
6. Essay on why I should be chosen to be the Tuscarawas County Fair Queen / King

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 7, 2026**

# BEEF DEPARTMENT

## DIVISION: MARKET BEEF

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
**Weigh-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
**Show:** Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026,
7:00 a.m. Commercial Processors Only
9:00 a.m. All remaining Market Beef
**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6

*Exhibitors may exhibit only one market beef animal whether it be a market steer, dairy steer or market heifer.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All market beef shown and sold at the Tuscarawas County Fair must have been weighed at the December weigh-in.
3. All market beef must be properly castrated, if applicable, and dehorned by December weigh-in to be eligible to show.
4. All projects must be registered on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.
5. A member may choose to exhibit a heifer instead of a steer as their market beef project. All the same weight limits and rules for the steers still apply. If there are fewer than 3 market heifers exhibiting, they will show in their respective weight class with market steers. If there are 3 or more market heifers exhibiting, they will show in their own class and the winner of that class will show for overall champion market beef. Market heifers must have been tagged and weighed in at the December tag-in. Once a heifer is tagged in as a market beef animal, she is not permitted to be switched to beef breeding.
6. Animals must be halter broken and trained so exhibitors can handle without assistance.
7. Classes will be divided by weight.
8. All animals must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds at fair weigh-in. If a market beef does not make weight, the member may get their back-up animal by the end of check-in time and if the back animal is of proper weight it may be shown. Official weight as determined by members of the Market Livestock Committee is final.
9. If an animal does not make minimum weight, it must be removed from the fairgrounds.
10. The market animals sold at the sale must be left with a rope halter to assist in loading animals on the truck. The halters will be left at the animal's tie stall unless needed by the trucker.
11. All cattle must be tied with neck ropes in addition to halter for safety purposes during the fair.
12. No fans are allowed on stands in the barns. All fans must be suspended above the animal.
13. All Junior Fair Exhibitors must remove their beef grooming chutes following the Livestock Sale on Thursday, unless they are exhibiting in the Open Class Beef Show.
14. If more than five dairy steers exhibit, a separate dairy steer class will be offered and a grand and reserve dairy steer selected. If there are fewer than five dairy steer entries, dairy steers will show with beef steers and the champion steer will be determined from the overall pool.
15. Any and all drenching is prohibited unless done by the designated fair veterinarian.
16. Once a market beef animal is tagged in under a 4-H or FFA member's name for the Tuscarawas County Fair, that animal is not permitted to be shown by any other person (other than another current JR Fair member) or under another name. Not adhering to this rule will result in the member not being permitted to exhibit their animal at the Tuscarawas County Fair.

**CLASS**

Market Heifer

Market Steer

Dairy Steer

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## DIVISION: BRED, BORN & RAISED

**Show:** Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
*Following Beef Showmanship*

1. The purpose of the county Bred, Born, and Raised steer show is to give local exhibitors and breeders a chance to showcase their abilities and skills in producing county bred and raised livestock. In this class the dam of the exhibited animal must be owned AND housed in Tuscarawas County.
   Winning steers will be subject to a DNA test. This will require a tail hair sample from the BBR steer and dam. If the breeder is unable to produce the dam for purposes of obtaining a DNA sample for any reason or if the DNA does not match, the winner must forfeit trophies, banners, etc., and the immediate family will be banned from showing in the Bred, Born, and Raised class for life. In addition, the breeder of the steer will not be permitted to have any animals in the Bred, Born, and Raised class for life.
2. The Bred, Born & Raised market animal must be the same animal the member is exhibiting at the Tuscarawas County Fair in the Market Beef division.
3. The animal must be owned and in continual care of the 4-H member by the time of the December weigh in to be shown and sold at the Tuscarawas County Fair.
4. Exhibitors must register for the Bred, Born & Raised class as part of their fair entry. The Bred, Born, & Raised class entry is a separate entry from the members Market Beef class entry.

**CLASS**

Market Heifer

Dairy Steer

Market Steer

## DIVISION: FEEDER CALVES

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
**Weigh-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
**Show:** Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Exhibitors may exhibit only one feeder calf.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. Calves can be male or female and may be dairy or beef.
3. Dairy feeder calves must be purebred dairy animals (no dairy/market crossbreeds).
4. Calves must be properly castrated, dehorned, and weaned prior to the fair. No bulls are eligible to show.
5. No fans are allowed on stands in the barns. All fans must be suspended above the animal.
6. Projects must be registered on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026. Once a feeder is registered as a market animal (whether it be a primary or back-up), it may not be exhibited in a breeding class.
7. Feeder calves must be in full possession of the 4-H member by August 1.
8. Calves must weigh between 350 and 650 pounds. If weight requirements are not met, the animal must be removed from the fairgrounds.
9. Feeder calves DO NOT sell at the Livestock Sale.
10. Dairy and beef feeder calves will show in the same class. If more than five dairy feeder calves exhibit, a separate dairy feeder calf class will be offered. The champion feeder calf will be determined from the overall pool of exhibiting feeder calves.

**CLASS**

Beef Feeder Calf

Dairy Feeder Calf

## DIVISION: BEEF BREEDING

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
**Show:** Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6

*Exhibitors may exhibit only one beef breeding project.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. Beef breeding projects must be heifers.
3. Projects must be registered on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.
4. Animals must be properly dehorned prior to the fair.
5. No fans are allowed on stands in the barns. All fans must be suspended above the animal.
6. Beef breeding projects DO NOT sell at the Livestock Sale.

**CLASS**

Junior Calf-born after 1/1/26

Senior Calf-born between 9/1/25 and 12/31/25

Summer Yearling-born between 5/1/25 and 8/31/25

Junior Yearling-born between 1/1/25 and 4/30/25

Senior Yearling-born between 9/1/24 and 12/31/24

2 Year-Old Heifer-born between 5/1/24 and 8/31/24

**BREED**

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|---|---|
| Angus | Shorthorn |
| Chianina | Simmental |
| Hereford | Crosses |
| Limousin | All other recognized breeds |
| Maine-Anjou | |

## 2026 JR. FAIR SALE INFORMATION

**Tuscarawas County Market Livestock & Small Animal Sales will be held in a HYBRID format** (simultaneously live and on-line)**.**
The Top Five/Ten in each species will sell first for their respective species.
**Dairy Sale will be in person only.**
For on-line bidding and sign up visit:
www.kaufman-auctions.com

**Livestock Sale**
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
(IN MAIN ARENA)
12:00 P.M. NOON - LIVESTOCK SALE
SALE ORDER: MARKET BEEF - MARKET LAMBS - HOGS

**Dairy Products Sale**
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
3:00 P.M. (IN MAIN ARENA)

**Small Animal Sale**
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
3:00 P.M. (IN MAIN ARENA)
SALE ORDER: DUCKS - RABBIT - BROILERS - GOATS - TURKEYS

# DAIRY DEPARTMENT

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
**Show:** Friday, September 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Exhibitors may exhibit two dairy projects so long as they are in two different classes.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or higher in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All dairy projects must be owned by the exhibitor or leased with agreement on file with Extension Office by June 2, 2026, and be in the continual care of the exhibitor during the project year. All projects must be registered on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.
3. Members will be eligible to exhibit one or two of their calves/cows at the fair; however, they must be in different classes. A registered, high grade or purebred animal is recommended.
4. If a member plans to take two calves/heifers or two cow projects, both must be listed on the Fair Entry form. Once the fair entry has been submitted, the member's back up animal may not be taken without a veterinary excuse.
5. All yearlings due to calve prior to the fair must complete a cow record book in book judging. All milking heifers regardless of age must show in a milking class.
6. All 2 year old cows must be in milk. A cow can be shown as a dry cow if she has finished lactating and has not yet started her next period of lactation.
7. If a recognized breed of dairy has 31 or more animals, there will be three champion trophies awarded: calf, heifer and cow.
8. All recognized breeds with fewer than 31 animals will have a Junior & Senior Champion.

**2026 SHOW ORDER:** AOB, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Milking Shorthorn, Jersey

**CLASS**

Junior Calf, born on or after 3/1/26 and over 4 months of age
Intermediate Calf, born on or after 12/1/25 to 2/29/26
Senior Calf,born on or after 9/1/25 to 11/30/25
Summer Yearling,born on or after 6/1/25 to 8/31/25
Junior Yearling Heifer,born on or after 3/1/25 to 5/31/25
Intermediate Yearling Heifer, born on or after 12/1/24 to 2/28/25
Senior Yearling Heifer, born on or after 9/1/24 to 11/30/24
Milking Senior Yearling, born on or after 9/1/24 to 11/30/24
Two-year old cow, born on or after 9/1/23 to 8/31/24
Three-year old cow, born on or after 9/1/22 to 8/31/23
Four-year old cow, born on or after 9/1/21 to 8/31/22
Aged Cow, 5 years old and over, born before 9/1/21
Dry Cow

# SWINE DEPARTMENT

## DIVISION: MARKET HOG

**Check-In:** Saturday, September 19, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
**Weigh-In:** Saturday, September 19, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
**Show:** Monday, September 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
**Release:** Hogs going to a commercial processor:
Saturday, September 26, 2026, 10:00 p.m.
All other hogs:
Sunday, September 27, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Exhibitors may show only one market hog.*

1. All hog exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All hogs must have been born in 2026.
3. Exhibitors must use 840 EID tags approved by Market Livestock Committee. Tag must be placed in the ear with the 15 digit number readable in the pictures which should be submitted on the hog's registration. Hogs must be registered on 4-H Online by June 2, 2026. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their own hogs tagged. A member may tag a maximum of two hogs with one of those hogs being exhibited, shown and sold at the Tusc Co Fair. If a hog loses a tag before the fair, replacement tags can be purchased and picked up at the Extension Office. Replacement hog tags MUST be placed prior to arrival to the fairgrounds for check-in. The member must supply the original tag number and the replacement tag number to the Extension Office along with a picture of the new tag in the hog's ear; the numbers of the new tag must be readable. Hog tags MUST be placed prior to arrival to the fairgrounds for check-in. A $20 fee will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check if the hog is re-tagged at check-in. Additionally, hogs missing tags may be placed in hold pens and checked in at the end of the check in process. If tag falls out and you do not report it prior to check in, your hog could be disqualified.
4. The minimum weight for all pigs is 220 pounds. The maximum weight is 315 pounds. If a hog does not make weight, the member may get their back-up hog by the close of check-in time and if the back-up animal is of the proper weight it may be shown in regular classes. Official weight as determined by the Market Livestock Committee is final.
5. If a hog does not meet weight requirements, the animal must be removed from the fairgrounds.
6. Self feeders are not permitted to be used in hog pens.
7. No hogs are to be washed in the lower wash rack during the show or sale.
8. Hair must be a minimum 1/2" on the entire body, excluding the ears and tail. No clipping permitted after weigh in. If a hog is disqualified due to hair length, a back-up hog is NOT permitted.

9. If the fair vet recommends a hog be quarantined due to illness, the hog shall be moved to the quarantine area designated by the Senior Fair Board. Once the hog is recommended for quarantine, all decisions and duties regarding the hog's care, treatment, and (if necessary) euthanasia become the responsibility of the Senior Fair Board. If the hog is cleared by the fair vet to return to the fairgrounds before the end of the annual fair, it will be returned. If the hog is cleared by the fair vet after the end of the annual fair, then the Senior Fair Board will make a good faith effort to obtain fair market value for the hog. The exhibitor will receive the proceeds from the sale of the hog less the costs incurred in its treatment and care. The hog will not be returned to the exhibitor. If the hog dies or is euthanized while in quarantine, the Senior Fair Board will be responsible for the proper disposal of the carcass.
10. Any and all drenching is prohibited unless done by the designated fair veterinarian.

**CLASS**

Market Hog

# SHEEP DEPARTMENT

## DIVISION: MARKET LAMB

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Weigh-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Show:** Monday, September 21, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026,
7:00 a.m. Commercial Processors Only
9:00 a.m. All remaining Market Lambs

**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Exhibitors may show only one single market lamb.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All market lambs may be either ewes or wethers. Wethers must be properly castrated, healed, and dehorned.
3. Market lamb project members are required to have official scrapie identification on June 2, 2026. Additionally, all market lambs shall have scrapie tags affixed to their ears upon entering the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds.
4. Once a lamb is designated as a market lamb (whether it be a primary lamb or back-up lamb), it may not be exhibited in a breeding lamb class. Projects must be registered on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026. Scrapie tags must be fully readable in the picture.
5. The minimum weight for all market lambs is 90 pounds. If a lamb does not make weight, the member may get their back-up lamb by the end of check-in time and if the back-up animal is of the proper weight it may be shown in regular classes. Official weight as determined by the Market Livestock Committee is final.
6. If a market lamb does not meet weight requirements, the animal must be removed from the fairgrounds.
7. All market lambs must be slick shorn within five days prior to the show.
8. Any and all drenching is prohibited unless done by the designated fair veterinarian.
9. No fans are allowed on stands in the barns. All fans must be suspended above the animal.

**CLASS**

Market Lamb

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## DIVISION: SHEEP BREEDING

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Show:** Monday, September 21, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

**Premiums**: Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Exhibitors may exhibit only one sheep breeding project.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. Projects must be registered on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.
3. Sheep breeding projects DO NOT sell at the Livestock Sale.
4. Sheep breeding members are required to comply with USDA Scrapie regulations and Ohio Import and Exhibit regulations.
5. Breeds will show together unless there are 5 or more breeding ewes of the same recognized breed.

**CLASS**

Ewe Lamb-born after 10/1/25

Yearling Ewe-born on or after 10/1/24 to 9/30/25

Mature Ewe-two years and older.

# GOAT DEPARTMENT

## DIVISION: MARKET GOATS

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
**Weigh-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
**Show:** Monday, September 21, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026
7:00 a.m. Commercial Processors Only
9:00 a.m. All remaining Market Goats
**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Exhibitors may exhibit only one market goat. They may exhibit an additional goat (dairy, utility, or pygmy) in a different goat class for a maximum of two goat projects.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. Market goats may be does or wethers. Wethers must be properly castrated by June 2, 2026.
3. All market goats must be born between January 1 and April 30 of the current year.
4. Market goat project members are required to have official Scrapie identification on June 2, 2026. Additionally, all market goats shall have scrapie tags affixed to their ears upon entering the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds.
5. Projects must be registered on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026. Scrapie tags must be affixed to the animal's ear and be readable in the picture.
6. Minimum weight for all market goats is 65 pounds. If a goat does not make weight, the member may get their back-up goat by the end of check-in time and if the back-up animal is of the proper weight it may be shown in regular classes. Official weight as determined by the Market Livestock Committee is final.
7. Official weight by the Small Animal Committee is final.
8. If a market goat does not meet weight requirements, the animal must be removed from the fairgrounds.
9. Any and all drenching is prohibited unless done by the designated fair veterinarian.
10. No fans are allowed on stands in the barns. All fans must be suspended above the animal.

**CLASS**

Market Goat

**JR. FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 OF THE CURRENT YEAR AT 11:59 P.M.**

See page 3, Rule #9 or call the OSU Extension office at *330-339-2337* for more details.

## DIVISION: DAIRY GOATS

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
**Show:** Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Members may exhibit two dairy goats as long as they are in different classes. If they exhibit one dairy goat, they may exhibit one additional goat (market, utility, or pygmy) for a maximum of two goat projects.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All dairy goat projects must be owned by the exhibitor and in the continual care of the exhibitor during the project year. Projects must be registered through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.
3. Yearlings, which are in milk, will show in the production classes.
4. Milking does with kids still nursing may bring kids to the fair, but the 4-H member must divide their pen to separate the doe from the kids on Tuesday morning. Additional pens will not be provided for the purpose of separating kids and does. It is recommended that kids and does be separated five days ahead of the fair at home to get them used to being separated.
5. Due to number of goats exhibited, dairy and pygmy goats may be asked to share a pen with another exhibitor.
6. If the goat is registered, you must have official registration papers with the microchip or tattoo number PRINTED on the registration paper from the American Dairy Goat Association. The implant number must be recorded on the registration certificate accompanying the registered animal for a microchip to be considered an official ID. The microchip must be ISO compliant with an 840 series prefix. The microchip should be placed at the back-side of the ear or the base of the tail and the animal must be tattooed with a legible "E" if the implant is at the base of the ear or "ET" if the implant is in the tail fold. Unregistered animals with an implant must also have a Flock ID tattoo in the ear.
7. Dairy goat projects DO NOT sell at the Small Animal Sale.
8. No fans are allowed on stands in the barns. All fans must be suspended above the animal.

**CLASS**

Jr. Kid Doe: Born after 4/1/26

Sr. Kid Doe: Born 9/1/25 to 3/31/26

Dry Yearling Doe: Born 9/1/24 to 8/31/25

Doe in Milk: Born after 9/1/24

Doe in Milk: Born 9/1/23 to 8/31/24

Mature Doe in Milk: Born before 9/1/23

Mature Dry Doe

## DIVISION: UTILITY GOATS

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
**Show:** Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
*Immediately Following Dairy Goat Show*
**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Members may exhibit two utility goats as long as they are in different classes. If they exhibit one utility goat, they may exhibit one additional goat (market, dairy, or pygmy) for a maximum of two goat projects.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All utility goat projects must be owned by the exhibitor and in the continual care of the exhibitor during the project year. Projects must be registered on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.
3. Utility goats are to be dairy wether goats (Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhalsi, Saanen, Toggenburg, Nigerian Dwarf or a dairy crossbreed).
4. The utility goats will progress through the course as follows: First year – halter only; second year – halter and empty pack or cart; third year – halter and weighted pack or cart.
5. If the goat is registered with an approved registry, you must have official registration papers with the microchip or tattoo number PRINTED on the registration paper from the National Pygmy Goat Association or the American Dairy Goat Association. The implant number must be recorded on the registration certificate accompanying the registered animal for a microchip to be considered an official ID. The microchip must be ISO compliant with an 840 series prefix. The microchip should be placed at the back-side of the ear or the base of the tail and the animal must be tattooed with a legible “E” if the implant is at the base of the ear or “ET” if the implant is in the tail fold. Unregistered animals with an implant must also have a Flock ID tattoo in the ear.
6. Utility goat projects DO NOT sell at the Small Animal Sale.
7. No fans are allowed on stands in the barns. All fans must be suspended above the animal.

**CLASS**

1st year

2nd year pack

2nd year cart

3rd year pack

3rd year cart

4th year pack

4th year cart

## DIVISION: PYGMY GOATS

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
**Show:** Friday, September 25, 2026, 12:00 p.m.
**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Members may exhibit two pygmy goats as long as they are in different classes. If they exhibit one pygmy goat, they may exhibit one additional goat (market, dairy, or utility) for a maximum of two goat projects.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All pygmy goat projects must be owned by the exhibitor and in the continual care of the exhibitor during the project year. Projects must be registered on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.
3. Due to number of goats exhibited, dairy and pygmy goats may be asked to share a pen with another exhibitor.
4. If the goat is registered, you must have official registration papers with the microchip or tattoo number PRINTED on the registration paper from the National Pygmy Goat Association. The implant number must be recorded on the registration certificate accompanying the registered animal for a microchip to be considered an official ID. The microchip must be ISO compliant with an 840 series prefix. The microchip should be placed at the back-side of the ear or the base of the tail and the animal must be tattooed with a legible “E” if the implant is at the base of the ear or “ET” if the implant is in the tail fold. Unregistered animals with an implant must also have a Flock ID tattoo in the ear. If your pygmy is not registered, Official ID can be in the form of a scrapie tag or Flock ID tattoo.
5. Pygmy goat projects DO NOT sell at the Small Animal Sale.
6. No fans are allowed on stands in the barns. All fans must be suspended above the animal.

**CLASS - WETHER**

Jr. Wether: Born after 4/1/26
Sr. Wether: Born 9/1/25 to 3/31/26
Yearling Wether: Born 9/1/24 to 8/31/25
Mature Wether: Born before 9/1/24

**CLASS - DOE**

Jr. Kid Doe: Born after 4/1/26
Sr. Kid Doe: Born 9/1/25 to 3/31/26
Jr. Yearling Doe: Born 4/1/25 to 8/31/25
Sr. Yearling Doe: Born before 9/1/24 to 3/31/25
Doe: Born 9/1/23 to 8/31/24
Mature Doe: Born before 9/1/23

# RABBIT DEPARTMENT

## DIVISION: PET RABBITS

**Show:** Companion Day Show August 8, 2026

**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

1. Members may exhibit 1 (one) pet rabbit.
2. In order to exhibit at the companion animal show all exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
3. Members must enroll in the pet rabbit project and own/be in continual care of their pet rabbit.
4. Pet rabbits will exhibit on companion animal day; they do not come to the fair.
5. All rabbits will be required to complete a health check and be deemed healthy to compete.
6. Members must have a poster or educational exhibit on display in their clubs' fair booth to receive their fair premium.
7. Pet rabbits may not be shown in rabbit showmanship classes during the fair.

## DIVISION: BREEDING RABBITS

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Show:** Thursday, September 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Exhibitors may exhibit 2 (two) breeding and one meat pen; a member may also take a pet rabbit which does not exhibit at the fair.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All breeding rabbits must have been born by April 15, 2026.
3. All rabbits will show by breed, sex, and age in a 4 or 6 class for the single breeding rabbits (see resource guide).
4. If a rabbit needs tattooed, the exhibitor should bring rabbit to the county tattooing on Saturday, May 30, 2026, 9-11 am at the fairgrounds. The member must register their breeding rabbit on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026. If a rabbit already has a tattoo, the exhibitor only needs to submit registration on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.
5. Breeding rabbits will exhibit through the entire fair.
6. Rabbits must remain in the rabbit barn.
7. Breeding rabbits do not sell at the Small Animal Sale.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily care of their own rabbits, including cleaning and supplying pine shavings for drop pans. It is required that you have a stable ceramic feeding crock or a commercial feeder and waterer that fits inside your cage. Storage of tack and feed in designated areas in the rabbit barn will be at the discretion of the Small Animal Committee.
9. No hay, straw, paper products or cloth material may be used in cages.
10. All fasteners on cages, tape, wire, etc. must be removed after the fair.

**CLASS: BREEDING RABBITS - SIX CLASS**

Jr. Doe (Born after 4/1/26)
Jr. Buck (Born after 4/1/26)
Intermediate Doe (Born 2/1/26 to 3/31/2)
Intermediate Buck (Born 2/1/26 to 3/31/26)
Sr. Doe (Born before 1/31/26)
Sr. Buck (Born before 1/31/26)

**CLASS: BREEDING RABBITS - FOUR CLASS**

Jr. Doe (Born after 4/1/26)
Jr. Buck (Born after 4/1/26)
Sr. Doe (Born before 3/31/26)
Sr. Buck (Born before 3/31/26)

## DIVISION: MEAT PEN RABBITS

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Weigh- In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Show:** Thursday, September 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

**Release:** Tuesday, September 29, 2026

**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Exhibitors may exhibit two breeding and one meat pen; a member may also take a pet rabbit which does not exhibit at the fair.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All meat pens must be tattooed on Saturday, August 29, 2026, 9-10 am, to be eligible to show and sell at the fair. Meat pens can be purchased or bred by exhibitor.
3. Bunnies should be close in weight, conformation, and from the same breed or variety. Bunnies must weigh 3 - 5 pounds and be a maximum of 70 days old. 3 bunnies to a pen and 1 pen per exhibitor.
4. All entries are final at check-in at the fair. Exhibitors must present 3 rabbits to the scale. After an official weight is determined, other rabbits may not be substituted. Official weight as determined by a member of the Small Animal Committee or a fair representative is final.
5. Any exhibitor not presenting a qualifying meat pen must remove the animals from the fairgrounds.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily care of their own rabbits including cleaning and supplying pine shavings for drop pans. It is required that you have a stable ceramic feeding crock or a commercial feeder and waterer that fits inside your cage. Storage of tack and feed in designated areas in the rabbit barn will be at the discretion of the Small Animal Committee.
7. Rabbits must remain in the rabbit barn.
8. No hay, straw, paper products or cloth material may be used in cages
9. All fasteners on cages, tape, wire, etc. must be removed after the fair.
10. Any and all drenching is prohibited unless done by the designated fair veterinarian.

**CLASS**

Meat Pen of Three Rabbits

# POULTRY DEPARTMENT

## DIVISION: FANCY POULTRY

**Check-In:** Saturday, September 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Show:** Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

**Release:** Sunday, September 27, 2026, 5:00 pm

**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 4 (four) poultry projects in different classes; 2 (two) market projects and 2 (two) fancy projects.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. Projects must be registered on-line through 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.
3. All chickens and turkeys should originate from a Pullorum/Fowl Typhoid disease free flock and have documented proof, regardless of where purchased. Chickens that have been in contact with other birds which have not been Pullorum tested within 12 months prior to the fair must be Pullorum tested on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 6 – 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Turkeys MUST be tested by Sugarcreek Veterinary Clinic on August 22, 2026. An appointment must be made with the clinic. If turkeys are not tested on this date, arrangements should be made with the participants' veterinarian so the test may be conducted two weeks in advance of the fair and results made available at check-in.
4. All animals must be cared for daily. All exhibitors are required to bring stable, ceramic feeding crocks or commercial feeders/waterers for your feed and water. No plastic containers, such as butter tubs or other similar containers, are allowed. Storage of tack and feed is not permitted inside the poultry barn.
5. No paper products are to be used as bedding.
6. Any added wire, tape, or other fastening materials must be removed from cage after the fair.
7. On judging day, all Junior Fair exhibitors must be present to bring their birds to the judging table. The Junior exhibitor, if needed, may ask another Junior Fair exhibitor for assistance. ONLY Junior Fair exhibitors and fair staff will be permitted in the cage area or around the judging table during the show.
8. Standard & Fancy Poultry & Water Fowl do not sell at the Small Animal Sale.

**CLASS**

Egg Type Bird Pullet (No Cockerels; 2/pen)

Egg Type Bird Hen (No Cockerels; 2/pen)

Standard Fancy (Preferred Breeding Pair; 2/pen)

Bantam Fancy (Preferred Breeding Pair; 2/pen)

Heavy Type Bird (Preferred Breeding Pair; 2/pen)

Waterfowl (Breeding Pair; 2/pen)

Fancy Turkey (1/pen)

All other Fowl (Preferred Breeding Pair; 2/ pen)

Fancy Goose (1/pen)

## DIVISION: MARKET POULTRY, BROILERS

**Check-In:** Saturday, September 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Weigh-In:** Saturday, September 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Show:** Monday, September 21, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

**Release:** To be determined by committee

**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6.

*Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 4 (four) poultry projects in different classes; 2 (two) market projects and 2 (two) fancy projects.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All broilers must be paid in full at time of pick up. Broilers must be picked up the week of August 11. Members should raise a flock of 10 broilers. All broilers will be purchased from the same hatchery on the same day as arranged by the Small Animal Committee. All broilers/turkeys to be exhibited during the annual fair as a 4-H project must have been purchased from the Small Animal Committee. No broiler or turkey purchased or obtained from an outside source will be permitted to weigh-in and will be refused entry to the fair.
3. At the time of weigh-in, exhibitors must present a pen of three broilers, each weighing a minimum of 5 pounds. **No wetting and reweighing of broilers will be allowed.** After an official weight is determined, other broilers may not be substituted. Official weight as determined by a member of the Small Animal Committee or a fair representative is final. If broilers do not meet weight requirements, the animals must be removed from the fairgrounds.
4. All animals must be cared for daily. All exhibitors are required to bring stable, ceramic feeding crocks or commercial feeders/waterers for your feed and water. No plastic containers, such as butter tubs or similar containers, are allowed. Storage of tack and feed is not permitted inside the poultry barn.
5. No paper products are to be used as bedding.
6. Any added wire, tape, or other fastening materials must be removed from cage after the fair.
7. On judging day, broilers will be shown at their pen. Junior Fair exhibitors competing in the Final Drive must be present to bring their birds to the judging table. If needed, the Junior exhibitor may ask another Junior Fair exhibitor for assistance. ONLY Junior Fair Exhibitors and fair staff will be permitted in the cage area or around the judging table during the show.
8. Any and all drenching is prohibited unless done by the designated fair veterinarian.
9. Members are not permitted to share broilers.

**CLASS**

Broilers (3/pen)

## DIVISION: MARKET POULTRY, TURKEYS

**Check-In:** Saturday, September 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Weigh-In:** Saturday, September 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Show:** Monday, September 21, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

**Release:** To be determined by committee

**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6

*Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 4 (four) poultry projects in different classes; 2 (two) market projects and 2 (two) fancy projects.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All turkeys must be paid in full at time of pick up. Market Turkeys must be picked the week of June 2. Members should raise a flock of 5 turkeys. All turkeys will be purchased from the same hatchery on the same day through the Small Animal Committee. All market turkeys to be exhibited during the annual fair as a 4-H project must have been purchased from the Small Animal Committee. No broiler or turkey purchased or obtained from an outside source will be permitted to weigh-in and will be refused entry to the fair.
3. Market turkeys must weigh a minimum of 20 pounds. No wetting and reweighing of turkeys will be allowed. Official weight as determined by a member of the Small Animal Committee or a fair representative is final. If turkeys do not meet weight requirements, the animal must be removed from the fair grounds.
4. All animals must be cared for daily. All exhibitors are required to bring stable, ceramic feeding crocks or commercial feeders/waterers for your feed and water. No plastic containers, such as butter tubs or similar containers, are allowed. Storage of tack and feed is not permitted inside the poultry barn.
5. No paper products are to be used as bedding.
6. Any added wire, tape, or other fastening materials must be removed from cage after the fair.
7. On judging day, all Junior Fair exhibitors must be present to bring their bird to the judging table. Only Junior Fair exhibitors and Small Animal Committee will be permitted in the cage area or around the judging table during the show. Additional Assistance may be requested by Small Animal Committee as warranted.
8. Any and all drenching is prohibited unless done by the designated fair veterinarian.

**CLASS**

Market Turkey (Toms only;1/pen)

## DIVISION: MARKET POULTRY, DUCKS

**Check-In:** Saturday, September 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Weigh-In:** Saturday, September 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Show:** Monday, September 21, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

**Release:** To be determined by committee

**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6

*Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 4 (four) poultry projects in different classes; 2 (two) market projects and 2 (two) fancy projects.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at livestock interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. All market ducks must be paid in full at time of pick-up. Ducks must be picked up the week of July 27. Members should raise a flock of five ducks. All ducks will be purchased from the same hatchery on the same day as arranged by the Small Animal Committee. All ducks to be exhibited during the annual fair as a 4-H project must have been purchased from the Small Animal Committee. No duck purchased or obtained from an outside source will be permitted to weigh-in and will be refused entry to the fair.
3. No pullorum testing will be required for Market Ducks
4. At the time of weigh-in, exhibitors must present a pen of two ducks, each weighing a minimum of five (5) pounds. No wetting and reweighing of ducks will be allowed. After an official weight is determined, other ducks may not be substituted. Official weight as determined by a member of the Small Animal Committee or a fair representative is final. If ducks do not meet weight requirements, the animals must be removed from the fairgrounds.
5. All animals must be cared for daily. All exhibitors are required to bring stable, ceramic feeding crocks or commercial feeders/waterers for your feed and water. No plastic containers, such as butter tubs or similar containers, are allowed. Storage of tack and feed is not permitted inside the poultry barn.
6. No paper products are to be used as bedding.
7. Any added wire, tape, or other fastening materials must be removed from cage after the fair.
8. On judging day, all Junior Fair exhibitors must be present to bring their bird to the judging table. Only Junior Fair exhibitors and Small Animal Committee will be permitted in the cage area or around the judging table during the show. Additional Assistance may be requested by Small Animal Committee as warranted.
9. Any and all drenching is prohibited unless done by the designated fair veterinarian.

**CLASS**

Market Ducks

(2 Drakes/pen)

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**Mail payment and this form to:** OSU Extension Tuscarawas County
419 16th Street SW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663

**Sponsor Name** (as you would like it to appear on the award):

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**4-H'er may send thank you to:**

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_____ FCS/Miscellaneous Plaques - $10
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_____ Class Banner - $20
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Count
_____ Companion Animal Trophies Dog/Rabbit - $25
_____ Metal Showmanship Signs Rabbit/Poultry- $15
_____ Metal Showmanship Signs Beef, Hog, Sheep, Goat, Dairy- $25
_____ Supreme Showmanship Jacket - $130
_____ Species OME Belt Buckles (3) - $300

*Preferred Species:* ○Beef ○Dairy ○Dog ○Goat ○Horse ○Poultry ○Rabbit ○Sheep ○Swine ○No Preference

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# HORSE DEPARTMENT

**Check-In:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
**Bit Checks:** Sunday, September 20, 2026, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
**Pony Measurements:**
Monday, September 21, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
**Show:**

*GROUND ROPING & RANCH*
Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

*WESTERN*
Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

*DRESSAGE*
Thursday, September 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

*ENGLISH*
Friday, September 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

*VERSATILITY*
Friday, September 25, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

*CONTESTING*
Saturday, September 26, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

*FUN SHOW*
Saturday, September 26, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

**Release:** Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
**Premiums:** Gold - $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6

*Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of two horse projects.*

1. All exhibitors must have achieved bronze or above in project interview judging to exhibit at the fair.
2. The Tuscarawas County 4-H Saddle Horse Program will be governed by the "Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows."
3. Members may be taken in anytime at the discretion of the 4-H advisor and if 4-H meeting requirements can be met, but only those listed as members as of April 1, 2026, may show at the fair providing completed entries are returned on the dates specified and the member has completed Safety and Ethics and completed interview judging. Clubs set their own meeting requirements, but are highly encouraged to require attendance to at least eight meetings and/or workouts.
4. Member's 4-H age is determined as of January 1. Classes will be determined by age. A 1st year or new member only may show in a more experienced level class upon decision of the advisor. Member must maintain status thereafter.
5. All animals carried as 4-H projects must be owned or leased (with approved Lease Agreement on file with County Extension Educator) and in continual care of the 4-H members by June 2, 2026. Continual care does permit boarding of an animal, provided the member is involved in caring for the horse a minimum of 4-5 days per week and the horse is not a production animal. All primary and back up horse projects must be registered in 4-H Online by June 2, 2026.
6. Because of animal welfare concerns horses with a body condition score of less than 4, when using a scale of 1-9 (ribs easily discernible, tops of spinous process easily discernible, tailhead prominent with hook bones easily discernible, withers accentuated, and neck obviously thin), obviously sick horses, and horses with Grade 3 or greater lameness (consistently observable at the trot; marked nodding, hitching or shortened stride, and minimal weight bearing in motion or at rest) are not allowed at 4-H shows. The show manager, show vet if available or the judge can dismiss a horse from the show for these reasons.
7. An animal, carried as a project, may be shown at a county show or at the fair by only one club member. (One person per animal.)
8. Project animals cannot be switched during the year.
9. Lessons, instruction, and advice for the member are encouraged. As long as the member is present in a learning situation, such assistance can include occasional riding or handling of the horse by another person, but cannot include regular training and care of the horse within 30 days of competing in any 4-H classes such as a PAS show, the Ohio State Fair, and the Tuscarawas County Fair. Showing a 4-H member's project animal in a class at a show is not considered training. However, if a project animal is shown by someone other than the 4-H member in an open or breed show within 30 days prior to 4-H competition, the 4-H member must be present and must show the project horse in that show.
10. All members are required to exhibit in a showmanship class (except production showmanship) to be eligible to exhibit in any other class (does not include showmanship in versatility class). Entry in horsemanship classes will be optional for all members. Entries in the showmanship championship class will come from the first and second place winners of all showmanship classes and will occur after the showmanship classes.
11. All grievances pertaining to the 4-H saddle clubs must be filed with the Extension Educator, 4-H and/or the saddle horse 4-H committee representative. The Extension Educator will decide if it should be handled by the appropriate Senior Fair Board Committee.
12. It is expected that all exhibitors, parents, and advisors involved in the 4-H program to conduct themselves in a positive and courteous manner including:
    a. Courteous to all other members/clubs in the barn-doors open and passable for all horses and people.
    b. Refrain from using profanity.
    c. <u>No smoking in the barns.</u>
    d. If you are not going to utilize all stalls you are originally assigned, please share space with adjoining clubs.
    e. Be a good role model for your children and members.

## Jr. Fair Horse, Cont.

13. In order to exhibit, members must submit entries by August 7 of the current year at 11:59 p.m.. Advisors will not approve entries of members not doing acceptable club work. Such members will not be permitted to show.
14. If a horse kicks or is potentially dangerous to exhibitors or bystanders, the horse should be kept home or will be dismissed from the fairgrounds upon arrival. Horses that have been dismissed from the fair are not permitted to be used as a project animal again.
15. No one other than the member will be permitted to show his/her animal at the Tuscarawas County Fair or any 4-H event (except during designated Fun Show classes).
16. There shall be NO other rider on the horse except the 4-H member at the Tuscarawas County Fair. Immediate family members and outside parties may only lunge or exercise in hand, with a lunge line, halter, lunge whip, or saddle. No bits, bridles, or other training aids (i.e. tie downs, draw reins) may be used on the horse when lunging.
17. Each exhibitor will receive one stall per project. All members are required to house their horse(s) on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair unless otherwise directed by Senior Fair Board. All stalling is subject to change pending stall availability.
18. All horses will be required to stay at the fair until the established release time, unless excused by a vet, in which case a written excuse must be given to the Extension Professional. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of awards and suspension from exhibiting for one year. Unforeseen emergencies in a member's family will also warrant excuse-subject to approval by Extension Professional. Exceptions are only in cases cleared by Extension Professional.
19. All bits used during Jr. Fair competition must be checked during designated bit check times and deemed to meet standards as set forth by the State 4-H Horse Rule Book. Bits not meeting minimum requirements will be held until release time of fair, at which time members may claim their bits.
20. 4-H saddle horse exhibitors are expected to use common sense and safety precautions during the fair. This includes:
    a. Keeping all horses between the barn and the horse arena at all times. NO riding on any other part of the fairgrounds.
    b. All horses MUST be properly bridled and saddled when they are being shown or exercised. Everyone riding a horse or pony must wear boots that have a defined heel for the seat they are riding and as determined by 4-H advisor and club constitution.
    c. There will be no washing of horses in the livestock wash racks Thursday of fair.
    d. There is to be no galloping of horses/ponies or horseplay of any type in the arena, except for classes or practices where it is designated.
21. There will be cart class warm-up and safety qualifier 30 minutes prior to the start of cart classes for those entered in the cart classes. Minis must enter the arena and be hitched once in the arena. The arena will be closed for other riders during this time.
22. All draft horses get priority to use the horse arena after 9:00 p.m. during the fair. Arena time is to be utilized for general exercising of horses. Use of equipment which inhibits another exhibitor's ability to use the ring is prohibited. Beef, sheep and goats may use the arena for exercising of animals 10 p.m. - 6 a.m. 4-H horses and draft horses have priority use of the horse arena 6 a.m. to 10 p.m
23. Helmet Rule: all youth age 19 and under participating in any 4-H equestrian activity are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM/SEI standards with chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine.
24. For the child's safety, it is recommended that parents use discretion when entering their child(ren) in classes, whether for fair competition or the fun show. All classes should be within the child(ren)'s riding capability.
25. All ponies must be 58" or under and will be measured the first day of the fair.
26. Members may ride in two of each Dressage discipline (Classical and Western) or three of one discipline (Classical or Western)
27. Any horse and rider team who has scored 60% or higher on a County Fair Dressage Level Test must move to the next higher test. Those horse/rider pairs that test out of Classic Dressage (Training Level Test 3) are eligible to show a Training Level Musical Freestyle. USDF rules govern the class. Music must be submitted with fair entry.
28. There will be a W/T Class for members up to their 4th year of horse program participation at the fair. Once a member enters 3-gaited classes, he/she must remained 3-gaited, even if a new horse is exhibited. The 5th year of exhibition, a member must show 3-gaited, unless there is a vet excuse for the horse or medical excuse for the member prior to fair check in. Participants showing in walk/trot classes may not exhibit in any 3-gaited classes (including contesting or fun show classes) even with a different horse.
29. Exhibitors cannot show the same horse in Trail in Hand and also in the regular Trail Horse class at the county fair shows. An exhibitor may make only one entry in each trail class.
30. Ground roping is open to any 4-H exhibitor. Entries must be made on-line by August 7 of the current year at 11:59 p.m.. Entrants must conform to 4-H Horse Uniform Rule Book specifications for ground roping. Copies can be obtained at the Extension Office.

## GROUND ROPING

**Show:** Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
*Open to all 4-H members, indicate your interest on the on-line submission due August 7 of the current year at 11:59 p.m.*

**CLASS**
Ground Roping

## RANCH HORSE AND PONY SHOW

**Show:** Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
*Immediately following Ground Roping*

**CLASS** *(Class entry list not shown in order)*
Ranch Showmanship
Ranch Horsemanship
Ranch Pleasure
Ranch Riding

## WESTERN HORSE AND PONY SHOW

**Show:** Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
**CLASS** *(Class entry list not shown in order)*
Western Showmanship
Western Horsemanship
Western Pleasure
Reining
Trail

## DRESSAGE

**Show:** Thursday, September 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
**CLASS** *(Ride Times to be Assigned)*
Classical Dressage
Western Dressage

## ENGLISH HORSE AND PONY SHOW

**Show:** Friday, September 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
**CLASS** *(Class entry list not shown in order)*
Small Equine Hunter in Hand
Small Equine Jumper in Hand
English Showmanship
English Equitation
English Pleasure
Pleasure Driving

## VERSATILITY SHOW

**Show:** Friday, September 25, 2026, 11:00 a.m.
45 minutes following English Horse & Pony show, not before 11:00 a.m. In the versatility class, members will be required to show: English, Western, an Individual pattern class and gymkhana (not necessarily in that order). Classes will be announced by 8:30 am on the day of show. Members will be permitted five minutes between classes with two assistants for changes. The member must exhibit their own project animal. The exhibitor must have placed in a showmanship, horsemanship, or equitation class at the current year's Tuscarawas County Fair to be eligible for competition.

**CLASS**
Versatility

## HORSE CONTESTING

**Show:** Saturday, September 26, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
**CLASS** *(Class entry list not shown in order)*
Speed & Control
Pole Bending
Barrels
Cones & Barrels
Stakes Race
Keyhole

* *Classes designated as 1st year are for members exhibiting horses at the fair for the 1st time in their 4-H career, not the 1st year riding a particular seat.*

** *Participants showing in walk/trot classes may not exhibit in any 3-gaited classes, even with a different horse.*

**JR. FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 OF THE CURRENT YEAR AT 11:59 P.M.**
See page 3, Rule #9 or call the OSU Extension office at *330-339-2337* for more details.

# DOGS

**Show:** September 5, 2026 at the Fairgrounds

**Premiums:** Gold - $6, Silver - $5, Bronze - $4

1. All exhibitors must have achieved a bronze or above at interview judging in order to exhibit at the fair.
2. Members must be enrolled in a dog project and must attend at least 70% of the Tuscarawas County Dog training sessions in order to complete dog requirements, participate, and receive fair premiums and awards.
3. Females in season are not to be brought to the Tuscarawas County Fair Dog Show.
4. All breeds of dogs (mixed or purebred) are eligible to participate. Dogs must be six months of age prior to April 15.
5. All dogs must have a Tuscarawas County Dog Tag and present evidence of current shots, this includes all vaccinations required by the Ohio State Fair Dog Show.
6. Dogs and handlers with previous training must enroll in "B" Class.
7. Members are required to keep dogs on leash and under control at all times while on the fairgrounds.
8. Dogs are permitted in designated areas only.
9. Members must be have a poster or educational exhibit on display in their clubs' fair booth to receive their fair premiums.

**CLASS**

Obedience Beginner-Novice A
Obedience Beginner-Novice B
Obedience Pre-Novice A
Obedience Novice A
Obedience Preferred Novice
Obedience Novice B
Obedience Grad Novice A
Obedience Grad Novice B
Showmanship Junior A
Showmanship Junior B
Showmanship Intermediate A
Showmanship Intermediate B
Showmanship Senior A
Showmanship Senior B
Rally
Agility

# ANIMAL & ME SHOW

**Show:** Friday, September 25, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

1. Entries must be made to the Tuscarawas County Extension Office or to Michala Sprowl by August 7 of the current year at 4 p.m.. Please contact the Extension Office or Michala (330-691-0796) for an official entry form.
2. Participants must be at least 8 years or older.
3. Mentors must be in 4-H or FFA and mentor with their own animal.
4. Mentors must use animals that are already present on the fairgrounds.
5. Participants can choose from a rabbit, goat, poultry or lamb to show. Participants may not receive their first choice depending on how many mentors sign up.
6. Mentors must walk or stand beside participants at all times.
7. If the mentor or one of the event staff feel an animal or participant may be in any danger, the animal or participant will be removed from the situation.
8. All participants will receive a gift and be recognized at the end of the show.

## MISCELLANEOUS & FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

**Premiums:** Gold- $8, Silver - $7, Bronze - $6

**MISCELLANEOUS AND FCS PROJECT RECOGNITION:** Individuals receiving 1st place plaques in the miscellaneous and FCS projects will be recognized on Sunday, September 20, 2026.

**BOOTH AWARDS:** Neatness, originality, and educational value will be considered in making this award. 20% of the total booths will be named outstanding booths if they so deserve and will receive $10.

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNTY BOOTH:** This booth is for those clubs that have one or two projects only to be displayed in the booth area. Project books do not constitute a display or an exhibit item.

**CLUB COMPLETION AWARDS:** All clubs that complete 80% of their projects will receive $5.

## OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITOR

This award recognizes outstanding exhibitors in Sheep, Swine, Beef, Poultry, Rabbit & Goat.

There will be 3 divisions per species (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) as determined by the members book judging category.

The Bred and Fed show will be excluded from the points total.

Points will be based upon performance at Interview Judging and in Confirmation and Showmanship Classes.

Points will be scored like golf with the lowest score being the best

1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 3 points, etc.

Tie breaker questions will be asked during interview judging. In the case of a tie for OME, those question results will determine the overall winner.

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# SHOWMANSHIP

**SEE THE JUNIOR FAIR SCHEDULE FOR SPECIFIC SHOWMANSHIP DATES AND TIMES.**

1. The purpose of showmanship is to encourage young exhibitors to acquire skill and know how in handling animals and to obtain information and practice in fitting/grooming for show.
2. Open to all Junior Fair livestock exhibitors within their respective species.
3. Members should fit and show their own project animal, but may be asked by the judge to show some other animal during the contest. Helpers will only be allowed in the ring under special circumstances. The member requesting a helper must complete a request form and receive approval from the Extension Professional and Sr. Fair Board prior to the show.
4. Members must show their own animals. If a member brings an animal to the fair which is injured, dismissed for medical reasons, or dies while at the fair, the member may be granted permission to show another member's animal in their respective showmanship class at the discretion of the Extension Professional and Senior Fair Board.
5. In judging the showmanship contest, the judge will consider the following points:
   a.) The contestant's overall ability and knowledge in the training and handling of animals and the manner in which they present the animal.
   b.) The contestant's ability and sportsmanship.
   c.) The contestant's fitting and grooming of the animal.
   d.) The contestant's knowledge of show ring practices and customs.
   e.) Exhibitors' appearance should be neat and clean. No farm or business advertisement should appear on any apparel in the ring. See your project resource book and/or project guidelines for recommended attire.
6. Judge's decisions are final.
7. An exhibitor winning a first place showmanship award in the past is not eligible to compete in the same showmanship class. He/she must show in the specie's Supreme Showmanship class until he/she is of age to move up to the next age division.
8. All exhibitors must compete in their respective age division. The winner of each age division will be eligible to compete in Supreme.

## OLD-TIMERS SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

This class is open to residents of Tuscarawas County who are beyond the upper age requirements of Junior Fair exhibitor. Entrants must have prior permission to exhibit an animal already on the fairgrounds.

The species will rotate this division as follows:
2026 - Swine; 2027 - Goats; 2028- Rabbits;
2029 - Poultry; 2030 - Sheep; 2031 -Beef;

A horse Old-timers class will be offered on Friday, September 25, 2026, following Horse Supreme Showmanship.

## BEEF, SHEEP, RABBIT, GOAT, PYGMY GOAT, POULTRY, TURKEY AND DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

Classes are as follows:

A) **First Year:** the members' first year showing a given species regardless of age.

B) **Junior:** 9-11 years (as of January 1st)

C) **Intermediate:** 12-14 years (as of January 1st)

D) **Senior:** 15-18 years (as of January 1st)

E) **Species Supreme Showmanship**

Class order will be oldest to youngest, then Supreme. Junior Fair staff reserves the right to divide beginner classes into junior and senior beginner divisions as deemed necessary.

## SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors will show in their respective individual age class. There will be no Junior, Intermediate, or Senior divisions.

A Jr. Beginner (1st year in project) class consisting of members 13 and under and a Sr. Beginner (1st year in project) class consisting of members 14 and over will be held.

Show order will be oldest to youngest, then Supreme. The first place winners from each age class will compete in the Supreme Showmanship class.

**REMINDER**

YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR SHOWMANSHIP
ON YOUR FAIR ENTRY BY
AUGUST 7 OF THE CURRENT YEAR, 11:59 P.M.

## SUPER SHOWMANSHIP

1. Super Showmanship is open to Supreme Showmanship winners in the following divisions: Sheep, Swine, Beef, Market Goats, Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits, Chicken, Duck, Turkey, Dairy, and Horse/Pony.
2. Each member will show all species with the exception of their own (they will show eight species total).
3. Should one contestant win Supreme Showmanship in more than one species, he/she will pick which species he/she wishes to represent. The runner-up in the other species will take his/her place in representing the other species.
4. Scoring of each class is as follows, person with the lowest score wins:

   1st place - 1 points
   2nd place - 2 points
   3rd place - 3 points
   4th place - 4 points
5. No participant will be scored in the species he/she is representing.
6. Participants are not responsible for securing their own judge; this will be done by Jr. Fair and/or Extension.

**All entries must be received by the start of the Showmanship for the species**

# TUSCARAWAS COUNTY FAIR KIDDIE SHOWMANSHIP ENTRY FORM

Kiddie Showmanship participants must be at least 5 years of age on the date of the show. This event is sponsored by the Sr. Fair Board as a way to encourage future involvement in Junior Fair activities. It is separate from the 4-H Cloverbud program. Classes are offered at the conclusion of the Jr. Fair Showmanship competition for each species.

Preregistration for all other species must be made by the child's parent/guardian and closes at the beginning of Showmanship for that species. Kiddie dairy showmanship sign-ups close at the discretion of open dairy show personnel. Kiddie Showmanship will be offered in the following species: sheep, poultry, hog, beef, rabbit, goat (market, dairy, and pygmy), and dairy. Classes are open to youth not of age to exhibit in Junior Fair. Entrants must have prior permission to exhibit an **animal already on the fairgrounds**. Youth may exhibit in a maximum of **TWO** Kiddie Showmanship competitions.

**Entries may be submitted to the Jr. Fair Board office at the fair grounds beginning Saturday, September 19, 2026**

I understand that as per Tuscarawas County Senior Fair Board rules, my child must be 5 years of age to participate. I also understand that my child can participate in a maximum of two (2) kiddie showmanship contests during the fair.

Child's Name: _____ County of Residence: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of Show Day: _____
*Must be 5 or older*

Species 1: _____ Species 2: _____

I understand that my child, _____ will be participating in Kiddie Showmanship at the Tuscarawas County Fair. I understand that my child will be participating in this event with other youth and volunteers. Activities will include but not be limited: walking, grooming, and exhibiting an animal. I understand that participation in this activity is strictly voluntary.

I have read, understand, and have discussed with my child that:

1. Participants are expected to follow instructions of adult volunteers that are coordinating this activity.
2. Participants are expected to respect each other, equipment/materials that are made available to them, and adults in charge of the event.
3. Animals may react in unpredictable ways to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals. Animals have a tendency to behave in ways which may result in injury or death.
4. Other participants in the program may fail to maintain control over an animal or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to themselves or other participants.
5. Other participants in the program may act in a negligent manner, which could result in harm.

I have discussed with my child the importance of following directions and safety procedures that will be outlined by the adults in charge of the activity.

I understand the my child is not required to participate in this activity, but grant permission for him/her to do so, despite the possible risks. I recognize by participating in this activity my child may risk personal injury. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this activity, and that I assume any expenses that may be incurred in the event of accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signed Name: _____ Date: _____

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