

2024 Junior Fair Livestock Information Letter

- You are able to exhibit at the Wyandot County Fair if you are a **member in good standing** with your Junior Fair organization, have **purchased an Exhibitor Pass**, and have **made a Junior Fair entry**.
- Interview judging will be held at the discretion of the Ohio State University Extension Office.
- All guidelines, rules, and requirements are listed in the Official Fair Premium Book. For more detailed information, please refer to this book. Also available online at www.thewyandotcountyfair.com.

Entries

- Please complete Junior Fair entry on-line at <https://wyandot.fairwire.com>
- **Entry site is open May 15, 2024 and closes July 15, 2024.**
- A separate entry must be completed for each animal in all departments. The only exceptions are **meat pens of rabbits** and **pens of poultry**.
- A Release of Liability is required to be signed by each exhibitor. This form is included with your on-line entry.
- **Junior Fair on-line entry must be submitted by July 15, 2024 by midnight.**
- **1 week grace period for entries and a \$50 late fee for EACH ENTRY. Manual entry will be made by the Jr. Fair. Grace period ends July 24 AFTER THE GRACE PERIOD - NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
- If you are unable to bring your animal to the fair because it is sick, has died, is too unruly, etc., you must display a poster and attend interview judging to be eligible to receive a premium.
 - Your livestock entry form should be marked **"Poster"** and list the department (beef, horses, rabbits, etc.).
 - The poster will need to be **"checked in"** at the respective department during species check-in on Sunday, September 8, between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Passes and Prices

- Every exhibitor must have an exhibitor pass. Pass prices are:
 - \$5.00 for Junior Fair exhibitors **OR** \$15.00 for a Youth Season Ticket for Junior Fair exhibitors also showing in Senior Fair Open Classes
 - \$30.00 for advisors

Livestock Health Requirements

- Please see rules and regulations in the Official Fair Premium Book.
- Health papers are not required for in-state animals.
- A certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Paper) is required for animals from out-of-state.
- Exhibitors are responsible for any drug residue in all market animals. A drug use notification form (DUNF) must be completed for all Junior Fair market livestock. (new for 2024: feeder calves)
 - Exhibitors are advised to check for medications in their animals' feed that may require a withdrawal time.
 - Tranquilizers are considered illegal drugs and are not acceptable.
- If exhibitors have any concerns about whether or not your animal is healthy, they should have the animal examined by a veterinarian prior to arriving at the Fair.

- An animal inspection will be Sunday, September 8 as animals enter the Fairgrounds. A veterinary inspection will also be conducted on Monday morning, September 9.
 - All animals must be in their assigned pens and **without body coverings such as blankets and hoods.**
- The Wyandot County Fair reserves the right to dismiss an animal based on the nutritional and wellbeing per the recommendation of the majority vote of the Wyandot County Fair Vet., Advisory Board Department Head, Jr. Fair Coordinator, Sr. Fair Board and the President of the Sr. Fair Board or the Executive/Representative.
- Any decision made by the Fair Veterinarians and the Judges will be final.

Feeder Calves

- A certificate of Vaccination is required for feeder calves. This can be filled out by a veterinarian at the time of vaccination and does require a visual inspection of the animals within **30 days** of the fair.
- All feeder calves are required to receive 2 vaccinations for IBR, BVD, BRSV, P13, and Pasteurella. A veterinarian will give the first official vaccination on weigh-in/tagging day June 1. The second vaccine must be given by a veterinarian between July 10 and August 15. Your veterinarian must sign your Certificate of Vaccination and list the date the vaccine was administered. Certificates will be passed out to exhibitors on June 1.
- All feeder calf projects will be required to present their Certificate of Vaccination to the Department Chairperson at weigh-in.
- Male feeder calves must be castrated on or before July 15, 2024. Any feeder calf with evidence of testicular tissue at Sunday night check-in (September 8, 2024) will be **disqualified** and will not receive premium.
- All feeder calves are to be hornless, with no scurs and smooth to the scalp.
- All cattle must be free of ringworm and warts. Any animal with these diseases will have to be removed from the fairgrounds.

Swine

- Swine will not need a pseudorabies virus test unless from out of state. **If a hog was purchased from out-of-state it must be tested for pseudorabies.**
- ***All swine must be Ractopamine Free – No Exceptions***

Horses

- A certificate of Vaccination is required for horses. This can be filled out by a veterinarian at the time of vaccination and does not require a visual inspection of the animals within 30 days of the fair.
- Horses must be vaccinated by a veterinarian for equine influenza between March 1 and August 31 of 2024. The vaccination for Rhinopneumonitis is administered at the discretion of the horse's owner. Proof of vaccination will be a completed Certificate of Vaccination. **This Certificate must be presented to the Horse Department Advisor prior to the fair.**

Sheep & Goats

- **All Market Sheep and Market Goats must be tagged June 1, 2024.** All sheep and goats

must have an official USDA Scrapie ID tag or tattoo. Tattooed animals must be accompanied by official Scrapie documentation.

Rabbits & Poultry

- Any rabbits or poultry exhibiting common diseases such as mites, cankers, etc. will have to be taken home. To prevent this, exhibitors may wish have animals checked prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. Rabbits and poultry will be examined when they arrive at the fair or soon after.
- Poultry must be hatched from an NPIP hatchery or from a state certified Pullorum-Typhoid Tested Flock, or be tested with a certified Pullorum test prior to September 1. **All poultry over one year old must be tested with a certified Pullorum test prior to September 1.**
 - Pullorum tests are performed at the owner's expense.
- Documentation NPIP form and hatchery form must be turned in **at Sunday check in.**

Check In

- Check In/Scales open - Sunday, September 8 from 2 p.m to 7:00 p.m. All livestock must be in place by 7:00 p.m.
- No animal may arrive before 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 8 and may have to forfeit its premium, may be graded in its stall or pen, may be ineligible from entering the show ring, may be ineligible for county awards, and/or may be prohibited from selling in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
- When bringing in livestock please enter through the front entrance to the Fairgrounds (SH 53) and leave through the gates at the back of the Fairgrounds (CH 50).
 - Please exit the grounds with livestock trailers immediately upon unloading.
 - **If there is an emergency and you will be late to check in, inform the Senior Fair Office (419-294-4320).**
 - The most congestion occurs between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Please take this into consideration when planning your arrival time.
 - All exhibits, supplies, etc. shall be in place by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 8. Barns will close at this time.
- Unless the Junior Fair Office is notified beforehand, **any animal arriving after 7:00 p.m. will be considered a late entry.** The animal will be graded in its stall or pen, receive an A, B, or C grade, and be ineligible for county awards and prohibited from selling in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

Exhibiting at the Fair

- Exhibitors are responsible for their animals from check-in throughout the course of the fair, until release time. (Sunday September 15)
- Junior Fair animals are exhibits; people walk through the barns to look at the livestock. Therefore, exhibitors are expected to keep animals, pens, and aisles clean and presentable.

Stall/Pen Assignments

- All species departments will make stall assignments which will be posted Saturday,

September 7 by 11:30 a.m. in the respective barns. You may bed your stall/pen after that time. No Gates will be allowed until Sunday after 7:00 p.m. and all animals are in place.

Feed, Bedding, and Supplies

- Feed is not furnished. Not all departments furnish bedding (see exceptions below). Exhibitors must supply these items.
 - **Horses:** Sawdust bedding for Junior Fair horses and ponies will be provided by the Wyandot County Horse Committee. There will be a mandatory \$10.00 charge per horse which will be collected by 4-H/FFA advisors at the time Junior Fair entries are completed. Sawdust payment is required to show. No sawdust or straw bedding brought in by Junior Fair exhibitors will be permitted.
 - **Rabbits:** Shavings are available for \$3.00 per pen. All rabbit exhibitors must pay this fee at the time of check in Monday evening. No sawdust or straw bedding brought in by Junior Fair exhibitors will be permitted.
- **Stalls and pens may not be used as storage space for feed, bedding, or supplies.**
- The Sheriff's Department will allow vehicles to enter the Fairgrounds each day until 10:00 a.m. to bring feed, straw, hay, etc. Exhibitors must display a fair pass to enter and vehicles must be removed immediately after delivery.
 - Poultry exhibitors must bring their own shavings/bedding on a daily basis due to the shortage of storage space in the poultry barn.
- Show crates must be lined up between the Open Class Dairy Barn and the Junior Fair Beef Barn.
- Hoses used for washing must be returned to show boxes.
- Nipple waterers are prohibited from use on the fairgrounds. Other than swine according to swine guidelines.

Junior Fair Livestock Shows

- Please refer to the Official Fair Premium Book for times and dates of livestock species shows. Available online at www.thewyandotcountyfair.com

Junior Fair Dress Code

This is a requirement for show and sale: Exhibitor must wear a full button-up shirt (no polos), to be buttoned from bottom to at least two buttons from the collar and tucked in for all shows/sale. No pants/jeans with holes. Judges will be informed of the dress code. Exhibitors will not be permitted to enter the show/sale ring without wearing appropriate attire. ***Dress code may vary by department***, so exhibitors should check the Official Fair Premium book for special requirement for their species. Available online at www.thewyandotcountyfair.com.

Showmanship Classes

Livestock exhibitors are encouraged to enter showmanship class competitions. In showmanship the focus is on the exhibitor and how they handle their animal, knowledge of the species, appearance, attentiveness, ability to follow directions, etc.

- Exhibitors do not need to list showmanship on their entry form but should check the bulletin board in their department to see if a "sign-up" is required.
- The exhibitor's age on January 1 of 2024 will determine the showmanship class that exhibitor will participate in.

- Showmanship classes and requirements are listed in the Official Fair Premium book.
- Showmanship winners have the option to move up to the next group. Exhibitors may only win each age division once.

Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Act and Ohio Department of Agriculture Exhibition Rule: 901-19-31 Responsibilities of and Assistance to Jr Fair Exhibitors

Care, Grooming, and Preparation of Livestock

- Junior Fair livestock exhibitors are responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their livestock.
- An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of their animals during the Junior Fair livestock show, provided that assistance is limited to explanation or minimal demonstration provided by the following:
 - Family members
 - Household members
 - Advisors or adult volunteers in the exhibitor's club or county
 - Vo-Ag instructors
 - Extension educators
 - Department representatives
 - Members of the exhibitor's 4-H Club, FFA chapter, or other organization
 - Veterinarians
- Any person not specified above who provides assistance to a Junior Fair exhibitor shall register in writing with the Junior Fair Board. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to register their assistants. An assistant may register to help more than one exhibitor. Failure to register constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the exhibitor.
- **Visit the Jr Fair Office or see department head for Registration paperwork.**

Junior Fair Livestock Sale

The sale will be held Saturday, September 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Junior Fair Arena. **Back to the farm** sale will begin at Sunday, September 15, 1:00 pm in the Arena.

- Sale Order: Lambs, Hogs, Dairy Feeders, Beef Feeders, Goats, Gallon of Milk, Rabbits, Poultry/Eggs, and Steers.
- The purpose of this sale is to provide a marketing opportunity for small and large animals and animal products. All animals must have been exhibited in the Junior Fair show to be eligible to sell.
- The Sale Committee may refuse to accept animals that are sick or not in compliance with rules in the Official Fair Premium Book.
- Exhibitors may sell **one time only** in the sale, including the gallon of milk. If an exhibitor has more than one Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion, they are required to sell each Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion.
- The **Grand Champion** and **Reserve Grand Champion** of each species **are required to sell** in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale, with the exception of beef and dairy beef feeder calves.
- Exhibitors will be allowed to change an earlier sale choice by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, if and only if a subsequent project wins a Grand Champion title.
- Junior Fair exhibitors planning on selling their animals or participate in the gallon-of-milk sale must complete a sale entry form Sunday at Check in.
- The decision to sell an animal cannot be reversed/changed *unless* an exhibitor's animal wins a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion. There will be a limit of two times through the sale with a Champion.
 - In this situation, the first project signed to sell may sell base bid or be taken home, with the exception of hogs which must be sold either in the sale or at base

bid and sent to slaughter.

- All lambs and hogs will sell as pairs except for Champions and Reserve Champions.
- In case an animal fails to receive a bid it remains the property of the exhibitor.
- Deductions to cover sale expenses are
 - All livestock: 3%
 - All Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions: 4%
 - All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions: 5%
- Exhibitors may not decorate themselves or their animals, other than special awards shown or exhibited during the current fair. Junior Fair Department Royalty for this year's Fair may wear sash and/or crown, but only in the department they represent. The current year's Junior Fair King and Queen may wear their sashes and/or crowns to sell any species at this year's fair only. This is at the discretion of the Sale Committee.
- Junior Fair exhibitors are responsible to have their animals in the sale ring at the time they are to be sold. They are also responsible for returning their animals to the barn in the proper stall or pen and remain responsible for their animals until species release time. Buyers assume risks for animals following release times.
- Donations will be accepted following the sale of the gallon of milk. These contributors will be recognized at the sale. Anyone else may still donate and be listed and thanked in a newspaper ad provided the 3 percent commission has been paid to the sale committee.
- If an exhibitor wishes to donate all or some of their sale proceeds from the Junior Fair Livestock sale to a charitable organization, they must obtain a Charitable Contribution Intent Form (CCIF) from the Senior Fair Office. The completed CCIF must be submitted to the Senior Fair Secretary by 5:00pm 10 days prior to the sale.
- Special Charitable donations will not be announced during the sale and cannot be solicited on the fairgrounds during the week of the fair.
- **Buyer's Note:** All sales must be paid for within 48 hours of the Sale *or* a definite settlement arrangements must be made with the clerk before leaving the Arena. Shipping instructions must be put on the bill at the time of settlement. Exhibitors' checks will be held until all buyers' payments have been received.
- All calves sold at base bid must be paid in full before leaving the Fairgrounds property. Family members must pay for any livestock purchased.
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion hogs, beef, sheep, and goats will be tagged immediately following champion selection.
 - These animals will be slaughtered at a Senior Fair Board designated slaughterhouse. These animals must be slaughtered with procedures to be followed as specifically directed by the Senior Fair Board, and either ODA or USDA will inspect the carcasses.

Complaint Process

Protests regarding any Junior Fair competition shall be put into writing and submitted to the Junior Fair Coordinator no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) the day following the competition. A party making a protest must submit a fee of \$75.00 to the Junior Fair Board. See the Official Fair Premium Book for details.

Incident Report

Incident Report forms are available in the Junior and Senior Fair Offices. If an animal gets injured or dies, or if a project is lost, a report should be filed.

Thank You

Thank you for participating in the 2024 Wyandot County Fair. Wyandot County boasts one of the best county fairs in the state of Ohio. We are proud of the important role you play to ensure the success of our Fair. If you have any questions, please contact your advisor, the Department Advisors, the Junior Fair Coordinators, or any of the Directors of the Senior Fair Board.

- Senior Fair Office: 419-294-4320

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