

## SECTION 3: FULTON COUNTY 4-H RULES

### (Each club may have additional requirements.)

1. To be a member of a Fulton County 4-H Club and to participate in the Fulton County Junior Fair or the Ohio State Junior Fair, a 4-H or FFA member must be **at least age 8 and enrolled in the third grade as of January 1, current year OR at least age 9 as of January 1, current year**. Ohio 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.
2. "Cloverbuds" (youth age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year) are not eligible to enter competitions or take projects to the fair. Make sure you enroll the youth for the 710 Cloverbud Activities project and identify him/her as a "Cloverbud" in online enrollment.
3. **APRIL 1 – 2022 DEADLINE FOR 4-H ENROLLMENT** - To be eligible for 4-H membership in competitive classes in Fulton County, **members must submit enrollment by 4:30pm on April 1, of the current year online at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)**. In 2022, and moving forward, **4-H enrollment will be completed online by the 4-H families**. A youth may join 4-H after April 1st of the current year, but he or she is not eligible for competition. Youth enrollment is not accepted after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

All 4-H and FFA youth must submit online enrollment at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com) by April 1st AND complete a Jr. Fair online Entry by August 1 if they wish to show their animal project at the fair. **Failure to complete online enrollment by April 1, will result in the 4-H or FFA member not being allowed to sell their project in the donation sale and may result in not even being able to show at the fair.** If in doubt about a project, make the entry. You have two months to decide if you need to drop a project. **June 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to drop a project. Projects cannot be added after the April 1 deadline. All entries must be approved by parents.**

4. Youth do not have to be residents of Fulton County to participate in the Fulton County Junior Fair; however, all youth must be a member of a Fulton County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in order to show in the Junior Fair Show at the Fulton County Fair. **An "Across County Lines" form must be filled out for new 4-H members living outside Fulton County.** This form only needs to be filled out once. Forms are due March 1<sup>st</sup> to the Fulton County OSU Extension office. Youth cannot be enrolled in 4-H in two counties and/or two states at the same time. These rules are in accordance with the State 4-H Policy.
5. Youth who are in a Fulton County 4-H Club may not be a member of a 4-H club in any other county or other states.
6. Eligible youth may be members of both 4-H (clubs) and Vocational Agriculture (FFA Chapters), or of either group. **In all cases, separate and different projects (also different animals and/or products) must be carried in 4-H and in Vocational Agriculture by a member belonging to both organizations.** The following examples will be considered different and separate projects - corn, soybeans, wheat, vegetable gardening; electricity, woodworking. Species must be separate, for example, both beef breeding and market steers will need to be taken in either 4-H or FFA. If a youth wishes to enroll in FFA he or she must take a different species. To further the point, the same or similar animals and/or products cannot be shown in both organizations even though they may be carried under different projects or programs.
7. Each 4-H member must carry at least one approved project. Members may exhibit any number of projects at the fair; however, premiums will be awarded for three projects only. **All projects taken must be completed and youth interviewed by a club advisor.** Even a 2-year project must be brought to judging each year. **All projects must be taken to judging for eligibility for fair premiums.**
8. The Fulton County 4-H Program Support Fee per youth is **\$20.00** for each club that he/she joins (project books included). There is no project limit on this fee. Youth wanting a resource book or to replace a lost project book will pay full price, plus tax.
9. No parent, advisor, or other person shall make an article of clothing, prepare a dish of food, care for an animal totally, make a birdhouse, or take a picture for a 4-H member and call it the 4-H member's project. To do so, constitutes cheating and will not be tolerated in the 4-H program.
10. Projects which are made for Science Fair, Vocational Home Economics, or Vocational Agriculture, Scouts, etc., **cannot** be used as a 4-H project.
11. **4-H members are required to finish all projects and attend a minimum of five meetings to be complete in their 4-H project(s). A member must be complete in order to show or exhibit at the fair.** 4-H advisors must notify youth and Extension Educator of failure of member to complete these two objectives before the Fulton County Fair begins. Members will then be notified of Junior Fair ineligibility.

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12. 4-H advisors must attend at least five 4-H club meetings in order to gain credit as an advisor. Adults wanting to become volunteers in the 4-H program must submit their application between November 1 and December 31 of the prior calendar year. Adults must complete the New Advisor process or required training by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to receive credit for that year.
13. **4-H clubs must hold at least six educational meetings between January 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year** to be considered a bona fide 4-H club per the Ohio 4-H Club Constitution. The Fulton County 4-H program recommends a minimum of eight meetings per year for maximum club member completion. A party does not constitute an educational meeting.
14. **NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER MEMBER:** - It is strongly recommended that a first year 4-H member take only one project. A 4-H club member with one year of successful 4-H club work or who is age 12 by January 1 of the current year may carry as many projects as he/she, the parents, and 4-H advisor agree the member will complete.
  - **All projects must be complete to receive fair premiums. (If one project is incomplete, all projects are considered incomplete.)**
  - **All projects must be complete in order to show any project at the fair.**
  - **4-H projects may only be dropped on the advice of the 4-H advisor and the 4-H Educator by June 1st. (You must go through your advisor first.)**

A 4-H project must be exhibited at the Fulton County Fair in order to receive county premium money. However, members can gain credit for completing their project without taking their project to the fair by having their advisors evaluate their project. Remember, the Senior Fair Board only pays premiums for exhibits at the fair.

15. Members must be judged at the specific time and date by the specified judge to be eligible for state fair.
16. Junior Fair Building Exhibits at the Fair- If your 4-H club is not having a booth at the fair and you want to exhibit your project in the Junior Fair Building, you should drop off your project at the Junior Fair Building during fair booth set-up (see calendar for dates), fill out a project card, and sign in on the registration form (when you drop off your project) to exhibit in the Miscellaneous Booth. Please have everything stapled together (Ex: ribbon to book or poster). Miscellaneous project booth exhibits must be picked up 5:00pm-9:00pm (not before or after) at the Junior Fair Building on the last day of the fair or they will be disposed of.
17. All 4-H Clubs must have an Employee Identification Number (EIN) specific to their club and a checking account with two signers. It is preferred for the two signers to be unrelated, and must be OSU approved volunteers.
18. All 4-H Clubs must submit an end of the year club account financial summary no later than January 31 the following calendar year.

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- **Quality Assurance** – It is **MANDATORY** for **ALL Fulton County Junior Fair animal exhibitors** (including breeding animals) to attend Quality Assurance class each year. If you do not attend a QA session, you are ineligible to exhibit at the Fulton County Fair. This is a mandate of the Fulton County 4-H Council. The Ohio Department of Agriculture minimum standards are in-person instruction on three pre-determined Good Production Practices with an interactive activity. The instruction is to last at minimum one hour and is to be repeated annually. QA classes are listed below. If you intend to complete QA at a state 4-H livestock clinic, check with the Fulton County 4-H Educator if it will qualify for QA credit in the county. **Mandatory** sessions are for new and returning 4-H/FFA animal project members wanting to exhibit any animal at the fair.

Thursday, April 7 6:30—7:30pm

Tuesday, April 12 5:00 –6:30pm

Wednesday, April 20 3:30 – 4:30pm

Thursday, May 12 7:30 – 8:30pm

Thursday, May 26 7:30—8:30pm

Zoom (hosted by Fulton County 4-H)-register [here](#)

Archbold High School Lecture Hall

Fayette High School

Pettisville Junior High Gym

OSU Extension Office

**All 4-H Quality Assurance trainings must be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Quality Assurance Sessions will only be held at club meetings if a club advisor received QA Assistant Instructor Certification by completing training for the current year.

Horse QA will be conducted online through EquiSTEP, by each individual exhibitor, in accordance to Ohio Horse 4-H curriculum. **Horse QA only allows youth to show horses at the fair. It will not certify you for other fair animals. June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.**

Dog project members have two options to certify for quality assurance. 1) attend one of the Quality Assurance Sessions listed above; 2) view the videos shown at the annual Dog Kick Off event; or 3) check out and view "Safety Around Dogs" video. **Dog Quality Assurance only allows for youth to show dogs at the fair. It will not certify you for other fair animals. June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.**

**REMINDER:** Quality assurance is not required for youth taking pet care projects such as guinea pigs, cats, mice, gerbils, hamsters, rats, chinchillas, ferrets, hedgehogs, and pet rabbits. These animals do not exhibit at the fair.

- JF1. Junior Fair Entries are due by August 1<sup>st</sup> and are required via "Blue Ribbon Fair Online" for **ALL ANIMALS** to exhibit at the Fulton County Fair. The web portal will be open for registration from July 1, 2022 at 12:00am – August 1, 2022 at 11:59pm (EST). **LATE ENTRIES ONLY ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> BY 4:30PM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY WITH A \$20 LATE FEE.** The online link and instructions will be under the "Junior Fair Entries" section of our website at <https://fulton.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-forms> These instructions will assist you in completing your on-line entry. **Please read and follow the instructions before entering your online entry.** There is information included in these instructions to assist you through the process and make sure everything is entered correctly. There is one set of instructions for "individuals" and one for "Group" (2 youth or more).

### JF2. Code of Ethics

- Participation in 4-H and Junior Fair is a privilege and not a right.
- All exhibitors and spectators will be expected to be cooperative and courteous to all junior and senior fair officials, volunteers, parents, and other members of the public.
- Practice good sportsmanship in all fair activities or events.
- Make "quality" your goal in all your exhibits.
- Parental help/advisor assistance is limited to guiding and teaching, while not doing the actual work.
- No person is to coach an exhibitor while the exhibitor is showing or fitting an animal in the show ring.
- All members must be present, directly involved, and participating during any grooming of their animal.
- Dress for any 4-H or Junior Fair event or activity must be neat and appropriate.
- Remember to follow the "Code of Practices" in the proper care and handling of animals raised for food or fiber.

- JF3. **All steers must be in the possession of 4-H & FFA members by January 1 of the current year. All feeder calves, sheep, dairy cattle, goats, breed rabbits, roaster rabbits, mother doe for fryer rabbits, horses, hogs, llamas, ducks, and geese must be in the possession of the 4-H member by June 1 of the current year.**

- JF4. Junior Fair members (4-H and FFA) are allowed to sell only one animal or receive the receipts from the gallon of milk at the Junior Fair Sales to be held on Wednesday (Small Animal) and Thursday (Large Animal). No 4-H or FFA member may sell an animal in either sale if he or she has sold a project in another county fair sale. 4-H members can show a lamb and a pig, for example, but they must declare on their **Blue Ribbon Online Entry (due by August 1<sup>st</sup>)** which animal will be sold through the ring. The only exception is if another one of the member's projects in a different species is a grand or reserve champion, or if you have two grand champions. **The Sale Committee must be notified by 5:00pm on Monday which champion will sell.**

- JF5. Please notify the Extension Office immediately if your animal dies or is not going to exhibit at the fair.

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- JF6. **Fulton County Livestock Shows are terminal market shows.** All 4-H or FFA market animals weighed in at the fair will go to slaughter. After an animal crosses the scales it is considered terminal and can only proceed to slaughter. This applies whether or not it is on DVM orders or for any other reason. **They will not be sent home.** "Extra" market animals, (those market animals other than designated sale animals are labeled "NO SALE"), must be brought to the back of the sale arena just **AFTER** selling that species to be loaded on a commercial carrier and hauled to market. Penalty will be no donation for the other animal. Youth will receive market price for the "No Sale" market animal. Feeder calves are not considered a market animal and are excluded from this rule.
- JF7. Only species designated as such by the Livestock Sale Committee are eligible to sell in the sale for a donation. Designated species are rabbits (roasters and fryers), turkeys, chickens (broilers), market goats, horse item, hogs, market lambs, steers (dairy, beef, born and raised, commercial), feeder calves (dairy and beef), and gallon of milk. Ineligible species are all others not listed, including squabs and veal calves.
- JF8. Showmanship classes are open to all youth on an optional basis, except Showman of Showmen, and will be held prior to market weight classes.
- JF9. **4-H and FFA youth must show only their own animal in showmanship classes.**
- JF10. **Clean Pens:** Before leaving the fair all Junior Fair members with livestock projects are required to clean their pens and take the straw/shavings to the manure pit or their premium will be withheld. If a pen is dirty during the fair, the Junior Fair exhibitor will be warned, then red tagged, and premium withheld.
- JF11. Members will have their projects weighed on the scales only one time at the fair. The Livestock Sale Committee decided on January 22, 1990 that if any 4-H or FFA youth is not satisfied with the weight of their animal as weighed on State of Ohio certified scales on Thursday (before the fair starts), that member may take their animal to the market of their choice immediately. The 4-H or FFA member will receive credit for completing their project if they chose to take their own animal to market, but they will not receive a premium for exhibiting it at the fair.
- JF12. The County Extension Office recommends that youth be at least 11 years old and highly experienced around beef cattle and horses before they are permitted to take these animals as their projects. Hopefully common sense will prevail and no parent will allow their child to take an animal to the fair that the child cannot safely handle.
- JF13. All ponies and miniature equine without a permanent Fulton County 4-H measurement card shall be measured on the first Monday of June at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, 7:00-8:00pm only. No exceptions. This will be a permanent measurement for all ponies and minis seven years of age and older. See 4-H Calendar for exact date.
- JF14. No bulls, stallions, rams, or boars are eligible to be a 4-H project and none can be shown at the fair by a 4-H or FFA member for safety reasons.
- JF15. Dairy market, market Boers, and pygmy goats may have scurs or horn regrowth under 1 inch. Dairy breed goats must be disbudded/dehorned according to breed standards. Breeding Boer goats may be horned according to breed standard but may also be shown disbudded or dehorned.
- JF16. The Livestock Sale Committee has ruled that there is **no minimum number of animals** in a market class for the champions of that species to be sold as grand or reserve champion.
- JF17. **Dress Code for Junior Fair Showmanship** (steers, hogs, sheep, dairy, goats, rabbits, poultry)
- Dark colored pants or dark jeans are required. No shorts.
  - Wear appropriate footwear for each species (hard shoes are recommended) such as western boots, hiking boots, or work shoes. All shoes made to tie must be laced to the top and tied firmly. While youth wearing rubber soled athletic shoes will not be disqualified, youth & parents must understand they do not offer much protection if an animal steps on their foot.
  - 100% white dress shirt or white knit shirt with collar and sleeves (**NO** T-shirts, scarves, ties, hats or suspenders are allowed in the show ring).
  - No lettering will be allowed on the shirt or article of clothing worn in the show ring. The only lettering allowed on the front will be the 4-H or FFA emblem. This rule is in effect for all Junior Fair shows only. Halter tops are forbidden and chewing gum is frowned upon.
  - Youth showing rabbits and poultry should wear a long sleeve, 100% white shirt.
  - Coloring of an animal in any way is not allowed, including but not limited to markers, powders, or other products.
  - No back tag placards or frames are to be worn.
  - It is highly recommended that youth working with horse projects wear an approved safety helmet.
  - White lab coats are permitted only in the Junior Fair Rabbit Show. No names, patches, ID or any markings permitted on lab coat.

You must conform to showmanship rules.

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JF18. Due to stricter Federal Drug Administration Regulations, the Fulton County Fair Livestock Sale Committee has contracted with Northwest Veterinary Hospital to treat all sick Junior Fair animals while the animals are on the fairgrounds. The fair veterinarians will treat all sick animals immediately upon diagnosis and the cost of medication for animals (up to a maximum of \$50) will be paid from the Livestock Sale Commissions. To avoid liability concerns, the fair vets will continue to prohibit sick or injured animals from entering the fair.

JF19. **Health Mandates from Northwest Veterinary Hospital**

- **Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF)** are **MANDATORY** on all market and lactating animals at the Fulton County Fair. This is a mandate by Ohio Department of Agriculture-Ohio Revised Code. **\*\*NEW in 2022\*\* All DUNFs will be completed and submitted through an electronic portal.** Each DUNF is required to be completed prior to check-in/veterinarian inspection **and** for every animal treated during the fair, including non-market animals, animals treated by owners, and other veterinarians. It is the owner's responsibility to complete timely and accurately. If not, the exhibitor is responsible for any consequences. No person shall submit an incomplete, illegible, or unsigned DUNF.
- All sheep are required to be Scrapie tagged before they enter the fairgrounds. Refer to "Project Requirements Sheep" in this handbook for more information on sheep scrapie tags and cards. Scrapie tags will not be available at the scales.
- All goats and sheep are required to be Scrapie tagged or tattooed with a Premise ID before they enter the fairgrounds. Refer to "Project Requirements – Goats" in this handbook for more info on goat scrapie tags/tattoos and cards.
- Junior Fair Health Requirements for sheep stipulate there be no evidence of fungal infections. For a fungal infection to be considered noninfectious, the lesion must have no scale or crusting present and show some evidence of wool re-growth.
- Collection of grand and reserve champion urine will occur immediately after they are announced. Steers will be placed in a chute until collected. Photos must wait.
- If there are any questions regarding health issues, please contact the fair veterinarian prior to fair for a ruling. The official fair veterinarian's decision is final.
- Check-In at Fair: Animals will be cursory inspected at the gate as done previously. All animals will be more thoroughly examined early Friday morning. Fair veterinarians will closely inspect each animal at that time. If any animal exhibits evidence of a contagious or infectious disease, it must be removed from the grounds as soon as possible; market animals will be sent immediately to slaughter.
- The Fulton County Fair is a slick sheared market lamb show. All market lambs must be slick shorn (less than 1/2 inch) within 10 days of inspection at the gate. Any market lamb that is not slick shorn will be turned away and must be slick shorn before it can enter the fairgrounds
- Plywood over sheep pens will not be allowed.

JF20. All market animals will sell regardless of weight at the Livestock Sale.

JF21. The Livestock Sale Committee strongly feels that youth need to raise livestock to "ideal" market weights. Only animals which fall within the following weight ranges (listed below) will be eligible for grand or reserve champion consideration in each species (except the species with suggested weight ranges).

Hogs	.....	220-270 lbs. (Suggested)
Lambs (market & B&R)	.....	100-135 lbs. (Suggested)
Dairy Steers, Beef Steers, & Market Heifers	.....	1,000-1,400 lbs. (Scale Weight - Suggested)
Feeder Calves (Dairy & Beef)	.....	350-600 lbs. <b>(Mandatory)</b>
Turkeys	.....	25-50 lbs. (Suggested)
Chickens (Pen of 3)	.....	Maximum 21 lbs. <b>(Mandatory)</b>
Rabbits	.....	Fryers 3.5-5.5 lbs. <b>(Mandatory)</b> & Roasters 5.5-9lbs. <b>(Mandatory)</b>
Market Wether Goats (Dairy & Borer)	.....	Born after 1/1/of current year-Minimum of 50 lbs. <b>(Mandatory)</b>

Animals over or under mandatory weights listed above will receive premium money for exhibiting; they will be allowed to sell, and the animals and their owners are allowed to participate in showmanship classes.

JF22. Grand and Reserve Champion hogs, lambs, market steers, rabbits, chickens, turkeys, and market goats will become property of the Senior Fair Board and must go to slaughter.

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- JF23. All interview-judging for livestock projects will be done within the local 4-H club before fair to be eligible for fair.
- JF24. In 1998, the Junior Fair Livestock Sale was changed to a “Buyer Contribution” sale to support our 4-H and FFA youth. In a Buyer Contribution Sale (aka donation sale) the bidding starts at \$0, and the bidding at any time only reflects the contributions of the bidders. The checks that youth receive after the sale will reflect the Buyer Contribution less commission and promotions, plus the market price for their animal.
- JF25. **Showman of Showmen**
- All Senior Showmanship winners can repeat as a species representative in the Showman of Showmen Contest more than once and can win more than once.
  - Senior Showmanship winners who have won in more than one species in the current year will choose which project they will represent in the contest.
  - Each Senior Showmanship winner will show each species in the contest.
  - Preference will be given to the kind of animal with which the Poultry and Goat Showman won.
  - Feeder calves will be used to represent beef cattle, regardless of which Junior Fair show(s) the Steer Representative originally won.
  - Showmanship winners will be responsible for obtaining equipment (for themselves only) that they want to use, i.e. whip, crop, cane, brushes, etc.
  - Additional guidelines will be given to Senior Showmanship winners.
- JF26. The Fulton County Livestock Sale Committee requires all hogs, sheep, feeder calves, and steers to be electronically ear tagged. If you cannot bring your animal to the first Saturday of June Fulton County Junior Fair tag-in, you must arrange for someone else to bring your animal to the fairgrounds. All steers and feeder calves must be haltered to be tagged. Refer to section 2, current year’s 4-H calendar for tag-in dates. The cost of each tag is \$2.00 exact cash only and must be paid by the exhibitor at tag-in. During the year, tags that are lost or tampered with will be replaced at \$2.00 per tag.
- JF27. The Fulton County Livestock Sale Committee requires all rabbits and goats to have some form of permanent identification. All rabbits are required to have a legible and permanent tattoo. All goats are required to have a legible and permanent tattoo and/or permanent scrapie tag. All market rabbits (roaster and fryer) and market goats are required to attend their respective tattoo day, refer to Section 2 current year’s 4-H calendar for tattoo dates. If you cannot bring your animal(s) to the appropriate tattoo day, you must arrange for someone else to bring your animal to the fairgrounds. During the year, if tattoos significantly fade, contact the Fulton County OSU Extension Office for information on how to get re-tattooed.
- JF27. **All rules relating to the Junior Fair are “as of January of current year.” Additional rules may be made between printing of this handbook and the Fulton County Junior Fair. Check the Fair Book and 4-H newsletters for updates. The Senior Fair Board and Livestock Sale Committee have the final say on decisions regarding the Junior Fair.**
- JF28. **Contest Rules or Judging Requirements may need to be revised so that they stay in line with requirements at District or State competitions. Watch newsletters for updates or corrections.**
- JF29. **Project Enrollment for 4-H and FFA Members and Showing Animals at the Ohio State Fair**
- 4-H members** must be enrolled in their county in the project in which they enter to show at the Ohio State Fair Junior Livestock Shows, regardless of whether that project is offered for county exhibition. For example: To show in a gilt class at the Ohio State Fair, youth must be enrolled in project 140 *Swine Breeding Project and Record Book*.
- FFA members** must enter to show at the Ohio State Fair the same animal project they are taking through their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). For example: To show a market lamb at the Ohio State Fair, FFA members must be taking market lambs as one of their Supervised Agricultural Experiences.
- Note:** The same animal cannot be enrolled in two projects in the county (exception dog projects and 4-H PetPALS), with the youth planning to enter one or the other project at the Ohio State Fair. Decisions must be made by project enrollment deadline or county’s animal identification deadline (whichever comes first). For example: A youth is not permitted to enroll the same beef animal in a breeding project (117B *Beef Breeding*) AND in a market project (117M *Market Beef*). (2) For example: A youth is not permitted to enroll the same rabbit in a pet rabbit project (*Pet Rabbit Project and Record Book 227*) AND in a breeding rabbit project (*Breeding Rabbit Project and Record Book 225*). The youth must choose which project in which to enroll that animal by county deadlines for that species.