

**HAMILTON COUNTY  
COMMUNITY FAIR  
JUNIOR FAIR RULEBOOK  
2023**



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## SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

See Rules for More Details

*All dates and times are subject to change. Watch closely for emails with any date or time changes.*

Event/Deadline	Time (where applicable)	Date
Earliest Possession Date for Market Turkeys		December 21, 2022
Possession Date for Market Steers, Market Heifer, & Market Dairy Steer		January 1, 2023
Market Animal Registration Cards due for Market Beef		January 8, 2023
Quality Assurance Test Out	6:00pm	February 8, 2023
4-H Enrollment Form Deadline for Participating in the Community Fair		March 1, 2023
QA Training	7:00pm	March 8, 2023
Earliest Possession Date for Roasters (poultry)		March 15, 2023
QA Training	7:00pm	March 20, 2023
Possession Date for Dogs, Market & Dairy Goats, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Horses, Llamas & Alpacas		April 1, 2023
Latest Possession Date for Market Turkeys		April 5, 2023
Market Animal Registration Cards due for Market Goats, Market Hogs, Market Lambs		April 8, 2023
QA Training	7:00pm	April 12, 2023
Latest Possession Date for Roasters (poultry)		April 26, 2023
Earliest Possession Date for Market Ducks and Market Geese		April 26, 2023
Possession Date for Breeding Animals (Beef, Goats, Rabbits, Sheep); Cats; Pocket Pets; and Pet Rabbits, Exhibition Poultry & Waterfowl; and Feeder Calves		May 1, 2023
Kelhoffer and Community Fair Association Scholarship Applications Deadline		May 1, 2023
Project Commitment Form Deadline		May 7, 2023
Horse Registration Forms Deadline		May 7, 2023
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Market Animal Registration Card due for Feeder Calves		May 8, 2023
Possession Date for Chicken Meat Pens		May 10, 2023
Latest Possession Date for Market Ducks and Market Geese		May 10, 2023
Royalty Contest Applications Deadline		May 13, 2023
Possession Date for Market Rabbits		May 30, 2023
4-H Club Booth Request Form Due		June 1, 2023
4-H Camp		June 14-18, 2023
Top Dog Essay Due		June 15, 2023

Project Narration Cards for Style Review Deadline		June 15, 2023
General Project Judging	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	June 19, 2023
Royalty Contest Interviews	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	June 19, 2023
Livestock Project Judging	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	June 20, 2023
Fairgrounds Setup	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	June 24, 2023
Fairgrounds Setup (if needed)	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	June 25, 2023
Animal Move-In for Fair	7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	June 26, 2023
Club Booth Setup including General Projects	10:00 am - 10:00 pm	June 26, 2023
General Project Skillathons (Food & Nutrition, Clothing)	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	June 27, 2023
Livestock Skillathons	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	June 27, 2023
Groom & Clean Test (Horses only)	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	June 27, 2023
Mandatory Horse Meeting (Horses Participants Only)	3:30 pm	June 27, 2023
Mandatory Fair Meeting (All Fair Participants)	5:00 pm	June 27, 2023
Family Picnic (Crowning of Fair King and Queen)	6:00 pm	June 27, 2023
Junior Fair Horse Show	9:00 am	June 28, 2023
Junior Fair Group Day	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	June 28, 2023
Junior Fair Sheep Show	3:00 pm	June 28, 2023
Junior Fair Beef Show	6:00 pm	June 28, 2023
Junior Fair Swine Show	7:30 pm	June 28, 2023
After Fair Youth Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:00 pm	June 28, 2023
Junior Fair Poultry Show	9:00 am	June 29, 2023
Junior Fair Horse Groom & Clean Contest	1:00 pm	June 29, 2023
Junior Fair Goat Show	3:00 pm	June 29, 2023
Junior Fair Rabbit Show	6:00 pm	June 29, 2023
1st Ohio Shooters	7:30 pm	June 29, 2023
After Fair Youth Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:00 pm	June 29, 2023
Junior Fair Dog Show	9:00 am	June 30, 2023
Junior Fair Alpaca/Llama Show	2:00 pm	June 30, 2023
Junior Fair Horse Fun Show	4:00 pm	June 30, 2023
Livestock Sale Registration	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	June 30, 2023
Junior Fair Livestock Sale	7:00 pm	June 30, 2023
After Fair Youth Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:00 pm	June 30, 2023
Hamilton County Community Fair Open Horse Show	9:00 am	July 1, 2023
Joe A. Wurzelbacher Showman of Showmen Contest	9:00 am	July 1, 2023
Junior Fair Bakeoff	12:30 pm	July 1, 2023

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Junior Fair Dog Agility Show	2:00 pm	July 1, 2023
Junior Fair Style Review	4:00 pm	July 1, 2023
Edible Auction	6:00 pm	July 1, 2023
Family Dance	8:00 pm	July 1, 2023
Club Booth Tear Down by Advisors Only	10:00 pm - 10:30 pm	July 1, 2023
After Fair Youth Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:30 pm	July 1, 2023
Animal Haul-Out	10:00 pm – 12:00 am	July 1, 2023
Animal Haul-Out/	6:00 am – 8:00 am	July 2, 2023
Club Booth Tear Down by Advisors Only	7:00 am - 8:00 am	July 2, 2023
Mandatory Fairgrounds Cleanup	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	July 2, 2023
Annual End-of-Year Awards Ceremony		October 7, 2023

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### 2023 COMMUNITY FAIR SHOW SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY			SATURDAY		
Time	Pavilion	Arena	Time	Pavilion	Arena	Time	Pavilion	Arena	Time	Pavilion	Arena
9:00am		Horse	9:00am	Poultry		10:00am	Dog		9:00am	S of S	Open Horse Show
			1:00pm		Groom & Clean				(12:30pm)	Bake Off (hall)	↓
3:00pm	Sheep		3:00pm	Goats		2:00pm	Alpaca		2:00pm	Dog Agility	
						4:00pm		Horse Fun Show	(4:00pm)	Style Rev (hall)	
6:00pm	Beef		6:00pm	Rabbits					6:00pm	Edible Auction	
7:30pm	Swine		7:30pm		Shooters	7:00pm	Auction		8:00pm	Dance	

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT FAIR

The Hamilton County Community Fair will be held each summer at *Stricker's Grove* in Crosby Township, Ohio. The Fair offers 4-H participants the opportunity to improve their skills and compete against each other in a friendly atmosphere. The Fair offers activities for both Cloverbuds and 4-H members in all 4-H project areas. The Hamilton County Community Fair Association, Inc. oversees the Community Fair. The Ohio State University Extension partners with the Association to permit 4-H youth to participate in the Community Fair. The Ohio State University is represented by the county 4-H Educator. The general objective of the Hamilton County Community Fair Association, Inc. is to develop and foster the 4-H program in Hamilton County through conducting and/or sponsoring the Community Fair and supporting Hamilton County 4-H. Reporting to the Association are the Species Superintendents and Sale Committee. There is to be a Species Superintendent for each livestock species who oversees the program for that species. The Species Superintendent makes sure 4-H participants taking that species have the information they need to participate in the fair, runs clinics, organizes pens and stalls for fair, and oversees the individual livestock show at fair. The Sale Committee is responsible for the Livestock Sale at the fair.

All exhibitors at the Hamilton County Community Fair must be registered participants of the Hamilton County 4-H Youth Development Program in the current year. 4-H participants must be enrolled in the project in which he/she is exhibiting or participating. All projects exhibited must be developed, produced, or have been made in the current project year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30).

All persons participating in the Community Fair shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The Hamilton County Community Fair Association reserves the right to have any person or property removed from the fairgrounds (including camping and parking areas).

The Hamilton County Community Fair Association, The Ohio State University Extension or any of their authorized agents, shall not be responsible for any persons (either over or under the age of 18) on the fairgrounds or in any barns at any time.

The Hamilton County Community Fair Association, The Ohio State University Extension and their authorized agents will NOT issue overnight passes and will not provide overnight supervision in the barns, campers, or any area of the Fairgrounds.

## 4-H ENROLLMENT

- 4-H is for youth ages 5 to 18 by 4-H age. 4-H age is the youth's age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Youth who are 4-H age 5 and in Kindergarten until they reach 4-H age 8 and in the third grade are in the Cloverbud program. Youth who are 4-H age 8 and in the third grade until they reach the 4-H age of 18 are regular 4-H members. Youth who are 18 on January 1<sup>st</sup> but who turn 19 before the Hamilton County Community Fair are still eligible to compete at fair that year.
- All youth wishing to participate in the Hamilton County Community Fair must enroll in the 4-H program each year. Enrollment is done through the 4HOnline system. Information can be found online at <http://hamilton.osu.edu> or can be obtained from your club advisor.
- Enrollment for 4-H is free and members may join at any time throughout the year.
- 4-H Members wishing to participate in project judging and the fairs (local and state) **MUST BE ENROLLED 4-H MEMBERS BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE CURRENT YEAR.**

## HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR REGISTRATION

- All youth wishing to participate in the Hamilton County Community Fair must turn in Project Commitment Forms. These forms will declare what projects each youth is bringing to project judging and to the fair. These forms will be used to hire judges, prepare for project judging, and prepare for the fair. Project Commitment Forms must be completed online. The links to the forms can be found at [www.hccfair.com](http://www.hccfair.com).
- Forms **MUST** be **submitted online** by 11:59pm on May 7<sup>th</sup> each year. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**

## **HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR ASSOCIATION**

The Hamilton County Community Fair Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization made of dedicated community members who volunteer their time to fulfill its purpose.

The purpose of the Hamilton County Community Fair Association is:

- To conduct a community fair and other events that foster youth development.
- To support 4-H club work in Hamilton County, Ohio.
- To render such other services as may be practicable in the improvement of 4-H work.

## **HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

- Membership in the Hamilton County Community Fair Association is open to anyone with an interest in promoting 4-H in Hamilton County which includes 4-H members and their families.
- There is a \$15/person **non-refundable** annual membership fee for anyone who wanting to be a member.
- Membership Includes:
  - 1 admission pass, good for the entire week of the Hamilton County Community Fair.
  - Voting privileges for members 13 years of age and older.
- Association membership can be obtained by completing the form in Appendix A and submitting it with full payment **by June 1 of the current year.**
- **Those who choose not to join the Fair Association by June 1, will be required to pay the daily gate admission of the fair upon entering the gate.**
- Mail form and payment to: Hamilton County Community Fair Association, P.O. Box 764, Miamitown, OH 45041-0764

## **FAIRGROUNDS SETUP AND CLEANUP**

The Hamilton County Community Fair is run by the volunteers and the families. Therefore, each family with one or more participants is expected to help with fairgrounds setup and cleanup each year. Setup usually takes place the weekend before fair. Cleanup is the Sunday morning following fair. There are jobs for all skill levels. Everyone, including youth who only take general projects, is expected to help with cleanup and setup. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the dates and times of the Fairgrounds Setup and Cleanup.

## **CLOVERBUD PROGRAM**

### **DEFINITION OF CLOVERBUDS**

The 4-H Cloverbud program is for youth who are 5 and in Kindergarten until they reach the age of 8 and in the third grade as of January 1 of the current year. Cloverbuds are children who explore areas of healthy lifestyle, earth/environment, citizenship, plants and animals, consumerism and Family Science, science and technology, personal development and community expressive arts. The primary goal of the Cloverbud program is to promote children's healthy development – mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally. The Cloverbud program provides an excellent opportunity for a child to reach his or her highest potential because early life experiences, even subtle ones, affect future development. The Cloverbud program is developmentally age appropriate, therefore it is: fun, leader directed, activity based, non-competitive, success oriented, group-oriented learning, many types of activities, and positive. The Cloverbud program allows for and encourages creativity and play. The goals of the Cloverbud program are for children to develop self-understanding skills (self-esteem), social interaction skills (getting along with others), decision making skills, learning skills (learning how to learn), and mastering physical skills. Children possessing these life skills are less likely to have problems with drug use, school failure, delinquency, and depression later in life.

Per Ohio State University rules, Cloverbuds are not allowed to participate in Project Judging or show animals for the Hamilton County Community Fair. Cloverbuds may not participate in animal handling or training activities sponsored by Hamilton County 4-H.

### **RIBBONS FOR CLOVERBUDS**

- Cloverbuds may display items they create during the year in their club booth at fair.
- Cloverbuds exhibiting at the fair are eligible to receive one "Cloverbud" ribbon for participation at the Hamilton County Community Fair.
- Since the Cloverbud program is a non-competitive program, letter grades and associated ribbons will not be given to Cloverbuds.



## **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT FAIR FOR CLOVERBUDS**

- Cloverbuds are allowed to participate in all 4-H family activities at fair such as the After Fair Activities, the Family Picnic, etc.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time for these family activities.
- Cloverbud Bake Off
- Cloverbuds are also eligible to participate in the Style Revue at fair. Please see the Style Revue for Clothing Projects section of this manual for more details.

## **GENERAL PROJECTS**

See the 4-H Family Guide for a complete listing of 4-H projects.

The Family Guide is available online at <http://hamilton.osu.edu> or from the Extension Office.

## **DEFINITION OF GENERAL PROJECTS**

Any project that does not involve an animal is considered a General project. These projects include Clothing and Textiles; Creative and Leisure Arts; Food and Nutrition, etc. One exception is some of the projects included in the Companion Animals category. The Guinea Pig project, all Cat projects, the Pet Rabbit project, and the Pocket Pet Project (gerbils, hamsters, mice, and rats) are considered General projects. All of these projects are judged at General Project Judging and the above animals are not displayed at fair. The other Companion Animal projects, Market and Breeding Rabbits as well as Dogs, are considered livestock projects.

## **PROJECT JUDGING FOR GENERAL PROJECTS**

- Project judging is an opportunity for the 4-H participant to show what they have learned during their project. **It is not mandatory to participate in Project Judging; it is an optional activity.** In an effort to effectively evaluate the individual participant's knowledge and understanding of his/her project, each participant will have the opportunity to participate in a one-on-one interview with an adult "judge" concerning his/her project. The judge will ask questions and give the participant a chance to tell what he/she learned.
- Judges are selected based upon their knowledge of the objectives of the various General project areas.
- General Project Judging will take place at Stricker's Grove. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- Bring completed project book and an educational display to project judging. See the individual project books and the Ohio State Fair Guidebook at [www.ohio4h.org](http://www.ohio4h.org) for information on what to bring for each project. The educational displays can range from posters to scrapbooks to actual items made during the project depending on the project.
- The educational display will be exhibited at the fairgrounds during fair and will be available for pick up from the club advisors after the close of fair.
- The educational display will be graded by the judge during project judging and the score will become part of the overall project judging score.
- The purposes of the educational display are 1) to visually demonstrate project knowledge of the selected General Project area, 2) to stimulate interest in 4-H projects, and 3) to demonstrate to others the diversity of 4-H projects.
- Each educational display must be made by the 4-H participant enrolled in the project and must be **IN PARTICIPANT'S OWN WORDS.**
- **If creating a poster for the educational display**, specific instructions **MUST** be followed. These instructions are listed in detail in Appendix B.
- **ALL** educational displays, including non-poster displays, **MUST** be labeled with the exhibitor's **first** name and last initial, the name of the project from the project book, and the exhibitor's 4-H club and 4-H age (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year).

## **SKILLATHONS FOR GENERAL PROJECTS**

- All 4-H participants taking a Food and Nutrition (cooking) project or a Clothing and Textiles (sewing) project will have the opportunity to participate in a Skillathon. A Skillathon is a series of hands-on activities designed to demonstrate the 4-H participant's knowledge and skills. For example, stations in the Food and Nutrition Skillathon may require the participant to measure ingredients using the proper measuring device or identify equipment commonly used when cooking. For the Textiles Skillathon, the participant may be required to identify parts of a sewing machine or demonstrate how to sew on a button. Information about what will be on the Skillathon will be forwarded to project participants prior to the Skillathon date.
- Food and Nutrition and Textile Skillathons will take place during the designated Skillathon time. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.

- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Award for Food and Nutrition or Clothing and Textiles, 4-H participants taking these projects must participate in the Skillathon for their project area. See Special Contests and Awards/Top Exhibitor section of this manual for an explanation of the Top Exhibitor Award.

## **RIBBONS FOR GENERAL PROJECTS**

- 4-H exhibitors eight (8) and in third grade -18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year will be awarded ribbons on all entries.
- Ribbons awarded to General projects will be based upon grades given at Project Judging.
- Projects will be graded A (score of 90 - 100), B (score of 80 - 89), and C (score below 80).
- Projects selected to compete at The Ohio State Fair will receive Ohio State Fair Delegate ribbons.
- Projects selected as alternate representatives to The Ohio State Fair will receive Ohio State Fair Alternate ribbons. State Fair Alternates will be allowed to take their project to the State Fair if the State Fair Delegate cannot attend. Please see the State Fair section of this manual for more information on taking projects to State Fair.
- Projects deemed the most outstanding (with scores of 90 or above), but ineligible to compete at The Ohio State Fair, will receive County Project Award ribbons.

## **MANDATORY FAIR MEETING FOR GENERAL PROJECTS**

- All 4-H participants involved in any activity at fair must attend the Mandatory Fair Meeting with at least one parent.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the Mandatory Fair Meeting.

## **STYLE REVUE FOR CLOTHING PROJECTS**

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Style Revue

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR STYLE REVUE**

- The Style Revue is required of all 4-H youth who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project during the year who wish to be in the running for Clothing and Textiles Top Exhibitor awards. It is also open to all Cloverbud members and any 4-H member wishing to participate in the Ready to Wear division.
- 4-H participants must model the Total Look outfit(s) created for their 4-H project(s).
- Each participant will model an outfit appropriate for their age and exhibit class.
- All models must submit a typewritten Narration Card describing their outfit no later than June 16<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
- Narration Cards are available on-line at <http://hamilton.osu.edu> or the fair website, [www.hccfair.com](http://www.hccfair.com).

## **CLOVERBUD PARTICIPATION IN THE STYLE REVUE**

- Cloverbuds may also participate in the Style Revue on a non-competitive basis.
- Cloverbuds may participate in the Cloverbud Style special class.
- Cloverbuds must submit a typewritten Narration Card describing their outfit no later than June 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **CLASSES FOR STYLE REVUE**

### **Ready-to-wear**

Junior Division (ages 8-13)

Senior Division (ages 14-18)

### **Hand-sewn**

Junior Division (ages 8-13)

Senior Division (ages 14-18)

**Cloverbud Style** (Cloverbuds ages 5-8)

## **AWARDS FOR STYLE REVUE**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded in each show class at the Style.
- A Top Exhibitor Award will be given for Clothing and Textiles for both the Junior and Senior divisions. Top Exhibitor will be the 4-H participant with the highest combined score (Project Judging + Skillathon) who have also participated in the Style Review. These awards will be given at the Awards Ceremony.
- Cloverbud participants will receive participation ribbons.

## LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

### DEFINITION OF LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Any project that involves an animal is considered a livestock project with the exception of some of the projects included in the Companion Animals category. Guinea Pigs, all Cat projects, Pet Rabbit, and the Pocket Pet Project (gerbils, hamsters, mice, and rats) are considered General projects. Projects involving horses and dogs, as well as Breeding and Market Rabbits are considered livestock projects.

### MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Market animal projects involve animals that are raised to sell as meat. These animals are sold at the Livestock Auction at the fair. There are market divisions for cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. See the individual species sections of this manual for further details.

### BREEDING LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Breeding animal projects involve animals that are not raised as meat. Breeding projects do not necessarily require that you breed the animal however it is highly encouraged. Any non-market livestock animal is considered a breeding project. There are breeding divisions for cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, and sheep. See the individual species sections of this manual for further details.

### OTHER LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Dog, llama/alpaca and horse projects do not fall into the traditional livestock market and breeding projects. However, they have to follow many of the same rules, so they are considered livestock projects. These species do not have market or breeding divisions. See the individual species sections of this manual for further details.

### POSSESSION DATES FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

All animals must be in exhibitor's possession and care by the following dates:

JANUARY 1	MAY 1	7 weeks prior to Weigh In
Market Steers & Market Dairy Steers	Beef Breeding & Feeder Calves	Chicken Meat Pens
Market Heifer	Exhibition Poultry & Waterfowl	<b>7 – 9 weeks prior to Weigh In</b>
APRIL 1	Egg Production Poultry	Market Ducks
Llamas & Alpacas	Breeding Rabbits	Market Geese
Horses/Ponies/Mules/Donkeys	Breeding Sheep	<b>9 - 15 weeks prior to Weigh In</b>
Dogs	Breeding Goats	Chicken Roasters
Market Goats & Dairy Goats	MAY 30	<b>12 - 26 weeks prior to Weigh In</b>
Market Hogs & Market Lambs	Market Rabbits	Market Turkeys

### REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- Market steer, market goats, market hogs, market lambs, and feeder calves must submit an online Market Animal Registration Form with valid photos to their species superintendent within 7 days of the possession date. A link to these forms can be obtained from the species superintendent or can be found at the fair website, [www.hccfair.com](http://www.hccfair.com).
- All livestock animal projects must be registered by declaring them on the Project Commitment Forms that are due by May 7<sup>th</sup> each year. See Hamilton County Community Fair Registration section of this manual for more information on Project Commitment Forms.
- **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
- The 4-H participant is responsible for registering for all classes in which she/he wishes to have animals judged.
- Any 4-H participant wishing to sell his/her animal during the Livestock Sale MUST register for his/her respective showmanship class for each species. See Special Contests and Awards/Showmanship section of this manual for explanation of showmanship classes.
- All livestock animals are subject to the health regulations as prescribed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- A 4-H participant who has a micro-chipped animal must provide a means of reading the chip to the Species Superintendent on Animal Move-In day.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) TRAINING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- All 4-H participants exhibiting **MARKET** and **DAIRY** animals at the Community Fair **MUST** attend Quality Assurance (QA) training or forfeit their right to exhibit or sell livestock at the fair.
- A parent/guardian must attend the entire QA session with the member. If a family has two or more youth who attend different QA training sessions, at least one parent/guardian must attend with each youth member at each session.
- Swine exhibitors must attend PQA *Plus* training. Any Quality Assurance session hosted by Hamilton County is a PQA *Plus* session. If you choose to attend QA at another county, you must ensure that it is PQA *Plus* training.
- QUALITY ASSURANCE DATES – See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual.
- 4-H participants who are 12 years and older may test out of Quality Assurance Training if they have attended QA Training at least one previous year. Once the test is passed, 12 to 14-year-olds need to retest at age 15; a participant who is 15 or older and passes the test does not need to test out again in their 4-H career.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the QA Test Out and QA Training sessions.

## PROJECT JUDGING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- Project judging is an opportunity for the 4-H participant to show what they have learned during their project. **It is not mandatory to participate in Project Judging; it is an optional activity.** In an effort to effectively evaluate the individual participant's knowledge and understanding of his/her project, each participant will have the opportunity to participate in a one-on-one interview with an adult "judge" concerning his/her project. The judge will ask questions and give the participant a chance to tell what he/she learned.
- Judges are selected based upon their knowledge of the objectives of the 4-H Animal Science program, as well as their knowledge of livestock.
- Livestock Project Judging will take place at Stricker's Grove. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Awards, 4-H participants with livestock projects must participate in the official Project Judging event. Project judging scores from advisors will not be counted toward Top Exhibitor awards.
- Bring completed project book and an educational display such as a poster, scrapbook, or other display that shows something that was learned during the project, as well as any other items required by the individual project book.
- The educational display will be exhibited at the fairgrounds during fair and will be available for pick up from the club advisors after the close of fair.
- The educational display will be graded by the judge during project judging and the score will become part of the overall project judging score.
- The purposes of the educational display are 1) to visually demonstrate project knowledge of the selected livestock species, 2) to stimulate interest in 4-H livestock projects, and 3) to demonstrate to others the diversity of 4-H livestock projects.
- Each educational display must be made by the 4-H participant enrolled in a livestock project and **IN PARTICIPANT'S OWN WORDS.**
- **If creating a poster for the educational display**, specific instructions **MUST** be followed. These instructions are listed in detail in Appendix B.
- **ALL** educational displays, including non-poster displays, **MUST** be labeled with the exhibitor's **first** name and last initial, the name of the project from the project book, and the exhibitor's 4-H club and 4-H age (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year).

## RIBBONS FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- 4-H participants eight (8) and in third grade - 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year will be awarded project judging ribbons on all livestock projects.
- Ribbons awarded to livestock projects will be based upon grades given at Project Judging.
- Projects will be graded A (score of 90 to 100), B (score of 80 - 89), and C (score below 80)
- For a description of ribbons given in individual livestock shows, please see the sections for each livestock species.

## **SKILLATHONS FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS**

- All 4-H participants taking a livestock project will have the opportunity to participate in a livestock Skillathon for each of their project species. **It is not mandatory to participate in Skillathon: it is an optional activity.** A Skillathon is a series of hands-on activities designed to demonstrate the 4-H participant's knowledge and skills. For example, stations in the livestock Skillathons may require the participant to identify breeds of a species from photographs, identify equipment commonly used for that species, identify feedstuffs for that species, or identify body parts or bones for that species. Information about what will be on the Skillathon will be forwarded to project participants prior to the Skillathon date.
- Livestock Skillathons will take place during the designated Skillathon time. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- Skillathons are divided into Junior and Senior divisions. Juniors are 8 – 13 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Seniors are 14 -18 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Awards, 4-H participants with livestock projects must participate in the Skillathon for their species. See Special Contests and Awards/Top Exhibitor section of this manual for an explanation of the Top Exhibitor Award.

## **ANIMAL MOVE-IN AND HAUL-OUT FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS**

Animal Move-In information applies to all livestock animals except dogs. Dogs are not kept at the fairgrounds.

- All livestock animals must be brought to the fairgrounds during the specified hours. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and times for Animal Move-in.
- Check In Procedures
  - All animals will be checked by the species superintendents upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
  - Market animals will be weighed.
  - Large market animals (cattle, swine, sheep, and goats) and market poultry must complete the online DUNF form prior to animal haul in each year.
- All animals will be housed with their respective species. No exceptions will be made for animals of different species that are housed together at the participant's home.
- No livestock animal may be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the animal release time except on the recommendation of the official Hamilton County Community Fair vet in the case of a sick animal. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of Animal Release.
- If a healthy animal is removed from the fairgrounds without proper permission from the fair vet **AND** notification to a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Association Executive Board, participation in the following year's fair will be revoked.
- Non-Market Livestock may be removed from the fairgrounds beginning at 10:00 pm on the Saturday night of fair.
- All Livestock must be removed from the fairgrounds by 8:00 am on the Sunday following the end of fair.
- Participants and families are still expected to return and help with fair clean up.

## **MANDATORY FAIR MEETING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS**

- All 4-H participants that are bringing an animal to the fairgrounds must attend the Mandatory Fair Meeting with at least one parent.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the Mandatory Fair Meeting.

## **RULES FOR ALL ANIMALS AT FAIR**

The following information applies to all livestock animals **including dogs**.

- All 4-H animals exhibited at the Hamilton County Community Fair must be shown at the species show and/or at the Livestock Sale by the 4-H participant taking the animal project.
- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in their respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- In the event that a 4-H participant has two or more animals in one show class, another active Hamilton County 4-H participant may show the animal.
  - Any exceptions must be approved by the Species Superintendent.
- In Showmanship, each 4-H participant must show his or her own project animal.
- **GROOMING**
  - Once on the fairgrounds, livestock animals must be groomed by the 4-H participant. HELP from the 4-H participant's immediate family or a current Hamilton County 4-H member is allowed.
    - Immediate family is defined as a father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, or grandmother; including the corresponding step or half relations, or a member of the

- 4-H participant's household.
  - 4-H participants are NOT to change the appearance of their animals using artificial colorings.
    - Artificial coloring is defined as changing the animal's natural color.
    - Dark show foam may NOT be used on animals.
    - No spray paint may be used above the knees and hocks on animals. (i.e. black spray paint may NOT be used to cover a white spot on the forehead of a black steer.)
    - Hoof dressings and show sheen may be used on horses.
- **TAMPERING**
  - Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody, and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception as outlined in the Recommendations of the 2007 Ad-Hoc Ohio Livestock Show Task Force, Ohio Department of Agriculture.
  - Anyone caught tampering with and/or misrepresenting his/her animal will be prohibited from showing in the current fair and possibly future fairs.
  - For more information, please refer to the Fair Redbook on the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) website at <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/amusement-ride-safety-and-fairs/resources/redbook>.
- **DRUGS**
  - Any drugs administered to an exhibitor's animal at the fair shall be administered by the fair veterinarian or on his/her approval and recommendation.
  - No fair participant shall exhibit or sell an animal that has been administered a tranquilizing drug.
- **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Protests must be made in writing, signed by party or parties making the protest, and filed with a Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board Member within one (1) hour of the incident in question. The Species Superintendents and the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board will make a decision within 24 hours of the original filing of the protest.

If the party or parties making the protest are dissatisfied with the ruling, the affected party may bring the matter before the Hamilton County Community Fair Association Board accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00. The fee will be retained by the Hamilton County Community Fair Association if the Species Superintendents' and Executive Board members' decision is not overturned.

## **RULES FOR ANIMALS STAYING AT FAIR**

The following information applies to all livestock animals except dogs. Dogs are not kept at the fairgrounds. Please see the Dogs section of this manual for rules for dogs on the fairgrounds.

- **BARN/STALLS**
  - Stalls/pens/cages for livestock animals will be assigned by the Species Superintendent.
  - All animals will be housed with their respective species. No exceptions will be made for animals of different species that are housed together at the participant's home.
  - No livestock animal may be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the animal release time except on the recommendation of the official Hamilton County Community Fair vet in the case of a sick animal. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of Animal Release.
  - If a healthy animal is removed from the fairgrounds without proper permission from the fair vet **AND** notification to a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Association Executive Board, participation in the following year's fair will be revoked.
  - Each 4-H participant exhibiting a project animal is responsible for properly feeding, watering, and caring for the project animal at the fair. See Appendix C for lists of what to bring to fair.
  - 4-H participants are responsible for keeping pens and aisles clean and in order.
- **ANIMAL ISSUES**
  - All project animals may be inspected by the Species Superintendents and/or an executive member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Association on or after project's possession date.
  - If a project animal should happen to become sick the week before fair, please contact the species superintendent. Do not bring a recently sick animal to the fair without notifying the species superintendent.
  - No 4-H participant shall exhibit in a Junior Fair class or sell in the Livestock Sale an animal that is deemed unruly or unworthy (behavioral and/or physical) by the Species Superintendents and a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board.
  - Animals deemed unruly or unworthy will be sent home immediately.
  - Each 4-H participant is responsible for bringing his/her project animals to the fair clean.

- Each 4-H participant is also responsible for maintaining animal and barn cleanliness during the duration of the fair.
- Any animal deemed unclean by the Species Superintendents and a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board may be sent home.
- Feeding time for all animals is between 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM. Each 4-H participant, or immediate family member, should feed and water his/her own animals with his/her own food.
- The Species Superintendents and/or a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board will use his/her discretion to decide whether or not an animal is suitable for show or display.
- If a Species Superintendent/member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board finds a sick animal, he/she has the right to have the veterinarian check the animal. If it is found unfit for show or display, the owner will be asked to remove the animal from display.
- **DEATH OF AN ANIMAL**
  - If an animal dies, **it is the 4-H participant's responsibility to immediately notify his/her Club Advisor, the Species Superintendent, and/or a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board.**
  - At the fair, every precaution will be taken to prevent loss or injury to livestock or other exhibits.
  - In the event of an injury or death; neither the Club Advisors, Species Superintendents, nor members of the Hamilton County Community Fair Board is liable.
  - In case an animal should die, the owner will be notified first.
  - If the owner cannot be notified, the owner's Club Advisor will be notified, and the animal will be removed from display.
  - A Species Superintendent or a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board must be present before a dead animal may be removed.

## **RULES FOR MARKET ANIMALS**

Livestock animals exhibited as market animals may **NOT** be shown in breeding classes in the same year (e.g. market animals shown at the Community Fair may NOT be exhibited as breeding animals at the Harvest Home Fair by any 4-H participant.)

- All market animals fall under the rules of the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). For more information, please refer to the Fair Redbook on the ODA website at <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/amusement-ride-safety-and-fairs/resources/redbook>.
- **WEIGHTS/WEIGH-INS**
  - Market animals will be weighed as soon as they arrive at the fairgrounds on Animal Move-in day.
  - All animals must be cleaned and dried before weigh-in. This weight will be used for show classes and sale weight.
  - Market animals must meet the following **minimum** weight criteria:
    - Market Lamb - 90 lbs.
    - Market Hog – Min. 220 lbs. – Max. 320 lbs.
    - Market Goats - 50 lbs.
    - Feeder Calf - 300 lbs.
    - Market Heifer - 950 lbs.
    - Market Steer - 1000 lbs.
    - Market Beef Heifer – 950 lbs.
    - Market Dairy Steer – 1000 lbs.
    - Market Turkey - 14.0 lbs.
    - Pen of 3 Chickens - Min. 10 lbs. - Max. 21 lbs., min. 2.75 lbs. per individual
    - Roaster Chicken – Must be over 6 lbs. and between 9 and 15 weeks old
    - Pair of Market Ducks (2) - 10 lbs./pair minimum, min. 4.25 lbs. per individual
    - Single Market Goose – 6 lbs.
    - Pen of 3 Rabbits- Min. 3 lbs - Max.- 5.5 lbs. per rabbit – Age cannot exceed 10 weeks
    - Single Fryer –Min. 3 lbs. - Max 5.5 pounds – Age cannot exceed 10 weeks
    - Rabbit Roaster – Min. 5.5 lbs – Max 9 lbs – Age cannot exceed 6 months
  - Animals failing to meet these criteria will not be permitted to be sold at the Livestock Sale.
  - Youth may show an underweight animal in a **SHOWMANSHIP** class, but the animal **MUST** then be sold to the packer.
  - If an underweight animal is going to be taken home and entered at Harvest Home, the animal **MAY NOT** be shown in Showmanship at the Hamilton County Community Fair.
  - A youth may request a re-weigh immediately after the animal leaves the scale. This request must be made prior to leaving the weigh in area. All reweighs must be done by 10pm on move in day. If a reweigh is requested, the reweigh weight must be used as the final weight. If the participant



does not show up for a reweigh, the original weight will be used as the final weight.

## • **SHOW CLASSES**

- All classes of market animals will be shown by weight.
- Class determinations will be made by the Species Superintendent.
- The Species Superintendent and/or a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board may add or delete classes in order to make the classes more equitable or to ensure the safety of exhibitors or animals.
- To be considered a home-grown market animal, the doe (female parent) of the market animal must have been owned by the 4-H participant or the participant's parent(s)/ guardian(s) at the time of birth.
- Grand and Reserve Champion in a division will be chosen from all of the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners from each individual class in that division. This class where the Grand and Reserve Champion are chosen is called the final drive.
- A 4-H participant wishing to remove a 1<sup>st</sup> Place animal from the Grand and Reserve Champion final drive (to avoid the state mandatory terminal sale of the animal) must notify the Species Superintendent of this fact **BEFORE** the final drive begins.
- By choosing to remove an animal from the final drive, the exhibitor forfeits the right to compete for Grand or Reserve Champion.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners in each class should be ready in case a 1<sup>st</sup> Place animal is pulled from the final drive or the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner in their class is chosen Grand Champion at which point the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place animal would enter the class for consideration as Reserve Champion.

## **LIVESTOCK SALE**

- In order to be sold at the Livestock Sale all market animals must have participated in their species Junior Fair show.
- 4-H participants wishing to remove their market animal(s) from the Livestock Sale must complete the sale withdrawal form and turn it into the Species Superintendent or a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board no later than 9:00 PM the night before the sale.
- The 4-H participants are responsible for inviting buyers to come to the Livestock Sale.
- Livestock Sale Booklet – A booklet listing all animals to be sold will be created for use during the sale.
  - All Livestock Sale participants must sell one ad for the sale booklet per market animal or market pen. The maximum number of ads needed to be sold per exhibitor is five.
  - If ads are not sold the cost, up to five animals, will be deducted from the sale check.
  - The money from the ads will be used to cover administrative costs e.g., printing and sale cards.
  - See Appendix D for a copy of the Livestock Sale Ad Order Form.
- The Livestock Committee will commission processors. All animals going through the livestock sale will only go to those processors. No other processors will be allowed.

## **SPECIAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS**

### **TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS**

- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards are given for Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Beef, Dogs, Goats, Horses, Llama/Alpaca, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine.
- Exhibitors participating in Novice Showmanship are ineligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. A first-year exhibitor may choose to participate in their age category (Jr, Sr) rather than the Novice category.
- For Food and Nutrition and Clothing and Textiles, the Top Exhibitor Awards are given to the 4-H participants with the two highest combined scores for Project Judging and the Skillathon.
- For Beef, Dogs, Goats, Horses, Llamas/Alpacas, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine, the Top Exhibitor Awards are given to the 4-H participants with the two highest combined scores for Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship Class placing, and Show Class placings.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Awards, all 4-H participants exhibiting at the Hamilton County Community Fair must participate in EACH part of the program and receive a minimum score of 75% on Project Judging and Skillathon as well as a 75% average for all 4 parts of the program. Project Judging score must come from the official Livestock or General Project Judging. Make-up project judging scores will not be counted for Top Exhibitor Awards.
- Top Exhibitor Awards will be given in both the Junior and Senior divisions. Juniors being 8 – 13 years old, seniors being 14 – 18 years old. All ages are as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- A monetary award will be given to each Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor.



## **SHOWMANSHIP/SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN**

### **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

- Each livestock species including dogs, horses, and llama/alpacas will have showmanship classes.
- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- Showmanship is concerned with how well an animal is shown by the 4-H participant. The animal's conformation or its breeding is of no importance although the grooming of the animal is considered. The emphasis is on the handler's presentation of the animal both standing still and in motion. Each handler should present their animal to the judge in a way that demonstrates the animal's best qualities. Knowledge is also a part of showmanship. The 4-H participant should be prepared to answer questions about their animal and the species in general. For a full description of Showmanship for a specific species see the Resource Book for that species or the individual project books.
- Showmanship Divisions
  - **Senior Showmanship** - Open to all 4-H participants 14 to 18-years-old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
  - **Junior Showmanship** - Open to all 4-H participants 8 to 13-years-old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
  - **Novice Showmanship** - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a livestock species for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent.
    - For horses, Novice Showmanship is replaced by Walk/Trot Showmanship.
    - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

### **JOE A. WURZELBACHER SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN CONTEST**

- The Showman of Showmen Contest is designed to find the top Showman from all species each year at the Hamilton County Community Fair. Each competitor in the contest will show all 10 species of animals. Each competitor will be scored for each animal. The two highest overall scores will win Grand and Reserve Champion for Showman of Showmen.
- To be invited to participate in the Showman of Showmen Contest an individual must win their species Champion Showmanship class.
- In each species, the winner of the Senior Showmanship class and the Junior Showmanship class will compete in a species Champion Showmanship class where the show judge will pick the best showman of the species. This person will be invited to participate in the Showman of Showmen Contest.
- Novice Showmanship winners are not eligible to compete in the species Champion Showmanship class.
- If one person wins the species Champion Showmanship class in multiple species, then that one person represents those animals in the Showman of Showmen Contest.
- The winner of the Showman of Showmen Contest will be ineligible to participate in the contest for the next 2 years.
- During their 2 years of ineligibility, previous Showman of Showmen winners may compete in their age-appropriate species showmanship class. If they win their showmanship class, they are ineligible to continue to the species Champion Showmanship class. In this case, the second-place participant in the showmanship class will advance to the species Champion Showmanship class.
- Only the Grand Champion will be ineligible for 2 years. The Reserve Champion will be allowed to compete the following year.
- The Grand and Reserve Champions of the Showman of Showmen Contest will be awarded belt buckles.

## **THE MARGE SCHOTT TOP DOG AWARD**

See the Dog section of this manual for information on the Top Dog Award.

## **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT FAIR**

### **4-H CLUB BOOTHS**

Each 4-H club will have an opportunity to have a club booth at the Hamilton County Community Fair. These booths will be set up in the hall. Each club will select a 4-H based theme that promotes the 4-H program. The booth should be created around that theme. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the dates and times of booth set up and tear down. Also see Appendix E for the Booth Guidelines, and Booth Request Form.

### **ROYALTY CONTEST**

The Royalty Contest is designed to develop leadership qualities in 4-H youth by selecting two youth to promote Hamilton County 4-H and the Hamilton County Community Fair throughout the year. Youth 15-18 are eligible to enter. They complete an interview with a panel of judges. They also demonstrate public speaking ability during the contest ceremony. One winning boy and girl will be selected as King and Queen. The King and Queen must each fulfill responsibilities at the fair and throughout the year, such as visiting each 4-H club, speaking in front of various groups, and participating in the Harvest Home Fair parade. Applications with complete details are available at the fair website. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the Royalty Contest application due date, and the dates of the contest interviews and the ceremony.

### **AFTER FAIR YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

After fair ends each evening there will be fun activities for all 4-H members. These activities are different each night and may include games like water balloon volleyball, flag tag, bubble gum chewing contest, and the ever-popular shaving cream extravaganza. These activities are an opportunity for 4-H members from different clubs to get to know one another and have some fun. Activities last for about an hour. Start times for these activities are listed on the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual.

### **FAMILY DANCE**

The Family Dance is just what it sounds like. Bring the whole family, learn a new dance, and socialize with other 4-H families. The DJ is always fun and will walk everyone through line dances, square dances, and a few other fun dances. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the Family Dance.

### **OPEN SHOWS**

Each year there may be Open Livestock Shows. These are shows that anyone from the community can participate in. 4-H members may also participate in these Open Shows. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the dates and times of Open shows and watch for emails with more information.

### **END-OF-YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY (Takes place in October)**

All 4-H families are invited to the Annual End-of-Year 4-H Awards Ceremony. At the Award Ceremony all State Fair Delegates and Alternates will be recognized, Top Exhibitor Awards will be given out, and any other awards or recognition will be given as needed.

# INDIVIDUAL SPECIES

## BEEF CATTLE

**Species Superintendent - Jym Quinlan, [jym654@aol.com](mailto:jym654@aol.com)**

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Beef Cattle Show.

*In the event of the death of a beef cattle project animal, the 4-H participant must notify the Species Superintendent immediately and the death must be verified by the Species Superintendent or a Hamilton County Community Fair Board Member. If a market beef cattle project animal dies before February 1<sup>st</sup>, the 4-H participant has 14 days to purchase a replacement animal. If an animal dies on or after February 1<sup>st</sup>, the animal may not be replaced.*

## BEEF CATTLE PROJECTS

For all Beef Cattle projects complete the Beef Project and Record Book each year. This book includes Beef Breeding, Beef Feeder Calf, Dairy Beef Feeder Calf, and Market Beef. The Beef Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS – BEEF CATTLE

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
  - **January 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year for Market Steer, Market Heifers, and Market Dairy Steer
  - **May 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year for Beef Breeding & Feeder Calves
- **Registrations** - All beef cattle projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
  - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - **Market Animal Registration Form** deadline for Market Steer, Market Heifers, Market Dairy Steer, and Feeder Calves – Within 7 days of the above possession dates.
    - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal.
  - All forms will be submitted online. Links will be available from the Species Superintendent or can be found on the fair website, [www.hccfair.com](http://www.hccfair.com).
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market or dairy animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information.
- Only animals shown in individual classes may be shown in group classes.
- Beef must be cleaned before entering the barn on Animal Move-In day.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.

## MARKET ANIMALS – BEEF CATTLE

- **MARKET CATTLE INFORMATION**
  - Market steer projects must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds in order to be sold.
  - Market beef heifer projects must weigh a minimum of 950 pounds in order to be sold.
  - All steers and market heifers must be dehorned to be exhibited/sold.
  - Only calves from the previous year may be secured for market steer and market heifer project animals for the current year. For example, only 2012 calves may be secured for market cattle projects for 2013.
  - Project market animals must be beef breed.
  - If project market animal is dairy cross, there will be an individual class if FIVE steers are registered. If there are not five dairy cross steers registered, animals will show WITH beef steers.
  - A total of four (4) market steers/heifers may be exhibited/sold by a 4-H participant during the current project year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30).
  - Participants must have all market steers/heifers on dry feed by January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Market cattle are not to be on nursing cows or pasture after January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **FEEDER CALF INFORMATION**
  - Feeder calf project animals must be born between August 1, of the previous year and April 1, of the current year to be exhibited/sold in the current year.
  - Feeder calves must be castrated/de-horned and healed by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - A total of three (3) feeder calves may be exhibited/sold by a 4-H participant during the project calendar year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30).

- Feeder calves must be weaned by May 1<sup>st</sup> and halter broken in order to show/sell.
- Feeder calves must weigh a minimum of 300 pounds in order to be sold.
  - If necessary, feeder calf classes will be divided by weight.
- Feeder calves may be exhibited in showmanship classes by their owner.
- **Feeder calf project animals that die may NOT be replaced.**
- **Feeder calves do not have to be sold through the Livestock Sale.**
- Grand and Reserve Champion feeder calves are not required to be processed if sold through the Livestock Sale.
- A feeder calf project animal may be shown at the Hamilton County Community Fair and Harvest Home Fair.

## **BREEDING ANIMALS – BEEF CATTLE**

- Beef breeding females over 36 months of age must have produced a living calf within 12 months of exhibition or a veterinarian's proof of pregnancy must accompany the animal's health certificate.
- All beef breeding project animals must have a form of identification for the Project Commitment Form.

## **BEEF CATTLE SHOW**

- **BEEF CATTLE SHOW ATTIRE**
  - A clean, appropriately buttoned, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
  - Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
  - Skirt falling at or below the knee.
  - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- **BEEF CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP** – For a description of Showmanship see the Beef Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
  - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
  - **Senior Showmanship**
    - Open to all beef exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Junior Showmanship**
    - Open to all beef exhibitors 8 to 13-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Novice Showmanship**
    - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a beef project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
    - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a Species Superintendent may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.
- **BEEF CATTLE SHOW CLASSES**

**Market Heifers - Market Steers** - Grouped by weight for classes

**Dairy Cross Class** – Must have five (5) in this class to have individual class. If five are not registered, dairy cross steers will show with beef steers.

**Feeder Calves** – Grouped by weight for classes

**Beef Breeding Classes**

Junior Heifer Calf - born after January 1, of the current year.

Senior Heifer Calf - born between September 1 and December 31 of the previous year.

Summer Yearling Heifer - born between May 1 and August 31 of the previous year.

Junior Yearling Heifer - born between January 1 and April 30 of the previous year.

Senior Yearling Heifer - born between August 1 and December 31 of two years ago from the current year.

Beef Production - Female animal over two (2) years without calf; safe in calving only

Cow with Calf - calf at side born after January 1 of the current year.

Junior Bull Calf - born after January 1 of the current year. (Must be exhibited in the Cow with Calf Class)

Pair of Females -Animals must have been exhibited in one of the other beef breeding classes.
- **AWARDS FOR BEEF CATTLE SHOW**
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ribbons will be given in each beef cattle class.
  - Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Market Heifer, Market Steer, Feeder Calves, and Beef Breeding.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
  - Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.

- o To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- o Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- o Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

## GOATS

### **Species Superintendent - Tim Dicke, [tdicke@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tdicke@cinci.rr.com)**

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Goat Show.

*In the event of the death of a goat project animal, the 4-H participant must notify the Species Superintendent immediately and the death must be verified by the Species Superintendent or a Hamilton County Community Fair Board Member. If a market goat project animal dies before May 15<sup>th</sup>, the 4-H participant has 14 days to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after May 15<sup>th</sup>, the animal may not be replaced.*

### **GOAT PROJECTS**

For all Goat projects complete the Goat Project and Record Book each year. This book includes Dairy Goats, Breeding - Meat Goats, Fiber Goats, Harness Goats, Market - Dairy, Meat or Cross Goats, Pack Goats, Pygmy Goats, Nigerian Dwarf Goats and Companion - Pet Goats. The Goat Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

### **GENERAL REGULATIONS - GOATS**

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
  - **April 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year for Market Goat and Dairy Goat projects
  - **May 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year for Breeding Goat projects
- **Registrations** - All goat projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
  - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - **Market Animal Registration Form** deadline for Market Goats only – Within 7 days of the above possession date
    - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal, and current tags or scrapie number.
  - All forms will be submitted online. Links will be available from the Species Superintendent or can be found on the fair website, [www.hccfair.com](http://www.hccfair.com).
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market or dairy animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- All goats must be properly identified and reported as such on the Market Animal Registration Form.
  - **ANY goat of ANY age on the fairgrounds (those entered and companion animals) MUST have a Scrapies ID # tag/micro chip/tattoo on their body. This is a requirement for the Hamilton County Community Fair and supersedes any other county or state fair rule.**
- All goats brought to the fairgrounds are required to be in accordance with the current health regulations **AND** the current Scrapie Program Regulations according to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.
- Animals not properly ID'd upon arrival at the fairgrounds will be immediately sent home and disqualified from showing.
- **All Market and Dairy Goats** MUST be dehorned. **NO HORNS ALLOWED.** A maximum of 1 ½ inches permissible on scurs. Scurs occur where the dehorning of a naturally horned animal has been incomplete. They are not attached to the animal's skull and are loosely attached by skin. All other goats do not have to be dehorned but the Species Superintendent and the members of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board reserve the right to put horn guards on all goats with horns.

### **MARKET ANIMALS - GOATS**

- Market goats must be born on or after November 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
- Market goats must be castrated and healed by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- Market goats can be does or wethers.
- Market goats must be dehorned.
- Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds in order to sell in the Livestock Sale.
- Classes may be divided **into three types**:
  - Dairy/meat crossbred

- Pure bred (Boer, Spanish, Kiko).
- Nigerian Dwarf/Pygmy
- A 4-H participant may exhibit and sell a maximum of three (3) market goats per project year (Oct. 1-Sept. 30).

## **BREEDING ANIMALS – DOE GOATS**

- Age and animal identification number must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Does shown in a breeding class may NOT also compete in a market class.
- Breeding goats do not have to be dehorned.
- A 4-H participant may make two entries per class.
- No bucks or billies will be allowed on the fairgrounds..

## **COMPANION GOATS**

### • **DAIRY GOATS**

- All dairy goats must be dehorned and healed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Age and lactation status must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Ages are as follows:
  - kid (less than one year on the day of the show)
  - yearling (over one year but less than two years of age on the day of the show)
  - senior (over two years of age on the day of the show).
- Lactation status is as follows:
  - dry (on day of show)
  - lactating (on day of show)
- Dairy goats will show according to breed and age of the goat.
- Classes may be split or combined at the discretion of the Species Superintendent.
- Dairy goats may be shown as follows:
  - Alpine
  - LaMancha
  - Nubian
  - Oberhasli
  - Saanen
  - Toggenburg
  - Cross-bred of any two breeds above
- An exhibitor may make two (2) entries per class.

### • **PYGMY GOATS**

- Pygmy goats do not have to be dehorned.
- Age and sex must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Pygmy goats WILL NOT compete for Grand Champion Dairy Goat.

### • **NIGERIAN DWARF GOATS**

- Nigerian dwarf goats do not have to be dehorned.
- Age and sex must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Nigerian dwarf goats WILL NOT compete for Grand Champion Dairy Goat.

### • **ANGORA GOATS**

- Angora goats do not have to be dehorned.
- Age must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Angora goats WILL NOT compete for Grand Champion Dairy Goat.

### • **HARNESS GOATS**

- May be doe or wether.
- Goat must be castrated and healed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Harness goats do not have to be dehorned.
- Goat must be properly identified and listed as such on the Project Commitment Form
- **HARNESS KID GOATS**
  - The kid goat must be halter broken and led by the exhibitor with a lead strap.
  - Animal should properly respond to the voice commands of:
    - Stop
    - Go
    - Back
  - This is the first (1st) year animal is exhibited.

- **HARNESS YEARLING GOATS**
  - The goat will be harnessed and pull an empty cart.
  - The goat should properly respond to the voice commands of:
    - Stop - Back
    - Go
  - This is the second (2nd) year the animal is exhibited.
  
- **SENIOR HARNESS GOATS**
  - The goat will be harnessed and pull a cart driven by the exhibitor.
  - The goat must respond to the following voice commands while pulling the cart and exhibitor through the designated obstacle course.
    - Stop - Back - Left
    - Go - Right
  - This is the third (3rd) year the goat is exhibited.

## **GOAT SHOW**

- **GOAT SHOW ATTIRE**
  - A clean, appropriately buttoned, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
  - Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
  - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
  
- **GOAT SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Goat Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
  - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
  - **Senior Showmanship**
    - Open to all goat exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Junior Showmanship**
    - Open to all goat exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Novice Showmanship**
    - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a goat project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
    - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **GOAT SHOW CLASSES**

**Dairy Goat**

Alpine	Oberhasli	Crossbred of any 2 breeds from the other 6 classes
LaMancha	Saanen	
Nubian	Toggenburg	

**Companion Goat**

Harness - Kid  
 Harness - Yearling  
 Harness – Senior  
 Wether – Any Breed

**Pygmy**

Pygmy - Does  
 Pygmy – Wethers

**Nigerian Dwarf**

Nigerian Dwarf - Does  
 Nigerian Dwarf - Wethers

**Breeding Goat**

Boer Doe  
 Boer/Dairy Crossbred  
 Other Breeds

**Meat Goat**

Boer Doe  
 Boer/Dairy Crossbred

- **AWARDS FOR GOAT SHOW**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ribbons will be given in each goat class.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Dairy Goat, Market Goat, Breeding Goat, and Companion Goat.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores



- from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- o To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
  - o Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
  - o Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

# **LLAMAS & ALPACAS**

**Species Superintendent – Cindy Howard, kc8fdr@gmail.com**

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Llama & Alpaca Show.

## **LLAMA & ALPACA PROJECTS**

For all llama and alpaca projects complete the Llama and Alpaca Project and Record Book each year. The Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS – LLAMAS & ALPACAS**

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
  - **April 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year for all llama and alpaca projects
- **Registrations** - All llama and alpaca projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
  - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Animals used for llama and alpaca projects may be owned or leased by the 4-H participant.
- Llamas and alpacas must be five months or older on the day of the show.
- All llamas and alpacas must be in accordance with current health regulations. Current health records must be submitted to the species superintendent at animal move in.
- Llamas and alpacas must be neatly groomed and free of disease.
- Llamas and alpacas must be sufficiently broke to lead by the exhibitor.

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR LLAMA AND ALPACA SHOW**

- Llamas and alpacas will be shown together if there are not enough animals to make separate classes.
- Besides showmanship there will be an obstacle course class. This class will include 8 – 10 obstacles. Obstacle possibilities could include walking through streamers, backing a circle, picking up a blanket or sheet and rubbing it on the animal, change of pace, bridges, walking around an inanimate or animate object, weaving around objects, or ducking.

## **LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW**

- **LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW ATTIRE**
  - A clean, buttoned appropriately, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
  - Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
  - Skirt falling at or below the knee.
  - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- **LLAMA & ALPACA SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
  - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
  - **Senior Showmanship**
    - Open to all llama and alpaca exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Junior Showmanship**
    - Open to all llama and alpaca exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Novice Showmanship**
    - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a llama or alpaca project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
    - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW CLASSES**

Showmanship                      Obstacle Course

- **AWARDS FOR LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ribbons will be given in each llama and alpaca class.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophies will be given in each llama/alpaca show class.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

## POULTRY

### **Species Superintendent – Kris Mason, orchidbiochem@aol.com**

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Poultry Show.

*If a poultry project animal dies before May 25<sup>th</sup>, the 4-H participant has 7 days to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after May 25<sup>th</sup>, the animal may not be replaced.*

## POULTRY PROJECTS

For all Poultry projects complete the Poultry Project and Record Book each year.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS - POULTRY

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
  - Market Turkeys – 12 to 26 weeks prior to Weigh In, must weigh at least 14 lbs at Weigh In
  - Breeding/Exhibition Poultry (including Waterfowl) - May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
  - Roaster Chicken – 9 to 15 weeks prior to Weigh In, must weigh at least 6 lbs at Weigh In
  - Market Chickens Pen of 3 - No sooner than 7 weeks prior to Weigh In, must meet weight requirements.
  - Market Ducks, Market Geese – 7 to 9 weeks prior to Weigh In, must meet weight requirements.
- **Registrations** - All poultry projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
  - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- **Pullorum Testing** - In accordance with state and national regulations, evidence of pullorum-free status must be presented at check-in for all poultry except waterfowl. Poultry must be certified pullorum-free no later than 30 days prior to fair. Turkeys require specialized pullorum testing. Exhibitors are responsible for any costs associated with pullorum testing. **No poultry will be allowed on the fairgrounds without appropriate pullorum-free certification.**
- All birds **MUST** be clean and dry at Weigh-in.
- All 4-H participants are allowed up to 2 entries per class.
- Breed and variety are to be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- All 4-H participants will be required to bring their own birds to the table for judging.
  - When an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, the exhibitor's second entry may be shown by a family participant, another 4-H participant, or his/her 4-H Advisor.
- No bird may be shown in more than one class except showmanship.
- The bird used for showmanship, must also be shown by the 4-H participant in a breed or market class. Turkeys have a separate showmanship class than other poultry.
- If on evaluation by the species superintendent and/or fair veterinarian poultry is deemed overly dirty or unhealthy, poultry may be asked to be removed from the fairgrounds.
- Any classes may be split or combined at the discretion of the species superintendent.
- All exhibitors are responsible for the care of their poultry during the fair.

## MARKET ANIMALS – POULTRY

- All market animals are terminal.
- Market birds may be purchased as live animals and be in the possession of the 4-H participant by 3 days of age. Market birds may (but do not have to be) hatched from an egg by the 4-H participant.
  - If turkeys are hatched by the 4-H participant, the eggs must come from a NPIP certified source (certification must be supplied at Weigh In) and any flock already in your possession must fall under **up to date** NPIP certification, or Pullorum testing must be performed by a certified veterinarian or professional at least 30 days before Weigh In. (Turkeys are tested by blood draw, not a stick like other poultry.)
- **Market Chickens** and **Market Turkeys** may be de-beaked, de-toed, dubbed, or subjected to any practice accepted in the commercial production of meat type poultry.

- A **Pen of Market Chickens** will consist of three (3) birds.
  - Maximum pen weight - 21.0 pounds
  - Minimum pen weight - 10.0 pounds
  - No individual bird may weigh less than 2.75 pounds
- **Chicken Roasters** are individuals. Minimum weight for a **Roaster** is 6.0 pounds.
- **Market Turkeys** may be either sex and any breed. Minimum weight for a **Market Turkey** is 14.0 pounds.
- **Market Ducks** must be shown as a pen of two (2) ducks. The pen can be any combination of sexes.
  - Minimum pen weight - 10.0 pounds
  - No individual may weigh less than 4.25 pounds.
- **Market Geese** are shown individually. Minimum weight for a **Market Goose** is 6.0 pounds.
- 4-H participants who have market poultry that are processed prior to the end of fair are to assist with cleaning and teardown of pens and market exhibition area between 8:30am and 10:00am the day of processing. If unable to assist, participant must contact the species superintendent with a valid excuse. If the participant does not contact the species superintendent and does not help, it is at the discretion of the Community Fair Association Board to not allow the participant to show poultry in the next year's fair.

## **EXHIBITION (BREEDING) ANIMALS – POULTRY**

Exhibition poultry are all non-market animals. They are evaluated for breed perfection or egg production.

- **Chicken Age Definitions**
  - Pullet - Female Chicken under 1 year
  - Hen - Female Chicken 1 year and older
  - Cockerel - Male Chicken under 1 year
  - Cock - Male Chicken 1 year and older
- **Turkey Age Definitions**
  - Jenny - Female Turkey under 1 year
  - Hen - Female Turkey 1 year and older
  - Jake - Male Turkey under 1 year
  - Tom - Male Turkey 1 year and older
- **Miscellaneous poultry** includes Peafowl, Guinea Fowl, Partridge, Pigeon, Quail, and Pheasant.
  - Consult with the Species Superintendent if a species is not listed.

## **POULTRY SHOW**

- **POULTRY SHOW ATTIRE**
  - A long-sleeved shirt or a long-sleeved white lab coat.
  - Long blue or black slacks/jeans or skirt falling at or below the knee.
  - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- **POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Poultry project books and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
  - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
  - Turkey exhibitors will participate in turkey showmanship.
  - All others will be grouped together in poultry showmanship.
  - **Senior Showmanship**
    - Open to all poultry exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Junior Showmanship**
    - Open to all poultry exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Novice Showmanship**
    - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a poultry project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
    - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.
- **POULTRY SHOW CLASSES**
  - CHICKEN**

<u>Standard Breeds</u>	<u>Bantams</u>
One Single Standard Pullet	One Single Bantam Pullet
One Single Standard Hen	One Single Bantam Hen
One Single Standard Cockerel	One Single Bantam Cockerel

One Single Standard Cock  
Pair of Standard Hens (same breed & variety)  
Breeding Pair of Standard (male/female same breed & variety)

One Single Bantam Cock  
Pair of Bantam Hens (same breed and variety)  
Breeding Pair of Bantams (male/female same breed & variety)

Egg Production

One Egg Production Pullet  
One Egg Production Hen

Market

Pen of 3 Market chickens  
Single Market roaster

**WATER FOWL (Duck, Goose, Swan, Other)**

Breeding

Single Female less than 1 year  
Single Female 1 year or older  
Single Male less than 1 year  
Single Male 1 year or older  
Breeding Pair (same breed & variety, one of male and female)

Market

Pair of Ducks (any sex combination)  
Individual Market Goose

**MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY (Peafowl, Guinea Fowl, Partridge, Pigeon, Quail, Pheasant, Other)**

Breeding

Single Female less than 1 year  
Single Female 1 year or older  
Single Male less than 1 year  
Single Male 1 year or older  
Breeding Pair (same breed & variety, one of male and female)

**TURKEY**

Breeding

Single Jenny  
Single Hen  
Single Jake  
Single Tom

Market

Single Market Turkey

• **AWARDS FOR POULTRY SHOW**

- o 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ribbons will be given in each poultry class.
- o Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Standard Breeds, Egg Production, Bantams, Exhibition Waterfowl, Market Chicken, Roaster, Market Turkey, and Market Waterfowl.
- o 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- o Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- o To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- o Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- o Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

## RABBITS

**Species Superintendent - Stephanni Schweitzer, RABBITSS4h@gmail.com**

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Rabbit Show.

*If a rabbit project animal dies before the possession date, the 4-H participant may replace that animal. If a project animal dies **on or after** the possession date, the animal may not be replaced.*

### RABBIT PROJECTS

There are three rabbit project options: **Breeding Rabbit** and **Market Rabbit** which are Livestock projects, and **Pet Rabbit** which is a General Project. As Livestock projects, **Breeding and Market Rabbits** that will participate in the Rabbit Show are kept on the fairgrounds during the fair. **Pet Rabbits** are brought to Project Judging but do not participate in the Rabbit Show or stay on the fairgrounds.

**Breeding Rabbit:** For all Breeding Rabbit projects, complete the Breeding Rabbit Project and Record Book each year.

**Market Rabbit** - For all Market Rabbit projects, complete the Market Rabbit Project and Record Book each year. A 4-H participant entering a Market Rabbit in the Rabbit Show **MUST also participate in a Breeding Rabbit project and exhibit at least one other rabbit in a Breeding Rabbit class.** For Project Judging, the 4-H participant may choose to present one Project and Record Book (Breeding or Market) to the judge along with one educational display.

**Pet Rabbit** - For all Pet Rabbit projects, complete the Pet Rabbit Project and Record Book each year. See the General Projects section of this manual for more information.

**The Rabbit Resource Handbook** is also required for all three projects (Breeding, Market, and Pet) but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members. **NOTE: The Rabbit Skillathon is primarily based on information provided during clinics and found in the Breeding Rabbit Project and Record Book as well as the Rabbit Resource Handbook.**

### GENERAL REGULATIONS - RABBITS

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
  - **May 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year for Breeding Rabbits
  - **May 30<sup>th</sup>** of the current year for Market Rabbits
- **Registrations** - All rabbit projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
  - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian.** See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- **Tattoos**
  - **All Breeding and Market (Meat Pen, Single Fryers or Single Roasters) rabbits MUST have a permanent (clamp, ployer or permanent pen style) and legible tattoo-style ID in the LEFT ear.** Tattoo must be done with a clamp, ployer or pen that punctures the ID permanently into the ear. No Sharpie marker or temporary markings will be accepted.
  - Rabbits should be tattooed by the 4-H participant prior to fair. If assistance by the species superintendent is needed, you must give **notice at least 1 week PRIOR** to bringing the rabbits to the fairgrounds.
  - Breeding and market rabbits without a permanent and legible tattoo will not be permitted to exhibit in the Junior Fair Rabbit Show. If Market rabbits are not tattooed properly, they will not be sold through the Livestock Sale due to processor rules.
  - All 4-H participants must register the tattoo numbers of all rabbits they wish to show at the Hamilton County Community Fair on the Project Commitment Form. The only exceptions are MARKET rabbits that are unborn or too young to be tattooed at the time of submitting the Project Commitment Form.
  - If a change to a registered tattoo is needed, it MUST be given in person to the Species Superintendent prior to rabbit weigh-in/check-in.
  - Tattoos will be documented and confirmed at weigh-in/check-in and cannot be changed.

- If a rabbit is brought into the show ring that does not match the registered tattoos listed, the participant will be disqualified and removed from the show ring. If it is a market project, the participant will not be allowed to sell the project at the Livestock Auction.
- No rabbits/pets other than those registered for fair and properly tattooed are permitted in the rabbit tent.
- No kits/litters of a senior doe are permitted. NOTE: if you want to show your senior doe at fair, DO NOT breed it if it will have babies that are too young to be separated and left at home.
- **Project Commitment Form**
  - All 4-H participants MUST provide the following information for each individual BREEDING rabbit on the Project Commitment Form.
    - Class (4 Class, 6 Class)
    - Breed
    - Tattoo ID
    - Division;
      1. Age (Senior or Junior)
      2. Sex (Buck or Doe)
  - If a mistake is made by the 4-H participant, he/she should contact the Species Superintendent PRIOR to weigh-in/check-in or the rabbit will be disqualified from the breed class. The rabbit may still participate in the showmanship class.
    - If the 4-H participant is unsure of the rabbit breed or sex, contact the species superintendent for assistance prior to submitting the Project Commitment Form.
  - If the 4-H participant is showing more than one (1) rabbit in the same class (i.e. two senior does or two junior bucks), then he/she MUST be able to handle both/all animals in the class, or have another 4-H exhibitor lined up to help in advance. If help is not prearranged, the 4-H participant will not be able to show the extra rabbits.

## **BREEDING ANIMALS – RABBITS**

- A 4-H participant entering a market/meat rabbit project/class **MUST also participate in a BREEDING Rabbit project and exhibit at least one other rabbit in a Breeding Rabbit class.**
- All rabbits that are not market projects are considered breeding projects.
- Breeding rabbits may or may not have been bred prior to fair.
- Breeding rabbits are shown in one of two classes (4 Class or 6 Class); and one of four Divisions based on sex and age (see below).
- Rabbits must be a minimum of 8 weeks (2 months) old to bring and show at fair.
- Note: “Pet Rabbit” Projects are NOT Livestock and are not kept at fair..

## **MARKET ANIMALS - RABBITS**

- In addition to the breeding classes, a 4-H participant is permitted to exhibit up to two (2) meat pens, up to two (2) single fryers, **and up to two (2) single roasters.**
- A 4-H participant may use a single rabbit from his/her market/meat rabbit pen in showmanship classes.
- Market rabbits are intended to be sold at auction and processed; therefore, they may only be shown once in a Junior Fair Rabbit Show Market Class and may not have been exhibited previously, nor can they be exhibited later in another rabbit class or by any other 4-H participant.
- **MEAT PEN INFORMATION**
  - A meat pen consists of three (3) fryer rabbits.
  - Each rabbit must **weigh a minimum of three (3) pounds and a maximum of 5½ (5.5) pounds** and each rabbit may not be older than 10 weeks prior to weigh-in.
  - A meat pen exhibit not meeting the min/max weight per rabbit will **NOT** be permitted to sell in the Livestock Sale.
  - If breeding a rabbit for a meat pen, 4-H Participants may not share a doe, unless participants are siblings.
- **SINGLE FRYER INFORMATION**
  - A single fryer consists of one (1) rabbit.
  - A single fryer must **weigh a minimum of three (3) pounds and a maximum of 5½ (5.5) pounds** and may not be older than ten (10) weeks of age at weigh-in.
  - A single fryer exhibit not meeting the min/max weight per rabbit will **NOT** be permitted to sell in the Livestock Sale.



- **SINGLE ROASTER INFORMATION (NEW!)**

- A single roaster consists of one (1) rabbit.
- A single roaster must weigh a minimum of 5½ (5.5) pounds and maximum of nine (9) pounds, and may not be older than six (6) months of age at weigh-in.
- A single roaster exhibit not meeting the min/max weight per rabbit will NOT be permitted to sell in the Livestock Sale.

## **RABBIT SHOW**

- **RABBIT SHOW ATTIRE**

- A clean, buttoned appropriately, tucked in, collared shirt with long sleeves.
- Long blue or black slacks/jeans or a skirt falling at or below the knee.
- Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.

- **RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Rabbit Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.

- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- **Senior Showmanship**
  - Open to all rabbit exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
- **Junior Showmanship**
  - Open to all rabbit exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
- **Novice Showmanship**
  - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a rabbit project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent first.
  - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **RABBIT SHOW CLASSES**

**NEW FOR 2023: COMMERCIAL CLASS has been merged into “6 Class”**

**4 Class Breeding Rabbits (previously known as “Fancy”)**

*(American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillon, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Standard Rex, Tan, Thrianta),*

Division 1: Senior Buck - 8 months & older

Division 3: Junior Buck – 2 to 8 months old

Division 2: Senior Doe - 8 months & older

Division 4: Junior Doe – 2 to 8 months old

**6 Class Breeding Rabbits (previously known as “Commercial” Class)**

*(American, American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blanc De Hotot, Californian, Champagne d’Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème d’Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox)*

Division 5: Senior Buck - 8 months & older

Division 7: Junior Buck – 2 to 8 months old

Division 6: Senior Doe - 8 months & older

Division 8: Junior Doe – 2 to 8 months old

**Market Class** (Market/Meat Rabbits must be breeds from the “6 Class Breeding Rabbits” list).

Please see the ‘Market Animals’ section above for details and specifications.

Division 9: Pen of 3 (Fryers)

Division 10: Single Fryer

**Division 11: Single Roaster (NEW!)**

Note: If there are not at least three (3) rabbits in each division, they may be merged or dropped. The final determination of show classes/divisions will be made by the Species Superintendent prior to fair based on the Project Commitment Forms; and changes may be made based on final registrations at animal weigh-in/check-in.

- **AWARDS FOR RABBIT SHOW**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ribbons will be given in each of the 8 Breeding Rabbit Divisions.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given in each of the 2 Breeding Classes.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given in each of the 3 Market Divisions.

- o 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in Junior and Senior Showmanship will receive trophies.
- o Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship, and Class/Division placings.
- o To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- o Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- o Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

## SHEEP

### **Species Superintendent - Debbie Roell, kdroell@fuse.net**

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Sheep Show.

*In the event of the death of a sheep project animal, the 4-H participant must notify the Species Superintendent immediately and the death must be verified by the Species Superintendent or a Hamilton County Community Fair Board Member. If a market lamb project animal dies before May 15<sup>th</sup>, participant has 14 days to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after May 15<sup>th</sup>, the animal may not be replaced.*

### **SHEEP PROJECTS**

There are two sheep projects: Market Lamb Project and Record Book and Pilot Sheep Breeding Project and Record Book. For all Sheep projects complete the appropriate Project and Record Book each year. The Sheep Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

### **GENERAL REGULATIONS - SHEEP**

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
  - **April 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year for Market Lamb projects
  - **May 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year for Breeding Sheep projects
- **Registrations** - All sheep projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
  - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - **Market Animal Registration Form** deadline (Market Lambs only) – Within 7 days of the above possession date
    - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal, and current tags or scrapie number.
  - All forms will be submitted online. Links will be available from the Species Superintendent or can be found on the fair website, [www.hccfair.com](http://www.hccfair.com).
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- All market lambs must be properly identified and reported as such on the Market Animal Registration Form.
  - **ANY sheep of ANY age on the fairgrounds MUST have a Scrapies ID # in either tattoo, ear tag or microchip form on their bodies. This is a requirement for the Hamilton County Community Fair and supersedes any other county or state fair rule.**
- All sheep brought to the fairgrounds are required to be in accordance with the current health regulations **AND** the current Scrapie Program Regulations according to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.
- Animals not properly ID'd upon arrival at the fairgrounds will be immediately sent home and disqualified from showing.

### **MARKET ANIMALS - SHEEP**

- Market lambs may not be on pasture after April 1<sup>st</sup>. They must be on dry feed only.
- Market lambs must be born on or after December 1 of the previous year.
- Market lambs must weigh a minimum of **90 pounds** in order to be sold.
- Market lambs must come to fair with Scrapie Identification as required by Ohio Livestock Rules.
- Only slick shear cuts (1/4 inch or less) will be permitted on market lambs.
- Animals must be brought to the fairgrounds slick sheared and clean.
- Wet market lambs will not be weighed.
- A total of five (5) market lambs may be exhibited/sold by a 4-H participant during the project calendar year (Oct.1- Sept.30).

## **BREEDING ANIMALS - SHEEP**

- All breeding project animals must have some form of identification tag for the Project Commitment Form.
- Breeding sheep must come to fair with Scrapie Identification as required by Ohio Livestock Rules.

## **SHEEP SHOW**

### • **SHEEP SHOW ATTIRE**

- A clean, appropriately buttoned, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
- Long blue or black slacks/jeans or a Skirt falling at or below the knee.
- Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.

### • **SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Sheep Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.

- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- **Senior Showmanship**
  - Open to all sheep exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
- **Junior Showmanship**
  - Open to all sheep exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
- **Novice Showmanship**
  - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a sheep project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
  - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

### • **SHEEP SHOW CLASSES**

#### **Market Lambs**

Single Market Lamb

Home Grown Single Market Lamb

Pair of Market Lambs

#### **Sheep Breeding**

May be separated into classes if deemed necessary by the Species Superintendent

Ram Lamb

Ewe - under 1 year (as of July 31 of current year)

Ewe - over 1 year and under 2 years (as of July 31 of current year)

Ewe - 2 years and over (as of July 31 of current year) and produced offspring

### • **AWARDS FOR SHEEP SHOW**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ribbons will be given in each sheep class.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Market Lamb, Sheep Breeding, Pair of Market Lambs, and Home-Grown Lamb.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

## SWINE

### **Species Superintendent – Brianna Kelhoffer, [briannakelhoffer@gmail.com](mailto:briannakelhoffer@gmail.com)**

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Swine Show.

*In the event of the death of a swine project animal, the 4-H participant must notify the Species Superintendent immediately and the death must be verified by the Species Superintendent or a Hamilton County Community Fair Board Member. If a market swine project animal dies before May 15<sup>th</sup>, the 4-H participant has one week (7 days) to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after May 15<sup>th</sup>, the project may not be replaced.*

### **SWINE PROJECTS**

There are two swine projects: Market Hog Project and Record Book and Swine Breeding Project and Record Book. (However, Hamilton County does not currently have a swine breeding program.) For all Swine projects complete the appropriate Project and Record Book each year. The Swine Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

### **GENERAL REGULATIONS – SWINE**

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year for Market Hog projects
- **Registrations** - All swine projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
  - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - **Market Animal Registration Form** deadline (Market Hogs only) – Within 7 days of the above possession date
    - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal, and current tags and ear notch reading.
  - All forms will be submitted online. Links will be available from the Species Superintendent or can be found on the fair website, [www.hccfair.com](http://www.hccfair.com).
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- **No market hog** exhibited at the Hamilton County Community Fair **may be fed the feed additive Paylean/Ractopamine HCL**.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.
- Swine exhibitors may not slick clip or body shave market hogs except on the ears, tail and underline.
- If questions arise regarding the length of body hair on a swine project, the Species Superintendent will measure the body hair.
- The body hair length needs to be at least **one-half inch** in length or the market hog in question will be disqualified from showing and selling at the Hamilton County Community Fair.
- If an exhibitor or parent questions whether a market hog has been slick clipped or body shaved, the Grievance Procedure must be followed.

### **MARKET ANIMALS - SWINE**

- Market hogs must be born on or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of previous year.
- Market hogs must weigh between 220 pounds and 320 pounds in order to be shown in the Swine Show or sold in the Livestock Sale.
- A total of five (5) market hogs may be exhibited and sold by a 4-H participant during the project calendar year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30).

### **BREEDING ANIMALS – SWINE**

Hamilton County 4-H does not currently have a breeding swine program.

### **SWINE SHOW**

#### • **SWINE SHOW ATTIRE**

- A clean, buttoned appropriately, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.

- Long blue or black slacks/jeans or a skirt falling at or below the knee.
- Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- **SWINE SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Swine Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
  - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
  - **Senior Showmanship**
    - Open to all swine exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Junior Showmanship**
    - Open to all swine exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Novice Showmanship**
    - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a swine project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
    - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.
- **SWINE SHOW CLASSES**
  - Single Market Hog**
    - Weight Class Grading and Placing
- **AWARDS FOR SWINE SHOW**
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ribbons will be given in each swine class.
  - Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Market Hog and Home-Grown Hog.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
  - Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
  - To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
  - Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
  - Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

## DOGS

### **Species Superintendents - Cindy Capannari, gccapi@yahoo.com & Hannah Capannari, capannarih@yahoo.com**

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Dog Show.

### **DOG PROJECTS**

For all dog projects complete the Dog Project and Record Book each year. This project book includes the following projects: You and Your Dog, Obedience, Showmanship, Performance, and Working Dog. The Dog Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

### **GENERAL REGULATIONS – DOGS**

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year for Dog projects
- **Registrations** - All dog projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Later or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
  - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Project Commitment Form deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Additional Required Dog Paperwork deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Youth participating in the Hamilton County Community Fair Dog Show must participate in the care of the dog for the duration of the project including being responsible for and involved in the feeding, cleaning, and caring of the dog.
- If a 4-H participant does not own the dog he/she wants to use for the Hamilton County Community Fair Dog Show, special permission must be obtained from the Species Superintendents. The Species Superintendents will determine if there is adequate opportunity for participation in the care of the dog. The decision of the Species Superintendents will be final. To show at the State Fair, a 4-H participant must own the dog they intend to show.
- Exhibition projects will be allowed at the Species Superintendents discretion. Exhibition projects are not allowed at State Fair.
- If a family has one dog and two 4-H participants who want to show the dog, the dog can be shown in different classes by the two participants but not in the same class. The two participants must be in different showmanship classes, and they can divide the obedience, rally and/or agility classes so they are not in the same class. At the state level, participants cannot share a dog.
- From the time the participant joins the dog project, which is on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, to the dog show; he/she is required to participate with their dog in a minimum of six (6) training sessions offered by the official 4-H volunteer dog trainers in Hamilton County. Youth and dog teams may participate in training sessions given by non-4H trainers but these do not count toward the 6 required sessions with the official 4-H trainers.
- **Required Paperwork (Vaccination, License, Permission to Participate) – ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN BY MAY 7<sup>th</sup> IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DOG SHOW**
  - Instructions for the submission of this additional paperwork will come from the Species Superintendent well in advance of the deadline.
  - Dogs must be currently licensed in their county of residence.
  - All dogs participating in the Hamilton County Community Fair shall be immunized against distemper, adenovirus (hepatitis), leptospirosis, parainfluenza, parvovirus, and rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Vaccinations **MUST** be given by a licensed veterinarian.
  - The Certificate of Vaccination Form for the Ohio State Fair Junior Dog show must be filled out by the veterinarian. This form can be found in Appendix F.
  - Veterinarians must note the expiration date of the rabies vaccine and any deviations from the required vaccinations (i.e. leptospirosis vaccination not given by veterinarian or dog's titer tested in lieu of vaccinations) on the Certificate of Vaccination.
  - All required vaccinations for dogs must be current through the date of the dog show each year.
  - A Permission to Participate Form must be filled out for all participants in the dog show. This form can be found in Appendix F.
  - The Certificate of Vaccination Form, proof of license, and Permission to Participate Form **MUST** be submitted by May 7<sup>th</sup> per the instructions from the Species Superintendent. Dogs will not be allowed on the fairgrounds if this information has not been provided.

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR DOG SHOW**

- The Species Superintendents may disallow a dog/youth team from participating in the show if they have not mastered the necessary skills to compete safely in the competition.
- Female dogs in season are not permitted on the fairgrounds.
- 4-H participants must provide their own leash, water dish, kennel (if desired), and any equipment needed.
- Dogs must be kept on leash while on the fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging.
- 4-H participants are fully responsible for their dogs while on the fairgrounds.
- 4-H participants are expected to clean up after their dogs.
- The judge may dismiss from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior or any 4-H participant abusing their dog (verbally and/or physically).
- The Species Superintendent and the members of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board have the right and responsibility to remove any person being abusive to show personnel. They will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
- Only the 4-H dog, the 4-H participant, and show officials will be permitted in the ring while any class is being judged.
- Using bait in Showmanship is allowed.
- Food, treats, or toys are not permitted on the show floor during obedience classes.
- Dogs must be clean and brushed, free from matted hair, fleas, ticks, and any internal and/or external diseases.
- Purebred dogs do not have to be in regulation show clip.
- **Obedience**
  - Obedience collars include well-fitting plain buckle or slip collars of an appropriate single length made from leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end.
  - Fancy collars, or special training collars, or collars that are either too tight or so large that they hang down unreasonably in front of the dogs are not permitted.
  - Nothing shall be hanging from the collars.
  - Leashes may be of fabric or leather and should be 6 feet in length.
  - Chain leashes are not acceptable.
- **Showmanship**
  - Showmanship collars include a chain or fabric slip collar, or martingale-type show lead.
  - Nothing shall be hanging from the collars.
  - Leashes may be of fabric or leather and long enough to allow for easy handling of the dog.
  - Chain leashes are not acceptable.

## **DOG SHOW**

- **DOG SHOW ATTIRE**
  - 4-H participants should be neat and clean in appearance. Long hair should be pulled back.
  - Appropriate clothing for dog show classes other than agility is dress pants or skirt hitting just above or below the knee with a nice top for girls, dress pants and a nice shirt for boys. Closed toe shoes should be worn, no sandals. Ties are optional for boys, but some judges will take off a point for not wearing a tie. Hats, jeans, T-shirts, apparel with slogans, 4-H club or dog club names, etc. should not be worn in the show ring.
  - Clothing for all classes should not limit or hinder the judge's view of the dog and should remain in place when the 4-H participant bends over to work with his/her dog.
- **DOG SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Dog Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
  - **Showmanship questions/interview will be conducted at Livestock Project Judging.** See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of Livestock Project Judging.
  - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
  - **Senior Showmanship**
    - Open to all dog exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Junior Showmanship**
    - Open to all dog exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Novice Showmanship**
    - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a dog project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.



- If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.
- **DOG SHOW CLASSES**  
See the Dog Resource Handbook and the Dog Project and Record Book for descriptions of the following classes.
 

<b>Obedience</b>	- Beginner Novice - Pre-Novice - Novice	- Graduate Novice - Open	<b>Rally</b>	- Rally Novice - Rally Advanced - Rally Excellent
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  - Dog Show classes will be split into A and B classes if necessary. The Species Superintendent will make this decision.
  - If a dog is shown by a new handler, the dog and handler must start at the level to which the dog has advanced. If a handler gets a new dog, the dog and handler can start again at the Beginner Novice level.
- **AWARDS FOR DOG SHOW**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ribbons will be given in each dog show class.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophies will be given in each dog show class.
  - Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
  - To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
  - Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
  - Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

## **DOG AGILITY SHOW**

- In order to participate in the Dog Agility Show, the 4-H participant must show in their age-appropriate showmanship class in the 4-H Dog Show.
- **DOG AGILITY SHOW ATTIRE**
  - 4-H participant should be neat and clean in appearance. Long hair should be pulled back.
  - For agility classes, acceptable clothing includes slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, capri or crop pants, colored dress jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts, or similar attire, closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats, and similar type footwear. Club shirts, jeans and shorts are acceptable.
- **DOG AGILITY SHOW CLASSES**  
The Dog Agility Show will have on-lead and off-lead versions in the following classes.
 

- Standard Agility	- Jumpers	- Mad-Shape-Dash
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For an explanation of these classes, please see the state level Agility rulebook at <https://ohio4h.org>.

## **THE MARGE SCHOTT TOP DOG AWARD**

- To be eligible for the Top Dog award, youth must complete the following:
  - Participate in showmanship AND one other class at the 4-H Dog Show or the Dog Agility Show.
  - Complete the You and Your Dog portion of the Dog Project and go through the official Project Judging.
  - Complete at least two (2) hours of community service for a dog program. For example, you could work at a shelter, volunteer at a vet's office, help out at a show, or anything else dog related.
  - Write an essay entitled "Why I Want to be the Top Dog."
- Award will NOT be given to a first-year member as perseverance was a key in Ms. Schott's life.
- Award can be won more than once in a 4-H youth's career.
- **To be considered for this award the 4-H participant must notify the species superintendent that he/she has completed the requirements and submit his/her essay by June 16<sup>th</sup> of the current year.**

## HORSES

### **Species Superintendents - Heather Alden, heather\_alden1978@yahoo.com & Hannah Capannari, capannarih@yahoo.com**

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Horse Show. Complete project paperwork and additional information for Horses can be found in Appendix G - Horse Paperwork and Supplemental Materials.

*If a horse becomes ill or injured, a replacement horse will only be accepted if it meets the same requirements as the original horse. The 4-H participant must consult the Species Superintendent as soon as he/she becomes aware of an issue and the superintendent will determine if the replacement horse meets the original criteria.*

### **HORSE PROJECTS**

The following is a suggested order in which horse projects should be completed.

- Horseless Horse (only those who are in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of 4-H and under 11 years of age)
- Beginning Horse Management (Recommended to be taken over 2 years)
- Light Horse Selection (Recommended to be taken over 2 years)
- Horse Training
- Horse Nutrition
- Equine Reproduction and Genetics

Other acceptable projects include Learning to Jump, Draft Horse, Small Equine, Standardbred Horse, Trail Riding, Dressage and Self-determined Horse Projects.

### **GENERAL REGULATIONS – HORSES**

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year for horse projects including ponies, donkeys, and mules
- **Registrations** - All horse projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
  - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Project Commitment Form deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Horse Registration Paperwork deadline – May 7<sup>th</sup> (includes vaccination records, exhibitor health forms, Horse Show class entry form, and any other forms listed and found in Appendix G.) - **ALL HORSE PAPERWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THIS DEADLINE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HORSE SHOW AT FAIR.** – If there is a problem, please contact the Species Superintendent **PRIOR** to the deadline.
- All horses participating in the Hamilton County Community Fair must be vaccinated for tetanus, influenza, Encephalomyelitis (E & W), Rhinophneumonitis, and rabies and have a negative Coggins test. All required vaccinations **MUST** be given by a licensed veterinarian.
- If a horse will be transported to fair across a state line, contact the species superintendents prior to the paperwork deadline to see if additional paperwork is required.
- If a project horse becomes sick the week before fair, please contact the species superintendent. Do not bring a recently sick horse to the fair without notifying the Secies Superintendent.
- The 4-H participant must be providing the riding training to the project horse.
- The project horse may be ridden by other riders but may not be schooled with a professional trainer as the rider after April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Professional trainer is defined as someone who makes their living from training horses, giving lessons, or from some combination of activities in the horse industry
- Horses with stalls are required to stay at the fair for the duration of fair. If a 4-H participant does not want the horse to stay at the fair, he/she may haul his/her horse in for the shows, but the horse will not be given a stall.
- If a participant is showing more than one horse, only one may stay at the fair. The other horse must be trailered in for the show.
- If there are not enough stalls for all those wanting to keep their horse at fair, a request will be made for volunteers to haul in for the shows. If there are not enough volunteers, the Walk/Trot participants will be required to haul in. If there are still too many horses, Junior participants will be required to haul in. If needed, a lottery will be used to determined which participants in these categories will be required to haul in.
- Horses using stalls **MUST** be checked into the Fairgrounds on Animal Move-In day and will **NOT** be released until the Animal Release Day except on the recommendation of the official Hamilton County

Community Fair vet in the case of a sick horse. Please see the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for these dates and times. The 4-H participant is to ensure horse transportation is available for the designated release time.

- If a healthy animal is removed from the fairgrounds without proper permission from the fair vet **AND** notification to a Species Coordinator or Community Fair Association Executive Board Member, participation in the following year's fair will be revoked.
- When arriving at the fairgrounds for haul in, youth must check in with the Species Superintendent and/or their assistant. Youth need to bring the check in form and the horse. The Species Superintendent/Assistant will compare the horse to the registration paperwork and take the horse's temperature. If a horse presents with a fever, the Species Superintendent will consult with the Fair Vet. The horse may NOT be put in a stall until it has been fully checked in and cleared.
- There will be a bit check during haul in. After the horse has been released to the stall, the participant must take the bit that will be used in the Junior Fair Horse Show to the Tack Check Station. It will be checked to ensure it complies with the rules. Once it has been marked as satisfactory, no other bit may be used in the show. **You may only present 2 bits per discipline being shown. For example, if you are showing Western and English, you can have 2 bits checked for Western and 2 bits Check for English for total of 4 bits. Because Contesting has different bit rules than Western according to State, we will be counting it as its own discipline.**
- See Appendix C for what to bring to fair to care for the horse.
- **All horse participants must attend a MANDATORY horse meeting at fair.** See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for date and time of the Mandatory Horse Meeting.
- Youth **MUST ALSO** attend the Mandatory Fair Meeting for all Fair participants in addition to the Mandatory Horse Meeting. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for date and time of the Mandatory Fair Meeting.
- **Helmets must be worn at all times when a 4-H participant is mounted on his/her horse or seated in a cart. No exceptions - this is an Ohio State University Extension rule.**
- **NO FLIP-FLOPS OF ANY SORT SHOULD BE WORN** when handling or riding horse(s).
- Horses must be led with a lead rope or bridle.
- No one besides the participant or an adult immediate family member is allowed to ride the project horse at the fairgrounds unless approval is obtained in writing from the Species Superintendent.
- The 4-H participant is responsible for taking care of his/her own horse.
- Be sure that the barn aisle is kept clean and free of clutter.
- Riders may not ride alone at the fairgrounds or ride anywhere but in the warmup ring or arena. All riders must always have an adult present. Riders may not be mounted on a horse unless they are in the warmup ring or the arena. No mounting between the stalls and the arena.
- Be sure to pick up after the horses on the fairgrounds.
- Please wash project horses in the designated area only.
- Families will be required to sign up for at least one 2-hour barn shift while the fair is open to the public. During the shift, families will stay stationed in the horse tent to answer questions and to make sure no one from the public is trying to feed horses.

## **RULES FOR LEASING A HORSE TO BE SHOWN AT THE COMMUNITY FAIR**

- **The fair participant must have the horse under lease by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- See Appendix G for further information on leases.
- The fair participant must provide regular "hands on" care of the horse from April 1<sup>st</sup> through the Hamilton County Community Fair.
- The 4-H participant must be providing the riding training to the horse.
- The horse may be ridden by other riders during the lease but may not be schooled with a professional trainer as the rider after April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Professional trainer is defined as someone who makes their living from training horses, giving lessons, or from some combination of activities in the horse industry.
- The horse may be shown by someone other than the 4-H participant from April 1<sup>st</sup> until fair, but only if the 4-H participant is present and showing at the show. The only exceptions are PAS and State Fair.
- A horse may be shared by multiple participants if one is showing walk/trot and the other is a junior or senior.

*Please remember the spirit of these rules is to allow kids, who may not otherwise be able to participate, to lease a horse. The Hamilton County Community Fair wants competition to be fair, reasonable, and fun for all involved. If the 4-H participant is planning on competing at the State Fair, it is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** that the State Qualifying Rules are read in entirety because the Hamilton County leasing rules are more lenient than State's.*

## **HORSE SHOW**

- Horse Show participants are required to be familiar with and comply with Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (4-H 179) which may be purchased from the 4-H Extension office. Be particularly careful that the bit and tack used by the 4-H participant comply with the rules.
- Descriptions of the Horse Show classes can be found in Appendix G.
- A participant may sign up for no more than 8 classes including Showmanship.
- All patterns for the Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation, Trail, and Jumping classes will be posted the day of the show at the horse arena.
- The Species Superintendents have the right to disqualify a participant from the rest of the show for any of the following behaviors:
  - Being out of control on a horse
  - Not following show rules
  - Abusive behavior toward an animal
  - Unsportsmanlike conduct toward a fellow competitor or show personnel.
- Three rings will be used for the show.
  - The Show Ring is the large part of the arena where all classes happen.
  - The Holding Area is the smaller fenced off part of the arena (this is a waiting space and not for warming up).
  - The Warmup Ring is the fenced off grassy area.
- Once a class has been called as “Up Next”, all participants should make their way to the Holding Area.
- Participants in each class will be called in the order on the show bill. The following terms will be used to notify participants of where they should be.
  - “Up Next” means the participant should be walking into the Show Ring as the exhibitor,
  - “On Deck” means the participant should be standing by the entry gate to the Show Ring (this is the only time you are allowed on your horse outside a ring).
  - “In the Hole” means you should be waiting in the Holding Area.
- **Once your name has been called as “Up Next” you have two minutes to enter the arena before you will be scratched from that class.**
- **WALK/TROT (NOVICE) DIVISION**
  - Please see Appendix G for a full description of the Walk/Trot (Novice) Division.
  - Walk/Trot classes are intended for beginning riders or green horses. A 4-H member may show Walk/Trot more than one year.
  - Participants showing Walk/Trot are not eligible for Showman of Showmen or Top Exhibitor Awards.
- **HORSE SHOW ATTIRE**
  - Standard Western, English or Easy Gaited horse show attire should be worn depending on the discipline the 4-H participant has chosen to show. If you need help with this, please contact the Species Superintendent.
- **HORSE SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Beginning Horse Management project book and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
  - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
  - Showmanship classes will be divided into Senior, Junior, and Walk/Trot divisions. If there are enough participants, these divisions will be further divided into English and Western Showmanship classes. If the divisions are divided into English and Western, then the first place winner in each class will continue to a Championship class. For example, the first place winner in Senior English Showmanship and the first place winner in Senior Western Showmanship will compete in the Senior Championship class to determine the overall Senior Showmanship winner. Once a Junior and Senior Showmanship champion have been determined, these two winners will compete in a Species Champion Showmanship class where the show judge will pick the best showman of the species. This person will be invited to participate in the Showman of Showmen Contest.
  - See the Special Contests and Awards/Showman of Showmen section of this manual for more information on this competition.
  - **Senior Showmanship**
    - Open to all horse exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Junior Showmanship**
    - Open to all horse exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)
  - **Walk/Trot Showmanship**

- Open to all 4-H participants showing in the Walk/Trot division. This class may or may not be divided into a Junior and Senior level depending on the number of participants.

- **HORSE SHOW CLASSES**

- See Appendix G for a complete listing of the Horse Show classes with explanations.
- There are English, Western, Walk/Trot, Easy-Gaited, Trail, Dressage, Jumping, and Driving classes.

- **AWARDS FOR HORSE SHOW**

- Ribbons will be given to 3rd place in each class.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophies will be given in each class.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- Exhibitors showing in Walk/Trot (Novice) Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

### **GROOM & CLEAN CONTEST**

The primary objective of the Groom & Clean Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project to demonstrate their knowledge of horses and equine related subject matter, grooming and teamwork skills, and their showmanship skills, in a competitive yet friendly and relaxed setting. The competition consists of 3 phases: a written test, grooming of the horse, and showmanship. One horse is used by each team. The horse is muddied by the team members prior to the contest. During the contests, each team has 20 minutes to groom the horse following the rules set out for the Ohio State Groom & Clean contest. Each team member then has an opportunity to display their showmanship skills using a pattern given by the judge.

- Groom & Clean teams consist of 3 members.
  - At least one of these members must have a horse staying on the fairgrounds that can be used for the Groom & Clean Contest. Each team must use the project horse of one of the team members.
  - All team members must complete a 4-H horse project from the list of projects under the Horse Project section above.
- Teams will consist of either Junior age participants or Senior age participants. A Junior age participant may compete on a Senior team, but a Senior age participant may not compete on a Junior team.
- All participants competing in the Groom & Clean Contest must take a written test that will be given at the Skillathon event. See the Summary of Important Dates pages for the date/time of this test.
  - A study guide will be provided prior to the test.
- See Appendix G for the complete rules for the Groom & Clean Contest.

### **HORSE FUN SHOW**

The purpose of the Horse Fun Show is to allow 4-H participants taking horse projects to have fun with their horses in a friendly yet competitive manner.

- The Horse Fun Show is only open to members registered with a 4-H project horse who have completed the appropriate registration paperwork and who compete in a showmanship class in the 4-H Horse Show. If the 4-H participant does not compete in a showmanship class in the 4-H Horse Show, they must make a special appeal to the Horse Species Superintendents in order to show in the Horse Fun Show. The Species Superintendents then have the right to allow or disallow participation.
- Pre-registration for the Horse Fun Show is required. See Appendix G for descriptions of the Horse Fun Show classes.
- Ribbons will be awarded to 3rd place for each class in the Horse Fun Show.
- 4-H horses that trailer in for the Junior Fair Horse Show may also trailer in for the Horse Fun Show.
- When running any of the speed classes only the rider who is up is allowed in the Holding Area. If help is needed to move the horse forward, notify the ring steward.