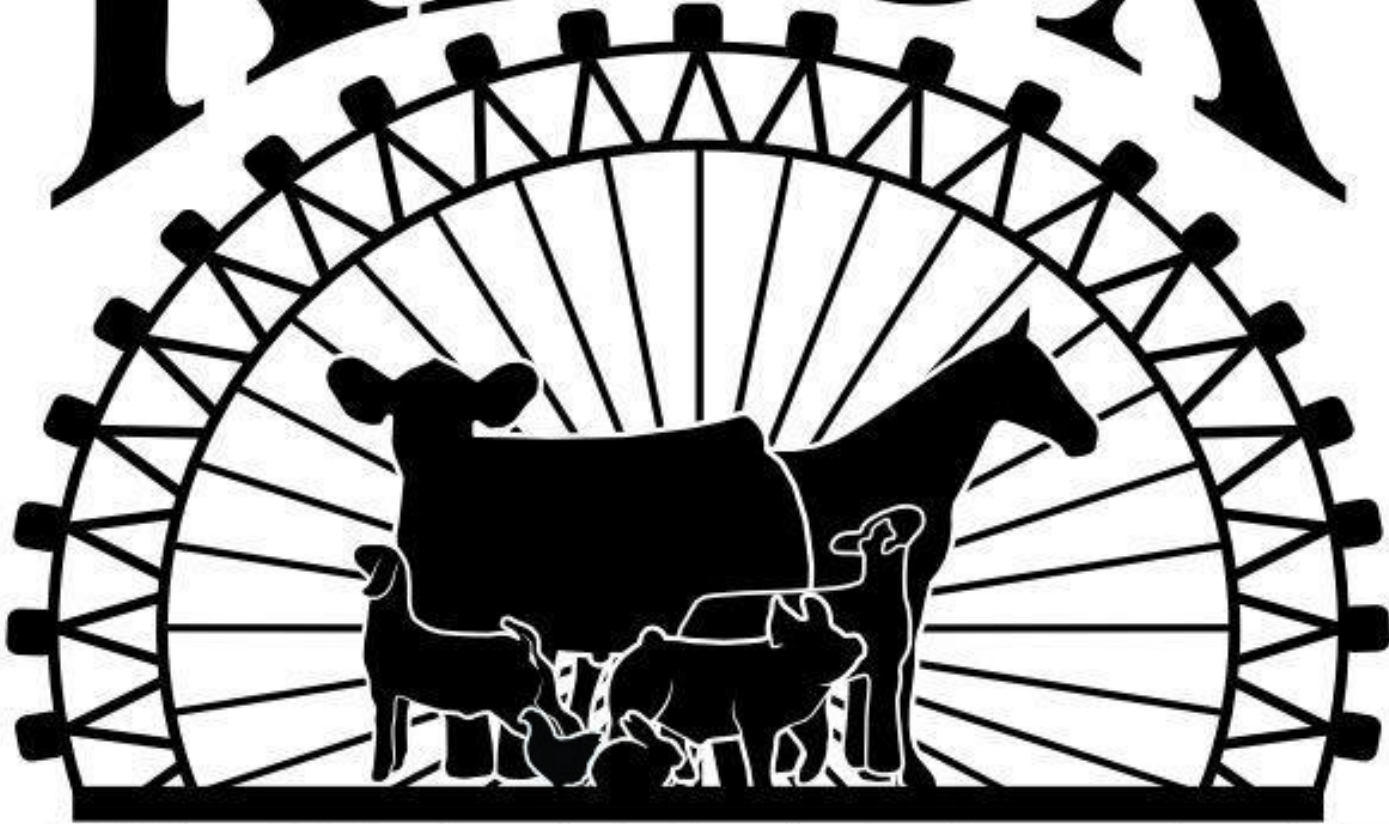


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2026 KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SCHEDULE

Updated 02/13/2026

Tack move-in will be July 23, 2026, starting at 6:00pm. Any tack moved in prior will be removed from the barn areas. Tack may not be unloaded during animal move in. We strongly encourage tack to be in place prior to animal arrival. Exhibitors will not be permitted to unload tack in the barn areas during animal move in and/or weigh in.

****All animals will enter via the McKenzie road entrance.**

Friday- July 24, 2026

Equine-	8:00am-8:00pm (no trailers in barn area after 3:00pm)
Goats	3:00pm-5:00pm (weigh off trailer in overflow barn)
Sheep	6:00pm-7:30pm (weigh off trailer in overflow barn)
8:30pm	Equine Barn Meeting (Swine Barn)

Saturday- July 25, 2026

Hog	6:00-10:00am- Weigh off trailer
Cattle	Move in 9am-2pm (must be in place at 2pm) weigh in 6pm
Small Animals	Move in 8-11am (must be in place at 11am) weigh in 12-3pm (MPB)

Small animals will be released by rows for weigh-ins. They will also need to stop at At the precheck station prior to reporting to housing assignment.

Saturday- July 25, 2026

9:00am	Junior Fair Shop and Crop Judging
11:00am	Junior Fair Equine Light Horse Dressage Show
6:00pm	Junior Fair All 4-H Equine Introduction and Crowning

Sunday, July 26, 2026

9:00am	Junior Fair Equine Pleasure Show (upper & main arenas)
9:30am	Barn Meeting (Swine Barn)
10:00am	Junior Fair Market Rabbit Show (Swine Barn)
2:00pm	Junior Fair Equine Draft Showmanship
2:00pm	Barn Meeting (MPB)
2:30pm	Junior Fair Pen of 3 Market Lamb Judging (at pens), followed by Sheep Showmanship then Market Lamb Show (MPB)
5:00pm	Junior Fair Equine Mini Show (main arena)
7:00pm	Swine Showmanship (Swine Barn)

Monday, July 27, 2026

9:00am	Junior Fair Dairy Show and Showmanship (pee-wee showmanship to follow)
9:00am	Junior Fair Equine English Show & Freestyle Reining Classes (main arena)
11:00am	Junior Fair Market Poultry Show (MPB)
2:00pm	Junior Fair release time for cows in milk excluding the Supreme Champion.
5:00pm	Beef Fitting Demonstration (MPB)
6:00pm	Junior Fair Swine Show (Swine Barn)

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

9:00am	Junior Fair Rabbit Breeding Show Followed by Rabbit Showmanship (Swine Barn)- carry in options
9:00am	Junior Fair Equine Horse and Miniature Versatility Show (main arena)
10:00am	Junior Fair Equine Draft Horse and Pony Show (draft horse arena)
1:00pm	Junior Fair Dairy Market Feeder Show and Showmanship followed by Market Dairy Steer Show (MPB)
6:00pm	Junior Fair Equine Light Horse Versatility (main arena)
7:00pm	Junior Fair Beef Feeder Show followed by Market Beef Show (MBP)
TBD	Junior Fair release time for Pleasure, English, Dressage, and Mini Horses who are leaving will be at the conclusion of the Light Horse Versatility Show

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

6-830am	Junior Fair Haul-In for Contesting Horses (no trailers in barn area after 8am)
9:00am	Junior Fair Market Dairy Steer Showmanship, followed by Beef Showmanship, and Beef Breeding Show (MPB)
11:00am	Roping Contest (main arena area)
12:00pm	Junior Fair Sheep Breeding Show, followed by Open Sheep Show (Sheep Barn)
1:30pm	Limitless Livestock Show (starting in swine barn)
3:00pm	Junior Fair Market and Meat Production Goat Showmanship, followed by Meat Production Doe Show then Market Goat Show (Swine Barn)
3:00pm	Junior Fair Equine Contesting Show (main arena)
6:00pm	Junior Fair Equine Draft Horse and Pony Decoration Show (draft horse barn area)

Thursday, July 30, 2026

9:00am	Jr. Fair Poultry Production Show and Poultry Showmanship (MPB)
9:00am	Junior Fair Equine Walk Trot Contesting Show (main arena)
9:30am	Junior Fair Dairy Goat and Pygmy Goat Showmanship, Followed by Dairy Goat Show, Dairy Market Show, Pygmy Goat Show, Pack Show Followed by Goat Costume Class.
3:00pm	All Pee-Wee Showmanship (Start in Swine Barn then to MPB)
6:00pm	Junior Fair Equine Contest Challenge Show (main arena)

Friday, July 31, 2026

7:00am Sale Building Opens
8:30am **Sale of Champions**
Dairy Market Feeders
Pen of Three Lambs
Market Lambs
Turkey
Market Dairy Steer
Market Goat
Broilers
Market Hog
Market Rabbits
Market Beef

Following Sale of Champions**MPB Building**

Market Beef
Market Dairy Steers
Beef Feeders
Market Rabbits
Broilers

Swine Building

Turkey
Dairy
Market Goats
Market Hogs
Market Lambs
Dairy Market Feeders

TBD Fun Day for Junior Fair Horse Exhibitors (main arena)
8:00pm Junior Fair Horses Released

Saturday-August 1, 2026

10:00am Llama and Alpaca Show (MPB)

2026 MOVE OUT SCHEDULE

- * Market Rabbits, Turkeys, & Broilers not in sale will be released Thursday, July 30th after 8:00pm
- * Market Rabbits, Turkeys, & Broilers in sale but being kept by the buyer will need to be removed immediately following the sale.
- * Market Hogs for self-slaughter with proof of slaughter appointment will leave Thursday, July 30, after 9:00pm. You must provide Amy or Andrea with proof of the slaughter appointment. The processor must provide Amy or Andrea with proof of the slaughter. The deadline for slaughter is August 8, 2026. This means your appointment Must be on or before that date.
- * Market Hogs that went through the sale will be leaving Saturday, August 1st at 6:00am.
- * Market animals (not listed above) that did not go through the sale and breeding animals will leave Friday, July 31st, after 8pm.
- * Animals that went through the sale and were resold will be loaded out according to the following schedule on Saturday, August 1, 2026
 - * 3pm- Goats
 - * 5pm- Lambs & Pen of 3 Lambs
 - * 7pm-Beef and Market Dairy Steers
 - * 9pm- Beef Feeders and Dairy Market Feeders
- * Champion and Reserve Champion Animals will leave immediately following the sale.

EXTRA ANIMALS-OVER/UNDER ANIMALS

- * All extra animals or animals that are over or under weight must have an extra animal form completed and turned Into Amy by Wednesday, July 29 at 5:00pm. This is a mandatory form per our transport company's request.
- * JDC LIVESTOCK will not haul to a processor that is not being used by the SFB or Sales Committee for Processing. This was an issue in 2025.
 - Old Village Meats
 - Oilers
 - Links
 - Smithhislers
- * All extra animals or animals that are over or under weight that will be going to a processing facility that is NOT JDC LIVESTOCK but is used by the SFB or Sales Committee (list above) will leave Friday at 9:00pm (Extra Animals-Over/Under slip required)
- * All extra animals or animals that are over or under weight that will be going to JDC Livestock will load Saturday, August 1st (Extra Animal, Over/Under Slip required) using the below schedule
 - * 3pm Goats
 - * 5pm Lambs & Pens of 3 Lambs
 - * 7pm Beef and Market Dairy Steers
 - * 9pm Beef Feeders and Dairy Market Feeders

The Knox County Junior Fair Board would like to thank the following individuals for their dedication and support of the Knox County Junior Fair FFA and 4-H programs.

- **Knox County Senior Fair Board and Staff**
- **Andrea Rees and OSU Extension Team**
- **Kayla Jones and the team from the Knox County Farm Bureau**
- **The Knox County Junior Fair Sales Committee**
- **Park National Bank**
- **Our 2025 & 2026 Award, Photography, Barn, and Show Sponsors**
- **Trophies Unlimited**
- **The FFA instructors from Knox County**
- **Barn Supervisors/Species Supervisors**
- **Junior Fair Board Parents**

The Junior Fair Board would like to thank the following Barn, Show, Photography and Equine Sponsors

**Town Center Market Stores
Lapp Heating & Cooling
JDC Livestock
Knox County Junior Fair Sales Committee
K&S Towing and Repair
Jobs Insurance
TD Landscape
Keystone Cooperative
Knox County Cattleman's Association
Kidwell and Cunningham
Owl Creek Title Agency
Revere Roofing
Igel Company
Versova
United Aggregates
Granville Milling**

The Junior Fair Board office has a new location: We are located in the new swine barn, you can also find us in the white building across from the multipurpose building. Office hours in the white building will be:

Friday- noon-6pm

Saturday- 10am-2:00pm

Sunday-10am-2:00pm

Monday 10am-2:00pm

Tuesday 10am-2:00pm

Wednesday 10am-2:00pm

Thursday 10am-2:00pm

THANK YOU CARDS

Knox County Farm Bureau and the Senior Fairboard provide exhibitors receiving awards with a thank you card that has been pre-addressed to the sponsor. Upon receipt of your award, please write a short note to the sponsor, sign your name and return to the junior fair office. It is extremely important that you include a note, the sponsors appreciate the thank you card, but have mentioned it would be nice if the card contained more than a signature. If thank you cards are not returned for the 2026 fair, we will return to the prior policy of no premiums without a thank you card for the 2027 fair.

2026 JUDGES

Market Rabbit Show

Market Lamb

Swine Showmanship

Dairy Show

Market Poultry

Market Hog Show

Rabbit Breeding

DMF/Beef Show

MDS/Beef

Sheep Breeding

Goat

Poultry

Dairy/Companion Goat

Dave Cardinal

Jordan Ash

Khyleigh North

Matt Griffith

Sydney Bess/ Tom Rieman

Broc Thompson

Kevin Bogan/Kristi A

Jake Osborn

Regan Bowman

Jeremy Bradford

James Maynard

David Adkins/Sydney Bess

Jackie Ponder

GENERAL JUNIOR FAIR INFORMATION

EXHIBITION RULES

- The Knox County Junior Fair shall include the following youth organizations: 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, FCCLA, and Junior Grange. The completion of member evaluation/project judging before a Junior Fair exhibitor can participate in any Junior Fair competition at the fair or receive premiums for exhibiting individual project work
- No youth 19 years of age, as of January 1st, of the current year may exhibit in the Junior Fair.
- Exhibitors living inside the Knox County boundaries but belonging to a non- 4-H organization outside the county boundaries are still eligible to exhibit at the Knox County Junior Fair. However, they must follow all rules and deadlines as stated. All Junior Fair enrollment (including 4-H, FFA, Scouts) for fair participation is due in the Ohio State University Extension office by the deadline of March 15 (unless March 15 falls on Saturday or Sunday then the deadline shall be the following Monday) annually.
- Exhibitors must be enrolled in the project area(s) by this time or will be considered ineligible for fair participation (no exceptions). Boys and girls affiliated with those organizations in Knox County are eligible to exhibit subject to the rules of their respective organizations. Junior Fair exhibitors shall not exhibit any project work or supervised agricultural experience work for one Junior Fair organization that was completed for credit and/or exhibit for any other Junior Fair organization or school assignment. Duplicate projects cannot be taken in two or more Junior Fair organizations during the same project/school year, including 4-H and FFA membership in multiple counties.
- All exhibitors must show their own project to receive ABC grade and premium with two exceptions:
 - Medical reason approved by Junior Fair Director
 - Showing in another Knox County Junior Fair Show

If a replacement is necessary, a current Knox County Junior Fair Exhibitor may show the animal, if approved by the start of the show.

- All exhibitors must sell their own market project with three exceptions:
 - Medical reason approved by the Junior Fair Director
 - Showing in another Knox County Junior Fair Show
 - Exhibiting in an Ohio State Fair project approved by the Junior Fair DirectorPrior to sale.

If replacement is necessary, a current Knox County Junior Fair Exhibitor may sell the animal, if approved by the start of the sale.

- Parents and advisors are not permitted in the Show Ring during the show, unless in case of emergency.
- Tampering or altering an official Junior Fair document will result in IMMEDIATE loss of all Junior Fair privileges. Participation in Junior Fair Shows and activities are reserved for Junior Fair exhibitors who are enrolled with the Junior Fair program by March 15th, of the current year. Only officially enrolled exhibitors may participate and compete for awards and recognition in official, competitive Junior Fair shows and/activities.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

POSSESSION INFORMATION

- Products exhibited must be from projects carried in a Junior Fair organization and must be the property of the exhibitor. All exhibits must be current year products. The same product cannot be exhibited more than one year, except equine, livestock breeding projects, dairy market feeders and beef feeders.
- All animals must be in the care of and fed by the exhibitor for their specific possession date until release time, unless otherwise stated in the individual species sections.
- Horses and Llamas Alpacas are the only animals that may be leased. Horse lease guidelines are available from the OSU Extension office and must be turned in by May 1st. Llama/Alpaca lease guidelines are due at entries in June.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Quality Assurance is a mandatory educational process for all livestock exhibitors to exhibit at the fair. See Livestock Requirement Summary for dates and times.
- These rules are a supplement to rules already stated in other sections of the fair book.
- All animal exhibitors (except dog and llama exhibitors) must complete the annual Quality Assurance Program to exhibit
- See Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibiting Rules Quality Assurance 901-19-07

ENTRIES

- Entries are a mandatory process for all livestock exhibitors to exhibit at the fair. See Livestock Requirement Summary for dates and times.
- The Online Entry Portal will be accepting entries from May 8th- June 1st at noon
- 4-H and FFA members have the option to go to the Ramser 4-H Center on one of the following dates to fill out fair entries:
 - May 28, 2026 4pm-6pm

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS MAY SHOW IN THE SENIOR FAIR BY:

- See the Knox County Fair website, Senior Fair section and complete the appropriate deadlines and to pay any applicable fees.
- All rules and regulations as stated in the Senior Fair guidelines for these divisions must be followed, failure to follow stated rules could cause a suspension in Senior Fair participation privileges.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

LIVESTOCK INTERVIEW JUDGING

- All members exhibiting their livestock at the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair will need to attend one of the three Livestock interview judging events listed below. If any exhibitor **DOES NOT** attend one of the Livestock interview judging dates they **WILL NOT** be eligible to show livestock at the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair.
 - July 10, 2026 3pm to 6pm
 - July 13, 2026 3pm to 6pm
 - July 15, 2026 3pm to 6pm
- Clubs will be assigned a date to participate in the livestock interview process. If the assigned date does not work for you please contact the extension office to make arrangements to attend a different Judging session.
- Livestock interview judging is a mandatory interview process for all livestock exhibitors to exhibit at the fair. Exhibitors must bring the following items to judging:
 - Completed project book for each species they are showing during the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair.
 - A feed tag or ration list from their feed with each project book
- Exhibitors must bring with them a 4X6 horizontal photo to turn into the sales committee; failure to submit a photo will result in being ineligible to participate in the sale.
- Exhibitors are required to wear “business casual” attire for the livestock interview sessions.

ADMISSION PASSES AND WRISTBANDS

- Will be distributed to:
 - Eligible Junior Fair Exhibitors
 - Adult Volunteers in good standing
- Cloverbud aged members and younger will be admitted free.
- Exhibitor Wristbands will be distributed as follows:
 - July 10, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00pm
 - July 13, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00pm
 - July 15, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00pm
- Still project only exhibitors- When still projects are dropped off in the booth building for check-in
 - July 22, 2026 from 4p-6p
 - July 23, 2026 from 8am-noon
 - July 24, 2026 from 4pm-8pm
 - July 25, 2026 from 8am-noon
- Adult Volunteer Wristbands will be distributed as follows:
 - July 10, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00pm
 - July 13, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00pm
 - July 10, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00pm
- Swine Exhibitors will be given their support person band at Swine Weigh In. Each exhibitor that crosses the scale will receive a support band for a helper for both showmanship and show nights.
- FFA advisors and 4H volunteers will also be provided a support person band if they so desire to receive one and if the member does not already have a support person assigned.
- If a wristband is lost and you would like to replace it, you will need to go to the Senior Fair Board Office and purchase a youth fair pass (\$40.00) or an adult fair pass (\$50.00)

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

BACK NUMBERS

- Back numbers will be included in your packets received at Livestock Interview Judging at one of the following dates:
 - July 10, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00pm
 - July 13, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00pm
 - July 15, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00pm
- If a back number is lost and you need to replace it, you will need to go to the Junior Fair Board Office and Purchase a new one (\$5.00)

DRUG USE NOTIFICATION

- See Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibiting Rules Prohibited practices 901-19-04 and 901-19-06.
- These rules are a supplement to rules already stated in other sections of the fair book.
- All exhibitors of swine, market lambs, beef feeders, market beef, market dairy steers, dairy market feeders, market goats, lactating dairy goats, lactating dairy cows, tom turkeys, must submit a completed Drug Use Notification form for each animal by Thursday, July 23, 2026 by noon.
- All chicken broilers and pens of market rabbits must submit a completed Drug Use Notification form for each pen by Thursday, July 23, 2026 by noon.
- DUNF forms are completed on-line using the following link: <http://go.osu.edu/2026dunf>

OTHER JUNIOR FAIR REQUIREMENTS

- JDC Livestock LLC, requires all exhibitors of ruminant animals (market beef, market dairy steers, dairy market feeders, market goats and market lambs) must submit a feed additive statement to be turned in by July 23, 2026 by noon.
- Ractopamine Affidavit for swine projects must be submitted by Thursday, July 23, 2026. This is completed via the on-line link provided at the 2026 Livestock Judging sessions on July 10, July 13, or July 15, 2026.
- Failure to upload the required Ractopamine Affidavit could result in suspension from 2026 Knox County Market Swine show.

ON THE FAIRGROUNDS DURING FAIR WEEK

- All precautions shall be taken to prevent injury or theft of exhibits. However, neither the Senior Fair Board nor Junior Fair Board will be responsible in either case.
- All animals must enter from McKenzie Road through the back gate and will be taken directly to weigh in or housing assignment depending on species.
- All animals will have an official inspection once all animals are in assigned pens/stall assignments.
- Animals may not enter the fairgrounds except at the designated hours, unless previously approved by the Junior Fair Director.
- Any animals brought to the fair that do not match the entry and registration material filed will be disqualified and asked to be removed from the fairgrounds.
- For breeding animals, registration papers must be furnished on request for all registered animals.
 - Exhibitors may show an animal registered under a brother/sister
 - No animal, shown as a non-market project, shall be advertised or sold prior to the completion of the project or before the end of the fair.
- For market animals, and equine, exhibitors may show an animal entered under a sibling's name.

ON THE FAIRGROUNDS DURING FAIR WEEK

MOVE IN

- Equipment move-in will be held Thursday, July 23rd after 6:00pm for all livestock species.
- Junior Fair Board Members will have priority move-in and placement of their equipment. Please respect their equipment placement when moving your equipment into the fair.
- If exhibitor's equipment is not placed within the designated equipment area(s), the Knox County Senior Fair Board reserves the right to move said equipment. The Knox County Fair Board is not liable for the equipment in question.
- Exhibitors will not be permitted to unload tack or other equipment during the animal move in process in the barn areas.

HOUSING

- All Junior Fair livestock must be housed in the Junior Fair Building in the pre-assigned stall or pens.
- Housing assignments are only to be changed at the discretion of the Junior Fair Director
- All animals not entered in the Junior Fair area must be housed in the open class area.
- No animal entries over and above the number permitted to show will be weighed or housed on the fair grounds
- Exhibitors must clean out their pens or stalls completely and receive approval before leaving.
- Sawdust, wood shavings, mulch, ground corncob, and straw will be permitted for livestock bedding.

FEEDING, WATERING AND GENERAL ANIMAL CARE

- Each exhibitor is responsible for the care and feeding of his/her animals at all times.
- Each exhibitor must furnish all the feed and feeding/watering equipment for his/her animals.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for providing plenty of clean, fresh water for his/her animal(s) daily.
- Any animal not properly cared for as determined by the Senior Fair Board, Junior Fair Director, and/or fair veterinarian, shall be immediately removed from the fairgrounds, with all premiums forfeited and animal excluded from the auction. The exhibitor will not be permitted to exhibit animal projects in the Knox County Fair the following year.
- No outside scales will be permitted on the fairgrounds the week of the fair.
- Release times of exhibits are to be followed (refer to RELEASE TIMES listed in the 2026 Junior Fair Schedule). If an exhibitor does not follow these guidelines, they will not be permitted to show any exhibit the following year at the Knox County Junior Fair. The Junior Fair Director does have the ability to release animals before or after the release time, these requests will be handled on an individual basis.

ON THE FAIRGROUNDS DURING FAIR WEEK

SHOW CLASSES

- Exhibitors with more than one animal/species must declare at the weigh-in of the last animal which animal will sell.
- No breed show will be held in market classes.
- Over/underweight animals must show to receive premiums, but are ineligible to compete for champion or reserve champion, and are ineligible for the sale.
- Unworthy entries may be disqualified for premiums by the judges or the Senior Fair Board.
- All dehorned and castrated (no viable testicular tissue) animals must be completely healed.

JUDGING

- Exhibitors will be graded “A, B, or C” and ribbons awarded on that basis. In livestock exhibits, the contribution of the showman is considered and included in the final grade.
- Premiums will be paid upon the exhibits grade and the grade received from the livestock interview and/or book judging.

PREMIUMS

- Premiums will be paid to Junior Fair exhibitors who have the required exhibit displayed, project registered with an active Junior Fair organization, the appropriate entry by the deadline date, required interview judging completed and the project shown in the required class (all livestock).
- Exhibits shown under one class number will not receive a premium under any other class number in the Junior Fair.
- Exhibitors may receive premiums for a maximum of FOUR (4) large livestock (dairy, horses, beef, sheep, swine, llama and goat) classes in the Junior Fair. ANY number of miscellaneous entries can be made, providing they are a part of the exhibitor’s project.
- Junior Fair members who do not show or display at the fair do not receive premiums or a fair pass.
- In 4-H, a premium will be paid for a “member evaluation” grade.
- Pre-Fair livestock interview judging will be conducted for all livestock projects and will affect premiums, as follows: An “A” Grade- no difference, A “B” Grade- Lower premium \$.50, A “C” Grade-Lower premium- \$1.00.
- Premiums and awards may be withheld from those exhibitors who fail to follow junior fair rules and keep pens clean.
- All Junior Fair premiums will be paid out after the fair to the club advisors. A club advisor or designee can pick-up premiums for all their club members on September 4, 2026 from 3:00 to 7:00pm at the Ramser 4-H Center.
 - Failure to pick-up will result in the premiums being forfeited.
- All award winners will be required to submit a completed thank you note to the Junior Fair Board Office for the award sponsor in order for the exhibitor to receive his/her premium.

ON THE FAIRGROUNDS DURING FAIR WEEK

JUNIOR FAIR AWARDS

- Award needs and class make-up are determined by the entry forms filled out during the entry window.
- Awards will be given to exhibits with an “A” grade only.
- Special awards may be given if approved by the Junior Fair Director
- Breed classes with less than three (3) entries at the fair will be combined into the “all other breed” class.
- Anyone interested in sponsoring an award should contact Kayla Jones, Knox County Farm Bureau.

STAYING OVERNIGHT

- At this time, the Senior Fair Board does not permit any exhibitor to spend the night in the barns.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

- Age in these departments is the member’s age as of January 1, of the current year
- The number of entries will determine showmanship classes; however, the following guidelines will apply:
 - First Year Showmanship- Exhibitors 11 years or younger and showing specie for the first time
 - Junior Showmanship- Exhibitors 11 years old and younger but if no Intermediate Showmanship class is offered base on numbers in this class will include youth through age 14.
 - Intermediate Showmanship- Exhibitors 12 to 14 years old
 - Senior Showmanship- Exhibitors 15 years old and older
 - Master Showmanship- Overall winner of each species showmanship competition.
- Showmanship entries must be made by June 1, 2026
- An exhibitor may win showmanship in more than one species a year.
- An exhibitor must show his/her own project
- Show order will be posted prior to show
- Species not having a separate showmanship show will start with showmanship.

GRIEVANCES

- All complaints or grievances must be signed and presented to the Junior Fair Director. Complaint forms can be obtained at the Junior Fair Board Office. Grievances must be accompanied by a \$100.00 non-refundable fee.
- See Rule Violations sections of the Knox County Fair Book.
- Damage to the fairgrounds property committed by a Junior Fair exhibitor may also result in premium removal and payment for damages. Serious violations may cause the exhibitor and/or exhibitor’s family to be barred from showing in future Knox County Fairs. Unless fraud and/or deceptions are involved, all championship placings will stand.
- Repeat violators will be barred from future Junior Fair participation.

ON THE FAIRGROUNDS DURING FAIR WEEK

JUDGING

- All Junior Fair Judges decisions are **FINAL**
- No one is to address or confront a Junior Fair Judge. All questions need to be directed through the Junior Fair Director or Assigned Designee for that species.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY AND SPECIAL AWARDS

SENIOR FAIR SCHOLARSHIP

- The Knox County Senior Fair Board will present two \$200.00 non-renewable scholarships at the special awards section of the 2026 Sale of Champions. These scholarships will be open to the following individuals
 - Individuals graduating High School in 2026
 - Individuals' graduation in 2025 but with an extra year of eligibility
 - Must be attending a two or four year post-secondary or technical school
- This scholarship is an essay driven application with the prompt question being released in May 2026. The winner will be selected in the following manner:
 - Committee will read each essay with names removed from essay
 - Each reviewer will give the essay a scale from 1-10 based on response from prompt.
 - Applicants with the most points will receive an award.

LOVE LIKE LINDA SCHOLARSHIP

"Love Like Linda" is an inspiring concept encouraging individuals to embrace a life filled with compassion, kindness, and selflessness. It embodies the idea of living with an open heart, much like our mom, sister, aunt, grandma, and GiGi did, who was known for her unwavering love and generosity. Loving like Linda means actively listening to others, showing empathy, and offering support without expecting anything in return. It's about positively impacting the lives of those around you, whether through small acts of kindness or significant gestures of support. By adopting this mindset, we can cultivate deeper connections and create a more compassionate world, one interaction at a time. We are honored and pleased to present this scholarship to someone who embodies the personality Linda exhibited every day of her life and encouraged others to exhibit as well.

The family of Linda Dowalter is pleased to announce the establishment of the "Love Like Linda Scholarship." This non-renewable scholarship will be issued to one individual meeting the following criteria.

- 2026 High School Graduate OR
- Exhibitor that 2026 is their last year of eligibility
- Good Standing 4H or FFA Member
- Will be or is currently attending a two- or four-year technical school or university/college

The applicant will be required to write an essay answering the following prompt:

"What the characteristic selflessness means to me".

They will also be required to submit two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members explaining how the applicant exhibits selflessness.

On your scholarship application, please include:

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Phone Number

Applicant's 4H Club or FFA Chapter

School attending in the fall of 2025

Please mail applications and letters of recommendation to:

Love Like Linda

12252 Yankee Street

Bellville, Ohio 44813

Applications due by July 1, 2026

GAGE MOODY HEART AND SOUL AWARD:

This award, sponsored by JDC Livestock and dedicated to Gage Moody's memory, aims to recognize individuals who demonstrate the following qualities:

- * Daily effort and commitment
- * Setting a positive example for others
- * Showing passion for their project despite being perceived as the underdog.
- * The award will be presented at the special awards ceremony during the Sale of Champions

Criteria:

- We are seeking exhibitors who, despite feeling unseen and unappreciated and having limited social support, exhibit dedication and passion for their projects. The award aims to acknowledge such exhibitors and make them feel valued and special.

The award is intended to assist the recipient in:

- * Attending 4-H camp
- * Financial support for their 2026 4-H/FFA Project
- * Help with school clothing and supplies
- * Providing a stress-free day for the exhibitor to enjoy their childhood

The award is not intended to be used to purchase

- Electronics such as gaming systems or phones.

How it works:

- To nominate an exhibitor, please provide their name, barn location, and reasons for nomination in the drop box at the Junior Fair Board Office.
- If the office is closed, nominations can be submitted directly to Amy Carpenter or Aaron Chaney. Aaron and Curtis will review each nomination and observe the nominated individuals throughout the remainder of the fair week. After the review and observation, Aaron will select the winner(s) and present the award.

POMONA AND GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

New for 2026 The Pomona and Grange will offer 2-\$200.00 scholarships for qualified individuals who attend the technical school and have the intention of continuing their education and/or occupation in the agricultural industry. Applications are due by July 1, 2026. To apply for this scholarship, please scan the designated QR code in the band app to complete the application.

KNOX COUNTY LIVESTOCK FITTING AND GROOMING REGULATIONS:

- These rules are a supplement to the rules already stated in other sections of the fair book.
- Washing is considered part of fitting and grooming.
- Exhibitors will be expected to fit and groom their own livestock for show while they are on grounds.
- Pre-high school aged youth and high school aged youth exhibiting species for the first time may have assistance with clipping. All exhibitors, regardless of age, may have assistance with tail, switch, and mane preparation as well as the hoof, feet and nails.
- Market Hogs must have at least ½ inch hair on body, head and tail may be slick clipped. Adhesive may not be used for market hogs.
- Persons that are permitted to assist exhibitors are as follows: Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, current Knox County 4-H and FFA members, Knox County 4-H volunteers, and/or Vo-Ag instructors from Knox County.
- The word “assistance” implies that the exhibitor is receiving SOME assistance but is the primary person responsible for doing the work while LEARNING the art of fitting and grooming.
- Adult participation should be limited to GUIDING and TEACHING. In all cases, members hold primary responsibility for their own projects.
- Special requests may be made to the Junior Fair Director for special help if safety or other circumstances need to be considered.

OHIO’S LIVESTOCK HEALTH EXHIBITION RULES

901:1-18-01 CHAPTER’S APPLICATION

- a. Animals when moved within or imported into Ohio solely for exhibition purposes shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.
- b. Animals imported into Ohio for any purpose in addition to exhibition purposes shall meet all movement and import requirements of Chapter 901:1-17 of the Administrative Code.

901:1-18-02 DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter

- a. “Official veterinarian” means any licensed and accredited veterinarian approved by the Ohio department of agriculture, or an employee of the Ohio department of agriculture or the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services.
- b. “Certificate of veterinary inspection” means the same as an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection as defined in 9 C.F.R. 86.1
- c. “Contagious or infection disease” means any disease, including any foreign animal disease, or vector, capable of transmission by any means from a carrier animal to a human or another animal and includes dangerously contagious or infectious diseases.
- d. “Department” means the Ohio department of agriculture or its designee.
- e. “Exhibition” means the same as defined in section 901.70 of the Revised Code.
- f. “Licensed and accredited veterinarian” means a person who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine either by the state of Ohio or the state in which the certificate of veterinary inspection was issued and who is approved by the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection services, veterinary services to be an accredited veterinarian.

- g. "Official ear tag" means a United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection services approved electronic identification device that is both visibly and electronically readable.
- h. "Residue" means any poisonous or deleterious pesticide governed by 40 C.F.R 180 (2017), an any poisonous or deleterious substance governed by 21 C.F.R. 109.6 (2017), or any other substance governed by 21 C.F.R. 556 (2019).

901:1-18-03 Exhibitions: sanitation, inspection and records.

(A) Each entity sponsoring an exhibition shall have in attendance an official veterinarian for the duration of the exhibit.

(B) Each entity sponsoring an exhibition shall:

- (1) Under the direction of the official veterinarian, thoroughly clean and disinfect each building, pen, stall, ring, or other enclosure in which animals are to be quartered for exhibition immediately prior to the exhibition;
- (2) Have the official veterinarian:
 - (a) Examine the certificate of veterinary inspection when required for an animal brought to the exhibition;
 - (b) Inspect within a reasonable time of arrival each animal brought to the exhibit for any clinical signs of any infectious or contagious diseases;
 - (c) Inspect each animal daily that is present at the exhibition for symptoms of infectious or contagious disease.
- (3) Maintain a record for one year from the date of the exhibition of each animal present at the exhibit. The records contain the name and address of the owner of each animal, the species, official identification (if applicable), and breed of the animal.
- (4) Order the immediate removal of any animal which, in the opinion of the official veterinarian, places other animals at unacceptable risk of any infectious or contagious disease.

(C) The department may grant an exemption from paragraph (A) and (B)(1) of this rule upon request and for good reason.

901:1-18-04 Exhibitors.

An exhibitor, owner, or bailee shall:

- (A) Not present for exhibition or exhibit livestock which exhibitor, owner, or bailee knows or has reason to suspect is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease or residue.
- (B) Immediately remove livestock with any clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease from the exhibition premises when directed by an exhibition official, the official veterinarian, or the department.
- (C) Present a certificate of veterinary inspection, registration certificate, vaccination certificate, or other documents to exhibition officials, the official veterinarian, or the department upon request.
- (D) Failure to comply with the rules of this chapter may result in the department taking action pursuant to section 941.10 of the Revised Code, issuing a quarantine order, or issuing a notice of violation until such time that the violation has been remedied.

901:1-18-05 Poultry and fowl.

- (A) All turkeys, chickens and gamebirds exhibited in Ohio must either:
 - (1) Originate directly from a flock or hatchery which is a participant in the national poultry improvement plan (NPIP) for the eradication of disease and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph; NPIP status is only valid for one year.
 - (2) Originate directly from a flock which has had a negative test for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease within twelve months preceding the opening date of exhibition and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph.
 - (3) Have had a negative test for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease, within ninety days, preceding the opening date of the exhibition and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph; or
 - (4) Be tested for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease upon arrival at the exhibition by a tester approved by the Ohio department of agriculture and found negative.
- (B). Any co-mingling of birds voids national poultry improvement plan status from the original flock or hatchery.
- (C) The rapid whole blood test shall not be used to test turkeys for compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (A)(2), (A)(3) and (A)(4) of this rule.
- (D) Waterfowl, doves and pigeons are exempt from this rule.

901:1-18-06 Cattle.

- (A) Cattle moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (B) All cattle imported and upon entry into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule 901:1-17-03 of the Administrative Code and be identified with an official ear tag.

901:1-18-07 Goats.

- (A) Goats moved within Ohio for exhibition:
 - (1) The animal presented for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
 - (2) All sexually intact animals and any wether eighteen months of age and older must be identified with an official identification as defined in rule 901:1-13-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Goats imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule 901:1-17-06 of the Administrative Code.

901:1-18-08 Horses, mules and ponies.

- (A) Horses, mules, asses, and ponies moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease. If the animal is twelve months of age or older, the exhibition may require that the animal has been tested and classed negative to an official test for equine infectious anemia within twelve months of the opening date of the exhibition.
- (B) Horses, mules, asses, and ponies imported into Ohio for exhibition shall comply with rule 901:1-17-07 of the Administrative Code.

901:1-18-09 Sheep.

- (A) Sheep moved within Ohio for exhibition:
 - (1) The animal presented for exhibition must show no symptoms or clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease.
 - (2) All sexually intact animals and any wether eighteen months of age and older must be identified with an official identification as defined in rule 901:1-13-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Sheep imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule 901:1-17-08 of the Administrative Code.

901:1-18-10 Swine.

- (A) Swine moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (B) Swine imported and upon entry into Ohio for exhibition shall comply with rule 901:1-17-09 of the Administrative Code and be identified with an official ear tag.

901:1-18-11 Camelids.

- (A) Camelids including, but not limited to, llamas, alpacas and vicuas moved within Ohio for exhibition purposes must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (B) Camelids including, but not limited to, llamas, alpacas and vicunas imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with paragraphs (A), (B)(3), and (C) of rule 901:1-17-15 of the Administrative Code.

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AGRICULTURES RULES**

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS DEPARTMENT

SKILLATHON COMPETITIONS

- The Skillathon competition is available to all 4-H and FFA members on July 10th, 13th, and 15th.
- The competitions will be available in all animal projects that exhibit at the Knox County Fair.
- The exhibitor must be signed up for the project to participate in the corresponding Skillathon
- Exhibitors must be signed up for a Skillathon by June 1, 2026
- Winners will be announced prior to the start of each Market Show for each species.

OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITOR COMPETITION

- The Outstanding Market Exhibitor competition is available to all 4-H and FFA members who are showing a market animal at the Knox County Junior Fair.
- The top score from each market animal species will be recognized at the special awards prior to the Sale of Champions.
- The overall score will be taken from three (3) components (skillathon placing, showmanship placing, and live animal placing).

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Club members completing their 3rd, 6th, 10th, and 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th year of 4-H work and will receive 4-H memorabilia
- Club advisors serving as advisors for their 1st, 5th, or 10th year will receive a pen, key chain, and lapel pin, respectively.
- Authorized 4-H members that apply may receive trips to Ohio Teen Conference, Ohio Volunteer Conference, and Leadership Camp, Conservation Camp, or other various trips.

BEEF DEPARTMENT

BEEF LIASIONS:

Leah Weiser/Lane Dugan

BEEF AMBASSADORS

Junior- Zoey Shelly

Senior- Lane Dugan

BARN SUPERVISOR:

Brooklyn Cunningham

Arrival Time: Beef Feeders, Market Beef, and Beef Breeding: Saturday, July 25, 2026 9am-2pm, McKenzie Road Entrance

Weigh-In: Beef Feeders and Market Beef: Saturday, July 25, 2026 6:00pm, Multi-Purpose Building

- Weight Limits
 - Beef Feeders- 250-600 pounds
 - Market Beef- minimum 1,000 pounds
- The animals will be weighed on a one-pounds break
- All weights are final at the time of weigh-in. No re-weigh of animals will be permitted.
- Beef Feeders and Market Beef will be classed by weight.

Junior Fair Beef Feeder Show

Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 7:00pm, Multi-Purpose Building

- You may tag and show up to 2 Beef Feeders
- Exhibitors must have ownership of Beef Feeder by May 1st with Possession by June 1st and cared for until release time at the fair.
- All Beef Feeders must be dehorned, and bulls castrated (no viable testicular tissue) and broke to lead by tagging date in June
- All animals must be broken to lead and wear a halter in order to show.
- Beef Feeders must be of 100% beef breed
- Verification of parentage must be available if requested by the Junior Fair Director

Junior Fair Market Beef Show

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 immediately following the Beef Feeder Show

- You may tag up to 3 market animals. You can show up to 2 Market Beef or show one Market Beef and one Market Dairy Steer
- Market Beef and Market Dairy Steers must be in possession by the tagging date in December and cared for until release time at the fair.
- All steers must be dehorned, castrated (no viable testicular tissue) and broke to lead before the December tagging.
- All animals must be broken to lead and wear a halter in order to show.

Junior Fair Bred, Born and Raised Market Beef and Beef Feeder Show

- The exhibitor or immediate family member (mom, dad, sibling) must own the cow prior to birth of the calf.
- There will be one class to recognize Bred, Born, and Raised Market Beef and Beef Feeder animals
- Rules of junior fair tagging and possession apply to this class
- Entries will be available during junior fair entries in June
- Awards to be determined by the Knox County Junior Fair

BEEF DEPARTMENT

Junior Fair Beef Showmanship Show:

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 immediately following Market Dairy Showmanship

- Exhibitors may use a Beef Feeder, Market Beef or Beef Breeding project in showmanship
- See General Junior Fair Information

Junior Fair Beef Breeding Show:

Wednesday, July 29, 2026, immediately following the Beef Showmanship Show, Multi-Purpose Building

- You may show up to 4 breeding animals. Only one entry per class
- The cow and her calf will show together as one entry
- If either the cow or the calf is a cross breed they must show in the cross class
- Heifer calves may also show in the appropriate breeding class
- Heifer calves may also show in the appropriate breeding class.
- All champion and reserve breed champions will compete for supreme champion female
- Beef animals must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and cared for until release time at the fair.

Junior Fair Sale- Market Beef and Beef Feeder

See 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Sales Section

Release Times for Animals Not Going Through the Sale:

* See release times listed in the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Schedule

Junior Fair Department Awards and Activities

Sponsored by: The Knox County Cattlemen's Association

Herdsmen Award:

- Application sent directly to the Knox County Cattlemen's Association
- Awards to be determined by the Knox County Cattlemen's Association

Rate of Gain Contest

- All animals weighing in during the December tagging will be eligible for the rate of gain contest.
- Finished weights will be weights taken during weigh-in at the Knox County Fair.
- This award will be presented during the Market Beef Show

Carcass Contest

- Market Beef animals will be scanned during weigh-in at the Knox County Fair.
- The commodity group will pay for the cost of one animal. If the exhibitor wishes to have a second animal scanned it will be done at the expense of the exhibitor
- Awards to be determined by the Knox County Cattlemen's Association

DAIRY DEPARTMENT

SPECIES LIAISONS:

Sierra Shields

Lane Dugan

SPECIES AMBASSADORS:

Senior Dairy- Sierra Shields

BARN SUPERVISORS

Monica Magers

Vanessa Magers

ARRIVAL TIME: Saturday, 25, 2026 9:00am-2:00pm., McKenzie Road Entrance

Check-In: Saturday, July 25, 2026, Dairy Barn

- All entries will be checked at their pens.

Junior Fair Dairy Show & Showmanship

Monday: July 27, 2026 9:00am Multi-Purpose Building

- The showmanship contest for all dairy exhibitors will be held Monday prior the show
- You can show up to 6 animals in the show. Only one entry per class
- Dairy animals must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and care for until release time at the fair
- Junior Champions of all the breeds will show for Supreme Junior Champion after the last breed Junior Champion Show
- Senior Champions of all the breeds will show for Supreme Senior Champion after the last breed Senior Champion Show
- See General Junior Fair Information

Junior Fair Sale- Dairy Product

- See 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Sales Section

Release Times:

- See the move out schedule as listed in the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Schedule

DAIRY MARKET FEEDER DEPARTMENT

ARRIVAL TIME: Saturday, July 25, 2026 9:00am-2:00pm, using McKenzie Road Entrance

Weigh-In: Saturday, July 25, 2026 6:00pm , Multi-Purpose Building

- Weight Limit: 500-700 pounds
- The animals will be weighed on a one-pound break
- All weights are final at the time of weigh-in. No re-weigh of animals will be permitted

Junior Fair Dairy Market Feeder Showmanship

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 1:00pm, Multi-Purpose Building

- Must be 100% dairy breed. The recognized dairy breeds are Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn
- Verifications of percentages must be available if requested by the Junior Fair Director or Senior Fair Board.
- Calves must be dehorned and castrated (no viable testicular tissue)
- All dairy market feeders will be vaccinated
- You can tag up to 2 Dairy Market Feeders. You can show 1 Dairy Market Feeder
- Dairy Market Feeders must be in possession by May 1st. and cared for until release time at the fair.
- See General Junior Fair Information

Junior Fair Dairy Market Feeder Show

Tuesday, July 28, 2026, Immediately following Dairy Market Feeder Showmanship, Multi-Purpose Building

- Must be 100% dairy breed. The recognized dairy breeds are Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn
- Verifications of percentages must be available if requested by the Junior Fair Director or Senior Fair Board.
- Calves must be dehorned and castrated (no viable testicular tissue)
- All dairy market feeders will be vaccinated.
- You can tag up to 2 Dairy Market Feeders. You can show 1 Dairy Market Feeder
- Dairy Market Feeders must be in possession by May 1st. and cared for until release time at the fair.
- See General Junior Fair Information

Junior Fair Bred, Born and Raised Dairy Market Feeder Show

- The exhibitor or immediate family member (mom, dad, sibling) must own the cow prior to the birth of the calf.
- There will be one class to recognize Bred, Born and Raised Dairy Market Feeder animals
- Rules of junior fair tagging and possession apply to this class.
- Entries will be available during junior fair entries in June
- Awards to be determined by the Knox County Junior Fair.

Junior Fair Sale- Dairy Market Feeder

See 2026 Junior Fair Sale Section

Release Time:

See the move out schedule as listed in the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Schedule

MARKET DAIRY STEER DEPARTMENT

ARRIVAL TIME: SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026 9AM-2:00PM, McKenzie Road Entrance

Weigh-In: July 25, 2026 6:00PM Multi-Purpose Building

- Weight limits:
 - Beef Feeders 250-600 pounds
 - Market Beef- Minimum 1, 000 pounds
 - Market Dairy Steers- Minimum 1, 000 pounds
- The animals will be weighed on a one-pound break
- All weights are final at the time of weigh-in. No re-weighs will be permitted
- Beef Feeders, Market Beef, and Market Dairy Steers will be classed by weight.

Junior Fair Market Dairy Steer Showmanship

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 9:00 am

- See General Junior Fair Information

Junior Fair Market Dairy Steer Show

Tuesday, July 28, 2026, Immediately following the Dairy Market Feeder Show, Multi-Purpose Building

- You may tag up to 3 market animals. You can show up to 2 Market Dairy Steers or show one Market Beef and one Market Dairy Steer.
- Market Beef and Market Dairy Steers must be in possession by the tagging date in December and cared for until release time at the fair.
- All steers must be dehorned, castrated (no viable testicular tissue) and broke to lead before the December tagging.
- All animals must be broken to lead and wear a halter in order to show.
- Market Dairy Steers must be 100% dairy breed. The recognized dairy breeds are Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn.
- Verification of parentage must be available if requested by the Junior Fair Director or Senior Fair Board.

Junior Fair Bred, Born, and Raised Market Dairy Steer Show:

Sponsored by: Knox County Cattlemen's Association

- The exhibitor or immediate family member (mom, dad, sibling) must own the cow prior to birth of the calf.
- There will be one class to recognize Bred, Born and Raised Market Dairy Steer animals
- Rules of junior fair tagging and possession apply to this class.
- Entries will be available during the junior fair entry process.
- Awards to be determined by the Knox County Junior Fair.

Junior Fair Sale-Market Beef and Market Dairy Steer

- See 2026 Junior Fair Sale Section

Release Times for Animals

* See the move out schedule as listed in the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Schedule

**SHOP AND CROP DEPARTMENT
(FFA ONLY)**

SUPERINTENDENT: DEB BURDEN

PROJECT MOVE IN:

FRIDAY JULY 24, 2026 9AM-NOON

SATURDAY JULY 25, 2026 CROPS ONLY 8:30AM-9:30AM

JUDGING: Saturday, July 25, 2026 9:00am, FFA Building

Rules, Regulations & General Information

- All projects should have the name of the exhibitor and the chapter clearly displayed
- All exhibits will be graded A, B, or C

Awards will be provided to the best of show in the following categories:

Small Woodworking	Wheat
Large Woodworking	Oats
Small Welding	Soybeans
Large Welding	Hay
Overall Vegetable	Miscellaneous
Overall Electrical	Best Overall
Corn	

Junior Fair Entry Information:

Class Number- Class Description

280	Small Woodworking	291 Quart of Shelled Corn from previous Year
281	Large Woodworking	
282	Small Welding	292 Quart of Wheat
283	Large Welding	293 Quart of Oats or 50 Stalks
284	Small Electrical	294 Three Stalks of Soybeans with roots tied
285	Large Electrical	295 Quart of Soybeans from previous year
287	Large Sheet Metal	296 Quart of other Small Grains
288	Small Concrete	297 Hay
289	Small Plumbing	298 Garden
290	Three Stalks of Corn	299 Miscellaneous
300	FFA Farm Mechanics Booth Exhibit	

FLOWER & VEGETABLE DEPARTMENT

ARRIVAL TIME:

At a scheduled judging time

Book Judging: At a schedule judging time

Exhibit Judging: To be released by OSU Extension

Release Time: To be released by OSU Extension

Flower Rules and Regulation General Information

- Exhibit Rules- For the Specimen and/or Artistic Arrangements Exhibitors must be enrolled in the project How Does Your Garden Grow
- The exhibitor must grow their own flowers. For arrangements other materials may be used but must be less than 50% of the arrangement.
- All entries must be in place by exhibitors scheduled judging time
- Exhibitors must bring their project book with receipts for purchased plants.
- Awards will be presented to Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show
- Exhibitors are responsible for picking up all plants and vases by release time.
- Disposable containers should be labeled as such and will be discarded.

Flower Specimens

- Displayed in 4-H building and can be picked up after 9:00am on Saturday, August 1st after 9:00am
- Exhibitors must be present for judging
- Specimen classes will be divided according to the number of entries.
- May exhibit in up to four classes in the Specimen (flowers). Only 1 entry per class.
- Exhibitors must grow specimen flowers of the current fair year.
- A “specimen” is a cut annual flower or herb (no roots) showing the main stem with foliage intact.
- Specimens must be displayed in a vase, glass, or bottle containing water.
- Bulbs, iris, lilies, roses, gladioli, or herbs grown from previous years are not eligible to show.
- No plants in pots

Junior Fair Flower Entry Information

Classes	Definitions/Requirements
FL5	Zinnias, any type or color A. Small variety B. Large variety- 1 stem
FL6	Marigold, any type or color Large flower- 1 stem disbudded Small flower- 1 spray with 3 to 5 blooms and buds

FLOWER & VEGETABLE DEPARTMENT

Junior Fair Flower Entry Information

FL 7	Petunias, any type or color – 1 spray with 3 to 5 blooms and buds
FL 8	Herbs- 1 stem or spray
FL9	Snapdragons
	Small variety- 1 spray
	Large variety- 1 stem
FL10	Non-flowering specimens- 1 stem or spray
FL11	All other specimens- 1 stem or spray

Vegetable Rules and Regulations General

- Exhibit Rules- Must be enrolled in the project Grow Your Own Vegetables or Growing with the Seasons
- The exhibitor must grow their own vegetables
- Exhibitors must bring their project book
- Awards will be presented to Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show
- Exhibitors are responsible for picking up all plants and containers by release time

Vegetable Specimens

- Displayed in 4-H building and can be picked up after 9:00am on Saturday, August 1, 2026
- Exhibitors must be present for judging
- Exhibitors must grow vegetables of current fair year
- Vegetables must be attractively arranged on a 12' X 16' tray or another container
- Three (for project 691) and four (for project 692) of hour choices need to come from the list below. Make note that beside each vegetable is the number required to make each of your choices and any specifications. The fourth and fifth vegetable can be the exhibitor's choice.

Junior Fair Vegetable Entry Information

Peas (5 pods), Green Beans (5 pods), Yellow Beans (5 pods), Purple Onions (3, roots should be removed just below the base of the bulb, the jagged and dirty outer scales should be removed, tops should be cut off ½ to 1 inch above bulb), Yellow Onion (3, roots should be removed just below the base of the bulb, the jagged and dirty outer scales should be removed, tops should be cut off ½ to 1 inch above bulb), White Onions (3, roots should be removed just below the base of the bulb, the jagged and dirty outer scales should be removed, tops should be cut off ½ to 1 inch above bulb), Beets (3, tops should be removed to 1 inch above crown, tap root left on, minor roots removed), Carrots, (3, tops should be trimmed to 1 inch above base, tap root left on), Cucumbers (3, ¼ inch of stem should be left), Red Tomatoes (3, exhibit with stem end down, stem and calyx removed), Yellow Tomatoes (3, exhibit with stem end down, stem and calyx removed), Sweet Peppers (3, ½ inch of stem should be left on), Hot Peppers (5, ½ inch of stem should be left on), White Potatoes (3), Red Potatoes (3), Cabbage (1 head, other leaves to be removed except 2 to 4 wrapper leaves), Cauliflower (1 head, leaves to be removed except about 6 or enough to protect the head, these should be trimmed neatly about 1 inch above the curd), Broccoli (1 head, not less than 3 inches in diameter with part of the main stem attached, leaves should remain), Zucchini (1), Squash (1), Sweet Corn (3 ears, husks removed).

GOAT DEPARTMENT

SPECIES LIAISONS:

Meira Bryant
Addyson Tuttle
Ellie Boggs

BARN SUPERVISOR:

Amanada Harris

SPECIES AMBASSADORS:

Senior Goat- Meira Bryant
Junior Goat- Isabel Lewis

ARRIVAL TIME: Friday, July 24, 2026 , McKenzie Road Entrance

Weigh In: Market Goats- Saturday July 24 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm Overflow Barn Scales

- Please unload your animal and come directly to the scales
- Weight Limits 50-125 pounds
- All weights are final at time of weigh-in. No re-weigh of animals will be permitted
- Goats may be either does or wethers
- Drug Use Notification Forms are required for Market Goats.
- All market goats must have an approved form of scrapie identification to meet USDA-APHIS requirements for scrapie eradication

Check-In: Non-Market Goats

- Friday, July 24, 2026 from 3:00pm-5:00pm, McKenzie Road Entrance
- Drug Use Notification Forms are required for Dairy Goats in Milk

Junior Fair Market and Meat Production Doe Goat Showmanship

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 3:00pm Swine Barn

- Exhibitors may use market or meat production for showmanship classes.
- You can only exhibit in one goat showmanship class- Market/Production Doe Showmanship, Dairy Goat Showmanship OR Pygmy Showmanship.

Junior Fair Market Goat and Meat Production Doe Show

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 immediately following the Market and Meat Production Showmanship, Swine Barn

Junior Fair Market Goat Show

- You may enter up to 3 market animals. You can only show up to 2 market goats
- All market goats must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1st and care for until release time at the fair.
- All market goats must be dehorned, and males castrated before the possession date.
- All market goats must have an approved form of scrapie identification to meet USDA-APHIS requirements for scrapie eradication.

GOAT DEPARTMENT

Junior Fair Bred, Born, and Raised Market Goat Show

- The exhibitor or immediate family member (mom, dad, sibling) must own the doe prior to the birth of the kid.
- There will be one class to recognize Bred, Born and Raised Market Goat animals
- Rules of junior fair tagging and possession apply to this class.
- Entries will be made available during the junior fair entry process.
- Awards to be determined by the Knox County Junior Fair

Junior Fair Meat Production Doe Show

- All breeding goats must have an approved form of scrapie identification to meet USDA-APHIS requirements for scrapie eradication
- Only one entry per class
- Meat Production Does can have horns, but special care must be taken to prevent injury to the public.
- All goats must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and cared for until release time at the fair.

Junior Fair Dairy and Pygmy Goat Showmanship

Thursday July 30, 2026 9:30am Swine Arena

- You can only exhibit in one goat showmanship class- Market/Production Doe Showmanship, Dairy Goat Showmanship or Pygmy Showmanship

Junior Fair Dairy Goat Show

Immediately Following Master Showmanship, Multi-Purpose Building

- All dairy goats must have an approved form of scrapie identification to meet USDA_APHIS requirements for scrapie eradication
- You may show up to 4 breeding animals, including the Pack. Only one entry per class
- A dairy milk out must be conducted between 6:00pm- 6:00am the evening prior to the show.
- All dairy goats must be dehorned, scur can be no longer than 1 inch at time of show
- All goats must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and cared for until release time at the fair.
- There will be NO BUCKS allowed on the grounds for any purpose

GOAT DEPARTMENT

Junior Fair Pygmy Goat Show

Immediately following Master Showmanship, Multi-Purpose Building

- All pygmy goats must have an approved form of scrapie identification to meet USDA-APHIS requirements for scrapie eradication
- You may show up to 4 breeding animals including the Pack. Only one entry per class.
- All pygmy goats must be dehorned, scur can be no longer than 1 inch at time of show
- All goats must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and cared for until release time at the fair.
- There will be NO BUCKS allowed on grounds for any purpose.

Junior Fair Pack Show

Immediately following Master Goat Showmanship, Multi-Purpose Building

- All goats must have an approved form of scrapie identification to meet USDA-APHIS requirements for scrapie eradication
- You may show up to 4 breeding animals including the Pack. Only one entry per class
- All goats (except meat production does) must be dehorned
- All goats must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and cared for until release time at the fair.
- There will be NO BUCKS allowed on grounds for any purpose

Dairy Market Wether Class:

- There will be one class to recognize Bred, Born and Raised Market Goat animals
- Rules of junior fair tagging and possession apply to this class.
- Must be 100% dairy. Verification of parentage must be available if requested by Junior Fair Director or Senior Fair Board
- Three entries per class to make a class.
- Awards to be determined by the Knox County Junior Fair

Goat Costume Class:

- * Thursday, July 30, 2026 following the goat showmanship and goat show.
- * This is classified as a fun show and awards will not be given.

Sale-Market Goats

See 2026 Junior Fair Sale Section

Release Times for Animals

- * Please see the move out schedule as listed in the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Schedule.

LLAMA & ALPACA DEPARTMENT

Arrival Time: Saturday, August 1, 2026 7:30am-9:30am McKenzie Road Entrance

Junior Fair Llama and Alpaca Showmanship and Show

Saturday August 1, 2026, 10:00am, Multi-Purpose Building

- May enter only one animal for showmanship
- You may enter up to 2 llamas or 2 alpacas, or 1 llama and 1 alpaca
- If the animal(s) are leased, those forms are due at entries in June
- Copies of registration papers and photographs will be required at entries in June.
- All llamas and alpacas must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and cared for until release time at the fair.
- No intact males over the age of 2 may be exhibited.
- Class breaks for halter classes will be based on entries in June.
- High point performance will be based on showmanship, halter, obstacle, and pack class placings.
 - You cannot combine points between animals
 - In the event of a tie, it will be broke based on the higher showmanship score
 - If that is a tie, it will go to the higher halter class

POULTRY DEPARTMENT

SPECIES LIAISONS:

Meira Bryant

Jenelle Doup

Raegan Blanchard

Blake Hegemier

BARN SUPERVISORS:

Nick Hegemier

Sarah Hegemier

SPECIES AMBASSADORS:

Senior: Addyson Gerhart

Junior: Teagan Riddle

Arrival Time: Saturday, July 25, 2026 8am-11am (must be in place at 11am) McKenzie Road Entrance

All animals must report to a precheck table before making their way to their pens.

Weigh-In: Tom Turkey & Broilers

Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 12pm-3pm Multi-Purpose Building

- Turkeys- weight limit is 25.0 to 45.0 pounds
- Broilers- weight limit for a pen is 9lbs-16lbs. Birds will be weighed as a pen.
- All weights are final at time of weigh in. No re-weigh of animals will be permitted.

Check-In: Breeding & Production Poultry

Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 8am-11am. McKenzie Road Entrance, birds will be checked in before going to their pens. Small Animal Barn

- Show trunks are limited to the size of 32X20X16 inches. This is approximately the size of a 28-gallon plastic container.
- Sawdust and wood shavings are the recommended bedding choices for poultry.

Junior Fair Market Poultry Show:

Monday, July 27, 2026 11:00am, Multipurpose Building

- Boilers- only birds purchased through one of the “Knox County Broiler Pool” will be permitted to show and sell. Can show one pen of three birds
- Turkeys- only birds purchased at the “Knox County Turkey Pool” will be permitted to show and sell. Can show one tom turkey
- All poultry should be disposed of at the close of the fair and not returned to the flock. Disease possibilities are many.

Junior Fair Production Poultry Show

Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 9:00am Multipurpose Building

- Can show in up to 4 classes. Only one entry per class. Must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and cared for until release time at the fair.
- All poultry should be disposed of at the close of the fair and not returned to the flock. Disease possibilities are many

POULTRY DEPARTMENT

Junior Fair Chickens, Turkeys, Waterfowl Showmanship

Thursday, July 30, 2026 immediately following Junior Fair Production Poultry Show

- Exhibitors may use broilers, fancies, pullers, hens, turkey or waterfowl in showmanship. You may only exhibit in one poultry showmanship class

Junior Fair Sale-Tom Turkeys & Broilers- See 2026 Junior Fair Section

Release time for animals:

Please see the move out schedule as listed in the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Schedule

RABBIT DEPARTMENT

SPECIES LIAISONS:

Bristol Hegemier

Blake Hegemier

Raegan Blanchard

BARN SUPERVISORS:

Nick Hegemier

Sarah Hegemier

SPECIES AMBASSADORS:

Senior: Sophie Wolf

Arrival Time & Check-In: Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 8am-11am. McKenzie Road Entrance

All animals will report to precheck prior to reporting to their assigned housing.

Weigh In: Market Rabbit:

Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 12pm-3pm. Multi-Purpose Building.

- Market Rabbits- minimum weight for a pen is 10.5 pounds up to a maximum weight of 16.5 pounds
- Market Rabbits will be weighed as a pen
- All weights are final at the time of weigh-in. No re-weigh of animals will be permitted.

Check-In: Breeding Rabbit: (Carry-In option available)

Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 8am-11am, McKenzie Road Entrance, rabbits will be checked in before going to their pens, Multi-Purpose Building

- All rabbits must have a valid tattoo by the time entries are made in June to be eligible to show
- No rabbits with litters are permitted
- No locks on rabbit pens. Plastic wire ties are permissible. Show trunks are limited to the size of 32X20X16 inches. This is approximately the size of a 28-gallon plastic container.

Junior Fair Market Rabbit Show

Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:00am, Swine Barn Arena

- Market Rabbits- Can show one pen of three rabbits
- Exhibitors must have the rabbits in possession by June 22. At the time of show they need to be 70 days or younger.

Junior Fair Bred, Born and Raised Market Rabbit

- The exhibitor or immediate family member (mom, dad, sibling) must own the doe prior to birth of the kits.
- There will be one class to recognize, Bred, Born and Raised Market Rabbit animals
- Rules of junior fair tagging and possession apply to this class
- Entries will be available during the junior fair entry process.
- Awards to be determined by the Knox County Junior Fair.

RABBIT DEPARTMENT

Junior Fair Breeding Rabbit Show

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 9:00am Swine Barn Arena

- Breeding Rabbits- can show up to 4 animals. Only one entry per class
- Breeding rabbits must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and cared for until the release time at fair.
- The best two bucks (Junior & Senior) will show against the best two does (Junior & Senior) in each of the breeds to determine Grand and Reserve Champion.
- Breeding rabbits will be shown by breed, age, and sex (gender)
- Exhibitors do have the ability to carry this species into the fair on show day. Exhibitors must declare their selection by July 1, 2026

Junior Fair Rabbit Showmanship

Tuesday, July 28th immediately following the Junior Fair Rabbit Breeding Show

- Exhibitors may use a breeding rabbit or a market rabbit in showmanship

Sale-Market Rabbits

See 2026 Junior Fair Sale Section

Release Time for Animals:

Please see the move out schedule as listed in the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Schedule

2026 JUNIOR FAIR SALE SECTION

Sponsored by: Park National Bank:

Sales Committee Officers:

Jim Blanchard, President
Tyler McCann, Vice President
Bruce Gregg, Treasurer
Stephanie Plumly Secretary

Sales Committee Members: Amy Carpenter, Junior Fair Director, Thadd Blubaugh, Debra Buden, Todd Carpenter, Cindy Cunningham, Kathy Fry, Tara Hathaway, Michelle Harrmann, Jim Hughes, Scott Huvler, Jerry Lamb, Todd Lindeman, Don Love, Dan Magers, Lee Meyers, Marsha Meyers, Andrea Rees, Byron Rock, John P. Ruckman, Debra Rudolph, Jim Ruhl, Curtis Spaulding.

Marketing Charges:

- o **Grand Champion Animals 2% of sale**
- o **Reserve Champion Animals 1.5% of sale**
- o **All other species-\$20.00**
- Marketing charges go to pay for advertising and sale costs.
- Exhibitors will be assigned a sale order at random
- Pictures of all sale animals will be required; photos will be collected at the Knox County Livestock Interview Judging & Skillathon. The photo must be 4X6 and horizontal. Exhibitors must be wearing appropriate attire. Failure to submit a photo will result in ineligibility to sell in the Knox County Junior Fair Livestock Sale that year.

Pre-Weighing Weight Gain and/or Loss

- o Gain- The only acceptable weight gain method is natural consumption of fluid and/or feed
- o Loss- The only acceptable method of weight loss is exercise conducted in a humane manner.
- o Soaking- only dry animals will be weighed
- o Halters- Haltered animals may weigh with one halter which must be of acceptable size and style for that species.

Junior Fair Special Award Recognition

- o **Junior Fair Species Ambassadors**
- o **Outstanding Market Exhibitor**
- o **Various Scholarship Winners**

2026 JUNIOR FAIR SALE SECTION

Sale Information:

7:00am- Sale Building Opens

8:00am Special Awards Followed by Sale of Champions

- **Sale of Champions Order**
 - **Grand and Reserve Grand Champion**
 - * **Dairy Market Feeders**
 - * **Pen of Three Lambs**
 - * **Market Lamb**
 - * **Turkey**
 - * **Market Dairy Steer**
 - * **Market Goat**
 - * **Broilers**
 - * **Market Hog**
 - * **Market Rabbits**
 - * **Market Beef**

Ring 1- Multipurpose Building

- * **Market Beef**
- * **Market Dairy Steers**
- * **Beef Feeders**
- * **Market Rabbits**
- * **Broilers**

Ring 2- Swine Arena

- * **Turkey**
- * **Dairy**
- * **Market Goats**
- * **Market Hogs**
- * **Market Lambs**
- * **Dairy Market Feeders**

Rules & Regulations

- Each specie must be ready to sell 30 minutes prior to scheduled sale time
- All exhibitors must sell their own market project with three exceptions:
 - Medical reason approved by the Junior Fair Director
 - Showing in another Knox County Junior Fair Show
 - Showing in an Ohio State Junior Fair Show. If a replacement is necessary, a current Knox County Junior Fair Exhibitor may sell the animal, if approved by the start of the sale.
- An exhibitor may sell only ONE (1) lot through the sale ring. This includes Dairy Product.
- The following Champions MUST be sold through the sale ring:
 - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb
 - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Three Market Lambs
 - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market goats
 - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Broilers

- o Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Tom Turkeys
- o Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef
- o Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Dairy Steers
- o Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Market Feeders
- o Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Hogs
- An exhibitor may sell two or more lots through the ring, if and only if, all lots are on the list of Champions that must sell, listed in rule #9 otherwise rule #8 applies.
- These animals and/or any other market animals in the sale may be selected by the Ohio Department of Agriculture for Tests before or after processing/harvest. (The terms slaughter, processing and harvest are synonymous, and will hereafter be referred to as processing)
- Animals being tested will remain the property of the exhibitor until the carcass passes all tests.
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef, Market Dairy Steers, Market Goats, Market Hogs and Market Lambs will be trucked directly from the sale ring to a Knox County processing facility for harvesting as directed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- All animals after being sold, are ineligible for all other Junior Fair Shows (county, independent or state).
- A sold animal may not be returned to the exhibitor in the sale ring.
- The following top ten live animals (Market Beef, Market Dairy Steers, Market Lambs, Market Hogs, and Dairy Market Feeders) will sell in the first half of the sale. The following top five live animals (Broilers, Tom Turkeys, Market Fryers, Market Goats) will sell in the first half of the sale.
- No animal received a show ring C grade will be permitted to sell.
- No animal with unhealed scars or swelling in the scrotum will be permitted to sell.
- Appropriate attire shall be worn by exhibitors during the sale of animals at the fair. Examples of inappropriate attire include dirty clothing, hats, unsafe footwear, clothing or hats that exhibit graphics or words that may be offensive. Violators will be asked to change their attire or will be ineligible to sell.
- All buy bids for livestock from the Knox County Junior Fair Sale will be directed through JDC Livestock, LLC. All re-sale animals will be loaded and transported to JDC Livestock LLC.,
- Broilers, Turkeys, and Market Fryers will be transported for processing at the discretion of the Knox County Junior Fair Sales Committee.
- All exhibitors will be responsible for the care of their animals until their release. This includes animals that do not release until Saturday.
- Market Beef, Market Dairy Steers, Dairy Market Feeders, Market Lambs, Market Hogs and Market Goats will be sold by the head, as a premium sale. Broilers and Market Fryers will be sold by the pen. Tom Turkeys will be sold by the head. Dairy Exhibitors will auction a dairy product in lieu of the Dairy Product sale.
- Any official statement announced by Sales Committee members on sale day will take precedence over any published rules.
- The decisions of the Knox County Junior Fair Sales Committee are final.

SHEEP DEPARTMENT

SPECIES LIAISONS:

Trevor Mills

Addyson Tuttle

BARN SUPERVISORS:

Blake Tucker

Natasha Childress

SPECIES AMBASSADORS:

Senior Sheep: Isabella Byler

Arrival Time: Friday, July 24, 2026 from 6pm-7:30pm , McKenzie Road Entrance

Weigh-In: Market Lamb & Pen of Three: Friday, 24, 2026 from 6:00-7:30pm. Weigh of trailer in overflow building..

- Weight Limits: 95 to no top end
- Lambs will be weighed on a one-pound beak
- All weights are final at the time of weigh-in. No-re-weighs will be permitted.
- Single Market Lambs cannot be tagged to be part of a Pen of Three. Pen of Three Market Lambs cannot be tagged or used as a single Market Lamb.
- Lambs will be classed according to weight
- Lambs may be either ewe lambs or wethers.

Check-In: Breeding Sheep

Friday, July 24, 2026 from 6pm-7:30pm breeding sheep will be checked in at their designated pen

Junior Fair Pen of 3 Market Lamb Show

Sunday, July 26, 2026 2:30pm, Sheep Barn

- You may tag up to 6 Market Lambs for Pen of Three. You can only show one pen
- Each lamb in the Pen of Three must weigh between 95 -no top end.
- Hoof trimming, tagging, trimming of wool from eyes and other standard production practices are permitted prior to fair.
- All lambs must be in possession May 1 and cared for until release time at the fair
- All male lambs must be castrated (no viable testicular tissue) by May 1
- All Market Lambs must have individual scrapie identification to meet USDA-APHIS requirements for scrapie eradication.

Junior Fair Sheep Showmanship

Sunday, July 26, immediately following Pen of 3, Multi-Purpose Building

- Exhibitor may use a market lamb or a breeding sheep project in showmanship
- See General Junior Fair Information

SHEEP DEPARTMENT

Junior Fair Market Lamb Show

Sunday, July 26, immediately following Showmanship, Multi-Purpose Building

- You may tag up to 3 Market Lambs. You can show up to 2 Market Lambs
- All lambs must be born January 1 or later for the current fair year
- All lambs must be in possession by tagging date in May and cared for until the release time at the fair.
- All male lambs must be castrated (no viable testicular tissue) by May 1
- All Market Lambs must have identification to meet USDA-APHIS requirements for scrapie eradication.

Junior Fair Bred, Born and Raised Market Lamb

- The exhibitor or immediate family member (mom, dad, sibling) must own the ewe prior to birth of the lamb.
- There will be one class to recognize Bred, Boar, and Raised Market Lamb animals
- Rules of junior fair tagging and possession apply to this class
- Entries will be available during the junior fair entry process
- Awards to be determined by the Knox County Junior Fair

Junior Fair Breeding Sheep Show

Wednesday, July 29, 12:00pm Sheep Barn Small Arena

- You can show up to 4 breeding animals. Only one entry per class.
- Show order (by breed)
 - o Ram Lamb
 - o Yearling Ram
 - o Over all Champion Ram
 - o Ewe Lamb
 - o Yearling Ewe
 - o Overall Champion Ewe
- All Breeding Sheep must have individual scrapie identification to meet USDA-APHIS requirements for scrapie eradication.
- Breeding sheep must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 and cared for until release time at the fair.

Junior Fair Sale- Market Lamb

See 2026 Junior Fair Section

Release Times for Animals

Please see the move out schedule as listed in the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Schedule

SWINE DEPARTMENT

SPECIES LIAISONS:

Will Stokes

Lane Dugan

BARN SUPERVISOR:

Ansley Daubenmier

SPECIES AMBASSADORS:

Junior: Matilda Sulzer and Priscilla Smith

Arrival Time: Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 6:00-10:00am, McKenzie Road Entrance

Weigh-In: Saturday, July 25 from 6:00-10:00am, directly from the trailer to the scales in the hog barn

- Weight Limits- 220 to 290 pounds
- Hogs will be weighed on a one-pound break
- All weights are final at the time of weigh-in. No re-weigh of animals will be permitted
- Hogs will be classed according to weight
- All market hogs exhibited must go for processing. This is a “TERMINAL SHOW”
- Exhibitors not taking their market hogs through the sale ring must notify the Junior Fair Director of which of the following three choices they have made at the time of weigh-in.
 - Market Hog to JDC Livestock LLC, (Must compete an extra load slip and turn into Junior Fair Office)
 - Market Hog to a processing facility (exhibitor must fill out form at weigh-in, confirmation of slaughter appointment and slaughter confirmation must be provided by the processing facility)
- Exhibitors of under/overweight hogs MUST complete an extra load slip from JDC Livestock LLC.
- Exhibitors that have a market hog marked as self slaughter are not permitted to exhibit that hog at open shows, jackpot shows, or other fairs after leaving the Knox County Fair. The animal must remain in quarantine until slaughter. Individuals that knowingly violate this rule will be subject to a period of ineligibility.
- Adhesive is not permitted for Market Hog grooming/fitting. Individuals that knowingly violate this rule risk disqualification for the current fair year.
- Body hair must be at least ½ inch in length. Head and Tail can be slick clipped.
- Advisor status alone does not qualify you for a helper band for show days and times. If the exhibitor has already provided a helper band to another individual, you will not be provided a band for that show.

Ractopamine Use

- The Knox County Senior Fair Board has decided to remain a Ractopamine (Paylean) free fair.
- Each exhibitor is required to submit a ractopamine affidavit by July 23, 2026 at noon

Junior Fair Swine Showmanship

Sunday July 26, 7:00pm Swine Barn Show Arena

- See General Junior Fair Information

SWINE DEPARTMENT

Junior Fair Swine Show

Monday, July 27, 6:00pm

- You can tag up to three (3) market hogs. You can only show one (1) market hog
- Market hogs must be in possession by May 1 and cared for until release of the fair
- Males must be castrated (no viable testicular tissue) by May 1
- Any breed or cross is eligible

Junior Fair Bred, Born, and Raised Market Swine

- The exhibitor or immediate family member (mom, dad, sibling) must own the sow prior to the birth of the piglets
- There will be one class to recognize Bred, Born and Raised Market Swine animals
- Rules of junior fair tagging and possession apply to this class
- Entries will be available during junior fair entry process
- Awards to be determined by the Knox County Junior Fair.

Junior Fair Sale- Market Swine

See 2026 Junior Fair Sale Section

Release time for Animals-

See the move out schedule as provided in the 2026 Knox County Junior Fair Schedule

Show Trunks

- Show trunks may not be placed on the pen frames, they must rest on the planks between the mounting brackets and should not have the potential for tipping into the pen.
- Acceptable truck size is 24x24x44 inches
- All trunks not meeting these requirements must be placed in empty pens or under the bleachers.
- Empty pens are not permitted to be used as storage pens or tack pens for exhibitors, any empty pens. A board member will ask you to remove any items being stored or used in empty pens.