

# 2026 MADISON COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BOOK

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## 2026 Madison County Fair

### Theme: Decades

Moto: Fun through the decades at the Madison County Fair

### Junior Fair Office Hours

Sunday-Saturday 7am-7pm

## JUNIOR FAIR RULES, REGULATIONS, & POLICIES

### 1. Eligibility Requirements:

- a. **Enrollment:** Junior fair exhibitors must be currently enrolled and meet all enrollment requirements for Madison County 4-H, FFA, Scouts, Farm Bureau Youth, FCCLA, and/or any other participating youth organization. Membership for 4-H begins when an eligible individual is enrolled in a club or group that is under the direction of a trained adult who has completed the OSUE volunteer selection process, and that is within the scope of Ohio State University Extension.
- b. **Age:** Junior Fair exhibition eligibility for 4-H membership begins when a child is age 5 and is enrolled in kindergarten as of Jan. 1 of the current year (Clover buds). Membership to the 4-H club program begins when a child is at least age 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade as of Jan. 1 of the current year. Ohio 4-H membership ends Dec. 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19. Other youth organizations have their ages outlined under their departments. Please contact your youth organization

leader for specific requirements.

- c. **Entry Deadlines:** Each youth organization participating in the Junior Fair has their own entry deadlines and requirements based on their organization's enrollment. Junior Fair participants exhibiting as 4-H members must be enrolled in a 4-H Club by [March 15th](#) of the current year to be eligible to show, exhibit, sell or receive any Junior Fair awards

including premiums. See FFA, Girl Scouts, and other youth program organization leaders for entry deadlines.

- d. **Dual Membership:** Jr. Fair exhibitors that are members of more than one youth organization participating in Jr. Fair (example— 4-H and FFA) may not exhibit in the same project in both organizations. For example: You may take a market hog project in 4-H and a market steer project in FFA, but you may not take market hogs in both 4-H and FFA; this includes scrambles.
- e. **Exhibition of Projects:** Although it is not required for 4-H, FFA or FCCLA members to exhibit their work or participate in competition in order to complete their project, exhibition is encouraged as an opportunity for members to experience education, recognition, and provide public awareness of their organization. All projects are to be on exhibit, shown and sold by the exhibitor. In situations where an exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, another Madison County Junior Fair exhibitor may show one of the animals for him/her.
  - i. All exhibits will be given approval from their advisor in the form of a Member in Good Standing Form. Any member found not to be in good standing must have approval of the OSU Extension Educator to participate
  - ii. If a member is unable to exhibit, schedule an alternative judging with their advisor and/or OSU Extension Educator. No premiums will be awarded, and no early judging will be needed. Adviser grades are not to be changed after June 15.
  - iii. All exhibits will be given a final grade-based on advisor recommendation form (Member in Good Standing form).
- f. **Skill-a-thon:** All exhibitors must complete interview judging and Skill-a-thon to be permitted to exhibit or sell their animal at the fair. All exhibitors must bring a completed project book and completed feed records to skill a thon.

## 2. Passes, fees, permits, and premiums:

- a. **Passes:** Only 4-H/FFA members that participate in skill-a-thon and receive a member in good standing status will be included on the list to receive a Jr. Fair Pass.
- b. **Premiums:** All members in good standing will receive a premium.

## 3. Animal Exhibition Requirements:

- a. Entry is open to all who are enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA in Madison County. Junior Fair exhibition eligibility for 4-H membership begins when a child is age 5 and is enrolled in kindergarten as of Jan. 1 of the current year (Clover buds). Membership to the 4-H club program begins when a child is at least age 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade as of Jan. 1 of the current year. Ohio 4-H membership ends Dec. 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19. Membership begins when an eligible individual is enrolled in a club or group that is under the direction of a trained adult who has completed the OSUE volunteer selection process, and that is within the scope of Ohio State University Extension.
- b. Possession date for all projects is May 1 unless listed as otherwise in that specific project area guidelines (PLEASE CHECK INDIVIDUAL PROJECT GUIDELINES BELOW!)
- c. All fair entries for livestock projects must be registered online by **May 15**. Online entries will open in May. Entries must be made at **Fair Entry online no later than May 15**. Exhibitors and advisers are responsible for the proper entry of exhibits, as well as placement during

the specified times. Livestock exhibitors must make all necessary entries for each class. Register all potential animal projects.

- d. Junior Fair participants wishing to exhibit in the open classes of the Madison County Fair must make their entries and abide by the rules of the Madison County Agricultural Society
- e. **All judges' decisions are final.**

#### **f. Livestock Rule Change**

All livestock selected or placed for the Final Drive must participate in the Final Drive. All exhibitors are required to bring their animals into the show arena for the Final Drive competition.

Exhibitors who do not wish for their animal to win—due to processing requirements under Ohio's terminal show ("kill rule") guidelines—retain the right to fence or gate-line their animal. However, physical presence of the animal in the show arena is still mandatory.

This rule applies to all market livestock species and is designed to ensure that exhibitors compete at the highest level of eligibility for awards during the show. Exhibitors may not pull animals from the Final Drive or from any part of the show once selected.

#### **Consequences for Non-Compliance:**

- 4. Exhibitor will be ineligible to show that species the following year.
- 5. Exhibitor will be ineligible for Premier Exhibitor awards in that species (Premier points will be reviewed and addressed by the Livestock Committee).

### **6. Dress Code Standards**

- a. **Dress code for all species, excluding dairy, horse, rabbits and poultry:** (See dairy, horse, rabbit, and poultry rules for more specific dress codes.) All exhibitors must wear black or blue cotton or corduroy dress pants, jeans or ankle-length skirt as well as a collared, buttoned shirt or polo shirt that must be tucked in and buttoned. Any length of sleeve and color is acceptable. No shorts! Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes are to be worn. No discrimination will be made for religious beliefs. No shirts identifying family or farm names shall be worn.

### **7. Check-in and Release Standards:**

- a. Upon fair arrival, exhibitors should contact Junior Fair Board members in charge of his/her project area to get pen assignments, display locations, and/or acquire name tags if needed and receive further instructions.
- b. Exhibitors will pick up a back number in the Junior Fair Board Office. One number is assigned per exhibitor for the week, regardless of species.
- c. No pen assignments are to be changed without permission of a livestock committee member or Junior/Senior fair board member. Exhibitors who fail to obtain permission to move pen assignments prior to doing so, will be excluded from the premium livestock sale.
- d. Stall and pen space assigned and not used by the exhibitor for any reason (loss or illness of animal) will be used or reassigned by the Livestock Committee members.
- e. Upon arrival and check-in, you will be asked to declare if the animal project will be going through the sale. Once a declaration is made it cannot be changed.
  - i. If an exhibitor chooses to not put their animal in the sale and that animal wins grand or reserve champion, IT MUST SELL. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- f. Individual tack space is not guaranteed. Space is limited and first come, first serve. Exhibitors who choose to move their tack in prior to the start of the fair, do so at their own risk.
- g. Any request for early release must be submitted to the Senior Fair Board no later than 5 p.m. on Monday of the fair. All requests must be in writing and include a copy of the show bill and

entry form for the conflicting show.

- h. Only the Senior Fair Board can grant early release. Any emergencies will be handled on a case- by-case basis. Removal of projects including tack, supplies, and displays prior to listed release times or without permission from the Senior Fair Board secretary’s office may result in forfeiting the right to exhibit in future years.
- i. **The Madison County Ag Society is NOT responsible for projects left on the fairgrounds at the conclusion of the fair. If your project is not eligible to be loaded on the packer truck and you abandon your animal at the fairgrounds, you will forfeit your eligibility of showing any project at the following year’s fair.**
- j. **REFERENCE INDIVIDUAL SPECIES SECTION IN THE FAIR BOOK FOR SPECIFIC CHECK-IN AND RELEASE TIMES WHICH MAY VARY FROM THE ABOVE GENERAL RULE.**

PROJECT AREA	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
4H SPECIAL INTEREST	Saturday at scheduled time	
FFA BUILDING PROJECTS	Friday or Saturday	
ALPACA	Friday or Saturday	Saturday between 6-10pm
BEEF	Friday 5-9pm	Anything not being loaded on packer, leave by 6- 9 pm on Saturday
DOGS	Day of show	Day of show
GOATS	Move-in Friday evening from 5-9pm.	Anything not being loaded on packer, leave by 6- 9 pm on Saturday

EQUINE	Friday 5-9pm	Saturday evening
POULTRY	Friday 5-9pm	All projects NOT going on the packer truck leaves from 9-11 pm on Saturday
RABBITS	Friday 5-9pm	All projects NOT going on the packer truck leaves from 9-11 pm on

		Saturday
SHEEP/LAMBS	Move-in Friday evening from 5-9pm.	Anything not being loaded on packer, leave by 6- 9 pm on Saturday
SWINE	Monday 10pm-1am Entrance thru Garfield and exit at elm Re-weigh at conclusion of weigh-in @ 1am	By 10pm on Thursday for anything not being loaded on the packer truck.

	POSSESSION DATE	FAIR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS <b>**ALL projects MUST be registered online in Fair Entry by MAY 15**</b>	# ELIGIBLE TO SHOW	# ELIGIBLE TO SELL
Alpacas	1 week after shear date		1	N/A
Market Beef	January 1	*Tag and weigh in January of current year *Must register online by May 15. *Must be born after Jan. 1 of the previous year to sell	2 per class	1
Breeding Heifers	Please see specific species section for division dates	*Registration papers are required for all beef animals showing in breed classes. Registered animals MUST have the name of the exhibitor on their papers. Animals with no papers must show in a crossbred class. NO BULLS ALLOWED *If there are not at least 3 animals in a particular breed then an AOB Class may be added, otherwise those heifers will be shown as Crossbred. *Must register online	2 per class	Not applicable
Beef Feeders	June 15	*Must be a steer *Must be born after Jan. 1 of the current year *Must be weaned, halter broke and on feed by the fair *Must be 100% BEEF *Must return to the next year's fair as a steer	2 per class	1
Dairy Feeders	May 1			1
Dairy Heifers and Dairy Cows	May 1		Max of 2 per class	1
Dogs	April 1	MUST bring a completed dog project book to skill-a-thon. It will be the You & Your Dog Project Book. If you are taking a dog project where you do not bring a dog, then it will be the All About Dogs Project Book. Exhibitors cannot sign up for both a dog project where you bring a dog and	2 - Both dogs can not compete in the same class	Not applicable

		a dog project where you do not bring a dog.		
Market Goats	May 1	*Can tag up to 6-only show 2 *Enter animals online	2	1
Breeding and Dairy Goats	Please see specific species section for division dates	*All exhibitors showing purebred breeding goats must present registration papers at time of check-in with the appropriate ownership of the exhibitor. *Enter animals online	2 per class	Not applicable
Equine (Donkey, Mule, Horse)	May 1		Limit is 3 2 horses 1 mini  2 horses and a donkey  3 donkeys	
Meat Chickens	7 Weeks prior to fair (DBL check in fair book)	Toe punched upon exhibitor pick up	2 per class	1
Breeding Ducks and Geese	May 1	NPIP Paperwork or test results from hatchery.	2 per class	
Egg Production	May 1	NPIP Paperwork or test results from hatchery.	2 pens	
Fancy Poultry	May 1	NPIP Paperwork or test results from hatchery.	2 per class	
Market Turkeys	May 1	NPIP Paperwork or test results from hatchery.	2 per class	1
Market Ducks	May 1	NPIP Paperwork or test results from hatchery	2 pens	1
Market Geese	May 1	NPIP Paperwork or test results from hatchery	1 per class	1

Market Rabbits	May 1 *32 day gestation and can't be over 70 days old at	*Tattoo by the fair check-in (except kits in doe and litter). *See rabbit guidelines in fairbook		1
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	check-in.			
Breeding Rabbits	May 1	*See rabbit guidelines in fair book		
Market Lambs	May 1	*Can tag up to 6-only show 2 *Enter animals online	2	1
Breeding Sheep	Please see specific species section for division dates	*All exhibitors showing purebred breeding sheep must present registration papers at time of check-in with the appropriate ownership of the exhibitor. *Enter animals online	2 per class	Not applicable
Small Animals	May 1		1 rabbit, multiple guinea pigs, 1 pocket pet (1 of each species)	Not applicable
Market Swine	May 1	*Entries online by May 15 *Must be born after December 1 *Enter animals online *Allowed to bring 4 head and can be placed in any division.	4 of any division, 2 pens max allocation per exhibitor.	1
Breeding Swine	May 1	*Entries online by May 15	4 swine projects per exhibitor	Not applicable

**\*\*SWINE EXHIBITORS\*\***

- Ear notches are to be turned in correctly on Fair Entry during the registration period
- Ear notches will NOT be checked at weigh in.
- Ear notches will ONLY be checked prior to the Grand Drive (The ear notch on the project being exhibited MUST match 1 of the 6 notches provided on Fair Entry and by the deadline on May 15 th .

**\*Pigs that will be checked are as follows for Market Hogs**

- Grand & Reserve Crossbred Barrow
- Grand & Reserve Market Gilt
- Grand & Reserve Purebred Market Hog

**\*Pigs that will be checked are as follows for Breeding Gilts**

- Top 5 Crossbred Gilts
- Top 5 Purebred Gilts

**8. Mandatory Youth Livestock Quality Assurance:**

- a. Market animal exhibitors must attend an in-person AQCA (Assuring Quality Care for Animals) session offered in our county (or another county or state level program) that meets requirements set by the Ohio Administrative Code and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. This must be completed 45 days prior to the first day of the exhibition
- b. Youth ages 15 and older have the option to test out of their annual quality assurance program. They must pass a test to be able to test out of the annual program for the remainder of their time in 4-H. Tests can be scheduled directly with the OSU Extension Office.
- c. Youth that are showing a beef project animal can attend a face-to-face Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) session taught by a certified BQA instructor that meets the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement. The online BQA course does not meet the requirement.
- d. Youth that are 14 years or older and that intend to show a swine project animal can attend a face to face Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) session taught by a certified PQA instructor that meets the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement. The online PQA course does not meet the requirement.

- e. Youth 12 years or older as of January 1st of the current year have the option to take an online YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) module. This option requires youth to take the age-appropriate module for \$12/youth. Please check <http://madison.osu.edu> for up-to-date times and dates.

**9. Health Requirements, DUNF & Producer Affidavit Forms:**

- a. All livestock must meet health requirements established by the Senior Fair Board and the fair vet during check-in. Please refer to the open class regulations of the Madison County Fair Book.
- b. The most current ODA Health Exhibition Rules, either printed in this book or available upon request, will govern the exhibition of all Jr. Fair & Open Class livestock and horses.  
<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A1-18>
- c. Drug Use Notification Form:
  - i. A Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) will be required by exhibitors showing a marketable animal or project at the fair.
  - ii. This form must be completed and signed by a legal guardian if the exhibitor is younger than 18.
  - iii. Forms will be collected prior to the weighing of the animal.
  - iv. If an exhibitor or veterinarian administers a drug prior to or during the fair, it must be reported on the form.
  - v. If no drugs were administered, this too must be noted on the form.
  - vi. Be aware of feeds that have drugs in them as well.

**\*Animals not properly identified will be reviewed by the Madison County Livestock Committee and handled on a case-by-case basis.**

Project	Health Requirements and Papers	DUNF Form?	Producers affidavit	Required Identification
Alpacas	Free of contagious disease	N	N	Not Applicable
Market Beef	Free of contagious disease	One for each animal	One per exhibitor	Fair Tag from January
Beef Feeders	Free of contagious disease	Only if selling	Only if selling	Fair tag
Dairy Feeders	Free of contagious disease	N/A	One per exhibitor	N/A
Dairy Heifers and Dairy Cows	Free of contagious disease	Lactating cows only	N/A	N/A
Dogs	Current Dog License	N/A	N/A	N/A
Market Goats	Free of contagious disease	Required for each animal	One per exhibitor	Scrapie for all does and wethers.
Dairy Goats	Free of cont. disease	Lactating goats only	N/A	Scrapie Tag

Equine (Donkey, Mule, Horse)	Free of contagious diseases	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Meat Chickens Fancy Poultry Production Poultry	NPIP papers req. For all market poultry	Req for each meat duck, turkey, and meat chicken pen	N/A	Toe punch
Market Rabbits	Visual inspection at check-in	Market pens only	N/A	Tattoo
Breeding Rabbits	Visual inspection at check-in	N/A	N/A	Tattoo
Market Lambs	Free of contagious disease	Req one per market lamb	One per exhibitor	Scrapie tags required for ALL ewes and wethers
Market Swine	Purebred Papers	One per market project	1 per exhibitor	Ear notches Tagged at check in
Breeding Swine	Purebred Papers	N/A	N/A	Ear notches

**10. Mandatory Cleaning, Feeding, Bedding, and Locations for all Animals:**

- a. Exhibitors will be held responsible for cleaning pens or stalls at the conclusion of the fair. All livestock exhibitors are responsible for proper bedding of their animals to include removal of any panels or stalls put up for the week. All gates/panels must be taken down and stacked outside of the barn in a designated area at the conclusion of the fair. Bedding must be removed from the barn.
- b. One verbal and one written warning will be presented to the exhibitor, adviser and parent if a problem arises. If the situation is not resolved after the first two warnings, the removal will be enforced, and the exhibitor will forfeit the right to show that same project the following year.
- c. ALL animals must remain in their appropriate areas (barns, show arena or wash racks) for the duration of the fair unless permission has been granted (via JFB or Livestock Committee) to move an animal to a different area.
- d. Animals are not permitted on the midway or in the camping area.
- e. Any exhibitor using electrical equipment on the fairgrounds is required to use only grounded equipment with three-prong plugs. Inappropriate extension cords and adapters are not acceptable.

**11. Weigh-in/Scales**

- a. Please reference the individual species section in the Madison County Fair Book for minimum/maximum weight requirements for that species.
- b. Any animal that does not weigh between the minimum and maximum weight requirement for the project may show but will not sell in the premium sale.
- c. All re-weighs will take place AT THE END of check-in and must be stated that it's wanted at time of original weigh in. You are responsible for bringing your animal back up to the scales.
- d. Scales are tested and sealed by the county auditor for accuracy each year before the county fair.

**12. Hardship Cases for all Livestock Exhibitors:**

- a. After May 1 and prior to June 15, permission to replace an animal due to an extreme circumstance in which the exhibitor is not the cause of the animal's death or illness, will be considered and reviewed by the Livestock Committee, Junior Fair Advisory Committee and the Junior Fair Board division members of that project area.

- b. Any exhibitor found guilty of taking advantage of the replacement provision, such as injuring an animal on purpose or not acquiring an animal by the appropriate deadline, will forfeit all rights to exhibit and sell at the Madison County Junior Fair for a period of no less than two years.
- c. After June 15, there are NO ANIMAL REPLACEMENTS due to extreme circumstances. Any exhibitor not able to exhibit their animal after June 15 will have the option to display a poster or develop a scrapbook about their project. If an exhibitor is physically ill or injured and unable to show in their species showmanship class, they must have a written doctor's excuse and have, in writing, who will be in charge of that animal in order to be eligible to sell. The doctor's excuse must be given prior to the appropriate showmanship show.

### 13. Grievance/Protest Procedures for Fair Week:

- a. Committee will be made up of the president of the Senior Fair Board and three other designees from the Madison County Livestock Committee and the Senior Fairboard .
- b. All grievances must be made in writing along with a \$150.00 non-refundable fee.
- c. Grievances must be filed within 36 hours of any given Junior Fair Show.
- d. The Grievance/Protest Committee, upon receipt of the written protest, will investigate using the Junior Fair Advisory Committee, Extension Educators, 4-H advisers, Junior Fair Livestock Sales Committee members, FFA advisers, and FCCLA advisers to investigate the incident that caused the grievance.
- e. Finding results will be made within 24 hours of receipt of grievance.
- f. Written explanation will be given to all parties involved.
- g. Both parties can file a written protest. Procedures are listed below; — A written protest will be accepted using the standard protest form along with a \$150 non-refundable fee. If either party involved disagrees with the results, the executive board of the Madison County Agricultural Society will handle the protest. The results will be finalized within 12 hours

### 14. Junior Fair Showmanship and Market Classes:

#### Rules:

- i. All livestock market projects must enter in showmanship and Market Classes in order to sell. \* Hardship cases will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Madison County Livestock Committee.
- ii. Exhibitors participating in showmanship must exhibit the same animal through the entire showmanship competition and may not substitute with any other animal at any time during the competition.
- iii. No two exhibitors may show the same animal in the Junior Fair showmanship contest. \* Hardship cases will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Madison County Livestock Committee.
- iv. All Junior Fair projects, at the fair, are to be groomed by the exhibitor, with minimal assistance by members of the exhibitor's immediate family, other Madison County Junior Fair participants, advisors, or breeders in the stall area.
- v. **THIS MUST BE AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE WHERE THE JUNIOR FAIR PARTICIPANT IS ALWAYS PRESENT.**
- vi. **Any infraction of this rule may result in the exhibitor being excluded from the sale and/or the show. Infractions will be handled on a case-by case basis by the Madison County Livestock Committee.**
- vii. **No persons outside of the exhibitor's immediate family, Madison County Junior Fair participants, or their adviser may accompany the exhibitor in the show area/make up arena.**
- viii. Showmanship classes will be divided after entries are received and posted prior to the show per each division's preference. Each age class will have the first and second place winners advance to a "division" showmanship class. These divisions are broken down accordingly:
  1. Junior -Ages 8-11 • Intermediate - Ages 12-14 Senior - Ages 15 and older
  2. \*Equine is the exception with different age divisions.

3. As laid out by the Premier Livestock Exhibitor contest, the top three from each age division will then compete for the Showman of Showmen for that species. The first-place winner of this competition will compete in the Grand Showman of Showmen contest.
- ix. Suspicion of use of unauthorized drugs may be subject to blood test.
- x. Exhibitors caught abusing an animal may be prohibited from selling their animals. The judge will be instructed to disqualify an exhibitor who is abusing his or her animal in the ring.
- xi. **Judge's decisions are final.**

#### **15. Mandatory Skill-a-Thon and Interview Judging:**

- a. All exhibitors must complete interview judging and Skill-a-thon to be permitted to exhibit or sell their animal at the fair.
- b. All exhibitors must bring a completed project book and completed feed records to skill a thon.
- c. Skill-a-thon is required of all exhibitors at the Madison County Fair. If a youth has a date conflict with the skill-a-thon, a makeup can be scheduled with the 4-H Educator. Please schedule the makeup skill-a-thon date by June 1st. Exhibitors that take the makeup skill-a-thon are no longer eligible for premier exhibitor.

#### **16. Requests for Show Conflicts:**

- a. If an exhibitor has a conflicting show (ex: National Breed Association Show) they may request to leave the Madison County Fair early or arrive late.
- b. Requests must be made by June 15. Requests made later than June 15 will not be considered.
- c. Proof of entry must be submitted with a written request to the Senior Fair Board.

#### **17. Junior Fair Livestock Sale:**

Exhibitors must participate in showmanship in order to sell. See dress code rules for appropriate sale attire.

General rules:

- a. All market livestock sales must be declared at check-in, except feeder cattle. Only market animals are permitted to sell.
- b. An exhibitor may sell only one animal per project, with no more than two animals total. For a member to sell two animals, they must be from different projects as determined by the FFA and Ohio 4-H/Madison County 4-H project numbers.
- c. Members who do not wish to sell their market projects in the Junior Fair Sale must declare this during the registration process, by June 1. You may still participate in the premium sale, but you are declaring that you will be taking your animal home and not loading it on the packer truck from the fair.
- d. Junior Fair exhibitors must be present to sell.
- e. Proper dress code will be enforced.
- f. Dairy exhibitors will be held responsible for securing and bringing their own produce (i.e. Cheese Tray) to the Junior Fair sales for auction. Only dairy exhibitors who have shown in a showmanship class and breed class will be eligible for proceeds from the sale of the item.
- g. All species will sell continuously starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday.
- h. All animals must be completely healed (as determined by a veterinarian) from castration to be eligible to sell.
- i. While every effort will be made to secure a packer market for the market livestock brought to the Madison County Fair, if no market exists, the project will return home.
- j. Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee Expenses: The Madison County Sale Committee will deduct 5% of the gross sale per animal to cover the sales expenses, including printing, ear tagging supplies, advertising, postage, checks, insurance, scale

maintenance, trucking, checkoffs, pictures and sale cards. In addition, we participate in

the Ohio Pork, Beef and Sheep Producers Check-off programs and are subject to mandatory costs. Sale checks will be distributed no later than the 30th day of August. Please do not call about the sales checks as this only delays the mailing process

**ALL GRAND AND RESERVE MARKET PROJECTS MUST SELL!**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**18. Livestock Grand Showman of Showmen Contest:**

- a. Will be held the Friday of Fair week Eby Arena
- b. There will be a maximum of nine participants in the contest.
- c. The Showman of Showmen winners from the following species will be eligible for the contest: Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Horse, Poultry, Alpacas and Rabbits. All nine participants will show the same species at the same time. In the event that there are not enough animals of one species to be shown at one time, participants will be split.
- d. ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS' (in their respective species) ANIMALS WILL BE USED IN THE SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN COMPETITION!
- e. There will be one ring per participating division and no sideline coaching is permitted. Any participant receiving sideline coaching will be disqualified.
- f. Exhibitors must wear show jeans with the provided showman of showmen t-shirt, Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes are to be worn. No discrimination will be made for religious beliefs. Persons not abiding by these rules will be penalized by not being placed.
- g. Competitors must pick up the showman of showmen packet in the junior fair office with their parents to sign for it.
- h. If a participant can't represent their species, no one will replace the participant.
- i. Each species will show for 8 minutes. Each animal will be shown with the appropriate show equipment for that animal.
- j. There will be a judge for each species who will place the participants first through eighth.
- k. The judge may ask the exhibitors to switch animals during the course of each species being shown.
- l. The nine placings from the live show will be added together and the lowest score will determine the winner of the Grand Showman of Showmen Contest.
- m. In case of a tie, the exhibitors will be interviewed by the judges.
- n. **In the event that a grand showman of showmen contestant wishes to forfeit their opportunity of participating in the competition, they also forfeit the entire species from being shown and forfeit their showman of showmen sale spot in the premium sale.**
- o. **In the event that an exhibitor wins showman of showmen in multiple species, they will represent each species they won with in the grand showman of showmen competition.**
- p. **The judge's decision is final.**

**Show order will be: Swine, Rabbit, Poultry, Alpacas, Sheep, Dairy, Goat, Beef, Equine**

**19. Premier Livestock Exhibitor:**

This contest is offered in the following divisions: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit. Equine will also have a high points award which have details listed in their species specific section.

- a. Any 4-H or FFA member who enrolls in a market project for any of these areas is eligible for the Premier Market Exhibitor program for that specie(s). Participation in the program is not a requirement to show at the fair or to complete a project.

- b. Points towards the PLE will be accumulated by the youth in the following areas:
- 1) Skill-a-thon (including record book),
  - 2) Showmanship,
  - 3) Animal Placement
  - 4) General Livestock Judging

- c. Each project number will stand on its own. If an individual earns points in the Skill-a-thon, Livestock Judging, or Showmanship, said individual will get the points toward each project number. However, if said individual earns points in the Animal Placement, points go toward the highest placed animal exhibited.
- d. Should the PLE in any species result in a tie, the skill-a-thon score will be the tie breaker. Should it still result in a tie, the showmanship score will be the 2nd tie breaker.
- e. There will be a Premier Livestock Exhibitor chosen for each species. There will NOT be a runner-up.
- f. The award given to the Premier Livestock Exhibitor of each species will be announced by the Junior Fair Board on Friday during the Grand Showman of Showman competition.
- g. Any discrepancies will be resolved through the Grievance Committee and the Senior Fair Board in a timely manner.
- h. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.