1. **PROJECT BOOK & LIVESTOCK RECORDS**
   - **PROJECT BOOKS:** Each first-year member will receive a Dairy Heifer Project/Record Book (#122) AND/OR a Dairy Cow Project/Record Book (#126) and a Dairy Resource Handbook (#127R). Member must retain these books for use in future years. Replacement books can be purchased at the Extension office. Note: The Resource Handbook is given one per family and must be retained for future family members.
   - **LIVESTOCK RECORD:** Each member will receive a Livestock Record annually. Members are required to bring their completed Livestock Record to the Animal Project Skillathon with all information completed up to the date of the Skillathon.

2. **QUALITY ASSURANCE (mandatory):** All Ohio Junior Fair Market & Dairy Exhibitors must complete a Quality Assurance Training to exhibit and/or sell their animals at County, Independent or State Fairs. All Jr. Fair Exhibitors shall successfully complete QA not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate (ODA 1/2018).
   - **June 1, current year:** To register/exhibit at the State Fair, youth must complete QA prior to June 1.
   - **June 24, current year:** To exhibit and sell animals at the Ross County Fair, Jr. Fair Exhibitors MUST complete and submit proof of attendance by this date.
   - **QA Opportunities:** For dates/times, go to ross.osu.edu
     - **In-Person** (all ages): Offered in Ross County and other counties. Exhibitors may attend trainings at approved QA programs/clinics but must get verification by the educator of the county where the program took place and submit to Ross County Extension office.
     - **Test-Out** (ages 15–18 as of January 1): Youth will complete QA for current year and will then take a test. Youth scoring 70%-100% will test out of QA for their remaining 4-H/FFA career.
     - **On-Line** (ages 15-18 as of January 1): Youth will use their 4-H online log-in information and has a fee of $12. This is NOT a test-out option but replaces the In-Person training.
     - Note: All other online courses do not meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA certification requirements (i.e. BQA, PQA, BEST, etc.) per Ohio Department of Agriculture.

3. **ROSS COUNTY ANIMAL PROJECT SKILLATHON (mandatory):** All Ross County Jr. Fair Animal Project Exhibitors must complete an Animal Project Skillathon to exhibit their animal(s). Exhibitors may complete either the Ross County Skillathon OR the Ohio State Fair Skillathon for their species. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to submit proof of completion, if attending the OSF Skillathon.
   - **Age Categories:** Exhibitors complete Skillathon according to their age (as of January 1).
     - Junior (8-11 years)
     - Intermediate (12 – 14 years)
     - Senior (15 – 18 years)
   - **Skillathon Dates/Times:** Go to ross.osu.edu
   - **Skillathon Study Guides:** Go to ross.osu.edu

**PREMIER SKILLATHON** (all ages): This optional contest will be held during the Animal Project Skillathon. Participants will compete in a Premier Skillathon station in each specie area. Details will be in the May Family Hotline and Ross County Fair Book.

4. **JR FAIR EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE:** Exhibitors must adhere to the following dress requirements at all shows and sales at the fair: Must wear nice jeans or slacks (no low-rise, no holes or tears); a shirt, blouse or polo with a collar and sleeves AND without slogans or advertisements (4-H club/member name is acceptable); no cleavage showing; no undergarments showing. Shoes must be closed-toe (no sandals or flip flops). Exception: Dairy Cattle exhibitors should wear “Dairy Whites” (white shirt, white pants or skirt).
DAIRY CATTLE

1. Dairy Projects & suggested exhibitor ages:
   #122 Dairy Heifers ages 8 - 18
   #126 Dairy Cow Project ages 14 – 18

2. All 4-H Livestock Projects must be in the continual care of the youth and their parent(s) during the duration of the project. All non-market livestock projects must be in a member’s possession by May 1 of each year.

3. *NEW IN 2020 ON-LINE FORM! Non-Market Livestock Fair Entry Forms due July 15. Members must submit an on-line NON-MARKET LIVESTOCK FAIR ENTRY FORM for each Dairy Project by July 15 to be eligible to exhibit at the Ross County Junior Fair.

4. Safety. Any animal found by the Dairy Superintendents to be a risk to the health and wellness of exhibitors and/or fair goers will not be permitted to show or sell can be dismissed from the fairgrounds at any time. No livestock permitted in the campgrounds.

5. Drenching. Drenching of livestock is prohibited at an exhibition, unless it is for a medical condition diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian. (ODA, 2016)

6. The Ross County Dairy Show takes place on Monday of fair week, at 7:30 a.m.

7. Jr Fair Dairy Classes: * No more than two entries may be made in each class.
   - Junior Heifer Calf - Born between March 1 and April 10 of current year and over (4) months of age.
   - Intermediate Heifer Calf - Born December 1 of previous year thru February 28 of current year.
   - Senior Heifer Calf - Born September 1 through November 30 of previous year.
   - Summer Yearling Heifer - Born June 1 through August 31 of previous year.
   - Junior Yearling Heifer - Born March 1 through May 31 of previous year.
   - Intermediate Yearling Heifer - Born December 1 through February 28 of previous year.
   - Senior Yearling Heifer - Born September 1 (2 years ago) through November 30 (2 years ago).
   - Two Year Old - Born September 1 (3 years ago) through August 31, (2 years ago).
   - Three Year Old - Born September 1 (4 years ago) through August 31 (3 years ago).
   - Cow - Born prior to September 1 (4 years ago).

8. All livestock exhibitors must clean their stall/pen and aisle by 12:00noon Sunday after fair. Exhibitors not in compliance will be placed on a 1-year probation. If second offense occurs, the exhibitor will be ineligible to exhibit the following year.

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DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP:

1. Dairy showmanship divisions (and age as of January 1 of current year) are:
   - Senior Division (15 years and over)
   - Intermediate Division (12 – 14 years)
   - Junior Division (8 – 11 years)
   *Beginner Division (8 – 11 years or showing for the first time)
   *Master

*Notes:
   a.) Any first-year showman meeting the age category has the option of entering the Junior Division and not the Beginner Division.
   b.) The Master Showmanship Contest is open to all Junior Fair Livestock members who are current or previous winners of a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior showmanship class.

2. Showmanship Show Order: 1) Senior 2) Intermediate 3) Junior 4) Beginner 5) Master Division

3. For Dairy Showmanship: An exhibitor may continue to show in their respective age categories after winning. See the Ross County Fair Book “Livestock Showmanship” section for complete rules concerning age divisions.

4. Exhibitors must be current Junior Fair Livestock members and must show their current project.

5. Each contestant must fit and show his own animal. During the course of the contest, the exhibitor may be asked by the judge to show some other animal.

6. The animal used for showmanship must be one entered and shown by the exhibitor in respective production or market class in the Junior Fair.