1. **PROJECT BOOK & LIVESTOCK RECORDS**
   - **PROJECT BOOKS**: Each first-year member will receive a Market Hog Project Book (#139) and/or a Swine Breeding Project Book (#140) plus a Swine Resource Handbook (#134R). 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. This is NOT a test-out option but replaces the In-Person training.
     - 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. 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).
MARKET HOG PROJECTS:

2020 IMPORTANT DATES

- **Market Hog SPRING Tagging Dates:**
  - Saturday, May 2
  - Monday, May 4
- **Fair Weigh-in:** Sunday of fair at 7:00am
- **Market Hog Show:** Tuesday of fair at 8:00am
- **Swine Showmanship Contest:** Wednesday of fair at 8:00am
- **Market Hog Sale:** Thursday of fair 6:00pm

MARKET HOGS EXHIBITED AT THE FAIR:

1. **NEW IN 2020:** Use of RACTOPAMINE (i.e. Paylean® or Engain®) is BANNED from birth to butcher, zero trace policy. Swine exhibited at the Ross County Jr. Fair are required to be ractopamine-free. (sfb 03/2020)
   - **Testing Procedure:**
     - Jr. Fair Market Swine Show Top 5 winners will be subject to rapid testing for ractopamine immediately following winning.
   - **Penalty if testing found positive (by either Ross County Jr. Fair or the Packer):**
     - **Ross County Jr. Fair penalty in 2020:** If the immediate on-site rapid test or further packer testing results test positive for ractopamine traces, then a 1-year ban for participation in market livestock exhibition is placed on the member and the member’s family.
     - **Ross County 4-H penalty in 2020:** Members will not be permitted to take a livestock project for 1 year.
     - **In 2021:** Both Jr. Fair and 4-H will move the participation ban to 3 years.
   - **An affidavit will be required to be signed & returned by all exhibitors and parents/guardians confirming no use of ractopamine before being permitted to show or sell.**

2. **Safety:** Any animal found by the Swine Superintendents to be a risk to the health and wellness of exhibitors and/or fairgoers will not be permitted to show or sell can be dismissed from the fairgrounds at any time.

3. **Drenching:** Drenching of livestock is **prohibited** at an exhibition, unless it is for a medical condition diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian.

4. Exhibitors (4-H or FFA) may take **two** (2) market hog animals to the Ross County Junior Fair. The two market hogs can be a combination of two barrows, two gilts, or a barrow and a gilt.
   - **Gilts will show in a Gilt Show. Barrows will show in a Barrow Show.** There will be four division winners for each show for a total of **eight** division winners competing in the Final Drive.
   - **The Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion Overall** will then be selected from the Final Drive. Once a Grand Champion Overall Market Hog is selected, the reserve champion from that division will compete with remaining division champions for the Reserve Champion Overall Market Hog. There will be 3rd, 4th, 5th Overall selected.

5. **Market Hog SPRING Tagging:** hogs must be tagged at a Spring Tagging to be exhibited at the fair
   - **Dates listed above**
   - **Pigs should weigh 50 - 70 lbs.** by the tagging date.
   - **Each exhibitor may tag two** market hogs. Families with 2 or more members taking market hogs may tag-in and designate 1 family market hog. A family with one exhibitor can tag three (3) market animals. (2019)

6. **Market Hog FAIR Weigh-in:** Sunday at 7:00am.
   - **Fair Weight:** To be eligible for the market show, the championship, and the Junior Fair Swine Sale - market hogs **MUST WEIGH between 220 – 290 pounds** at the Fair weigh-in.
   - **DUNF Forms** must be correctly completed and turned in at the Fair weigh-in.

7. **Sale Information:**
   - If exhibitor brings two market hogs, the exhibitor’s highest placing hog will be sold through the ring. The second animal will receive packer price.
   - Hogs weighing less than 220 or more than 290 will not receive a premium and will be sold at the packer price for their respective weight.
   - The show is terminal. All market hogs must go to harvest.
8. **Hog Hair Length**: Each hog must have at least ½ inch minimum of measurable hair to be eligible for the show and sale. Body clipping/shaving of hogs is NOT a recommended practice. Clippers/scissors are not allowed in the barns and clipping of hogs is not allowed during the fair. Clipping of the hog’s face, ears, and tail is allowed but **MUST** be done prior to the animal coming to the fair. Any violation of this rule will result in dismissal from the fair swine market show and sale; however, the exhibitor will be allowed to show his/her hog in showmanship. Any hog rejected due to an infraction of this rule will remain the owner’s responsibility for care (feeding, watering, pen cleanliness, etc.). The animal will be sent to the processing plant designated by the Jr. Fair Sale Committee with the other “keep” animals and the owner will be responsible for all fees and processing costs incurred for this animal. The owner will also be responsible for picking up the processed meat. The member will **not** receive a packer bid or any compensation for the animal.

9. **Care**: Members with hogs not meeting weight requirements and/or with short-haired hogs are still responsible for all care of the project animal for the duration of the fair!

10. **Scales**: No outside scales may be brought onto the fairgrounds. “Official” fairground scales may be used by designated officials.

11. **Bedding**: Use ONLY shavings for bedding.

12. **Waterers**: PVC Waterers are recommended.

13. **Pens**: Only ONE pig per pen allowed (as long as enough pens are available). Pigs **MUST** stay in their assigned pen (unless relocated by superintendent). Violation will result in exhibitor’s dismissal from Jr. Fair swine show and sale.

14. **Tack**: All tack must be kept in designated tack areas. Tack is **NOT** permitted in/above hog pens.

15. All livestock exhibitors must clean their stall/pen and aisle by 12:00 noon 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.

**SWINE BREEDING PROJECTS:**
1. Breeding animals must be in the member's possession by May 1 of the current year.
2. Each 4-H member must have a Swine Resource Handbook (#134R) and the Swine Breeding Project and Record Book (#140).

**SWINE BREEDING FAIR CLASSES:**
1. Breeding gilts will **not be shown** at the Ross County Fair. Hogs will be graded at member's home for a project grade by the club advisor.
2. A maximum of two gilts per age group may be utilized.
   - Breeding Gilt: farrowed prior to January 1 of current year
   - Breeding Gilt: farrowed between January 1 and April 1 of current year

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SWINE SHOWMANSHIP:
1. Swine 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 and 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 Junior, Intermediate, or Senior showmanship classes.

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

3. A member may win a showmanship age division only one time. Once a member has won a particular division, they must compete in the next age division. Once a member wins a Senior age division showmanship, they are allowed to continue to show in Senior Showmanship throughout their 4-H eligibility.

4. Participants must be current Junior Fair Livestock exhibitors and must show one of their own current project(s).

5. Each contestant must fit and show his/her own animal. During the course of the contest, contestant 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.

7. Light-weight, heavy-weight, and short-haired hogs are eligible to participate in showmanship classes.