DAIRY CATTLE 　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　2024

4-H PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

To complete a livestock project in 4-H, member must annually:

- ☑ Enroll in 4H Club by March 1
- ☑ Sign up for the project in 4Honline by March 1
- ☑ Be 4-H member in "Good Standing" (complete county and club requirements)
- ☑ Complete Project Book and Livestock Record Book
- ☑ Attend Quality Assurance Training
- ☑ Complete Livestock Skillathon
- ☑ Non-Market/breeding Livestock project must be in member's possession by June 1.

*NOTE: 4-H Members may also choose to exhibit their livestock at the Ross County Junior Fair.
Members are NOT required to exhibit at the fair to complete a project in 4-H.

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1. **4-H PROJECT BOOK & LIVESTOCK RECORDS**
   - **PROJECT BOOKS**: First-year members will receive a **Dairy Cattle Project and Record Book (#127) and Dairy Resource Handbook (#127R).** Members must retain books for use in future years. The Resource Handbook is given one per family and must be retained for future family members.
   - **LIVESTOCK RECORD**: Each member will receive a new **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**
   - Exhibitors of Market and Dairy Projects must attend Quality Assurance training annually in order to show, exhibit and/or sell their animal at the county or state fair. This training is mandated by the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture for any producer that contributes to the food industry and must be completed 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Deadlines: June 18,2024 for Ross County Fair and June 1 for State Fair.
   - **QA OPTIONS:**
     - ○ **Ross County** dates/times go to ross.osu.edu
       - ▪ **QA Sessions (all ages):** Pre-register **by March** 1 at go.osu.edu/rcqualityassurance
       - ▪ **Test-Out (ages 15-18 on January 1):** Youth will complete QA for the current year and will then take a test. Youth scoring 70% - 100% will "test out" of QA for next three years.
     - ○ **Other In-Person (all ages):** Exhibitors may attend approved QA programs or clinics. To get credit, it is the member's responsibility to submit proof of completion to the Extension office.
     - ○ **YQCA Online (ages 14-18):** http://yqcaprogram.org ($12/person). Must use 4-H online log-in. To get credit, it is the member's responsibility to send a copy of the completion document to the Extension office.

3. **SKILLATHON**
   - All Ross County Jr. Fair Animal Project Exhibitors must complete an Animal Project Skillathon to exhibit, show and/or their animal(s). Exhibitors may complete either the Ross County Skillathon OR the Ohio State Fair Skillathon (if offered) for their species. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to submit proof of completion to the Extension office, if attending the OSF Skillathon.
   - **Skillathon Dates:**
     - ○ Location: Fairgrounds
     - ○ July 9, 5:00pm-7:00pm
     - ○ July 20, 9:00am-11:00am
   - **Age Categories**: Members complete Skillathon according to their age (as of January 1).
     - ○ Junior　　　　(8-11 years)
     - ○ Intermediate (12 – 14 years)
     - ○ Senior　　　　(15 – 18 years)
   - **PREMIER SKILLATHON** (all ages): An optional contest 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*.

JR. FAIR INFORMATION
→ *This is not a complete listing of all Jr. Fair rules. Refer to current Ross County Fair Book for details.*

To exhibit, show and/or sell an animal at the Ross County Junior Fair, exhibitors must:
- ☑ Enroll in 4-H Club and/or FFA Chapter
- ☑ Sign up for the project by March 1
  - o 4-H members sign up through 4Honline
  - o FFA members sign up with Ag Teacher
- ☑ Be 4-H/FFA members in "Good Standing" (complete county and club/chapter requirements)
- ☑ Complete Project Book and Livestock Record Book
- ☑ Attend Quality Assurance Training
- ☑ Complete Livestock Skillathon
- ☑ Complete online "Jr Fair Livestock Entry Form" by July 15
  - o One form includes Market, Breeding, and Showmanship entries
- ☑ Submit online DUNF form

*NOTE: Members are NOT required to exhibit at the fair to complete a project through 4-H or FFA.

2024 JR FAIR IMPORTANT DATES
- ➢ **Jr Fair Livestock Entry Form:** July 15
- ➢ **DUNF Form:** Date TBA
- ➢ **Fair Move-in:** first Saturday of fair, 4:00pm – 9:00pm
- ➢ **Dairy Cattle Showmanship:** Sunday, 8:00am
- ➢ **Dairy Cattle Show:** Sunday, following Dairy Cattle Showmanship
- ➢ **Dairy Cattle Product Sale:** Friday evening of fair

1. **POSSESSION.** All non-market/breeding livestock projects must be in a member's possession by **June 1,** current year. All Livestock Projects must be in the continual care of the youth and their parent(s) during the duration of the project.

2. **JR FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRY FORMS due July 15**
   A. Exhibitors must submit an online Jr Fair Livestock Entry form to be eligible to exhibit at the Ross County Junior Fair.
   B. Animals at the fair must match the entry form to be eligible.

3. **DUNF FORMS**
   A. All DUNF forms must be submitted online by Date TBA
   B. Cattle - A separate DUNF must be submitted for each animal.
   C. DUNF form must be correctly submitted, or exhibitor will not be allowed to weigh-in their animal(s).

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)

5. **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.

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

7. **Jr Fair Dairy Classes:** * *No more than two entries may be made in each class.*
   - • **Jr Heifer Calf** - Born on or after February 1, current year and over 4 months of age
   - • **Sr Heifer Calf** - Born September 1, previous year – January 31, current year

- **Jr Yearling Heifer** - Born February 1 through August 31 of previous year.
- **Sr Yearling Heifer** - Born September 1, (2 years ago) through August 31, (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).
- **Aged Cow** - Born prior to September 1, (4 years ago).

8. **Dairy Cattle Product Sale: <u>Refer to current *Ross County Fair Book* for complete rules.</u>**
   A. Jr. Fair Exhibitors (*4-H member who is enrolled in #127 Dairy Cattle Project or FFA member taking Dairy SAE*) may participate in the Jr Fair Livestock Sale.
   B. The sale will be a symbolic sale (the animals do not sell); it will be a Dairy product that must follow the guidelines in the current *Ross County Fair Book.*
   C. Each Exhibitor may only go through the sale one time. To participate in the sale, the exhibitor must complete the online Jr. Fair Livestock Entry Form by July 15.
   D. <u>Dairy Product Sale Order</u>: Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion; 1st Place Showmanship Winners; Class Winners; Remaining animals

9. 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 a second offense occurs, the exhibitor will be ineligible to exhibit the following year.

JR FAIR DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP
Refer to current Ross County Fair Book for complete rules (age divisions, fitting/showing rules, show order, etc.)

Showmanship Sign-ups
   A. **July 15** –Showmanship sign-ups (Beginner, Junior, Intermediate & Senior) are included in the online Jr Fair Livestock Entry form due July 15.
   B. Peewee Showmanship sign-up sheets will be posted in each species' barn. Participants can sign up until the start of the Pee Wee Show.