

## 2026 Junior Fair Changes

### General Livestock Rules

- **Change Rule #11** - Market livestock are to be de-horned to be eligible for fair participation (except market goats). *Add: Breeding animals may have horns based on breed standards.*
- **Change Rule #16** - Exhibits must remain in place from 8:00 AM on Sunday until 7:00 PM Saturday the week of the Fair. *Change to: 5 p.m.*

### Livestock Sale Rules

- **Change Rule #8a** - ~~Exhibitors are required to turn this form in at the species barn meeting of the animal they plan to sell/receive money from in the Junior Fair auctions.~~ Exhibitors can change this designation in the Junior Fair Office up to one hour after the conclusion of their last market, dairy or horse show. *Change to: Exhibitors are required to turn this form in at their first barn meeting of the day.*
- **Change Livestock Sale Rules, Dairy** - Youth must exhibit a dairy project at the 2026 Muskingum County Fair to be eligible to participate in Bossy's Jug Auction, unless a dairy animal becomes unable to be exhibited prior to fair due to circumstances out of the exhibitor's control (illness or death). In this case, the exhibitor can be eligible to receive Bossy's Jug money if the following criteria are met: 1) complete the project according to OSU Extension, i.e. complete Skillathon; 2) create a project display that will be placed in the Jr. Fair Building for exhibit; 3) have a licensed veterinarian sign off on the death and/or injury of the animal, excluding preventable illness/disease, that is keeping the animal from being exhibited.

### Beef

- **Change Market Beef Rule #3 and #6** - Lower the minimum weight of market beef from 1000 lbs to 900 lbs.
- **Change Market Beef Rule #10** - The Born and Raised class will take place before champion drive. *Change to: at the beginning of the market show.*
- **Change Beef Breeding Rule #3** - Beef Heifer Show will have lower percentage breed classes for breeds that qualify. *Delete: Must have at least 4 to have an appendix class; otherwise go into regular AOB class.* **Delete Beef Breeding Rule #4:** Ohio Cattlemen's Association BEST rules will apply to determine appendix classification.

## Cattle Registry

Purebred	Other Registry Recognized
Angus	American Aberdeen, Red Angus
Charolais	Recorded (Cattle with less than 31/32 Charolais blood)
Chianina	Composite, Parent Breed Influence, Low Percentage
Gelbvieh	Balancer (Gelbvieh-Angus Cross between 25%-75% Gelbvieh) PC25, PC13, PCO
Hereford	American Black Hereford, Other Organization (Miniature or Polled)
Limousin	Lim-Flex (37%-75% and 25%-62.5% Angus or Red Angus), Percentage (12% and up)
Maine-Anjou (75% and above)	Maintainer (25% - 87%)
Simmental	Percentage Simmental (between 1/2 and less than 7/8)
Shorthorn	Appendix Registry, Shorthorn Plus, Durham Red, Composite Beef Cattle Registry
All Other	
Crossbred	

### Horse

- **Change Rule #2** - Youth are permitted to exhibit up to 2 horses at the fair (horse/pony age 2 or older). Exhibitors will be allowed to bring two horses (as space allows) to show in the same discipline. If you bring two horses, and exhibit them in the same class, only the highest placed horse will be allowed to place. For example, if you place first and second, second will not be awarded and the placing will then be awarded to the next 4 placings.
- **Change Rule #19** - First year Horsemanship and/or first year showmanship classes are for members showing in these classes for the first time (*Add: at the fair*), not for first year members only. If taking one of these classes, you may take your grade in this class, if taking both first-year classes; grade will be given in class of your choice.
- **Add Rule** - Exhibitors can enter 1<sup>st</sup> year showmanship and their age division in Western/Ranch and English; the only exception will be Contest Showmanship. If an exhibitor shows in contest showmanship, they cannot enter any other showmanship class except for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Showmanship.

### Poultry

- **Move Poultry Showmanship to Monday @ 9 a.m.**
- **Addition to Market Chicken Rule #3** - Exhibit a pair of birds of the same breed. Exhibitors can bring a third market broiler to the fair. The bird will be checked in and weighed like other birds and will act as a backup. *Add: Youth will be required to declare which bird is their back up at check in, and a different leg band color will be used for this bird.* This will allow youth to still show and sell if anything were to happen to one of the main birds.

- **Change Market Duck Rule #3** - Exhibitors must order their own market ducks. Ducks should be ~~6-8 weeks of age~~ by fair. *Change to: 12-14 weeks. Add: Market ducks will be weighed at check in to help determine class breaks.*
- **Change Market Goose Rule #2** - Exhibit one male or female that is ~~10-13 weeks of age~~ by fair. *Change to: 16-20 weeks.*

Note: Age range changes for market ducks and geese are based on recommendations from judges that birds have been too small at fair.

## Swine

- **New Market Hog Registration Event:** Market Hogs must be tagged at Market Hog Registration on June 13. Hogs will be tagged during two time frames on that date, 7-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m., at the fairgrounds. During this event, existing 840 tags will be recorded, and 840 tags will be applied to any hogs that are not yet tagged. Exhibitors will be provided with one tag but must pay for any additional for back up animals. Hogs will remain on the trailer—no unloading or weighing will be required.
- **Change Market Hog Rule #6/Breeding Swine Rule #2** - All market hogs/breeding swine must have a minimum hair length of ½ inch over the body. The head and tail may be clean clipped.
- **Delete Swine Showmanship Rule #2** - The top 2 showmen in each division will be selected to participate in Sweepstakes.
- **Change Market Hog Rule #7** - All Junior Fair market hogs, including underweight and overweight animals, must go directly to slaughter following the conclusion of the Junior Fair sale on Friday. *(Currently, animals not sold in the Junior Fair sale can stay until the open show on Saturday.)*
- **Eliminate Purebred Market Gilt Division** from the show. All market gilts will be shown in the crossbred market gilt division.
- **Eliminate Breeding Swine Rule #8** – If we have three of the same breed, we will have a class. All others will be placed into an “All Other Breeds” class. (A breed class will be created with any entry in that class).