

Notes from the Office

Keeping In Touch

A reminder of our phone number and fax number.

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Visit us on the web at <http://auglaize.osu.edu/>, Auglaize County 4-H Facebook or auglaize4h Instagram pages. You may find the information you need there. Meeting cancellations will be posted there.

Dear 4-H Family:

A new 4-H year is beginning and there is much to tell you about. 2023 is going to be a fun and educational year - read on for more details.

Age Requirements

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age AND grade as of January 1 of the current calendar year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. A youth's 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year he or she turns 19. Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University.

Cross County Membership

A reminder that youth living outside of the county must apply to be a member of the Auglaize County 4-H program. Applications must be approved before the April 15 enrollment deadline. We suggest applications be submitted by March 15. Contact the office for details.

Enrollment Deadline

Enrollment deadline for our traditional 4-H clubs is April 15. All enrollment is done online, please contact your club advisors or the office if you do not have that information.

Project Completion

Members have until May 15 to finalize the projects in which they enroll. They may drop or change projects without penalty between April 15 and May 15. After May 15, members will be given a project grade or incomplete for every project they are taking. **Remember, if you receive an incomplete on any project, you do not receive credit for the 4-H year.** Be sure you are planning to complete the projects you are taking.

****For members in two clubs, you must complete in both clubs to receive credit for the year.**

Project Requirements

Every family will receive the project requirements for all projects by email. It can be found on our website. Please refer to this information as you select, plan and complete your projects for judging.

Judging Dates

The following dates are for pre-fair judging:

Tuesday, July 11 - Nutrition and Clothing Judging.

Wednesday, July 12 - 4-H Special Interest Judging.

Thursday, July 13 - Livestock Interviews

Project Central!

You can preview project books AND share feedback about project experiences at:

ohio4h.org/projectcentral

auglaize.osu.edu



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Teen Opportunities

Scholarships Available

Jordan Berelman 4-H Scholarship

This is a new scholarship. Applicants must be current or former members of an Auglaize County 4-H club. Applicants must be graduating seniors planning to enroll or a student currently enrolled in any accredited university, college, or technical school. The scholarship must be used toward tuition fees and will be administered through the financial aid office of the recipient's school. The scholarship must be claimed within 1 year of the award, unclaimed monies will be returned to the scholarship fund. Deadline for application is April 15.

<https://auglaize.osu.edu/sites/auglaize/files/imce/Jordans%204H%20Scholarship.pdf>

Schaub Scholarship

The Niki Schaub 4-H Scholarship Fund will again be awarding scholarship money. Current or former 4-H members may apply. Applications are due by June 1. This scholarship is available for any field of study at any accredited school. Graduating seniors or current college students are eligible.

https://auglaize.osu.edu/sites/auglaize/files/imce/Niki%20Schaub%204-H%20Scholarship_0.pdf



Market Lamb & Market Goat Weigh-In
Saturday, May 6 – 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. - Fairgrounds
Maximum of 5 lambs and 5 goats per child.



Fair Updates - July 30 – August 5, 2023

Junior Fair Board Officers

President - Morgan Hesse
Vice President - Caleb Felver
Secretary - Kyra Sutherland
Treasurer - Braiden Lee
Assistant Secretary - Ella Aufderhaar
Assistant Treasurer - Katelyn Kinsella
Reporter - Natalie Imwalle
Executive Committee - Rhett Chisholm, Megan Ritter, Alyssa Zwiebel



Livestock Sale Committee Officers

President - Gerald Grevenkamp
Vice President - Greg Leffel
Secretary - Mindi Wilker
Treasurer - Doug Wilker
Assistant Treasurer - Joan Leffel

2023 Fair Changes & Reminders

Check your fair book for complete final details.

REMINDER FOR LIVESTOCK: Exhibitors must care for their animals until they are removed from the fairgrounds. For market animals, if it is determined at load out that the animal has lacked food and/or water, a penalty will be deducted from the value of the animal: \$25.00 for steers, lambs, goats and hogs, \$10.00 for rabbits and poultry. This decision will be made by the packer and representatives from the Sale Committee. For breeding animals, if it is determined that the animal has lacked food and/or water, the exhibitor will not receive a fair pass the following year. This will be the decision of the Junior and Senior Fair Board superintendents of the department. Proper care of your animals is never optional!!

Late arrival/early dismissal violations: livestock arriving late or leaving early without prior permission will be fined \$50.00 per exhibitor, payable in cash by December 1 of the year of the rule violation. If the fine is not paid by that date, the exhibitor will be ineligible for placings the following year.

Quality Assurance

First year QA project members, ages 8-11, (as of Jan. 1) must attend an in person QA program with a parent. There is no testing or online training option for this group. First year QA members 12 and over are not required to have a parent attend and may choose the test out option or program attendance.

*If a parent is required to attend a quality assurance with their first year member and they attend an out of county program - **written** proof from the sponsor must be submitted by the parent as proof of attendance.

REMINDER: All QA must be completed by June 10, 2023 to meet our county and state fair dates. There can be no exceptions. State fair exhibitors need to be sure they meet the 45 day deadline for OSF shows that occur before the state fair opens.

Test Out Option: Members, ages 12-14, can test out of Quality Assurance for up to three years. This means a child who passes the QA test would not have to take the test again until they reach the 15-18 age division. Members, ages 15-18, can test out of QA permanently. A member must take the test at the scheduled time and achieve a score of 70% or higher to test out of the program. Members failing to test out of QA participation will be required to attend a QA program for that year. They may attempt to test out of the program again the following year. There is no testing option for members ages 8 to 11.

YQCA Online: we will offer the national online QA program this year. There is a cost for this program, per child. Many national livestock shows require this certification. Families who are interested in this option should contact the office for more information. The YQCA online testing is NOT an option for Auglaize County junior fair exhibitors.

There are several dates on the calendar for Quality Assurance programs and testing. We plan to hold these opportunities in person. I do not plan to add additional dates.

Preregistration is not required for QA programs or tests. For programs, please be in line for registration no later than 6:45 p.m. so that we can start on time. If you arrive after the program has started, we have the option to NOT certify you at that program.



ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES INCLUDING SHOWMANSHIP:

All livestock entries, including showmanship sign up, will be done as part of Fairentry online. Entries will be due July 1. **Entries after July 1 will be handled as follows:**

If entries are submitted between July 2 and July 8, there will be a \$10.00 cash late fee per entry, regardless of reasons or lateness. If entries are submitted between July 9 and July 16, the late fee is \$25.00 cash per entry, regardless of reason or lateness. **NO entries will be accepted after July 16 for any reason.** This rule also applies to showmanship entries. Late entries will not be official until the fine is paid in full in cash. Late entry fee information will be submitted to the Junior Fair Board along with the cash fee.

Showmanship reminder: Entries can be scratched after July 1 (as with any entry) but will face a late entry penalty if added after July 1. Best advice - sign up for showmanship by July 1!



Entry corrections: all entry corrections must be done by noon Saturday before the opening day of the fair. This rule *does not allow for adding additional late entries*, but correction of an entry if for example a wrong breed was entered accidentally, or perhaps a pen of pullets was entered as bantam, but are really production standard. All entries are final in all departments as of this deadline. **Breeding rabbit exhibitors should especially note this rule.**

Leasing of breeding animals: The state allows breeding animals to be leased. Market animals (including feeder calves) **CANNOT** be leased, they must be owned. Lease agreements and other paperwork must be turned in by the **May 1** possession date for livestock. The paperwork must include the cover sheet, pictures **and an actual lease** agreement written and signed by both the owner and the exhibitor/parent. Horse leases will use the same forms as in the past. Dairy lease information has been updated. Lease information is available at:

<https://auglaize.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-information>

Late submission of lease agreements may result in junior fair penalty!

General rule: Animals housed in the barns must be entered in the junior fair, no extra animals may be housed. Companion/support animals are not permitted in the barns. All other junior fair rules regarding entry, exhibition and sale apply.

Department Changes: No rule changes for the following departments: Clothing, Dairy, Sheep, Showmanship Sweepstakes, Special Interest, Swine.

Beef: Carcass show will be open to 15 entries, entry fee will be \$100. Number of entries and entry fee are subject to change closer to July 1 based on current status of processing for our processor.

Goats: Classes formerly listed as “Boer” will now be listed as “Meat Breeds”.

Horses: Class changes: Combine driving class – 709 - Driving, pony, horse or draft, members 8-18, Western Pleasure – reduce to 2 age divisions – 8-13 and 14-18, Ranch Pleasure – expand to 3 age divisions – 8-11, 12-14, 15-18. Western Riding – we will require exhibitors to meet the uniform rules for the class, make sure members know the class requirements when entering.

Nutrition: no skills tests will be done at judging.

Poultry: Meat pens will be divided into broiler and roaster divisions after weigh-in. Any market pens containing birds over 7 and 1/2 pounds will show as roasters. All others will remain in broiler class. There is still a limit of one entry of market poultry. There will be a barn survey regarding the interest in adding pigeon and guinea fowl classes for 2024 fair.

Fair Weigh In Information

All fair weigh-ins will be held on Saturday, July 29 at the following times:

8:00 a.m. – Market Rabbit Weigh-in

9:30 a.m. - Market Hog Weigh-in

10:00 a.m. – Market Lamb and Market Goat Weigh-in

10:00 a.m. – Market Chicken Weigh-in (followed by pullorum testing)

11:00 a.m. – Market Steer Weigh-in

Hogs will be weighed in the hog arena. Lambs and goats will be weighed on a different scale in Piehl Arena.

NEW FOR THE 2023 FAIR!

The following rule applies to market steer, market lamb and market goat exhibitors only.

A minimum of one project animal must be registered in the individual exhibitor's name at winter/spring weigh-in to be eligible to enter and show that specie at the fair. This animal may only be entered, shown and sold in that individual's name. This animal could only be transferred to another exhibitor's name using the livestock substitution rule and would not be eligible for placings.

The remaining animals registered at winter/spring weigh-in may be listed in the family's name. These "family" animals must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family member as defined by Ohio Administrative Code: Rule 901-19-01 | Definitions.

For winter/spring weigh-in: each family may register the maximum number of animals per department rules. For example, for steers – 3 youth in a family could register a maximum of 9 steers (3 youth x 3 steers per child), sheep and goat - 3 youth in a family could register a maximum of 15 lambs or goats (3 youth x 5 lambs/goats per child).

Fair weigh-in: the designated exhibitor of the family shared animal must be stated when the animal is weighed at the fair. After fair weigh-in, this animal could only be transferred to another exhibitor's name using the livestock substitution rule and would not be eligible for placings.

No animal can be exhibited under more than one exhibitor's name. Leasing is not permitted for market animals.

This rule began at the December 2022 winter steer weigh-in as families registered their steers for the 2023 fair. This rule will begin at the May 2023 spring lamb and goat weigh-in as families register their lambs and goats for the 2023 fair.



Calendar Of Events

* held at the Extension Office unless noted



- 21 - Volunteer Training - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 23 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 28 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 30 - Volunteer Training - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds



- 3 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - QA Testing - 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 10 - Carteens - 7:00 p.m. - Nazarene Church, St. Marys
- 11 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 15 - 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 19 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 24 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 25 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds



- 3 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 6 - Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-in - 7:30 -10:30 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 8 - Carteens - 7:00 p.m. - Nazarene Church, St. Marys
- 9 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 11 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 - QA Testing - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 22 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds - LAST CHANCE!
- 25 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities being offered. The next Gazette will be sent in May. Until next time...

Sincerely,

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