

**HAMILTON COUNTY
4-H
RULEBOOK
2019**



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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

See Rules for More Details

All dates and times are subject to change. Watch closely for emails with any date or time changes.

Event/Deadline	Time (where applicable)	Date
Quality Assurance Test Out – Call the Extension Office to set up a time	varies	varies
Possession Date for Market Steers, Market Heifer, and Market Dairy Steer		January 1, 2019
Earliest Possession Date for Market Turkeys		January 1, 2019
Market Animal Registration Cards due for Market Beef		January 8, 2019
4-H Achievement Award Application Due		February 1, 2019
Volunteer Training – Extension Office	10:00 am	February 9, 2019
New Volunteer Training - Extension Office	11:00 am	February 9, 2019
Multi-County Volunteer Training – Warren County Career Center	7:00 pm	February 28, 2019
4-H Enrollment Form Deadline		March 1, 2019
Volunteer Training - Extension Office	6:30 pm	March 6, 2019
New Volunteer Training - Extension Office	7:30 pm	March 6, 2019
Quality Assurance - Extension Office	10:00 am	March 16, 2019
Earliest Possession Date for Roasters (poultry)		March 25, 2019
Possession Date for Dogs, Market & Dairy Goats, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Horses, Llamas & Alpacas		April 11, 2019
Latest Possession Date for Market Turkeys		April 13, 2019
Market Animal Registration Cards due for Market Goats, Market Hogs, Market Lambs		April 18, 2019
Quality Assurance - Extension Office		April 18, 2019
Possession Date for Breeding Animals (Beef, Goats, Rabbits, Sheep); Cats; Pocket Pets; and Pet Rabbits, Exhibition Poultry & Waterfowl		May 1, 2019
Latest Possession Date for Roasters (poultry)		May 6, 2019
Earliest Possession Date for Market Ducks and Market Geese		May 6, 2019
Horse Registration Forms		May 10, 2019
Project Commitment Form Deadline		May 10, 2019
Possession Date for Feeder Calves		May 15, 2019
Possession Date for Chicken Meat Pens		May 20, 2018
Latest Possession Date for Market Ducks and Market Geese		May 20, 2019
Market Animal Registration Card due for Feeder Calves		May 22, 2019
Hamilton/Clermont 4-H Camp		June 7 - 11, 2019
Possession Date for Market Rabbits and Single Fryer (rabbit)		June 10, 2019

Royalty Contest Application Deadline		June 12, 2019
General Project Judging	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	June 25, 2019
General Project Skillathons (Food & Nutrition, Clothing)	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	June 25, 2019
Royalty Contest Interviews	TBD	June 26, 2019
Top Dog Essay Due		July 1, 2019
Project Narration Cards for Style Review Deadline		July 2, 2019
Mandatory Fairgrounds Setup	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	July 6, 2019
Mandatory Fairgrounds Setup	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	July 7, 2019
Club Booth Setup including General Projects	8:00 am - 10:00 pm	July 8, 2019
Animal Move-In for Fair	7:00 pm –11:00 pm	July 8, 2019
Livestock Project Judging	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	July 9, 2019
Groom & Clean Test (Horses only)	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	July 9, 2019
Skill-a-thons (Livestock)	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	July 9, 2019
Project Placement in Booth (by Advisors)	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	July 9, 2019
Mandatory Horse Meeting (Horses only)	5:30 pm	July 9, 2019
Mandatory Fair Meeting (All 4-H Participants)	6:00 pm	July 9, 2019
4-H Family Picnic (Crowning of Fair King and Queen)	6:30 pm	July 9, 2019
4-H Swine Show	9:00 am	July 10, 2019
4-H Group Day	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	July 10, 2019
4-H Goat Show	2:00 pm	July 10, 2019
4-H Horse Show	5:00 pm	July 10, 2019
4-H Beef Show	5:30 pm	July 10, 2019
4-H Sheep Show	7:30 pm	July 10, 2019
4-H After Fair Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:00 pm	July 10, 2019
4-H Poultry Show	9:00 am	July 11, 2019
4-H Horse Groom & Clean Contest	1:30 am	July 11, 2019
4-H Rabbit Show	6:00 pm	July 11, 2019
1st Ohio Shooters	7:30 pm	July 11, 2019
4-H After Fair Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:00 pm	July 11, 2019
4-H Dog Show	9:00 am	July 12, 2019
4-H Alpaca/Llama Show	3:00 pm	July 12, 2019
Livestock Sale Registration	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	July 13, 2018
4-H Horse Fun Show	5:00 pm	July 12, 2019
4-H Livestock Sale	7:00 pm	July 12, 2019
4-H After Fair Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:00 pm	July 12, 2019
Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair Open Horse Show	8:00 am	July 13, 2019

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Joe A. Wurzelbacher Showman of Showmen Contest	9:00 am	July 13, 2019
4-H Bakeoff	12:30 pm	July 13, 2019
4-H Dog Agility Show	3:00 pm	July 13, 2019
4-H Style Review	5:00 pm	July 13, 2019
4-H Edible Auction	6:00 pm	July 13, 2019
Open Class Pet Show - Owner/Animal Look Alike, Best Costume, Best Trick, etc.	7:00 pm	July 13, 2019
4-H Family Dance	8:00 pm	July 13, 2019
Club Booth Tear Down by Advisors Only	10:00 pm - 10:30 pm	July 13, 2019
4-H After Fair Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:30 pm	July 13, 2019
Animal Release	10:30 pm – 12:00 am	July 13, 2019
Animal Release	6:00 am – 8:00 am	July 14, 2019
Club Booth Tear Down by Advisors Only	7:00 am - 8:00 am	July 14, 2019
Mandatory Fairgrounds Cleanup	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	July 14, 2019
Annual End-of-Year Awards Ceremony	4:30 pm – 8:30 pm	January 12, 2020

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2019 4-H SHOW SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY			SATURDAY		
Time	Pavilion	Arena	Time	Pavilion	Arena	Time	Pavilion	Arena	Time	Pavilion	Arena
9:00am	Swine		9:00am	Poultry		9:00am	Dog		8:00am		Open Horse Show ↓
2:00pm	Goats		2:30pm	Groom & Clean		3:00pm	Alpaca		(12:30pm)	Bake Off (hall)	
5:00pm		Horse	5:00pm	Rabbits		5:00pm		Horse Fun Show	3:00pm	Dog Agility	
5:30pm	Beef								(5:00pm)	Style Rev (hall)	
7:30p	Sheep		7:30pm		Shooters	7:00pm	Auction		(6:00pm)	Edible Auction (hall)	
									7:00pm	Pet Show	
									8:00pm	Dance	

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT FAIR

The Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair will be held each summer at *Stricker's Grove* in Crosby Township, Ohio. The Fair offers 4-H participants the opportunity to improve their skills and compete against each other in a friendly atmosphere. The Fair offers activities for both Cloverbuds and 4-H members in all 4-H project areas.

The Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development and the Hamilton County 4-H Association, Inc. oversee the 4-H Community Fair. The Ohio State University Extension is represented by the county 4-H Educator. The general objective of the Hamilton County 4-H Association, Inc. is to develop and foster the 4-H program in Hamilton County through conducting and/or sponsoring fairs, both the 4-H Community Fair and the Harvest Home Fair, 4-H camp, special trips, such as Citizenship Washington Focus, and other events. Reporting to these two organizations are the 4-H Species Superintendents, 4-H Club Advisors and the 4-H Sale Committee. There is a Species Superintendent for each livestock species who oversees the program for that species. The Species Superintendent makes sure 4-H participants taking that species have the information they need to participate in the fair, runs clinics, organizes pens and stalls for fair, and oversees the individual livestock show at fair. Club Advisors run the individual 4-H clubs in the county. The 4-H Club Advisors are the first person 4-H participants should turn to when they have a question. The 4-H Sale Committee is responsible for the Livestock Sale at the fair.

All exhibitors at the Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair must be registered participants of the Hamilton County 4-H Youth Development Program in the current year. 4-H participants must be enrolled in the project in which he/she is exhibiting or participating. All projects exhibited must be developed, produced, or have been made in the current project year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30).

All persons participating in the 4-H Community Fair shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program reserves the right to have any person or property removed from the fairgrounds (including camping and parking areas).

The Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program or any of their authorized agents, shall not be responsible for any persons (either over or under the age of 18) on the fairgrounds or in any barns at any time.

The Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program and their authorized agents will NOT issue overnight passes and will not provide overnight supervision in the barns, campers, or any area of the Fairgrounds.

4-H ENROLLMENT

- 4-H is for youth ages 5 to 18. 4-H age is considered to be the youth's age on January 1st of the current year. Youth age 5 and in Kindergarten until they reach age 8 and in the third grade are in the Cloverbud program. Youth age 8 and in the third grade until they reach the age of 18 are regular 4-H members.
- All youth wishing to participate in the Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair must enroll in the 4-H program each year. Enrollment Forms can be found online at <http://hamilton.osu.edu> or can be obtained from your club advisor. They are also emailed to all previously enrolled families at the beginning of each year.
- Enrollment Forms are to be mailed to the Hamilton County 4-H Association, P.O. Box 764, Miamitown, OH 45041-0764 and **MUST** be **POSTMARKED** by March 1st of each year. If March 1st falls on a Sunday, the forms must be postmarked by the Saturday before.
- There is a \$75 Fair Assessment fee for the first regular 4-H participant in each family, a \$45 fee for each additional regular 4-H participant in a family and a \$20 fee for each Cloverbud. These fees are payable to the Hamilton County 4-H Association and are used to pay for weekly fair pass, judges, ribbons, awards, and other fair related expenses.

4-H COMMUNITY FAIR REGISTRATION

- All youth wishing to participate in the 4-H Community Fair must turn in Project Commitment Forms. These forms will declare what projects each youth is bringing to project judging and to the fair. These cards will be used to hire judges, prepare for project judging, and prepare for the fair. Project

Commitment Forms are to be mailed to the Hamilton County 4-H Association, P.O. Box 764, Miamitown, OH 45041-0764 and **MUST** be **POSTMARKED** by the 2nd Friday of May each year.

- Project Commitment Forms can be found in Appendix A, online at www.hc4hcommunityfair.org, or can be obtained from your club advisor. These forms will also be emailed to registered families after the March 1st enrollment deadline.

FAIRGROUNDS SETUP AND CLEANUP

The Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair is run by the volunteers and the 4-H families. Therefore, each family with one or more 4-H participants is expected to help with fairgrounds setup and cleanup each year. Setup usually takes place the weekend before fair. Cleanup is the Sunday morning following fair. There are jobs for all skill levels. **Everyone**, including youth who only take general projects, is expected to help with cleanup and setup. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the dates and times of the Fairgrounds Setup and Cleanup.

CLOVERBUD PROGRAM

DEFINITION OF CLOVERBUDS

The 4-H Cloverbud program is for youth age 5 and in Kindergarten until they reach age 8 and in the third grade. Cloverbuds are children who explore areas of healthy lifestyle, earth/environment, citizenship, plants and animals, consumerism and Family Science, science and technology, personal development and community expressive arts. The primary goal of the Cloverbud program is to promote children's healthy development – mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally. The Cloverbud program provides an excellent opportunity for a child to reach his or her highest potential because early life experiences, even subtle ones, affect future development. The Cloverbud program is developmentally age appropriate, therefore it is: fun, leader directed, activity based, non-competitive, success oriented, group-oriented learning, many types of activities, and positive. The Cloverbud program allows for and encourages creativity and play. The goals of the Cloverbud program are for children to develop self-understanding skills (self esteem), social interaction skills (getting along with others), decision making skills, learning skills (learning how to learn), and mastering physical skills. Children possessing these life skills are less likely to have problems with drug use, school failure, delinquency, and depression later in life.

Per Ohio State University rules, Cloverbuds are not allowed to participate in Project Judging or show animals for the Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair. Cloverbuds may not participate in animal handling or training activities sponsored by Hamilton County 4-H.

RIBBONS FOR CLOVERBUDS

- Cloverbuds may display items they create during the year in their club booth at fair.
- Cloverbuds exhibiting at the fair are eligible to receive one "Cloverbud" ribbon for participation at the 4-H Community Fair.
- Since the Cloverbud program is a non-competitive program, letter grades and associated ribbons will not be given to Cloverbuds.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT FAIR FOR CLOVERBUDS

- Cloverbuds are allowed to participate in all 4-H family activities at fair such as the After Fair Activities, the Family Picnic, etc.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time for these family activities.
- Cloverbuds are also eligible to participate in the Style Revue at fair. Please see the Style Revue for Clothing Projects section of this manual for more details.

GENERAL PROJECTS

See the 4-H Family Guide for a complete listing of 4-H projects.

The Family Guide is available online at <http://hamilton.osu.edu> or from the Extension Office.

DEFINITION OF GENERAL PROJECTS

Any project that does not involve an animal is considered a General project. These projects include Clothing and Textiles; Creative and Leisure Arts; Food and Nutrition, etc. One exception is some of the projects included in the Companion Animals category. The Guinea Pig project, all Cat projects, the Pet Rabbit project, and the Pocket Pet Project (gerbils, hamsters, mice, and rats) are considered General projects. All of these projects are judged

at General Judging and the above animals are not displayed at fair. The other Companion Animal projects, Market and Breeding Rabbits as well as Dogs, are considered livestock projects.

PROJECT JUDGING FOR GENERAL PROJECTS

- Project judging is an opportunity for the 4-H participant to show what they have learned during their project. **It is not mandatory to participate in Project Judging, it is an optional activity.** In an effort to effectively evaluate the individual participant's knowledge and understanding of his/her project, each participant will have the opportunity to participate in a one-on-one interview with an adult "judge" concerning his/her project. The judge will ask questions and give the participant a chance to tell what he/she learned.
- Judges are selected based upon their knowledge of the objectives of the various General project areas.
- General Project Judging will take place at Stricker's Grove. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- Bring completed project book and an educational display to project judging. See the individual project books and the Ohio State Fair Guidebook at www.ohio4h.org for information on what to bring for each project. The educational display can range from posters to scrapbooks to actual items made during the project depending on the project.
- The educational display will be exhibited at the fairgrounds during fair and will be available for pick up from the club advisors after the close of fair.
- The educational display will be graded by the judge during project judging and the score will become part of the overall project judging score.
- The purposes of the educational display are 1) to visually demonstrate project knowledge of the selected General Project area, 2) to stimulate interest in 4-H projects, and 3) to demonstrate to others the diversity of 4-H projects.
- Each educational display must be made by the 4-H participant enrolled in the project and must be **IN PARTICIPANT'S OWN WORDS.**
- **If creating a poster for the educational display**, specific instructions **MUST** be followed. These instructions are listed in detail in Appendix B.
- **ALL** educational displays, including non-poster displays, **MUST** be labeled with the exhibitor's **first** name and last initial, the name of the project from the project book, and the exhibitor's 4-H club and 4-H age (as of January 1st of the current year).

SKILL-A-THONS FOR GENERAL PROJECTS

- All 4-H participants taking a Food and Nutrition (cooking) project or a Clothing and Textiles (sewing) project will have the opportunity to participate in a Skill-a-thon. A Skill-a-thon is a series of hands-on activities designed to demonstrate the 4-H participant's knowledge and skills. For example, stations in the Food and Nutrition Skill-a-thon may require the participant to measure ingredients using the proper measuring device or identify equipment commonly used when cooking. For the Textiles Skill-a-thon, the participant may be required to identify parts of a sewing machine or demonstrate how to sew on a button. Information about what will be on the Skill-a-thon will be forwarded to project participants prior to the Skill-a-thon date.
- Food and Nutrition and Textile Skill-a-thons will take place during the General Project Judging. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Award for Food and Nutrition or Textiles, 4-H participants taking these projects must participate in the Skill-a-thon for their project area. See Special Contests and Awards/Top Exhibitor section of this manual for an explanation of the Top Exhibitor Award.

RIBBONS FOR GENERAL PROJECTS

- 4-H exhibitors eight (8) and in third grade -18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year will be awarded ribbons on all entries.
- Ribbons awarded to General projects will be based upon grades given at Project Judging.
- Projects will be graded A (score of 90 - 100), B (score of 80 - 89), and C (score below 80).
- Projects selected to compete at The Ohio State Fair will receive Ohio State Fair Delegate ribbons.
- Projects selected as alternate representatives to The Ohio State Fair will receive Ohio State Fair Alternate ribbons. State Fair Alternates will be allowed to take their project to the State Fair if the State Fair Delegate cannot attend. Please see the State Fair section of this manual for more information on taking projects to State Fair.
- Projects deemed the most outstanding (with scores of 90 or above), but ineligible to compete at The Ohio State Fair, will receive County Project Award ribbons.

MANDATORY FAIR MEETING FOR GENERAL PROJECTS

- All 4-H participants involved in any activity at fair must attend the Mandatory Fair Meeting with at least one parent.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the Mandatory Fair Meeting.

STYLE REVUE FOR CLOTHING PROJECTS

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Style Revue

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR STYLE REVUE

- The Style Revue is required of all 4-H youth who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project during the year. It is also open to all Cloverbud members.
- 4-H participants must model the Total Look outfit(s) created for their 4-H project(s).
- Each participant will model an outfit appropriate for their age and exhibit class.
- All models must submit a typewritten Narration Card describing their outfit no later than the first Monday in July.
- Narration Cards are available on-line at <http://hamilton.osu.edu>.

CLOVERBUD PARTICIPATION IN THE STYLE REVUE

- Cloverbuds may also participate in the Style Revue on a non-competitive basis.
- Cloverbuds may participate in the Cloverbud Style special class.
- Cloverbuds must submit a typewritten Narration Card describing their outfit no later than the first Monday in July.
- Narration Cards are available on-line at <http://hamilton.osu.edu>.

CLASSES FOR STYLE REVUE

Ready-to-wear

Junior Division (ages 8-13)

Senior Division (ages 14-18)

Hand-sewn

Junior Division (ages 8-13)

Senior Division (ages 14-18)

Cloverbud Style (Cloverbuds ages 5-8)

AWARDS FOR STYLE REVUE

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each show class at the Style Revue and will be determined by adding the participant's Project Judging and Skill-a-thon scores together.
- A Top Exhibitor Award will be given for Clothing and Textiles for both the Junior and Senior divisions. Top Exhibitor will be the 4-H participant with the highest combined score (Project Judging + Skill-a-thon). These awards will be given at the Awards Ceremony.
- Cloverbud participants will receive participation ribbons.

LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

DEFINITION OF LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Any project that involves an animal is considered a livestock project with the exception of some of the projects included in the Companion Animals category. Guinea Pigs, all Cat projects, Pet Rabbit, and the Pocket Pet Project (gerbils, hamsters, mice, and rats) are considered General projects. Projects involving horses and dogs, as well as Breeding and Market Rabbit are considered livestock projects.

MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Market animal projects involve animals that are raised to sell as meat. These animals are sold at the Livestock Auction at the fair. There are market divisions for cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. See the individual species sections of this manual for further details.

BREEDING LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Breeding animal projects involve animals that are not raised as meat. Breeding projects do not necessarily require that you breed the animal however it is highly encouraged. Any non-market livestock animal is considered a breeding project. There are breeding divisions for cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, and sheep. See the individual species sections of this manual for further details.

OTHER LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Dog, llama/alpaca and horse projects do not fall into the traditional livestock market and breeding projects. However, they have to follow many of the same rules so they are considered livestock projects. These species do not have market or breeding divisions. See the individual species sections of this manual for further details.

POSSESSION DATES FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

All animals must be in exhibitor's possession and care by the following dates:

JANUARY 1	APRIL 11	7 weeks prior to Weigh In
Market Steers	Llamas & Alpacas	Chicken Meat Pens
Market Heifer	Horses/Ponies/Mules/Donkeys	7 - 9 weeks prior to Weigh In
Market Dairy Steer	Dogs	Market Ducks & Geese
MAY 1	Market Goats	9 - 15 weeks prior to Weigh In
Beef Breeding	Market Hogs	Roasters
Exhibition Poultry & Waterfowl	Market Lambs	4 Weeks prior to Weigh In
Egg Production Poultry	Dairy Goats	Market Rabbits
Breeding Rabbits		Rabbit - Single Fryer
Cats/Pocket Pets/Pet Rabbits	MAY 15	12 - 26 weeks prior to Weigh In
Breeding Sheep & Goats	Feeder Calves	Market Turkeys

REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- Market steer, market goats, market hogs, market lambs, and feeder calves must have a Market Animal Registration Card with valid photos and signatures filed in the Extension Office within 7 days of the possession date. These forms can be found at <http://hamilton.osu.edu>
- All livestock animal projects must be registered by declaring them on the Project Commitment Forms that are due to the Hamilton County 4-H Association by the 2nd Friday in May. See 4-H Community Fair Registration section of this manual for more information on Project Commitment Forms.
- The 4-H participant is responsible for registering for all classes in which she/he wishes to have animals judged.
- Any 4-H participant wishing to sell his/her animal during the Livestock Sale MUST register for his/her respective showmanship class for each species. See Special Contests and Awards/Showmanship section of this manual for explanation of showmanship classes.
- All livestock animals are subject to the health regulations as prescribed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- A 4-H participant who has a micro-chipped animal must provide a means of reading the chip to the Species Superintendent on Animal Move-In day.

QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) TRAINING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- All 4-H participants exhibiting **MARKET** and **DAIRY** animals at the 4-H Community Fair **MUST** attend Quality Assurance (QA) training or forfeit their right to exhibit or sell livestock at the fair.
- In addition, an adult must attend with a youth under the age of 14. If a family has two or more youth who attend different QA training sessions, at least one adult must attend with each youth under the age of 14.
- Swine exhibitors must attend PQA *Plus* training. Any Quality Assurance session hosted by the Hamilton County Species Superintendents and 4-H Educator is a PQA *Plus* session. If you choose to attend QA at another county, you must ensure that it is PQA *Plus* training.
- **QUALITY ASSURANCE DATES** – See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual.
- 4-H participants who are 12 years and older may test out of Quality Assurance Training if they have attended QA Training at least one previous year. Once the test is passed, 12 to 14-year-olds need to retest at age 15; a participant who is 15 or older and passes the test does not need to test out again in their 4-H career. Call the extension office at 513-946-8996 to make an appointment for the test.

PROJECT JUDGING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- Project judging is an opportunity for the 4-H participant to show what they have learned during their project. **It is not mandatory to participate in Project Judging, it is an optional activity.** In an effort to effectively evaluate the individual participant's knowledge and understanding of his/her project, each participant will have the opportunity to participate in a one-on-one interview with an adult "judge" concerning his/her project. The judge will ask questions and give the participant a chance to tell what he/she learned.
- Judges are selected based upon their knowledge of the objectives of the 4-H Animal Science program, as well as their knowledge of livestock.
- Livestock Project Judging will take place at *Stricker's Grove*. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Awards, 4-H participants with livestock projects must participate in the official Project Judging event. Project judging scores from advisors will not be counted toward Top Exhibitor awards.
- Bring completed project book and an educational display such as a poster, scrapbook, or other display that shows something that was learned during the project, as well as any other items required by the individual project book.
- The educational display will be exhibited at the fairgrounds during fair and will be released at the same time as the animals.
- The educational display will be graded by the judge during project judging and the score will become part of the overall project judging score.
- The purposes of the educational display are 1) to visually demonstrate project knowledge of the selected livestock species, 2) to stimulate interest in 4-H livestock projects, and 3) to demonstrate to others the diversity of 4-H livestock projects.
- Each educational display must be made by the 4-H participant enrolled in a livestock project and **IN PARTICIPANT'S OWN WORDS.**
- **If creating a poster for the educational display**, specific instructions **MUST** be followed. These instructions are listed in detail in Appendix B.
- **ALL** educational displays, including non-poster displays, **MUST** be labeled with the exhibitor's **first** name and last initial, the name of the project from the project book, and the exhibitor's 4-H club and 4-H age (as of January 1st of the current year).

RIBBONS FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- 4-H participants eight (8) and in third grade - 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year will be awarded project judging ribbons on all livestock projects.
- Ribbons awarded to livestock projects will be based upon grades given at Project Judging.
- Projects will be graded A (score of 90 to 100), B (score of 80 - 89), and C (score below 80)
- For a description of ribbons given in individual livestock shows, please see the sections for each livestock species.

SKILL-A-THONS FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- All 4-H participants taking a livestock project will have the opportunity to participate in a livestock Skill-a-thon for each of their project species. **It is not mandatory to participate in Skillathon, it is an optional activity.** A Skill-a-thon is a series of hands-on activities designed to demonstrate the 4-H participant's knowledge and skills. For example, stations in the livestock Skill-a-thons may require the participant to identify breeds of a species from photographs, identify equipment commonly used for that species, identify feedstuffs for that species, or identify body parts or bones for that species. Information about what will be on the Skill-a-thon will be forwarded to project participants prior to the Skill-a-thon date.
- Livestock Skill-a-thons will take place at the 4-H Community Fair. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- Skill-a-thons are divided into Junior and Senior divisions. Juniors are 8 – 13 years old as of January 1st of the current year. Seniors are 14 -18 years old as of January 1st of the current year.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Awards, 4-H participants with livestock projects must participate in the Skill-a-thon for their species. See Special Contests and Awards/Top Exhibitor section of this manual for an explanation of the Top Exhibitor Award.

ANIMAL MOVE-IN FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Animal Move-In information applies to all livestock animals except dogs. Dogs are not kept at the fairgrounds.

- All livestock animals must be brought to the fairgrounds during the specified hours. See the Summary of

Important Dates page of this manual for the date and times for Animal Move-in.

- Check In Procedures
 - All animals will be checked by the species superintendents upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
 - Market animals will be weighed.
 - Large market animals (cattle, swine, sheep, and goats) and market poultry must have a properly filled out and signed DUNF Form. A copy of this form can be found in Appendix C. The actual form can be obtained from your club advisor or at Quality Assurance Training.
- All animals will be housed with their respective species. No exceptions will be made for animals of different species that are housed together at the participant's home.
- No livestock animal may be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the animal release time except on the recommendation of the official Hamilton County Fair vet in the case of a sick animal. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of Animal Release.
- If a healthy animal is removed from the fairgrounds without proper permission from the fair vet **AND** notification to the 4-H Association President or Vice President, participation in the following year's fair will be revoked.

MANDATORY FAIR MEETING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- All 4-H participants that are bringing an animal to the fairgrounds must attend the Mandatory Fair Meeting with at least one parent.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the Mandatory Fair Meeting.

RULES FOR ALL ANIMALS AT FAIR

The following information applies to all livestock animals **including dogs**.

- All 4-H animals exhibited at the 4-H Community Fair must be shown at the species show and/or at the Livestock Sale by the 4-H participant taking the animal project.
- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in their respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- In the event that a 4-H participant has two or more animals in one show class, another active Hamilton County 4-H participant may show the animal.
 - Any exceptions must be approved by the Species Superintendent or the 4-H Educator.
- In Showmanship, each 4-H participant must show his or her own project animal.
- **GROOMING**
 - Once on the fairgrounds, livestock animals must be groomed by the 4-H participant. HELP from the 4-H participant's immediate family or a current Hamilton County 4-H member is allowed.
 - Immediate family is defined as a father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, or grandmother; including the corresponding step or half relations, or a member of the 4-H participant's household.
 - 4-H participants are NOT to change the appearance of their animals using artificial colorings.
 - Artificial coloring is defined as changing the animal's natural color.
 - Dark show foam may NOT be used on animals.
 - No spray paint may be used above the knees and hocks on animals. (I.e. black spray paint may NOT be used to cover a white spot on the forehead of a black steer.)
 - Hoof dressings and show sheen may be used on horses.
- **TAMPERING**
 - Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody, and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception as outlined in the Recommendations of the 2007 Ad-Hoc Ohio Livestock Show Task Force, Ohio Department of Agriculture.
 - Anyone caught tampering with and/or misrepresenting his/her animal will be prohibited from showing in the current fair and possibly future fairs.
 - For more information, please refer to the ODA Information section in Appendix C.
- **DRUGS**
 - Any drugs administered to an exhibitor's animal at the fair shall be administered by the fair veterinarian or on his/her approval and recommendation.
 - No fair participant shall exhibit or sell an animal that has been administered a tranquilizing drug.

- **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Protests must be made in writing, signed by party or parties making the protest, and filed with an Extension Office representative within one (1) hour of the incident in question. The Species Superintendents and 4-H Educator will make a decision within 24 hours of the original filing of the protest.

If the party or parties making the protest are dissatisfied with the ruling, the affected party may bring the matter before the 4-H Association, Inc. accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00. The fee will be retained by the 4-H Association if the Species Superintendents' and 4-H Educator's decision is not overturned.

RULES FOR ANIMALS STAYING AT FAIR

The following information applies to all livestock animals except dogs. Dogs are not kept at the fairgrounds. Please see the Dogs section of this manual for rules for dogs on the fairgrounds.

- **BARN/STALLS**
 - Stalls/pens/cages for livestock animals will be assigned by the Species Superintendent.
 - All animals will be housed with their respective species. No exceptions will be made for animals of different species that are housed together at the participant's home.
 - No livestock animal may be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the animal release time except on the recommendation of the official Hamilton County Fair vet in the case of a sick animal. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of Animal Release.
 - If a healthy animal is removed from the fairgrounds without proper permission from the fair vet **AND** notification to the 4-H Association President or the 4-H Educator, participation in the following year's fair will be revoked.
 - Each 4-H participant exhibiting a project animal is responsible for properly feeding, watering, and caring for the project animal at the fair. See Appendix D for lists of what to bring to fair.
 - 4-H participants are responsible for keeping pens and aisles clean and in order.
- **ANIMAL ISSUES**
 - All project animals may be inspected by the Species Superintendents and/or 4-H Educator on or after project's possession date.
 - If a project animal should happen to become sick the week before fair, please contact the species superintendent. Do not bring a recently sick animal to the fair without notifying the species superintendent.
 - No 4-H participant shall exhibit in a 4-H class or sell in the Livestock Sale an animal that is deemed unruly or unworthy (behavioral and/or physical) by the Species Superintendents and 4-H Educator.
 - Animals deemed unruly or unworthy will be sent home immediately.
 - Each 4-H participant is responsible for bringing his/her project animals to the fair clean.
 - Each 4-H participant is also responsible for maintaining animal and barn cleanliness during the duration of the fair.
 - Any animal deemed unclean by the Species Superintendents and the 4-H Educator may be sent home.
 - Feeding time for all animals is between 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM. Each 4-H participant, or immediate family member, should feed and water his/her own animals with his/her own food.
 - The Species Superintendents and/or 4-H Educator will use his/her discretion to decide whether or not an animal is suitable for show or display.
 - If a Species Superintendent/4-H Educator finds a sick animal, he/she has the right to have the veterinarian check the animal. If it is found unfit for show or display, the owner will be asked to remove the animal from display.
- **DEATH OF AN ANIMAL**
 - If an animal dies, **it is the 4-H participant's responsibility to immediately notify his/her Club Advisor, the Species Superintendent, and the 4-H Educator.**
 - At the fair, every precaution will be taken to prevent loss or injury to livestock or other exhibits.
 - In the event of an injury or death; neither the Club Advisors, Species Superintendents, nor the 4-H Educator is liable.
 - In case an animal should die, the owner will be notified first.
 - If the owner cannot be notified, the owner's Club Advisor will be notified, and the animal will be removed from display.
 - A Species Superintendent or the 4-H Educator must be present before a dead animal may be removed.

RULES FOR MARKET ANIMALS

Livestock animals exhibited as market animals may **NOT** be shown in breeding classes in the same year (e.g. market animals shown at the 4-H Community Fair may NOT be exhibited as breeding animals at the Harvest Home Fair by any 4-H participant.)

- Market steer, market goats, market hogs, market lambs, and feeder calves **MUST** have a Market Animal Registration Card along with valid photos and signatures filed in the Extension Office within 7 days of the possession date.
- All market animals fall under the rules of the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). See the ODA Information section of Appendix C.
- **WEIGHTS/WEIGH-INS**
 - Market animals will be weighed as soon as they arrive at the fairgrounds on Animal Move-in day.
 - All animals must be cleaned and dried before weigh-in. This weight will be used for show classes and sale weight.
 - Market animals must meet the following **minimum** weight criteria:
 - Market Lamb - 95 lbs.
 - Market Hog – Min. 220 lbs. – Max. 320 lbs.
 - Market Goats - 50 lbs.
 - Feeder Calf - 300 lbs.
 - Market Heifer - 950 lbs.
 - Market Steer - 1000 lbs.
 - Market Beef Heifer – 950 lbs.
 - Market Dairy Steer – 1000 lbs.
 - Market Turkey - 14.0 lbs.
 - Pen of 3 Chickens - Min. 10 lbs. - Max. 21 lbs., min. 2.75 lbs. per individual
 - Roaster Chicken – Must be over 6 lbs. and between 9 and 15 weeks old
 - Pair of Market Ducks (2) - 10 lbs./pair minimum, min. 4.25 lbs. per individual
 - Single Market Goose – 6 lbs.
 - Pen of 3 Rabbits- Min. 3 lbs - Max.- 5 lbs. per rabbit
 - Single Fryer –Min. 3 lbs. - Max 5 pounds – Age cannot exceed 10 weeks
 - Animals failing to meet these criteria will not be permitted to be sold at the Livestock Sale.
 - Youth may show an underweight animal in a **SHOWMANSHIP** class, but the animal **MUST** then be sold to the packer.
 - If an underweight animal is going to be taken home and entered at Harvest Home, the animal **MAY NOT** be shown in Showmanship at the 4-H Community Fair.
 - A youth may request a re-weigh immediately after the animal leaves the scale. An animal will NOT be re-weighed if it has left the weigh-in area.
- **SHOW CLASSES**
 - All classes of market animals will be shown by weight.
 - Class determinations will be made by the Species Superintendent.
 - The Species Superintendent and/or 4-H Educator may add or delete classes in order to make the classes more equitable or to insure the safety of exhibitors or animals.
 - To be considered a home-grown market animal, the doe (female parent) of the market animal must have been owned by the 4-H participant or the participant's parent(s)/ guardian(s) at the time of birth.
 - Grand and Reserve Champion in a division will be chosen from all of the 1st Place winners from each individual class in that division. This class where the Grand and Reserve Champion are chosen is called the final drive.
 - A 4-H participant wishing to remove a 1st Place animal from the Grand and Reserve Champion final drive (to avoid the state mandatory terminal sale of the animal) must notify the Species Superintendent of this fact **BEFORE** the final drive begins.
 - By choosing to remove an animal from the final drive, the exhibitor forfeits the right to compete for Grand or Reserve Champion.
 - 2nd Place winners in each class should be ready in case a 1st Place animal is pulled from the final drive or the 1st Place winner in their class is chosen Grand Champion at which point the 2nd Place animal would enter the class for consideration as Reserve Champion.

LIVESTOCK SALE

- In order to be sold at the Livestock Sale all market animals must have participated in their species 4-H show.
- 4-H participants wishing to remove their market animal(s) from the Livestock Sale must complete the sale withdrawal form and turn it into the Species Superintendent or 4-H Educator no later than 9:00 PM the night before the sale.
- The 4-H participants are responsible for inviting buyers to come to the Livestock Sale.

- Livestock Sale Booklet – A booklet listing all animals to be sold will be created for use during the sale.
 - All Livestock Sale participants must sell one ad for the sale booklet per market animal or market pen. The maximum number of ads needed to be sold per exhibitor is five.
 - If ads are not sold the cost, up to five animals, will be deducted from the sale check.
 - The money from the ads will be used to cover administrative costs e.g., printing and sale cards.
 - See Appendix E for a copy of the Livestock Sale Ad Order Form.
- The Livestock Committee will commission processors. All animals going through the livestock sale will only go to those processors. No other processors will be allowed.

SPECIAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS

TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards are given for Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Beef, Dogs, Goats, Horses, Llama/Alpaca, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine.
- Exhibitors participating in Novice Showmanship are ineligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. A first year exhibitor may choose to participate in their age category (Jr, Sr) rather than the Novice category.
- For Food and Nutrition and Clothing and Textile, the Top Exhibitor Awards are given to the 4-H participants with the two highest combined scores for Project Judging and the Skill-a-thon.
- For Beef, Dogs, Goats, Horses, Llamas/Alpacas, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine, the Top Exhibitor Awards are given to the 4-H participants with the two highest combined scores for Project Judging, Skill-a-thon, Showmanship Class placing, and Show Class placings.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Awards, all 4-H participants exhibiting at the 4-H Community Fair must participate in EACH part of the program and receive a minimum score of 75% on each part. Project judging score must come from the official Livestock or General Project Judging. Make-up project judging scores will not be counted for Top Exhibitor Awards.
- Top Exhibitor Awards will be given in both the Junior and Senior divisions. Juniors being 8 – 13 years old, seniors being 14 – 18 years old.
- A monetary award will be given to each Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor.

SHOWMANSHIP/SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN

• **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

- Each livestock species including dogs and horses will have showmanship classes.
- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- Showmanship is concerned with how well an animal is shown by the 4-H participant. The animal's conformation or its breeding is of no importance although the grooming of the animal is considered. The emphasis is on the handler's presentation of the animal both standing still and in motion. Each handler should present their animal to the judge in a way that demonstrates the animal's best qualities. Knowledge is also a part of showmanship. The 4-H participant should be prepared to answer questions about their animal and the species in general. For a full description of Showmanship for a particular species see the Resource Book for that species or the individual project books.
- Showmanship Divisions
 - **Senior Showmanship** - Open to all 4-H participants 14 to 18-years-old as of January 1st of the current year
 - **Junior Showmanship** - Open to all 4-H participants 8 to 13-years-old as of January 1st of the current year
 - **Novice Showmanship** - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a livestock species for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent prior to sending in the Project Commitment Forms.
 - For horses, Novice Showmanship is replaced by Walk/Trot Showmanship.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

• **JOE A. WURZELBACHER SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN CONTEST**

- The Showman of Showmen Contest is designed to find the top Showman from all species each year at the Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair. Each competitor in the contest will show all 9

- species of animals. Each competitor will be scored for each animal. The two highest overall scores will win Grand and Reserve Champion for Showman of Showmen.
- To be invited to participate in the Showman of Showmen Contest an individual must win their species Champion Showmanship class.
 - In each species, the winner of the Senior Showmanship class and the Junior Showmanship class will compete in a species Champion Showmanship class where the show judge will pick the best showman of the species. This person will be invited to participate in the Showman of Showmen Contest.
 - Novice Showmanship winners are not eligible to compete in the species Champion Showmanship class.
 - If one person wins the species Champion Showmanship class in multiple species, then that one person represents those animals in the Showman of Showmen Contest.
 - The winner of the Showman of Showmen Contest will be ineligible to participate in the contest for the next 2 years.
 - During their 2 years of ineligibility, previous Showman of Showmen winners may compete in their age appropriate species showmanship class. If they win their showmanship class, they are ineligible to continue to the species Champion Showmanship class. In this case, the second-place participant in the showmanship class will advance to the species Champion Showmanship class.
 - Only the Grand Champion will be ineligible for 2 years. The Reserve Champion will be allowed to compete the following year.
 - The Grand and Reserve Champions of the Showman of Showmen Contest will be awarded belt buckles.

THE MARGE SCHOTT TOP DOG AWARD

See the Dog section of this manual for information on the Top Dog Award.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT FAIR

4-H CLUB BOOTHS

Each 4-H club will have an opportunity to have a club booth at the Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair. These booths will be set up in the hall. Each club will select a 4-H based theme that promotes the 4-H program. The booth should be created around that theme. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the dates and times of booth set up and tear down. Also see Appendix F for the Booth Guidelines, Booth Request Form, and Booth Judging Criteria.

END-OF-YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY

All 4-H families are invited to the Annual End-of-Year 4-H Awards Ceremony that is held in January of each year. At the Award Ceremony all State Fair Delegates and Alternates will be recognized, **Top Exhibitor Awards will be given out**, and any other awards or recognition will be given as needed. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the Awards Ceremony.

ROYALTY CONTEST

The Royalty Contest is designed to develop leadership qualities in 4-H youth by selecting two youth to promote Hamilton County 4-H and the 4-H Community Fair throughout the year. Youth 15-18 are eligible to enter. They complete an interview with a panel of judges and demonstrate public speaking ability during the contest ceremony. One winning boy and girl will be selected as King and Queen. The King and Queen must each fulfill responsibilities at the fair and throughout the year, such as visiting each 4-H club, speaking in front of various groups, and participating in the Harvest Home Fair parade in order to earn a cash reward. Applications with complete details are available at <http://hamilton.osu.edu>. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the Royalty Contest application due date, the contest interviews and the ceremony.

4-H AFTER FAIR ACTIVITIES

After fair ends each evening there will be fun activities for all 4-H members. These activities are different each night and may include games like water balloon volleyball, flag tag, bubble gum chewing contest, and the ever-popular shaving cream extravaganza. These activities are an opportunity for 4-H members from different clubs to

get to know one another and have some fun. Activities last for about an hour. Start times for these activities are listed on the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual.

4-H FAMILY DANCE

The 4-H Family Dance is just what it sounds like. Bring the whole family, learn a new dance, and socialize with other 4-H families. The DJ is always fun and will walk everyone through line dances, square dances, and a few other fun dances. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the 4-H Family Dance.

OPEN SHOWS

Each year there may be Open Livestock Shows. These are shows that anyone from the community can participate in. 4-H members may also participate in these Open Shows. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the dates and times of Open shows and watch for emails with more information.

INDIVIDUAL SPECIES

BEEF CATTLE

Jym Quinlan, Species Superintendent

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Beef Cattle Show.

In the event of the death of a beef cattle project animal, the 4-H participant must have a signed, original letter from a veterinarian. If a market beef cattle project animal dies before February 1st, the 4-H participant has one week (7 days) to purchase a replacement animal. If an animal dies on or after February 1st, the animal may not be replaced. The Species Superintendent must be notified immediately.

BEEF CATTLE PROJECTS

For all Beef Cattle projects complete the Beef Project and Record Book each year. This book includes Beef Breeding, Beef Feeder Calf, Dairy Beef Feeder Calf, and Market Beef. The Beef Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – BEEF CATTLE

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
 - January 1st of the current year for Market Steer, Market Heifers, and Market Dairy Steer
 - May 1st of the current year for Beef Breeding
 - May 15th for Feeder Calves
- **Registrations** - All beef cattle projects must meet the following registration deadlines
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – 2nd Friday of May
 - Market Animal Registration Form deadline – Within 7 days of the above possession dates
 - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal.
 - All forms can be found on-line at <http://hamilton.osu.edu>.
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market or dairy animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- Only animals shown in individual classes may be shown in group classes.
- Beef must be cleaned before entering the barn on Animal Move-In day.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.

MARKET ANIMALS – BEEF CATTLE

- **MARKET CATTLE INFORMATION**
 - Market steer projects must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds in order to be sold.
 - Market beef heifer projects must weigh a minimum of 950 pounds in order to be sold.
 - All steers and market heifers must be dehorned to be exhibited/sold.
 - Only calves from the previous year may be secured for market steer and market heifer project animals for the current year. For example, only 2012 calves may be secured for market cattle projects for 2013.
 - Project market animals must be beef breed.
 - If project market animal is dairy cross, there will be an individual class if FIVE steers are registered. If there are not five dairy cross steers registered, animals will show WITH beef steers.
 - A total of four (4) market steers/heifers may be exhibited/sold by a 4-H participant during the current project year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30).
 - Participants must have all market steers/heifers on dry feed by January 1st.
 - Market cattle are not to be on nursing cows or pasture after January 1st.
- **FEEDER CALF INFORMATION**
 - Feeder calf project animals must be born between August 1, of the previous year and April 1, of the current year to be exhibited/sold in the current year.
 - Feeder calves must be castrated/de-horned and healed by May 15th.
 - A total of three (3) feeder calves may be exhibited/sold by a 4-H participant during the project calendar year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30).
 - Feeder calves must be weaned by May 15th and halter broken in order to show/sell.
 - Feeder calves must weigh a minimum of 300 pounds in order to be sold.

- If necessary, feeder calf classes will be divided by weight.
- Feeder calves may be exhibited in showmanship classes by their owner.
- **Feeder calf project animals that die may NOT be replaced.**
- Feeder calves do not have to be sold through the Livestock Sale.
- Grand and Reserve Champion feeder calves are not required to be processed if sold through the Livestock Sale.
- A feeder calf project animal may be shown at the 4-H Community Fair and Harvest Home Fair.

BREEDING ANIMALS – BEEF CATTLE

- Beef breeding females over 36 months of age must have produced a living calf within 12 months of exhibition or a veterinarian's proof of pregnancy must accompany the animal's health certificate.
- All beef breeding project animals must have a form of identification for the Project Commitment Form.

BEEF CATTLE SHOW

• **BEEF CATTLE SHOW ATTIRE**

- A clean, appropriately buttoned, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
- Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
- Skirt falling at or below the knee.
- Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.

• **BEEF CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP** – For a description of Showmanship see the Beef Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.

- **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all beef exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all beef exhibitors 8 to 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a beef project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent prior to sending in the Project Commitment Form.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

• **BEEF CATTLE SHOW CLASSES**

Market Heifers - Market Steers - Grouped by weight for classes

Dairy Cross Class – Must have five (5) in this class to have individual class. If five are not registered, dairy cross steers will show with beef steers.

Feeder Calves – Grouped by weight for classes

Beef Breeding Classes

Junior Heifer Calf - born after January 1, of the current year.

Senior Heifer Calf - born between September 1 and December 31 of the previous year.

Summer Yearling Heifer - born between May 1 and August 31 of the previous year.

Junior Yearling Heifer - born between January 1 and April 30 of the previous year.

Senior Yearling Heifer - born between August 1 and December 31 of two years ago from the current year.

Beef Production - Female animal over two (2) years without calf; safe in calving only

Cow with Calf - calf at side born after January 1 of the current year.

Junior Bull Calf - born after January 1 of the current year. (Must be exhibited in the Cow with Calf Class)

Pair of Females -Animals must have been exhibited in one of the other beef breeding classes.

• **AWARDS FOR BEEF CATTLE SHOW**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each beef cattle class.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Market Heifer, Market Steer, Feeder Calves, and Beef Breeding.
- 1st and 2nd place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from Project Judging, Skill-a-thon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings. Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH part of the program and have a score of at least 75% on each part. Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.

GOATS

Erika Slusher – Species Superintendent

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Goat Show.

In the event of the death of a goat project animal, the 4-H participant must have a signed, original letter from a veterinarian. If a market goat project animal dies before June 1st, the 4-H participant has one week (7days) to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after June 1st, the animal may not be replaced. The Species Superintendent must be notified immediately.

GOAT PROJECTS

For all Goat projects complete the Goat Project and Record Book each year. This book includes Dairy Goats, Breeding - Meat Goats, Fiber Goats, Harness Goats, Market - Dairy, Meat or Cross Goats, Pack Goats, Pygmy Goats, Nigerian Dwarf Goats and Companion - Pet Goats. The Goat Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS - GOATS

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
 - April 11th of the current year for all goat projects
- **Registrations** - All goat projects must meet the following registration deadlines
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – 2nd Friday of May
 - Market Animal Registration Form deadline (Market Goats only) – Within 7 days of the above possession date
 - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal, and current tags or scrapie number.
- All goats must be properly identified and reported as such on the Market Animal Registration Form.
 - **ANY goat of ANY age on the fairgrounds (those entered and companion animals) MUST have a Scrapies ID # in either tattoo, ear tag or microchip form on their bodies. This is a requirement for the Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair and supersedes any other county or state fair rule.**
 - Ear or tail tattoos are preferred for identification on dairy; although, ear tags will be accepted.
- All goats brought to the fairgrounds are required to be in accordance with the current health regulations **AND** the current Scrapie Program Regulations according to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.
- Animals not properly ID'd upon arrival at the fairgrounds will be immediately sent home and disqualified from showing.
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market or dairy animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- **All Market and Dairy Goats MUST be dehorned. NO HORNS ALLOWED. A maximum of 1 ½ inches permissible on scurs. Scurs occur where the dehorning of a naturally horned animal has been incomplete. They are not attached to the animal's skull and are loosely attached by skin.** All other goats do not have to be dehorned but the Species Superintendent and the 4-H Educator reserve the right to put horn guards on all goats with horns.

MARKET ANIMALS - GOATS

- Market goats must be born on or after December 1 of the previous year.
- Market goats must be castrated and healed by April 1 of the current year.
- Market goats must be dehorned.
- Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds in order to sell in the Livestock Sale.
- Classes may be divided into two types:
 - Dairy/meat crossbred
 - Pure bred (Boer, Spanish, Kiko).
- A 4-H participant may exhibit and sell a maximum of three (3) market goats per project year (Oct. 1-Sept. 30).

BREEDING ANIMALS – BOER DOE GOATS

- Age and animal identification number must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Does shown in a breeding class may NOT also compete in a market class. Does that were exhibited in a market class in a previous year or any previous Hamilton County 4-H shows are not eligible to compete in the breeding class.
- Breeding goats do not have to be dehorned.
- A 4-H participant may make two entries in this class.
- Boer doe goats WILL NOT compete for Grand Champion Dairy Goat.

OTHER GOAT CATAGORIES

• **DAIRY GOATS**

- All dairy goats must be dehorned and healed by April 1st.
- Age and lactation status must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Ages are as follows:
 - kid (less than one year on the day of the show)
 - yearling (over one year but less than two years of age on the day of the show)
 - Senior (over two years of age on the day of the show).
- Lactation status is as follows:
 - dry (on day of show)
 - lactating (on day of show)
- Dairy goats will show according to breed and age of the goat.
- Classes may be split or combined at the discretion of the Species Superintendent.
- Dairy goats may be shown as follows:
 - Alpine
 - LaMancha
 - Nubian
 - Oberhasli
 - Saanen
 - Toggenburg
 - Cross-bred of any two breeds above
- An exhibitor may make two (2) entries per class.

• **PYGMY GOATS/NIGERIAN DWARF GOATS**

- Pygmy goats/Nigerian dwarf goats do not have to be dehorned.
- Age and sex must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Pygmy goats/Nigerian dwarf goats WILL NOT compete for Grand Champion Dairy Goat.

• **ANGORA GOATS**

- Angora goats do not have to be dehorned.
- Age must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Angora goats WILL NOT compete for Grand Champion Dairy Goat.

• **HARNESS GOATS**

- May be doe or wether.
- Goat must be castrated and healed by April 1st.
- Harness goats do not have to be dehorned.
- Goat must be properly identified and listed as such on the Project Commitment Form
- **HARNESS KID GOATS**
 - The kid goat must be halter broken and led by the exhibitor with a lead strap.
 - Animal should properly respond to the voice commands of:
 - Stop
 - Go
 - Back
 - This is the first (1st) year animal is exhibited.
- **HARNESS YEARLING GOATS**
 - The goat will be harnessed and pull an empty cart.
 - The goat should properly respond to the voice commands of:
 - Stop - Back
 - Go
 - This is the second (2nd) year the animal is exhibited.

- **SENIOR HARNESS GOATS**
 - The goat will be harnessed and pull a cart driven by the exhibitor.
 - The goat must respond to the following voice commands while pulling the cart and exhibitor through the designated obstacle course.
 - Stop - Back - Left
 - Go - Right
 - This is the third (3rd) year the goat is exhibited.

GOAT SHOW

- **GOAT SHOW ATTIRE**

- A clean, appropriately buttoned, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
- Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
- Skirt falling at or below the knee.
- Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- Youth exhibiting dairy goats (or dairy and market goats) will wear WHITE shirts and WHITE pants.

- **GOAT SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Goat Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.

- **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all goat exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all goat exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a goat project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent prior to sending in the Project Commitment Forms.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **GOAT SHOW CLASSES**

Dairy Goat

Alpine	Oberhasli	Crossbred of any 2 breeds from the other 6 classes
LaMancha	Saanen	
Nubian	Toggenburg	

Companion Goat

Harness - Kid	Pygmy/Nigerian Dwarf
Harness - Yearling	Pygmy - Does
Harness – Senior	Pygmy - Wethers
Wether – Any Breed	Nigerian Dwarf - Does
	Nigerian Dwarf - Wethers

Breeding Goat

Boer Doe	Meat Goat
Boar/Dairy Crossbred	Boer Doe
Other Breeds	Boar/Dairy Crossbred

- **AWARDS FOR GOAT SHOW**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each goat class.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Dairy Goat, Breeding Goat, Pygmy Goat, Nigerian Dwarf Goat, and Meat Goat.
- 1st and 2nd Place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from Project Judging, Skill-a-thon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings. Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH part of the program and have a score of at least 75% on each part. Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.

LLAMAS & ALPACAS

Cindy Howard – Species Superintendent

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Llama & Alpaca Show.

LLAMA & ALPACA PROJECTS

For all llama and alpaca projects complete the Llama and Alpaca Project and Record Book each year. The Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – LLAMAS & ALPACAS

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
 - April 11th of the current year for all llama and alpaca projects
- **Registrations** - All llama and alpaca projects must meet the following registration deadlines
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – 2nd Friday of May
- Animals used for llama and alpaca projects may be owned or leased by the 4-H participant.
- Llamas and alpacas must be five months or older on the day of the show.
- All llamas and alpacas must be in accordance with current health regulations. Current health records must be submitted to the species superintendent at animal move in.
- Llamas and alpacas must be neatly groomed and free of disease.
- Llamas and alpacas must be sufficiently broke to lead by the exhibitor.

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR LLAMA AND ALPACA SHOW

- Llamas and alpacas will be shown together if there are not enough animals to make separate classes.
- Besides showmanship there will be an obstacle course class. This class will include 8 – 10 obstacles. Obstacle possibilities could include walking through streamers, backing a circle, picking up a blanket or sheet and rubbing it on them, change of pace, bridges, walking around an inanimate or animate object, weaving around objects, or ducking.

LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW

- **LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW ATTIRE**
 - A clean, buttoned appropriately, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
 - Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
 - Skirt falling at or below the knee.
 - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- **LLAMA & ALPACA SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all llama and alpaca exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all llama and alpaca exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a llama or alpaca project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent prior to sending in the Project Commitment Forms.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW CLASSES**

Showmanship

Obstacle Course

- **AWARDS FOR LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW**
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each llama and alpaca class.
 - 1st Place trophies will be given in each llama/alpaca show class.
 - Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from Project Judging, Skill-a-thon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings. Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH part of the program and have a score of at least 75% on each part. Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.

POULTRY

Kris Mason, Species Superintendent

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Poultry Show.

If a poultry project animal dies before June 1st, the 4-H participant has one week (7days) to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after June 1st, the animal may not be replaced.

POULTRY PROJECTS

For all Poultry projects complete the Poultry Project and Record Book each year. There are ten poultry projects: Chicken, Exhibition (Fancy); Chicken, Meat; Chicken, Egg Production; Duck, Exhibition; Duck, Market; Goose, Exhibition; Goose, Market; Turkey, Exhibition; Turkey, Market; Helmeted Guinea Fowl. The Poultry Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members

GENERAL REGULATIONS - POULTRY

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
 - Market Turkeys – 13 to 22 weeks prior to Weigh In, must weigh at least 14 lbs at Weigh In
 - Breeding/Exhibition Poultry (including Waterfowl) - May 1st of the current year
 - Roasters – 9 to 15 weeks prior to Weigh In, must weigh at least 6 lbs at Weigh In
 - Meat Chickens Pen of 3 - No sooner than 7 weeks prior to Weigh In, must meet minimum weight at Weigh In
 - Market Ducks, Market Geese – 7 to 9 weeks prior to Weigh In, must meet minimum weight at Weigh In
 - Other Meat Poultry not specified, contact species superintendent
- **Registrations** - All poultry projects must meet the following registration deadlines
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – 2nd Friday of May
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- **Pullorum Testing** - In accordance with state **and national regulations**, evidence of pullorum-free status must be presented at check-in for all poultry except waterfowl. Poultry must be certified pullorum-free no **later than 30 days prior** to fair. Turkeys require specialized pullorum testing. Exhibitors are responsible for any costs associated with pullorum testing. **No poultry will be allowed on the fairgrounds without appropriate pullorum-free certification.**
- All birds **MUST** be clean and dry at Weigh-in.
- All 4-H participants are allowed up to 2 entries per class except for the Meat Chicken Pen of 3. Only one Pen of 3 is allowed.
- **Breed and variety are to be listed on the Project Commitment Form.**
- All 4-H participants will be required to bring their own birds to the table for judging.
 - When an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, the exhibitor's second entry may be shown by a family participant, another 4-H participant, or his/her 4-H Advisor.
- No bird may be shown in more than one class except showmanship.
- The bird used for showmanship, must also be shown by the 4-H participant in a breed or market class. **Turkeys have a separate showmanship class than other poultry.**
- If on evaluation by the species superintendent and/or fair veterinarian poultry is deemed overly dirty or unhealthy, poultry may be asked to be removed from the fairgrounds.
- Any classes may be split or combined at the discretion of the species superintendent.
- All exhibitors are responsible for the care of their poultry during the fair.

MARKET ANIMALS – POULTRY

- Market birds may be purchased as live animals and be in the possession of the 4-H participant by 3 days of age. Market birds may (but do not have to be) hatched from an egg by the 4-H participant.
 - If turkeys are hatched by the 4-H participant, the eggs must come from a NPIP certified source (certification must be supplied at Weigh In) and any flock already in your possession must fall under **up to date** NPIP certification, or Pullorum testing must be performed by a certified veterinarian or professional at least 30 days before Weigh In. (Turkeys are tested by blood draw, not a stick like other poultry.)

- **Meat Chickens** and **Market Turkeys** may be de-beaked, de-toed, dubbed, or subjected to any practice accepted in the commercial production of meat type poultry.
- **A Pen of Meat Chickens** will consist of three (3) birds. Each exhibitor is limited to one meat pen entry.
 - Maximum pen weight - 21.0 pounds
 - Minimum pen weight - 10.0 pounds
 - No individual bird may weigh less than 2.75 pounds
- **Chicken Roasters** are single chickens. Minimum weight for a **Roaster** is 6.0 pounds.
- **Market Turkeys** may be either sex and any breed. Minimum weight for a **Market Turkey** is 14.0 pounds.
- **Market Ducks** must be shown as a pen of two (2) ducks. The pen can be any combination of sexes.
 - Minimum pen weight - 10.0 pounds
 - No individual may weigh less than 4.25 pounds.
- **Market Geese** are shown individually. Minimum weight for a **Market Goose** is 6.0 pounds.
- 4-H participants who have market poultry that are processed prior to the end of fair are to assist with cleaning and teardown of pens and market exhibition area between 8:30am and 10:00am the day of processing. If unable to assist, participant must contact the species superintendent with a valid excuse. If the participant does not contact the species superintendent and does not help, it is at the discretion of the 4-H Association Board to not allow the participant to show poultry in the next year's fair.

EXHIBITION (BREEDING) ANIMALS – POULTRY

Exhibition poultry are all non-market animals. They are used for egg laying and breed perfection.

- Exhibition poultry can be any breed.
- **Age Definitions (Standard Breeds and Bantams)**
 - Pullet - Female Chicken under 1 year
 - Hen - Female Chicken 1 year and older
 - Cockerel - Male Chicken under 1 year
 - Cock - Male Chicken 1 year and older
- **Exhibition Waterfowl** are non-market ducks, geese and swans.
- **Miscellaneous poultry** includes Peafowl, Guinea Fowl, Partridge, Pigeon, Quail, and Pheasant.
 - Consult with the Species Superintendent if a species is not listed.
- **Age Definitions (Turkey)**
 - Jenny - Female Turkey under 1 year
 - Hen - Female Turkey 1 year and older
 - Jake - Male Turkey under 1 year
 - Tom - Male Turkey 1 year and older
- **Exhibition turkeys**
 - Exhibition turkeys are non-market turkeys

POULTRY SHOW

- **POULTRY SHOW ATTIRE**
 - A long-sleeved shirt or a long-sleeved white lab coat.
 - Long blue or black slacks/jeans or skirt falling at or below the knee.
 - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- **POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Poultry project books and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - Turkey exhibitors will participate in turkey showmanship.
 - All others will be grouped together in poultry & waterfowl showmanship.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all poultry exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all poultry exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a poultry project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent prior to sending in the Project Commitment Forms.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

▪ **POULTRY SHOW CLASSES**

CHICKEN

Standard Breeds

One Single Standard Pullet
One Single Standard Hen
One Single Standard Cockerel
One Single Standard Cock
Pair of Standard Hens (same breed & variety)
Breeding Pair of Standard (male/female same breed & variety)

Bantams

One Single Bantam Pullet
One Single Bantam Hen
One Single Bantam Cockerel
One Single Bantam Cock
Pair of Bantam Hens (same breed and variety)
Breeding Pair of Bantams (male/female same breed & variety)

Egg Production

One Egg Production Pullet
One Egg Production Hen

Market

Pen of 3 MEAT chickens
Single MEAT roaster

WATER FOWL (Duck, Goose, Swan)

Breeding

Single Female less than 1 year
Single Female 1 year or older
Single Male less than 1 year
Single Male 1 year or older
Breeding Pair (same breed & variety)

Market

Pair of Ducks (any sex combination)
Individual Market Goose

MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY (Peafowl, Guinea Fowl, Partridge, Pigeon, Quail, Pheasant)

Breeding

Single Female less than 1 year
Single Female 1 year or older
Single Male less than 1 year
Single Male 1 year or older
Breeding Pair (same breed & variety)

TURKEY

Breeding

Single Jenny
Single Hen
Single Jake
Single Tom

Market

Single Market Turkey

• **AWARDS FOR POULTRY SHOW**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each poultry class.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Standard Breeds, Egg Production, Bantams, Exhibition Waterfowl, Market Chicken, Roaster, Market Turkey, and Market Waterfowl.
- 1st and 2nd place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from Project Judging, Skill-a-thon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings. Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH part of the program and have a score of at least 75% on each part. Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.

RABBITS

Teresa Berting, Species Superintendent

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Rabbit Show.

If a rabbit project animal dies before June 1st, the 4-H participant has one week (7days) to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after June 1st, the animal may not be replaced.

RABBIT PROJECTS

There are three rabbit projects: Breeding Rabbit, Market Rabbit, and Pet Rabbit. The Pet Rabbit project is considered a General project. For all Rabbit projects complete the appropriate Project and Record Book each year. For the Breeding Rabbit and Market Rabbit projects, the Rabbit Resource Handbook is also needed but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members. See the General Projects section of this manual for more information on the Pet Rabbit project.

GENERAL REGULATIONS - RABBITS

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
 - May 1st of the current year for Breeding Rabbits
 - Four (4) weeks prior to Weigh-In for Market Rabbits and Single Fryers
- **Registrations** - All rabbit projects must meet the following registration deadlines
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – 2nd Friday of May
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- Each 4-H project rabbit **MUST** have a permanent and legible tattoo in its **LEFT** ear. If the rabbit is a single fryer or meat pen it **MUST** be tattooed with a ployer type kit that actually punctures the number into the ear (like the Ketchem brand). Rabbits can be tattooed by the 4-H participant or by the species superintendent. If by the species superintendent, you must give notice prior to bringing the rabbits to the fairgrounds. If market rabbits are not tattooed properly, they will not be sold through the Livestock Sale due to slaughter house rules.
- Animals without a permanent and legible tattoo will not be permitted to exhibit in the 4-H Rabbit Show.
- All 4-H participants must register the tattoo numbers of all rabbits they wish to show at the 4-H Community Fair on the Project Commitment Form. The only exception is the single fryers and meat pen rabbits that are unborn or too young to be tattooed at that time.
- All 4-H participants **MUST** list the breed and sex of their rabbit on the project section card. If a mistake is determined by the 4-H participant, he/she should contact the species superintendent **PRIOR** to fair or the rabbit will be disqualified from the breed shows. The rabbit can participate in the showmanship class. If the 4-H participant is unsure of the rabbit breed or sex, contact the species superintendent for help.
- No rabbits other than those being shown during fair and properly tattooed are permitted in the rabbit tent. (This includes babies of a senior doe you have entered. Therefore, if you want to show your senior doe at fair, **DO NOT** breed it close enough where it has babies that are too little to be separated and left at home).
- If the 4-H participant is showing more than one rabbit project in the same class (i.e. two senior does or two junior bucks), then he/she **MUST** be able to handle both/all animals in the class or have another 4-H exhibitor lined up in advance. If help is not prearranged, the 4-H participant will not be able to show the extra rabbits.

MARKET ANIMALS - RABBITS

- In addition to the breeding classes, a 4-H participant is permitted to exhibit two (2) meat pens and two (2) single fryers.
- A 4-H participant entering a meat rabbit class **MUST** exhibit one other rabbit in a breeding rabbit class.
- A 4-H participant may use a single rabbit from his/her meat rabbit pen in showmanship classes.
- Market rabbits are intended for slaughter; therefore, they may only be shown once in a 4-H Rabbit Show class and may not be exhibited later in a rabbit class by any other 4-H participant.
- **MEAT PEN INFORMATION**
 - A meat pen consists of three (3) rabbits.
 - Each rabbit must weigh a minimum of three (3) pounds and a maximum of five (5) pounds and each rabbit may not be older than 10 weeks prior to weigh in.

- A meat pen exhibit weighing less than nine (9) pounds or more than fifteen (15) pounds will **NOT** be permitted to sell in the Livestock Sale.
- If breeding a rabbit for a meat pen, 4-H Participants may not share a doe.
- **SINGLE FRYER INFORMATION**
 - A single fryer consists of one rabbit.
 - A single fryer must weigh a minimum of three (3) pounds and a maximum of five (5) pounds and may not be older than 10 weeks of age prior to weigh in.

BREEDING ANIMALS – RABBITS

- All rabbits that are not market projects are considered breeding projects.
- Breeding rabbits may or may not have been bred prior to fair.
- Breeding rabbits are shown in classes divided by sex and age.
- Rabbits must be a minimum of 8 weeks (2 months) old to bring and show at fair.
- Pet Rabbits are considered a General Project.

RABBIT SHOW

- **RABBIT SHOW ATTIRE**
 - A clean, buttoned appropriately, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
 - Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
 - Skirt falling at or below the knee.
 - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- **RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Rabbit Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all rabbit exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all rabbit exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a rabbit project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent prior to sending in the Project Commitment Forms.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **RABBIT SHOW CLASSES**

Commercial/Meat Rabbits (*Californian, New Zealand, American Chinchilla*)

Senior Buck - over 8 months old	Senior Doe - over 8 months old
Intermediate Buck - 6 to 8 months old	Intermediate Doe - 6 to 8 months old
Junior Buck - under 6 months old	Junior Doe - under 6 months old

Fancy 6 Class Rabbits (*American, Beveren, Blanc De Hotot, Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox*)

Senior Buck - over 8 months old	Senior Doe - over 8 months old
Intermediate Buck - 6 to 8 months old	Intermediate Doe - 6 to 8 months old
Junior Buck - under 6 months old	Junior Doe - under 6 months old

Fancy 4 Class Rabbits (*American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Mini Rex, Mini satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Maren, Standard Chinchilla, Standard Rex, Tan*)

Senior Buck - over 6 months old	Senior Doe - over 6 months old
Junior Buck - under 6 months old	Junior Doe - under 6 months old

Market Classes (Rabbits must be breeds from the commercial meat rabbit classes)

Three rabbits weighing 3-5 pounds each.
Single Fryer weighing 3-5 pounds

Note: If there are not at least 2 rabbits in each class, the 2 intermediate classes will be dropped and the rabbits 6 months and younger will Junior and 7 months and older will be senior.

- **AWARDS FOR RABBIT SHOW**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each rabbit class.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Meat Pen, Single Fryer, and Breeding Rabbit
- 1st and 2nd place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from Project Judging, Skill-a-thon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings. Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH part of the program and have a score of at least 75% on each part. Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.

SHEEP

Debbie Roell, Species Superintendent

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Sheep Show.

In the event of the death of a sheep project animal, the 4-H participant must have a signed, original letter from a veterinarian. If a market lamb project animal dies before June 1st, the 4-H participant has one week (7days) to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after June 1st, the animal may not be replaced. The Species Superintendent must be notified immediately.

SHEEP PROJECTS

There are two sheep projects: Market Lamb Project and Record Book and Pilot Sheep Breeding Project and Record Book. For all Sheep projects complete the appropriate Project and Record Book each year. The Sheep Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS - SHEEP

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
 - April 11th of the current year for Market Lamb projects
 - May 1st of the current year for Breeding Sheep projects
- **Registrations** - All sheep projects must meet the following registration deadlines
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – 2nd Friday of May
 - Market Animal Registration Form deadline (Market Lambs only) – Within 7 days of the above possession date
 - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal, and current tags or scrapie number.
- All market lambs must be properly identified and reported as such on the Market Animal Registration Form.
 - **ANY sheep of ANY age on the fairgrounds MUST have a Scrapies ID # in either tattoo, ear tag or microchip form on their bodies. This is a requirement for the Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair and supersedes any other county or state fair rule.**
- All sheep brought to the fairgrounds are required to be in accordance with the current health regulations **AND** the current Scrapie Program Regulations according to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.
- Animals not properly ID'd upon arrival at the fairgrounds will be immediately sent home and disqualified from showing.
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.

MARKET ANIMALS - SHEEP

- Market lambs may not be on pasture after April 1st. They must be on dry feed only.
- Market lambs must be born on or after December 1 of the previous year.
- Market lambs must weigh a minimum of **95 pounds** in order to be sold.
- Market lambs must come to fair with Scrapie Identification as required by Ohio Livestock Rules.
- Only slick shear cuts (1/4 inch or less) will be permitted on market lambs.
- Animals must be brought to the fairgrounds slick sheared and clean.
- Wet market lambs will not be weighed.
- A total of five (5) market lambs may be exhibited/sold by a 4-H participant during the project calendar year (Oct.1- Sept.30).

BREEDING ANIMALS - SHEEP

- All breeding project animals must have some form of identification tag for the Project Commitment Form.
- Breeding sheep must come to fair with Scrapie Identification as required by Ohio Livestock Rules.

SHEEP SHOW

- **SHEEP SHOW ATTIRE**

- A clean, appropriately buttoned, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
- Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
- Skirt falling at or below the knee.
- Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.

- **SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Sheep Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.

- **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all sheep exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all sheep exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a sheep project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent prior to sending in the Project Commitment Forms.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **SHEEP SHOW CLASSES**

Market Lambs

Single Market Lamb

Home Grown Single Market Lamb

Pair of Market Lambs

Sheep Breeding

May be separated into classes if deemed necessary by the Species Superintendent

Ram Lamb

Ewe - under 1 year (as of July 31 of current year)

Ewe - over 1 year and under 2 years (as of July 31 of current year)

Ewe - 2 years and over (as of July 31 of current year) and produced offspring

- **AWARDS FOR SHEEP SHOW**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each sheep class.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Market Lamb, Sheep Breeding, Pair of Market Lambs, and Home-Grown Lamb.
- 1st and 2nd place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from Project Judging, Skill-a-thon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings. Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH part of the program and have a score of at least 75% on each part. Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.

SWINE

Tim Dicke, Species Superintendent

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Swine Show.

In the event of the death of a swine project animal, the 4-H participant must have a signed, original letter from a veterinarian. If a market swine project animal dies before June 1st, the 4-H participant has one week (7 days) to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after June 1st, the project may not be replaced. The Species Superintendent must be notified immediately.

SWINE PROJECTS

There are two swine projects: Market Hog Project and Record Book and Swine Breeding Project and Record Book. (However, Hamilton County does not currently have a swine breeding program.) For all Swine projects complete the appropriate Project and Record Book each year. The Swine Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – SWINE

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
 - April 11th of the current year for Market Hog projects
- **Registrations** - All swine projects must meet the following registration deadlines
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – 2nd Friday of May
 - Market Animal Registration Form deadline (Market Hogs only) – Within 7 days of the above possession date
 - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal, and current tags and ear notch reading.
- **Quality assurance** - 4-H participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.
- Swine exhibitors may not slick clip or body shave market hogs except on the ears, tail and underline.
- If questions arise regarding the length of body hair on a swine project, the Species Superintendent or 4-H Educator will measure the body hair.
- The body hair length needs to be at least **one half inch** in length or the market hog in question will be disqualified from showing and selling at the 4-H Community Fair.
- If an exhibitor or parent questions whether a market hog has been slick clipped or body shaved, the Grievance Procedure must be followed.

MARKET ANIMALS - SWINE

- Market hogs must be born on or after December 15 of previous year.
- Market hogs must weigh **between 220 pounds and 320 pounds** in order to be shown in the Swine Show or sold in the Livestock Sale.
- A total of five (5) market hogs may be exhibited and sold by a 4-H participant during the project calendar year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30).

BREEDING ANIMALS – SWINE

Hamilton County 4-H does not currently have a breeding swine program.

SWINE SHOW

- **SWINE SHOW ATTIRE**
 - A clean, buttoned appropriately, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
 - Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
 - Skirt falling at or below the knee.
 - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.

- **SWINE SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Swine Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all swine exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all swine exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a swine project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent prior to sending in the Project Commitment Forms.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **SWINE SHOW CLASSES**
 - **Single Market Hog**
 - Weight Class Grading and Placing

- **AWARDS FOR SWINE SHOW**
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each swine class.
 - Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Market Hog and Home-Grown Hog.
 - 1st and 2nd place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
 - Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from Project Judging, Skill-a-thon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings. Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH part of the program and have a score of at least 75% on each part. Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.

DOGS

Cindy Capannari & Hannah Capannari – Species Superintendents

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Dog Show.

DOG PROJECTS

For all dog projects complete the Dog Project and Record Book each year. This project book includes the following projects: You and Your Dog, Obedience, Showmanship, Performance, and Working Dog. The Dog Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – DOGS

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
 - April 11th of the current year for Dog projects
- **Registrations** - All dog projects must meet the following registration deadlines
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – 2nd Friday of May
- Youth participating in the 4-H Community Fair Dog Show must participate in the care of the dog for the duration of the project including being responsible for and involved in the feeding, cleaning, and caring of the dog.
- If a 4-H participant does not own the dog he/she wants to use for the 4-H Community Fair Dog Show, special permission must be obtained from the Species Superintendents. The Species Superintendents will determine if there is adequate opportunity for participation in the care of the dog. The decision of the Species Superintendents will be final. To show at the State Fair, a 4-H participant must own the dog they intend to show.
- Exhibition projects will be allowed at the Species Superintendents discretion. Exhibition project are not allowed at State Fair.
- If a family has one dog and two 4-H participants who want to show the dog, the dog can be shown in different classes by the two participants but not in the same class. The two participants must be in different showmanship classes and they can divide the obedience, rally and/or agility classes so they are not in the same class. At the state level, participants cannot share a dog.
- From the time the participant joins the dog project, which is April 11 of the current year, to the dog show; he/she is required to participate with their dog in a minimum of six (6) training sessions offered by the official 4-H volunteer dog trainers in Hamilton County. Youth and dog teams may participate in training sessions given by non-4H trainers but these do not count toward the 6 required sessions with the official 4-H trainers.
- **Required Paperwork (Vaccination, License, Permission to Participate)**
 - Dogs must be currently licensed in their county of residence.
 - All dogs participating in the 4-H Community Fair shall be immunized against distemper, adenovirus (hepatitis), leptospirosis, parainfluenza, parvovirus, and rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Vaccinations may not be given by the owner.
 - The Certificate of Vaccination Form for the Ohio State Fair Junior Dog show must be filled out by the veterinarian. This form can be found in Appendix G.
 - Veterinarians must note the expiration date of the rabies vaccine and any deviations from the required vaccinations (i.e. leptospirosis vaccination not given by veterinarian or dog's titer tested in lieu of vaccinations) on the Certificate of Vaccination or on veterinarian's letterhead that accompanies the official health papers.
 - All required vaccinations for dogs must be current through the date of the dog show each year.
 - A Permission to Participate Form must be filled out for all participants in the dog show. This form can be found in Appendix G.
 - The Certificate of Vaccination Form, proof of license, and Permission to Participate Form **MUST** be sent in with your Project Commitment Form. Dogs will not be allowed on the fairgrounds if this information has not been provided.

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR DOG SHOW

- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- The Species Superintendent may disallow a dog/youth team from the show if they have not mastered the necessary skills to compete safely in the competition.

- Females in season are not permitted on the fairgrounds.
- 4-H participants must provide their own leash, water dish, kennel (if desired), and any equipment needed.
- Dogs must be kept on leash while on the fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging.
- 4-H participants are fully responsible for their dogs while on the fairgrounds.
- 4-H participants are expected to clean up after their dogs.
- The judge may dismiss from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior or any 4-H participant abusing their dog (verbally and/or physically).
- The Species Superintendent and the 4-H Educator have the right and responsibility to remove any person being abusive to show personnel. They will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
- Only the 4-H dog, the 4-H participant, and show officials will be permitted in the ring while any class is being judged.
- Using bait in Showmanship is up to the discretion of the judge.
- Food, treats, or toys are not permitted on the show floor during obedience classes.
- Dogs must be clean and brushed, free from matted hair, fleas, ticks, and any internal and/or external diseases.
- Purebred dogs do not have to be in regulation show clip.
- **Obedience**
 - Obedience collars include well-fitting plain buckle or slip collars of an appropriate single length made from leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end.
 - Fancy collars, or special training collars, or collars that are either too tight or so large that they hang down unreasonably in front of the dogs are not permitted.
 - Nothing shall be hanging from the collars.
 - Leashes may be of fabric or leather and should be 6 feet in length.
 - Chain leashes are not acceptable.
- **Showmanship**
 - Showmanship Questions/Interview will be done at Livestock Project Judging. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for date and time of Livestock Project Judging.
 - Showmanship collars include a chain or fabric slip collar, or martingale-type show lead.
 - Nothing shall be hanging from the collars.
 - Leashes may be of fabric or leather and long enough to allow for easy handling of the dog.
 - Chain leashes are not acceptable.

DOG SHOW

- **DOG SHOW ATTIRE**
 - 4-H participants should be neat and clean in appearance. Long hair should be pulled back.
 - Appropriate clothing for dog show classes other than agility is dress pants or skirt hitting just above or below the knee with a nice top for girls, dress pants and a nice shirt for boys. Closed toe shoes should be worn, no sandals. Ties are optional for boys, but some judges will take off a point for not wearing a tie. Hats, jeans, T-shirts, apparel with slogans, 4-H club or dog club names, etc. should not be worn in the show ring.
 - Clothing for all classes should not limit or hinder the judge's view of the dog and should remain in place when the 4-H participant bends over to work with his/her dog.
- **DOG SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Dog Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - **Showmanship questions/interview will be conducted at Livestock Project Judging.** See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of Livestock Project Judging.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all dog exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all dog exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all 4-H participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a dog project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent prior to sending in the Project Commitment Forms.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

▪ **DOG SHOW CLASSES**

See the Dog Resource Handbook and the Dog Project and Record Book for descriptions of the following classes.

Obedience

- Beginner Novice
- Pre-Novice
- Novice
- Graduate Novice
- Open

Rally

- Rally Novice
- Rally Advanced
- Rally Excellent

- Dog Show classes will be split into A and B classes if necessary. The Species Superintendent will make this decision.
- If a dog is shown by a new handler, the dog and handler must start at the level to which the dog has advanced. If a handler gets a new dog, the dog and handler can start again at the Beginner Novice level.

• **AWARDS FOR DOG SHOW**

- 1st - 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each dog show class.
- 1st Place trophies will be given in each dog show class.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants that have the two highest combined scores from Project Judging, Skill-a-thon, Showmanship placing, and an Obedience Class placing. Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. Also, Agility classes do not count toward Top Exhibitor Awards. To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH part of the program and have a score of at least 75% on each part. Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.

DOG AGILITY SHOW

- In order to participate in the Dog Agility Show, the 4-H participant must show in their age appropriate showmanship class in the 4-H Dog Show.

• **DOG AGILITY SHOW ATTIRE**

- 4-H participant should be neat and clean in appearance. Long hair should be pulled back.
- For agility classes, acceptable clothing includes slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, capri or crop pants, colored dress jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts, or similar attire, closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats, and similar type footwear. Club shirts, jeans and shorts are acceptable.

• **DOG AGILITY SHOW CLASSES**

The Dog Agility Show will have on-lead and off-lead versions in the following classes.

- Standard Agility
- Jumpers
- Mad-Shape-Dash

For an explanation of these classes, please see the state level Agility rulebook at <https://ohio4h.org>.

THE MARGE SCHOTT TOP DOG AWARD

- To be eligible for the Top Dog award, youth must complete the following:
 - Participate in showmanship AND one other class at the 4-H Dog Show or the Dog Agility Show.
 - Complete the You and Your Dog portion of the Dog Project and go through the official Project Judging.
 - Complete at least two (2) hours of community service for a dog program. For example, you could work at a shelter, volunteer at a vet's office, help out at a show, or anything else dog related.
 - Write an essay entitled "Why I Want to be the Top Dog."
- Award will NOT be given to a first-year member as perseverance was a key in Ms. Schott's life.
- Award can be won more than once in a 4-H youth's career.
- **To be considered for this award the 4-H participant must notify the species superintendent that he/she has completed the requirements and submit his/her essay by July 1st of the current year.**

HORSES

Barb Ruwe and Heather Alden – Species Superintendents

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Horse Show. Complete project paperwork and additional information for Horses can be found in Appendix H - Horse Paperwork and Supplemental Materials.

If a horse becomes ill or injured, a replacement horse will only be accepted if it meets the same requirements as the original horse. The 4-H participant must consult the Species Superintendent as soon as he/she becomes aware of an issue and the superintendent will determine if the replacement horse meets the original criteria.

HORSE PROJECTS

Projects for the horse program should be completed in the following order.

- Horseless Horse (only those who are in their 1st year of 4-H and under 11 years of age)
- Beginning Horse Management Part 1 or 2
- Light Horse Selection (Recommended to be taken over 2 years)
- Basic Horse Training
- Horse Nutrition
- Equine Reproduction and Genetics

Once these books are completed, a 4-H participant may do any of the other books or repeat the above books. A Junior 4-H participant may elect to do Beginning Horse Management a third year before doing Light Horse Selection.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – HORSES

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the 4-H participant by the following dates
 - April 11th of the current year for horse projects including ponies, donkeys, and mules
- **Registrations** - All horse projects must meet the following registration deadlines
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – 2nd Friday of May
 - Horse Registration Paperwork deadline – 2nd Friday of May (includes vaccination records, exhibitor health forms, Horse Show class entry form, and any other forms listed and found in Appendix H.)
- Horse projects will be judged at Livestock Project Judging. See the Summary of Important Dates page in the Hamilton County 4-H Rulebook for the date and time of Livestock Project Judging.
- A 30-Day Health Certificate and/or Coggins may be required by the Species Superintendent should it be deemed necessary in a given year. This will be announced on a yearly basis.
- If a project horse should happen to become sick the week before fair, please contact the species superintendent. Do not bring a recently sick horse to the fair without notifying the species superintendent.
- The 4-H participant must be providing the riding training to the project horse.
- The project horse may be ridden by other riders but may not be schooled with a professional trainer as the rider after April 11th.
 - Professional trainer is defined as someone who makes their living from training horses, giving lessons, or from some combination of activities in the horse industry
- Horses with stalls are required to stay at the fair for the duration of fair. If a 4-H participant does not want to stay at the fair, he/she may haul his/her horse in for the shows, but the horse will not be given a stall.
 - ***If the 4-H participant's paperwork are not turned in on time, he/she will be put on the waiting list for a stall*** and may not be able to show at the fair.
- Horses **MUST** be checked into the Fairgrounds on Animal Move-In day and will **NOT** be released until the Animal Release Day except on the recommendation of the official Hamilton County 4-H Community Fair vet in the case of a sick horse.

- If a healthy animal is removed from the fairgrounds without proper permission from the fair vet **AND** notification to the 4-H Association President or the 4-H Educator, participation in the following year's fair will be revoked. Please see the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for these dates and times. The 4-H participant is to ensure horse transportation is available for the designated release time.
- See Appendix D for what to bring to fair to care for the horse.
- There will be a **MANDATORY** Horse Meeting on Project Judging day. **All horse participants must attend this meeting.** See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for date and time of the Mandatory Horse Meeting.
- Youth **MUST ALSO** attend the Mandatory Fair Meeting for all livestock projects in addition to the Mandatory Horse Meeting. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for date and time of the Mandatory Fair Meeting for all livestock projects.
- **Helmets must be worn at all times when a 4-H participant is mounted on his/her horse or seated in a cart. NO EXCEPTIONS - THIS IS AN OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION RULE.**
- **NO FLIP-FLOPS OF ANY SORT SHOULD BE WORN** when handling or riding horse(s).
- Horses must be led with a lead rope or bridle.
- No one besides the participant or an adult immediate family member is allowed to ride the project horse at the fairgrounds unless approval is obtained in writing from the Species Superintendent.
- The 4-H participant is responsible for taking care of his/her own horse.
- Be sure that the barn aisle is kept clean and free of clutter.
- Riders may not ride alone at the fairgrounds or ride anywhere but in the arena. Riders 13 & under must have an adult present at all times. Riders under 18, must have an adult present while jumping.
- Be sure to pick up after the horses on the fairgrounds.
- Please wash project horses in the designated area only.

RULES FOR LEASING A HORSE TO BE SHOWN AT THE 4-H COMMUNITY FAIR

- **The fair participant must have the horse under lease by April 11st.**
- See Appendix H for further information on leases.
- The fair participant must provide regular "hands on" care of the horse from April 11th through the 4-H Community Fair.
- The 4-H participant must be providing the riding training to the horse.
- The horse may be ridden by other riders during the lease but may not be schooled with a professional trainer as the rider after April 11th.
 - Professional trainer is defined as someone who makes their living from training horses, giving lessons, or from some combination of activities in the horse industry.
- The horse may be shown by someone other than the 4-H participant from April 11th until fair, but only if the 4-H participant is present and showing at the show. The only exceptions are PAS and State Fair.
- A horse may be shared by multiple participants if one is showing walk/trot and the other is a junior or senior.

*Please remember the spirit of these rules is to allow kids, who may not otherwise be able to participate, to lease a horse. 4-H wants competition to be fair, reasonable, and fun for all involved. If the 4-H participant is planning on competing at the State Fair, it is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** that the State Qualifying Rules are read in entirety because the Hamilton County leasing rules are more lenient than State's.*

HORSE SHOW

- All horse show participants and their parents should plan to assist with the Horse Show when not showing.
 - This includes opening gates, passing out ribbons, getting riders water, monitoring safety in the practice area, assisting the judge, moving jumps, announcing, etc.

- Horse Show participants are required to be familiar with and comply with Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (4-H 179) which may be purchased from the 4-H Extension office. Be particularly careful that the bit and tack used by the 4-H participant comply with the rules.
- EVERYONE MUST enter a Showmanship class.
- Descriptions of the Horse Show classes can be found in Appendix H.
- All patterns for the Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation, Trail, and Jumping classes will be posted the day of the show at the horse barn.
- Walk/Trot (Novice) Division
 - Please see Appendix H for a full description of the Walk/Trot (Novice) Division.
 - Walk/Trot classes are intended for beginning riders or green horses.
 - Participants showing Walk/Trot are not eligible for Showman of Showmen or Top Exhibitor Awards.
- **HORSE SHOW ATTIRE**
 - Standard Western, English or Easy Gaited horse show attire should be worn depending on the discipline the 4-H participant has chosen to show. If you need help with this, please see the species superintendent.
- **HORSE SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Beginning Horse Management project book and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - All 4-H participants must show in Showmanship.
 - Showmanship classes will be divided into Senior, Junior, and Walk/Trot divisions. If there are enough participants, these divisions will be further divided into English and Western Showmanship classes. If the divisions are divided into English and Western, then the top two places in each class will continue to a Championship class. For example, the first and second place winners in Senior English Showmanship and the first and second place winners in Senior Western Showmanship will compete in the Senior Championship class to determine the overall Senior Showmanship winner. The Overall Senior and Junior Showmanship winners will advance to the Showman of Showmen Competition. See the Special Contests and Awards/Showman of Showmen section of this manual for more information on this competition.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all horse exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all horse exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Walk/Trot Showmanship**
 - Open to all 4-H participants showing in the Walk/Trot division. This class may or may not be divided into a Junior and Senior level depending on the amount of participants.
- **HORSE SHOW CLASSES**
 - See Appendix H for a complete listing of the Horse Show classes with explanations.
 - There are English, Western, Walk/Trot, Easy-Gaited, Trail, Dressage, and Jumping classes.
- **AWARDS FOR HORSE SHOW**
 - Ribbons will be given to 3rd place in each class.
 - 1st Place trophies will be given in each class.
 - Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the 4-H participants who have the two highest combined scores from Project Judging, Skill-a-thon, Showmanship, and other Show Class placings. Exhibitors showing in the Walk/Trot division are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH part of the program and have a score of at least 75% on each part. Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.

GROOM & CLEAN CONTEST

The primary objective of the Groom & Clean Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project to demonstrate their knowledge of horses and equine related subject matter, grooming and teamwork skills, and their showmanship skills, in a competitive yet friendly and relaxed setting. The competition consists of 3 phases: a written test, grooming of the horse, and showmanship. **One horse is used by each team. The horse is muddied by the team members prior to the contest.** During the contests, each team has 20 minutes to groom the horse following the rules set out for the Ohio State Groom & Clean contest. Each team member then has an opportunity to display their showmanship skills using a pattern given by the judge.

- Groom & Clean teams consist of 3 members.
 - Team members do not have to have a horse at fair but must have at least completed the Horse Safety and You project book as well as submitted the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show Medical Form, How to Complete the Safety and Ethics Training page from the Horse Safety and You project book, and the Permission to Participate in 4-H Horse Activities form. All forms can be found in Appendix H.
- Teams will consist of either Junior age participants or Senior age participants. A Junior age participant may compete on a Senior team, but a Senior age participant may not compete on a Junior team.
- All participants competing in the Groom & Clean Contest must take a written test that will be given at the Skillathon location during Livestock Project Judging. See the Summary of Important Dates pages for the date/time of this test.
 - A study guide will be provided prior to the test.
- **If possible** horses for the contest will be provided for all teams from the horses that are at fair in the current year. **If a team does not have a horse at fair and one cannot be provided, then it is up to the team to provide a horse.**
- See Appendix H for the complete rules for the Groom & Clean Contest.

HORSE FUN SHOW

The purpose of the Horse Fun Show is to allow 4-H participants taking horse projects to have fun with their horses in a friendly yet competitive manner.

- The Horse Fun Show is only open to members registered with a 4-H project horse who have completed the appropriate registration paperwork.
- Pre-registration for the Horse Fun Show is requested. See Appendix H for descriptions of the Horse Fun Show classes and the registration form.
- Ribbons will be awarded to 3rd place for each class in the Horse Fun Show.
- 4-H horses that trailer in for the 4-H Horse Show may also trailer in for the Horse Fun Show.