



June 4, 2019

Dear 4-Her and Family,

All spring and these early moments of summer you have been attending 4-H meetings and events, giving demonstrations in club meetings, attending summer camp and working on your 4-H projects; along with juggling all your school, other clubs, and athletic commitments. It is time to start thinking about completing your 4-H projects, preparing for judging and getting ready for the fair. I hope you have had a fun learning experience with 4-H this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing the results of your efforts.

Please review this letter carefully; there are several changes and updates you need to be aware of. Also please note all locations are still subject to change. Keep an eye on updates through emails and Facebook for more information.

All forms except the judging schedules and declaration forms were included in your Advisor packet you received at advisor training, and all are listed on our website [www.meigs.osu.edu](http://www.meigs.osu.edu) on the left hand side click 4H and Youth development, then click 2019 Judging Information. If you are unable to download or get any of these forms, feel free to stop by our office and we will print any forms you may need.

**Project Completion and Fair Requirements are** available on the web at <https://meigs.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects-and-information>. This is a complete listing of county and state project judging requirements including what you need to bring to judging, etc. It is your responsibility to be prepared for judging. If you do not have internet access, please stop by our office and we will print off any information needed. Enclosed is a detailed judging schedule. In addition to the July judging week there are several upcoming programs/tagins you may need or are invited to attend. The information in this packet supersedes any previous information/dates, if you have questions, contact our office.

## LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION

**LIVESTOCK SHOW GUIDELINES** - The Meigs County Fair operates under the Ohio Livestock Show Reform Act and the Ohio Department of Agriculture Administrative Code Rules. According to these rules all market animals must be drug-free on the date of the weigh in, show, sale and/or slaughter. (This includes residue from drugs and medicated feeds.) Market animals not meeting these requirements will be ineligible for competition and/or sale.

**Dress Code:** Exhibitors will be required to wear long pants/slacks or jeans. Shirts must have some type of sleeve, short or long. No sleeveless shirts. The shirt must have a collar or be a 4-H, FFA T-shirt and be long enough to be tucked into your pants. If the shirt has buttons to the neck, then the only button to be unbuttoned will be the top button. All other buttons must be buttoned. No mesh shirts or tank tops (muscle shirts) are allowed in the show ring. No clothing with adverse language or any slogans relating to tobacco, drugs, alcohol or advertising. Hard soled shoes are required while in the show ring. Shoes must be closed toe. No tobacco products shall be used or on your person during livestock show and sale. Violation of this rule can cause you to be asked to leave the ring and forfeit all premiums and/or sale money for that project. This pertains to show and sale. Lab coats for rabbit and poultry projects are strongly encouraged for your protection.

**MARKET ANIMAL POLICY** - Our sale is a terminal show and sale, this means that all animals will be going to the terminal facility, except for dairy feeders, commercial feeders, market poultry and market rabbits. **No market animals except those noted above may be returned home.**

Under and overweight animals may show in showmanship class and show in an over/under weight class. Exhibitor's animal will not be placed in sale order or sold through the ring. Exhibitors with under/overweight animals or duplicate animals must declare with Jenna Meeks at the Junior Fair Board Office by **Thursday, August 15 at 4pm** where animal is going (slaughter,

resale or home as per guidelines). If this is not completed the animal will go to the packer with the highest bid for that specie. There will be no solicited sale of animals on the fairgrounds.

Disposal of Market Rabbits and Market Chickens: If the buyer returns your market chickens or market rabbits to you or someone else after the sale, you must make sure they are removed from the fairgrounds by Noon on Sunday. If these animals are left on the fairgrounds after Noon on Sunday, it could result in making you ineligible to show and sell any animals at the fair the following year. These returned animals are your responsibility and must be taken care of properly.

Show Arena cleanup for all members selling animals through the sale ring will be on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Ridenour Family Livestock Arena. Bleachers will be cleaned for the sale. If you know in advance you have a conflict with this rule, you need to contact the Junior Fair Coordinator before Tuesday and set up an alternate work time.

All livestock must be off grounds, pens & stalls must be totally cleaned out by 12:00 Noon on Sunday. Exhibitors failing to complete this will be fined \$50.00. This fee will be deducted from your livestock check.

**VETERINARIAN INSPECTIONS AT THE COUNTY FAIR** - All market animals must be weighed on Sunday at specified times. See weigh-in schedule below. Each market project will only be weighed one time. All market species must be checked by the veterinarian at specified weigh-in times on Sunday, August 11, 2019 as follows:

<b>Market Hogs -</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Market Sheep and Goats -</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>All Dairy and Beef Market Projects -</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Market Rabbits -</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Market Chickens &amp; Turkey</b>	<b>11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>

**If weigh in is running behind** schedule (after 12:00 p.m.) rabbits and poultry may be placed in pens until weigh in. These animals must be brought at specified times, NO EXCEPTIONS. All other 4-H and FFA nonmarket animals must be on the fairgrounds by 12:00 p.m. (noon), Sunday, August 11, 2019 and Vet checked, including horses, goats, beef, rabbits and chickens and dairy stock.

Members may exhibit two different market project area animals, BUT they can only sell one market project area animal. If youth show more than one specie the second animal or under/overweight animals can be sent to an approved slaughter house of their choice or to the packer who received the bid and exhibitor will receive the resale monies, with the exception of poultry and rabbits, which must be taken home. The extra beef or dairy feeder calf may be taken home. Animals not going to slaughter are not to be sold on the fairgrounds. Other animals to be sold through the sale ring must be declared **by Thursday, August 15 at 4pm to the Junior Fair Board Office.** Failure to declare means animals will be sent to the packer for resale price.

If a member wins grand or reserve in more than one project, both animals will sell through the ring and the member is responsible to pay for the additional set of pictures and banners, if there are no sponsorships.

All livestock must be drug free by weigh in on Sunday, August 11, 2019. After weighing in, all medical decisions must be made in consultation with the Fair Veterinarian. All livestock participants must fill out and turn in a Drug Notification Form to the Junior Fair Office before the animal crosses the scales to be weighed on Sunday, August 11, 2019. Participants must have this form filled out and signed by both the member and parent or guardian. Failure to have all Drug Use Notification Forms completed and signed correctly and turned in when animal crosses the scales to be weighed on Sunday, August 11, 2019 will cause you to be unable to show and sell and terminal animals will go directly to the packer.

**LIVESTOCK BANNERS** - If you are taking a market livestock project and you win Grand or Reserve Champion, you must pay for the buyer's banner and additional picture (for buyer) for the sale, **if** there is no sponsor. The cost of this banner and additional picture is \$20.00 and must be paid for **before** the sale on Saturday.

**DECORATED STALL** - The Junior Fair Board will be sponsoring a "Best Decorated Stall" award to be given for each species. Put on your thinking caps to see who can come up with the best ideas for decorating your stall. Awards will be given during the Junior Fair Awards Ceremony.

**LIVESTOCK RULES** - For more information pertaining to 2019 Livestock Rules Changes, Basic Livestock Rules and Regulations, Weigh-in Times, Sale Order, and Individual Specie Rules please see the Meigs County Agricultural Society Basic

Livestock Rules, on the [www.meigs.osu.edu](http://www.meigs.osu.edu) website

[http://www.themeigscountyfair.com/yahoo\\_site\\_admin/assets/docs/Livestock\\_Rules\\_2018.8121916.pdf](http://www.themeigscountyfair.com/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/Livestock_Rules_2018.8121916.pdf) or contact Jenna Meeks at 740-590-4242 or [jenna.meeks@southernlocal.net](mailto:jenna.meeks@southernlocal.net).

**All livestock project participants must attend project book review on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at Meigs High School at predetermined scheduled time.**

You can pre-register online at the links listed below by specie. You will need to schedule a time for **each project BEFORE** June 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to pre-register online, contact us and we will do it for you, if you do not wish to schedule a time, we will make an appointment time for you.

All livestock project books need to be completed as far as they can be as of July 10, 2019. Some will not be able to complete much, but you can have information on the breed, sex, color, suggested feeding or feed, picture etc. If Exhibitor fails to bring all required project books to the livestock project book judging, including breeding projects, market projects, horse projects or any other livestock projects, the project score will be dropped one (1) letter grade. Livestock project judging will be basically the same as any other project judging, including questions about the project and review of the project book.

**You MUST schedule by clicking the following link(s): [Lamb](#), [Hog](#), [Dairy](#), [Beef \(Judge #1\)](#), [Beef \(Judge #2\)](#), [Beef \(Judge #3\)](#), [Poultry \(Judge #1\)](#), [Poultry \(Judge #2\)](#), [Rabbit \(Judge #1\)](#), [Rabbit \(Judge #2\)](#), [Goat \(Judge #1\)](#), [Goat \(Judge #2\)](#), [Horse](#).** You can also find these links on our web page [www.meigs.osu.edu](http://www.meigs.osu.edu), click 4H and Youth development (on the left side) and then click 2019 Judging Information. All links in the judging packet are available there. If you are unable to pre-register online, contact us and we will do it for you, if you do not wish to schedule a time, we will make an appointment time for you.

Any market animals NOT being brought to the fair and all breeding/nonmarket animals being brought to the fair must be declared by July 29, 2019. Nonmarket livestock will pay \$3.00 per animal (horses, goats, sheep, hogs, dairy projects, beef projects) declaration fee. Rabbits and poultry will pay \$1.00 per pen. Declaration form and stall fees **must be turned into the Junior Fair Coordinator, Jenna Meeks on or before July 29, 2019** in order to prepare stalls. If paperwork is NOT turned in by July 29, 2019 there will be a \$10.00 late fee. After July 31, 2019, no paperwork will be accepted, and that animal cannot be exhibited at the 2019 Meigs County Fair, absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS. **REMINDER:** You only need to let us know the market animals you are NOT taking to the Meigs County Fair! [Declaration forms](#) scroll to the bottom of the page and there is one for every specie.

### **Optional Livestock Skill-a-thon**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2019** – Optional Livestock Skill-a-thon will be held this year at the Meigs High School Cafeteria. Please schedule a time at [Livestock Skill-a-thon](#). All 4-Hers and FFA members bringing animals to the Meigs County Fair are welcome to complete a Livestock Skill-a-thon but are not required. Youth will complete activities in the Skill-a-thon that are appropriate to their age and subject areas will not be available in advance. There will be 3 levels of activities at each station. Beginner youth ages 8 to 10 years old, intermediate youth ages 11 to 14 years old, and senior youth ages 15+. All the information with regards to the Skill-a-thon can be found in project books, the specific livestock resource books, and from the information shared at the Quality Assurance workshops. This is **NOT** a pass/fail program, but rather an opportunity for youth to demonstrate what they have learned this year. Youth will receive their score sheets at a club meeting following the Fair. High scores will be recognized during the Junior Fair Awards program on Friday, August 16, 2019 during the Fair.

**WEDNESDAY, July 10, 2019** – Miscellaneous Judging and Small Animal Judging will be at the **Meigs High School Cafeteria beginning at 9 am.** Follow this link to get a copy of the [Miscellaneous and Small Animal Judging Schedule](#).

If your project is not listed, please contact our office immediately. Please be on time, however, we could run slightly behind or ahead of schedule. Judging will be completed on an individual interview basis. You will share what you did with the project and what was learned. Please remember to bring your completed project book or your project grade will be lowered by one letter.

**4-H Dog Project Judging is Wednesday, July 10, 2019** – at the **Meigs County Dog Shelter**. Judging will be completed on an individual interview basis. You will share what you did with the project and what was learned. Please remember to bring your completed project book or your project grade will be lowered by one letter. Please bring animals on a leash or in an animal carrier!

**FRIDAY, July 12, 2019** – Food and Clothing Judging will be held at the Meigs County Extension office beginning at 1pm. Follow this link for Food Judging, and this link for Clothing Judging. **PLEASE USE THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING (center doors)**. Food project award winners will be announced at the Food and Fashion review on Friday, July 12. Youth do not have to be present to receive food awards.

**FRIDAY, July 12, 2019** – Food and Fashion Revue will be held at the Meigs County Senior Center at 7:00 pm. Please complete the Style Review information form (click this link) and bring with you. The community is welcome to attend to watch the youth model their projects. There will be an optional **Emerald Chef Contest** for all food project participants. Bring a gently used book as an entry fee.

**FRIDAY, July 12, 2019** - Cloverbud Show and Tell (click this link) will be held at the Meigs County Senior Center at 7:00. Clubs are encouraged to set up tables and have their Cloverbud Show and Tell what they have learned this year in 4-H. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Clubs may set up display tables at 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, July 12, 2019** - County Demonstration Contest (click this link) will be held at the Meigs County Senior Center at 7:00 pm. Please download the above form for more information.

### MAKE UP JUDGING

If you are taking a 4-H Project and cannot attend scheduled times during judging week, please select your judging time at the links listed below. Please provide your first and last name. If you are taking multiple projects, please select a time slot for each individual project.

**MAKE UP JUDGING – WEDNESDAY, July 17 from 11 am – 3 pm and WEDNESDAY, July 24, 2019 from 9am to 11:30am** by appointment **ONLY**, at the Meigs County Extension Office. You **must** register online at <https://doodle.com/poll/pe3sr7v72ymtx9qz> for July 17.

Or Wednesday, July 24, 2019 from 8:30am o 11:30am at the Extension Office. You must register online at <https://doodle.com/poll/hy2anhdd86erzp6a>. Please call if you need assistance in scheduling. As in the past, participants in Make-Up judging will not be eligible for general project awards or to attend State Fair. They will receive a project grade and complete the project requirements to display at the Meigs County Jr. Fair. All Projects must be displayed (in some form) at the Meigs County Fair in order to receive a fair pass and Junior Fair Premium money.

**FAIR PASSES** - There will be ID passes for the Junior Fair again this year and are due **to Jenna Meeks, Junior Fair Coordinator**. The form is located at Jr Fair Passes. Please read the form for deadlines **beginning July 10, 2019 and ending July 30, 2019**. If you have questions or concerns, you can contact her at 740-590-4242 or [jenna.meeks@southernlocal.net](mailto:jenna.meeks@southernlocal.net).

**TUESDAY, July 30, 2019** - Attendance form (click here) must be completed to date and returned to the **Meigs County Extension Office** along with your complete Secretary's Record Book/Minutes. This is for meeting attendance September 2018 through July 31, 2019. Each member must attend a minimum of 4 meetings per year and each Club must hold 6 meetings per year. Your club secretary book must contain a copy of the Club Constitution and Bylaws, meeting role calls, and minutes for at least six (6) meetings must be turned in with attendance form.

**SATURDAY August 3, 2019** – Rabbit and Poultry/Tag-in at the Meigs County Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All market rabbits must be tattooed, and market poultry banded at this time. You will receive your paperwork at that time to complete and there is a \$25 tag in fee due. For more information, please contact Jenna Meeks at 740-590-4242 or [jenna.meeks@southernlocal.net](mailto:jenna.meeks@southernlocal.net).

[Clover Bud Information \(click this link\)](#)

**WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2019** - Clover Clues will be held at 3pm at the Ridenour Family Livestock Arena. Join the Junior Fair Board as they guide Cloverbuds around the Fairgrounds to find clues relating to agriculture.

**THURSDAY, August 15, 2019** - Cloverbud Graduation will be held on Thursday, August 15 at 6 pm in the Ridenour Family Livestock Arena. Graduation is for Cloverbuds that are 7 **and** completed the second grade or any youth age 9 or above is eligible regardless of grade level as of January 1, 2020. Click on the above Clover Bud Information link for more information.

Other forms you may wish to access (all are optional participation) which are due July 31, 2019

[Meigs County Community Service Award](#)

[Club of Distinction](#)

[Pauline Atkins Awards](#)

[Extra Effort Members](#)

The 4-H and Junior Fair programs work because of a huge amount of volunteer and community support. Please be sure to take a moment and thank your advisors, parents and anyone else that has helped you this year. On the same token it is very important to send thank you cards to our 4-H award sponsors and livestock buyers. These small gestures can mean a lot to you and the 4-H program in the future. It is also important to be aware of whom you are sending a thank you to. If an award sponsor is also your livestock buyer, it is appropriate to send one card and mention both. This shows you are paying attention to who is supporting your efforts.

As we get closer to judging and the fair, please remember to have fun, be a good sportsman and remember you are representing 4-H and our community with everything you do.

Good Luck!



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