

**MEIGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BASIC LIVESTOCK RULES**

Approved by the Meigs County Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board) November 7, 2011

The Meigs County Agricultural Society reserves the right, the final and absolute right, to interpret these rules and regulations, to settle and determine all matters and questions. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules and to withdraw all premium offerings in all departments should an emergency exist and circumstances demand it. The Meigs County Agricultural Society will have the final say. To change the rules and regulations, the proposal shall be presented to the Meigs County Agricultural Society - Senior Fair Board, by the committee of that species, for the Senior Fair Board to vote on.

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Tag In Dates

Market Steers (Beef and Dairy)	<i>December 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.</i>
Commercial Feeder Steer, Dairy Feeder, Market Lambs, Market Hogs and Market Goats	<i>May 12, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.</i>
Market Poultry orders and money are to be turned in	<i>May 12, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.</i>
Rabbits and Poultry Tag-in	<i>July 13, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.</i>



QUALITY ASSURANCE DATES


Saturday, April 14, 2012
9 am – Noon at Southern High School
Walk In – New session starts every 15 minutes


April 24, 2012
6 pm at Meigs High School
Species Specific


There will be NO Make Up QA in Meigs County

Section I: Pre Fair Rules and Guidelines

- 1 Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H or FFA species projects they are tagging in by *April 2*, of the current year.
- 2 Any member of a Meigs County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter is eligible to participate in the market livestock programs if they abide by the Junior Fair Board regulations and the Meigs County Agricultural Society's rules.
- 3 As a requirement for membership in 4-H or FFA, all market livestock members will be required to have a parent or guardian and member acknowledge, by signature, that they, the parent or guardian, has received a copy of the market livestock rules and will abide by them.
- 4 4-H and FFA livestock must be owned by the 4-H or FFA member or in partnership with his or her immediate family.
-  5 Members must be a full time resident of Meigs County at the time of tag-in or project enrollment. If there is a question of status, it will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Meigs County Agricultural Society, Livestock Committee and a recommendation will be made to the board. The member must also then complete all appropriate paperwork with OSU Extension, Meigs County after receiving approval from the Meigs County Agricultural Society and prior to enrollment deadline of April 2.
- 6 All animals must be housed at the member's legal and permanent residence and be the bona fide property and under the continual care of the exhibitor at the weigh-in, tag-in or registration time until completion of the project. **Any junior fair member wishing to house his/her project elsewhere in the county, must complete and deliver the "Application for Permission to Keep Fair Project at Location other than on Family Property", to the Junior Fair Coordinator before the first Monday of the month of the registration, tag-in or weigh-in date for approval. If something changes with regard to housing, you must let the Junior Fair Coordinator know immediately. All applications will be reviewed and any animals not housed where declared will be subject to penalty. Penalty could cause you not to be allowed to show and sell. Random checks will be held on all species.**
- 7 A registration fee of \$25 for the first market specie (includes two animals of the same species), any additional market animals, of another specie will pay a fee of \$5.00 at respective **TAG-INS**. Youth must be enrolled in any and all projects tagged via a 4H Club or FFA Chapter. ***There will be no refunds.*** This is for all market animals.
- 8 Breeding stock must be enrolled in a breeding project; market stock must be enrolled in market project through the duration of the project. **All 4-H and FFA livestock projects must be housed in Meigs County. No exceptions!**
- 9 All Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors, including all 4-H and FFA members, must participate in a Quality Assurance Training and in the July livestock skillathon to exhibit, show and/or sell at the fair.
 - If Exhibitor fails to bring all required project books to the skillathon, including breeding projects, market projects, horse project or any other livestock projects the project grade, will be dropped one letter and will not be eligible to compete for grand, reserve, or place in the class.
 - If the member has taken the quality assurance training in the previous year and is 16 or older (as of January 1), he or she may choose the test out option. If a member scores an 85% or better he or she will have met their quality assurance criteria for the rest of his or her 4H or FFA career. If member takes the test and does not pass, he or she must attend a regular quality assurance training that year.
 - Quality Assurance must be taken by June 1, 2012.
-  10 Tag-in for market steers (beef and dairy) will be **December 17, 2011** from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Meigs County Fairgrounds.

 11. Tag-in for Commercial Feeder Steer, Dairy Feeder, Market Lambs, Market Hogs and Market Goats will be Saturday, **May 12, 2012** at the Meigs County Fairgrounds from **7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

 12. Market Poultry orders and money are to be turned in at the Meigs County Fairgrounds on **May 12, 2012** from **7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

 13. Rabbits and Poultry Tag-in - **July 21, 2012** from **8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** at the Meigs County Fairgrounds. Bleeding of breeding chickens will be done at this time also.

14. Each 4-H and FFA member is responsible for seeing that his/her market animal is weighed, identified, etc., at pre-fair and fair tagging and weigh-in dates as established by the Meigs County Agricultural Society.


15. If an issue with a missing tag, contact Alyssa Holter and Fair Board members will replace the tag. You must contact Alyssa Holter within 10 days of tag missing. If there is infection due to a tag, Fair Board members must see the animal before the tag is removed.


16. All participating members must fill out an animal identification form which shall be filed with the Junior Fair Coordinator on Tag-in Day. A parent's or guardian's signature and the member's signature are required on this form.

17. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered.

18. All animals will be dehorned, castrated and born by specified date (see species rules) prior to the tag-in date.

19. No market animal can be replaced after the respective weigh-in, tag-in or identification date of that species.

 20. Members may tag-in more than one market animal. Members may exhibit up to two (2) different market project area animals. (for example one market hog and one market lamb). Members may only sell one specie. (see Section II: Fair and Livestock sale Rules and Guidelines). The animals being brought to the fair must be declared by July 23, 2012. Turn in all Junior Fair Livestock Declaration forms on or before July 23, 2012, at the Extension office. If paperwork is turned in between July 24 and July 31, 2012 there will be a \$10.00 late fee/member. After July 31, 2012 no paperwork will be accepted, and the animal(s) can not be exhibited at the 2012 Meigs County Fair, absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS. This includes all market animals and non market animals; this is a late fee for failure to file forms.

 21. Non market livestock will pay \$3.00 per stall or pen (horses, goats, sheep, hogs, dairy projects, beef projects, including breeding sheep and beef). Rabbits and poultry will pay \$1.00 per pen. All Non-Market Animal pen fees must be paid with livestock declaration forms (see rule #7). Due on or before July 23, 2012, at the Extension office. If paperwork is turned in between July 24 and July 31, 2012 there will be a \$10.00 late fee/member. After July 31, 2012 no paperwork will be accepted, and that animal can not be exhibited at the 2012 Meigs County Fair, absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS. This includes all market animals and non market animals; this is a late fee for failure to file forms.

Section II: Fair and Livestock Sale Rules and Guidelines

1. Members may exhibit two different market project area animals, BUT, they can only sell one market project area animal. If a member wins grand or reserve, that animal is automatically sold through the ring. Any other animals to be sold through the sale ring must be declared by Thursday 12 noon to the Junior Fair Board Office. The other animal will be sold to the packer and the member will receive the resale monies, with the exception of poultry, rabbits and feeder calves, these animals must be taken home. They are not to be sold on the fairgrounds. All other projects are terminal and must be treated as such.
2. If a member wins grand or reserve market animals, both animals will sell through the ring and the member is responsible to pay for the additional set of pictures and banners.
3. If a market animal or market pen dies after weigh in at the current fair, he/she will not be able to go through the sale ring (such as one chicken or rabbit dying out of the total pen will still not sell due to an incomplete project). However, he/she may participate in junior fair show and in showmanship for a grade and premium for the project.
4. Tampering and/or misrepresentations as to breeding, age, ownership and/or any other irregularities in showing and selling will be consider fraud and deception. Should fraud or deception, as determined by the Meigs County Agricultural Society, be discovered before, during or after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal or animals shall not be permitted to sell. If after the sale, sale money won by such exhibitor will be withheld.
5. No outsiders or professionals are allowed to assist in the grooming of the market animals at the fair (this includes the show and sale).
6. Each 4-H and FFA member is responsible for seeing that his/her market animal is weighed, identified, etc., at pre-fair and fair tagging and weigh-in dates as established by the Meigs County Agricultural Society
7. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered.
8. No market animals can be shown as a breeding project.
9. Each person who presents for exhibition or exhibits an animal for which a certificate of veterinary inspection is required by rules 901:1-18-01 to 901:1-18-11 of the Administrative Code shall forward a copy of the certificate of veterinary inspection to the Ohio department of agriculture's division of animal industry.
10. All market animals, must be weighed on Sunday at specified times. See weigh-in schedule below. One market project will only be weighed one time. All market species must be checked by the veterinarian at specified weigh-in times as follows:
 - Market Hogs - Sunday, August 13, 2012 - 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**
 - Market Sheep and Goats - Sunday, August 13, 2012 - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**
 - All Dairy and Beef Market Projects - Sunday, August 13, 2012 -10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**
 - Market Rabbits - Sunday, August 13, 2012 - 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**
 - Market Chickens - Sunday, August 13, 2012 - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**If weigh in is running behind schedule (after 12:00 p.m.) rabbits and poultry may be placed in pens until weigh in times. These animals must be brought at specified times, NO EXCEPTIONS. All other 4-H and FFA non market animals must be on the fair grounds by 6:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2012, including horses, goats, beef, rabbits and chickens and dairy stock.
11. Weigh in staff and youth exhibitors are the only people permitted in the scale area during weigh in. Youth exhibitors may see their animal weights at that time.
12. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.



13. Minimum and Maximum weights:
Market Lamb - 90 pounds to 140 pounds **Market Hog** - 225 pounds to 285 pounds
Market Steer - 900 pounds to 1650 pounds **Market Goat** - 60 to 110 pounds.
Market Dairy Steer - 900 to 1650 pounds **Dairy Feeder** - 400 pounds to 650 pounds
Commercial Market Feeder - 400 pounds to 650 pounds
Market Rabbits (Pen of 3 rabbits) - 3 to 5 pounds (each rabbit)
Market Poultry (Pen of 2 Chickens) - 3 to 8 pounds (each bird)

14. All livestock participants must fill out and turn in a Drug Notification Form to the Junior Fair Office by **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, 2012**. Participants must have this form completely filled out and signed by both the member and parent or guardian. **Failure to have all Drug Notification Forms completed and signed correctly and turned in by 4:00 p.m., Sunday August 13, 2012 will cause you to be unable to show and sell.** (Feed Supplier Certificates will not be collected this year.)

15. WASH RACK SCHEDULE:
Monday a.m. - Dairy Cattle Wednesday A.M. – Wash Rack Closed
Monday p.m. - Sheep/Goats Saturday – Go in line of sale order
Tuesday - Beef and Dairy

16. Dress Code: Exhibitors will be required to wear long pants/slacks or jeans. Shirts are to be respectable for a livestock show which means they must have some type of sleeve, short or long. **No sleeveless shirts.** The shirt must have a collar and be long enough to be tucked into your pants. If the shirt has buttons, 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. **Violation of this rule can cause you to be asked to leave the ring and forfeit all premiums for that project.** This pertains to show and sale. Lab coats for rabbit and poultry projects are strongly encouraged for your protection.

17. No electric clippers or blow dryers allowed to be used inside the barns.


18. All livestock must be kept within their designated barn area during the fair. **NO ANIMALS CAN BE TAKEN OUTSIDE THE GATES OR ON THE MIDWAY AT ANY TIME.**

19. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor that their animals be fed, watered and stalls cleaned daily by noon, while on exhibit at the fair. Daily barn inspections will be done. Exhibitors neglecting to do this will be warned in first with a meeting with the Senior Fair Board, parent and advisor. The second time more drastic measures will be taken against the exhibitor. Penalty will be determined by the Meigs County Agricultural Society.

20. Livestock Sale Order – Saturday, August 18, 2012:
- Market Rabbits and Market Poultry
 - Market Hogs
 - Beef Market Steers
 - Commercial Feeder Steers
 - Dairy Feeders
 - Market Goats
 - Market Lambs
 - Dairy Market Steer



21. Members with Grand and Reserve Champion animals will pay for the cost of presentation banners presented to their buyers. The cost will be determined closer to the fair for each banner. This **must** be paid before the day of the livestock sale at the Jr. Fair Office unless there is a sponsor.

 22. All under-weight and over-weight animals will be removed by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 and taken to a terminal resale facility. Exhibitors will receive a resale check for the market price within 30 days. In the case of rabbits and poultry, if one of the pen dies before the sale on Saturday, the entire pen is to be removed immediately.

23. Our sale is a terminal show and sale, this means that all animals will be going to the terminal facility, with the exception of dairy feeders, commercial feeder steers, market rabbits and market chickens. **No market animals except those noted above may be returned home.** No animals leave until all market animals have been loaded out Saturday night.

24. All re-sale animals will be sold at the end of the entire sale, not at the end of their species.

25. 4-H and FFA members ***must show and sell their own animals.*** **Exception** - an emergency, excused by majority vote of the Meigs County Agricultural Society. **Under these circumstances another 4-H or FFA member may show and sell said animal.**

26. No one other than exhibitor or designated ring man, fairboard member and/or judge may be in the ring during show and/or sale.



27. Show Arena clean up for all members selling animals through the sale ring will be on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the livestock sale ring. Bleachers will be cleaned for the sale.

28. 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.

29. All livestock must be off grounds by 12:00 Noon Sunday. Horses are released Friday after the show and need to be off the fairgrounds by 3:00 p.m. on Friday ***August 17, 2012***. No animals leave until all market animals have been loaded out Saturday night.

30. Pens & stalls must be totally cleaned out at the end of Fair, by noon on Sunday. Exhibitors failing to complete this will be fined \$50.00.



31. You can only show four (4) breeding rabbits total of any breed.

Section III: SPECIE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

Please note dates have been updated for current year

MARKET STEER RULES: (4-H Project Book # 117M)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #117M Market Beef Project.
2. Project calves must be selected from purebred or crossbred **beef stock. No Dairy Breeds.**
3. Calves must be dropped after January 1, 2011.
4. Steers must be castrated by December 18, 2011.
5. All market animals must either be polled or de-horned and weaned before December 17, 2011.
6. Steers will be shown by weight classes.
7. Steers must weigh 900 pounds to 1650 pounds.
8. You can tag-in 2 Market Steers, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
9. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered
10. No electric clippers or blow dryers allowed to be used inside the barns.
11. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.

COMMERCIAL FEEDER STEER RULES: (4-H Project Book #117BF)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #117BF Beef Feeder Calf Project.
2. Project calves must be selected from purebred or crossbred **beef stock. No Dairy Breeds.**
3. Calves must be dropped after January 1, 2012.
4. Calves must be castrated and dehorned by May tag-in date.
5. All calves must be weaned by tag-in.
6. Commercial feeder steers do not sell terminal.
7. Commercial feeder steers must weigh 400 pounds to 650 pounds.
8. If you are taking a commercial feeder steer, you **do not** have to take a beef breeding project.
9. You can tag-in 2 commercial feeders, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
10. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered
11. No electric clippers or blow dryers allowed to be used inside the barns.
12. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.

BEEF BREEDING RULES: (4-H Project Book # 117b)

Breeding entries will be shown in the following classes:

Hereford, Angus, Charolais, Shorthorn, Crossbreed and any other recognized breed

1. Calf born January 1, 2010 to April 30, 2012
2. Senior Calf born September 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011
3. Summer yearling born May 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011
4. Junior yearling born January 1, 2011 to April 30, 2011
5. Senior yearling born September 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
6. Two year old heifer, born May 1, 2010 to August 31, 2010
7. Cow born prior to May 1, 2010
8. Bull calf under six months
9. Bull calf over six months and under one year.
10. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.

MARKET DAIRY STEER RULES: (4-H Project Book # 117D)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #117D Market Steer Project.
2. **Member must carry at least one dairy breeding project.**
3. Steers must be full-blood dairy stock. **No beef stock. No mixing of Dairy breeds, example - Holstein must be 100% Holstein, Jersey must be 100% Jersey.**
4. Calves must be dropped after January 1, 2011.
5. Steers must be castrated and dehorned by December 17 2011.
6. Steers will be shown by weight class.
7. Dairy Market Steers must weigh 900 to 1650 pounds
8. Dairy Market Steers will show on the same night as Market Steer Show.
9. You can tag-in 2 Market Dairy Steers, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
10. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered
11. No electric clippers or blow dryers allowed to be used inside the barns.
12. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed

DAIRY FEEDER RULES: (4-H Project Book # 117DF)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #117DF Dairy Beef Feeder Project.
2. Member must also carry at least one dairy breeding project.
3. Bull calf, when selected, must be full-blood dairy stock. **No beef stock. No mixing of Dairy breeds, example - Holstein must be 100% Holstein, Jersey must be 100% Jersey.**
4. Age requirement: Feeder calf must be dropped between January 1st and last day of February, the same calendar year as the fair. (E.g. - calf born January 1, 2011 to February 29, 2011 will be shown and sold at the 2011 fair.) Feeder must be owned by member at this date.
5. Dairy Feeders will only be weighed prior to the sale, during the week of the fair.
6. Calf must be castrated and dehorned before it reaches 10 weeks of age.
7. Dairy Feeders will show prior to the Market Steer Show on Tuesday evening.
8. Dairy Market Feeders will be shown by weight - 400 to 650 pounds.
9. You can tag-in 2 Dairy Feeders, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
10. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in. Animals will not be tagged until haltered
11. No electric clippers or blow dryers allowed to be used inside the barns.
12. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed

DAIRY BREEDING RULES: (4-H Project Books #122, #126)

Breeding entries will be shown in the following classes:

Holsteins, Jerseys, Guernsey and Any other recognized dairy breed.

1. Spring heifer calf – born After February 29, 2012 and over four months old.
2. Winter heifer calf – born after November 30, 2011 and before March 1, 2012
3. Fall heifer calf – born after August 31, 2011 and before December 1, 2011
4. Summer yearling heifer – born after May 31, 2011 and before September 1, 2011
5. Spring yearling heifer – born after February 28, 2011 and before June 1, 2011
6. Winter yearling heifer – born after November 30, 2010 and before March 1, 2011
7. Senior yearling heifer – born after August 31, 2010 and before December 1, 2010
8. Junior two year old – born after February 28, 2010 and before September 1, 2010
9. Senior two year old – born after August 31, 2009 and before March 1, 2010
10. Junior three year old cow – born after February 29, 2009 and before September 1, 2009
11. Three year old cow – born after August 31, 2008 and before March 1, 2009
12. Four year old cow – born after August 31, 2007 and before September 1, 2008
13. Five year old cow – born after August 31, 2006 and before September 1, 2005
14. Aged Cow – born before September 1, 2006
15. Dry Cow – three and four year old – born after August 31, 2007 and before March 1, 2009
16. Aged Dry Cow – born before September 1, 2007
17. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.

MARKET HOG RULES: (4-H Project Book # 139)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #139 Market Hog Project.
2. No grooming will be allowed.
3. Hogs will show dry or wet from water only.
4. Hair must be no less than ½ inch long on hog or it will be ineligible to show and sell.
5. No clipping of hogs except the ears and tail.
6. No use of any oils or powders or any other substance. ONLY WATER!
7. All hogs will show together in specified weight classes.
8. Market hogs must weigh 225 to 285 pounds.
9. Member must supply ½ inch threaded nipple for their hog pen.
10. You can tag-in 2 hogs, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
11. Rubber mat 36" x 30" (maximum size) may be used in hog pens, but cannot cover the grating.
12. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.

MARKET LAMB RULES: (4-H Project Book # 198)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #198 Market Lamb Project.
2. All market lambs must be slick sheared within one (1) week prior to fair.
3. All lambs will show together in specified weight classes.
4. **No electric shearing of market lambs on or at the fairgrounds.**
5. No use of ice, packs, iced or cold towels, no drenching of animal with anything, except with permission of the veterinarian
7. All lambs must be castrated by May tag-in day.
8. All lambs must have USDA FARM TAG in ear.
9. All market lambs must weigh between 90 and 140 pounds.
10. You can tag-in 2 market lambs, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
11. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.

SHEEP BREEDING RULES: (4-H Project Book # 199)

Breeding entries will be shown in the following classes:

Suffolk, Hampshire, Crossbred and any other recognized breed of sheep

1. Ewe, Spring lamb – born between January 1, 2012 and May 1, 2012
2. Ram, Spring Lamb – born between January 1, 2012 and May 1, 2012
3. Yearling ewe – one year and under two years
4. Yearling ram – one year and under two years
5. Ewe – over two years
6. Ram – registered, over two years
7. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.

MARKET GOAT RULES: (4-H Project Book # 135)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #135M Goat Project.
2. All market goats must be slick sheared within one week prior to the fair.
3. Market goats must all be **wethers**. They must be castrated and dehorned prior to May tag-in. Market goats must be completely healed from being dehorned and castrated by fair time. Maximum of a blunt one (1) inch scur, flat to the head will be allowed.
4. All market goats must be born between January 1, 2011 and March 1, 2011.
5. All market goats must weigh between 60 and 110 pounds.
6. **All market goats will sell terminal.**
7. All market goats must have a scrapie tag from the seller of the animal - USDA FARM TAG
8. You can tag-in 2 market goats, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
9. All goats must have USDA FARM TAG in ear.
10. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed

GOAT BREED CLASSES AND RULES: (4-H Project Book #135D or 135S)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #135D for Dairy goats, #135S for specialty goats.
2. Goats, including Dairy, Pygmy and Boer classes will show by age in female breed classes. Harness and cart goats must show in harness and with a cart.
3. **No Billy Goats are permitted on the fairgrounds.**
4. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.

MARKET POULTRY RULES: (4-H Project Book # 152)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #152 Poultry Production: Raising Broilers.
2. Market poultry will consist of 2 cockerels, 3 to 8 pounds each, 1 pen maximum. Poultry entered in the market pen must be pullorum free and therefore, these chicks must be ordered through the Meigs County Junior Fair Coordinator in order to be eligible to show and sell. Poultry market pens must consist of two birds which should be uniform in size and weight.
3. Only 1 market pen may sell through the Livestock Sale.
4. Only 4-H and FFA exhibitors are allowed to handle and show poultry during the show, unless the judge says it is O.K.
5. All birds shall be of good health. The judge shall make final determination for class eligibility.
6. All poultry must be weighed dry at fair weigh-in.
7. All poultry must be fed and watered daily.
8. There will be no broiler poultry class this year, only market poultry. Other tagged broilers need to be left at home.
9. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.
10. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days.

POULTRY BREED CLASSES AND RULES: (4-H Project Book # 151 or #153)

1. You must be enrolled in Project # 151 Poultry Production: Raising Pullets or #153 Raising Fancy Poultry. Turkey must be enrolled in Project #166 and Ducks and Geese must be enrolled in Project #168.
2. Poultry will be shown by the American Standard of Perfection classes. Example, Bantam ducks, heavy, medium and light breed ducks and heavy, medium and light breed geese. There is no limit on the species of poultry to show, but you can only have 1 poultry exhibit per class.
3. All entries should be entered by July 31, 2012 at the Extension Office. **NO ADDING ENTRIES AFTER THIS DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS** (see previous rule #8 of the general rules)
4. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.
5. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days.

RABBIT BREED CLASSES AND RULES: (4-H Project Book # 225)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #225 Breeding Rabbit Project.
2. Breed of rabbit to be determined by the judge. All rabbits must be in the right class to show.
3. All entries should be entered by July 31, 2012 at the Extension Office. **NO ADDING ENTRIES AFTER THIS DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS** (see rule #8 of the general rules)
4. Classes will be as follows:

Junior Doe or Buck	Under 6 months of age
Senior Doe or Buck	over 6 months of age
Doe and Litter	Babies must be at least 4 weeks old
5. Only 1 entry per class or breed. **RABBITS MUST BE IN THE RIGHT CLASS BY BREED, AGE AND SEX GROUP, THIS IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY if in the wrong class no grade will be given.**
6. You may show a doe and her litter. The litter must be at least 4 weeks old. You may only show a total of four (4) rabbits for all classes and one (1) per class.
7. Pet Rabbit class will be judged at prejudging (small animal day) July 2012 If you want to display your rabbit at the fair it needs to be enrolled as a market or breeding project. A pet rabbit project cannot be shown as a breeding project.
8. The above rules and animals will be checked at the fair. You must show the right rabbits for the project you are taking. Rabbits must be in the correct breed, age and sex classes.
9. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair.
10. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days
11. You can only show four (4) breeding rabbits total of any breed.



MARKET RABBIT RULES: (4-H Project Book # 226)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #226 Market Rabbit Project.
2. Market rabbits can come from exhibitor's own does or **be purchased** prior to tag-in in July. Market rabbits must be of market type. Market rabbits will be identified on Saturday, July 21, 2012 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
3. **Exhibitor may use one market rabbit for showmanship. Rabbit must belong to member showing.**
4. Commercial fryer pens of three must come from your does in your project or must be purchased and be identified on the designated registration date. Commercial fryer pens must be of same breed. Quality judged by the Judge. Only quality judged rabbits will be sold.
5. Market rabbits shall be identified with a tattoo in the left ear of the rabbit. All rabbits must be tattooed by a representative of the Meigs County Agricultural Society. A maximum of six market rabbits may be tattooed.
6. Market rabbits must not be less than 70 days of age or over 75 days of age at fair weigh in time. Fryers must weigh a minimum of 9 pounds per pen (maximum 15 pounds), 3 to 5 pounds per rabbit. Market rabbits must be born between and May 30, and June 4, 2012.
7. Any over-weight or under-weight market pens will not be eligible for sale. A member may sell only 1 market pen.
8. Rabbits shown in market pen class cannot be shown in breed classes.
9. All rabbits will be weighed dry at fair weigh-in.
10. Only three (3) registered market rabbits can be weighed in at the fair for the market project. Other tagged rabbits need to be left at home.
11. All livestock ear tags or leg tags must be clean at time of weigh in at the fair. If tag is unreadable, the animal will be moved to the end of the line and the tag must be cleaned before they will be weighed.
12. It is highly recommended members have a transport pen for livestock to move from barn to show arena on show and sale days.

ALPACA/ LLAMA CLASSES AND RULES : (4-H Project # 132)

1. All alpacas must be healthy. Health papers are not required, but animal must be checked by Vet before unloading. Should be current on vaccinations and worming, and from BVD negative herd.
2. Participant is responsible for ensuring animal is watered, fed and stall cleaned daily
3. Animals should be exercised daily for better animal health. All animals must be halter broke to lead.
4. Aisles and pens are to be kept clean throughout fair. After removal of animal, manure and bedding is to be removed from pen.
5. Show attire includes clean, neat, appropriate clothing including a white shirt, dark pants and hard soled shoes. No writing, farm name, or advertising allowed on clothing. No open toed shoes allowed.
6. Animals must be in pens by 6 pm Sunday and released by noon the following Sunday.
7. No breeding males may be shown at the Fair. Non-breeders may be shown (geldings, vasectomized males, and spayed or non-reproductive females). These must have verification on registration papers or a veterinarian certificate stating same, available for review.
8. All alpacas must be shorn. Judging will be based on conformation and type.
 - a. Suri: having a natural luster and hang or drape over the body, forming natural part along the spine. Fiber falls into a well-defined lock structure.
 - b. Huacaya: Having a natural crimp and shine to the fiber.

Showmanship: Class 1 – Novice: 1st year exhibitor, any age.

Class 2 – Beginner: 9 – 11 years old

Class 3 – Junior 12 – 14 years old

Class 4 – Seniors 15 – 18 years old

Division I: Breed Classes

Class 1

Huacaya Juvenile Female: 6 – 11 months old

Class 2

Huacava Yearling Female: 12 – 23 months old

Class 3

Huacava Adult Female: 2+ years old

Class 4

Huacaya Non-breeder

Class 5

Suri Juvenile Female 6 – 11 months old

Class 6

Suri Yearling Female – 12 – 23 months old

Class 7

Suri Adult Female: 2+ years old

Class 8

Suri Non- breeder

Division II: Obstacle Classes

Divided into showmanship classes. One animal per exhibitor.

Division III: Public Relations Classes:

Divided into showmanship classes. One animal per exhibitor.

Section IV: 4-H Horse Project Information

All 4-H Horse projects which compete in 4-H Horse Shows are subject to the Meigs County Horse Guidelines, State 4-H Horse Guidelines, Meigs County Fair Premium Book, Meigs County Barn Rules and the 4-H Uniform Show Rules.

2011 Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows with regards to the helmet policy: All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired." This includes any activities for 4-H, FFA, Junior Fair including parades, club events, shows, clinics, including practice time at the fair.

1. Participation competition limited to those enrolled in 4-H and FFA Horse project by April 1. (Note: 4-H and FFA members must be a resident of Meigs County to exhibit at the Meigs County Fair.) Ref: Meigs Co. Fair Premium Book.
2. ALL HORSES AND PONIES MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF CLUB MEMBERS by June 1. 4-H and FFA must list their horse(s) on an Extension Office form along with a picture or drawing of the project. Two 4-Hers and FFA cannot use the same horse. All completed forms must be turned into the Extension Office by June 1 to be eligible.
3. The age of the exhibitor is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Horses are over 58 inches tall. Ponies are 58 inches tall and under.
5. Stallions may not be shown unless part of a production project and then only through their first calendar year. Any stallion shown must be born after January 1 of the current year.
6. Members may carry more than one horse or pony project provided it has been approved by the 4-H and FFA advisor and recorded in the Extension Office. Only one project horse may be allowed to be shown at the 4-H horse show to receive awards beyond the project grade. That horse needs to be identified by due date.
7. Hardship cases (i.e. death of horse, lameness, etc.) will be considered and dealt with by the 4-H Horse Committee, on a case by case basis, between the project dates, June 1 thru the first Tuesday of August, no replacements from then to last day of fair. If replacement if allowed, exhibitor will not be allowed to compete for Grand and Reserve Champion. If something happens between first Tuesday in August and the start of the Meigs County fair there will be NO replacement considered.
8. Horse and ponies used as project animals must either be owned by the member, member's family, or leased. 4-H and FFA members who lease a project must complete the Meigs County 4-H Lease Agreement and fulfill requirements to be eligible to show. On the lease agreement, the 4-Her and FFA must state where the horse is being stabled. The leased horse must be boarded at the 4-Hers and FFA home and in his possession by June 1. Horse identification papers must be turned into the Extension Office by June 1. EXCEPTION: The case of a 4-Her or FFA who lives in town or rural non-farm needs to complete Outside Housing Permission Form by June 1 and the horse must be in the continual care of the 4-H and FFA member.
9. Project animals should not be trained by professionals during the project period of June 1 thru last day of County Fair. Professional advice and instruction to the member is encouraged whenever possible. Such assistance can include occasional riding or handling of the horse by the instructor, but cannot include regular training, showing or care during the project period.

10. All 4-H and FFA members taking a 4-H horse project (one (1) each per household) shall have in possession current copies of Uniform Rules for Horse Shows - Circular 179 and Horses, Safety and You - Circular 191R.
11. Members who qualify and attend State Fair will be given \$25.00 each from the Horse committee. EXCEPTION: Horse Committee must decide if funds are available for that year.
12. All 4-H and FFA members are required to participate in a livestock skillathon in order to complete project, receive grade and premium money and be able to exhibit project at fair.

Section V: MEIGS COUNTY 4-H BARN RULES

1. Do not ride in or out of barn on horses. All horses must be lead to and from show ring.
2. Horses are not to be tied in barn aisles. All grooming, tack changes, etc. are to be done in stall.
3. Horses are to be in stall at all times, except during exercise time, and only when show ring is not in use. Horses are not allowed on the hill at any time. 4-H horses are never allowed to be on the race track at any time unless crossing over to show ring.
4. Each exhibitor is responsible to clean and maintain stall during fair. All bedding must be removed from stall at close of fair or at the time horse is removed from fair. Failure to do so could result in forfeit of premium money to the Horse Committee and not consideration for a future stall.
5. Absolutely NO HORSE PLAY of any kind inside the horse barn.
6. Lights out and quiet time at 11:30 p.m. so horses can get their beauty sleep.
7. Absolutely NO SMOKING in barn.
8. All horses must be fed and watered two times a day, no later than 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Horses not fed or watered properly will be sent home immediately.
9. Stalls will be assigned by member seniority (actual 4-H horse project years). If new barn does not have enough stalls, race horse barn will be used. If more than one stall is needed, newer members will be chosen by drawing. Stall assignments will be made during August Horse Committee meeting.
10. When using wash area, members must clean up after themselves and their horses.
11. For safety reasons, fans, lights, etc. must have electrical cords run through some sort of conduit piping system to prevent horses getting to cords and causing a fire.
12. 4-H Horse Clubs are responsible for getting own sawdust/bedding.
13. Only one horse is allowed unless entered in production, if more than one horse is taken for project, only one stall will be allowed.
14. Only one horse per stall will be allowed with exception as noted in rule #13.
15. Please leave stalls like new at the close of fair. (It took a lot of years for 4-H horse members to get the new barn).
16. All horses should be supervised when out of stall at anytime.
17. Round pen and arena are not for turn out, just exercising.
18. If horse has to leave fair early, notify the Horse Committee before the first Tuesday in August.

Section VI: MEIGS COUNTY GUIDELINE RULES FOR 4-H HORSE SHOWS

1. Novice 4-Hers and Novice FFA (1st year exhibitors) who are under 13 years of age, are required to show in the Showmanship class and one Novice performance class division. The Showmanship score and the top performance score will determine the winner of the Novice Division. They are allowed to enter two other classes of their choice.
2. Any registered 4-H and FFA member may compete in as many as four classes with a requirement of at least two. The top performance and showmanship scores in each division will determine the winners. In order to qualify for awards the youth member must compete in two classes of a single area. Showmanship is its own award area.
3. All participants are required to participate in a showmanship class and will not count against the four (4) Gymkhana classes.
4. An individual can show his/her project in both western and English classes, breed permitting, plus any other classes in which they are eligible.
5. The 4-H Horse show must have a steward who will interpret and clarify rules. Any exhibitor wishing to discuss any matter with the judge must first contact the steward who may approve and arrange such an appointment. All decisions from Judge are final.
6. No person other than the exhibitor and show officials will be allowed in the ring while any class is being judged, except in the case that the ring crew is needed. Only show officials will be allowed in the announcer's booth.
7. Horse show entries must be in the Extension Office by the show entry deadline for all events.
8. In Novice classes, exhibitors will not be required to canter. This will be an option. (Exhibitors must follow state guidelines for qualifying show.)
9. If patterns are used, they will be posted 30 minutes prior to the class.
10. In case of a tie in a class - Judge must have a work off or verbal quiz.
11. If the judge feels the exhibitor's horse is out of control in the show ring, they will be asked to go to the center of the ring until the class is over. They will be excused from that class.
12. Show results will be posted one (1) hour following the close of the show. Winners will be announced then and awards will be presented.
13. Entry fees may be charged for PAS State Fair Qualifying classes if necessary to help cover the expense of these classes.
14. Outriders for harness races during the fair must have at least two years 4-H show experience. They must ride a gentle, mature and controllable horse. Rider must be capable of outriding. Outriders will be chosen by the advisors and be at least 14 years old.
15. 4-H and FFA members must remove all bedding from their stalls at close of fair or at time of removing horse from fair. Failure to do so will result in forfeit of premium money.
16. All horses must be on the fairgrounds all week unless brought to the horse committee for prior approval before the first Tuesday August or unless there is a medical hardship. If horse leaves grounds for any other reason exhibitor will forfeit all horse premiums and will not be allowed to participate in the horse fun show.
17. All horses shall be supervised at all times if not in a stall.
18. All complaints or problems by members or parents should be addressed at the 4-H Horse Committee meetings. Please do not take questions or problems to Fairboard members without first approaching 4-H Horse Committee.
19. Showmanship and Pleasure/Performance class winners will be taken using the highest score in each division.
20. Gymkhana classes will be scored on fastest time. Exhibitors will receive 3 points for the 1st fastest time, 2 points for the 2nd fastest time and 1 point for the 3rd fastest time. Points will accumulate from the Pole Bending, Cones & Barrels, Speed & Control and Barrel racing classes. In case of a tie, Gymkhana/Showmanship class scores will be used as a tie breaker.
21. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be given in the Novice, Junior and Senior age divisions in each: Showmanship, Pleasure/Performance, Gymkhana and Production.

22. In the event that there is only one exhibitor in any given age division, will not mean they will receive the Grand or Reserve Champion. At the judge's discrepancy, they may receive an Honorable Mention, according to their performance.
23. Stall fees are \$3.00 per stall. This must be paid at the Extension Office on due date and filed along with proper form.
24. Horses are released on Friday in the afternoon and need to be off the grounds at 3:00 p.m.

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

SHOWMANSHIP (Western, English & Gymkhana)

Novice Grand Champion
 Novice Reserve Champion
 Junior Grand Champion
 Junior Reserve Champion
 Senior Grand Champion
 Senior Reserve Champion

GYMKHANA

Novice Grand Champion
 Novice Reserve Champion
 Junior Grand Champion
 Junior Reserve Champion
 Senior Grand Champion
 Senior Reserve Champion

PLEASURE/PERFORMANCE (Western & English)

Novice Grand Champion
 Novice Reserve Champion
 Junior Grand Champion
 Junior Reserve Champion
 Senior Grand Champion
 Senior Reserve Champion

PRODUCTION

Novice Grand Champion
 Novice Reserve Champion
 Junior Grand Champion
 Junior Reserve Champion
 Senior Grand Champion
 Senior Reserve Champion