

# Clover Connections

Allen County 4-H

July/August 2025



## Summer is Here—Let the 4-H Fun Begin!

School's out, and that means it's time for 4-H to shift into full gear! We're thrilled to dive into a summer packed with excitement—4-H Camp, club meetings, Cloverbud Camp, judging events, and so much more. We can't wait to see you, hear about the memories you're making, and support the goals you're setting along the way.

With so much happening, questions are bound to come up. Be sure to check—and double-check—important dates and deadlines. If you're unsure about anything, don't hesitate to call us ahead of time. We're here to help!

Just a reminder: throughout the summer, the **4-H App** and our website ([allen.osu.edu](http://allen.osu.edu)) are your go-to sources for the most current information. You'll find plenty of details there about judging, fair events, and more.

As always, **Joanne, Alyssa, and Kelly** are just a call or message away. We're here to support you every step of the way.

**Wishing you a fantastic summer,**  
*Alyssa, Joanne & Kelly*

# Attention Jr. Fair Exhibitors!

Have you double-checked your fair entries and signed up for a judging time?

All **Junior Fair Entries** are now available on the Allen County Extension website and in the **Allen County 4-H App** — organized by club.

## 📅 **Deadline: July 10th**

It is the responsibility of **exhibitors and their parents/guardians** to verify that all entries are correct **before** this date.

## 🔧 **Need to make a correction?**

All changes must be submitted using the official form or in writing.

**No corrections will be accepted over the phone.**

📄 Submit corrections here: Correction Form  
[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6LMGrpshWoWsOkC](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6LMGrpshWoWsOkC)



# Thank Your 2024 Livestock Auction Buyers!



Livestock Exhibitors – If you need to view the 2024 auction buyer list to complete your “thank you” posters for the fair – you can view that list on our website at <https://allen.osu.edu/news/thank-you-list-livestock-auction>

# Special Interest Judging

Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>



## Junior Fair Book & Project Judging Updates

Each 4-H family will receive a hard copy of the *Allen County Jr. Fair Book*. You should receive your copy from your club advisor, or you can access the digital version anytime at [www.allencofair.com](http://www.allencofair.com). Please review the book carefully—it includes all project judging requirements, general and department rules, and important updates for this year.

**Special Interest Judging** will take place on **July 14th from 1:00–6:00 PM** in the *Youth Exhibits Building*. Youth must sign up for a specific judging time. Be sure to review your project's judging guidelines beforehand to ensure you bring all required materials.

Youth taking **gardening, woodworking, or welding** projects who wish to be considered for State Fair must attend judging on **July 14th in addition to their regularly scheduled judging on August 12th**.

👉 Sign up for Judging Time here:  
[go.osu.edu/specialinterestsignups](http://go.osu.edu/specialinterestsignups)

# Cloverbud Show and Tell



We're excited to invite all Cloverbuds to participate in **Show and Tell on Tuesday, August 12th from 1:00–6:00 PM** in the *Youth Activities Building*. Please enter through the **east doors**. Show and Tell is a fun, low-pressure experience designed to help Cloverbuds get comfortable with the judging process. During the event, Jr. Fair Royalty will visit with each child, asking simple questions like the **4-H pledge, 4-H colors, 4-H motto**, and inviting them to share about their project. Each Cloverbud who participates in Show and Tell **and** displays their project in the fair booth will receive a **ribbon and premium**.

👉 Sign up for a Cloverbud Show and Tell time here:  
[go.osu.edu/showntell25](http://go.osu.edu/showntell25)

# Livestock Interviews

August 9, 2025



All 4-H members with livestock projects are **REQUIRED** to participate in **Livestock Interviews** to be eligible to show at the fair.

⚠️ **There are NO makeup dates and NO exceptions.**

📁 Please bring the following to your interview:

- Your **completed 4-H project book** (with sections filled out based on your age or experience level)
  - Your **market or breeding project insert packet** (if applicable)
- Even if you have an insert packet, the **4-H project book is still required.**

**FFA members** must have their project books evaluated by their **FFA Advisor** *prior to* visiting livestock departments.

## ✅ Livestock Interview Sign-Up

We've improved the sign-up process in recent years to minimize wait times and eliminate confusion.

Please:

- Use the **EXHIBITOR'S name** when signing up
- Allow for **enough time between departments** if showing multiple species

🔗 **Sign up here:**  
[go.osu.edu/livestockinterview25](https://go.osu.edu/livestockinterview25)

# Livestock Interviews Locations



**Interview locations will remain the same as in previous years:**

- Rabbit Barn** – Rabbits
- Poultry Barn** – Poultry
- Main Show Arena** – Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy, Horses, Swine
- Sheep/Goat Show Arena** – Dogs, Goats, Llamas/Alpacas, Sheep

## 📌 **Horse Interview Times:**

Please **check with your club advisor** for your assigned interview time.

Be sure to arrive a few minutes early and have all your required materials (project book & insert) in hand!

## Special Interest Make-up Judging

Make-up Special Interest Judging will be held on August 12th from 1-6 pm in the Youth Activities Building. You will check in on the East end of the building. This judging is for completion only.

Link to sign up:  
[go.osu.edu/makeup25](http://go.osu.edu/makeup25)



## County Woodworking, Welding, and Gardening Judging

Regular judging for woodworking, welding, and gardening projects will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 pm. If you came to the state fair placing for your project, you still must come to our regular judging on August

12<sup>th</sup> for county judging.

Link to sign up:  
[go.osu.edu/wwg25](http://go.osu.edu/wwg25)

## State Fair Delegates & Alternates

We will post the list of **Special Interest State Fair qualifiers** on our website by **2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**! Please visit [allen.osu.edu](http://allen.osu.edu) to check if you've qualified as a **State Fair Delegate**. If you don't have internet access, be sure to contact someone in your club who does.

**If you qualify, please call or email the office to confirm or decline your spot. You'll also need to pick up your State Fair packet at the office.**



**State Fair Calendar & Project Requirements:**

You can find the full guide to project requirements and important dates at <https://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook>



# Style Review

Tuesday, August 12th



The 2025 Style Review is set for August 12th at 6:30 in the Youth Activities Building. Clothing participants are required to take part in the Style Review to be eligible for county awards. Exhibitors will model their projects with awards presented after each class.

Quilting Projects are encouraged to participate in the Style Review, but it is not a requirement for county placings.

Style Review entry forms have been mailed to all exhibitors. This year Style Review forms must be turned in by July 14th

to the Junior Fair Office (you are also welcome to email: [coble.19@osu.edu](mailto:coble.19@osu.edu)). This will give our readers time to review the entries before the show.

The garment description can include any specific style, details, materials, where you will wear it, etc. A sample of the completed form can be found in the letter sent to exhibitors.

If you have any questions, please give Kelly a call. Don't forget Style Review Entry forms are due July 14th with the Style Review on August 12th.

# Premium Voucher Guidelines

Only exhibitors can pick up vouchers and premiums. Fair ID must be provided and Thank You's written (if needed) before vouchers are distributed.

College Students/Military Only must provide a signed exemption form to the Jr. Fair Office before the start of the fair. Please email the exemption form to [coble.19@osu.edu](mailto:coble.19@osu.edu). The person picking up the voucher and premium will need the exhibitor's Fair ID and their form of ID.

Cashier's Window will be open:  
Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am-5 pm  
Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – 10 am-5 pm  
Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> -10 am-6 pm  
Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – 10 am-6 pm  
Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> -10 am-6 pm  
Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>–10 am-6 pm  
Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>–10 am-6 pm  
Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> –10 am-6 pm

Premiums must be picked up by Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm. All premiums not picked up by Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> will be considered a donation to the Fair.

# Fight the Hunger – Stock the Trailer!

Presented by Farm Credit Mid-America

Join us in giving back to the community by participating in the **Barn/Department Competition** to help stock the trailer with non-perishable food items!



## How It Works:

Collection bins will be placed in the barns near the **scale house**. Bring your **unexpired, non-perishable food items** and help your barn or department win!

The **barn/department with the most cans** will win a **pizza party** on the **last Saturday of the fair!**

## Divisions Competing:

- Horses
- Sheep & Goats (includes llamas/alpacas)
- Swine
- Bovine
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Special Interest
- Canine

## Collection Dates:


- July 14th** – Special Interest Judging
- August 9th** – Livestock Judging
- August 15th–23rd** – During the Allen County Fair

Let's come together to **fight hunger** and show the power of our fair community!

## 2025 Junior Fair Photo ID Cards – Important Information

All **Junior Fair exhibitors**, including **Cloverbuds**, are required to have a **current year photo ID card** to receive **free admittance** to the fair.

 **Important for 2025:** If your **last name begins with A–H**, you are required to have a **new photo** taken for your 2025 ID card.


 **Photo ID Card Schedule:** Photo IDs will be made at the **Fairgrounds Administration Office** during the following times:

•**July 14 – August 14:**

 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Monday–Friday)

•**Saturday, August 9:**

 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

 **Deadline:** All ID cards must be picked up **by Sunday, August 17th**. Be sure to stop by during the scheduled times to have your photo taken and ensure your ID card is ready for fair entry!

# 2025 Poultry Exhibitor Requirements & NPIP Testing Info



**Mark Your Calendar: Poultry Exhibitor Meeting – July 23rd, 6:00–7:00 PM**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 PM

All poultry exhibitors must provide **NPIP paperwork** at check-in. One of the following **three requirements** must be met:

**Location:** Poultry Barn

**Cost:** \$3 per bird

## **Acceptable NPIP Documentation:**

This testing will satisfy **Requirement C.**

**Hatchery Origin:** Poultry was obtained within the last 12 months from a flock or hatchery that participates in the **National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)**.

## **Special Notes for Turkey Exhibitors**

- Must include **signed hatch papers** with the **VS Form 9-3** from the hatchery.

- If your turkeys came from a hatchery and you have hatch papers, this satisfies **Requirement A.**
- **Important:** Turkeys **cannot** be tested with the standard blood test. They must be tested by a **veterinarian**, and the blood must be sent to a **lab**. This process takes time—**plan ahead!**
- Contact your **veterinarian** early to ensure results are ready before the fair.


**Flock Testing:** Poultry comes from a flock that tested **negative for Pullorum disease** within the last 12 months.

- This applies if your **farm was Pullorum tested** within the past year.

## **Turkey Show Info:**

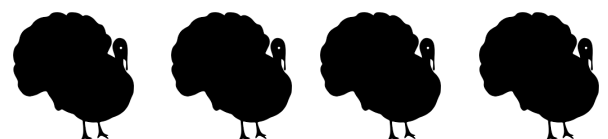
**Individual Testing:** Poultry has tested **negative for Pullorum disease within 90 days** of the exhibit.

- **Judging** will take place in the **Rabbit Barn.**
- Turkeys must be **walked to the Poultry Show Arena** for the show.
- The judge has requested that exhibitors **turn their meat turkeys over** during judging.
  - Please practice with your birds to ensure safety for both the animal and the exhibitor.

 **Note:** Waterfowl do **not** require Pullorum testing.

## **Pullorum Testing Opportunity – Allen County**

If you cannot meet Requirement A or B, we recommend attending the **Pullorum testing** event:



# Important Poultry Project Updates for 2025

Due to the continued growth in Poultry projects this year, several important changes have been made to ensure a smooth and safe experience for all exhibitors and spectators:

## 📍 Location & Schedule Changes

• **Saturday's Market Show** will again be held in the **Union Bank Show Arena**, starting at **8:00 AM**. This larger venue provides more space and seating for families and spectators.

• **Check-in/Weigh-in for Poultry** is scheduled for **Friday, August 15th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**.

*(Note: This is a new time from 2025!)*

## • Saturday, August 16th

- **8:00 AM** – Jr. Fair Poultry Market Pen Judging – *Union Bank Show Arena*
- **2:00 PM** – Jr. Fair Poultry Showmanship – *Union Bank Show Arena*  
*(New location!)*

## • Sunday, August 17th

- Jr. Fair Poultry Breed Show – *Rabbit Barn*



## 🐔 Animal Transport & Equipment Guidelines

• **Chicken Transport:** Due to the longer distance to the show arena, all market chickens must be transported in a **minimum 18-gallon storage tub with no lid**. This ensures safe handling and reduces the risk of injury.

• **Wagons** (cloth or hard-sided) may be used to move chickens from the barn to the arena. Wagons must remain in the **make-up arena area**.

• **Back Road Route:** Chickens will be transported via the back road, and exhibitors will enter the show arena through the **make-up arena**. The show will take place in the **back half** of the arena.

## 🧰 Barn & Pen Setup

• **No Show Boxes:** There will be no space for show boxes in the barn this year. Wooden sawhorses will be provided to allow a **5-gallon bucket** to fit underneath for shavings.

• **Feed & Water Containers:** All **Pen of 2 Meat Chickens** must use **plastic 1-gallon milk jugs** with a cut opening that provides at least **3 inches of depth** for feed and water. Exhibitors must bring their own jugs, and they must be **securely attached to the pen**.



# DUNF Forms (Drug Use Notification Form)



# D.U.N.F

## Drug Use Notification Forms



All market animal exhibitors are required to complete a **Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)**. This form is your legal declaration that:

•Your animal is either **free from medications, or**

•If medications have been administered, the **withdrawal period has not yet passed.**

**⚠ Reminder:** The DUNF form is a **legal document**, and you are required to be **truthful** when completing it.

The link to complete the DUNF form will be sent out **around the beginning of August**. Please watch your email and fair communications for the official link.

**Market Poultry- see leg band #'s on the app and website. These can be entered on the SAME FORM!**

**Sheep, Goats, Dairy Beef, Market Beef animals should enter tag numbers from your pre-fair weigh-in. These need to be entered SEPARATELY! NEW THIS YEAR, beef and dairy beef feeders must complete!!**

**Rabbits can enter their correct tattoo numbers for all market rabbits and single fryers ON THE SAME FORM!**









**SWINE exhibitors MUST wait until weigh-in when they know their ear tag numbers.**



### **Animal Identification Guidelines for DUNF Submission**

To complete the form correctly, you must enter the appropriate identification for your animal:

-  **Market Poultry:**  
Use **leg band numbers** provided by the **Extension Office** before the fair.
-  **Sheep,**  **Goats,**  **Market Beef & Dairy Beef:**  
Use the **tag number from pre-fair weigh-in.**  
▶ Must include the **entire Scrapie or 840 tag number.**

-  **Rabbits:**  
Enter the **correct tattoo numbers** for all market rabbits and single fryers.
-  **Swine:**  
You **cannot complete the DUNF form** until after your animals have been **tagged at the fair.**


### **Questions?**

Please contact the Extension Office or your species superintendent for help with completing your DUNF form correctly.

# 2025 Fair Booth Watch Sign-Up Reminder

We hope your club has started planning for your **Fair Booth**, and we've been preparing too!

Please check the **booth watch schedule** to the right to see when your club is signed up for a shift.

 **Every club with a fair booth is required to take one booth watch shift.**



## What's Involved?

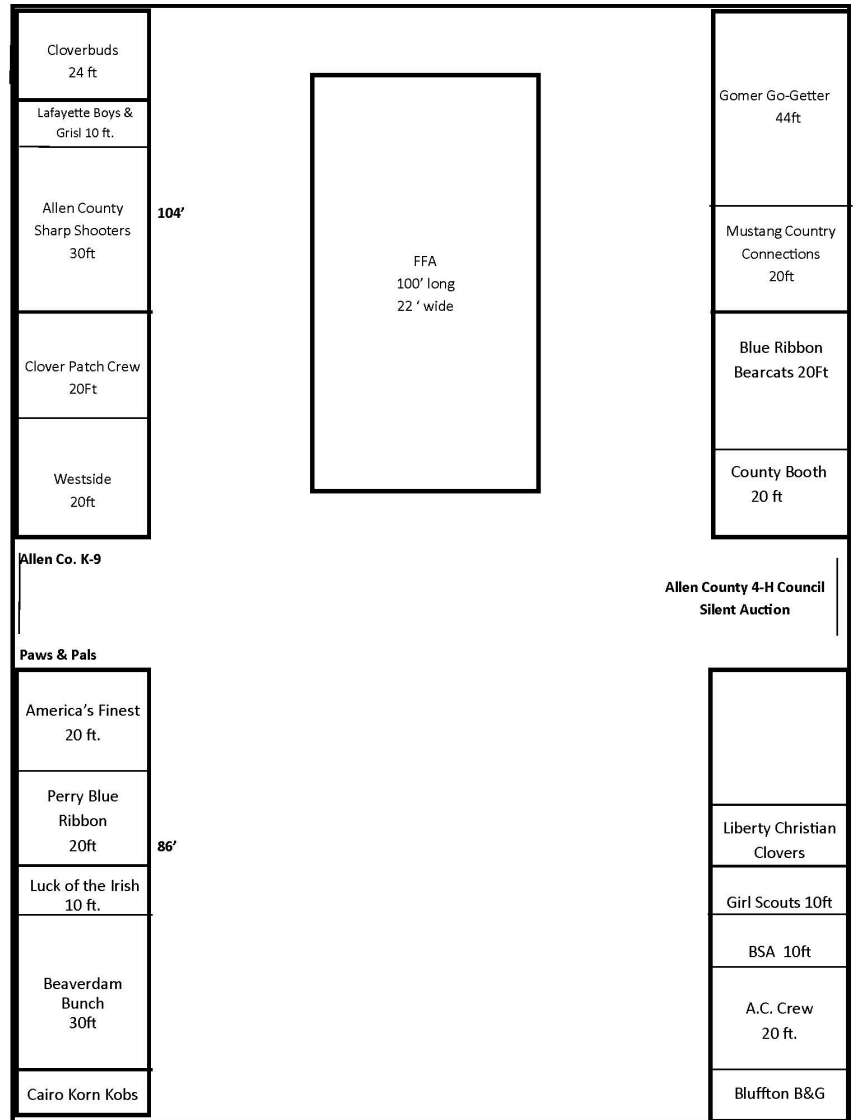
- Each shift is just **3 hours** long.
- It's a simple task—just help keep the building clean and ensure projects are respected.
- This helps make sure all exhibits leave the fair in the same great condition they arrived!

## Still Want a Booth?

We still have **booth openings available!** If your club would like to reserve a booth for this year's fair, please reach out as soon as possible.

## Not on the Schedule?

Advisors: If your club is **not listed**, please choose an **open date and time** and contact **Kelly** at  [coble.19@osu.edu](mailto:coble.19@osu.edu) or  call the Extension Office to get your club added to the schedule.



2025 Booth Watch Assignments

	11 AM- 2 PM	2 PM-5 PM	5 PM-8 PM	8 PM- 9 PM
Friday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>			Blue Ribbon Bearcats	Superintendents
Saturday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	The Beaverdam Bunch	Bluffton Boys & Girls	Allen County Sharpshooters	Superintendents
Sunday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Luck of the Irish	Allen East FFA	Westside	Superintendents
Monday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gomer Go-Getters	A.C. Crew	Allen County K-9	Superintendents
Tuesday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cairo Korn Kobs	Paws & Pals		Superintendents
Wednesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mustang Country Connections	Elida FFA	Liberty Christian	Superintendents
Thursday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Perry Blue Ribbon		Clover Patch Crew	Superintendents
Friday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Lafayette Boys & Girls		Superintendents
Saturday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	America's Finest			Superintendents

# 10th Annual 4-H Silent Auction



The Allen County 4-H Council is thrilled to host the **10th Annual 4-H Silent Auction** during the **2025 Allen County Fair**, running from **August 15–23!** Final bids will be accepted **30 minutes after the conclusion of the Wood Carving Auction on August 23rd**, so don't miss your chance to participate!

## **We Need Your Help!**


We're calling on **every 4-H Club in Allen County** to contribute **at least one new item** to this year's auction. Your donations directly support the **Allen County 4-H Local Program**, helping fund **office operations and youth programming**.

## **Suggested donation ideas:**

- Grills
- Gift baskets
- Lawn furniture
- Tickets to local events
- And more!

## **Donation Drop-Off Details**

Please bring your auction items to the **Junior Fair Office** between **August 4 – August 13, 2025**.

 *Note: We are unable to accommodate long-term storage, so please deliver items during the designated window.*

## **Let's Make This Our Best Auction Yet!**

With **37 active 4-H Clubs** in Allen County, we're aiming for full participation—and we welcome support from families and local businesses too! Let's make this milestone year a huge success!

## **How Is the Allen County 4-H Program Funded?**

The program is supported through four key sources:

**County Commissioners' Budget**

**Community Grants**

**Allen County Agricultural Society**

**Fundraisers like the Silent Auction**

Since 2009, the **Allen County Agricultural Society** has generously provided office space and equipment at no cost. The **County Commissioners** and **donations** help fund educator salaries and benefits, while **4-H Council fundraisers** cover office expenses and youth programs. **Community grants** support the salary and benefits of our program assistant.

## **Ready to Donate?**

Please email us **as soon as possible** with a **description and estimated value** of your item or basket. Early submissions help us promote your donation and build excitement for the auction!



# SHOW CLOSET

This year we are opening a show clothes closet. This closet will have gently used show clothing for youth.



**CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED!** If you have gently used clothes that you no longer use or are too small, drop them off at the extension office.

Suggested Items:  
Button Down Shirts  
Boots  
Jeans  
Belts  
Lab Coat



The Show Closet will be open:  
July 14th - Special Interest Judging  
Aug. 9 - 11 am - Livestock Interviews  
Aug. 10 - 4-8 pm  
Aug. 11 - 9am- 2 pm  
Aug. 12 - 4-8 pm



Free Will Donations Appreciated. Proceeds will go to Allen Co. 4-H