

WHAT'S NEW in 2009?

Approved by the Meigs County Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board) January 13, 2009
These rule changes have been made to help comply with the State Fair Rules.

2009 Changes:

1. Tag-in for market steers (beef and dairy) will be **January 3, 2009** from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Meigs County Fairgrounds.
2. Tag-in for Commercial Feeder Steer, Dairy Feeder, Market Lambs, Market Hogs and Market Goats will be Saturday, **May 16, 2009** at the Meigs County Fairgrounds from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
3. Market Poultry orders and money are to be turned in at the Meigs County Fairgrounds on **May 16, 2009** from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
4. Rabbits and Poultry Tag-in - **July 25, 2009** from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Meigs County Fairgrounds. Bleeding of breeding chickens will be done at this time also.
5. A registration fee of \$25 per market specie will be collected at the **TAG-INS**. The registration fee includes 2 tags, stall fees, picture for member and for buyer, any State Check-Off Dollars and any other incidentals. **There will be no refunds.** This is for all market animals. If a member wishes to tag-in multiple species the registration fee will be collected for each specie.
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 must complete the "Application for Permission to Keep Fair Project at Location other than on Family Property", before the registration, tag-in or weigh-in date. 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. If an issue with a missing ear tag or wing band, **contact Alyssa Holter** and Senior Fair Board members will replace the ear tag or wing band. You **must** contact Alyssa Holter within 10 days of ear tag or wing band missing. If there is infection due to an ear tag or wing band, Senior Fair Board members must see the animal before the tag is removed.
8. Pens & stalls must be totally cleaned out at the end of fair, by noon on Sunday. This includes under cages on rabbits and poultry. Exhibitors failing to complete this will be fine \$50.00. If fine is not paid by the following year enrollment, exhibitor will not be allowed to exhibit an animal.
9. No electric clippers or blow dryers allowed to be used inside the barns.
10. Only a pen of three (3) tagged in market rabbits can be brought to weigh in at the fair for the market project. Other tagged rabbits need to be left at home.
11. There will not be broiler poultry class shown at the fair this year, only the market poultry (pen of 2) will be shown and sold. Other tagged in birds need to be left at home.
12. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in.
13. Pet rabbit class will be judged at prejudging (small animal day) July 2009. Pet rabbits DO NOT display at the fair. If you want to display your rabbit at the fair, it **MUST** be enrolled as a market or breeding project. A pet rabbit project cannot be shown as a breeding project. Any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

14. **2009 Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows with regards to the new 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."

MEIGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BASIC LIVESTOCK RULES

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.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 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.
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. 4-H and FFA livestock must be owned by the 4-H or FFA member or in partnership with his or her immediate family.
4. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H or FFA species projects they are tagging in by **April 1**, of the current year.
5. Members must be a full time resident of Meigs County at the time of tag-in or project enrollment.
6. Breeding stock must be enrolled in a breeding project and market stock but 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!**
7. Members may tag-in more than one market species, but only ONE species can be brought to the fair to be shown and sold at the Meigs County Fair through the sale ring. The animals being brought to the fair must be declared by July 27, 2009. Turn in all Junior Fair Livestock Declaration forms on or before July 27, 2009, at the Extension office. If paperwork is turned in between July 28 and August 1, 2009 there will be a \$10.00 late fee. After August 1, 2009 no paperwork will be accepted, absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS. This includes all market animals; this is a late fee for failure to file forms.

8. 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 must complete the "Application for Permission to Keep Fair Project at Location other than on Family Property", before the registration, tag-in or weigh-in date. 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.
9. Tampering and/or misrepresentations as to breeding, age, ownership and/or any other irregularities in showing and selling will be considered 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.
10. All Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors, including all 4-H and FFA members, must participate in a Quality Assurance Training and in July skillathon to exhibit, show and/or sell at the fair.
11. No outsiders or professionals are allowed to assist in the grooming of the market animals at the fair (this includes the show and sale).
12. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in.
13. Members with Grand and Reserve Champion animals will pay for the cost of presentation banners presented to their buyers. The cost will be \$20.00 for each banner. This **must** be paid before the day of the livestock sale at the Jr. Fair Office.
14. 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 may be returned home. No animals leave until all market animals have been loaded out Saturday night.
15. All re-sale animals will be sold at the end of the entire sale, not at the end of their species.
16. Roll call for all members selling animals through the sale ring will be on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the livestock sale ring. Bleachers will be cleaned for the sale.
17. 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.
18. No market animal can be replaced after the respective weigh-in, tag-in or identification date of that species.
19. No market animals can be shown as a breeding project.
20. All animals will be dehorned, castrated and born by specified date (see species rules) prior to the tag-in date.
21. Livestock exhibited must conform to the health requirements of the Agricultural Society. Livestock health certificates, required for certain species of livestock, must be presented to the fair veterinarian upon request.
22. 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.**
23. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor that their animals be fed, watered and stalls cleaned daily, while on exhibit at the fair. Daily barn inspections will be done. Exhibitors neglecting to do this will be warned in writing first. The second time more drastic measures will be taken against the exhibitor. Penalty will be determined by the Meigs County Agricultural Society. 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.

24. 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 16, 2009. 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 16, 2009 will cause you to be unable to show and sell.

25. **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 or alcohol. 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.** Lab coats for rabbit and poultry projects are strongly encouraged for your protection.

26. **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.

27. A registration fee of \$25 per market specie will be collected at the **TAG-INS**. The registration fee includes 2 tags, stall fees, picture for member and for buyer, any State Check-Off Dollars and any other incidentals. **There will be no refunds.** This is for all market animals. If a member wishes to tag-in multiple species the registration fee will be collected for each specie.

28. 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.

29. **Failure to pay for registration and stall costs will cause you to be unable to show your animals.**

30. 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.

31. All exhibitors of under-weight and over-weight animals must declare, by Thursday morning, **August 20, 2009**, which terminal facility they want their animal sent to. This **must** be done in the Junior Fair Office.

32. 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.**

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

34. 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.

35. All livestock must stay until released on Sunday morning. 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 21, 2009**. No animals leave until all market animals have been loaded out Saturday night.

36. 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 140 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 7 pounds (each bird)
37. Tag-in for market steers (beef and dairy) will be **January 3, 2009** from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Meigs County Fairgrounds.
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40. Rabbits and Poultry Tag-in - July 25, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Meigs County Fairgrounds. Bleeding of breeding chickens will be done at this time also.
41. 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.
42. No electric clippers or blow dryers allowed to be used inside the barns.
43. Only a pen of three (3) tagged in market rabbits can be brought to weigh in at the fair for the Market Project. Other tagged rabbits need to be left at home.
44. There will be no broiler poultry class shown at the fair this year, only market poultry (pen of 2) will be shown and sold. Other tagged in birds need to be left at home.
45. 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 16, 2009 - 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**
Market Sheep and Goats - Sunday, August 16, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
All Dairy and Beef Market Projects - Sunday, August 16, 2009 -10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Market Rabbits - Sunday, August 16, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Market Chickens - Sunday, August 16, 2009 - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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 16, 2009, including horses, goats, beef, rabbits and chickens and dairy stock.

46. WASH RACK SCHEDULE:
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| Monday a.m. - Dairy Cattle | Thursday - Goats |
| Monday p.m. - Sheep/Goats | Saturday – Go in line of sale order |
| Tuesday - Beef and Dairy | |

47. Livestock Sale Order – Saturday, August 22, 2009:

Market Rabbits and Market Poultry
Dairy Feeders
Market Goats
Market Lambs
Dairy Sweepstakes
Dairy Market Steers
Market Hogs
Beef Market Steers
Commercial Feeder Steers

48. **Photo I.D.** Again this year we will be making the photo I.D.'s for the Junior Fair members. Please have all pictures (*no bigger than a wallet size*), the club order form and money together as a club. Take to the OSU Extension office by **Thursday, July 2, 2009.**

MARKET STEER RULES: (4-H Project Book # 113)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #113 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, 2008.
4. Steers must be castrated by January 3, 2009.
5. All market animals must either be polled or de-horned and weaned before January 3, 2009.
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.
10. No electric clippers or blow dryers allowed to be used inside the barns.

COMMERCIAL FEEDER STEER RULES: (4-H Project Book #116)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #116 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, 2009.
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.
11. No electric clippers or blow dryers allowed to be used inside the barns.

MARKET DAIRY STEER RULES: (4-H Project Book # 113)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #113D 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, 2008.
5. Steers must be castrated and dehorned by January 3, 2009.
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.

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

DAIRY FEEDER RULES: (4-H Project Book # 119)

1. You must be enrolled in Project #119 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, 2009 to February 28, 2009 will be shown and sold at the 2009 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. The member will turn in registration form and bring animal to tag-in on May 16, 2009 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the Meigs County Fairgrounds.
8. Dairy Feeders will show prior to the Market Steer Show on Tuesday evening.
9. Dairy Market Feeders will be shown by weight - 400 to 650 pounds.
10. You can tag-in 2 Dairy Feeders, but only one may be brought to the fair and sold through the sale ring.
11. All cattle must have a halter on at time of tag in and weigh in.
11. No electric clippers or blow dryers allowed to be used inside the barns.

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. (STATE RULE)
5. No clipping of hogs except the ears and tail (STATE RULE).
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.

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.

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, 2009 and March 1, 2009.

5. All market goats must weigh between 60 and 140 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.

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.**

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 7 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.

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 27, 2009 at the Extension Office. **NO ADDING ENTRIES AFTER THIS DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS**

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 25, 2009 from 8:30 to 11:00 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 June 2, and June 7, 2009.
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.

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 27, 2009 at the Extension Office. **NO ADDING ENTRIES AFTER THIS DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
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. There is no limit on the species of rabbits to show, but you can only have 1 rabbit per class.
7. Pet Rabbit class will be judged at prejudging (small animal day) July 2009. 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.

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 right breed, age and sex classes.

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.

Meigs County Horse Program Guideline

2009 Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows with regards to the new 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."

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 between the project dates, June 1 thru last day of County Fair.
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.

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-Hand 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.
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 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.
17. Showmanship and Pleasure/Performance class winners will be taken using the highest score in each division.
18. 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.
19. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be given in the Novice, Junior and Senior age divisions in each: Showmanship, Pleasure/Performance, Gymkhana and Production.
20. 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.
21. Stall fees are \$3.00 per stall. This must be paid at the Extension Office on due date.

22. 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

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

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