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**Mercer County Fair
- August 11-17, 2023**

<https://mercercountyohiofair.com/>



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Fair Edition - Mercer County 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to our members who completed project judging and livestock interviews this month. We are proud of all the hard work and accomplishments from our youth.

Next up is the fair! Be sure you are aware of the fast-approaching deadlines for royalty and model revue contests. Livestock exhibitors should know when their respective pens set up is and when to have the showman or showmen contest applications turned in. If you aren't sure on a deadline or have questions on anything fair related – be sure to reach out for help.

See you at the fair!

Beth



Our Jr. Fair Office has moved!



Fair Applications & Model Revue Entries Due August 1

The following applications are due August 1st:

- Jr. Fair King & Queen Scholarship Contest
- Special Interest Princess
- Livestock Royalty
- Model Revue

All forms are available on our website -
<https://go.osu.edu/mcfair>

AUGUST 1

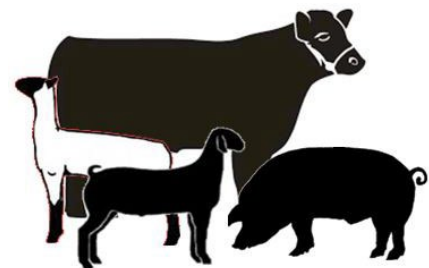
Jr. Fair Premiums

Every Jr. Fair Exhibitor (4H and FFA) who completed a project judging and/or a livestock interview will receive a \$5 premium per project. There is a \$25 cap for 4-H projects and a \$25 cap for FFA projects. This means - if you completed a dairy interview, you would earn \$5. It does not matter the number of entries for dairy classes or if you are selling in the auction. If you complete a dairy interview and a woodworking project judging, then you will earn \$10.

Premiums will be paid out during the week of the fair in the **Kenn-Feld Group Fair Office** on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, August 12 to Wednesday, August 16 from 9:00-11:00 AM and 4:00-6:00 PM

Premiums will be paid out in the form of cash and will ONLY be distributed during these time frames. **Premiums will only be distributed to the exhibitors or a legal guardian.**



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9:
7:00 PM

Jr. Fair King and Queen CONTEST

STOP BY AND WATCH 4-H MEMBERS COMPETE FOR
MERCER COUNTY JR. FAIR KING & QUEEN.

Livestock Pen Set-Up – mark your calendars!

All families of the following species are strongly encouraged to help set up and/or tear down pens. Last year we were done less than 90 minutes for set up with record number of parents and exhibitors there to help. Exhibitors are helpful, but we definitely need older teens and parents there for manpower.

Swine, Sheep, and Goat:

Set Up: Wed, August 2 @ 7pm.

Tear Down: To Be Announced

Beef and Dairy:

Set Up: Wed, August 2 @ 7pm

Tear Down: To Be Announced

Mercer Co. Farm Bureau

JR. FAIR PARTICIPANT T-SHIRTS

We are excited to offer fair shirts to all junior fair participants in 4-H and FFA only! They are first come, first serve, and we have a limited number available. Bring your fair pass on:

AUGUST 12

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

In front of the People's Bank

Tent by Swine Barn



FIGHT THE HUNGER STOCK THE TRAILER



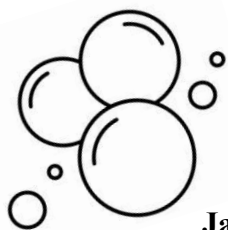
Let's pack the trailer with 171 cases of water to celebrate the 171st Mercer County Fair.



Stock the Trailer Contest!

4-H Members and Advisors - you can drop off cases of water or other donations during booth set-up. We will add it to the trailer during fair!

If every club donates 5 cases before the fair, we will reach 67% of our goal already!



Jazz it Up and Clean it Up!

Livestock Exhibitors - Let's show our pride of our animals in the barns. Just like our homes before having guests- we need to make our barns shine.

During the fair, it's your responsibility to clean the area in front and around your pens. We have guest in our barns throughout the day. Keep your shavings dry. Take feed pans out when not eating. Thank you posters from last year's auction supporters is very important. If you can't hang it above your pen - we have space available in the arenas. Jazz it up around your pens. Show off your club, your animals name, and other fun facts about your species.

*** Beth or Junior Fair Board Representatives will be visiting the barns to hand out food vouchers. Could be given out for decorations or individuals working hard cleaning up their aisle way ***





2023 Jr. Fair Auction Information

Auction Checklist Due by August 11th

- ✓ Submit Photo
- ✓ Declare which animal for auction
- ✓ Declare harvest option

Questions? Concerns? Need more info?

Contact: mercerc.fair.auction@outlook.com

Exhibitors can find their 2022 buyers for Thank You posters on the OSU Extension website:
<https://go.osu.edu/auction>.

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Showman of Showmen Contest Wednesday, August 16 @ 9:00 AM

Any Junior Fair exhibitor age 13-19 (as of Jan. 1 of current year) having completed a project in dairy, beef, sheep, swine or goats may participate.

Each exhibitor animals will be shown in this order: beef, dairy, sheep, and swine animal. Goats will not be shown in the Showman of Showmen contest.

Junior- Age 13- 14
Intermediate- Age 15-16
Senior- Age 17-18

Contest form available on our website -
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