



March 10, 2026

Dear Goat and/or Sheep Exhibitors,

All Junior Fair market goats and sheep must be identified with county tags. This is a mandatory requirement for these projects. Exhibitors have two options to have their market goat and/or sheep identified for the fair this year: The process listed below is the same for sheep and goat exhibitors.

Animal Identification Rule

Each exhibitor will be allowed a maximum of 5 animals for identification. Families do not need to designate animals with specific member names. All animals will be identified under a family name. The family name/unit is composed of legal siblings (brothers, sisters, stepbrothers and stepsisters, half-brothers, and half-sisters).

For example: The “Clover” Family has 3 children- they could tag up to 15 goats for their family (3 children times 5 animals).

An exhibitor may show any of the family identified animals at the county fair. Member’s will identify what animal(s) for the county fair on Fair Entry in July before livestock interviews.

Scrapie Identification Exhibitor/Owner Statement

All animals must have a Scrapie tag in their ear prior to tagging. **Animals cannot be tagged at spring weigh in without an existing Scrapie tag.** Scrapie tagging is the law. If you are purchasing a goat or sheep, make certain that animal is Scrapie tagged from the breeder prior to you taking possession of the animal. Scrapie tags are needed for market and breeding animals even if they come from your family farm.

We will not have the additional form this year for families to identify their scrapie tag numbers. We will document that number on the county tagging paperwork.

Options for Identification:

1. The identification clinic for market goat and sheep projects will be held at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in the sheep and goat barn on **Friday, May 8, 6:00-8:00 PM OR Saturday, May 9 from 9:00-10:00 AM.** You do not need an appointment.

OR

2. You may pick up tags and paperwork from the OSU Extension Office after April 1st and have a veterinarian visit your farm and tag your animals. Animals tagged on the farm will NOT be eligible for the rate of gain class and is at the member’s expense.

You must **return this paperwork to the Extension Office by 4:00 PM on Friday, May 8.** In fairness to all exhibitors involved, ownership dates must be the same for everyone. Having stated that, do not wait until the last minute to make an appointment with your veterinarian.

As an alternative for those families who do not wish to bring their animals to the fairgrounds, see list below for veterinarians who have been sent tagging information.

Coldwater Animal Clinic	110 Harvest Drive	Coldwater	678-4071
Ft. Recovery Veterinary Center	119 State Route 119	Ft. Recovery	375-2684
Celina Animal Hospital	7100 Havemann Road	Celina	586-3109
Maria Stein Animal Clinic	8155 State Route 119	Maria Stein	925-4212
Chickasaw Vet Center	PO 144	Chickasaw	925-4910
Four Star Veterinary Service	108 West Franklin	Chickasaw	925-9300

2026 Junior Fair Book

There have been several updates and changes in the Jr. Fair Book regarding rules, schedules, and the overall fair flow for the upcoming 2026 Mercer County Jr. Fair. As an exhibitor and parent, it is your responsibility to review all applicable sections of the rule book.

You can view online using link/QR code below and copies will be available in our office and at all Livestock Quality Assurance sessions.

<https://go.osu.edu/juniorfairbook>



If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Guggenbiller".

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