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**Livestock Entry –**  
Due July 10

**Food, Clothing &  
Cloverbud Judging –**  
July 11

**Special Interest  
Judging – July 12**

**Livestock Interviews**  
– July 13

**Royalty & Model  
Revue Applications –**  
Due August 1

# FYF: For Your Fridge

June 2023 - Mercer County 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Families,

With 4-H projects comes deadlines and requirements and we try our best to make simplify the process. This newsletter combines all the information you need for the fair. Please make sure you take the time to review and prepare.

I am looking forward to seeing all the members hard work shine at judging and the fair this year. There is nothing better than seeing smiling faces walking out of judging or the show arena. Good luck to all our members and enjoy every moment!

Remember to slow down and enjoy the fair. These are core memories for kids and parents. I still hold my favorite moments close to my heart and love watching others make new memories.

Beth



## Project Interviews/Judging

Project interviews are only a few weeks away! Hopefully by now you are putting the finishing touches on your projects and preparing for your interviews.

Completing project judging is large part of being a 4-H member. The process of sharing the experiences and knowledge learned completing projects happens at judging. There are qualified and knowledgeable judges ready to listen and help members grow in interview skills. It is crucial that families make every effort to attend their scheduled interview day and have their members prepared. ***Interviews (judging) are the “game day” for 4-H members.***

We understand that some circumstances may not allow members to attend regular scheduled project judging. A Final Judging event will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-4:00 at the Extension Office. You must call the Extension Office at 419-586-2179 to schedule an appointment. Limited time slots available. ***Members who attend this option do not qualify for state fair selection or trophy awards.***

You can view all schedules at <https://go.osu.edu/schedules> and project requirements at <https://go.osu.edu/requirements>.

**Good Luck at Judging!**

## Livestock Fair Entry

It's time to enter your animals for the fair. All members (including poultry and rabbits) need to use FairEntry this year. Remember Fair Entry allows us to get specific information for the fair-exactly what classes you are planning to show in.

Details needed for this process can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/requirements/> - be sure to read before you start!

**Deadline is Monday, July 10**



### 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:** Wednesday, August 2 @ 7pm.

**Tear Down:** To Be Announced

#### Beef and Dairy:

**Set Up:** Wednesday, August 2 @ 7pm

**Tear Down:** To Be Announced

### Fair Applications Due August 1

The following applications are due August 1<sup>st</sup>:

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



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

*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



**Mercer County Fair - August 11-17, 2023**  
<https://mercercountyohiofair.com/>



## Jr. Fair Premiums

Premiums will be paid out to 4H and FFA exhibitors during the week of the fair. A staff member will be in the Junior Fair Office, located in the Kenn-Feld Community Center, Saturday, August 12, through Wednesday, August 16, from 9-11 AM, and then again from 4-6pm. 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.**

Every member completing a project judging interview (livestock, non livestock and cloverbuds) will receive a \$5 premium. There is \$25 cap for 4-H projects and a \$25 cap for FFA projects. This means - if you complete a dairy interview, you will 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.

## 2023 4-H Camp Memories!



Congrats! You have been caught reading our Newsletter! Click on this link for a chance to win a summer package that includes a few food vouchers for the fair! [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_efGN8cA3shzJVpI](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efGN8cA3shzJVpI)



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## 2023 JUNIOR FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023**

6 PM ..... TACK MAY START ARRIVING

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023**7 P.M. .... JR. FAIR KING AND QUEEN CONTEST  
(JUNIOR FAIR TENT)**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023**8 AM. .... ANIMALS MAY START ARRIVING  
4 PM. .... RABBIT PROJECTS MAY START ARRIVING  
5 - 8 P.M. .... SWINE WEIGH-IN AND ANIMALS IN PLACE  
8 PM. .... ALL POULTRY PROJECTS IN PLACE  
8:30 PM. .... MARKET POULTRY WEIGH IN  
9 PM. .... ALL DAIRY CATTLE PROJECTS IN PLACE  
10 PM. .... RABBIT PROJECTS MUST BE IN PLACE**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023**8 A.M. .... MARKET SHEEP AND GOAT  
PROJECTS MUST BE IN PLACE  
WEIGH MARKET LAMBS AND SHEEP (CYF)  
GOATS TO FOLLOW AT APPROX. 9 A.M. (CYF)  
9 A.M. .... DAIRY CATTLE SHOW (AD)  
ALL BEEF, ALPACA, & DAIRY PROJECTS IN PLACE  
9:30 A.M. .... ALL NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS IN PLACE  
(JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING)  
10 A.M. .... BOOTH JUDGING (JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING)  
(BUILDING CLOSED DURING JUDGING)  
WEIGH IN BEEF (FOLLOWING GOATS)  
12 P.M. .... HORSE PROJECTS IN PLACE (HORSE BARN)  
2 P.M. .... RABBIT BREED SHOW (AD)  
5:30 P.M. .... SPECIAL INTEREST AWARDS  
(JUNIOR FAIR TENT)  
6 P.M. .... CROWNING OF SPECIE ROYALTY  
(JUNIOR FAIR TENT)**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023**8 A.M. .... POULTRY SHOW & SHOWMANSHIP (AD)  
9 A.M. .... SWINE SHOWMANSHIP (CYF)  
..... HORSE PLEASURE, VERSATILITY &  
ENGLISH SHOW (HORSE ARENA)  
5 P.M. .... MARKET LAMB AND SHEEP BREEDING SHOW (CYF)  
7 P.M. .... DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP (AD)**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023**11 A.M. .... WEIGH MARKET RABBITS (RABBIT BARN)  
12 P.M. .... SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP (CYF)12:30 P.M. .... RABBIT MARKET PENS & SHOWMANSHIP (AD)  
5 P.M. .... BOER BREEDING &  
..... MARKET GOAT SHOW (CYF)  
5:30 P.M. .... MODELING REVUE PRACTICE  
(JUNIOR FAIR TENT)  
6:30 P.M. .... MODELING REVUE (JUNIOR FAIR TENT)**MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023**9 A.M. .... SWINE SHOW (CYF)  
3 P.M. .... FEEDER AND MARKET DAIRY STEER SHOW (AD)  
4:30 P.M. .... DAIRY GOAT & OTHER NON-MARKET BREEDS  
SHOW & SHOWMANSHIP (CYF)  
6 P.M. .... HORSE CONTESTING SHOW (HORSE ARENA)  
..... MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP (CYF)  
7 P.M. .... BEEF FEEDER AND MARKET STEER SHOW (AD)**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023**10 A.M. .... BEEF SHOWMANSHIP (AD)  
6:30 P.M. .... RABBIT FUN SHOW (AD)  
..... HOME USE SWINE RELEASED AFTER OPEN SHOW**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023**9 A.M. .... HORSE FUN SHOW & COSTUME CONTEST  
(HORSE ARENA)  
..... SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN CONTEST (AD)  
..... SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN CONTINUED (CYF)  
6 P.M. .... HOME USE SWINE RELEASE CLOSES**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023**8 A.M. .... DOG SHOW (AD)  
11 A.M. .... HORSE AWARD BANQUET (HORSE TOWER)  
4 P.M. .... JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION (CYF)  
6 P.M. - 8 P.M. .... RELEASE OF NON-AUCTION  
ANIMALS, TACK AND AT HOME USE  
7 P.M. .... 4H PROJECTS MAY BE REMOVED**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023**9 AM - 12 NOON ..... BARNS AND  
JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING CLEAN UP**JUNIOR FAIR OFFICE HOURS****8 AM TO 4 PM PBS BUILDING DAILY****JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING HOURS****8 AM TO 10 PM**