



3. Animal must have a legible tattoo which will be checked at the Mercer County Fair.
4. Breed animals must have 3 in a class or they will automatically go into an AOB (all other breeds) class. An animal that is checked in at the fall weigh-in as a breed steer will show as a breed steer at the Mercer County Fair. That animal cannot be switched over to show with the crossbred steers.
5. The breed program will cease to exist if less than six breed steers are weighed-in in December.
6. The breed program will cease to exist if less than six breed steers are shown at the 2020 Mercer County Fair.

**SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to show their siblings animals in showmanship classes. (Siblings defined as sisters/brothers, step siblings and half siblings)
2. Those eligible for Professional Showmanship are: Previous winners of the senior or professional division and winners of all 2020 Beef Showmanship classes only. Once you win in the Professional division, you may not show in any division except professional.

**BEEF JUDGING CONTEST**

1. One class of beef animals will be judged.
2. Beef exhibitors are to participate and points for the best Herdsman Awards will be awarded following the contest.

**BEEF HERDSMAN AWARD**

- Information poster . . . . . 5 points  
 Thank you poster . . . . . 5 points

**SHOWMANSHIP**

- 1st . . . . . 15 points  
 2nd . . . . . 13 points  
 3rd . . . . . 11 points  
 4th . . . . . 9 points  
 5th . . . . . 7 points

You can receive points only once in showmanship. If you show in professional you will receive 1 additional point, but no points for placing 1st through 5th unless professional showmanship is the only class you were eligible to compete in.

Herdsmen award tie-breaker. If there is a tie after the above mentioned criteria, an additional point will be awarded to those that attend pen set up before the fair.

Cleanliness . . . . . Stalls, animals, and area assigned to you will be checked twice for a total of 10 points.

Skillathon . . . . . Based on the number of questions.

Judging Beef Classes:

5 points Correct Placings. . . . . (3 points switching a close middle pair-if there is one)

4 points . . . . . Giving Reasons

\*\*If there is a tie after the above mentioned criteria, each participant will receive a trophy\*\*

**ENTRY NUMBER CLASS DESCRIPTION**

- J-B01--Junior Heifer Calf . . . . . Born 1/1/20 - 5/31/20  
 J-B02--Senior Heifer Calf . . . . . Born 9/1/19 - 12/31/19  
 J-B03--Summer Yearling Heifer. . . . . Born 5/1/19 - 8/31/19  
 J-B04--Junior Yearling Heifer. . . . . Born 1/1/19- 4/30/19  
 J-B05--Senior Yearling Heifer . . . . . Born 9/1/18 - 12/31/18  
 J-B07--Feeder Calf - Beef . . . . . Born after 1/1 Current year & weighing 700 pounds or less  
 J-B08--Feeder Calf - Dairy . . . . . Born after 1/1 Current year & weighing 700 pounds or less  
 J-B10--Crossbred Steer. . . . . Market animals a minimum of 850 pounds and born on or after Jan 1, 2019  
 J-B11--Breed Steer . . . . . Market Animals a minimum of 850 pounds and born on or after Jan 1, 2019  
 J-B12--Dairy Steer. . . . . Steer a minimum of 850 pounds and 100% dairy characteristics and born on or after Jan 1, 2019  
 J-B13--Market Heifer. . . . . Heifer weighing a minimum of 850 pounds and born on or after Jan 1, 2019  
 J-B14 . . . . . All Other Breeds - Breed steers for which there are not a minimum of three animals entered in the competition. and born after Jan 1, 2019 a minimum of 850 pounds

\*\*Learning Kits provided by the Mercer County 4-H Foundation\*\*

◆◆◆◆◆ **DAIRY CATTLE** ◆◆◆◆◆

**ENTRY REQUIRED ON FAIR ENTRY BY SKILLATHON DATE  
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◆◆◆◆◆ **DAIRY CATTLE DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

1. Exhibitors are to wear white polo shirt with nice blue jeans. ADDITIONAL DRESS CODE APPLIES. SEE GENERAL LIVESTOCK POLICIES.
2. Classes will be shown by alternating Holstein classes with the colored breed classes.
3. All animals in the herd class must belong to the same exhibitor.
4. Anyone showing in any Junior Fair class must be a Junior Fair exhibitor.
5. All dairy animals must be in place by 9 p.m., Thursday day before fair begins..
6. An exhibitor may show one entry per class.
7. Animal(s) are to be in member's possession or lease agreement filed with the Extension Office by March 1, except for junior calf which is May 1.
8. Dairy animals in production (except for Supreme Champion) may leave the fairgrounds after the Junior Fair Show, but are not allowed to return to the fairgrounds.
9. Dairy exhibitors will earn \$5 for completing Dairy Skillathon.

**DAIRY HERDSMAN AWARD**

Award will be given to the individual with the highest score on the skillathon in each respective division.  
 In case of a tie, an additional award will be given.

**CLASSES**

**ENTRY  
 AYRSHIRE**

- J-D01 Junior Heifer Calf, born after March 1, 2020 and at least 4 months old  
 J-D02 Intermediate Calf, born on or after Dec. 1, 2019 through Feb. 29, 2020  
 J-D03 Senior Calf, born between Sept. 1, 2019 through Nov. 30, 2019  
 J-D04 Summer Yearling, born between June 1, 2019 through Aug. 31, 2019  
 J-D05 Junior Yearling Heifer, born between March 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019











# JUNIOR FAIR

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ **INTERPRETATION OF RULES** ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

INTERPRETATION OF ALL RULES FOR THE MERCER COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR HORSE SHOWS  
 WILL BE BASED ON THE UNIFORM RULES FOR 4-H HORSE SHOWS PUBLISHED BY  
 THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION. EXCEPT FOR THE MODIFIED WESTERN CLASS.

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ **HORSEMANS AWARD** . . . . . **1st Place** . . . . . **2nd Place** . . . . . **3rd Place** . . . . . **4th Place** . . . . . **5th Place**

Showmanship . . . . .	25 points . . . . .	20 points . . . . .	15 points . . . . .	10 points . . . . .	5 points . . . . .
Horsemanship . . . . .	25 points . . . . .	20 points . . . . .	15 points . . . . .	10 points . . . . .	5 points . . . . .
Mod. Western Riding . . . . .	25 points . . . . .	20 points . . . . .	15 points . . . . .	10 points . . . . .	5 points . . . . .
Barrels . . . . .	25 points . . . . .	20 points . . . . .	15 points . . . . .	10 points . . . . .	5 points . . . . .
Skillathon . . . . .	25 points . . . . .	20 points . . . . .	15 points . . . . .	10 points . . . . .	5 points . . . . .

If there is a tie after the above mentioned criteria, 10 places will be used to determine place: 1st=10 points, 2nd=9 points, 3rd=8 points, 4th=7 points, 5th=6 points, 6th=5 points, 7th=4 points, 8th=3 points, 9th=2 points, 10th=1 point.

**CLASSES**

Juniors - ages 9-13 & Seniors - ages 14-19 as of Jan. 1 of current year

**HALTER CLASSES**

Judged upon type, conformation and quality of animal

**ENTRY NUMBER**

J-H01 . . . . .	Halter-Pony under 58"
J-H02 . . . . .	Halter-Horse Gelding 59" & over
J-H03 . . . . .	Halter-Horse Mare 59" & over

**SHOWMANSHIP**

Judged upon the condition and grooming of the horse and upon the ability of the showman to present the horse properly and to the best advantage. Type, conformation and quality of the horse have no bearing. Manners and response to the showman indicate the degree of training and will be judged.

**SCORING OF SHOWMANSHIP**

Condition of animal (Grooming and trimming . . . . .)	40 points
Appearance of the exhibitor. . . . .	10 points
Showing of the animal . . . . .	50 points
Total . . . . .	100 points

**SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

J-H04 . . . . .	Senior Showmanship-ages 14-19
J-H05 . . . . .	Junior Showmanship-ages 9-13
J-H06 . . . . .	Beginner Showmanship - ages 9-12

**CHAMPION SHOWMANSHIP**

J-H07 . . . . .	Second Project Showmanship
J-H08 . . . . .	Bareback Pleasure
J-H09 . . . . .	Hunter Under Saddle
J-H10 . . . . .	Hunt Seat Equitation
J-H11 . . . . .	Walk Trot Western Pleasure
J-H12 . . . . .	Gaited Ranch Pleasure Horse
J-H13 . . . . .	Production Horse (snaffle bit)
J-H14 . . . . .	Western Pleasure Pleasure Horses
J-H15 . . . . .	Western Pleasure Contesting Horse - Sr. ages 14-19
J-H16 . . . . .	Western Pleasure Contesting Horse - Jr. ages 9-13

**HORSEMANSHIP CLASSES**

Judged upon the general appearance, basic position, hands, mounting & dismounting, appointments & performance.

First and second placing exhibitors will advance to Championship Horsemanship classes

J-H17 . . . . .	Senior Horsemanship-ages 14-19
J-H18 . . . . .	Junior Horsemanship - 9-13
J-H19 . . . . .	Beginner Walk Trot Horsemanship

**CHAMPIONSHIP HORSEMANSHIP PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

J-H20 . . . . .	Western Riding (modified)- Sr. ages 14-19
J-H21 . . . . .	Western Riding (modified)- Jr. ages 9-13 (This class does not follow 4-H rules as stated in the Uniform Rules Book. The rider may break down into a simple lead change for four strides.)
J-H22 . . . . .	Reining - Sr. ages 14-19
J-H23 . . . . .	Reining - Jr. ages 9-13 (This class does not follow 4-H rules as stated in the Uniform Rules Book. The rider may break down into a simple lead change for four strides.)
J-H24 . . . . .	Trail Riding - Sr. ages 14-19
J-H25 . . . . .	Trail Riding - Jr. ages 9-13
J-H26 . . . . .	Ground Roping - beginners
J-H27 . . . . .	Ground Roping - Experienced

**Versatility to follow ground roping**

**CONTESTING SHOW (Monday August 12 at 7 PM)**

Juniors are ages 9-13 and Seniors 14-19 as 1/1 current year

J-H28 . . . . .	Barrel Race - Sr. ages 14-19
J-H29 . . . . .	Barrel Race - Jr. ages 9-13
J-H30 . . . . .	Cones & Barrels - Sr. ages 14-19
J-H31 . . . . .	Cones & Barrels - Jr. ages 9-13
J-H32 . . . . .	Speed & Control - Sr. ages 14-19
J-H33 . . . . .	Speed & Control - Jr. ages 9-13
J-H34 . . . . .	Pole Bending - Sr. ages 14-19
J-H35 . . . . .	Pole Bending - Jr. ages 9-13
J-H36 . . . . .	Keyhole - Sr. ages 14-19
J-H37 . . . . .	Keyhole - Jr. ages 9-13
J-H38 . . . . .	Stakes - Sr. ages 14-19
J-H39 . . . . .	Stakes - Jr. ages 9-13

All classes will be counted for the Contest Award. Points with each horse/4-H member can only place either Grand or Reserve.

\*\*Indicates that the award will be counted for the Modified

Versatility Award. Must show in all four (4) classes.

Individual with the lowest overall time will be presented the contest award. An exhibitor may run two horses in the contest competition if the appropriate animal is identified for the appropriate classes. This designation should be noted on the exhibitor's entry.





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**LLAMAS AND ALPACAS**

1. Alpacas may be registered or un-registered stock. All alpacas, registered and un-registered stock, will show in the same classes.
2. The exhibitor must use his/her own, or have an approved lease, for animal in all classes.
3. Animals should be a minimum of 6 months of age.
3. Obstacle Course: Exhibitors in the Obstacle Course will be required to navigate their animal through a minimum of eight obstacles including jumps, maneuverability (cones or through inner tube), a change of pace, backing, a bridge and ramp and obstructed entrance.
4. The animal will be required to be shown in a clean, well-fitting halter and lead.
5. Pack Class: This class is designed to simulate the conditions and obstacles actually encountered while packing alpacas on the trail. Animals must be twelve months of age or older to participate in this class.
  - a. Equipment: Halters and lead ropes should be sound and practical for use in the back country and should be adjusted to allow the animals to comfortably graze and chew.
  - b. The pack system itself, including daypacks, training packs and pack systems with removable panniers, must have two cinches.
    1. Panniers may be filled out with lightweight bulky material to simulate a pack loaded for an actual packing trip and to show the animal capable of maneuvering with its pack.
    2. Participants will not be required to remove the packs.
    3. Handlers must wear clothing, including footwear, appropriate for packing such as hiking boots, shorts or jeans.
      - b. Course must include the following mandatory obstacles: a bridge or ramp, backing, animal manageability (for example, the animal must stand still while the handler checks the bottom of the animal's foot or places or removes items from the pack), flexibility and maneuvering and should simulate natural conditions, such as brush or logs in the pathway or water obstacles.
6. Costume Class: The animal and handler must be in costume and with a unifying theme.
  - a. The exhibitor is to include a short paragraph to be read by the show announcer describing their costume.
7. Show Attire: All showmanship exhibitors must wear black, dark blue or khaki slacks with a white shirt (polo or buttoned) and appropriate footwear such as footwear appropriate for showing. Open toed shoes or sandals are not appropriate. Pack attire should be black, dark blue or khaki slacks with a white shirt (polo or buttoned) and appropriate footwear such as footwear appropriate for packing such as hiking boots.

**CLASSES**

- J-LA01 . . . . . Alpaca Obstacle Class
  - J-LA02 . . . . . Alpaca Pack Class
  - J-LA03 . . . . . Alpaca Costume Class
  - J-LA04 . . . . . Llama Obstacle Class
  - J-LA05 . . . . . Llama Pack Class
  - J-LA06 . . . . . Llama Costume Class
- All exhibitors will show together in one showmanship class\*

**POULTRY**

**ENTRY REQUIRED ON FAIR ENTRY BY SKILLATHON DATE  
ARLISS MEINERDING & KAREN SCHMITT, SUPERINTENDENTS  
PLEASE SEE PAGE 84 FOR ALL SHOW DATES AND TIMES**

POULTRY BROUGHT BY . . . . . 8 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 9  
 MARKET POULTRY BEGINNING WEIGH-IN . . . . . 8:30 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 9  
 SHOWS . . . . . POULTRY SHOW AND SHOWMANSHIP - SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 8:00 A.M., ADRIAN DEBROSSE SHOW ARENA

1. A cockerel is a male bird under one year old. A cock is a male bird over one year old.
2. A pullet is a female bird under one year old. A hen is a female bird over one year old.
3. Broilers should weigh 6 lbs. or less. Roasters will be divided in two (2) classes: 5.1 lbs. to 8.0 lbs. and 8.1 lbs. and above.
4. All Fancy Breeds shall consist of those listed in the following: The American Standard of Perfection published by The American Poultry Association. The Bantam Standard of Perfection published by The American Bantam Association, The International Waterfowl Standard, and the Pigeon Standard.
5. All Fancy Poultry will be judged in accordance with Open Class show standards published by The American Poultry Association., The American Bantam Association, The International Waterfowl Breeders, and The National Pigeon Standard.
6. Junior Showmanship ages 9-12, Senior Showmanship 13-16 plus previous winners of the Junior Division Professional Showmanship 17-19 years plus previous winners of Senior Division. First Year - First year participation in Poultry Showmanship.
7. All exhibitors must abide by the Ohio Livestock Health Exhibition Rules and therefore must show birds are pollorum free. Production birds not obtained through the Junior Fair Program must show proof of this and proof of hatch date. Superintendents are certified to pullorum test flocks. Members need to make arrangements prior to the fair to have this done. All FANCY turkeys must have blood drawn by a veterinarian. This needs to be done at least three weeks prior to the fair.
8. Broiler and Roaster Classes: One may weigh 4 birds in each class. Only three of these birds will be cooped with the remaining one to be taken home. The same bird may NOT be used in both classes. Birds must be banded prior to weighing with pre-assigned bands. Bands will be available from the superintendents at the Weigh-In.
9. Poultry exhibitors must clean cages and plywood under cages when removing birds at the end of the fair.
10. Birds should be in members' possession by these dates:
  - Market Turkeys . . . . . after March 7
  - Layer Pullets . . . . . after March 1
  - Broilers and Roasters . . . . . after June 7
  - All Fancy Poultry . . . . . before May 1
11. Dress Code: blue jeans or khakis, polo, or nice button shirt, or 4-H/FFA shirt. No open-toed shoes. Tennis shoes or boots only. See additional dress code policies in general livestock rules.

**CHICKENS**

STANDARD BANTAM CHICKENS

- J-P01 . . . . . One cock
- J-P02 . . . . . One hen
- J-P03 . . . . . One cockerel
- J-P04 . . . . . One pullet

STANDARD LARGE CHICKENS

- J-P05 ..... One cock
  - J-P06 ..... One hen
  - J-P07 ..... One cockerel
  - J-P08 ..... One pullet
- PRODUCTION CHICKENS & TURKEYS**  
 (1 Entry Per Class Except Roasters May Have 1 In Each Weight Class)
- J-P09 ..... Three Layers and 14 Eggs
  - J-P10 ..... Three Broilers
  - J-P11 ..... Three Roasters
  - JP11-A ..... Heavy (Over 8.1)
  - JP11-B ..... Light (Under 8.0)
- J-P12 ..... Two Market Turkeys
- EGGS**
- J-P13 ..... One dozen White
  - J-P14 ..... One dozen Brown
- WATERFOWL, PIGEONS & TURKEYS**
- J-P15 ..... One duck (female)
  - J-P16 ..... One drake
  - J-P17 ..... One goose or gander
  - J-P18 ..... Two pigeons
  - J-P19 ..... One turkey (Breeder)
  - J-P20 ..... One guinea

\*\*Learning Kit provided by Fort Recovery Equity\*\*

**RABBITS**

**ENTRY REQUIRED ON FAIR ENTRY BY SKILLATHON DATE  
 TREVA MUHLENKAMP, SUPERINTENDENT  
 ENTRIES DUE IN JULY AT HEALTH CHECK / TATTOOING.  
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1. Exhibitors are to be present at the time of showing to assist judge in the handling of the exhibits.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class and age group (Ex: One Junior Buck Fancy OR Commercial).
3. Each rabbit in the market pen should weigh a minimum of 3.5 - maximum of 5.5 lbs.
4. A market pen not reaching the minimum or exceeding the maximum weight will be able to show, but will not be placed to sell at the auction.
5. Health papers, which are issued at the July workshop, are required.
6. All animals must have permanent ear markings in the left ear. Tattooing will be done at the July workshop.
7. Class 6, commercial, or meat breeds are as follow: California, New Zealand, Satin, Checkered Giant, Mixed Breeds and any other 6 class breed.
8. Class 4, fancy, breeds are: Angora, Florida White, Holland Lop, Rex, Mini Rex, Polish, Mini Lop, Dutch and Netherlands Dwarf and any other 4 class breed.
9. Breeds other than those listed, may be shown.
10. Animals should meet either the weight or the age requirements listed for the class according to ARBA.
11. Classes will be as follows:  
 Commercials:  
 Senior Bucks ..... 8 months of age and over  
 Senior Does ..... 8 months of age and over  
 Intermediate Bucks ..... 6-8 months, not over 10 pounds  
 Intermediate Does ..... 6-8 months, not over 11 pounds  
 Junior Bucks ..... under 6 months of age, not over 9 pounds  
 Junior Does ..... under 6 months of age, not over 9 pounds  
 Fancy:  
 Senior Bucks ..... 6 months of age and over  
 Senior Does ..... 6 months of age and over  
 Junior Bucks ..... under 6 months of age  
 Junior Does ..... under 6 months of age
12. Exhibitors showing Fancy classes are permitted to show intermediate (commercial only), but still only one rabbit per class.
13. All animals, except market pen, must be in the member's possession no later than June 1, 2019. Market pens must be in members' possession no later than July 8, 2019.
14. Any animal having won Grand Champion Senior cannot be shown again. Animals having won the intermediate or junior class may be shown in the senior class the following year.
15. All rabbits must be in place by 10:00 PM the night before the opening day of the fair.
16. All rabbit exhibitors must attend health check, skillathon, quality assurance, unless you have tested out, and one of the two meetings in June to be eligible to show.
17. If showing another persons rabbits for your project, you must have a lease agreement with the person who's rabbits you are showing turned in at Skillathon in July. Lease paper ideas can be picked up at the Extension office. Written lease is to be turned in to the superintendent at the skillathon.
18. All Market Rabbits will be tattooed with a special tattoo on August 8, 2019, when rabbits are brought to the fairgrounds for the fair.
19. All pens of market rabbits must be of the same breed and color.
20. There will be no locks on market pen cages. Locking cages will result in disqualification.

**RABBIT ENTRY NUMBER**

- J-R101 Senior Buck ..... Class 6, Commercial or meat breeds
- J-R102 Senior Doe ..... Class 6, Commercial or meat breeds
- J-R103 Intermediate Buck ..... Class 6, Commercial or meat breeds
- J-R104 Intermediate Doe ..... Class 6, Commercial or meat breeds
- J-R105 Junior Buck ..... Class 6, Commercial or meat breeds
- J-R106 Junior Doe ..... Class 6, Commercial or meat breeds
- J-R107 Senior Buck ..... Class 4 or Fancy
- J-R108 Senior Doe ..... Class 4 or Fancy
- J-R109 Junior Buck ..... Class 4 or Fancy
- J-R110 Junior Doe ..... Class 4 or Fancy
- J-R111 Pen of 2 Market Rabbits ..... 2 Rabbits of the same color, weighing 3.5 - 5.5 pounds

**SHEEP**

**ENTRY REQUIRED ON FAIR ENTRY BY SKILLATHON DATE  
 SCOTT RAUCH, SUPERINTENDENT  
 PLEASE SEE PAGE 84 FOR ALL SHOW DATES AND TIMES**

1. All health regulations apply. See exhibition rules.
2. A lamb is under one year of age. Born on or after Jan. 1, current year.
3. A yearling is over one year of age and not over two years of age as of the first day of the fair.
4. A flock shall consist of 3 animals from different classes within the same breed. One animal must be a ram.
5. Sheep exhibitors will earn \$5 for completing Sheep Skillathon.
6. Market lambs are to be ear tagged at the county tagging which will be held April 28 and April 29 at the Fairgrounds OR may be tagged by an approved veterinarian at the exhibitor's expense with county





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issued tags. Specific Identification procedures will be mailed to all enrolled exhibitors prior to the county tagging deadline. In case of a lost ear tag, the exhibitor has 5 days to notify the Extension office and have the animal re-tagged of the animal will be disqualified from junior fair competition. Those market lambs tagged at home by a veterinarian will not be eligible for the rate of gain contest.

7. An exhibitor may tag a maximum of 5 market lambs and show 2 of these market lambs in the Junior Fair.
8. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market lambs will be slaughtered.
9. An exhibitor may show one entry per class in the breeding show and a maximum of two animals in the market lamb classes (along with pen of two which consists of 2 market lambs of similar weight).
10. Market lambs are to be slick shorn to 1/8" prior to arriving on the fairgrounds.
11. No drenching of any sheep will be permitted while animal is on the Mercer County Fairgrounds unless under the direct order of a veterinarian.
12. No blankets will be allowed on any sheep until after weigh-in and until after veterinarian check of all sheep.
13. A market lamb may be a wether or a ewe lamb.
14. Exhibitors may show one ewe lamb as a breeding project and as a market project. The exhibitor must fill out both the market and breeding record books. The same exhibitor must show this animal in both shows.
15. Muzzles will not be allowed on sheep projects during the fair.

**OWNERSHIP POLICIES FOR SHEEP DEPARTMENT**

1. Families may share lambs. A family means those junior fair eligible youth who are siblings, half-siblings or step-siblings.
2. Family shared lambs policies are as follows:  
Each exhibitor must identify one animal as their project.  
This animal cannot be shared or shown by any other exhibitor.  
Each exhibitor may identify a maximum of 4 additional animals as family shared lambs.
3. The exhibitor of the family shared lamb must be stated when the lamb is weighed at the fair.
4. An exhibitor may show any of their identified animals in the Jr. Fair.

**SHEEP HERDSMAN AWARD**

Thank you poster.....	5 points
Showmanship:	
1st place .....	15 points
2nd place .....	13 points
3rd place .....	11 points
4th place .....	9 points
5th place .....	7 points
Skillathon .....	Based on the number of questions

\*\*You can receive points only once in showmanship. If you show in professional you will receive 1 additional point, but no points for placing

1st through 5th unless professional showmanship is the only class you are eligible to compete in.

\*\*If there is a tie after the above mentioned criteria, a test will be given to break the tie\*\*

**DORSET**

J-SH01.....	Yearling Ram
J-SH02.....	Ram Lamb
J-SH03.....	Yearling Ewe
J-SH04.....	Ewe Lamb
J-SH05.....	Flock

**HAMPSHIRE BREEDS**

J-SH06.....	Yearling Ram
J-SH07.....	Ram Lamb
J-SH08.....	Yearling Ewe
J-SH09.....	Ewe Lamb
J-SH10.....	Flock

**SOUTHDOWN**

J-SH11.....	Yearling Ram
J-SH12.....	Ram Lamb
J-SH13.....	Yearling Ewe
J-SH14.....	Ewe Lamb
J-SH15.....	Flock

**SUFFOLK**

J-SH16.....	Yearling Ram
J-SH17.....	Ram Lamb
J-SH18.....	Yearling Ewe
J-SH19.....	Ewe Lamb
J-SH20.....	Flock

**CROSS BREEDS**

J-SH21.....	Yearling Ram
J-SH22.....	Ram Lamb
J-SH23.....	Yearling Ewe
J-SH24.....	Ewe Lamb
J-SH25.....	Flock

**ALL OTHER BREEDS**

J-SH26.....	Yearling Ram
J-SH27.....	Ram Lamb
J-SH28.....	Yearling Ewe
J-SH29.....	Ewe Lamb
J-SH30.....	Flock

**MARKET LAMBS (90 pounds to sell - no upper weight limit)**

J-SH31.....	Market Lamb
J-SH32.....	Pen of 2 Market Lambs

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**SWINE**

ENTRY REQUIRED ON FAIR ENTRY BY SKILLATHON DATE  
BRITTANY MUHLENKAMP, SUPERINTENDENT  
PLEASE SEE PAGE 84 FOR ALL SHOW DATES AND TIMES

**GENERAL SWINE RULES**

1. All health regulations apply. Health papers, if required will be checked at weighing. See exhibition rules. All pigs will be slapped-tattooed.
2. Market classes consist of market barrows and gilts. No boars are allowed to be shown.
3. Market swine must weigh 200 pounds or more to be eligible to be shown in the championship drive. Swine weighing 199 pounds or less will be combined (barrows and gilts) and shown as underweight.
4. Swine animals are to be farrowed after January 1 of current year.
5. No late castrates or cryptorchids will be allowed to show or sell. Market barrows are to be castrated no later than May 1 (current year). Questionable animals will be disqualified.
6. Market Swine are to be ear tagged using tags provided by the Junior Fair by May 31. Animals will be tagged by a licensed veterinarian at the expense of the exhibitor. In case of a lost tag, the exhibitor has 5 days to notify the Extension Office and have the animal re-tagged. In order to have your hog re-tagged it must be approved by a committee consisting of 2 junior fairboard swine department members and the adult swine superintendent.
7. An exhibitor may bring a maximum of 10 market hogs. These animals may be barrows, gilts or a combination of gilts and barrows. Legal siblings (brothers, sisters, step-brothers and step-sisters, half brothers and half sisters) may share the same animal or animals for tagging purposes. This means that a family may have 10 hogs and all their children may list these same 10 animals on each child's identification form. (Cousins, friends, members of the same club, etc. may not share animals) An exhibitor may show ONLY the animals listed on their identification form.
7. An exhibitor may bring a maximum of 3 hogs of which 1 hog must be a purebred hog. Possible combinations: An exhibitor may bring 2 market hogs and 1 purebred hog or may bring 1 market hog and 2 purebred hogs or may bring 3 purebred hogs.
8. The exhibitor must show animal(s) listed on their identification form in the market show. Animals must arrive to the fairgrounds clean or exhibitor will be asked to take animal home to clean before returning.

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- 9. All swine must be in place by 8 p.m. and weighed by 9pm.
- 10. All swine will be weighed once. Show weight is sale weight. There will be no reweighing. Sale weights will be broken on 1 pound increments. (All swine weighing 199 or less will not sell.)
- 11. There shall be no unethical fitting of any swine animals. Unethical fitting means to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature, or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including, but not limited to the removal of animal tissue or hair, to color or oil the hair or hide, to administer, feed, give, or inject any substance or drug to an animal except when medically necessary or when the drug has been approved for such use by the FDA or USDA. Judges will be informed of this rule prior to the beginning of the show and will be asked to not place any animal that he/she feels are in violation of this rule.
- 12. ALL Hogs will be checked for compliance to rule 901-19-33 of the ODA Livestock Tampering Rules by a neutral authority approved by the Swine Committee and Mercer County Agriculture Society. The rule states ". . .the following grooming practices are prohibited . . . slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on the ears and tails." Slick clipping is defined as having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of the market hogs. Hogs will be checked for compliance after placement in the class during the show. All exhibitors must remain in compliance with this rule throughout the duration of the exhibition. Any exhibitors not compliant will be subjected to disciplinary action as defined in 901-19-21. Anyone is allowed to protest the ruling or ask that another exhibitor's hogs be examined as long as the \$100 protest fee is paid.

**SWINE HERDSMEN AWARD**

(Presented at 5:45 or before the Open Class Show, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.) Thank you poster . . . (must be submitted by Thurs. 9 pm before the fair) 10 points Showmanship:

1st Place . . . . .	6 points
2nd Place . . . . .	4 points
3rd Place . . . . .	3 points
4th Place . . . . .	2 points
5th Place . . . . .	1 points

Skillathon Score.....based on the number of questions Cleanliness-pens, animals, and area assigned to you will be checked twice for a total of 10 points. They will be checked at various times (unannounced) so they must be clean at all times.\*\*You can receive points only once in showmanship. If you show in professional you will receive 1 additional point for placing, but no point for placing 1st-5th unless professional showmanship is the only class you are eligible to compete in.\*\*\*If there is a tie after the above mentioned criteria, a question over mic will be given to break the tie\*\*

**MARKET SWINE SHOW**

- 1. Market swine will be divided into classes light to heavy. If an exhibitor would have 2 animals in the same "drive", they will be split. Family members will not be split into separate drives.
- 2. The order of the market crossbred show will be as follows:
  - a) Underweight market swine, classes for barrows weighing 200 pounds and up, and then classes for gilts weighing 200 pounds and up. These classes will be placed 1-5.
  - b) Crossbred Market Barrow and Crossbred Market Gilts will have 3 division winners each. Divisions will be based on number of hogs after weigh in.
  - c) Division winners and purebred winner will then compete for overall Top 5 Market Swine. Reserve Champion division and reserve purebred winners will be on standby while Top 5 Market Swine are being decided as the second place of the chosen winner will come into the ring to be considered for the next winner.
- 3. Swine under 200 pounds may show in the underweight class, but will be eliminated from champion competition.
- 4. Each exhibitor's lightest weighing animal will be shipped to a pre-designated packer on the last morning of the fair. The only exception is if an exhibitor's lighter weighing pig is named a class winner or grand or reserve grand champion. Any lightweight hog under 200 will be shipped. Any individual wishing to take the hog

for personal slaughter need to check with the swine committee and make note of this with the auction committee as well.

- 5. All pens MUST be cleaned out after the auction!

**PUREBRED HOG RULES**

- 1. An exhibitor may bring a maximum of 3 hogs of which 1 hog must be purebred hog. Possible combinations: An Exhibitor may bring 2 market hogs and 1 purebred hog or may bring 1 market hog and 2 purebred hogs or 3 purebred hogs.
- 2. Purebred animals must have registration papers with the corresponding ear notches (identification) which matches the registration papers. Purebred animals without valid registration papers will be shown as crossbred.
- 3. Registration papers will be reviewed when animals are being checked in and penned.
- 4. A class of purebred hogs will consist of a minimum of 3 animals.
- 5. If there are not at least 3 animals of the same breed, then those animals will be placed into an Any Other Breed (AOB) class.
- 6. If there is sufficient numbers of entries, purebred animals will be shown in separate gilt and barrow classes. If there are less than 3 gilts (for example) then the gilts will be shown with the barrows of that breed.
- 7. A champion of each breed will be selected, placing the gilts and barrows together for this drive.
- 8. All other swine department rules apply to the purebred classes.

**CHAMPIONS**

- 1. Each breed champion, which may be a barrow or gilt, will be shown in the championship drive.
- 2. The overall grand and reserve grand champion will consist of the following animals: The champion over crossbred hogs and each division winner from gilts and barrow.

**CLASSES**

J-SW01 . . . . .	Market Crossbred Swine Weight 200 pounds and up
J-SW02 . . . . .	Purebred Swine
J-SW03 . . . . .	Swine Hurdle

**SWINE HURDLE CONTEST**

- 1. Hurdles should be painted and include exhibitor's name or club name permanently placed on the hurdle size must be 3' to 4' long and 2' to 3' tall.
- 2. Hurdles entered previous years cannot be shown again.
- 3. Premium paid on hurdle competition.

**PREMIUM PAID ON SWINE HURDLE:**

1st . . . . .	\$10
2nd . . . . .	\$9
3rd . . . . .	\$8
4th . . . . .	\$7
5th . . . . .	\$6
All others not placing . . . . .	\$2

**CLASSES**

J-SW01 . . . . .	Market Swine WEIGHT 200 and up
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