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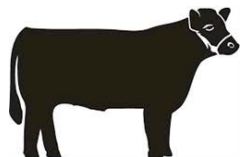
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**Beef Weigh In/Identification**  
will take place on  
**December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the  
Fairgrounds.  
More information  
will be mailed  
directly to current  
beef exhibitors soon.



# FYF: For Your Fridge

September 2023 - Mercer County 4-H Newsletter

## 4-H Families -

What an amazing summer for Mercer County 4-H. We started out by "Catching Pirate Fever" at Harbor Point 4-H Camp. With record attendance for one week and amazing weather the other – many memories and friends were made.

For project judging in July, members impressed judges with the knowledge and skills they gained while completing their projects. Many exhibitors from Mercer County traveled to the Ohio State Fair and represented us well in their respective project areas.

To end the summer, we had a fantastic fair that showed off the talent of our livestock and special interest exhibitors. What a great week!

As we look into the fall, things will keep moving with teen opportunities coming out and onboarding new advisors. Our office is excited to start planning another year and to keep the tradition going of Mercer County 4-H.

*Beth*



## Mercer County 4-H



*Want your kids to become active in a club outside of sports and school?*

*Curious how to get your kids involved in the county fair?*

*Interested in attending a summer camp?*

*Looking for ways to grow their leadership, service and social skills?*

**Check out Mercer County 4-H! The time is now to get involved for the 2024 program year!**



## Project Judging/Interview Recap

### Livestock

- ✿ 477 Livestock exhibitors representing different species
- ✿ 261 Outstanding Awards
- ✿ 23 Herdsman Awards

### Special Interest

- ✿ 557 Projects
- ✿ 262 Outstanding Awards
- ✿ 96 State Fair Delegates
- ✿ 31 Clover Awards

*A job well done to all our members!*

## 2024 Mercer County Fair Dates

The dates for the 2024 Mercer County Fair are changing to **Thursday, August 8 - Wednesday, August 14, 2024**. Be sure to check out the attached schedule!



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

### Cloverbud Camp

- Wednesday, May 29

### Harbor Point 4-H Camp

- Week 1: Tuesday, June 4 - Friday, June 7
- Week 2: Monday, June 10 - Thursday, June 13

### Food and Clothing Project & Cloverbud Judging

- Tuesday, July 9

### Special Interest Judging

- Wednesday, July 10

### Livestock Interviews

- Thursday, July 11

## Teen Opportunities – Camp Counselor & JFB

### Camp Counselor Applications

4-H Camp Counselors provide care and coordinate activities for campers during 4-H camp. Being a 4-H Camp Counselor is a unique, amazing experience; however, because you are in care, custody and control of minors, serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor requires a great deal of commitment, responsibility, maturity and accountability.

If you will be age 14 by June 1, 2024, and interested in joining us, the 2024 Harbor Point 4-H camp dates are June 6-9 and June 12-15.

### Mercer County Jr. Fair Board Applications

Older teens – are you curious how the fair works behind the scenes? Want to help make decisions about the fair and help prepare for shows? Come join us at the Junior Fair Board!

Applicants must be a freshman and at least 14 years old as of 01/01/2024 to apply.

*Click here for more information and how apply for both groups* - <https://go.osu.edu/teengroups>

**Deadline to apply is November 1, 2023**

Have you heard?  
Our office is moving  
after the first of the year!  
We will share more  
details as we have them.



*Thank you!*

Have you sent thank you notes for trophies, banners, and other awards?

# 2024 Mercer County Fair

COLDWATER YOUNG FARMERS ARENA		ADRIAN DEBROSSE ARENA	HORSE ARENA	GRANDSTANDS	ENTERTAINMENT TENT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7TH					
Morning	All Day: Sheep, Goats, Swine	All Day: Beef, Dairy, Horse Arrive 7AM-10AM: Market Poultry Arrival 10AM: Poultry Weigh In			
Afternoon	Arrive	7AM-4PM: Remaining Poultry Arrive 4PM-10PM: Rabbits Arrival			
Evening	5-8PM: Swine Weigh In	5PM: Beef in Place 6-7PM: Beef Weigh In 7-9PM: Dairy Beef Weigh In			

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH					
Morning	8AM: Sheep Weigh In 9AM: Goat Weigh In	8AM: Dairy in Place 8AM: Poultry Show 9AM: Rabbit Weigh In			9AM: Booth Judging
Afternoon					
Evening	6PM: Market Goat Showmanship			7PM: Entertainment	5PM: Senior and Special Interest Awards

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH					
Morning	9AM: Swine Showmanship	9AM: Dairy Cattle Show	9AM: Horse Pleasure, Versatility, and English Show		
Afternoon	2PM: Market Goat Show	2PM: Rabbit Breed Show			
Evening				8PM: Entertainment	

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH					
Morning	9AM: Market Swine Show	9AM: Dairy Showmanship			
Afternoon	4PM: Open Sheep Show	4PM: Beef Showmanship			
Evening	6PM: Open Goat Show			7PM: Entertainment	

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH					
Morning	10AM: Open Swine Show				
Afternoon		1PM: Rabbit Market Show and Showmanship		12:30PM: Entertainment	12PM: Model Revue 2:30: Pie Auction Drop off
Evening	6PM: Market Sheep & Breeding Show	5:30PM: Pee Wee Dairy Showmanship 6PM: Open Dairy Show		9:30PM: Entertainment	5PM: Pie Auction

COLDWATER YOUNG FARMERS ARENA		ADRIAN DEBROSSE ARENA	HORSE ARENA	GRANDSTANDS	ENTERTAINMENT TENT
MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH					
Morning	Release of Home Use Swine Ends at Noon				
Afternoon	1PM: Treasure Hunt 4PM: Sheep Showmanship	3PM: Dairy Steer Show			
Evening	6PM: Dairy Goat Show	7PM: Market Beef Show	6PM: Horse Contesting Show	5PM: Entertainment	

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH					
Morning	9AM: Showman of Showmen	9AM: Showman of Showmen			
Afternoon	4PM: Sheep Showmanship	3PM: Open Beef Show			
Evening	9PM: SWINE ONLY- Packer Trailer Arrive			6PM: Entertainment 7PM: Entertainment	

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH					
Morning		9AM: Dog Show			
Afternoon	4PM: Livestock Auction				
Evening	7-9PM: Packer Trailers Arrive 10PM: All Livestock & Tack Released	10PM: All Livestock & Tack Released		6PM: High School Band Show	<b>BEER GARDEN</b> 9PM: Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Auction

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH					
Morning	Animal Release till 10AM 10AM: Pen Clean Up	Animal Release till 10AM 10AM: Pen Clean Up			
Afternoon					

7AM- Noon: Special Interest Project Clean Up

