

GENERAL RULES

- Showmanship is mandatory in order to sell your market animal.
- Potential exhibitors must inform the County Extension Educator or the Vocational Agriculture Teacher of their intent to exhibit livestock at the Vinton County Junior Fair by June 30th, 2017
- Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one of the organizations making up the Junior Fair. Age limitations and eventual participation will be based on the regulations established by each organization.
- 4-H and FFA exhibitors will show their animals in the same classes.
- The same project may not be carried in both 4-H and FFA. For example, an exhibitor may not exhibit one market hog as a 4-H project and a second market hog as an FFA project.
- All persons wishing to exhibit market livestock at the Vinton County Junior Fair **MUST** attend a Quality Assurance Program sponsored by the Vinton County Extension Office. Parents/guardians must also attend this program. Completion of this program is mandatory.
- Youth may attend out of county QA but proof needs to be to Extension Educator no later than July 1, 2017.
- All livestock animals being exhibited at the Vinton County Junior Fair, the exhibitor must have proper clothing. No holes in jeans, NO baggy pants, NO shorts, NO sleeveless shirts, NO camisoles, NO cleavage, NO midriff, NO open toe shoes.
- **There will be a barn meeting on Sunday, July 23rd, 2017 at 1:00 PM in the Wolfe Show Arena.**
- Exhibitors may exhibit more than one species of animal. Only one animal per exhibitor will be allowed to be sold through the Livestock Sale.
- Only one Grand or Reserve Champion Market Title per exhibitor is permitted.
- Only one title per animal is permitted.
- During the showing of animals, no one is permitted to talk to the judge except extension agent.

HORSE PROGRAM

Helmet policy for the Ohio 4-H Horse Exhibitors:

- All youth age 19 and under participating in any 4-H equestrian activity are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine.
- It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participate to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.
- The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.
- The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

SHOW RULES

- All market, breeding, livestock, including horses must be on exhibit at the fairgrounds by 12 Noon on Saturday, July 22nd, 2017. Livestock must remain in place until 6:00am - 12:00 pm Friday, July 28th, 2017 unless sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale or permission is granted by the Fair Board.
- All market animals must be weighed in on Sunday, July 23rd, 2017 to determine the official weight for show and sale. Times of weigh-in for each species will be posted.

The minimum and maximum weights for market animals are as follows:

1. Chickens: 5 - 10 pounds
2. Turkeys: Minimum of 15 pounds
3. Hogs: 220 - 300 pounds
4. Goats: 55lbs and over
5. Lambs: 90 - 150 pounds
6. Rabbits: 3 1/2 - 5 1/2 pounds
7. Steers: Over 1000 pounds

- 8. Dairy Feeder Calves: 350-700 pounds**
- Market animals which are under or over these weights may be shown in showmanship classes, but may not be shown in market classes or sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
 - If the owner chooses, under/over-weight animals may be permanently removed from the fairgrounds (not to be returned) following the completion of the official weigh-in.
 - Market animals will be weighed once. No re-weighs will be conducted unless by the order of the weigh master or a member of the livestock committee.
 - Market livestock will be shown in weight classes determined by Fair Board officials.
 - All animals exhibited must be the project of the exhibitor and under his continual care for the current year.
 - All market animals, except chickens and turkeys must be in the exhibitor's possession and cared for by the exhibitor on or before the pre-fair weigh-in date for that species.
 - All market animals (except chickens and turkeys) must be weighed-in and identified (tagged and/or tattooed) at the designated pre-fair weigh-in conducted by the Vinton County Fair officials.

THE 2017 PRE-FAIR WEIGH-IN DATES:

1. Steers: December 10th, 2016
2. Swine, Lamb, Goats, and Dairy Feeder Calves: May 13th, 2017
3. Rabbit Tattooing: June 29th, 2017

- All animal exhibits housed on the fairgrounds must meet the health requirements for livestock exhibited in Ohio, from the Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry.
- No intact male cattle, horses, swine, sheep, or goats will be accepted for exhibition except by the side of a nursing mother.
- Male market animals (except rabbits and poultry) must be fully castrated and completely healed by the official fair weigh-in to compete in Fair activities.
- No animals with horns, scurs, or buttons will be accepted for exhibition with the exception of production animals.
- Exhibitors will be responsible for the care of their animals until they are removed from the fairgrounds.
- Each exhibitor will be responsible for the care of his/her animals.
- Hay, bedding, grain and needed supplies must be furnished by each exhibitor.
- Animal exhibits must be under regular care while on the fairgrounds. If gross neglect is shown for an animal exhibit, animal welfare authorities will be contacted and the exhibit may be removed from the grounds.
- It is recommended that at a minimum, livestock be fed and watered and pens cleaned three (3) times daily.
- Exhibitors will be red tagged if they do not properly care for their livestock. Three red tags will result in dismissal from the fairgrounds and cause forfeit of premiums.
- Animals may not be forced to ingest food or liquids. No medication, injected or otherwise may be administered to any animal on exhibit unless under the direction of the Fair Veterinarian and/or appropriate Fair Board officials.
- Exhibitors are not limited to the number of livestock species that may be exhibited.
- The exhibitor may weigh-in twice the number of animals that he/she can show. This means the exhibitor may weigh-in 8 chickens; 4 turkeys; 4 hogs; 4 goats; 4 lambs; 8 rabbits; 4 steers; 4 dairy feeder calves.
- Each exhibitor may bring any or all of his previously identified and weighted market animals to the fairgrounds for the official weigh-in on July 23rd, 2017.
- The maximum number of animals that an exhibitor may show is: 2 pens of chickens; 2 turkeys; 2 hogs; 2 goats; 2 lambs; 2 pens of rabbits; 2 steers; 2 dairy feeder calves.
- Tagging Family animals: Family is defined as "household" which means living at the same physical address. Each household may tag one (1) family animal per species ONLY IF each exhibitor has tagged the maximum animals of that species they are allowed to show.
- Each exhibitor must declare at the time his last animal is shown, which animal will be sold.
- Any animal that dies before show time or sale time, the exhibitor will not be permitted to show/sale another animal in it's place.
- Any animal in which medication withdrawal times have not lapsed, will be permitted to participate in showmanship, but will not be allowed to participate in market class. You will not be able to sale your animal thru the livestock auction.
- Animal projects must be fitted for show by the exhibitor. Assistance may be provided by the following people only: an immediate family member, another Vinton County Junior Fair exhibitor, or a Vinton County Junior Fair official.
- Animals must be shown by the exhibitor.
- If the exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, only another 2017 Vinton County Junior Fair exhibitor may show the other entry.

- Any artificial means of removing or remedying the physical defect or conformation in exhibition livestock, such as cutting, tying, lifting, and filling under the skin will be considered fraud and deception.
- Altering the natural color of livestock above the knees, and/or hocks shall be considered fraud and deception. Only natural coloring (e.g. black on black, red on red, etc.) may be used.
- All animals giving evidence of such treatment or any other abusive treatment will be barred from showing and selling at the Vinton County Junior Fair for a period of one year.
- Once a livestock show begins, no exhibitor may withdraw from that class unless he/she is dismissed by the judge.
- Only one entry will sell for each exhibitor.

SALE RULES

- Terminal sale on all animals!
- Sealed bids **MUST** be received by the Fair Office no later than Wednesday, July 26th, 2017.
- Livestock buyers are **NOT** permitted to return purchased livestock to the exhibitor after or during the sale.
- Market animals must show in their respective market class to be eligible for sale in the 2017 Vinton County Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
- The following entries will be offered for sale through the 2017 Vinton County Junior Fair Livestock Sale on Friday, July 28th, 2017: Market Steers, Market Rabbits, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Dairy Feeders, Market Turkeys, Market Hogs, and Market Chickens.
- Each exhibitor may sell no more than one (1) entry through the sale ring. One entry is defined as one pen of two chickens, one pen of two rabbits, one turkey, one goat, one pen of two goats, one hog, one pen of two hogs, one lamb, one pen of two lambs, one steer, and one dairy feeder calf.
- All Grand and Reserve Champions must be sold.
- Any exhibitor who has shown more than one market entry must notify the Fair Office which one entry will be sold no later than 30 minutes following the completion of the Goat show on July 27th, 2017.
- Exhibitors **MUST** be present when their animals are sold. If an exhibitor is not present for his/her turn in the sale ring, his/her place in the sale order will be passed and he/she will **NOT** sell in the sale
- All exhibitors must sell the correct animal identified on their sale entry form. **NO CHANGES ALLOWED. IF THE WRONG ANIMAL IS SOLD THROUGH THE AUCTION, THE EXHIBITOR WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR LIVESTOCK SALE CHECK.**
- All extra animals **MUST** be checked off by a barn committee member before it will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds.
- Market livestock projects must have a photograph taken by the Fair Photographer. Pictures will be taken at the official weigh-in on Sunday, July 23rd, 2017. Animals and exhibitors should be cleaned up and presentable. Exhibitors must be present for these photos at time of weigh-in to be able to participate in the sale.
- Each sale entry will be assessed a 3% charge by the Fair Board to cover marketing and associated sale expenses. This charge will be deducted from the exhibitor's livestock check.

OTHER RULES

- Fair officials will conduct themselves in a courteous, orderly and professional manner, and expect the same conduct from each exhibitor and his family.
- Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Any violations of this rule will warrant withholding premiums won and prohibition from showing or selling at the Vinton County Junior Fair for one year. Criminal violations will be prosecuted.
- Protests may be made in writing, signed by the part or parties making the protest, and filed at the Fair Board Office by 12:00 noon of the day following the protested activity. A protest fee of \$25.00, which will be retained by the Fair Board if the protest is not sustained, must accompany the protest. The Fair Board will hear protest and if necessary, other people will be involved as designated by the Fair Board President. All protests will be considered at a time set by the Fair Board President and all affected parties will be notified.
- The Vinton County Junior Fair will operate under the provisions of Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Act and under all applicable Ohio Department of Agriculture Administrative Code Rules.
- Additional rules or judgments may be enacted at the discretion of the Vinton County Junior Fair Board.

WHO MAY SHOW

Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one or more of the following organizations, which make up the Vinton County Fair:

1. Vinton County 4-H
2. Vocational Agriculture (FFA)
3. Vocational Home Economics (FCCLA)
4. Girl Scouts/Brownie Scouts
5. Boy Scouts
6. Juvenile Grange
- Exhibitor's age requirements will be based on regulations established by each organization.

ADMISSIONS

- All youth exhibitors (Livestock and Non-Livestock) are required to purchase a Youth Exhibitor's Pass for \$10.00 in order to exhibit at the Vinton County Jr. Fair. (Pass includes daily rides during fair week).
- All club advisors will be charged \$10.00 for their admission pass.

ENTRIES

- Entry forms, listing all projects to be exhibited must be in the Extension Office no later than 4:00 PM on July 11th, 2016. The advisor or leader of the youth organization must sign all entries, verifying that the listed exhibitors have met all requirements for exhibiting at the Vinton County Junior Fair.

EXHIBITS

In-place time for exhibits are as follows:

- Booths and still exhibits: 6 pm Saturday, July 22ND, 2017.
- **Animal Exhibits: Must be in place at the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 22nd, 2017 for veterinary checks in order to show and sale at the Vinton County Jr. Fair. All animals MUST arrive at the following specified times per species: Swine: 7am - 9am, Sheep & Goats: 9am - 10am, Cattle: 10 am - 12pm, Rabbits & Poultry: 10 am - 12 pm.**

Release time for exhibits: (Unless permission to leave early is granted by the Fair Board)

- Booth and still exhibits: 6pm Saturday, July 29th, 2017 **(NO EXCEPTIONS)!!**
- Sale Livestock: 12:00 pm Saturday, July 29th, 2017
- Other Livestock: 6:00 am - 12:00 pm Friday, July 28th, 2017. Extra animals **MUST** be checked off by a barn committee member before it will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds.
- Exhibits must be from projects carried by members of the organizations making up the Junior Fair, and must be the property of the exhibitor.
- Exhibits must be projects of the current year. The same article cannot be exhibited more than one year, except in certain livestock projects, or unless significant changes or additions to the article have been made as a result of the current year's project.
- Exhibits must be the work of the youth exhibitor.
- All precautions will be taken to prevent loss, injury or theft of exhibits. However, the Vinton County Agricultural Society will not be responsible for such loss, injury or theft.

PREMIUMS

- The Treasurer of the Vinton County Agricultural Society will pay premiums on Saturday, July 29th, 2017 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the Fair Board Office.
- Premiums will be paid to each advisor by check. Advisors will pay individual premiums to exhibitors from the check received by the Vinton County Agricultural Society Treasurer.
- Exhibitor may receive premium on no more than two exhibits, regardless of the number of exhibits shown.

The following premiums will be paid for exhibits:

1. Large Animals (cattle, sheep, swine, horses, goats) \$6.00 per exhibit
2. Turkeys - \$4.00 per exhibit
3. Small animals (poultry, rabbits) \$2.00 per exhibit
4. FFA still exhibits - \$2.00 per exhibit
5. FHA exhibits - \$2.00 per exhibit
6. Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts exhibits - \$2.00 per exhibit
7. Junior Grange exhibits - \$2.00 per exhibit
8. 4-H Still exhibits - \$2.00 per exhibit