Entries for the 2022 Fairfield County Jr. Fair Goat, Barrow, and Lamb MQP programs are now being accepted. This year all MQP entries will be accepted on-line.

To be considered for a spot in any of these programs, a completed application must be received in the Extension office by the end of business on May 2, 2022. As in the past, the Barrow and Lamb MQP applications will also include submitting and essay.

Barrows will be harvested and processed at Bay Packing in Fairfield County. In order to accommodate such a large harvest and process the pork in a timely fashion, participants or those who have purchased the freezer pork from the participants, must agree to pick up their fresh/frozen pork prior to the Fair at a time to be announced. Cured product, such as bacon or ham, will be available for pick-up at a time yet to be determined after the fair.

Lambs will also be harvested at Bay Packing. Likewise with the freezer pork, in order to be able to accommodate such a large harvest and process the lamb in a timely fashion, participants or those who have purchased the freezer lamb from the participants must agree to pick up their fresh/frozen lamb prior to the Fair at a time yet to be announced.

The Goat MQP program will conclude with harvest at Bay Packing in late August. Similar to the barrow and lamb programs, the processed goats must be picked up at Bay Packing in a timely fashion after processing is complete.

The application process being required that includes an essay for the Barrow and Lamb MQP projects is intended to allow the Show Committees the opportunity to clearly communicate in a timely fashion to participants where they rank on the participant list. The subjective and age-appropriate evaluation of the Barrow and Lamp MQP essays by several judges will serve as the basis for that ranking that will be completed and announced by May 15 or as soon as possible. This year, Goat MQP participants are not asked for an essay.

The Fairfield County’s Barrow, Lamb, and Goat MQP programs will operate under the following guidelines:

1. Applications for the 2022 Barrow, Lamb, Goat MQP program must be received through the on-line portal by 4:00 p.m. on May 2, 2022. The online application links are available on the Fairfield County OSU Extension website under livestock forms at go.osu.edu/mqp.

2. When submitting the barrow and lamb applications, an essay, not to exceed 300 words, must be uploaded through the portal. This year, Goat MQP participants are not being asked for an essay. The title of the barrow and lamb essays may be either, “Why I want to participate in a livestock project that’s focused on efficiently producing high quality pork/lamb that meets the consumer’s demand” or “What I have learned by participating in a livestock project that’s focused on efficiently producing high quality pork/lamb that meets the consumer’s demand”.

3. The essays will be scored and ranked by an independent panel of judges. Only the author’s age, not their name, will be revealed to the judges. Barrow and lamb applicants will receive notice by May 15th or as soon as possible of their ranking on the participants list. It’s intended that all Goat MQP applicants that apply will be accepted into the program.

4. If a participant must withdraw from the program, he/she must agree to notify the OSU Extension office immediately in order that participants that may be ranked below them may be moved up on the list.

5. MQP goats must be in the exhibitor’s possession by June 1, 2022 and will be weighed/tagged in at the Fairgrounds between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. on June 4, 2022. The live MQP goats must be delivered to the Fairgrounds for the conclusion on Sunday, August 28, at 3 p.m.
6. MQP barrows must be in the exhibitor’s possession by July 15th, and tagged at the Fairgrounds at a time in the morning yet to be announced on July 16th, 2022. The **live MQP barrows** must be delivered to the Fairgrounds for the conclusion on **Sunday, September 25th**, between 1 and 2 p.m.

7. MQP lambs must be brought to the Fairgrounds for tagging and weighing on July 16th, and the **live MQP lambs** must be delivered to the Fairgrounds for the conclusion on **Sunday, October 2nd**, between 12:30 and 1 p.m.

8. Freezer goat, pork lamb cutting/processing sheets must be submitted when the animals are delivered to the Fairgrounds for the conclusion of their respective contest. These sheets will be made available to exhibitors in advance.

9. Immediately following delivery on their respective dates and following any the live evaluations that may occur, the Show Committees will transport the animals to Bay Packing for harvest on the following morning.

10. Carcass data for each contest will be collected at Bay’s and the scoring of the contests will be conducted under the direction of OSU specialists or their designees.

11. The fresh frozen freezer goat, pork and lamb must be picked up at times to be determined. The fresh pork cuts will likely be available prior to the Fair, and smoked/cured pork product will be available after the Fair.

12. A concluding educational program where the placings will be announced will be scheduled at a times and places yet to be determined.

We are privileged to have a local packing house such as Bay Packing who is willing and able to help facilitate the Fairfield County MQP programs by harvesting and processing up to 30 barrows and 25 goats and lambs. **We also appreciate the effort of faculty and students in the OSU Animal Science Department who are willing to help score and facilitate this unique program.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the OSU Extension office, Goat MQP Superintendent Nathan Crook, Barrow MQP Show Superintendent Bryan Black, or Lamb MQP Show Superintendent Kris Doyle.

Applications can be found on the Fairfield County website under Livestock Information and Resources:

[go.osu.edu/mqp](http://go.osu.edu/mqp)