<u>REQUIRED ACTIVITIES FOR SPECIES</u>

Quality Assurance Training, Drug Use Notification Forms, Project/Record Books, Skillathons, Dog Check-In Day

Quality Assurance Training

Exhibitors that are enrolled in following areas (breeding and market) are required to participate in an annual Quality Assurance (QA) Training: Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goats, Meat/Market Goats, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits (not including pet rabbits), and Poultry.

Junior Fair Exhibitors must complete the Quality Assurance requirement by June 30th of the current year (all documentation from Club/Chapter QA clinics is due to the OSU Extension Office by June 30th.

For youth who wish to exhibit livestock in the Junior Division of the Ohio State Fair, they should have Quality Assurance completed by June 1st of the current year.

4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters have the opportunity to host their own Quality Assurance Clinic. Club/Chapter QA clinics must be taught by trained and certified assistant instructors (for a complete list of Fairfield County Certified QA Assistant Instructors, contact the OSU Extension Office). Members are required to attend one Quality Assurance Clinic taught by a Certified Assistant Instructor. QA clinics can be set up at the club or chapter level by the advisor.

If a Junior Fair exhibitor's club/chapter does not host a QA clinic or they miss their Club/Chapter QA clinic there will be two countywide makeup dates for exhibitors. These makeup dates are Saturday, May 6th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. and Sunday, May 21st from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at the Rickett's Hall/Ed Sands Building at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.

Exhibitors also have the option of attending approved out-of-county events to meet this requirement. There are opportunities at different clinics, meetings, and livestock shows around the state that office approved Quality Assurance Trainings. Examples of these types of sessions that would fulfill an exhibitor's Quality Assurance requirements are: The Ohio Beef Expo, Junior Swine Day, Youth Poultry Clinic and other counties countywide Quality Assurance Clinics. For a list of approved QA training events throughout the state, contact the OSU Extension Office. If a club member chooses to attend one of these types of sessions, they need to provide the OSU Extension office with proof of attendance by June 30th so accurate records will be available for verification if necessary.

Additionally, youth can complete this requirement online through the Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Program. This is the ONLY approved ONLINE Quality Assurance Program for youth in Ohio. Go to https://yqcaprogram.org for the training and quiz. Exhibitors must complete this option by June 30th of the current year. There is a cost of $12 per member per year for this training. When complete, members should email their completed YQCA certificate to cooksey.25@osu.edu for documentation by June 30th.

When an exhibitor attends a Club/Chapter QA clinic, he or she has met the QA requirement to exhibit at the fair in all species listed above for the current year. (So, if Chris Clover is taking Beef, Dairy, and Market Goats, he only needs to attend one QA clinic). If exhibitors do not attend an approved QA clinic, they will be ineligible to show at the Fairfield County Junior Fair that year.

Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)

A valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) must be submitted online immediately prior to the Fairfield County Fair for each market or lactating animal that is exhibited by a youth participating in Junior Fair. Animals requiring a DUNF indicating the animal is free from any/all drugs in its system on fair weigh-in/move-in day are:

- Market Beef (Steer or Heifer)
- Dairy Beef Feeder
- Dairy Cow (Lactating)
- MQP Barrow
- Market Hogs

- Market Goat
- Dairy Goat (Lactating)
- Market Chickens
- Market Turkey
- Market Duck

- MQP Lamb
- Market Lamb
- **Market Rabbits (new for 2023)**

A separate form must be completed for <u>each</u> animal being brought to the Fair (market chicken exhibitors should complete 1 form for their pen of chickens and market rabbit exhibitors should complete 1 form for each pen of market rabbits). For poultry/rabbits that do not have a tag number for identification, please put N/A in the identification field in the DUNF form.

If the information on the form regarding drug use changes or if a drug is subsequently administered at any time after the drug use notification form is filed, an updated drug use notification form shall immediately be filed with the records official.

To submit your form for each animal, visit: http://go.osu.edu/fairfielddunf

Forms should be completed no sooner than 5 days prior to animal weigh-in/check-in to be sure that their animal is drug free during the fair. Forms submitted prior to that timeframe will be deleted and exhibitors will be asked to resubmit the DUNF form closer to their animal's weigh-in.

Fairfield DUNF Form

2023 DUNF Forms will be due as follows:
MQP Goats: NOON, Friday, August 25th, 2023
MQP Lambs: NOON, Friday, September 8th, 2023
MQP Barrows: NOON, Friday, September 22nd, 2023
All Market/Lactating Animals (as listed above): NOON, Friday, October 6th, 2023

Project/Record Books

1. 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
2. 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
3. 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Skillathon.
   - For those who forget or don't bring their book – the book will need to be completed and turned into the OSU Extension Office by Friday, September 22nd.
   - Exhibitors who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
   - No books will be reviewed after September 24th.

Project Books are required for each project coming to fair.
- Cakes/Pies/Pastries/Candies – Bring complete/up-to-date book to judging at fair.
- Companion Animals – Bring complete/up-to-date books for judging at fair.
- Dogs – Bring complete/up-to-date books to Dog Check-In Day on Saturday, August 26th.
- Crops/Hay – Completed project books need to be turned in to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22nd.
- All livestock/horse completed/up-to-date project books should either be:
  A. Brought to their respective Skillathon Day (if participating in that specie's county Skillathon), or
  B. Turned into the OSU Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22nd (if Ohio State Fair Skillathon or no county Skillathon is being completed).
     - **ALL LIVESTOCK/HORSE PROJECT BOOKS WILL BE REVIEWED ON SKILLATHON DATES BY OUR BOOK JUDGES. THEY MUST BE COMPLETE IN ORDER TO SHOW AT THE FAIR.**
     - **INCOMPLETE BOOKS WILL HAVE FAIR ENTRIES DENIED.**
     - **We will not collect books or give more time for books to be finished between the last Skillathon date and fair.**

Skillathons

Skillathons are events for youth to show what they know about a species and to be recognized for their knowledge and skills. The Fairfield County Junior Fair <u>requires</u> the completion of at least one Skillathon per 4-H/FFA exhibitor in order to show at 2023 Fairfield County Junior Fair for all beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit (except pet rabbits), sheep, swine, dog, horse, and alpaca/llama projects. Fairfield County Skillathons may include (but are not limited to) animal anatomy/body parts, breeding and reproduction, feeds and nutrition, current events, diseases and animal health, equipment ID, feed ID, Quality Assurance, breeds, marketing, meats, and recordkeeping. **2023 Fairfield County Skillathons will include breeds, parts, feed identification, a completed project/record book and an interview.**

Here are options to meet this Junior Fair requirement:
1. Participate in a Fairfield County Skillathon event to be held September 9th and 24th at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.

Signup for Fairfield County Skillathon

   - Fairfield County youth interested in competing for any Fairfield County Premier Exhibitor Award must complete the COUNTY Skillathon in <u>each</u> respective specie they play to compete in.
     - Example: Exhibitor wishes to compete for Swine Premier Exhibitor Award and Poultry Premier Exhibitor Award must complete both the swine and poultry Fairfield County Skillathons on September 9th, (swine) and 24th (poultry).
     - For more information about Premier Exhibitor Contests, see the next page.
   - Youth will be asked to complete a tiebreaker question at Skillathon – this will be used to break ties for Premier Exhibitor and/or Skillathon if needed.
   - Skillathon Species for Saturday, September 9th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. includes Beef, Dairy Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Cattle.
   - Skillathon Species for Sunday, September 24th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. includes Pygmy Goats, Dairy Goats, Horses, Alpacas/Llamas, Poultry, Rabbits.
   - Dog Exhibitors will complete Skillathon at Dog Check-In Day on Saturday, August 26th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
   - Fairfield County Skillathons will take place in the Ed Sands Building at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.
   - Scheduling for Skillathon will open in August.
   - Click here to schedule for each Skillathon you wish to participate in: http://go.osu.edu/signup4skillathon.
   - Top 20% Junior and Senior Skillathon Awards will be awarded at the fair.
2. **Participate in the Ohio State Fair Virtual Skillathon.**
   - **Ohio State Fair Virtual Skillathons are open May 30th through September 1st.**
   - To complete an Ohio State Fair Virtual Skillathon, visit: http://go.osu.edu/osfskillathon.
   - Youth do not have to be exhibitors at the Ohio State Fair to participate.
   - Fairfield County youth must complete Ohio State Fair Virtual Skillathon by September 1st if they choose this option to meet the county Skillathon requirement.
3. **Participate in the Ohio State Fair In-Person Skillathon.**
   - Registration takes place on the day event at the Ohio State Fair.
   - Youth do not have to be exhibitors at the Ohio State Fair to participate.
   - For in-person Ohio State Fair Skillathon information, dates and times, visit: http://go.osu.edu/osfskillathon.

5. Makeup Skillathon
- The makeup Skillathon will take place on Monday, September 25th (by appointment) from 4-8 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office.
- Exhibitors can schedule to take a makeup Skillathon by calling the OSU Extension Office at 740-653-5419.
- Youth completing the makeup Skillathon will not be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor Contest in that specie.
- If youth need to complete the makeup Skillathon option, they will need to have all 4-H/FFA record books turned into the OSU Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22nd so that project book judges can review them on the second Skillathon day (September 24th).

Dog Check-In Day

All dog exhibitors (with the exception of members taking All About Dogs, 4-H Project #200), are required to attend Dog Check-In Day on **Saturday, August 26th, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds (Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena). All exhibitors will complete interview judging in You and Your Dog and PetPals (for dogs) and will complete in their Skillathon. Only these dog projects will be judged for grade and placement on this date. To be eligible to show at the Fairfield County Junior Fair, all exhibitors are required to bring to Mandatory Dog Check-In Day: 2023 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate (signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian), License Registration Paper, and the dog they plan to show at the fair. This will be a day to complete interview judging (for grade and award placement), check-in all required paperwork, practice going through the show ring, and an opportunity to ask questions. Vaccinations are to be given by July 1st of the current year. Refer to Department 14 4-H/FFA Dogs for more information.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR EXHIBITORS

Premier Exhibitor Contests, Showmanship, Super Showmanship, Livestock Judging Contest

Premier Exhibitor Contests

The objective of the Premier Exhibitor Contest is to encourage youth exhibitors to explore multiple aspects of the livestock specie project they are enrolled in, and to reward those youth that participate at the highest level. While some exhibitors may choose to only participate in a single aspect of an animal project, the reality is that all the various opportunities available for any given project are interrelated and participation can enhance the knowledge, skills, and enjoyment gained from the project.

- Exhibitors will learn that market animals originate from breeding stock.
- Performance is vital to the profitability of livestock production.
- Efficient record keeping allows the owner to determine if the project was profitable.
- Livestock evaluation is the foundation for selecting both breeding and market livestock.
- Knowing breeds, body parts and muscle names and locations complements one's ability to evaluate livestock.

It's all interrelated and encouraging youth to expand the knowledge of their project by participating in a variety of opportunities while also in a competitive environment will enhance the learning experience.

Requirements

- Exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H/FFA project in that species in their respective 4-H Club/FFA Chapter.
- FairEntry is made in the respective species by August FairEntry deadline.
- The exhibitor must complete the Fairfield County Skillathon for the specie they plan to compete in Premier Exhibitor. Those exhibitors who participate in the alternative Skillathon options will not be eligible for Premier Exhibitor (i.e., Ohio State Fair VIRTUAL Skillathon, Ohio State Fair IN-PERSON Skillathon, and/or Fairfield County Make-Up Skillathon). Project books will be reviewed as part of the county Skillathon event.
- An exhibitor must complete a Skillathon for each specie they plan to compete for Premier Exhibitor. If an exhibitor does not participate in the Fairfield County Skillathon for that specie, they will be ineligible for Premier Exhibitor in that specie.
- Exhibitors must show their own animal(s).

Eligible Species

Dairy Cattle	Sheep	Pygmy Goats	Dogs
Dairy Beef Feeders Beef	Dairy Goats	Poultry	Alpacas/Llamas
Swine	Meat/Market Goats	Rabbits	Horses

Scoring

The Premier Exhibitor for each species will be the exhibitor with the highest point total from the activities listed for each specie (dropping the scores as mentioned below).

The goal is to encourage exhibitors to explore various opportunities available to them within their species and allow for lowest scores to be dropped when sufficient experiences are able to be offered (for example, Beef Exhibitors have far more project opportunities available to them than Pygmy Goats). The objective would be to encourage exhibitors to earn points for exhibiting animals in at least two ways at the Fairfield County Fair in addition to participating in Skillathon, showmanship, rate of gain (if applicable), and judging contests (if applicable). If exhibiting more than one animal in an activity, the highest placing animal will be used for the Premier Exhibitor scoring.

- **Dairy Cattle:** The Dairy Cattle Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 3 of the 4 following Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Dairy Skillathon*, Showmanship, Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, and Breeding Class.
- **Dairy Beef Feeder:** The Dairy Beef Feeder Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 4 of the 5 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Beef Skillathon*, Showmanship, Fairfield County Beef Judging Contest, Market Class, and Rate of Gain.
- **Beef:** The Beef Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 5 of the 8 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Beef Skillathon*, Showmanship, Fairfield County Beef Judging Contest, Breeding Class, Feeder Class, Market Class, Carcass Class, and Rate of Gain.
- **Swine:** The Swine Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 4 of the 5 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Swine Skillathon*, Showmanship, Fairfield County Swine Judging Contest, Market/MQP Class 1, and Market/MQP Class 2.
- **Sheep:** The Sheep Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from 5 of the 6 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Sheep Skillathon*, Showmanship, Fairfield County Sheep Judging Contest, Breeding Class, Market/MQP Class 1, and Market/MQP Class 2.
- **Dairy Goats:** The Dairy Goat Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from all 4 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Dairy Goat Skillathon*, Showmanship, Breeding (Kid/Yearling Class), and Breeding (Doe Class).
- **Meat/Market Goats:** The Meat/Market Goat Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from **5 of the 6** Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Meat/Market Goat Skillathon*, Showmanship, Fairfield County Meat Goat Judging Contest, Breeding (Meat Doe) Class, Market/MQP Class 1, and Market/MQP Class 2.
- **Pygmy Goats:** The Pygmy Goat Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from all 4 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Pygmy Goat Skillathon*, Showmanship, Wether Class, and Doe Class.
- **Poultry:** The Poultry Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from 4 of the 5 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Poultry Skillathon*, Showmanship, Breeding Class, Layers Class, and Market Class.
- **Rabbits:** The Rabbit Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from all 4 of the 6 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Rabbit Skillathon*, Showmanship, Breeding Class 1, Breeding Class 2, Market Class 1, Market Class 2.
- **Dogs**: The Dog Premier Exhibitor will be the highest point total from up to 4 of the 5 Fairfield County Junior Fair activities: Dog Skillathon*, You & Your Dog Interview, Showmanship, Obedience Class, and Agility.