

County 4-H Project Completion and Judging Overview 2024

Please carefully read this information; it may answer most Interview Judging or county fair questions.

Project Guidelines

For project guideline information, visit: go.osu.edu/tusc4-hguidelines

All project guidelines are available online. Guidelines need completed for Interview Judging. Members taking more than one project in the same interest area need to complete guidelines for each project and cannot use the same items to support both projects.

For a member to achieve the progression of goals needed for development, 4-H projects must be separate and different from those carried in other organizations such as FHA/HERO, FFA, Scouts, Camp Fire, grange, church, and school (including industrial arts class, science fairs, etc.).

Project Completion and Interview Judging

For more Interview Judging information, visit: go.osu.edu/tusc4-hjudging

Completion of a 4-H project may be achieved in one of two methods. Members must choose one of the following for evaluation, based on the completion of project guidelines and knowledge gained. **All projects must be judged no later than August 7, 2024.**

- *4-H Project Interview Judging* – All members are required to attend an Interview Judging evaluation to receive a project grade. All projects are evaluated using individual project guidelines. Club times will be assigned, and advisors will be notified of their club's times. Members are strongly encouraged to attend at their club's scheduled time.
- *Make Up Judging* – Make Up Judging must be arranged in advance. Any member who is unable to participate in 4-H Project Interview Judging during the regularly scheduled judging week may participate in Make Up Judging. Participants will be ineligible for county awards and/or state fair participation. Appointment times will open **June 1** and will be scheduled **online through SignUpGenius**. Make Up Judging arrangements for those who miss regularly scheduled judging due to extenuating circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by case basis. Not having a project ready in time for regularly scheduled judging is **not** a suitable reason to be judged after the fact.

Dress Code

Clothing and footwear need to be neat, clean, and appropriate for a professional office interview. No blue jeans or shorts. Shirts/tops and skirt length should be conservative. Wear appropriate shoes (no flip flops).

#2010 Dog Obedience, #2015 Dog Showmanship, and #201P Dog Performance

Judging dates are determined by the key leaders and will be distributed at the dog project information meeting.

#588 The Writer in You

Writings are due to the Extension office **before Noon on Friday, June 28, 2024.**

Shooting Sports Projects

The Shooting Sports program is designed for 4-H members ages 9 to 18 (4-H age). Judging dates are determined by the key leaders and will be distributed at the Shooting Sports orientation meeting.

Llamas/Alpacas Projects

Tuscarawas County does not currently have a program in place for llamas/alpacas.

Precise Schedules to be Announced

Monday, July 8	Tuesday, July 9	Wednesday, July 10	Thursday, July 11	Thursday, July 18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equine (includes #173 Horseless Horse) • Swine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCS Related • Food and Nutrition • Miscellaneous (includes #200 All About Dogs, #201D You & Your Dog Projects; #588 Writing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goats • Poultry • Rabbits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef • Dairy • Sheep 	Clothing and Style Review



Member Evaluation Form

This form is due to our office no later than June 28, 2024.

This is available from the organizational advisor or online (go.osu.edu/tusc4-hjudging). It is to be **completed by the 4-H Advisor and parent/guardian** if they feel it is necessary that the judge should use special consideration concerning a 4-H member during Interview Judging.

State Fair Eligibility

For more State Fair competition or entry deadline information, visit: <http://www.ohiostatefair.com>

4-H members enrolled in non-livestock projects must attend regularly scheduled judging to be eligible to place in the county and/or be eligible to go to State Fair. 4-H members in clothing projects must participate in the county 4-H Style Review to be eligible to be selected for State Fair competition. No pre-judging participants will be considered.

Tuscarawas County Fair – September 16-22, 2024

For more county fair information or to see the fair booklet, visit tusccountyfairgrounds.com.

Fair rules and show information are in the Junior Fair section of the fair book. Entries must be submitted online **only** at tuscjrfair.fairentry.com.

Of special note:

- **All Junior Fair exhibitors must have their official entries completed and submitted online by 11:59 p.m. on August 7, 2024.** All classes including showmanship and Bred/Born/Raised classes must be entered online through FairEntry. A grace period with a **\$100 per class entry fee** will be extended from August 8 until 11:59 PM August 14. No entries will be accepted after 11:59 PM August 14, 2024.
- Wristbands will be distributed only to members who have a yes (Y) in the Club Completion Column on their club’s Completion Sheet.
- Members must have an exhibit at the county fair (as stated in project guidelines) in order to receive a fair premium. If there are circumstances where an animal is not able to be exhibited, a display or poster must be exhibited in the member’s club’s or county miscellaneous booth.

PROJECT RATINGS, PREMIUM REQUIREMENTS, and PAYMENTS		
<i>All premiums are paid by the Tuscarawas County Agricultural Society based on project rating received at 4-H Interview Judging.</i>		
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptional project knowledge. • Work exhibits extra effort with individual initiative to go above and beyond the project requirements. • A thorough understanding of proper methods to complete project. 	\$8
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very knowledgeable of project subject matter. • Completed project requirements. • Project presented in a neat and organized manner. 	\$7
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate project knowledge. • Has made effort towards completing requirements and project presentation. 	\$6
Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows little effort towards completing requirements and presentation. 	None
MEMBER’S PRESENTATION AND ATTITUDE WILL AFFECT PROJECT RATING		

Please email or call if you have any questions.

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Rabbit General Requirements

Includes:

- 228BR Breeding Rabbit
- 228MA Market Rabbit

All dates are listed on the Tuscarawas County Fair Livestock Requirement Summary.

1. Members must be **enrolled in their respective rabbit project by the April enrollment deadline** to be eligible to receive project interview awards and/or participate in the Ohio State Fair or Tuscarawas County Fair.
2. With regards to **Breeding Rabbits**, all project animals must be owned, in continual care of the exhibitor, and registered by the specified date on the Livestock Requirement Summary. Breeding rabbits must be tattooed by a member of the Small Animal Committee by the date indicated on the Livestock Requirement Summary unless they were tattooed in a previous year and their tattoo is on file with the Committee. Members may register 2 primary and 2 back up breeding rabbits. All breeding rabbit project animals must be registered online. See the "Instructions for Registering Breeding Rabbit Project Animals Through 4-H Online" included with these guidelines.
3. Back up animals may be shared by a brother, sister or half-brother or half-sister who are members of a Tuscarawas County 4-H Club and reside in the same household. See the full back up rule in the Tuscarawas County Fair Book for further details.
4. With regards to **Market Rabbits**, members may exhibit 1 pen of market rabbits consisting of 3 bunnies. Members may breed their own market rabbit doe to produce offspring, or they may purchase market bunnies for exhibition. Regardless, all market bunnies must be tattooed by a member of the Small Animal Committee by the date indicated on the Livestock Requirement Summary. Market rabbits do not need to be registered through 4-H Online.
5. All members must have a working knowledge of Rabbit Quality Assurance (QA) issues and **are required to attend one QA session by May 31**.
6. All members in a Rabbit project must have access to 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook. This can be purchased through your club advisor or directly from the Extension office. Due to cost factors, one book **per family** is recommended. Read, study, and have a working knowledge of the information contained in the book.
7. To meet project completion and Tuscarawas County Fair exhibition requirements, members must participate in project interview judging. **Interview judging in this project will reflect individual's project experience**. If a conflict arises, a member may arrange for online livestock skill-a-thon judging in advance of regular project judging.
8. Members must attend in-person county interview judging on their assigned date to be eligible for Top Interview or Outstanding Market Exhibitor awards.



9. Members are to bring completed (to date of Interview Judging) 228 Rabbit Project and Record Book. Complete Project Guidelines as described on Page 7 of project book. **NO SECTIONS ARE OPTIONAL.**
10. Member should know the following for Interview Judging: Pillars of Character, 4-H Pledge, 4-H Motto, 4-H Colors, show ring ethics, and be able to describe the role of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board.
11. It is recommended that feed be purchased from a reputable supplier to ensure your rabbit is getting proper feed. Please add a feed tag each time you change feed.
12. An online fair entry must be made by the designated date (as stated on the Livestock Requirement Summary) to exhibit your animal at the Tuscarawas County Fair. **LATE ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED.**
13. All Jr. Fair exhibitors wishing to exhibit in Showmanship must register for Showmanship when making their online fair entry. Exhibitors must use their own animal.
14. Members can only exhibit a total of five (5) animal projects at the Tuscarawas County Fair regardless of whether these projects are through 4-H or FFA. Please see the Tuscarawas County Fair Book for specific exhibition limits within a species/project. Members are only eligible to receive money from a maximum of two revenue generating sale projects at the fair, regardless of number shown.
15. **Sale checks for market rabbits will be distributed in November.** Check with your advisor or our web site (<https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/events/calendar/month/2024-11>) for dates, times, and location. To receive your sale check, bring completed 228 Rabbit Project and Record Book along with your buyer thank you card (properly addressed with postage). **Please write legibly!**

If you have any questions regarding your project and your advisor is unable to answer your questions, please contact the Extension office at 330-339-2337.

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Tuscarawas County Livestock Ages

Disregard age guidelines as stated in record books.

Age is as of January 1 of current year.

Age: 8 - 11 Beginners

Age: 12 - 14 Intermediate

Age: 15 - 19 Advanced

*Unless it is their 1st year in the project then member advances according to age.

Example 1: Greg is 16, first year taking a hog. He is in beginner, 2nd year intermediate, 3rd year advanced.

Example 2: Mary is 12, last year was her first year taking a steer. This year she is in intermediate and will be until she is 15.

Example 3: Susie is 8, taking a goat. She will be in beginner project level for 4 years until she is 12.

228MA Market Rabbit

Beginner Level

1. Read and complete, neatly and accurately, the Project and Record Book. This includes completing all activities listed in the Project Guide and Animal Record areas. Follow the symbol associated with your project to confirm what pages are to be completed. Page 5 in the record book identifies the symbol that relates to your project. **All pages listed as “optional” must be completed if your project symbol is present.** Receipts are required.
2. Be able to identify 10 parts of a rabbit.
3. Be able to identify four 6 class commercial type rabbits and four any other breeds.
4. Know wholesale meat cuts of a market rabbit.
5. Have knowledge of what a fryer is and rabbit meat quality.
6. Have an understanding about the principles of breeding and care of a litter of rabbits and management, gestation, and kindling.
7. Have knowledge of rabbit diseases.
8. Have basic knowledge of tattoo identification.
9. Have knowledge of rabbit conformation and disqualifications.
10. Understand breeding records and how to keep growth rate records.
11. Describe why sanitation is so important when raising rabbits.
12. Understand the handling and showing process of market rabbits.
13. Know definition of genetics.
14. Understand rabbit nutrition and how to read a feed tag.
15. Know the difference between rabbit and hares.
16. Understand Quality Assurance.
17. **All meat pens for county fair must consist of three rabbits, not more than 70 days old, and weighing between 3 and 5 pounds each. Only the first 3 rabbits to make weight will be eligible for exhibit at the county fair.**

Intermediate Level

1. Read and complete, neatly and accurately, the Project and Record Book. This includes completing all activities listed in the Project Guide and Animal Record areas. Follow the symbol associated with your project to confirm what pages are to be completed. Page 5 in the record book identifies the symbol that relates to your project. **All pages listed as “optional” must be completed if your project symbol is present.** Receipts are required.
2. Understand a rabbit stomach and be able to identify 6 parts of the rabbit's digestive system.
3. Be able to identify six 6 class commercial type rabbits and eight any other breeds.
4. Know the meat cuts of a rabbit and meat quality.
5. Have an understanding about the principles of breeding and care of a litter of rabbits and management, breeding systems and palpation.
6. Have knowledge of rabbit diseases.
7. Have knowledge of rabbit genetics and chromosomes.
8. Have knowledge of rabbit conformation and disqualifications.
9. Understand breeding records and how to keep growth rate records.
10. Describe why sanitation is so important when raising rabbits.
11. Understand the handling and showing process of market rabbits.



12. Have knowledge of tattoo identification and registration.
13. Understand rabbit nutrition and how to read a feed tag.
14. Have basic knowledge of ARBA.
15. Understand Quality Assurance.
- 16. All meat pens for county fair must consist of three rabbits, not more than 70 days old, and weighing between 3 and 5 pounds each. Only the first 3 rabbits to make weight will be eligible for exhibit at the county fair.**

Advanced Level

1. Read and complete, neatly and accurately, the Project and Record Book. This includes completing all activities listed in the Project Guide and Animal Record areas. Follow the symbol associated with your project to confirm what pages are to be completed. Page 5 in the record book identifies the symbol that relates to your project. **All pages listed as “optional” must be completed if your project symbol is present.** Receipts are required.
2. Be able to identify six (6) parts of the skeletal system.
3. Be able to identify eight 6 class commercial type rabbit breeds and 16 any other breeds.
4. Know the steps of cutting up fryers and meat quality of rabbits.
5. Have an understanding about the principles of breeding and care of a litter of rabbits and management, breeding programs.
6. Have knowledge of rabbit diseases and how to treat.
7. Have knowledge of rabbit genetics.
8. Have knowledge of rabbit conformation and disqualifications.
9. Understand breeding records and how to keep growth rate records.
10. Describe why sanitation is so important when raising rabbits.
11. Understand the handling and showing process of market rabbits.
12. Have knowledge of tattoo identification and registration.
13. Have knowledge of rabbit nutrition and how to read a feed tag.
14. Understand Quality Assurance.
15. Understand the term “coprophagy.”
16. Know the difference between a fryer, roaster, and a stower.
- 17. All meat pens for county fair must consist of three rabbits, not more than 70 days old, and weighing between 3 and 5 pounds each. Only the first 3 rabbits to make weight will be eligible for exhibit at the county fair.**

If you have any questions regarding your project and your advisor is unable to answer your questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension office at 330-339-2337.

2024 Tuscarawas County Junior Fair Livestock Requirement Summary

Each 4-H or FFA member may exhibit up to five animals. Be sure to check maximum exhibits per specie. Members are only eligible to receive money from a maximum of two revenue generating livestock sale projects at the fair, regardless of the number shown. ([See fair book for complete Junior Fair rules.](#))

	Mandatory Project Enrollment Date	Possession	Weigh-In, Tag/Tattoo, Banding, DNA, or Pictures	Quality Assurance	Livestock Interview Judging	Fair Entries	Animal Requirements	Health Requirements
Market Beef & Dairy Market Beef	April 15, 2024	December 9, 2023	December 9 or 11, 2023	<p>MANDATORY ATTENDANCE AT ONE SESSION IS REQUIRED.</p> <p>Sign-ups start one-half hour before session; doors close 10 minutes after session start.</p> <p>Sunday, February 18, 2:00, PM, 3:00 PM, or 4:00 PM, Claymont High School Thursday, March 7, 6:30 PM, Dover Middle School Monday, April 15, 6:30 PM, Dover Middle School Dairy Specific - Sunday, April 21, 2:00 PM, Union Hill United Methodist Church</p>	<p>July 11, 2024 Midvale Elementary</p>	<p>Due August 7, 2024 ONLINE THROUGH FAIRENTRY ONLY!</p> <p><small>All classes including showmanship and Bred/Born/Raised classes must be entered online through FairEntry. Fair entries are due by 11:59 PM August 7. A grace period with a \$100 per class entry fee will be extended from August 8 until 11:59 PM August 14. No entries accepted after 11:59 PM August 14.</small></p>	1000 lbs. minimum Must be dehorned; Heifer or Steer	DUNF Vet check upon arrival
Beef Breeding		June 17, 2024	<p>Online registration due in 4-H Online (Animal Tab) no later than 11:59 PM June 17, 2024</p>				Dehorned Calf or Heifer (Females Only)	Vet check upon arrival
Beef Feeder Calf							350-650 lbs. Dehorned Steer	Vet check upon arrival
Dairy Cattle							Calf, Heifer or Cow Dehorned	DUNF Vet check upon arrival
Sheep Breeding							Ewes	Vet check upon arrival
Market Lambs							90 lbs. minimum Ewes or Wethers	DUNF Vet check upon arrival
Market Hogs							220-315 lbs. Barrows or Gilts ½ inch hair at fair time	DUNF Vet check upon arrival



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Market Goats	April 15, 2024	June 17, 2024	Online registration due in 4-H Online (Animal Tab) no later than 11:59 PM June 17, 2024	MANDATORY ATTENDANCE AT ONE SESSION IS REQUIRED. See front for dates.	July 10, 2024 Midvale Elementary Check with your advisor for time.	Due August 7, 2024 ONLINE THROUGH FAIRENTRY ONLY! <small>All classes including showmanship and Bred/Born/Raised classes must be entered online through FairEntry. Fair entries are due by 11:59 PM August 7. A grace period with a \$100 per class entry fee will be extended from August 8 until 11:59 PM August 14. No entries accepted after 11:59 PM August 14.</small>	65 lbs. minimum Castrated	DUNF Vet check upon arrival
Dairy Goats							Females Only	DUNF Vet check upon arrival
Pygmy Goats & Pack Goats							N/A	Vet check upon arrival
Breeding Rabbits							N/A	Health check upon arrival
Market Rabbits		August 24, 2024	Bunnies tattooed August 24 9-10 AM Fairgrounds				3-5 lbs. maximum 70 Days Old	DUNF Health check upon arrival
Broilers & Market Ducks		Cost: TBD Pick up: Fairgrounds Tentatively July/August	N/A				5 lbs. minimum each bird	DUNF Pullorum-free
Market Turkeys		Cost: TBD Pick up: Fairgrounds Tentatively June	N/A				20 lbs. minimum	DUNF Pullorum-free
Pullets & Fancy Poultry		June 17, 2024	Online registration due in 4-H Online (Animal Tab) no later than 11:59 PM June 17, 2024				See Fair Book for specific requirements.	Pullorum-free
Ducks, Geese, & Fancy Turkeys							See Fair Book for specific requirements.	Pullorum-free
Horses					In-person: 1:00 PM Sunday, February 18, 2024 or online by May 1, 2024		July 8, 2024 Midvale Elementary	See Fair Book for specific requirements.

*See the [Tuscarawas County Fair book](#) for more information.