

2026 Pickaway County Livestock Requirement Summary -updated 11/12/25

not a complete listing of fair rules

Pre-Fair Tagging will take place for Market Beef on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025
and for Market Hogs, Sheep, Goats & Dairy Beef Feeders on April 18, 2026.

Class/ Project	Exhibition Limits	Recommended Birth Date	Posses- sion	Pre-Fair Tagging	Entries	Quality Assurance & Skillathon Judging	DUNF	Animal Requirements for Fair
Market Beef	May show 1 or 2 market steers or market heifers.	January-March of previous year	11/30/25	12/4/25	5/15/26	Complete QA by May 1. June Skillathon	Yes	Should be dehorned and castrated by Nov. 30. Must tag on December 4, 2025 Minimum weight at fair is 1000 lbs Show is partial-terminal.
Beef Breeding		Per class entered	4/15/26		5/15/26	June Skillathon	No	May be heifers or cows. No bull calves.
Beef Feeder Calf	May show 1 or 2 beef feeders DO NOT SELL AT FAIR	December- January *must be born after October 1	4/15/26		5/15/26	June Skillathon	Yes	May be heifers or steer calves. Steer calves must be castrated and healed. Fair weight is 350-650 lbs.
Dairy Beef Feeder	May show 1 or 2 dairy beef feeders. (DBF have same option to sell as other market animals.)	December- January	4/15/26	4/18/26	5/15/26	June Skillathon	Yes	Must be steer calves. Must be de-horned, castrated & healed by April 18. Must tag on April 18, 2026 Fair weight is 350-650 lbs.
Dairy Calves & Heifers		Per class entered	4/15/26		5/15/26	June Skillathon	No	
Dairy Cows		Per class entered	4/15/26		5/15/26	Complete QA by May 1. June Skillathon	Yes	
Llamas & Alpacas			4/15/26		5/15/26	June Skillathon	No	Exhibitors under 13 may not show an intact male over the age of 24 months.
Goats: Dairy, Meat, Fiber, Pack, Harness	No pack or harness classes will take place.	Per class entered	4/15/26		5/15/26	Dairy Goats Complete QA by May 1. June Skillathon	Yes if lactat- ing	ALL goats must have a Scrapie I.D. tag or tattoo from the breeder. Registration tattoos must be accompanied by a Registration Certificate (must bring to fair).

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Goats: Pygmy	Pygmy goats are <u>not</u> brought to fair. Pygmy projects are judged at Special Interest Judging.		4/15/26		NA	N/A	No	Pygmy goats should not be brought to Wednesday Interview Judging
Market Goats	May show 1 or 2 market goats	December-January *Must be born after December 1.	4/15/26	4/18/26	5/15/26	Complete QA by May 1. June Skillathon	Yes	ALL goats must have a scrapie ID tag or tattoo from the breeder. Registration tattoos must be accompanied by a Registration Certificate regardless of doe or wether. Must tag on April 18, 2026 Minimum weight at fair is 50 lbs. Goat must be dehorned. No spurs or horns to exceed 2 inches. Show is partial-terminal.
Market Turkeys	May show <u>1 or 2</u> birds.	16-20 weeks before fair *Must be from current year's hatch	4/15/26		5/15/26	Complete QA by May 1. June Skillathon	Yes (will get ID at fair)	Must have proof that poultry is from Pullorum-free flock or be blood tested by a vet at least 2 weeks before fair. Turn in proof at Saturday move-in. Male or female. Fair weight is min20lbs
Exhibition Turkeys	May show 1 bird		4/15/26		5/15/26	June Skillathon	No	Must have proof that poultry is from Pullorum-free flock or be blood tested by a vet at least 2 weeks before fair. Turn in proof at Saturday move-in.
Hens & Pullets	Exhibit 1 or 2 pens of 2 pullets (non-layers) or 2 layers.	Hens 7/20-12/31 of previous year. Pullets after Jan 1 current year.	4/15/26		5/15/26	June Skillathon	No	Must have proof that poultry is from Pullorum-free flock or be tested prior to fair. Turn in proof at Saturday move-in.
Market Chickens	Exhibit 1 <u>pen of 2</u> broilers.	7-8 weeks before fair *Must be from current year's hatch	5/15/26		5/15/26	Complete QA by May 1. June Skillathon	Yes (will get ID band at fair)	Must have proof that poultry is from Pullorum-free flock or be tested prior to fair. Turn in proof at Saturday move-in. Show is partial-terminal Male or female Weight at fair is min.10 lbs for pen of 2.
Exhibition Chickens	Exhibit pens of 2 birds. Will show by breed (no more than 1 entry per exhibitor per breed) Breed classes with less than 3 entries will show AOB.	Minimum hatch date of 1/1/26	4/15/26		5/15/26	June Skillathon	No	Must have proof that poultry is from Pullorum-free flock or be tested prior to fair. Turn in proof at Saturday move-in. 1 male/1 female or 2 females

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Exhibition Ducks	Exhibit pens of 2 birds. Will show by breed (no more than 1 entry per exhibitor per breed)		4/15/26		5/15/26	June Skillathon	No	1 male/1 female or 2 females
Market Ducks & Market Geese	Exhibit 1 pen of 2 ducks or 2 geese. (Market geese will sell if packer will take them.)	10-12 weeks before fair *Must be from current year's hatch	4/15/26		5/15/26	Complete QA by May 1. June Skillathon	Yes (will get ID band at fair)	Male or female Weight at fair is min.13 lbs for pen of 2.
Market Rabbits	May show 1 or 2 rabbits. Market rabbits show individually, not as a pen.	April 1	5/15/26		5/15/26	Complete QA by May 1. June Skillathon	Yes	Weight at fair is 3-6 lbs. Each rabbit must be entered individually DUNF required. Show is partial-terminal
Breeding Rabbits	Will show by breed with one entry per age class per breed. Breed classes with less than 3 entries will show AOB.		4/15/26		5/15/26	June Skillathon	No	Must have a permanent tattoo prior to fair.
Market Lamb	May show 1 or 2 lambs.	December-January	4/15/26	4/18/26	5/15/26	Complete QA by May 1. June Skillathon	Yes	May be wethers or ewes. Males must be castrated. ALL lambs must have a Scrapie I.D. from the breeder. Must tag on April 18, 2026 Minimum weight at fair is 90lbs. There is no top weight limit Show is partial-terminal
Sheep Breeding	Will show by type instead of by breed: Wool, Meat, Commercial/Crossbred	Per class entered	4/15/26		5/15/26	June Skillathon	No	Ewes must have a Scrapie I.D. from the breeder.
Dogs	Member may enter one class per dog. Dog must be owned by member or member's immediate family.		4/1/26		5/01/26 by member	June Skillathon	No	Dog must be 6 months old or older. Dog must have county license. Must have Vet complete Certificate of Vaccination current through August 9, 2026.

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Market Hog	Maximum of 4 total hogs with maximum of 2 crossbreds.		4/15/26	4/18/26	5/15/26	Complete QA by May 1. June Skillathon	Yes	May be barrows or gilts. Market Hogs & Purebred barrows must tag on April 18, 2026 Fair weight is 215-300 lbs. Show is partial-terminal.
Swine Breeding	Will not show at the Pickaway County Fair but must be enrolled and complete project if showing in Ohio State Fair Breeding. May not use animals being used for market project.		4/15/26		NA	June Skillathon	No	Breeding hogs will not show at Pickaway County Fair in 2026. To show at Ohio State Fair, member must take a Breeding project and complete county Skillathon including book.
Horses	May register a maximum of 3 horse project animals. Exhibitors wishing to compete at State Fair must qualify at a PAS Show. Members MUST submit PAS results and State Fair registration by July 1.		4/15/26		5/01/26 by member	All equine members and a parent must complete the on-line EquiSTEP Program. June Skillathon	No	Horse must be owned by member, immediate family or leased. Members leasing their horse must file a copy of the lease agreements with their Horse Show Entry Forms. PAS will NOT be offered at Pickaway Fair. Exhibitors may try out at two single-judged shows. Appropriate paperwork is required! No releases for PAS during fair will be granted.

Breeding Animal Identification

It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to properly ID all non-market animals prior to the May 15 Jr Fair registration deadline.

Pickaway County Exhibition Limits:

A member may exhibit a maximum of ten animals at the county fair with a maximum of five of those being market. A maximum of two market animals may be exhibited in each specie area except market hogs which may exhibit a total of 4 (see details on class limits) and market poultry which may exhibit one pen of market chickens, one pen of ducks and up to two individual turkeys. (Note: Each Poultry project, i.e. Pen of 2 ducks, pen of 2 broilers, pen of 2 fancy birds, etc. counts as one animal. For Breeding poultry no more than one entry per exhibit per breed. For Breeding rabbits no more than one entry per age class per breed. Each market rabbit is an individual entry. Purebred barrows are a market animal and count in the 5 market animal limit.)

State Fair Entries:

You MUST be enrolled and complete each project at the county level that you wish to show in at the Ohio State Fair.

January 15 Market beef entries consisting of EID tags and hair follicle samples must be received at State

May 1 Quality Assurance must be complete whether exhibiting at Pickaway County Fair, State Fair, or both.

June 20 Deadline for livestock, rabbit, poultry entries, dog entries (All can be completed on-line). **MUST be entered on-line with no late market or breeding entries accepted.**

July 1 Deadline for State Fair Horse entries for all who qualify. A negative Coggins test that was completed after January 1, 2026 must be included.