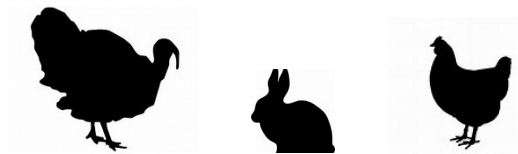
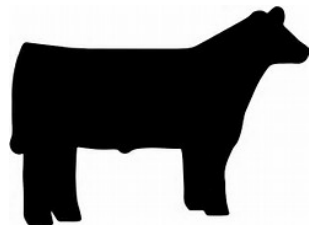
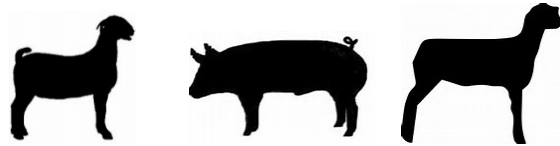


ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR 2025



MARKET PROJECT HANDBOOK

ADVISORS – PARENTS

Please read completely and pass this information on to your members/children. Hopefully by working together we can eliminate the chance of any exhibitor being eliminated from a market show or sale because of missing a deadline or by not being in compliance with all the requirements.

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RULES, SHOW TIMES, ETC. LISTED IN THIS HANDBOOK ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE SENIOR FAIR BOARD.

Although we try to be as accurate as possible in putting this Market Project Handbook together, please note, we are human, errors may be made, and the Athens County Agricultural Society Rules and the Athens County Market Livestock Rules will be upheld over anything printed in this Handbook.

GENERAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND CHANGES ---
See complete copy of Rules and Show Procedures for all changes.

NEW FOR 2025!!

- Beef and Swine CARCASS Class continued for 2025 with new guidelines and exhibition rules.
- ALL Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals will sell through the sale ring on Friday evening.
- Each Junior Fair Exhibitor may sell one (1) market livestock project through the Jr Fair Livestock Sale. (Only exception to this is if an exhibitor would have more than one (1) grand or reserve champions.)
- An exhibitor may sell one (1) “live” market animal and one (1) carcass project through the livestock sale.
- Prospect Heifer Show continues for 2025! Prospect Heifers will sell during the Market Livestock Sale on Friday.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

THURSDAY: IMPORTANT ** IMPORTANT ** IMPORTANT:

9:00 AM THURSDAY DEADLINE – to designate animal will be selling through livestock sale on Friday by using the new QR CODE process.

This is done by using the QR Code provided by the Sale Committee. QR Code will be available at the Sale Committee Building, as well as on each barn bulletin board during the fair. PLEASE USE the QR CODE to submit!!!! Example: Exhibitor has more than one (1) Grand Champion or Reserve Champion animal to sell OR if exhibitor has a “live” market animal AND a carcass project to sell. The QR CODE must be completed with Exhibitor Name, Specie selling, and Ear tag/leg band/tattoo for that animal. With using the QR Code, the information will be time and date stamped and automatically sent to the Sale Committee. If an exhibitor needs assistance with the QR Code process – exhibitor can come to the Sale Committee Building for assistance. If exhibitor fails to complete the QR Code 9:00AM Thursday of the fair, as to which animal they will be selling through the Friday night Junior Fair Livestock Sale, THEY FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO SELL.

The QR Code process designating the animal you will be selling can be completed any time during the week of fair PRIOR to 9:00AM Thursday!

ONE QR CODE submission FOR EACH MARKET ANIMAL SELLING. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Sale Committee recommends and encourages exhibitors to complete the QR Code process in a prompt and timely manner after their livestock show.

- **NON-SALE animals – Deadline** to submit animals (not going through sale), for packer and/or processors designation, for **NON-SALE animals is 9:00 a.m., on Thursday** of the fair. QR CODE process will continue for 2025. **SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9AM, THURSDAY.**
- **DO NOT ASK YOUR BUYER FOR YOUR ANIMAL BACK** - If your buyer, on their own decides to give your animal back – no “give-back” animal will be permitted to be removed from the fairgrounds until the Senior Fair Board release on Saturday. **DO NOT REMOVE ANIMAL FROM PEN, IF IT IS STILL IN THE PEN SATURDAY MORNING; go to the Sale Committee Building. THIS INCLUDES RABBITS AND POULTRY!**
- Market exhibitor must go to the Sale Committee Building Saturday morning and if the animal has been given back to the exhibitor, the Sale Committee will give the “Haulers” copy of the sale night form to the exhibitor. Sale animals are not to be removed without this form. Livestock remains the responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor until the animal leaves the fairgrounds.
- Junior Fair participants and those who assist the participants: No removal of any animals and/or tack, no removal of any item/equipment brought to the fairgrounds, located in or out of the barns, which was used during the fair to hold and/or prepare livestock for show and/or sale, or cleaning out pen, until the Senior Fair Boards’ designated release time on Saturday, last day of the fair. Excluding the removal of transport vehicle and trailer. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of all monies, awards and the ability to participate in the following year’s fair.
- The barns will be closed during and after the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, until the Senior Fair Boards’ designated release time on Saturday of 2:00AM. Only authorized persons will be permitted in the barns to assist Fair Board and Sale Committee. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of all monies, awards and the ability to participate in the following year’s fair.
- The exhibitor will forfeit all proceeds from the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale if a market animal is removed from the fairgrounds prior to the exhibitor receiving the “Haulers” copy from the Sale Committee, verifying that the buyer gave the animal back to the exhibitor. If the animal is removed from the fairgrounds prior to receiving the “haulers” copy, the exhibitor forfeits all proceeds, and the buyer(s) will be reimbursed all monies for that market animal. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Non-Sale Swine release time is Wednesday between 11:30pm-1:00am -- **ALL TACK MUST STAY** until Saturday release time of 2:00AM last day of the fair.
- All market animals, sale and/or non-sale, not going to the processor or packer, are not to be removed until the Senior Fair Boards’ designated release time on Saturday, at 2:00AM last day of the fair. Non-Sale Swine release time is Wednesday between 11:30pm-1:00am -- **ALL TACK MUST STAY UNITL ALL MARKET SPECIES ARE INCLUDED IN THIS RULE.**

- **Market Beef and Market Dairy Steer Exhibitors – Tag-In for the 2025 Athens County Fair will be the third (3rd) Saturday of December. Cattle must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged, weighed or handled by Sale Committee. Beef Carcass will also be tagged in at this also.**
- **Market Dairy Feeder Exhibitors - Cattle must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged, weighed or handled by Sale Committee. Exhibitors may tag-in four (4) and may bring four (4) dairy feeders to the fair. Must weigh at least 350 lbs. and not more than 700 lbs. at the time of weigh-in of the fair.**
- **Beef Feeder Exhibitors - Cattle must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged, weighed or handled by Sale Committee. Must weigh at least 300 lbs. and not more than 700 lbs. at the time of weigh-in of the fair.**
- **Prospect Heifer Exhibitors - Cattle must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged, weighed or handled by Sale Committee. Must weigh at least 300 lbs. and not more than 700 lbs. at the time of weigh-in of the fair.**

Market Exhibitors & Parents – On sale night, many exhibitors are running in and out of the sale ring area. This is interfering with the buyers. We have received many complaints and a few buyers have left saying they are done because of not being able to get a seat or too many youth running in and out, standing in the middle of the aisle way texting, disrupting the view, etc. We surveyed the buyers and the number one issue is seating/youth running back and forth. We must listen to our buyers and make some changes, or risk not having enough buyers. Parents – please understand that although it is nice to see your children sell their animal – if the buyers do not have a place in the Sale Ring Area – they are not going to stay and buy. If the exhibitor prepares an item to give to their buyer, many buyers would prefer that the exhibitor hand deliver that item to their place of business instead of disrupting them during the sale. Please consider this!

Advisors: Please inform market exhibitors that during the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, buyers will be asked if they wish to “keep” or “re-sell” their purchase. “Keep” means the **BUYER** is going to keep it, the buyer will either take it home or send it to the processor. “Keep” **DOES NOT** mean the buyer is giving the animal back to the exhibitor. **DO NOT GO TO YOUR BUYER AND ASK IF THEY GAVE YOUR ANIMAL BACK.**

If there is any question regarding your animal being properly castrated and/or dehorned, PLEASE contact your veterinarian early enough that the animal can be taken care of and healed before the first day of the fair. If the animal is not properly castrated and testicular tissue is found any time during the fair, the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the fairgrounds. If it is not found during the fair, but is found either before or during processing the STATE can disqualify the exhibitor for life and all premiums and proceeds from the sale must be paid back. If there is any question at all, PLEASE check with a veterinarian.

Hernias, etc. must be taken care of and healed prior to the first day of the fair, or the animal will not be eligible to participate in the Market Show or Sale. All animals must be healthy to be eligible for the market show and/or sale.

Market exhibitors cannot enroll in the same species area in FFA and 4-H. Example: If an exhibitor is enrolled with a market swine project in FFA, they cannot enroll in a market swine project in 4-H. A youth can be enrolled in FFA and 4-H at the same time, but they MUST take different projects.



DEADLINES – for the ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

The following deadlines **MUST** be met. Exhibitors not meeting the following deadlines will not be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale.

Exhibitor must be enrolled in project area through 4-H or FFA by the deadline set by the 4-H program or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors **cannot** enroll in the same project area in 4-H and FFA.

MARKET BEEF, DAIRY STEER and BEEF CARCASS:

Market Beef (steers and/or heifers), Market Dairy Steer and Beef Carcass – Tag-In is always the third Saturday in December (12:00 noon -1:00 pm). Cattle must be haltered with rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged, weighed or handled by Sale Committee. Exhibitors can tag-in four (4) market beef, four (4) market dairy steer and/or four (4) beef carcass. Up to four (4) “live” market beef and up to four (4) “live” market dairy steer can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal is to be paid at the time of tag-in. Beef carcass projects will be only tagged in and not weighed.

MARKET TURKEYS:

Market Turkey registration is always the first Wednesday in February. Market Turkey ID Cards must be brought to the fairgrounds and turned in to the Sale Committee on the first Wednesday in February between 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. A \$3.00 registration fee per turkey, and the cost of the turkeys, is to be paid at the time Market Turkey ID Cards are turned in. Payment is non-refundable. Exhibitors can purchase up to eight (8) turkeys. Exhibitor can register two (2) Market Turkeys to exhibit during the fair. The Sale Committee will order the Turkeys from the Market Turkey ID Cards. Turkeys must be picked up at the fairgrounds on the designated day and time or exhibitor will forfeit money paid and will not be eligible to participate in the Market Turkey show or sale.

MARKET DAIRY FEEDERS:

Market Dairy Feeder – Tag-In is always the second Wednesday in May (6:00pm – 8:00pm). Market Dairy Feeder Calves must be brought to the fairgrounds to have an ear tag placed in the calf’s ear. Market Dairy Feeder calves will be weighed during tag-in for a Rate-Of-Gain contest. Dairy Feeder calves must be haltered with rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged, weighed or handled by the Sale Committee. Exhibitor can tag-in four (4) Market Dairy Feeder calves. Up to four (4) market dairy feeders can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal is to be paid at the time of tag-in.

MARKET GOATS:

Market Goat – Tag-In is always the second Wednesday in May (6:00pm – 8:00pm). Market Goats must be brought to the fairgrounds to have an ear tag placed in the goats’ ear. Exhibitor can tag-in four (4) market goats (wethers and/or does). Up to four (4) market goats can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal is to be paid at the time of tag-in.

MARKET LAMBS:

Market Lamb – Tag-In is always the second Wednesday in May (6:00pm – 8:00pm). Market Lambs must be brought to the fairgrounds to have an ear tag placed in the lambs’ ear. Exhibitor can tag-in four (4) market lambs. Up to four (4) market lambs can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal is to be paid at the time of tag-in.

MARKET CHICKENS:

Market Chicken registration will be submitted online this year at FairEntry.com. Registration will open on the first Wednesday of May at 8am and the deadline will be 8pm on the second Wednesday of May. A \$3.00 registration fee per pen, plus the cost of the chicks, is to be paid at the time of online registration. Payment is non-refundable. Any exhibitor not submitting entries online during the designated time will not be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale.

Exhibitor must order birds in multiples of six (6) birds per pen, to comprise a two (2) bird pen, with a limit of twelve (12) birds per exhibitor. Exhibitor can register two (2) pens of market chickens, consisting of two (2) birds per pen. No more than four (4) birds, to make up two (2) pens, per exhibitor can be brought to the fairgrounds. The Sale Committee will order the chicks from the online entries. Chicks must be picked up at the fairgrounds on the designated day and time or exhibitor will forfeit money paid and will not be eligible to participate in the Market Chicken show or sale. Only Market Chickens ordered and purchased by the exhibitor through the Sale Committee are allowed for exhibition during the fair. Exhibitor may NOT replace chicks that have been injured or died with chicks from another 4-H member or purchase from another source.

MARKET SWINE and SWINE CARCASS:

NEW FOR 2025!! Market Swine Tag-In will be the second Wednesday in May (6:00pm – 8:00pm). Market Swine and Swine Carcass must be brought to the fairgrounds to have an ear tag placed in the hogs' ear. Exhibitor can tag-in four (4) market swine, and declare which one will be used as their carcass animal before they arrive at the processing facility. Up to four (4) "live" market swine can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal is to be paid at the time of tag-in.

Should your pig(s) become ill or show signs of any illness, they may be quarantined and deemed terminal. Terminal means the animal cannot go back to the farm, but will go directly to a processor. The fair board at any time may declare all swine terminal and no animals will be allowed to return to the exhibitors' farm, they will go directly to a processor. Exhibitor will be responsible for all processing fees.

MARKET RABBITS:

Market Rabbit registration will be submitted online this year at FairEntry.com Registration will open on the first Wednesday of May at 8am and the deadline will be 8pm on the second Wednesday of May. A \$3.00 registration fee per pen is to be paid at the time of online registration. Payment is non-refundable. Any exhibitor not submitting entries online during the designated time will not be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale.

Market Rabbits can come from exhibitor's own doe(s) or be purchased. Market rabbits must be of a market rabbit type.

Market rabbits the exhibitor plans to bring to the fair for exhibit, show and sale, must be brought to the fairgrounds between 6:00pm – 8:00pm to be tattooed **on the second Wednesday in July**. Any market rabbit not brought to the fairgrounds at the designated time and identified, will not be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Show or Sale.

Exhibitors may tag up to four (4) market rabbits for one (1) pen of two (2); or up to eight (8) for two (2) pens of two (2). From the market rabbits tagged by the Sale Committee, only two (2) rabbits for one (1) pen or four (4) rabbits for two (2) pens can be brought to the fairgrounds on Friday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.

Market Rabbits must not be less than 56 days and not over 70 days of age at weigh-in Friday of the fair.

A \$3.00 registration fee per pen is to be paid at the time Market Rabbit online entry in FairEntry.

*****RABBITS registered as market project CAN NOT be shown as breed project.**

BEEF FEEDERS:

Beef Feeder – Tag-In is always the first Wednesday in June (6:00pm – 7:00pm). Beef Feeder Calves must be brought to the fairgrounds to have an ear tag placed in the calf’s ear. Exhibitor can tag-in two (2) Beef Feeder calves. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal is to be paid at the time of tag-in. Beef Feeder calves must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged or handled by the Sale Committee.

PROSPECT HEIFERS:

Prospect Heifer – Tag-In is the first Wednesday in June (6:00pm – 7:00pm). Prospect Heifer Calves must be brought to the fairgrounds to have an ear tag placed in the calf’s ear. Exhibitor can tag-in two (2) Prospect Heifer calves. A \$3.00 registration fee per animal is to be paid at the time of tag-in. Prospect Heifer calves must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged or handled by the Sale Committee.

****ANIMALS REGISTERED AS MARKET PROJECT CAN NOT BE SHOWN AS A BREED PROJECT****

****IMPORTANT**** All other deadlines and requirements set by the 4-H program or FFA Chapter and the Senior Fair Board in addition to the ones listed must be met and followed.

WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

For weigh-in at the fair

MARKET BEEF:

- Must weigh a minimum of 1000 lb. at weigh-in of the fair.
- Market Beef must gain at least 300 lb. from the time of the first weigh-in (Dec.) to the fair weigh-in.

MARKET DAIRY STEER:

- Must weigh a minimum of 1000 lb. at weigh-in of the fair.
- Market Dairy Steer must gain at least 300 lbs. from the time of the first weigh-in (Dec.) to the fair weigh-in.

MARKET DAIRY FEEDERS:

- Must weigh at least 350 lb. and not more than 700 lbs. at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

BEEF FEEDERS:

- Must weigh at least 300 lbs. and not more than 700 lbs. at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

PROSPECT HEIFERS:

- Must weigh at least 300 lbs. and not more than 700 lbs. at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

MARKET LAMBS:

- Must weigh at least 95 lbs. at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

MARKET SWINE:

- Must weigh at least 210 lbs. at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

MARKET RABBITS:

- Must weigh at least 3 ½ lbs. (56 oz.) per animal and not more than 5 ½ lbs. (88 oz.) per animal at the time of weigh-in at the fair. Market Rabbit weights will be read and recorded in ounces.

MARKET CHICKENS:

- Must weigh at least 3 ½ lbs. (56 oz.) per bird at the time of weigh-in of the fair. Market Chicken weights will be read and recorded in ounces.

MARKET GOATS:

- Must weigh at least 60 lbs. at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

MARKET TURKEYS:

- Must weigh at least 15 lbs. at the time of weigh-in of the fair.

All market animals must meet weight requirements and all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

DURING THE FAIR

DEADLINES & REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS WITH MARKET SALE ANIMALS AT THE FAIR

****ALL ANIMALS** must enter the fairgrounds at the main gate (the gate across from Seamans) and **MUST** be vet checked before being permitted to unload. Senior Fair Board, reserves the right to disqualify from market show and sale, any livestock not measuring up to standards or meeting qualifications. Any animal deemed not in the proper physical condition or free of any condition that would render it unfit for exhibition, the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the fairgrounds.

Beef and Swine Carcass Class will be judged prior to the week of the fair. The time and date will be TBD.

****CHICKENS & RABBITS** MUST BE CHECKED IN at designated time – exhibitors must take their animal(s) to the check in table in the respective barn area, at the scheduled time of arrival, **BEFORE** taking their animal to their cage.

	Friday <u>Arrival Time</u>	Friday <u>Weigh-In Time</u>
Chickens	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Rabbits	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Turkeys	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

(All market chickens, turkeys and rabbits will be checked-in and weighed in PRIOR to going to pens)

	Saturday <u>Arrival Time</u>	Saturday <u>Weigh-In Time</u>
Swine	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM (will weigh right off trailers, then to the pen)
Goats	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Sheep	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	9:00 AM – 9:30 AM (will go directly to pen, then weighed)
Market Beef/Dairy Steer	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (will weigh right off trailers, then to the pen)
Beef Feeders/Prospect Heifer	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (will weigh right off trailers, then to the pen)
Market Dairy Feeders	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (will weigh right off trailers, then to the pen)
Horse	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	

MONDAY:

Market Swine Show

TUESDAY:

Market Rabbit Show

Market Dairy Feeder Show

Beef Feeder/Prospect Heifer Show

Market Beef Show

WEDNESDAY:

Market Poultry Show – Starts with Market Turkeys, followed by Market Chickens

Market Goat Show

Market Lamb Show

THURSDAY:

9:00 AM THURSDAY DEADLINE – to designate animal will be selling through livestock sale on Friday by using the new QR CODE process.

This is done by using the QR Code provided by the Sale Committee. QR Code will be available at the Sale Committee Building, as well as on each barn bulletin board during the fair. PLEASE USE the QR CODE to submit!!!! Example: Exhibitor has more than one (1) Grand Champion or Reserve Champion animal to sell OR if exhibitor has a “live” market animal AND a carcass project to sell. The QR CODE must be completed with Exhibitor Name, Specie selling, and Ear tag/leg band/tattoo for that animal. With using the QR Code, the information will be time and date stamped and automatically sent to the Sale Committee. If an exhibitor needs assistance with the QR Code process – exhibitor can come to the Sale Committee Building for assistance. If exhibitor fails to complete the QR Code 9:00AM Thursday of the fair, as to which animal they will be selling through the Friday night Junior Fair Livestock Sale, THEY FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO SELL.

The QR Code process designating the animal you will be selling can be completed any time during the week of fair PRIOR to 9:00AM Thursday!

ONE QR CODE submission FOR EACH MARKET ANIMAL SELLING. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Sale Committee recommends and encourages exhibitors to complete the QR Code process in a prompt and timely manner after their livestock show.

- **NON-SALE** animals – **Deadline** to submit animals (not going through sale), for packer and/or processors designation, for **NON-SALE** animals is **9:00 a.m., on Thursday** of the fair. QR CODE process will be used again for 2025. **SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9AM, THURSDAY.** Sale Committee is not responsible for NON-SALE animals.

PHOTOGRAPHER will be available after EACH Market Show to take photos of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. A photo backdrop will be set up during the week of the fair to be used by any exhibitor who wishes to take their own photos. It is highly recommended that exhibitors take or purchase a photo for their buyer. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion photos for the Sale Committee are needed to put on plaques for buyer of those animals. These plaques will be presented to buyer on sale night.

FRIDAY:

Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale begins at 4:00 PM – Pre-Sale Announcements begin at 3:00 PM.

SALE ORDER for the 2025 Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Sale: Market Goats, Prospect Heifer, Market Dairy Steer, Market Lambs, Market Swine, Swine Carcass, Market Chickens, Market Rabbits, Market Turkeys, Market Beef, Beef Carcass, Beef Feeders, Market Dairy Feeders.

ALL Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals will sell through the sale ring on Friday evening, including Pairs of Swine, Sheep and Goats. An exhibitor may sell one (1) “live” market animal and one (1) carcass project through the Athens Co. Jr Fair livestock sale. (Only exception to this is if an exhibitor would have more than one (1) grand or reserve champion.)

ALL MARKET Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Animals (Market Beef, Market Dairy Steer, Market Goats, Market Pair of Goats, Market Lambs, Market Pair of Lambs, Market Swine, and Market Pair of Swine) must go to the designated ODA or USDA processing plant to be harvested and tested.

To be eligible for sale – **Exhibitors are to be with their animal and ready to enter the sale ring at the time their animal is to be lined up for sale. Again, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor who owns the animal to be there and ready to enter the sale ring at the appropriate time.**

All market livestock is the responsibility of the Junior Fair Exhibitor until it leaves the fairgrounds.

AFTER FAIR

2025 MARKET CHECK PICK UP TIME – Checks for market projects sold through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale will be distributed the second Thursday of September, 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the fairgrounds. ***For exhibitor to receive their check, exhibitor must bring a thank you card/letter for each of their buyer(s), (if there are multiple buyers for their animal – exhibitor MUST have a thank you for each buyer). Also, if a buyer(s) has “bumped” (added money to their animal); exhibitor MUST also have a thank you for those buyers. 4-H Extension will email to ALL families a document with each exhibitor’s buyer(s), along with the buyers address. Card/letter needs to be in a stamped envelope addressed to their buyer(s). If exhibitor cannot pick up their check at designated time, checks can be picked up prior to the beginning of any Sale Committee meeting. Checks should be picked up before or at November meeting. Exhibitor must still bring in a thank you for their buyer(s) when they pick up their check.***

Market checks must be picked up by the exhibitor or person designated by the exhibitor. Designated person must bring the permission letter signed by the exhibitor and the thank you to the exhibitor’s buyer to receive the check. If the person doesn’t have a letter from the exhibitor, the person will not be permitted to pick up the market check regardless of the relationship to the exhibitor.

****EXHIBITORS THAT SELL** – Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef, Market Dairy Steer, Market Goats, Market Pair of Goats, Market Lambs, Market Pair of Lambs, Market Swine and Market Pair of Swine, WILL NOT receive their check until Senior Fair Board receives notice that all carcasses has passed inspection at the designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant. A “thank you” is still needed. Exhibitors must bring a thank you card/letter for their buyer(s) to the Sale Committee. Card/letter needs to be in a stamped envelope addressed to their buyer.

Sample of how to address the envelope: Buyer addresses will be available at check pick-up.

Exhibitor’s Name	Place stamp here ->
Address	
Buyer’s Name	
Address	

The following is a complete copy of the

ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR MARKET LIVESTOCK RULES & SHOW PROCEDURES

EXHIBITORS ~ PARENTS

Please read completely through and pass this information on to market exhibitors. Hopefully by working together, we can eliminate the chance of any exhibitor being eliminated from a market show or the sale because of missing a deadline or by not knowing the requirements.

****Exhibitors must be enrolled in project area through 4-H or FFA by the deadline set by the 4-H Program or FFA Chapter.**

****Additional deadlines and requirements set by 4-H and FFA and the Senior Fair Board must be met and followed also.**

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- This Market Handbook does not include the complete mandated Market Rules received by the Athens County Senior Fair Task Force from ODA.

A COMPLETE COPY OF THE TASK FORCE RULES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE from the Athens County Senior Fair Task Force.

ALL TASK FORCE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW AND/OR SELL.

RULES LISTED IN THIS HANDBOOK ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE SENIOR FAIR BOARD.

ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE RULES

ALL PROJECTS

1. Request for exception must be presented in writing to the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee. Exception to the rules can only be made by the Board of Directors of the Athens County Agricultural Society in consultation with the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee.

All market animals must be owned, cared for daily and exhibited by a member of an Athens County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. An individual may sell only one animal through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale. ALL Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals will sell through the sale ring on Friday evening, including Pairs of Swine, Sheep and Goats. An exhibitor may sell one (1) "live" market animal and one (1) carcass project through the livestock sale, providing the exhibitor enrolled and registered in these projects. (Only exception to this is if an exhibitor would have more than one (1) grand or reserve champion.) All Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion market beef, market dairy feeders, market swine, market lambs, and market goats, including Grand Champion Pair of Hogs, Grand Champion Pair of Market Lambs, and Grand Champion Pair of Market Goats, must go to designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant to be tested and harvested.

2. All Athens County Market Project exhibitors (i.e., 4-H and FFA) must follow all Athens County Junior Fair Market Project Rules to be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Show and Sale.
3. The purpose of the Junior Fair market project should be educational. This means livestock must be under the care of the junior fair exhibitor and cared for daily by the exhibitor from the start of the project to the delivery to the buyer at the fair. Junior Fair exhibitors shall assist in weighing, taking livestock to and from the sale ring, show their project at the time of the grading and at the time of the sale, in order to be eligible to have their project sold in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale.

Livestock is the responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor until the animal leaves the fairgrounds. All market projects to be sold at the junior fair sale are subject to inspection on the farm by a County Extension Agent, Vo-Ag Instructor, 4-H Advisor, Fair Board member or a member of the Sale Committee at any time after enrollment date prior to the fair.

4. SPECIES
 - a) No more than four (4) market beef may be tagged/identified for exhibition. Up to four (4) market beef can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - b) No more than four (4) market lambs may be tagged/identified for exhibition. Up to four (4) market lambs can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - c) No more than four (4) market goats (wether or doe) may be tagged/identified for exhibition. Up to four (4) market goats can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - d) No more than two (2) beef feeders may be tagged/identified for exhibition. Up to two (2) beef feeders can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.

- e) No more than two (2) prospect heifers may be tagged/identified for exhibition. Up to two (2) prospect heifers can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - f) No more than four (4) market dairy feeder calves may be tagged/identified for exhibition. Up to (4) dairy feeders can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - g) No more than four (4) market dairy steer may be tagged/identified for exhibition. Up to (4) market dairy steer can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - h) No more than four (4) market swine may be tagged/identified for exhibition. Up to four (4) market swine can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - i) Exhibitors may tattoo up to four (4) market rabbits for one (1) pen of two, or up to eight (8) market rabbits for two (2) pens of two. From the market rabbits tattooed at the designated time set by the Sale Committee, only two (2) rabbits for one (1) pen or four (4) rabbits for two (2) pens can be brought to the fairgrounds on Friday of fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - j) Two (2) pens of market chickens consisting of two (2) birds per pen for a total of four (4) birds may be brought to the fairgrounds on Friday of the fair, for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
 - k) Two (2) entries of market turkeys consisting of one (1) turkey per entry, may be brought to the fairgrounds on Friday of the fair, for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
5. Exhibitor with a vet excuse to not weigh/tag-in their animal at pre-fair weigh/tag-in date set, must have their animal tagged-in within thirty (30) days of the date set for their animal to be weighed/tagged-in. Vet excuse must be presented to the Sale Committee by or on the date set for weigh/tag-in for their animal. Any animal not weighed/tagged-in at the first date set will not be eligible for rate-of-gain contest. Vet excuse will not be accepted at fair weigh-in.
6. All animals must be healthy to be eligible for the sale.
7. All male animals must be castrated and healed. Male animals showing testicular signs will be removed from the fairgrounds.
8. All animals with horns must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum growth/re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All animals with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn.
9. The Sale Committee, in consultation with the Senior Fair Board, reserves the right to disqualify from market show and sale, any livestock not measuring up to standards or meeting qualifications. Any animal deemed not in the proper physical condition or free of any condition that would render it unfit for exhibition, the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the fairgrounds.
10. Only the Sale Committee members and exhibitors are permitted within twenty (20) feet of the scales during weigh-in. Guideline – ONE ADULT can assist a youth member to the scale.

11. All ear tags other than the ear tag the Sale Committee put in your animal's ear must be removed by weigh-in of the Fair or the Sale Committee will remove the tag(s) at that time. With the exception of USDA required herd ID tags.
12. It is optional whether an exhibitor will participate in the sale. However, ALL Grand Champion and Reserve Champion must sell through the Athens Co Jr Fair Market Livestock Sale, including the Grand Champion Pair of Market Hogs, Grand Champion Pair of Market Lambs, and Grand Champion Pair of Market Goats. These animal(s) MUST go to a designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant to be harvested and tested, excluding poultry and rabbits.
13. **IMPORTANT DEADLINE: 9:00 AM THURSDAY DEADLINE** – to designate animal will be selling through livestock sale on Friday by using the new QR CODE process. This is done by using the QR Code provided by the Sale Committee. QR Code will be available at the Sale Committee Building, as well as on each barn bulletin board during the fair. PLEASE USE the QR CODE to submit!!!! Example: Exhibitor has more than one (1) Grand Champion or Reserve Champion animal to sell OR if exhibitor has a "live" market animal AND a carcass project to sell. The QR CODE must be completed with Exhibitor Name, Specie selling, and Ear tag/leg band/tattoo for that animal. With using the QR Code, the information will be time and date stamped and automatically sent to the Sale Committee. If an exhibitor needs assistance with the QR Code process – exhibitor can come to the Sale Committee Building for assistance. If exhibitor fails to complete the QR Code 9:00AM Thursday of the fair, as to which animal they will be selling through the Friday night Junior Fair Livestock Sale, THEY FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO SELL. The QR Code process designating the animal you will be selling can be completed any time during the week of fair PRIOR to 9:00AM Thursday! ONE QR CODE submission FOR EACH MARKET ANIMAL SELLING. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Sale Committee recommends and encourages exhibitors to complete the QR Code process in a prompt and timely manner after their livestock show. –
9:00 AM THURSDAY DEADLINE
14. Animal and exhibitor shall enter the sale ring equal to or better in neatness and appearance than on show day.
15. All large market animals are subject to the check-off programs for their given species. This money will be automatically deducted from the exhibitor's check.
16. All those participating in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale will pay a three percent (3%) commission charge, to help cover the cost of the sale expenses. This money will be automatically deducted from the exhibitor's check.
17. Exhibitors selling the Grand Champion or Reserve Champion Market Beef, Market Dairy Steer, Market Lamb, Market Hog, Market Goat, Grand Champion Pair of Market Hogs, Grand Champion Pair of Market Lambs, or Grand Champion Pair of Market Goats will not receive their check until the Senior Fair Board Task Force receives notice that all carcasses has passed inspection at the designated ODA or USDA licensed processing plant.

18. Exhibitors participating in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale must hand in a “thank you” letter/card for each of their buyer(s) at check pick-up time to receive their check. Thank you letter/card needs to be in an envelope addressed to their buyer(s) and have the correct postage stamp affixed. For exhibitor to receive their check, exhibitor must bring a thank you card/letter for each of their buyer(s), (if there are multiple buyers for their animal – exhibitor MUST have a thank you for each buyer). Also, if a buyer(s) has “bumped” (added money to their animal), exhibitor MUST also have a thank you for those buyers. 4-H Extension will email to ALL families a document with each exhibitor’s buyer(s), along with the buyers address. Checks for market animals sold through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale will be distributed by the Sale Committee. If exhibitor cannot pick up their check at designated time, checks can be picked up prior to the beginning of any Sale Committee meeting. Checks should be picked up before or at November meeting. Exhibitor must still bring in a thank you for their buyer when they pick their check up.

Market checks must be picked up by the exhibitor or person designated by the exhibitor. Designated person must bring a permission letter signed by the exhibitor and a thank you to the exhibitor’s buyer to receive the check. If the person doesn’t have a letter from the exhibitor, they will not be permitted to pick up the market check regardless of the relationship to the exhibitor.

19. The barns will be closed during and after the Junior Fair Livestock Sale, until the Senior Fair Boards’ designated release time on Saturday at 2:00AM. No loading of animals, tack boxes, cleaning out pens, etc., until that time.

Market exhibitor must go to the Sale Committee Building **Saturday morning** and if the animal has been given back to the exhibitor, the Sale Committee will give the “Haulers” copy of the sale night form to the exhibitor. Sale animals are not to be removed without this form. Livestock remains the responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor until the animal leaves the fairgrounds.

The exhibitor will forfeit all proceeds from the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale if a market animal is removed from the fairgrounds prior to the exhibitor receiving the “haulers” copy from the Sale Committee, verifying that the buyer gave the animal back to the exhibitor. If the animal is removed from the fairgrounds prior to receiving the haulers copy, the exhibitor forfeits all proceeds, and the buyer(s) will be reimbursed all monies for that market animal. No exceptions.

All market animals, sale and/or non-sale, not going to the processor or packer, are not to be removed until the Senior Fair Board’s designated release time on Saturday, last day of the fair. **ALL MARKET SPECIES ARE INCLUDED IN THIS RULE.**

20. Junior Fair Participants and those who assist the Participants: No removal of any animal and/or tack, no removal of any item/equipment brought to the fairgrounds, located in or out of the barns, which was used during the fair to hold and/or prepare livestock for show and/or sale, or cleaning out pen, until the Senior Fair Boards’ designated release time on Saturday, last day of fair. Excluding the removal of transport vehicle and trailer. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of all monies, awards, and the ability to participate in the following year’s fair.

****All rules will be strictly enforced.**

MARKET BEEF and BEEF CARCASS

21. Market Beef, steers and heifers (no dairy blood). Market Beef must be born on or after January 1 of the previous year. (Ex: for the 2025 fair, must be born on or after January 1 2024). Market Beef must be on feed by December 1, previous to the fair. They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting. Care includes a complete set of records.
22. All market beef must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market beef with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male market beef must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market Beef showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
23. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose market beef that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The beef cattle judge, Senior Fair Board or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
24. Market beef must gain at least 300 lb. from the time of first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lb. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.
25. Market beef will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
26. Identification for the market beef shall be: 1) ear tag on the third (3rd) Saturday in December. Procedures for weigh-in are as follows:
 - A. No market beef unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
 - B. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - C. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - D. Actual weighing to be done by Sale Committee members.
 - E. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
 - F. If a calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.

Market beef exhibitors may weigh/tag-in and show up to four (4) market beef.

Market beef must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market beef will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.

27. All market beef will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee/Senior Fair Board at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
28. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Beef exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition from the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.
29. After the sale, all market beef must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the market beef. Whatever halter is on the market beef at the time of load out, goes with the market beef and will not be returned.
30. Rate-of-Gain contest participation is encouraged for all market beef projects. Special awards will be given for rate-of-gain.

MARKET DAIRY STEER and CARCASS

31. Market Dairy Steer must be on feed by December 1, previous to the fair. Market Dairy Steer must be born on or after January 1 of the previous year. (Ex: for the 2025 fair, must be born on or after January 1 2024). They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting. Care includes a complete set of records.
32. All market dairy steer must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market dairy steer with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market dairy steer must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market Dairy Steer showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
33. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose market dairy steer that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The judge, Senior Fair Board or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
34. Market dairy steer must gain at least 300 lb. from time of first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lb. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.
35. Market dairy steer will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
36. Identification for the market dairy steer shall be: 1) ear tag on the third (3rd) Saturday in December. Procedures for weigh-in are as follows:
 - a. No market dairy steer unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
 - b. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - c. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - d. Actual weighing to be done by Sale Committee members.
 - e. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
37. If a calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale. Market dairy steer exhibitors may weigh/tag-in and show up to four (4) market dairy steer. Market dairy steer must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market dairy steer will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
38. All market dairy steer will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
39. After the sale, all market dairy steer must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the market dairy steer. Whatever halter is on the market dairy steer at the time of load out, goes with the market dairy steer and will not be returned.
40. Rate-of-Gain contest participation is encouraged for all market dairy steer projects. Special awards will be given for rate-of-gain.
41. All market dairy steer must be calves from one of the five (5) recognized American Dairy Association breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (red or black) and Jersey. Crossbred calves must be crossed with the five (5) recognized breeds only, no beef blood. Exhibitors must request a document from the seller at time of purchase, stating that the calf is of the five (5) main breeds, stating which breed(s) the calf is, and listing the seller's name and address. This document must be signed and dated by the seller. This paperwork must accompany the calf at tag-in on the third (3rd) Saturday of December. Calves without the proper documentation will not be allowed to tag in and will not be eligible to participate in the market show or in the Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

MARKET BEEF / DAIRY STEER CARCASS CLASS

1. The Athens County Junior Fair Market Beef Carcass Class is intended to be an educational experience for young producers in the beef industry. The carcass class is recognized as one of the most valuable learning experiences in beef production that exhibitors can take part in, and participation is highly encouraged. Additionally, this exclusive experience introduces youth to top performers in the industry – professors, professionals, packing management, facilities, and more.
2. The agricultural industry is shifting in Southern and Southeastern Ohio with the introduction of a Meat Science program at the University of Rio Grande, and expanding workforce development preparation goals by Ohio 4-H. By introducing a Junior Fair Market Beef Carcass Class, the local 4-H and FFA programs can support youth in “learning by doing,” and completing hands-on project work with a potential for continuing education.
3. Evaluation will be completed by a qualified meat inspector/grader and will be placed from best to last.
 - a. Exhibitors are required to be present at the processing facility for the explanation of placings and final results; date and time will be determined.
4. All general rules and requirements of the traditional Athens County Junior Fair program pertain. Junior Fair exhibitors adhere to the guidelines and expectations set forth by 4-H, FFA, and the Athens County Junior Fair.
 - a. All members enrolled in the Market Beef Carcass Contest must fulfill the annual Quality Assurance training requirement to meet ODA livestock quality assurance and Athens County Junior Fair standards.
 - b. All members enrolled in the Market Beef Carcass Contest are required to participate in a custom built Skillathon during the week of the fair to be able to participate in the sale
 - c. A customized record book must be completed and submitted upon delivery of the carcass project.
 - d. Each exhibitor must exhibit another animal of the same specie at the fair.
5. The Market Beef Carcass Class falls under the Market Beef Project and follows the rules set forth for market beef.
6. The Carcass Class will consist of Market Steer/Market Heifer/Market Dairy Steer ONLY.
7. TAG-IN: All beef MUST be checked-in/tagged-in on December 21, 2024, at the Athens County Fairgrounds from 12pm (noon) – 1pm (this includes carcass animals).
8. Minimum weight is 1000 lbs. live weight at time of slaughter.
9. There is only one (1) carcass entry per exhibitor. (You must choose beef or swine for your one (1) carcass entry, you can't do both).

- a. Exhibitors may tag-in four market beef and declare which ONE beef that will be used as their carcass animal before they arrive at the processing facility.
 - b. Dairy projects and beef projects will be judged together due to the lack of numbers, but the dairy projects will sell at the end of the live dairy projects in the order placed by the judge.
10. Athens County Junior Fair is not responsible for any butcher bills or other costs regarding exhibitor participation in the carcass class.
11. SALE: All carcass animals are eligible to sell but are not required if the exhibitor chooses not to do so, unless they are Grand or Reserve Carcass.
 - a. All carcass animals that plan to sell will be placed in sale order deemed by the Sale Committee and sold during the Athens County Jr Fair Livestock Sale.
 - b. All carcass animals that DO NOT plan to sell through the Athens County Jr Fair Livestock Sale – the exhibitor is responsible for any butcher bills or other costs associated with their participation in the carcass class.
 - c. Carcass animals will be sold at the conclusion of the live Market Beef Sale, in the following order Grand Champion Carcass, Reserve Champion Carcass, and the remaining carcasses in the order they were placed by the judge.
 - d. Exhibitors are allowed to sell one carcass animal and one live animal through the Athens County Jr Fair Livestock Sale.
12. ALL Athens County Junior Fair market animals are expected to be continuously drug free and should complete online Drug Use Notification (DUNF) Forms.
13. Market Beef Carcass Class will be dropped off at _____ Processing Facility on July _____, 2025, from _____ am to _____ pm. (These will be determined at a later date and time).
14. Any questions can be directed to the Athens County Senior Fair Board Carcass Class Committee. (Chair: Calvin Jarvis)

MARKET SWINE and SWINE CARCASS

42. All market swine must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by May 1 prior to the fair. Care includes a complete set of records. Market swine must be born on or after January 1 of the current year.
43. All male market hogs must be castrated. Market hogs must be completely healed prior to fair. Market hogs showing testicular signs will be removed from the fairgrounds.
44. Market swine will be identified on the second Wednesday in May with ear tag. Market Swine will be brought to the fairgrounds to have an EID tag put in their ear. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tag-in.
45. Exhibitors may register up to four (4) market swine. Up to four (4) market swine can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
46. All market hogs must weigh 210 pounds or above at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to sell.
47. All Market hogs will be weighed for final show weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.

Market hogs must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market hogs will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.

48. Market hogs will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
49. A pair of market hogs class will be held for any Junior Fair Market Swine exhibitor who wishes to participate. A pair of market hogs consists of two (2) hogs which are shown together and judged as a unit. Once an animal is selected grand or reserve grand champion in the singles market class, it cannot reenter the show ring for the pair's class.
50. All **PAIR** of market hogs, except the Grand Champion, will not be sold through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, but will be taken home or sold commercially.
51. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Swine exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET SWINE CARCASS CLASS

1. The Athens County Junior Fair Market Swine Carcass Class is intended to be an educational experience for young producers in the swine industry. The carcass class is recognized as one of the most valuable learning experiences in swine production that exhibitors can take part in, and participation is highly encouraged. Additionally, this exclusive experience introduces youth to top performers in the industry – professors, professionals, packing management, facilities, and more.
2. The agricultural industry is shifting in Southern and Southeastern Ohio with the introduction of a Meat Science program at the University of Rio Grande, and expanding workforce development preparation goals by Ohio 4-H. By introducing a Junior Fair Market Swine Carcass Class, the local 4-H and FFA programs can support youth in “learning by doing,” and completing hands-on project work with a potential for continuing education.
3. Evaluation will be completed by a qualified meat inspector/grader and will be placed from best to last.
 - a. Exhibitors are required to be present at the processing facility for the explanation of placings and final results; date and time will be determined.
4. All general rules and requirements of the traditional Athens County Junior Fair program pertain. Junior Fair exhibitors adhere to the guidelines and expectations set forth by 4-H, FFA, and the Athens County Junior Fair.
 - a. All members enrolled in the Market Swine Carcass Contest must fulfill the annual Quality Assurance training requirement to meet ODA livestock quality assurance and Athens County Junior Fair standards.
 - b. All members enrolled in the Market Swine Carcass Contest are required to participate in a custom built Skillathon during the week of the fair to be able to participate in the sale
 - c. A customized record book must be completed and submitted upon delivery of the carcass project.
 - d. Each exhibitor must exhibit another animal of the same species at the fair.
5. The Market Swine Carcass Project falls under the Market Swine Project and follows the rules set forth for market swine.
6. TAG IN: Market swine will be identified on the second Wednesday in May with ear tag. Market Swine will be brought to the fairgrounds to have an EID tag put in their ear. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tag-in.
7. Minimum weight is 210 lbs. live weight at time of slaughter.
8. There is only one (1) carcass entry per exhibitor. (You must choose beef or swine for your 1 carcass entry; you can't do both).
 - a. Exhibitors may tag in four (4) market swine and declare which one (1) will be used as their carcass animal before they arrive at the processing facility.
9. Athens County Junior Fair is not responsible for any butcher bills or other costs regarding exhibitor participation in the carcass class.
10. Carcass animals must be delivered to the Athens Livestock Sale to be weighed to determine minimum live weight requirements. Then they will be delivered to the slaughter facility at a predetermined date, time, and location.

11. SALE: All carcass animals are eligible to sell but are not required if the exhibitor chooses not to do so, unless they are a Grand or Reserve Carcass.
 - a. All carcass animals that plan to sell will be placed in the sale order deemed by the Sales Committee and sold during the Athens County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.
 - b. All carcass animals that DO NOT plan to sell through the Athens County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale - the exhibitor is responsible for any butcher bills or other costs associated with their participation in the carcass class.
 - c. Carcass animals will be sold at the conclusion of the live Market Swine Sale, in the following order Grand Champion Carcass, Reserve Champion Carcass, and the remaining carcasses in the order they were placed by the judge.
 - d. Exhibitors are allowed to sell one carcass animal and one live animal through the Athens County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.

12. ALL Athens County Junior Fair market animals are expected to be continuously drug free and should complete online Drug Use Notification (DUNF) Forms.

13. Market Swine Carcass Class will be dropped off at _____ Processing Facility on July ____, 2025 from ____ am to ____ pm. (These will be determined at a later date and time).

Any questions can be directed to the Athens County Senior Fair Board Carcass Class Committee (Chair: Calvin Jarvis).

MARKET LAMB

52. All market lambs must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by May 1 prior to the fair. Care includes a complete set of records.
53. Market lambs must be born on or after January 1 of the current year. Market lambs must have their milk teeth at the time of the fair. Market Lambs missing teeth will be disqualified from Market Show and Sale.
54. All market lambs must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the re-growth horn. All market lambs with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male market lambs must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market lambs showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
55. Market lambs will be identified on the second Wednesday in May with ear tag. Market Lambs will be brought to the fairgrounds to have an EID tag put in their ear.
56. Exhibitors may tag up to four (4) market lambs. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tag-in. Up to four (4) market lambs can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in, and show, by participant.
57. If the market lamb loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
58. Market lambs must weigh 95 pounds or above at final weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to sell.
59. All market lambs will be weighed for final show weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market lambs must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market lambs will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
60. Market lambs will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
61. A pen of two market class will be held for any Junior Fair Market Lamb exhibitor who wishes to participate. A pen of market lambs consists of two (2) lambs which are shown together and judged as a unit. Once an animal is selected grand or reserve grand champion in the singles market class, it cannot reenter the show ring for the pair's class.
62. All pen of two, except for the Grand Champion, will not be sold through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, but will be taken home or sold commercially.
63. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Lambs exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET RABBITS

64. Market Rabbits can come from exhibitor's own doe(s) or be purchased. Market Rabbits must be of market rabbit type. Rabbits must be under the care and ownership of exhibitor by the second Wednesday in July. Care includes a complete set of records.
65. Market Rabbit registration will be submitted online this year at FairEntry.com Registration will open on the first Wednesday of May at 8am and the deadline will be 8pm on the second Wednesday of May. A \$3.00 registration fee per pen is to be paid at the time of online registration. Payment is non-refundable. Any Exhibitor not submitting their entries online during designated time will not be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale.
66. Exhibitors may register up to two (2) pens of market rabbits. A \$3.00 per pen of two (2) rabbits, registration fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time Market Rabbit ID cards are turned in.
67. Market rabbits will be identified on the second Wednesday in July as designed by the Sale Committee. Market rabbits the exhibitor plans to bring to the fair for exhibit, show and sale, must be brought to the fairgrounds between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday in July to be identified. Any market rabbit not brought to the fairgrounds at the designated time and identified will not be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Show and Sale.
68. Exhibitors may tag up to four (4) market rabbits for one (1) pen of two, or up to eight (8) market rabbits for two (2) pens of two. The exhibitor must have registered for two (2) pens of market rabbits the second Wednesday in May to be able to tag-in up to eight (8) market rabbits for two (2) pens of two in July.
69. Market rabbits must not be less than 56 days and not over 70 days of age at check in Saturday of the fair. Market rabbits must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) and a maximum of 5 ½ pounds (88 oz.) per animal at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Show and Sale. Market Rabbit weights will be read and recorded in ounces.
70. Market rabbits must be checked in on Friday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market rabbits will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
71. Only market rabbits tattooed at the designated time set by the Sale Committee, two (2) rabbits for one (1) pen or four (4) rabbits for two (2) pens, can be brought to the fairgrounds to be weighed-in. (This applies only to the number of market rabbits that an exhibitor can bring to the fairgrounds.)
72. All market rabbits will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Exhibitor must designate which rabbits will be grouped **before** being checked-in. Market Rabbits cannot be switched around during or after check-in.
73. Rabbits must be quality graded by the judge. Only the highest quality grades will be eligible for the sale. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee.
74. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Rabbits exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET CHICKEN

75. A meat pen shall consist of the same breed **AND** purchased through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee. Market chicken must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor. Care includes a complete set of records.
76. Market Chicken registration will be submitted online this year at FairEntry.com Registration will open on the first Wednesday of May at 8am and the deadline will be 8pm on the second Wednesday of May. A \$3.00 registration fee per pen is to be paid at the time of online registration. Payment is non-refundable. Any exhibitor not submitting entries during the designated time will not be eligible to participate in the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale.
77. Chicks must be picked up at the fairgrounds at the designated time or exhibitor will not be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale and will forfeit their ownership of the chicks. Only Market Chickens ordered and purchased by the exhibitor through the Sale Committee are allowed for exhibition during the fair. Exhibitor may NOT replace chicks that have been injured or died with chicks from another 4-H member or purchased from another source.
78. A \$3.00 per pen registration fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time the market chicken ID cards are turned in.
79. Market chicken exhibitors can register a limit of two (2) pens, comprised of two (2) birds per pen, limit and must be bought in multiples of six (6) birds per pen, with a limit of twelve (12) birds per exhibitor.
80. Market chickens must be checked in on Friday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market chickens will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board. Leg bands will be placed on the market chickens by the Sale Committee at check-in.

Only market chickens purchased through the Athens County Sale Committee, two (2) chickens for one (1) pen or four (4) chickens for two (2) pens, can be brought to the fairgrounds to be weighed in. (This applies only to the number of market chickens that an exhibitor can bring to the fairgrounds.)

81. All market chickens will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market chicken exhibitors must designate which birds will be grouped to make up a pen **before** being checked-in. Birds cannot be switched around during or after check-in.
82. Birds must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) per bird at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show or Sale. Market Chicken weights will be read and recorded in ounces.
83. The judge's decision is final.
84. Exhibitor **MUST** be present and **SHOW** their market chickens in the show ring in order to have their market chickens judged and placed.
85. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Rabbits exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET DAIRY FEEDER CALVES

86. All market dairy feeder calves must be calves from one of the five (5) recognized American Dairy Association breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (red or black) and Jersey. Crossbred calves must be crossed with the five (5) recognized breeds only, no beef blood. Exhibitors must request a document from the seller at time of purchase, stating that the calf is of the five (5) main breeds, stating which breed(s) the calf is, and listing the seller's name and address. This document must be signed and dated by the seller. This paperwork must accompany the calf at tag-in on the second Wednesday in May. Calves without the proper documentation will not be allowed to tag in and will not be eligible to participate in the market show or in the Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
87. Market dairy feeder calves must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by May 1 prior to the fair. Care includes a complete set of records.
88. Market dairy feeder calves must be born between January 1 and April 1 of the current year.
89. Market dairy feeder calves must weigh at least **350** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.
90. All market dairy feeders must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the re-growth horn. All market dairy feeders with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market dairy feeders must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market dairy feeders showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
91. Market dairy feeder calves will be identified on the second Wednesday in May, by ear tag. Market dairy feeder calves will be brought to the fairgrounds to have the ear tag put in their ear.
92. Calves must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged, weighed or handled by the Sale Committee. Calves will be weighed-in at this time for a rate-of-gain contest.
93. Exhibitors may tag in four (4) market dairy feeder calves. Up to four (4) market dairy feeders can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in and show, by participant.
94. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
95. Market dairy feeder calves will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board. Calves must arrive at the fairgrounds at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
96. Market dairy feeder calves will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
97. After the sale, all market dairy feeder calves must be tied with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. The halter goes with the animal. The halter that is on the animal at the time of load out goes with the animal and will not be returned.
98. If a market dairy feeder calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to recover the missing ear tag if possible for identification purposes. An unreported ear tag could result in the exhibitor and animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
99. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Dairy Feeders exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET GOATS

100. All market goats must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by May 1 prior to the fair. Market Goats can be a wether or doe. Care includes a complete set of records.
101. Market goats must be born on or after January 1 of the current year. Market goats must have their milk teeth at the time of the fair. Market goats missing teeth will be disqualified from Market Show and Sale.
102. Market goats must weigh at least 60 pounds at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all qualifications to be eligible for sell.
103. All market goats must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market goats with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male market goats must be castrated and completely healed prior to the fair. Market goats showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
104. Market goats will be identified on the second Wednesday in May, by an ear tag. Market goats will be brought to the fairgrounds to have the ear tag put in their ear.
105. Exhibitors may tag in four (4) market goats. Up to four (4) market goats can be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday of the fair for exhibition, weigh-in and show, by participant.
106. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
107. Market goats will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board. Market goats must arrive at the fairgrounds at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
108. Market goats will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
109. If a market goat loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to recover the missing ear tag if possible for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.
110. A market goat pair's class will be held for any Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitor who wishes to participate. A pair of market goats consist of two (2) goats which are shown together and judged as a unit. Once an animal is selected grand or reserve grand champion in the singles market class, it cannot reenter the show ring for the pair's class.
111. All pairs, except Grand Champion, will not be sold through the Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale, but will be taken home or sold commercially.
112. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Goats exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET TURKEY

113. Market turkey pen shall consist of one turkey, preferably a tom turkey, of the same breed AND purchased through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee only. Market turkeys must be under the care and ownership of the exhibitor by the designated pick up date. Care includes a complete set of records.
114. Exhibitor showing a market turkey project must turn in a Market Turkey ID card on the first Wednesday of February 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the designated area on the fairgrounds. Anyone not turning in a Market Turkey ID card at the designated time will not be eligible for the market turkey show.
115. Market turkey ID cards turned in on the first Wednesday in February will be used to order turkeys. Turkeys must be paid for at the time ID cards are turned in; payment for turkey is non-refundable. Turkeys must be picked up at the fairgrounds at designated time or exhibitor will not be eligible for the market turkey show and will forfeit their ownership of the turkeys. Only Market Turkeys ordered and purchased by the exhibitor through the Sale Committee are allowed for exhibition during the fair. Exhibitor may NOT replace turkeys that have been injured or died with turkeys from another 4-H member or purchased from another source.
116. A \$3.00 per entry registration fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time the market turkey ID cards are turned in.
- An entry shall consist of a single (1) turkey. Exhibitors can register a limit of two (2) entries, two (2) birds. Exhibitors can purchase up to eight (8) turkeys. Exhibitors can bring only one (1) market turkey for one (1) entry or two (2) market turkeys for two (2) entries.
117. Market turkeys must be checked in on Friday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market turkeys will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board. Leg bands will be placed on the market turkeys by the Sale Committee at check-in.
- Only market turkeys purchased through the Athens County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee, one (1) turkey for one (1) pen or two (2) turkeys for two (2) pens, can be brought to the fairgrounds to be weighed-in. (This applies only to the number of market turkeys that an exhibitor can bring to the fairgrounds.)
118. All market turkeys will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
- Market Turkey must weigh a minimum of fifteen (15) pounds at time of weigh-in. There is not a maximum weight.
119. This is a tom turkey project. Tom turkeys are much preferred, but hen turkeys may show.
120. The judge will make the determination for class eligibility and the judges' decision is final.
121. Exhibitor MUST be present and SHOW their market turkey in the show ring in order to have their market turkey judged and place for sale order.
122. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Turkeys exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

BEEF FEEDER CALVES

123. Beef feeder steers and heifers (no dairy blood). Beef feeder steers and heifers must be born on or after January 1, of current year. They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting by the first Wednesday of June. Care includes a complete set of records.
124. All beef feeders must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the re-growth horn. All beef feeders with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male beef feeders must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Beef feeders showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
125. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose beef feeder calves that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The beef cattle judge or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
126. Beef Feeder Calves must weigh at least **300** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale. All Beef Feeder Calves will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
127. Beef Feeder Calves will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
128. Identification for the Beef Feeder Calves shall be: 1) ear tag on the first (1st) Wednesday in June. Procedures for tag-in are as follows:
- A. No Beef Feeder Calves unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
 - B. Beef Feeder Calves must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhaltered cattle will not be tagged or handled by the Sale Committee.
 - C. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - D. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - E. Actual tagging to be done by Sale Committee members.
 - F. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
 - G. If the calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.

Beef Feeder Calves exhibitors may tag-in and show up to two (2) beef feeder calves. Beef Feeder Calves must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Beef Feeder Calves will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.

129. After the sale, all beef feeders must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the beef feeder. Whatever halter is on the beef feeder at the time of load out, goes with the beef feeder and will not be returned.
130. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Beef Feeders exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

PROSPECT HEIFER CALVES

131. Prospect heifers (no dairy blood). Prospect heifers must be born on or after January 1, of current year. They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting by the first Wednesday of June. Care includes a complete set of records.
132. All prospect heifers must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the re-growth horn. All prospect heifers with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. Prospect heifers showing more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
133. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose prospect heifer calves that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The beef cattle judge or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
134. Prospect heifer calves must weigh at least **300** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale. All Prospect Heifer Calves will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
135. Prospect Heifer Calves will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
136. Identification for the Prospect Heifer Calves shall be: 1) ear tag on the first (1st) Wednesday in June. Procedures for tag-in are as follows:
 - H. No Prospect Heifer Calves unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
 - I. Prospect Heifer Calves must be haltered with a rope halter for tag-in. Unhalted cattle will not be tagged or handled by the Sale Committee.
 - J. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
 - K. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
 - L. Actual tagging to be done by Sale Committee members.
 - M. A \$3.00 per animal fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
 - N. If the calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.

Prospect Heifer Calves exhibitors may tag-in and show up to two (2) prospect heifer calves.

Prospect Heifer Calves must be checked in on Saturday of the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Prospect Heifer Calves will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.

137. After the sale, all prospect heifers must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the prospect heifer. Whatever halter is on the prospect heifer at the time of load out, goes with the prospect heifer and will not be returned.
138. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Prospect Heifers exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition at the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

MARKET BEEF – Show Procedure

Market Beef weighing less than 1000 pounds and/or not meeting the weight gain requirement, are not eligible for the market beef show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the beef showmanship class.

Market Beef – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market beef must gain at least 300 lb. from the time of the first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lbs. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

Market Beef are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair. Market Beef steers and heifers will show together.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market beef from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Beef. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market beef from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market beef. This continues until the top TEN market beef are placed.

The market beef not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market beef that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market beef have been put in sale order.

MARKET DAIRY STEER– Show Procedure

Market Dairy Steer weighing less than 1000 pounds and/or not meeting the weight gain requirement, are not eligible for the market beef show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the beef showmanship class.

Market Dairy Steer – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market dairy steer must gain at least 300 lb. from the time of the first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lbs. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

Market Dairy Steer are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market dairy steer from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Dairy Steer. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market dairy steer from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market dairy steer. This continues until the top TEN market dairy steer are placed.

The market dairy steer not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market dairy steer that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market dairy steer have been put in sale order.

MARKET DAIRY FEEDER – Show Procedure

Market Dairy Feeders weighing less than 350 pounds or more than 700 lbs., are not eligible for the market dairy feeder show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the Market Dairy Feeder showmanship class.

Market Dairy Feeders – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market dairy feeder calves must weigh at least **350** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

Market Dairy Feeders are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market dairy feeders from each class enter the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Dairy Feeder. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market dairy feeder from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market dairy feeder. This continues until the top **TEN** market dairy feeders are placed.

The market dairy feeders not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market dairy feeder that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market dairy feeders have been put in sale order.

BEEF FEEDER CALVES – Show Procedure

Beef feeder calves weighing less than 300 pounds or more than 700 lbs., cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the beef showmanship class.

Beef Feeder Calves must weigh at least **300** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of the weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

Beef Feeder Calves are placed in weight classes after weigh-in Saturday of the fair. Beef Feeder steer and heifer calves will show together.

Beef Feeder Calves – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place beef feeder from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Beef Feeder. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place beef feeder from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place beef feeder. This continues until the top **TEN** beef feeders are placed.

The beef feeders not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the beef feeder that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying beef feeders have been put in sale order.

PROSPECT HEIFER CALVES – Show Procedure

Prospect heifer calves weighing less than 300 pounds or more than 700 lbs., cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the beef showmanship class.

Prospect Heifer Calves must weigh at least **300** pounds and **not more than 700 lbs.**, at the time of the weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.

Prospect Heifer Calves are placed in weight classes after weigh-in Saturday of the fair

Prospect Heifer Calves – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place prospect heifer from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Prospect Heifer. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place prospect heifer from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place prospect heifer. This continues until the top TEN Prospect heifers are placed.

The prospect heifers not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the prospect heifer that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying prospect heifers have been put in sale order.

MARKET GOATS – Show Procedure

Market Goats weighing less than 60 pounds are not eligible for the market goat show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the Market Goat showmanship class.

Market Goats – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market goats must weigh at least 60 pounds at the time of weigh-in of the fair and meet all qualifications to be eligible for sell. Market Goats are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair. Market goat wethers and does show together.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market goat from each class enter the show ring, judge selects Grand Champion Market Goat. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market goat from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market goat. This continues until the top TEN market goats are placed.

The market goats not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market goat that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market goats have been put in sale order.

MARKET PAIR OF GOATS

Market Pair of Goats will be called to the show arena. The judge will look at the pair selecting and dismissing the pairs as the judge deems, until the Grand Champion Pair of Goats is selected.

MARKET LAMB – Show Procedure

Market Lambs weighing less than 95 pounds are not eligible for the market lamb show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the Sheep showmanship class.

Market Lambs – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market lambs must weigh 95 pounds or above at final weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible to sell. Market Lambs are placed in weight classes after weigh-in on the fair.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market lamb from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Lamb. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market lamb from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market lamb. This continues until the top TEN market lambs are placed.

The market lambs not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market lamb that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market lambs have been put in sale order.

MARKET PEN OF LAMBS

Market Pen of Lambs will be called to the show arena. The judge will look at the pair selecting and dismissing the pairs as the judge deems, until the Grand Champion Pen of Lambs is selected.

MARKET TURKEY – Show Procedure

Market Turkey weighing less than 15 pounds is not eligible for the market turkey show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the poultry showmanship class.

Market Turkeys – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

Market Turkey must weigh a minimum of 15 pounds at time of weigh-in.

Market Turkeys are placed in weight class after weigh-in of the fair.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market turkey from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Turkey. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market turkey from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market turkey. This continues until the top TEN market turkey are placed.

The market turkey not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market turkey that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market turkey have been put in sale order.

MARKET SWINE – Show Procedure

Hogs weighing less than 210 pounds are not eligible for the market swine show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class which will be placed 1st through 5th and in the swine showmanship class.

Market Swine – Non-sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place the top 5, 5th through 1st

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market swine from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Swine. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market swine from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market swine. This continues until the top TEN market swine are placed.

The market swine not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market swine that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market swine have been put in sale order.

Based on the number of entries after Market Swine check-in at fair; Sale Committee will determine if Divisions will be needed. IF the Sale Committee makes the decision that divisions will be applied, the show procedure will then be as follows:

Market Swine are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair. Market Swine will be Market Swine weighing 210 pounds and over will be divided into 3 weight divisions by the Sale Committee.

Lightweight	(Example 210-235)
Medium weight	(Example 236-242)
Heavy weight	(Example 243-and up)

All hogs will then be divided into weight classes by the Sale Committee. The number of hogs in a class depends on weight range.

The first class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

The procedure continues until all classes are placed for the light weight division. Once, all classes in the light weight division are placed; the first place market swine from each class in the light weight division enters the show ring; Judge will select Division Champion Light Weight market swine. Once the Light Weight Division Champion is selected, bring in the second place from the class that the Division Champion came from, judge selects the Reserve Champion market swine for the light weight division. After the Reserve Champion Light Weight Division is selected, bring in the next place animal in the class the Reserve Champion Light Weight Division came from, judge selects the third place market swine in the light weight division. This continues until the top TEN market swine are placed for the light weight division.

This process will continue for the medium weight division as well as the heavy weight division.

The procedure for the selection of the Overall Grand Champion Market Swine will bring each Division Champion back into the show ring. The judge will select the Overall Grand Champion Market Swine. Once the Overall Grand Champion Market Swine is chosen, bring in the Reserve Champion Market Swine from the division that the Grand Champion came from; judge selects the Overall Reserve Champion Market Swine. After the Overall Reserve Champion Market Swine is selected, bring in the next placed animal in the class that the Overall Reserve Champion came from, judge will select the Overall Third Place Market Swine. This continues until the Overall top **TEN** market swine are placed.

ALL DIVISION TOP TEN MARKET SWINE MUST BE READY TO COME TO THE SHOW RING FOR SELECTION OF OVERALL TOP TEN MARKET SWINE. Exhibitors need to stay by their swine pen.

MARKET SWINE PAIRS

Market Swine pairs will be called to the show arena one at a time. The judge will look at the pair as they pass the announcers stand and will either direct the pair to enter the show ring or return to their pen in the barn.

The judge will hold four sets of pairs in the show ring. Selecting and dismissing the pairs as the judge deems, until the Grand Champion Pair of Hogs is selected.

MARKET RABBIT – Show Procedure

Market Rabbits pens with a rabbit weighing less than 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) or more than 5 ½ pounds (88 oz.) are not eligible for the market rabbit show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class and in rabbit showmanship class.

Market Rabbit – Non-Sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place top 5, 1st through 5th

Market rabbits must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) and a maximum of 5 ½ pounds (88 oz.) per animal at weigh-in of the fair. Market Rabbit weights will be read and recorded in ounces.

Market Rabbits are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair.

** If not enough pens of market rabbits. All Pens of Market Rabbits enter the show ring and are placed on the show table as one class.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market rabbit from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Rabbit. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market rabbit from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market rabbit. This continues until the top **TEN** market rabbit are placed.

The market rabbit not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market rabbit that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market rabbit have been put in sale order.

MARKET CHICKEN – Show Procedure

Market Chicken pens with a chicken weighing less than 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) pounds are not eligible for the market chicken show and cannot sell, but can be shown in a non-sale class and in chicken showmanship class.

Market Chickens – Non-Sale class will enter the show ring – Judge will place top 5, 1st through 5th

Market chickens must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ pounds (56 oz.) per bird at weigh-in of the fair. Market Chickens weights will be read and recorded in ounces.

Market Chickens are placed in weight classes after weigh-in of the fair.

The first weight class will enter the show ring, beginning with the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class; Judge places the class from bottom up to first.

This procedure continues until all classes are placed.

The first place market chicken from each class enters the show ring; judge selects Grand Champion Market Chicken. Once Grand Champion is chosen, bring in the second place market chicken from the class the Grand Champion came from, judge selects Reserve Champion. After Reserve Champion is selected bring in the next placed animal in the class the Reserve Champion came from, judge selects the third place market chicken. This continues until the top TEN market chicken are placed.

The market chicken not selected in the top ten will be placed in sale order according to their placing in their class. Placing will start with the market chicken that has the highest placement number in the lightest weight class and continue to the heaviest weight class, this process will continue until all qualifying market chicken have been put in sale order.