

# Williams County Jr. Fair Update

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Junior Fair time is fast approaching and I hope everything is going well with your Livestock Project(s). Take time to read this letter and pass it on to your parents as there is important information for the Ridin', Rockin' and Livestockin' 2019 Williams County Fair!

Be sure to read all Jr. Fair livestock division rules carefully that are outlined in your copy of the **2019 Williams County 4-H Handbook**. All livestock division rules, sale rules, and jr. livestock class information is listed there. This handbook can also be found online at <https://williams.osu.edu/williams-county-4-h-family-handbook> or at [www.wcofair.com](http://www.wcofair.com) under the FairBook tab. If you have questions finding this information, please call the office at 419-636-5608.

**Jr. Fair Entry Forms** are due at Livestock Interviews on August 7th. **Forms must be completed prior to arriving at interviews!** Dog projects- please turn in your forms to the Extension Office by August 1. More details on the next page.

**Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNFs)** must be fully completed prior to arrival at the fair gate. These forms will be passed out at livestock interviews. Please remember that feeder calf vaccinations still need to be administered by Aug. 7th!

**Destination forms** are due at time of weigh-in. Please be prepared to complete these forms upon arrival at the fairgrounds.

**All show numbers must be picked up by 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Jr. Fair Office.**

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**Please read through this newsletter carefully, as some show times, procedures, etc. have changed from last year.**

**Youth Fair Passes:** Jr. Fair (4-H & FFA) Youth in good standing that are age 12 and over on Jan. 1 of current year are eligible to receive a free youth pass. This includes members that exhibit still projects and livestock. Passes can be picked up from the Jr. Fair Office starting Friday, Sept. 6th.

## Livestock Interviews Times & Information – Wednesday, August 7

4-H and FFA members: In order to show or sell your livestock project at the Williams County Fair, you **must** successfully complete an interview at Livestock Interview Judging.

Early Interviews can be scheduled by appointment on Monday, July 22.

The interview should last 5 to 8 minutes and will involve talking about your project and reviewing parts of your project book. Interviews will be held on August 7 at the Gillette Building on the Williams County Fairgrounds. **Youth will also be required to complete one Skillathon for each species exhibited.**

To keep waiting to a minimum, please arrive at these times.

**6:00:** Montpelier, Edgerton  
**6:30:** Stryker, Pioneer, Edon  
**7:00:** Bryan, West Unity

### ***Needed For Interview***

- ◆ **Project book completed for years of experience**
- ◆ **Livestock Feed Record Up-to-date**
- ◆ **One page written report about what you did and learned**

### **Topics to Study for Skillathon**

Parts, Breeds, and overall general knowledge of your project

### **Instructions for Completing Jr. Fair Entry Forms**

**Please refer to the 2019 Williams County Handbook to complete Jr. Fair Entry Forms**

### **Jr. Fair Entry Forms—Due August 7**

Entry forms are needed from 4-H and FFA members planning on exhibiting a Jr. Fair project at the Williams County Fair. This includes livestock, horses, rabbits, poultry, FFA Crop and Shop. All entry forms must be turned in at the Livestock Interviews on August 7. **Dog project members should turn in the entry form by August 1.**

**\*NEW CHANGE** Please complete a separate Jr. Fair Entry form for **each species** you are taking. Exhibitors will turn each entry form into the corresponding Senior Fairboard Show Superintendent for their review at Livestock Interviews on August 7.

- Please be sure you are entering the correct class and event for your age as of January 1, 2019.
- Make two entries on the form if you have more than one animal in the same class.
- You must be registered in a showmanship class to compete in showmanship. Showmanship with horses is required.
- **Please write "No Showmanship" on the entry form if you do not wish to compete in showmanship for said species. This helps the office know that this isn't an oversight.**

\*Please be sure to completely fill out the following: Full name, address, phone, age, parents (for printing in the sale list and 4-H club/FFA chapter

- **Department:** Use correct number for your department (See 2019 Wms Co. Handbook or Fair Book.
- **Section:** **BC**-Beef Cattle, **DC**-Dairy Cattle, **GO**-Goats, **DO**-Dog /Small Animals, **HP**- Horse/Pony, **PO**-Poultry, **RA**-Rabbit, **SH**-Sheep, **SW**-Swine
- **Class:** Number of class
- **Class Description:** Write the Class Name, not a description of animal
- **Breed, sex, date of birth:** for breeding projects
- **ID#/Name:**
  - Swine, Sheep, Goats, Feeder Calves, and Steers must state EXACT Williams County tag number!
  - Rabbits must include tattoo number
  - List call name of Dogs and Horses only.
- **Signatures:** All 4-H Jr. Fair Entry Forms must be signed by the **member and a parent.**

## Outstanding 4-H Member Awards

Two Outstanding 4-H Teens and Two Outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> Year Members will be recognized for their overall 4-H success and achievement as a 4-H member at the spring recognition event.

**Outstanding Teens:** Complete a 4-H Achievement Record, available at the Extension Office or online at <https://williams.osu.edu/teen-opportunities>.

**Outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> Year Member:** Advisors are asked to write a brief essay about the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Member's 4-H involvement, club attendance, projects completed, county, club, and state level success, and other 4-H activities.

Essays and Achievement Records are to be turned in at the OSU Extension Office by **October 1**.

## Project Completion

If the project is unable to attend the fair due to inability to obtain animals by the possession date, or death, injury, or sickness of the animal, members are still able to complete their projects by bringing an educational display (poster) to the Fair.

The educational display should be on some aspect of the project. Be sure to let the office know if you cannot attend the Williams County Fair. The display should be exhibited in the club booth.

## Rabbit & Poultry Clinic—August 17

**The Rabbit Clinic** will be held on Saturday, August 17 at 9:30am. Rabbit exhibitors should report to the rabbit building to learn about showmanship. Afterwards, exhibitors can have their rabbits tattooed.

**The Poultry Clinic** will be from 9am-10am in the show arena. This is for beginning level poultry exhibitors to learn more about showing your animal.

\*No pullorum testing for 2019. Due to the shortage of antigen, pullorum testing has been waived for this year.

## Cloverbud Poultry

Cloverbud members that have previously signed up for the Cloverbud poultry activity are invited to participate in an interview along with their animals on Saturday, September 7 at 1:00pm at the Livestock Pavilion. Members should bring one (1) bird to the fair and are responsible for any necessary food, water, shelter, etc. to transport their animal to and from the fair. Upon completion of the interview, families are encouraged to return their animal to their home.

**Contact the Extension Office by August 15 to sign up.**

A negative pullorum test is typically required of all poultry that enter the Williams County Fairgrounds. However, due to the shortage of antigen, pullorum tests will not be required for 2019. Cloverbuds showing poultry are encouraged to attend the poultry clinic at 9:00am on August 17th.

## Cloverbud Rabbits

Cloverbud members that have previously signed up for the Cloverbud rabbit activity are invited to participate in an interview along with their animal on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 12:00pm in the Livestock Pavilion.

**Contact the Extension Office by August 15 to sign up.**

Members should bring one (1) rabbit to the fair and are responsible for any necessary food, water, shelter, etc. to transport their animal to and from the fair. Upon completion of the interview, families are encouraged to return their animal to their home.

For identification purposes, rabbits are required to have a tattoo at the Williams County Fair. If your rabbit does not already have a tattoo, please plan to bring your rabbit to the fairgrounds on Saturday, August 17, at 9:30am.

## Livestock Arrival/Weigh-In

All livestock, including horses, must arrive on Friday, Sept. 6 between 8:00am and 7:00pm. **All livestock must be in place by 7:00pm.** All market animals will be weighed upon arrival.

All livestock, including rabbits and poultry must enter the North/West gate. Horses will enter through the East gate.

There will be NO parking around the livestock buildings. All vehicles after unloading livestock are to park in the track infield toward the north end, according to the Williams County Senior Fairboard.

Please be sure to find pen assignments BEFORE unloading your animals. All pen assignments are final.

## DUNF Required

A separate Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) is required for each market lamb, goat, hog, feeder calf, steer, turkey, duck, goose, and rabbit, as well as lactating dairy goat, lactating dairy cow, pen of broilers, and pen of rabbits by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Forms must be **fully** completed and turned in at time of weigh-in. Members cannot show unless a completed DUNF has been turned in and accepted by a Senior Fairboard representative. DUNFs will be handed out at Livestock Interviews. When completing forms, notice that all medication (including medicated feed) administered in the 30 days prior to the fair, must be properly recorded on the form.

## Champions & Reserve Champions

In accordance with ODA regulations, all Champion and Reserve Champion market lambs, swine, goats, dairy steers and beef steers must go directly to market for inspection.

All animals entered into the Williams County Fair Sale must go directly to harvest/slaughter. Market animal buyers will choose to send animals direct or have them custom slaughtered only.

## Market Livestock Weigh-In

All market animals will be weighed upon arrival from 8:00 a.m – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6.

- ◆ Market Swine – weighed in swine barn
- ◆ Market Sheep, Market Goats and Market Beef weighed in Livestock Pavilion.
- ◆ Market Rabbits and Market Poultry weighed in the poultry barn.

The exhibitor (or a family member) must be present for weigh-in. Destination forms must be completed at time of weigh-in.

## Livestock Show Numbers/Fair Passes

All livestock exhibitors must pick up their show numbers and fair passes **no later than Saturday, Sept. 7th by 6:00pm in the Jr. Fair Office.**

No livestock books will be checked this year at the fair.

All livestock project books are to be completed as instructed in the project requirements for livestock interviews.

As a best practice, youth are still expected to keep their livestock records updated until their animal goes through the sale ring.

# Jr. Fair Destination Forms – READ CAREFULLY

**Exhibitors will fill out destination forms and have them signed by a parent or guardian at time of weigh-in.**

Destination forms are necessary for all market animal exhibitors.

Destination Forms are NOT for breeding animals of any kind. Breeding animals do not sell.

Complete a separate destination form for each entry type. For example: 1 for market steer, 1 for beef feeders, 1 for dairy feeders.

- ◆ Complete for under or over weight animals, so we know if they are going home or direct.
- ◆ Complete a form even if a member chooses not to participate in the sale.
- ◆ Be sure to have the correct Ear Tag# for the animal. (No changes can be made. When animals go to market, they are gone for good.)
- ◆ Indicate (X) the Destination for the animal. Choices are:
  - **Livestock Sale** – animal will be entered into the livestock sale.
  - **Direct** – animal will NOT enter the sale, but will be sold by the pound and not return home.
  - **Home** – animal will NOT enter the sale, will NOT be sold by the pound and WILL return home. No money will be received for the animal. (*Note: all swine and champions MAY NOT return home*)
  - **Custom Processor** – animal will NOT enter the sale, will NOT be sold by the pound, but will be picked up from the fair and will be processed as the owner desires. No money will be received from the Jr. Sale for the animal. **\*\*YOU** must contact the processor about which animal and how you would like it processed before the sale. *NOTE: make processing reservations early, as the businesses fill up fast.*

**Destination forms are due at time of weigh-in. There will be absolutely no changes to the destination form once it is turned in except in the event of a champion selection.**

Each Jr. Fair participant can sell only one (1) market animal unless multiple champion awards are received. Please decide, **before** arriving at the fair, which market animal will be entered into the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.

## Thank You!

Volunteers and donors are vital to the overall success of 4-H and the fair. They give their time, talents, and money to support Jr. Fair exhibitors. Members receiving medals, certificates, scholarships, trips, and other awards are encouraged make it a priority to express appreciation to the donors and sponsors who made the awards and scholarships possible.

Don't forget to thank your parents, trophy sponsors, livestock buyers and anyone else who helped you this year. Those two words will mean so very much to those who receive them! Be prepared by buying cards, and don't forget to send them promptly!

# Events at the Fair

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## **Pee Wee Showmanship**

Pee Wee Showmanship will be open to participants ages 8 and under (as of January 1) who are not exhibitors in the 2019 Williams County Jr. Fair. Showmanship species are dairy feeder calves, beef feeder calves, sheep, swine, and goats. See the Fair Book for details, and sign up to participate between 8:00am and noon on Saturday, September 7, in the Jr. Fair Office.

**Cloverbud Rabbit and Poultry Activities** will continue as before. See page 3 of this newsletter for more details about signing-up for this. This is different from the Pee Wee showmanship series.

## **Livestock Judging Contest**

The Williams County FFA Advisors will host a Livestock Judging Contest that is open to all ages on Sunday, September 8th in the Livestock Pavilion at 5 PM or 1 hour after the conclusion of the Swine show. Classes to be judged include: beef steers, dairy cows, and market lambs, goats, and sheep. There will be a Junior Division (13 and under) and a Senior Division (14 and older). Contestants compete individually however, teams consisting of three people may be selected prior to the competition for a team score. Sign-ups will be posted at the announcers stand in the Show Arena, Sept. 7th --Sunday, Sept. 8th. Prizes, that are sponsored by Wms. Co. Beef & Pork Producers, Wms. Co. Dairy Assoc. and Wms Co. FFA Chapters, will be awarded to the 1st place team in each division (total of team of 3 individual scores) and to the top three placing individuals in each division. Results will be posted Monday, September 9th and prizes will be awarded at the Showmanship Sweepstakes on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Contact Katie Frey with questions: [kfrey@hilltopcadets.org](mailto:kfrey@hilltopcadets.org) or 419-572-6171.

## **Animal and Me**

Once again, the Animal & Me program will take place on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM at the Livestock Pavilion. If you have signed up to be a mentor this year, plan to attend a meeting on Monday, August 19th at the OSU Extension office at 6:30pm. There will also be a meet and greet/practice with animals and mentors on Saturday, August 24th at 4:00p PM at the fairgrounds. This will give the participants a chance to work with the animals.

## **Horse Stall Decorating Contest**

Junior fair horse/pony exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their stall this year at the fair. Individual awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> place. Members may come up with their own theme, but make sure that the youth's name and 4-H Club/FFA Chapter is clearly visible. For members with more than one stall, only one stall can be entered into the judging competition.

## **Equine Versatility Show**

A Versatility Show will be held on Sunday, Sept. 8th after the speed show. Open to any Jr. Fair horse exhibitor, this gives members a chance to test their skills in a variety of classes from pleasure to speed events.

## **Youth Night at the Williams County Fair- Thursday, September 12**

Parade lineup at the north end of the track begins at 6:00 PM, with the parade beginning at 6:30 PM. The events that follow will include: Pork Producers Pig Scramble, Pullet Pursuit, Tug-O'-War Contest, Mutton Buckin' Contest, and Dairy Barrel Racing. See the 2019 Fair Book for more information.

# 2019 Williams County Jr. Fair Schedule

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## Monday, Sept. 2 – Thursday, Sept. 5

12:00 – 8:00pm 4-H Building Set-Up

## Friday, Sept. 6

8:00am – 7:00pm Livestock weighed upon arrival

8:00am – 9:00pm Pick up show numbers & fair passes, Jr. Fair Office

## Saturday, Sept. 7

7:30am – 6:00pm Pick up show numbers & fair passes, Jr. Fair Office

8:00am Opening Ceremony, Show Pavilion

8:30am Jr. Horse Show  
Showmanship & Pleasure, Horse arena

9:00am Jr. Dog Show, Flo Chirra Activities Shelter

9:30am Jr. Goat Show, Show Pavilion

12:00pm FFA Crop & Farm Shop Project Judging

1:00pm Jr. Poultry Show, Show Pavilion

4:00pm Jr. Fair King & Queen Coronation, Entertainment Stage

## Sunday, Sept. 8

8:00am Church Service, Show Pavilion

9:00am Jr. Swine Show, Show Pavilion East

10:30am Jr. Horse Show  
Gymkhana, Horse Arena

## Monday, Sept. 9

8:30am Jr. Sheep Show, Show Pavilion East

2:00pm Jr. Beef Show, Show Pavilion East

3:00pm Horse & Pony Team Tournament, Horse Arena

## Tuesday, Sept. 10

\*9:00am\*\* Jr. Dairy Show, Show Pavilion East

12:00pm Jr. Rabbit Show, Show Pavilion

6:30pm Animal & Me, Show Pavilion

## Wednesday, Sept. 11

5:00pm Showmanship Sweepstakes, Show Pavilion

## Thursday, Sept. 12

6:00pm Parade Line-Up, North end of race track

6:30pm

Youth Night, Grandstand

**No Animals Released**

## Friday, Sept. 13

6:00am – 8:00am Livestock not in sale released

8:00pm – 11:00pm Livestock not in sale released

## Saturday, Sept. 14

9:30am Jr. Fair Livestock Sale, Show Pavilion

4:00pm All animals to be out of the livestock barns

## Sunday, Sept. 15

8:00am – 2:00pm 4-H Building displays released