

Summary of Livestock Changes for 2024

All Livestock Fact Sheets:

Change - Animals brought to fair – Sunday, August 4th, 5-9 pm

Animals released from fair – Sunday, August 11th, 9 am till 1 pm (exception for Swine being sent to packers)

Change - Grooming/fitting of animals at the Erie County Fair should primarily be done by the Junior fair exhibitor, with limited help from other Erie County Junior Fair exhibitors, immediate family, and/or that exhibitor's 4-H club advisor or that exhibitor's FFA advisor. (*deletion of 'livestock species committee members'*).

Addition of rules:

Following the possession deadline established by the Erie County Junior Fair, an animal may only be exhibited by the project member in any junior livestock exhibition, including at the Ohio State Fair. In shows outside junior livestock shows/exhibitions, following the county possession deadline, a project animal may only be shown by the youth exhibitor or family members. If shown by a youth outside of the immediate family, this constitutes a change in ownership, and that animal would be ineligible for exhibit at the Erie County Fair. See Ohio Department of Agriculture's Livestock Exhibition Rules for additional details.

Leasing market animals for youth exhibition projects is not permitted under any circumstances. Exhibitors who are leasing breeding animals or dairy animals must submit a lease agreement to the Erie County Extension Office by May 11th.

Beef

Change to #21: All dairy and beef feeders will be required to receive a vaccine at the May tag-in that includes the following respiratory pathogens: IBR, BVD (Types 1&2), PI3, BRSV, Pasteurella, and Mannheimia. Feeders that will have nose-to-nose contact with pregnant cows upon return to the home farm will receive a killed vaccine product, which will need boosted in 2-4 weeks at home. A signed document stating they received the vaccine will need to be presented at check in. Feeders who will NOT have nose-to-nose contact with pregnant cows upon return to the home farm will receive a modified live vaccine, which will NOT need a booster. No paperwork is necessary to present at check in for these animals. Additionally, all feeders will receive an intranasal respiratory vaccine from the veterinarian upon arrival at the fair.

Swine

Change: Division 1 weight range will be 210-244# and Division 2 weight range will be 245-280#.

Change to #16: B. Date and time of Junior Fair and Open Show hogs being sent to a packer is TBA.

C. The top 10 Junior Fair Hogs and potentially some additional custom butcher hogs will be released on Sunday beginning at 9 am. All hogs must be gone by 1 pm.

Change to #18: Hogs weighing from 210# to **280#** will be eligible for the showmanship, market class, champion, and the livestock sale.

Rabbit

Change to #9 of General Exhibit Rules and Requirements: Breeding rabbit check-in/tattooing will be held at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. All breeding rabbits must be in the exhibitor's possession by this date. **Exhibitors may tattoo up to five breeding rabbits.** The rabbits you bring to fair MUST come from these rabbits. Every breeding rabbit, must either a) be registered through FairEntry by Wednesday, May 8th at 11:59 p.m. OR b) come to the fairgrounds on May 11th for check-in (and tattooing, if needed).

Addition of rule- #10 of General Exhibit Rules and Requirements: Exhibitors enrolled in a breeding rabbit project may show a maximum of four breeding rabbits. Exhibitors may have only one entry per class (bucks and does will show separately by breed).

Goat

New for 2024: Erie County Fair Certificate of Identification for Goats form. It will be added as the last page of the factsheet.

Addition: All market goats must be dehorned. All other goats CANNOT have horns or scurs more than 1 inch in length from tip (of horn) to skull. The only exceptions are angora goats. A scur is a re-growth that develops after a goat has been dehorned. Any scur or horn removal should be done at least a month before the Erie County Fair.

Addition to #18:

- d. We encourage exhibitors to annually check tattoos and microchips. If there is a question about the legibility of a tattoo or the presence of a microchip, bring your goat(s) to the Goat Identification Check on May 11th or reach out to a goat key leader or York Veterinary Clinic before interview judging on July 18th. Just because a goat has been shown at the Erie County Fair previously does not guarantee it has acceptable scrapie identification for the current year. **NO GOATS WILL BE TATTOOED THE NIGHT OF FAIR CHECK-IN. GOATS WITHOUT PROPER SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION WILL BE SENT HOME.**
- e. Exhibitors must bring to interview judging on July 18th either: A) a copy of each goat's registration paper (copy will be kept by committee) or B) copy of microchip registration certificate (copy will be kept by committee) or C) a completed copy of the Certificate of Identification for Goats (which can be found at the end of this fact sheet). This paperwork should still be brought to fair check-in (by the exhibitor) for verification by the veterinarian.

Change to #22: Pens will be assigned by the goat committee and take into account number of animals, breed, and availability when making assignments. If a tack pen is not required, please let committee know. The amount of pens you ask for is not guaranteed. Only goat committee members will hang stall cards. Pens cannot be changed without committee approval.

NEW for 2024: Market Goats (boer and boer cross) will be shown on Wednesday of the fair at 3:30 pm, prior to the sheep show which begins at 5 pm**

Change to #4- Rules Specific to Market Goats: **Boer market goat exhibitors show attire is long pants, collared shirt, and footwear that covers the entire foot.** Dairy market exhibitors show attire is long white pants, white collared dress shirt or blouse with sleeves (tucked in at waist) and footwear that covers the entire foot. Please pull long hair back. No sandals, low rise pants or midriff tops should be worn.

Change to #5-Rules Specific to Market Goats: Market goats will be divided into two classes: Dairy Market Kids **(shown on Friday)** and Boer & Boer Cross-Market Kids **(shown on Wednesday).**

Change to #3- Rules Specific to Pack Goats: 3. **Proper show attire includes long pants, collared shirt, and sturdy shoes or boots appropriate for hiking.** Long hair should be pulled back. No open toed shoes, sandals, mid-riff tops, and low rise pants are permitted.

Addition of Presentation of Market Rate of Gain in Show Order

Sheep

Change to #9: There will be no in-person tagging for lambs. **Market and breeding lambs must be entered into the animal ID section of FairEntry by May 11th at 11:59 p.m.** Exhibitors must include pictures with their entries, including a head picture with scrapie tag number clearly visible and a side profile picture. The entire scrapie tag number must be entered into the Fair Entry program.

Change to #11: Market lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 lbs to be eligible to show and sell.

Poultry

Change to Project description 150TE-Turkey, Exhibition (Fancy): **Can show up to 2 turkeys.** These are show variety, not market. If showing 2 turkeys, they must be of different breeds.

Change to #7: All birds must be hatched after January 1 of the current year. Pullets should be hatched after January 1 and before April 1 of the current year. (The only exceptions are Hen & Egg project birds **and Gamebirds.**)