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INGHAM COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Exhibitor Handbook



2025 INGHAM COUNTY FAIR
July 28 - August 2, 2025
Ingham County Junior Livestock
Exhibitor Handbook

Judging Schedule

The following judging schedule is an overview of the Fair, please be certain to review the detailed information in the project area that you enter. Also note deadlines prior to Fair for scholarship applications, special awards, etc.

Date	Day	Time	Species
7/28	Monday	8 a.m.	Poultry
7/28	Monday	9 a.m.	Dairy Steers/Feeders
7/28	Monday	5 p.m.	Beef
7/29	Tuesday	8 a.m.	Rabbits, Cavies, Pets
7/29	Tuesday	8 a.m.	Swine
7/29	Tuesday	4 p.m.	Goats - Meat type breeds and all Market Goat including Dairy Market as well as showmanship for the same exhibitors
7/29	Tuesday	30 minutes following Goats	Sheep
7/30	Wednesday	9 a.m.	Dairy
7/30	Wednesday	Noon	Goats - All Dairy/ Companion goat classes and Showmanship for the same exhibitors, Costume and pack class
7/30	Wednesday	3 p.m.	Livestock Judging
7/31	Thursday	Noon	Large Animal Auction
8/1	Friday	9 a.m.	Little International (Small Animal)
8/1	Friday	6:30 p.m.	Little International (Large Animal)
8/2	Saturday	11 a.m.	Small Animal Auction

Ingham County Fair Youth Livestock Show General Rules

1. Participation in Youth Livestock Departments is open to youth who are members of clubs in Ingham County including but not limited to 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Religious Youth Organizations, Community Youth Organizations, School Clubs, sports clubs. While there is not an Ingham County residency requirement, there is an Ingham County Club requirement. The Club must be indicated when registering for classes on ShoWorks.
 - A. New clubs that have not previously registered with the Fair must submit a club application and get approval from the fair office by April 15th to be eligible to show and sell. The club application can be found at www.Fair.ingham.org.
2. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 5 and 19 as of January 1st of the current Fair year unless specified otherwise in specific project rules.
 - A. 5 - 6 years of age: Pee Wee Classes (able to show another exhibitors animal)
 - B. 7 - 19 years of age: able to show their own animal and sell in the auction.
3. **Exhibitors may not show the same project in more than one Fair in the same year.**
4. Fair entries & fees are due by June 20th through ShoWorks. If you need assistance registering, please contact the Fair Office. There will be no judging of exhibits which have not been entered.
5. Admission into the Fair will cost youth exhibitors \$12 for the week. Siblings to exhibitors under age 18 are eligible for \$12 admission wristbands.
 - A. There will be a \$15.00 fee for replacement of lost wristbands.

6. **EXHIBITS BY YOUTH WITH DISABILITY CONDITIONS:** All youth regardless of disability conditions or lack thereof must meet all requirements as announced in the Premium Book. Entry Tags on Exhibits made by Youth with disability conditions should include a handwritten letter "D" clearly visible to Fair Officials at time of judging. Participants 26 years of age or younger, who have been determined to be eligible for special education services by the local school district, will be able to exhibit in Youth Livestock Departments.
7. Exhibitors should wear neat, clean outfits & appropriate footwear. No shorts allowed while showing.
8. YQCA certificates must be turned in at check-in for all large animals.
9. Exhibitors must have their livestock projects in their possession by the date specified in each specific project area of the Fair Premium Book.
10. Exhibitors shall show their own animals, unless special permission from the Superintendent is given for a substitution. All market livestock exhibitors must be the owner of their animals. For showmanship classes a member must show their own animal & this animal must be shown in another market or breed class by the same member. Arrangements may be made with the superintendent (at animal check-in) in the case of extenuating circumstances if a member will not be able to exhibit their own animal.
11. First & second place winners in Sheep, Swine, Beef, Dairy, Dairy Market & Goat showmanship classes and the two highest placed members in the Horse showmanship are eligible to compete in the Large Animal Little International Contest. First place winners in the Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, and Dog showmanship classes are eligible to compete in the Small Animal Little International Contest.
12. All livestock must conform to the most current Health Requirements from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.
13. All livestock exhibitors, superintendents, & leaders are expected to read & follow the Ingham County Fair Animal Health Plan.
14. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed, bedding, water pails, troughs & pitchforks.
15. All exhibitors are expected to assist with the set-up & tear-down of pens, cages, & exhibit areas on the designated day & time for each species they exhibit. Dates & times will be announced by each superintendent & published by the Fair Office.
 - A. See Superintendent about assigned stalls for your club.
16. Clubs are held responsible for cleaning stall space assigned to them. Animals of each club will be stalled together by species as much as possible. Clubs are required to house beef & dairy separately.
17. All livestock will be washed & fed in designated areas only. Exhibitors using any area other than the designated wash rack for washing of animals and/or feed pans will be asked to remove their animals from the Fairgrounds immediately.
18. All livestock will be judged in the order the superintendent posts. Judges may alternate breeds by Classes. All market classes are divided by superintendent according to weight.
19. Ribbons will be given according to placing marked in the judge's records. **THE JUDGE'S RECORDS ARE FINAL.**
20. NO JUDGE SHALL JUDGE ANY EXHIBIT IN WHICH SHE/HE HAS A FINANCIAL OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY INTEREST.

Release of Exhibits

1. All take home animal exhibits (including tack & displays) will be released between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday August 3rd, unless otherwise noted. **All animals MUST have access to water & food until they are released.**
2. **If an animal or exhibit is removed from the fair early without permission from the species superintendent, the exhibitor will forfeit all awards and sale money and will not be allowed to show the following year.**

Code of Conduct

1. The Ingham County Junior Livestock Association and Fair Board are committed to a safe and respectful show environment and experience that respects the rights of each and every attendee. All exhibitors' parents, and other spectators are expected to exhibit outstanding sportsmanship as well as abide by the standards of the Code of Conduct.
2. The ICJLA Code of Conduct requires exhibitors, their parents, leaders, spectators, etc. to refrain from the following:
 - A. Behavior that is unruly, disruptive or illegal in nature.

- B. Any possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the areas where animals are being penned or handled.
 - C. Intoxication or other signs of alcohol or substance impairment resulting in poor behavior.
 - D. Foul, obscene, threatening, offensive or abusive language, gestures or actions.
 - E. Interfering with the progress of the show.
 - F. Failing to follow the instructions of show personnel.
 - G. Fighting or physical violence of any type.
 - H. Conduct that endangers any other person.
3. Violators of the ICJLA Code of Conduct, as well as their immediate family members, are subject to disciplinary action included but not limited to cancellations of all premiums as well as suspension from current and future ICJLA events, at the sole discretion of the Superintendents/Directors.
4. Under no circumstances should a leader, exhibitor or a parent be confrontational, verbally harass, or argue with a judge or a Superintendent, nor complain to people in the area. Complaints & suggestions are taken at The Fair Office. Please remember that showing at the Fair implies that you are asking for the judge's opinion & agreeing to accept it. See Enforcement & Handling Disputes on the following page.

Livestock Health, Care & Ethics Rules

1. **Each exhibitor is responsible for the complete care of their animals at the fair. If animals are found not watered, fed, milked, or pens/stalls not cleaned, the exhibitor & animal may be excused from the fairgrounds & forfeit ability to show next year at the discretion of the Junior Livestock Association & Fair Manager or designee. The exhibitor may forfeit all awards earned!**
2. It is the expectation of the fair management that all animals, exhibit areas & pens will be cleaned **daily** & animals are fed by 8:00 a.m. or prior to the species show, whichever is earlier. Exhibitors may complete evening chores after the conclusion of the show activities for the day. **Exhibit animals are on display to the public—exhibitors should strive to always maintain cleanliness.**

Homegrown Livestock (Beef, Sheep, Swine)

1. The learning objective of the homegrown class is for youth to have the opportunity to experience the market animal project from birth through marketing of the animal. Exhibitors should gain & be able to demonstrate skills in animal husbandry, critical thinking, decision-making, & record keeping through their animal project.
2. Youth must be in possession of & own or lease (with written documentation) the mother of the animal being exhibited at the time of birth of the project animal.
3. Youth must complete the Homegrown verification form and turn into superintendent no later than March 15th.
4. The project animal & Dam must be housed on the property of the youth's immediate family (parents or grandparents) throughout the duration of the entire project cycle.
5. Youth is to provide at least 80% of management & labor for project animals.

Livestock Auction General Rules

1. No exhibitor is permitted to act as bidder on any animal in the sale.
2. Youth exhibitors may not sell the same species in livestock sales in two different counties.
3. Animals **MUST** be shown to sell; the animals' placing in market class will determine sale order. Animals not shown on show day cannot be sold in the sale. Any disqualified animals will not be sold at the auction. Judges, Superintendents, and ICJLA Representatives may also prohibit animals from being sold if declared unfit.
4. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to get their animals to the sale ring. Members must sell their own animal unless authorized by the Superintendent to do otherwise.
5. Any animal entered in the sale and printed on the sale bill must be sold unless declared unfit by the superintendent. If not, that member will not be eligible for the next year's animal auction. Confirm with your superintendent if your animal will not be sold in the auction before Tuesday (it will be assumed all animals entered in market classes will be entered in the auction; small animals must complete auction entry cards at check-in); be sure to indicate post-fair shipping destinations.

6. Members are responsible to care for their animals until they are claimed by buyers or shipped. Animals must always have access to feed and water.
7. All animals are required to have safe & effective halters on until the buyer claims them or are sent to market. Exhibitors may not remove any ear tags or identification from animals exhibited, including Ingham County Fair tags. Check with the superintendent if you have questions.
8. Members must write a letter of appreciation to the buyers of their stock.
9. A commission rate of \$25,000 or 5%, whichever is lower, and does not include Add On's, on all stock and milk sold will be deducted from the selling price to cover expenses.
10. Show attire MUST be worn in the sale ring.
11. Market animals will not be released from the Fairgrounds no earlier than 8:00 a.m. Sunday (animals trucked to a terminal market by the ICJLA will be loaded out prior to take home animal release.)
12. Sale weight for all animals will be fair weigh-in weight.
13. Exhibitors winning Grand and Reserve Grand Champion awards in each species are required to sell. A member may sell a maximum of two lots per auction, unless the member has more than 2 Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion animals. If an exhibitor chooses to show 3 or more lots (per auction), they must sell all receiving "Grand" designation; if they receive 3 "Grand's", they must sell all 3 lots. If they do not receive "Grand" on all lots, they must sell all lots that receive "Grand" and may choose to sell an additional animal up to the allowable 2 sale lots per auction. A lot is considered 1 individual beef steer, dairy feeder, dairy steer, and 2 swine or sheep.

LARGE ANIMAL SALE Thursday, July 31st at 12:00 p.m. Main Arena Building

SALE ORDER FOR 2025: Dairy Steers, Beef Steers, Milk, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Feeders

1. Animals required to sell: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in the following species—swine, sheep, beef, dairy steer, dairy feeder, dairy milk, and beef carcass; Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion pens in the following species.
2. Exhibitors that choose to sell two individuals in the sheep or swine species will have their animals listed consecutively in the sale bill, thus selling both of their animals in the sale arena at the same time (superintendent or sale chairperson may instruct exhibitors to bring only one of the two animals they are selling). The exhibitor's order in the sale bill will be determined by the higher placing animal of the two individuals. Exhibitors will bring only one of the two animals they are selling to the arena unless the exhibitor is selling a Grand or Reserve Champion sheep or swine. A sale lot consists of one or two individual animals in the sheep or swine project.

SMALL ANIMAL SALE Saturday, August 2nd at 11:00 a.m. Main Arena Building

SALE ORDER FOR 2025: Goat Milk, Poultry, Rabbits, Goats

1. Animals will sell per head. Animals sold in the Small Animal Sale or for Resale are sold as is.
2. Pedigree papers on purebred animals must be presented to the Sale Committee before the sale.
3. Protected or licensed birds are not eligible for the sale.
4. In the event animals are resold in the auction, 100% of the price will go back to the Junior Livestock Association.
5. Members must sign up with the Superintendent to sell in sale by Tuesday
6. Meat animals plus breeding stock in the following areas may be sold: Poultry, Waterfowl, Rabbits, Turkeys; also meat goats and goat milk.

Livestock Drug Testing Policy/Procedure

Policies for the Fair and/or Executive Director/Livestock Supervisor

POLICY:

1. Ingham County Fair shall reserve the right to drug test any or all livestock entered the Ingham County fair at the discretion of the Fair Management or the Livestock Superintendent and/or his/her designated representative. (Exhibitors are required to administer only substances approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture and/or the Ingham County Fair for any animal/s.

2. Use of any drug, chemical or feed additive must be per the legal use of the approved chemicals/compounds and the applicable withdrawal period as recognized by the FDA must have expired prior to departure. The Fair's veterinarian authorized representative may collect urine, blood, hair, tissue and/or other samples as needed in order to conduct the test/s.
3. The expense for the drug testing, including lab and collection fees, shall go to the person/s owning the animal/s if the test results show proof of the improper/illegal drug use/residue of the drugs. They will also forfeit any ribbons, trophies, and/or premium monies. The expense of the drug testing, including lab collection fees will go to the person(s) owning the animal(s) if the test shows proof of the improper/illegal drug use/residue of the drugs. They will also forfeit any ribbons, trophies and/or premium monies. This violation will result in a one year suspension from the Ingham County Fair. In order to be permitted to show at the Ingham County Fair after the one year suspension, all animals brought by that exhibitor must pass a drug test prior to the Fair at the expense of the owner/exhibitor for the next three years. If the said animal/s is determined to be negative for any improper/illegal drug use/residues, the expense of the testing including lab and collection fees will be the responsibility of the initiating party.
4. Complaints must be filed within 2 hours of the show ending. A \$1,000 fee will be required to be paid to the Fair office by the complainant at the time the complaint is filed by cash only. If an exhibitor/parents' wishes to lodge a complaint against more than one exhibitor or multiple animals for the same exhibitor, the fee is \$1,000 per animal.
5. The exhibitor and/or parents who the complaint is against will have the opportunity to read the written complaint.
6. Unethical & inappropriate, otherwise inhumane treatment of animals for show preparation is not acceptable. **ANY VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION and subject to further review by the JLA executive committee, fair representative, and superintendent. and penalties.**
 - A. Drug use policy & procedures: Refer to Livestock Drug Testing Policy/Procedure in the General rule section of the Fair Book.
 - B. Any attempt to change the natural color of an animal, either purebred or crossbred, by changing the color of hair, fleece or skin at any point, spot or areas of the animal's body. False switches are not permitted.
 - C. Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
 - D. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
 - E. Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
 - F. Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body or hide.
 - G. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
 - H. The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
 - I. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, exhibitors, superintendents, & other show officials or other conduct detrimental to the exhibition or show.

PROCEDURES:

1. Request the animal drug testing supplies from the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Laboratory Division, at least thirty days prior to the event.
 - A. The request must be made by mail or FAX 517-337-5094. For questions or information, contact Gina Dewitt, Equine Drug Testing Section at 517-203-1356 or 517-337-5082.
2. Ensure that exhibitors are informed "well in advance" that drug testing may be conducted on their animals. Notification of the Fair's drug testing policy/procedure shall be included in the premium book.
 - A. NOTE: The fair has legal authority to require drug testing under the Animal Industry Act, Act 466 of 1988, as amended, in Section 40(3):" A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition, exposition or show."
3. Ensure that the exhibitors and their parents/guardian sign a Livestock Drug Testing Affidavit form (obtained from Fair Office) when a drug test occurs.
4. Ensure that a Fair's veterinarian/authorized representative conducts the drug testing.
5. Ensure that the exhibitor, parent/guardian and or animal representative accompany their animal at all times during the collection procedure. If the exhibitor has a representative accompany the animal for collection, make sure the exhibitor and his representative sign the "Exhibitor Representative" form. Forms are available at the Fair office
6. Disqualify any animal, live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives.

7. The Fair's veterinarian/authorized representative may collect urine, blood, hair, tissue and/or other test samples as needed.

ENFORCEMENT & HANDLING DISPUTES:

1. The project superintendent or their designated species representative from the Junior Livestock Association or Fair Board reserves the right to reject any exhibit in violation of rules. This includes species specific rules printed in this Fair book contained under general or specific project sections. Should there be a dispute regarding handling of a rule violation the complainant should first:
 - A. Contact the appropriate superintendent or their representative to discuss concerns and determine if rules have been violated.
 - B. If there is not satisfaction with the determination or resolution of the rules violation, a committee consisting of the superintendent, and three representatives from the ICJLA shall be designated to collectively review the rule violation.
 - C. The Fair Manager or their designee shall be kept informed of what decisions are being made should it be considered this may impact the Fair management/board.
 - D. The dispute resolution should be handled as quickly as possible. Situations occurring at the fair should be handled at the fair when possible.
 - E. Complaints regarding the conduct of an exhibitor should be addressed by ICJLA Representative & fair manager.
 - F. All sanctions or disciplinary actions to be carried out by ICJLA Representative or fair management (as appropriate to the situation).
2. **Infractions that involve breaking the law will be turned over to law enforcement.**

Sample Collection Procedures:

Performed by the Veterinarian/authorized representative

1. Verify the animal with the owner. Identify any tattoos, ear tags, ear notches that are on the animal. Whenever possible use USDA official identification vs. farm identification. Be sure to include this information on the "Sample Tag".
2. Open the sample case by breaking the seal, and noting the seal number. Immediately record the seal # in the top right box of the Sample Transmittal Packing List (see attached form with kit). Verify that each individual sample container has an intact "Security Seal".
3. Present the container for examination to the representative (exhibitor) of the animal you are about to test. If the container is rejected for any reason, use another container and return the defective one to the laboratory.
4. Open the container by pressing upward on the tab marked open, breaking the seal.
5. Place the container in a catching stick; fold the lid back and anchor it under the metal finger welded to the handle.
6. After collecting the sample, close the lid and snap it completely shut. Loop the barbed plastic strip on the sample container through the two holes in the container tabs and pull snug. Apply a short piece of evidence tape across the lid and down sides of the container.
 - A. NOTE: An example of a properly sealed and labeled container is included with the provided supplies.
 - B. NOTE: If a urine sample cannot be obtained, a Michigan Licensed Veterinarian/Veterinarian Technician may collect five tubes of blood. Each tube of blood must be identified with the tag number/barcode provided on the "Sample Tag". Seal all the labeled blood tubes inside a plastic sample container as described below.
7. Complete the information on a "Sample Tag" substituting the name of the fair for "Track", the name of the animal (Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Champion Steer, etc.) for "Horse" and the ear tag number or other unique identification number or "Tattoo". Have the representative of the animal sign under "Witness" after they watch the sample sealing.
8. Place one large sticker tag on the top of the container and the other large sticker tag on the side of the container. The bottom part of the "Sample Tag" must be kept in a secure manner for cross-reference when test results are reported. DO NOT send the bottom part of the "Sample Tag" to the lab.

9. Lock the sealed and labeled sample container in a metal can. Once the can is locked it cannot be opened until it reaches the lab.
 10. Samples must be held secure and cold until transferred to the laboratory.
- A. Note: urine can be kept frozen, blood must be kept refrigerated and never frozen.
11. Any discarded needles (“sharps”) should be placed in an approved “Sharps” container by the veterinarian/veterinarian technician.
 12. When all samples collection has been completed fill out the “Sample Transmittal Packing List. The packing list must identify by tag number all samples included in the case in which it is enclosed. Enclosed the completed “Sample Transmittal Packing List”, any unused supplies and regenerated/re-frozen freezer packs in the case and seal it with the provided intact case seal.

Maintaining Chain of Custody

Policies for the Fair and/or Executive Director/Livestock Supervisor

1. Transport samples to the lab either in person or by overnight express. Arrange samples to arrive at the lab during normal business hours (7:30am-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday). The lab is located on the campus of Michigan State University at: 1615 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.
2. Collect and retain signed Animal Certification Forms and the bottom half of the “Sample tag”. Both of these documents should be kept in a secure place until negative results have been received. In the event of a positive result these documents must be kept as evidence.

Troy Nealey Memorial Award



One of America's and Ingham County 4-H's finest!

Lance Corporal Troy D. Nealey, of the United States Marine Corps, age 24, a former Ingham County 4-H member, was killed in action on October 29, 2006, in the Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

This award was established at his request to recognize Ingham County 4-H members participating with large livestock showmanship, specifically beef, swine, and sheep. These are 4-H project areas that Troy participated in for 10 years as a 4-H member.

Recognition:

Awards are presented in Beef, Sheep, and Swine Showmanship as follows:

First place senior division: \$500, a plaque, and an embroidered chair
First place intermediate division: \$300, a plaque, and an embroidered chair
First place junior division: \$200, a plaque, and an embroidered chair

Youth honorees are also recognized on a memorial plaque honoring Troy located in the main arena at the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

If you would like to donate in honor of Troy, please mail your check to Junior Livestock Association, 700 E. Ash Street, Mason, MI 48854. Please make a notation of Troy Nealey Memorial Award. For questions regarding the fund, contact Ronda Palmatier at (517) 803-5558 or rondapal@msu.edu.



Youth Dairy Cattle

Superintendent – Dan Minnis (517) 719-5894

Assistant Superintendent – Sarah Minnis (517) 490-5740

Judging: Wednesday, July 30th – 9 a.m. - Main Arena

Arrival: Sunday, July 27th by 12:00 noon

Release: Saturday, August 2nd after 11:00 pm

Rules: Exhibitor should also review all General Rules & Animal Health Requirements.

1. Exhibitors are to fit, show, & take care of their own exhibits.
2. Exhibitors will furnish their own feed & bedding.
3. Eight & nine year old members are limited to one animal; ten to fourteen year old members are limited to 3 animals; 15 years old & over members are limited to 4 animals; but only one animal in any one Class, unless twins.
4. An animal may be exhibited in only one breed.
5. Judges discretion will be used if less than four in breed for Championship Ribbons.
6. Shirts or show coats with farm logo or name are not permitted.
7. **DUMPING OF MILK/MILK REPLACER IN WASH RACK ONLY.**
8. **Exercising of animals, only on east end of Main Arena or Ash Street Arena, no other areas PLEASE.**
9. RFID tags required for all bovine prior to arrival at fair.

Showmanship

1. Fitting & Showing Contest for all members. The animal must be fitted & shown by the Club Member & be the Member's own project.
2. White shirt & pants are traditional for Dairy Showmanship but are not required.

Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion Showmanship – Plaques

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons

35.18	Pee-Wee 5-6 year of age	22.001	Juniors, 7-11 years of age
22.002	Intermediate, 12-14 years of age	22.003	Seniors, 15-19 years of Age

Dairy Cattle

Junior Champion and Reserve Champion Female (each section) - Ribbons

Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Female (each section) - Ribbons

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Female (each section) - Ribbons

Club Herd: Three animals of any dairy breed, by three different club members - Ribbon

Supreme Grand Champion, All breeds - Ribbons

Supreme Reserve Grand Champion; All breeds - Ribbons

	Holstein	Red & White Holstein	Ayrshire	Brown Swiss	Jersey	Heritage All Other Breeds
Spring Heifer Calf; Born 3/1/25 and over 4 months old	22.100	22.200	22.300	22.400	22.500	22.600
Winter Heifer Calf; Born 12/1/24 - 2/28/25	22.101	22.201	22.301	22.401	22.501	22.601
Fall Heifer Calf; Born 9/1/24 - 11/30/24	22.102	22.202	22.302	22.402	22.502	22.602
Summer Yearling Heifer; Born 6/1/24 - 8/31/24	22.103	22.203	22.303	22.403	22.503	22.603
Spring Yearling Heifer; Born 3/1/24 - 5/31/24	22.104	22.204	22.304	22.404	22.504	22.604
Winter Yearling Heifer; Born 12/1/23 - 2/28/24	22.105	22.205	22.305	22.405	22.505	22.605
Fall Yearling Heifer; Born 9/1/23 - 11/30/23	22.106	22.206	22.306	22.406	22.506	22.606
Junior Two-Year-Old Cow; Born 3/1/23 - 8/31/23	22.107	22.207	22.307	22.407	22.507	22.607
Senior Two-Year-Old Cow; Born 9/1/22 - 2/28/23	22.108	22.208	22.308	22.408	22.508	22.608
Dry Cow, Three & Four Yr. Old; Born 9/1 three years ago to 12/31 four years ago (21 - 22)	22.109	22.209	22.309	22.409	22.509	22.609
Three-Year-Old Cow; Born 9/1/21 – 8/31/22	22.110	22.210	22.310	22.410	22.510	22.610
Four-Year-Old Cow and Older: Born before 8/31/21	22.111	22.211	22.311	22.411	22.511	22.611
Dry Cow, any age must have had at least one calf	22.112	22.212	22.312	22.412	22.512	22.612
Aged Cow; Born before 9/1 five years ago (20)	22.113	22.213	22.313	22.413	22.513	22.613



Youth Dairy Feeders/Steers

Superintendent – Jerry Schneider—517-819-9423
 Assistant Superintendent – Ben Smith – 517-712-9372
Judging: Monday, July 28 – 9 a.m. - Main Arena

Arrival: Saturday July 26th - 8 am and 5 pm OR Sunday, July 27th - 8 am to noon

Weigh In: Sunday, July 27th – 11 am to 1 pm

Release: Sunday, August 3rd between 8 am – 10 am

Rules: (Exhibitors should review the General Review and Animal Health Requirements):

1. Member may exhibit one dairy feeder or one crossbreed feeder. One dairy feeder may be brought to the Fair and sold.
2. Member may exhibit one dairy steer or one crossbreed steer. One dairy steer may be brought to the Fair and sold.
3. Dairy Feeder must be born between January 1 and March 1, 2025.
4. Dairy Feeder must weigh 350 to 700 pounds.
5. Bull calf must be castrated and dehorned by tagging date. No hard horns will be allowed to exhibit at the Fair. Any horns over two inches will be sent home.
6. Dairy Feeders must be tagged by the superintendent on **April 19th** at the Ingham County Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Tags are \$2.00 each. Members may tag up to two (2) animals.
7. Exhibitor is responsible for assuring dairy feeder is up to date with appropriate vaccination. Liability rests with exhibitor for non-compliance. Superintendent or designated leader will confirm with exhibitor at tagging that an appropriate vaccination has been administered.
8. All Dairy Steers must be tagged at weigh in on Saturday, February 15 2025 from 8:00-11:00 am at MSU Beef Research Facility, by the superintendent or designated leader. No late tagging. Exhibitors may tag up to two animals but exhibit one at the fair.
9. Dairy Feeder/Steers must be one of 6 major Dairy Breeds – **NOT CROSSED WITH A BEEF BREED unless shown as a crossbred feeder/steer.**
10. All animals must be left in a safe and effective halter as determined by superintendent.
11. All pens must be kept clean all week. Animals must have feed and water at all times.
12. For those who do not keep up with their chores, the animal will be red tagged.
13. Dairy feeders must use straw or wood shaving. No wood chips.
14. All cattle must have RFID tags (electronic ear tags)
15. Exercise animals on east end of Main Arena.

Showmanship

All Exhibitors must enter class
 There will be a runoff between the Champions for the Littler International
 Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons

Dairy Feeder		Dairy Steer	
35.17	Pee-Wee, 5 – 6 years of age		
23.001	Junior, 7 – 11 years of age	23.004	Junior, 7 – 11 years of age
23.002	Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age	23.005	Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age
23.003	Senior, 15 – 19 years of age	23.006	Senior, 15 – 19 years of age

Market

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder
 Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Cross Breed
 Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Steer
 Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Cross Breed

23.007	Dairy Feeder	23.008	Dairy Steer
23.009	Dairy Feeder Cross Breed	23.010	Dairy Cross Breed Steer



Youth Beef Cattle

Superintendent – Dan Dunsmore (517) 676-1730

Assistant Superintendent – Jessica Rogers (517) 937-4282 & Valerie Jackson (517) 525-9195

Clerks – Cheryl Hutchison, Tim Dunsmore

Judging: Monday, July 28th – 5 pm (following Dairy Market Show) - Main Arena

Arrival: Saturday July 26th - 8 am and 5 pm

Weigh In: Sunday, July 27th – 9 am to noon

Release: Sunday, August 3rd at 8 am – 10 am

Rules: (All exhibitors should review General Rules and Animal Health requirements)

1. Exhibitor meeting Sunday, July 27th at 5 p.m. in Beef Barn.
2. A member may exhibit two steers. An exhibitor may tag two (2) beef steers. An additional steer may be tagged for the same family.
3. RFID tags required and will be checked before you unload. Ages of animals will be recorded, for proper class placement. Classes will be divided after weighing.
4. Animals entered in classes 24.09 and 24.10 less than 1000 pounds will be shown in the Prospect Class and are not eligible for Grand Champion or to sell in the livestock auction.
5. All steers must be tagged at weigh in on, February 15, 2025 from 8:00-11:00 am at MSU Beef Research Facility. Cattle can **ONLY** be tagged prior; NONE after. Cattle tagged prior are not eligible for Rate of Gain. If tag is lost, call Superintendent. Homegrown forms must be submitted on or before weigh-in.
6. Beef will be shown according to rules. All market beef animals must be entered in market classes.
7. All livestock will be washed and fed in designated areas only. **Exercise animals on east end of Main Arena or Ash Street Arena, no other areas PLEASE.**
8. If a JLA Steer is picked for Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion, they will not be eligible to be shown in the Homegrown Class. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th overall market will be chosen, and are eligible to show in the Homegrown class.
9. Beef clubs may set up and decorate stalls from Wednesday through Saturday, do not set up and decorate on Sunday.
10. A first year member, if under eleven years of age, may show one female. Older members may show two breeding animals if each is in a separate class. Two steers may be shown in addition to breeding class animals.
11. All breeding stock must be in the Member's possession by May 1st of the current year.
12. Breeding heifers will check in with steers. RFIDs will be checked.
13. **Pee Wee Showmanship (class #35.19) are not allowed to bring their own calf to fair, but will be able to use one of the calves (up to 600 lb.) provided by a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior Showman. The Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showman will be used as mentors to the Pee Wee's. The Beef Peewee Showmanship will occur with the dairy feeder peewee showmanship on July 28, 2025.**

Showmanship

24.01	Junior, 7 – 11 years of age	24.02	Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age	24.03	Senior, 15 – 19 years of age
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Beef Carcass

RSVP by January 31, 2025

1. Exhibitors must drop off their carcass cattle to MSU Meat Lab on July 21st at 6:00 a.m.
2. The carcass cattle will be transported to MSU Meat Lab the morning after drop-off.
3. The cattle will be slaughtered and hung on at the MSU Meat Lab. The cost of processing is \$150 for kill fee and \$25 for transportation to Merindorf Meats. Merindorf Meats will pay for the processing fee to MSU Meat Lab, so the buyer will pay \$175 in addition to the carcass purchase price.
4. The carcasses will be graded on July 25th. The Youth Exhibitors and Parents are able to watch and learn about grading.
5. We will know the results on the day of the grading. The results will be shared with the exhibitor once the results come in.
6. The placings will be announced at the Beef Show on Monday, July 28, 2025.

24.04	Beef Carcass
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Market Beef

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animal (Steers & Heifers) Banners

24.05	Market Steers – All Breeds	24.06	Market Heifers – All Breeds
24.07	Homegrown (steer or market heifer) (Must be entered in individual market class)	24.08	Rate of Gain

Prospect

Class winner Ribbons

24.09	Prospect (Heifer or Steer) Up to 600 lbs – all breeds	24.10	Lightweight Prospect Feeder (Heifer or Steer) 601 to 1000 lbs – All Breeds
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Beef Breeding

If there are more than five head per class, the Beef Superintendent will divide the class.
Champion Female and Reserve Champion Female –Ribbon

24.11	Heifers born after 1/1/24 – all breeds	24.12	2 year old Cow/Calf pair, cow born after 1/1/24 – all breeds
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Youth Sheep

Superintendent – Jean Maiville (517) 285-7161

Assistant Superintendent – Pete Barnum 517-676-0224

Judging: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 – 30 minutes after Market Goat Show - Main Arena

Arrival: Sunday July 27th - 8 am and noon

Weigh In: Sunday, July 27th between 12:30 -1:30 pm

Release: Sunday, August 3rd between 8 am – 10 am

Rules: All exhibitors should review General Rules and Animal Health Requirements including Scrapie Reduction Program.

1. All sheep must be in the Member's possession by **April 15**.
2. Market Lambs: Members may show **ONE** of the following: (Maximum 2 Market Lambs)
 - a. Show 2 animals as 2 individuals – no pens, make separate entry per animal
 - b. Pen of Lambs and one individual out of pen. If lambs are entered as a pen they will be shown as a pen.
3. **Home Grown** class entry rules per JLA description. Please review the definition listed under Livestock Health, Care & Ethics in the Fair Rules and Regulations section.
4. Market Lambs must be whether or ewe under a year of age. Missing milk teeth or presence of yearling teeth will result in disqualification.
5. Market Lambs must be identified and ear tagged by **April 26, 2025 between 10:30 a.m. and noon**, unless prior approval from Superintendent. A member may tag 5 Market Lambs, but must choose only 2 of the 5 to bring to the fair for show competition.
6. All male market lambs must be neutered prior to the time they are ear tagged. Lambs will be palpated at tagging, also at fair weigh in. Lambs found to have testicles present (i.e. short scrotum banding) will be disqualified.
7. Market Lambs must be slick shorn upon arrival to the fairgrounds in August.
8. No lambs will be allowed to have slip covers or sleeves at time of inspection.
9. Compliance with USDA mandatory Scrapie Eradication Program will be enforced.
10. Exercise animals on east end of Main Arena or Ash Street Arena, no other areas PLEASE.

Showmanship

Member must fit and show his or her own animal

Awards: 1st – 5th

25.001	Junior, 7 – 11 years of age	25.002	Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age	25.003	Senior, 15 – 19 years of age
35.15	Pee Wee 5 – 6 years of age				

Market Lambs

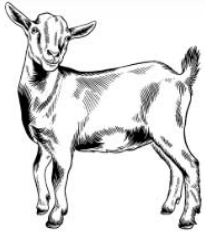
Grand Champion and reserve Grand Champion Individual, Pen, and Home Grown – Ribbons

25.004	Individual Lamb	25.005	Pen of Two Lambs	25.006	Home Grown (Must be entered in individual market class; see homegrown guidelines)
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Breeding Stock

	Jacob	Oxford	Hampshire	Corriedale	Suffolk	Dorset	Columbia
Aged Ram, Two years & over	25.01	25.15	25.29	25.43	25.57	25.71	25.85
Yearling Ram	25.02	25.16	25.30	25.44	25.58	25.72	25.86
Ram Lamb	25.03	25.17	25.31	25.45	25.59	25.73	25.87
Aged Ewe, Two years & over	25.04	25.18	25.32	25.46	25.60	25.74	25.88
Yearling Ewe	25.05	25.19	25.33	25.47	25.61	25.75	25.89
Ewe Lamb	25.06	25.20	25.34	25.48	25.62	25.76	25.90
Flock – Ram and three Ewes	25.07	25.21	25.35	25.49	25.63	25.77	25.91

	Texel	Southdown	Tunis	Rambouillet	Rams & Sires	Whether, Ewes, & Rams	Any Other Breed
Aged Ram, Two years & over	25.08	25.22	25.36	25.50	25.64	25.78	25.92
Yearling Ram	25.09	25.23	25.37	25.51	25.65	25.79	25.93
Ram Lamb	25.10	25.24	25.38	25.52	25.66	25.80	25.94
Aged Ewe, Two years & over	25.11	25.25	25.39	25.53	25.67	25.81	25.95
Yearling Ewe	25.12	25.26	25.40	25.54	25.68	25.82	25.96
Ewe Lamb	25.13	25.27	25.41	25.55	25.69	25.83	25.97
Flock – Ram and three Ewes	25.14	25.28	25.42	25.56	25.70	25.84	25.98



Youth Goats

Superintendent – Jennifer Pung - email: goatrodeo212@gmail.com

Assistant Superintendent – Michelle Warner

Judging: Tuesday July 29th 4 pm - Meat type breeds and all Market Goat including Dairy Market as well as showmanship for the same exhibitors

Wednesday July 30th noon- All Dairy/ Companion goat classes and Showmanship for the same exhibitors, Costume and pack class

Arrival: Sunday July 27th - 8 am – 10 am

Weigh In: Sunday, July 27th following check in

Release: Sunday, August 3rd between 8 am – 10 am

Rules: (All exhibitors should review the General Rules and Animal Health Requirements for Livestock)

1. All class changes must be into the superintendent by Monday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m.
2. **All goats must follow the Michigan Department of Rural Development scrapie tag rules as outlined at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdard/sheep_ID_7-19-Dig_663353_7.pdf. Those not following these rules will be sent home.**
3. **No goats will be allowed to have slipcovers or sleeves at time of inspection.** Any animal health concern must be brought to the Superintendent and Fair Director. Fair veterinary services may be consulted. Scars are acceptable, but no scabs.
4. **Goats imported into the State of Michigan must follow the MDARD Rules and Regulations for Exhibition Requirements.**
5. No intact males may be exhibited in any goat classes.
6. **All Dairy Goats in milk MUST be milked out completely between 6 pm and 9 pm, the night before show (This includes all goats with babies that are pulled. All goats must be checked by Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent. Any goats not milked out will not be eligible to show.**
7. If you have shown Goats at another fair, you may not show goats at the Ingham County Fair in the same year.
8. Animals must be purchased and in the exhibitor's possession no later than May 1st. If kids are born after May 1st you must own the dam before May 1st.
9. 2025 tagging date for market goats is on April 26, 2025 10:30-12. If tagging date is an issue, please contact Jennifer Pung directly via email at goatrodeo212@gmail.com or text or call 517-712-4080.
10. Exhibitors will furnish hay, straw, grain and equipment for their own animals.
11. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their own animals at Fair. If animals are not watered or fed daily, the animal will have to leave the Fair. All dairy animals must be milked through the fair week on a regular schedule.
12. Each Exhibitor is responsible for keeping space around their pen clean.
13. Exercising of animals, only on east end of Main Arena or Ash Street Arena, no other areas.
14. When youth have more than one animal in the ring at a time only an JLA Member that is dressed for the show ring may assist.

RULES SPECIFIC TO PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP

1. Participation ribbons only
2. Sign up sheets at the Show.
3. Pee Wee's will use goats already on the fairgrounds and must make their own arrangements with the goat project members to use their animals for this class.

RULES SPECIFIC TO SHOWMANSHIP

1. **Proper show attire must be worn in both the goat show.**
2. Any goat entered in showmanship or the group classes must have been shown in a breed or market class. The show secretary will do a cross reference at check in to verify that animals have been entered in two classes.

RULES SPECIFIC TO DAIRY GOATS

1. All dairy goats must be disbudded.

RULES SPECIFIC TO MARKET GOATS

1. Final weigh-in will be at Check-in on Sunday, **July 27th**. All market goats must be 60 pounds or over to enter. Any goat under 60 pounds may be sent home.
2. Each member is allowed to show two market goats and/or two dairy market for meat pen goat. You will need to designate the one you will show as an individual and which you will show as a pen.
3. All market goats must be disbudded with scurs under 2 inches.

4. Individual Market Animal includes the meat breeds and any goat crossed with these breeds. Dairy Market animals must be dairy breeds only.
5. Market animals must be born after November 1st of the previous year.
6. Homegrown form must be filled out and returned to the Superintendent by March 31st.

Showmanship

Medals Awarded: 1st and 2nd Gold; 3rd Silver; 4th and 5th Bronze. Participant ribbon to all participants

26.01	Junior, 7 – 11 years of age	26.02	Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age	26.03	Senior, 15 – 19 years of age
35.11	Pee Wee 5 – 6 years of age				

Dairy Goats (All Breeds)

Junior Champion and Reserve Champion Doe (will move onto Grand and Reserve Champion)

Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Doe (will move onto Grand and Reserve Champion)

Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Dairy Goat

26.04	Junior Doe Kid – Born after April 1 st of current year
26.05	Senior Doe Kid- Born after January 1 st –March 31 st of current year
26.06	Junior Yearling – Born July 1 st – December 31 st previous year
26.07	Senior Yearling – Born January 1 st – June 31 st previous year
26.08	Yearling Milker (Under 2 years of age)
26.09	Junior Milker (2 years and under 3 years of age)
26.10	Intermediate Milker (3 years of age and under 5 years)
26.11	Senior Milker (5 years of age and over)
26.12	Dry Doe over 2 years
26.13	Best Udder
26.14	Dam & Daughter
26.15	Herd Class (Dam and 2 Daughter)

Meat Breed

Champion and Reserve Champion Non-Dairy Junior Doe (will move onto Grand and Reserve Champion)

Champion and Reserve Champion Non-Dairy Senior Doe (will move onto Grand and Reserve Champion)

Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Non-Dairy Doe

	All Breeds	Fiber Breeds
Junior Doe Kid; born after April 1 of current year	26.16	26.22
Senior Doe Kid; born January 1-March 30 of current year	26.17	26.23
Yearling Doe; born in previous year	26.18	26.24
Mature Doe; 2 years and up	26.19	26.25
Designer Breed – Silky	26.20	26.26
Dam and Daughter	26.21	26.27

Market Goats

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Goat

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Dairy Market Goat

26.28	Individual Dairy Market Animal	26.29	Individual Market Animal
26.30	Pen Dairy Market Animal	26.31	Pen Market Animal
26.32	Homegrown		

Additional Classes – All ages in the same class

Champion and Reserve Champion of each class

26.33	Costume Class	26.34	Pack Goats
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Club Herd Class

26.35	3 goats from 1 Club
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Educational Projects

26.36	Goat Record Book	26.37	Educational Poster
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Youth Swine

Superintendent – Macayla Bogart (517) 706-8178

Assistant Superintendent – Adam Palmatier

Judging: Tuesday, July 29th 8:00 am Main Arena

Arrival: Sunday July 27th – 5:30 am and 9:30 am

Weigh In: Sunday, July 27th - 5:30 am and 9:30 am

Release: Sunday, August 3rd at 8 am – 10 am

Rules: General Rules and Animal Health Requirements Apply

Michigan Department of Agriculture Health Exhibition Rules apply. Copies are available at the Fair Office.

1. Market hogs may be purchased, but must be owned by the exhibitor and be in the exhibitor's possession by May 1st
2. Entries may be submitted for up to five animals, but only 2 pigs may be brought to check in. Submission forms due to Superintendent by June 1st.
3. The use of feed and supplements containing Ractopamine is **strongly** discouraged. Exhibitors whose animals go for resale will be required to sign an affidavit that their hogs have never had ractopamine.
4. Official (NUES or 840) tags must be placed in animals ear prior to check in.
5. Pigs may be brought to the fairgrounds Sunday, July 27th between 5:30 am and 9:30 am. Please enter through Gate A and pull up between the wash rack and feeder barn. Trailers will be unloaded on a first come first served basis. Do Not unload until instructed to do so. Trucks should exit through the north camping gate.
6. No equipment may be unloaded during weigh in.
7. Hogs may be vet checked as they are unloaded. Superintendent and vets reserve the right to send an animal home if deemed unhealthy.
8. Animals will be weighed at the time of check in. Any animals weighing between and 220 and 290lbs will be eligible to show and sell. If over or under weight, they may be shown but cannot be sold in the auction. Exhibitor will be responsible for finding a private treaty buyer or animal can be taken home.
9. At check-in, exhibitor must indicate if they are entering their swine as Homegrown, Purebred, or Crossbred.
10. Eligibility for Purebred Class - the exhibitor must have purebred certification in the exhibitor's name for the animal to show in purebred classes. Purebreds will be verified at check in.
11. This is a non-terminal show (subject to change based on MDA recommendations) Superintendent must be notified by Tuesday if the animal will not be auctioned.
12. Pens must be bedded daily with clean wood shavings. No sand, mulch, or straw allowed.
13. Pigs determined to have testicles or parts of testicles will be disqualified.
14. All pigs are required to have at least ½ inch of hair.

Showmanship

Awards will be given to top 10 in each age division

28.01	Junior, 7 – 11 years of age	28.02	Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age	28.03	Senior, 15 – 19 years of age
35.16	Pee Wee 5 – 6 years of age				

Market Hogs

There will be Division Winners and Reserve Winners named for both Gilts and Barrows in weight divisions (as determined by the superintendent). The Winners and Reserve Winners from these divisions, along with the Winner and Reserve Winner from Purebred and Homegrown Classes will be the animals competing for Top 5 Overall.

28.04	Individual Market Hogs (maximum 2 per exhibitor)	28.05	Home Grown	28.06	Purebred – Registration must be shown at check in
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Youth Poultry

Superintendent – Amanda Heinrich (808) 264-6745

Assistant Superintendent – Aidan Saltman (517) 899-5038

Judging: Monday, July 28th, 8:00 a.m. Location to be Announced

Arrival: Sunday, July 27th 8 am - noon

Release: Sunday, August 3rd between 8 am – 10 am

Rules: All exhibitors should review the General Rules and Animal Health Requirements

1. All animals must be in the exhibitor's care and possession by May 1, 2025. Market chickens, ducks and geese may be purchased after May 1st, but must be owned as day old chicks. Please review specific market requirements below.
2. No class changes or additions are allowed. Market birds must meet minimum weight to check in. Please review specific market requirements below.
3. There is a MANDATORY exhibitor meeting on Sunday, July 27th at 1:00pm in the Poultry Barn.
4. Any animal showing signs of parasites or illness will be refused. Any animal deemed unfit for exhibit will be refused. All birds except pigeons and waterfowl must be Pullorum tested at check-in. If tested in advance, birds must be kept segregated from untested birds until fair, per MDARD exhibition requirements, and proof of negative test results must be presented to superintendent at check-in.
5. Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) vaccinated birds are not allowed.
6. Exhibitors may have up to two entries from classes 29.04 through 29.08 in any combination. This includes Market Chickens, Market Waterfowl, Market Turkeys and Production Chickens. No bird may be shown in more than one class. Please see each section for specifics regarding hatch dates and minimum weight requirements.
7. All breeding pairs must include one male and one female of the same breed and variety.
8. No sale signs, other than the Small Animal Auction sale signs, are allowed in the Poultry Barn.
9. Barn will be open from 8:00am - 10:00pm daily. Barn will be locked when unsupervised.
10. Exhibitors are required to clean their cages AT LEAST ONCE PER DAY, or more often as needed. Exhibitors must provide animals with food and water throughout the day. Animals MUST have water at ALL times. If animals/cages are not properly cared for, the exhibitor will be disqualified and asked to remove their animals from the premises.
11. EACH exhibitor must sign up for a minimum of one shift of barn duty.
12. Feed and bedding are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Feed and water cups will be provided. Pine shavings are highly recommended. Cedar shavings are NOT allowed in the Poultry Barn. Medicated feed or water is NOT allowed in the Poultry Barn.
13. Exhibitors are responsible for showing their own birds.
14. Judges and/or superintendent reserve the right to separate or combine classes for judging.
15. Only exhibitors, judges and staff are allowed in the show area.
16. No birds will be released early unless approved by superintendent and fair management.
17. All poultry entered in breed classes must be of a breed and variety recognized by the American Poultry Association to be eligible for awards. Please see the APA website for a full list of currently recognized breeds; www.amerpoultryassn.com
18. If exhibitors have any questions regarding entries, please contact superintendent or assistant superintendent.

Showmanship

NO Market Birds may be used for Showmanship.

Poultry in showmanship must be entered in a JLA Youth breed class.

Youth may use another exhibitor's bird for Showmanship if a cooperative agreement has been reached in advanced

29.01	Junior, 7 – 11 years of age	29.02	Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age	29.03	Senior, 15 – 19 years of age
35.14	Pee Wee 5 – 6 years of age - Showmanship				
35.21	Pee Wee 5 – 6 years of age – Showmanship Exhibition Animal				

Production Chickens

Pen of three females, same breed and variety

Awards will be given for Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Production Hens

29.04	Pullets and Layers (between 18 weeks and 2 years of age)
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Market Chickens

Pen of three, same breed and variety

To be eligible for Grand & Reserve Champion, birds must be between 4 to 6 pounds

Awards will be given for Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Chickens

29.05	Pen of Market Chickens (hatched 6/15/25 or after, minimum weight – 4 pounds each)
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Market Waterfowl

(Pen of three, same breed and variety)

Awards will be given for Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Waterfowl

29.06	Meat Ducks (hatched 5/4/25 or after, minimum 5 lbs each)	29.07	Meat Geese (hatched 5/4/25 or after, minimum 6 lbs. each)
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Market Turkeys

Pen of two, same breed and variety (White or Bronze Broad Breasted only)

Awards will be given for Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkeys

29.08	Bronze or White Broad Breasted (hatched 3/1/2025 or after, minimum 15 lbs. each)
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One Dozen Eggs

29.09	Chicken	29.10	Quail	29.11	Duck (Half Dozen)
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Educational or Science Exhibit

To be presented on a poster board; may also include a notebook, optional

29.12	Junior, 7 – 11 years of age	29.13	Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age	29.14	Senior, 15 – 19 years of age
35.04	Pee Wee 5 – 6 years of age – Notebook/Display/Poster				

Poultry Record Books

29.15	Junior, 7 – 11 years of age	29.16	Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age	29.17	Senior, 15 – 19 years of age
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Other (enter one or both classes)

29.18	Rooster Crowing Contest Rooster must be entered in JLA Youth breed class Judging Thursday, July 31 st 7:00 am, Poultry Barn (Exhibitor or representative must be available for judging.)
29.19	Costume Contest (Bird in Costume or Bird & Exhibitor in Costume) Bird must be entered in JLA Youth breed or market class Judging Tuesday, July 29 th 7:00 pm, Poultry Barn (Exhibitor or representative must be available for judging.)

Breed Class Bird Entries

Exhibitors may have up to four entries from below breed class entry section in any combination.

Please refer to American Poultry Association website for question regarding breed standards.

Please provide details on entry and notify superintendent in advance if special accommodations need to be made

	Pair	Single
Standard size, clean leg	29.20	29.31
Standard size, feathered leg	29.21	29.32
Bantam size, clean leg	29.22	29.33
Bantam size, feathered leg	29.23	29.34
Standard size ducks	29.24	29.34
Bantam size ducks	29.25	29.36
Geese	29.26	
Heritage breed turkeys (NOT broad breasted)	29.27	29.37
All other fowl (pheasants, guineas, Quail, Pigeons, etc.)	29.30	



Youth Rabbit and Cavy

Superintendent – Penny Jackson (517) 202-1618 Email: pjj74@yahoo.com

Assistant Superintendent – Amanda Leach

Judging: Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 8 AM - Rabbit Barn

Arrival: Sunday, July 27th 8 am - noon

Release: Sunday, August 3rd between 8 am – 10 am

Rules: (Exhibitors should review all General Rules and Animal Health Regulations)

1. The American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard (ARBA) will be used as the basis for judging. All recognized breeds will be accepted.
2. Members may show in Showmanship, 5 breed classes, 1 meat pen, 1 single fryer or Roaster, 1 Costume contest (member and animal in costume or Rabbit in costume), and 1 Protégé class. **NO changes in class during fair.** Only one animal per class (Example: You could show 1 Mini Rex Sr Buck, 1 Jr Buck, and 1 Jr Doe and also show Satin 1 Sr. Buck and 1 Sr. Doe. 1 meat pen and 1 single fryer).
3. Four class rabbits are those whom have the following classes: Senior buck (over 6 months of age), Senior Doe (over 6 months of age), Junior buck (under 6 months of age), Junior Doe (under 6 months of age). Age is determined by the age of the rabbit on the day of the show. These breeds are listed in the standard with these classes.
4. Six class rabbits are those whom have the following classes: Senior buck (over 8 months of age), Senior Doe (over 8 months of age), Intermediate Buck (between 6-8 months of age), Intermediate Doe (between 6-8 months of age), Junior buck (under 6 months of age), Junior Doe (under 6 months of age). Age is determined by the age of the rabbit on the day of the show. These breeds are listed in the standard with these classes.
5. **Grand/reserve of each meat pen, single fryer, roaster will be sold.**
6. All animals must be in Member's possession and care by May 1st **PARENT STOCK OF MEAT PENS MUST BE IN MEMBERS POSSESSION AND CARE BY MAY 1. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE STIPULATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE ANIMALS BEING SENT HOME. Breeding date for meat pens is no sooner than April 20, 2025.**
7. All market rabbits (Meat Pen, Single Fryer, and Roasters) must receive official identification tattoo from the superintendent. **There will be a tattoo clinic offered on Monday, July 7th from 6:00pm-7:00 p.m.** at the Shirley Clark Pavilion on the fairgrounds. Otherwise members must make arrangements with the superintendent **before** this date to be eligible for Grand or Reserve award. Tattoos are done for a donation. Market Rabbit ID tattoo is no charge. All donations gathered during tattoo clinic will go towards covering the cost of awards.
8. Rabbit Barn will be open 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 (Noon) **Sunday, July 27th** to accept animals / Rabbit Science Projects thru designated doors. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED IN DURING THIS TIME including Pee Wee animals. (Barn will close at 6 pm Sunday, July 27th. Please make sure your chores are completed before this time).**
9. **NOTICE: Rabbits showing symptoms of disease will not be admitted. Early treatment will prevent disease. All cages must be KEPT CLEAN. Rabbits MUST be fed and watered each day.**
10. **ALL RABBITS MUST BE LEGIBLY TATTOOED.** Rabbits must be tattooed at check in. No Exceptions, if not tattooed, they will be sent home. Members will be required to provide rabbit tattoo during entry online. This information is needed for show day and rabbit safety. See Rule 7.
11. **Exhibitor must provide crocks and water bottles to feed & water animals.** Rabbits must have water at all times; if proper care is not exhibited, member will be disqualified and asked to remove animals from premises.
12. Cages must be cleaned on daily basis (especially meat pens). If not done, you may be asked to leave by superintendent and forfeit any awards/placing you received.
13. No Rabbits are to leave the barn except for Small Animal Sale or permission by superintendent
14. **Mandatory Exhibitor meeting Sunday, July 27th at 2 pm. All info related to show day, sale, and fair week expectations will be discussed. It is up to the member to send a representative or contact the superintendents in advance.**
15. Rabbit/Cavy barn will be locked when not supervised. Each club is responsible for at least one shift of barn duty. Chore chart will be available for sign up at check in and during tattoo clinic.
16. Only show staff, judges and clerks are allowed in judging arena. No Adults.

17. Breed class order will be posted morning of judging. Each exhibitor is responsible to make sure their animal is shown.
18. If an Exhibitor is showing in another Livestock or Still Life project at the same time as the rabbit breeding class shows, let the Superintendent know if another Exhibitor will be showing your animal during breed class. Rabbit members must take rabbit out of pens and show them, in order to receive ribbons, except the doe and litter class.
19. Rabbits entered in costume contest or fur class must be entered in breed class.
20. Tear down of the rabbit barn will happen the morning of Sunday, August 3rd from 8 a.m. until all cages are removed and cleaned up. All members and parents are encouraged to help at this time.

Showmanship

Rabbits shown in Showmanship may be borrowed. Animal must be entered in either Youth or Open Class.

Showmanship will be judged according to the Michigan Rabbit Fitting & Showing Member's Guide.

Medals Awarded: 1st Gold Medal; 2nd Gold Medal; 3rd Silver Medal; 4th and 5th Bronze Medal

35.12	Pee Wee 5-6 years of age Show: Tuesday	30.02	10 - 12 years of age	30.04	16 – 19 years of age
30.01	7 – 9 years of age	30.03	13 - 15 years of age		

Market Rabbits

1. Meat Pen will consist of three rabbits, all same breed and variety. Rabbits shall not be over ten weeks old and weigh between 3 1/2 and 5 1/2 pounds per rabbit at check in.
2. Single Fryer is one rabbit with same description as the Meat Pen
3. Roaster is one rabbit under 6 month of age weighing between 5 ½ lbs and 8lbs.
4. General disqualifications will apply to this class (teeth, missing toenails, disease, etc.).
5. Meat pens and single fryers will be placed from Grand Champion through 5th place.
6. Unrecognized breed colors can be shown for single fryers, roasters and meat pens
7. Grand Champion Meat Pen - \$100; Grand Champion Single Fryer - \$100; Grand Champion Roaster - \$50 * Awards sponsored by Jackson Farms Feed & Seed.

Grand and Reserve Champion Meat Pen Grand and Reserve Champion Single Fryer Grand and Reserve Champion Roaster

30.06	Meat Pen	30.07	Single Fryer	30.08	Roasters
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Breed Classes

	Senior Buck; 8 Months & over	Senior Doe; 8 Months & over	Intermediate Buck; 6-8 Months	Intermediate Doe; 6-8 Months	Junior Buck; under 6 months	Junior Doe; under 6 months
New Zealand	30.09	30.23	30.37	30.41	30.45	30.59
Californian	30.10	30.24	30.38	30.42	30.46	30.60
Flemish Giant	30.11	30.25	30.39	30.43	30.47	30.61
6 Any other Recognized 6 – class	30.12	30.26	30.40	30.44	30.48	30.62
Holland Lop	30.14	30.28			30.50	30.64
Mini Lop	30.15	30.29			30.51	30.65
Mini Rex	30.16	30.30			30.52	30.66
Netherland Dwarf	30.17	30.31			30.53	30.67
Polish	30.18	30.32			30.54	30.68
Havana	30.19	30.33			30.55	30.69
Mini Satin	30.20	30.34			30.56	30.70
Any other Recognized 4 class	30.21	30.35			30.57	30.71

Doe and Litter

30.72	Exhibitor may bring one doe and litter—must be at least 3 weeks old; have correct size water and food dish; cage cleaned daily
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Costume Class

Judging: Tuesday, July 29, 2025

30.73	Bunny in Costume – Award	30.74	Exhibitor and Bunny in Costume - Award
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Rabbit Science

Member should be available to talk to judge.

Learn to keep records of personal learning experience and accomplishments that may include the marketing, materials, equipment, disease control and management skills.

30.75	Rabbit Science Exhibit; Exhibit may include marketing information, materials, records, equipment, disease control, management, etc.
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Fur Class

Overall Fur Award

30.77	Normal Fur	30.78	Rex Fur	30.79	Satin Fur	30.80	Wool Fur
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Protégé Class

To show in this class you must have a sire or dam and one offspring exhibited. You must have completed three generation pedigree.

Offspring must be at least twelve weeks old. Both Sire or Dam and offspring must be shown in breed class.

Protégé Class - \$50 Award - Sponsor: Penny Jackson

30.81	Judged on improvement in the offspring from parents. Only purebred and ARBA breeds accepted
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Rabbit Hopping

30.82	Novice	30.83	2 nd – 5 th year
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SPECIAL AWARDS

Rabbit Science Exhibit	Best in Show Rabbit	Reserve in Show Rabbit
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Cavies

1. In order to enter in Cavy Showmanship, you must have a Cavy entered in live animal class. Cavy showmanship is scheduled during rabbit showmanship; see superintendent for sign up order.
2. An exhibitor may enter up to 5 cavies.

Special Awards: Best in Show; Reserve in Show. See Superintendent to Sponsor.

30.84	Showmanship Junior, 7 – 11 years of age	30.85	Showmanship Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age	30.86	Showmanship Senior, 15 – 19 years of age
30.87	American Cavy	30.88	Abyssinian Cavy	30.89	Teddy Cavy
30.90	All other short hair	30.91	All other long hair	30.92	Notebook/Poster/Display
30.93	Record keeping	30.94	Costume Class		



Youth Pets & All Other Animals

Superintendent – Penny Jackson (517) 202-1618 Email: pjj74@yahoo.com
Judging: Tuesday, July 29th – 2:30 pm - Rabbit Barn

Arrival: Tuesday, July 29th 1 pm – 2 pm

Release: After Show

Learn how to keep records of personal learning experiences and accomplishments that may include the marketing, material, equipment, disease control and management skills.

Rules: (Exhibitors should review all General Rules and Animal Health Regulations)

1. **Pocket Pets, Exotics will check in on show day.** An exhibitor may enter up to 3 live animal exhibits in each species.
2. Pocket pets will consist of gerbils, hamsters, rats, mice. Live animals will be permitted on show day only.
3. Animals brought into the fairgrounds on show day in a sealed cage.
4. If you would like to sponsor a trophy for project area, please contact Penny Jackson.

Pocket Pets – Mammal and Exotics Non-Mammal

31.01	Pocket Pet – Mammal - Live animal (may enter up to 3 animals in this class)
31.02	Exotics – Non Mammal – Live animal (may enter up to 3 animals in this class)

	Pocket Pets (Mice, Hamsters, Rats, etc.)	Exotics (Snakes, Iguanas, Birds, etc.)
Notebook/Poster/Display	31.03	31.05
Record Keeping	31.04	31.06

Youth Livestock Judging Contest

Superintendent – Michael Sheridan

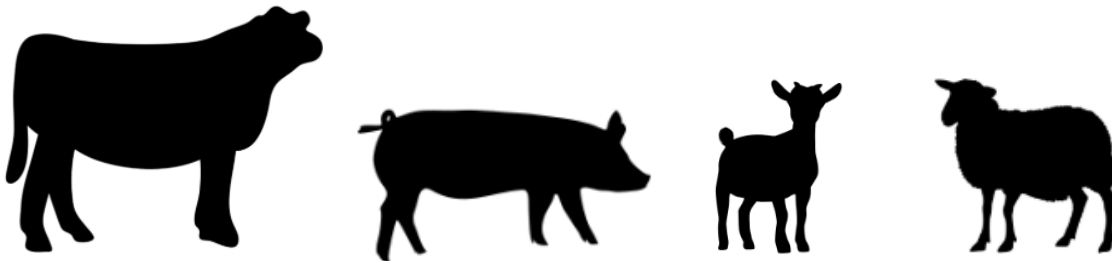
Judging: Wednesday, July 30th 3:00 pm (following the Dairy Show) - Main Arena

The purpose of the judging contest is to allow participants to demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improving their decision-making skills.

Rules:

1. Open to any youth member. Pre-registration is encouraged; youth that do not pre-register for this contest are still welcome to participate.
2. Contestants will meet in the Northeast corner of the Main Arena at least 15 minutes prior to the contest to receive their judging cards and instructions.
3. Any combination of beef, sheep, swine or goat classes may be selected for evaluation by the superintendent. The superintendent may select any combination of market and breeding classes.
4. Contestant will use their livestock evaluation skills to place four (4) animals per class.
5. Contestants will choose to participate in the questions or reasons division
 - a. Questions participants will answer ten questions on three classes.
 - b. Reasons participants will give oral reasons on at least two classes selected by the superintendent. Reasons participants will also answer ten questions about one class.
6. The superintendent will choose a three-person committee to establish official placings for each species.
7. Members of the official placings committee will listen to and score oral reasons given by contestants.
8. Awards sponsored by the Junior Livestock Association.
9. Livestock judging contest participants who have never competed in a judging contest before will be eligible for additional awards given in every age division.

32.01	Junior, 7 – 11 years of age	32.02	Intermediate, 12 – 14 years of age	32.03	Senior, 15 – 19 years of age
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Youth Little International

Large Animal

Superintendent – Adam Palmatier 517-803-5420

Assistant Superintendents - Jason Rowntree & Brandon Hill

Judging - Friday, August 1, 2025 6:30 p.m. Ash Street Arena

Rules:

1. Practice will be held Thursday, July 31st; Horses will be at the Ash Street Arena at 9:00 a.m.
2. First and second place winners in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship in Horse, Sheep, Swine, Beef, Dairy, and Dairy Market may participate.
3. Each member may show her/his own animal. Each species Superintendent will provide adequate animals and handlers for the event.
4. Final placing will be based solely upon the showmanship, although all animals must be properly fitted and approved by the Superintendent before entering the ring.
5. Each member will be expected to show all other species in rotation at the instruction of the Little I Superintendent.
6. Superintendents must have a complete list of participants to the Little I Superintendent by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30th.

**Dunsmore Family \$100 Award for Reserve Champion Showman,
Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. \$300 Award for Senior, Intermediate and Junior
T-shirts will be provided by Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. – we will do
Our best to accommodate size requests**

34.01	Champion Showman - Senior	34.02	Champion Showman - Intermediate	34.03	Champion Showman - Junior
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Small Animal

Superintendent – Rob West (517) 719-8437

Judging - Friday, August 1, 2025 9:00 AM – Main Arena

Rules:

1. Practice will be held Wednesday, July 30th, the time and place to be announced.
2. First place winners in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship in Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Dog, Cat, and Goat may participate.
3. In the event a member qualifies in more than one specie they will represent the specie with fewer entries in their respective age category and the specie with more entries will then be represented by the Reserve Champion of that specie.
4. Only Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry and Goats will be shown in the competition.
5. Each member must bring their own animal. Specie superintendents will help members locate animals.
6. Final placing will be based solely upon the showmanship and general knowledge questions used for small animal showmanship.
7. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken with an additional round of questions that will be equally weighted with questions from each of the 4 species shown in the competition.
8. Each member will be expected to show all species in a rotation at the instruction of the Superintendent.
9. Pre-registration will be made by the Superintendent of each species shown. Specie superintendents must supply a list of participants to the Small Animal Little International superintendent by noon Wednesday.
10. Awards will be given to Champion and Reserve Showman in each age group.
11. No speaking to contestants while they are participating in the competition. If talking is witnessed by show officials, the member will be disqualified.

Plaques sponsored by A-Won Awards

34.04	Champion Showman - Senior	34.05	Champion Showman - Intermediate	34.06	Champion Showman - Junior
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Pee Wee



Superintendent – See each Project Area
Judging – See specific project area for Judging Times

Rules:

1. Youth between the ages 5-6, as of January 1st of the current Fair year.
2. Pee Wee exhibiting in the following animal areas may use their own animal – poultry, rabbit; all others should use an animal borrowed from another Exhibitor.
3. **See individual project area pages for specific guidelines for each project area.** Some project areas will have Pee Wee judging during their regular judging. Check with the superintendent for details.

Animals

Exhibitors will show on that species' show day, unless otherwise noted (below).

Check with superintendent for times for specific species.

Animals must be borrowed from another Exhibitor

Pee Wee poultry and rabbits will stay in the barn the entire week and will follow normal check in times.

	Notebook/Display/Poster/Exhibit	Showmanship	Other
Goats	35.01	35.11	
Rabbits	35.02	35.12 – Show Wed, July 30 th – 6 pm	35.20 - Showmanship Exhibition Animal
Pets	35.03	35.13	
Poultry	35.04	35.14	35.21- Showmanship Exhibition Animal
Sheep	35.05	35.15	
Swine	35.06	35.16	
Dairy Feeder	35.07	35.17	
Dairy Cattle	35.09	35.18	
Beef	35.10	35.19	