

VINTON COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

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GENERAL RULES

- Showmanship is mandatory in order to sell your market animal.
- Potential exhibitors must inform the County Extension Educator or the Vocational Agriculture Teacher of their intent to exhibit livestock at the Vinton County Junior Fair by **March 26, 2011**.
- Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one of the organizations making up the Junior Fair. Age limitations and eventual participation will be based on the regulations established by each organization.
- 4-H and FFA exhibitors will show their animals in the same classes.
- The same project may not be carried in both 4-H and FFA. For example, an exhibitor may not exhibit on market hog as a 4-H project and a second market hog as an FFA project.
- All persons wishing to exhibit market livestock at the 2011 Vinton County Junior Fair **MUST** attend a Quality Assurance Program sponsored by the Vinton County Extension Office. Parents/guardians must also attend this program. Completion of this program is mandatory.
- Youth may attend out of county QA but proof needs to be to Extension Educator no later than July 1, 2011.
- All livestock animals being exhibited at the Vinton County Junior Fair, the exhibitor must have proper clothing. **No holes in jeans, NO baggy pants, NO shorts, NO sleeveless shirts, NO camisoles, NO cleavage, NO midriff, NO open toe shoes.**
- There will be a barn meeting on Sunday, July 24, 2011 at 1:00 PM.
- The Overall Grand Champion Market Livestock animal may NOT be the Vinton County Born and Raised Grand/Reserve Champion. There will be only one title per animal.
- During the showing of animals, no one is permitted to talk to the judge except Travis West.

HORSE PROGRAM

Helmet policy for the Ohio 4-H Horse Exhibitors:

- All youth age 19 and under participating in any 4-H equestrian activity are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine.
- It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participate to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.
- The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.
- The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

SHOW RULES

- All market, breeding, livestock, including horses must be on exhibit at the fairgrounds by 12 Noon on Sunday, July 24, 2011. Livestock must remain in place until 9:00 AM Saturday, July 30, 2011 unless sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale or permission is granted by the Fair Board.
- All market animals must be weighed in on Sunday, July 24, 2011 beginning at 8:00 am to determine the official weight for show and sale.

The minimum and maximum weights for market animals are as follows:

1. Chickens: 3-1/2 - 9 pounds
 2. Hogs: 220 - 300 pounds
 3. Goats: 55lbs and over
 4. Lambs: 90 - 150 pounds
 5. Rabbits: 3 - 5 pounds
 6. Steers: Over 1000 pounds
 7. Dairy Feeder Calves: 300 - 600 pounds
- Market animals which are under or over these weights may be shown in showmanship classes, but may not be shown in market classes or sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
 - Transportation will be available to take under/over weight animals from the fairgrounds to a livestock market facility chosen by the Fair Board.
 - If the owner chooses, under/over weight animals may be permanently removed from the fairgrounds (not to be returned) following the completion of the official weigh-in.
 - Market animals will be weighed once. No re-weighs will be conducted unless by the order of the weigh master or a member of the livestock committee.
 - Market livestock will be shown in weight classes determined by Fair Board officials.
 - All animals exhibited must be the project of the exhibitor and under his continual care for the current year.
 - All market animals, except chickens and turkeys must be in the exhibitor's possession and cared for by the exhibitor on or before the pre-fair weigh-in date for that species.
 - All market animals (except chickens and turkeys) must be weighed-in and identified (tagged and/or tattooed) at the designated pre-fair weigh-in conducted by the Vinton County Fair officials.

The 2011 pre-fair weigh-in dates:

1. Steers: December 11, 2010
 2. Lamb, Goats, Market Hogs and Dairy Feeder Calves: May 7, 2011
 3. Rabbits: June 23, 2011
- All animal exhibits housed on the fairgrounds must meet the health requirements for livestock exhibited in Ohio, from the Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry.
 - No intact male cattle, horses, swine, sheep, or goats will be accepted for exhibition except by the side of a nursing mother.
 - Male market animals (except rabbits and poultry) must be fully castrated and completely healed by the official fair weigh-in to compete in Fair activities.
 - No animals with horns, scurs, or buttons will be accepted for exhibition with the exception of production animals.
 - Exhibitors will be responsible for the care of their animals until they are removed from the fairgrounds.
 - Each exhibitor will be responsible for the care of his/her animals.
 - Hay, bedding, grain and needed supplies must be furnished by each exhibitor.
 - Animal exhibits must be under regular care while on the fairgrounds. If gross neglect is shown for an animal exhibit, animal welfare authorities will be contacted and the exhibit may be removed from the grounds.
 - It is recommended that at a minimum, livestock be fed and watered and pens cleaned three (3) times daily.
 - Exhibitors will be red tagged if they do not properly care for their livestock. Three red tags will result in dismissal from the fairgrounds and cause forfeit of premiums.

- Animals may not be forced to ingest food or liquids. No medication, injected or otherwise may be administered to any animal on exhibit unless under the direction of the Fair Veterinarian and/or appropriate Fair Board officials.
- Each exhibitor may show no more than two entries in any livestock species.
- The exhibitor may weigh-in twice the number of animals that he/she can show. This means the exhibitor may weigh-in 8 chickens; 4 turkeys; 4 hogs; 4 goats; 4 lambs; 8 rabbits; 4 steers; 4 dairy feeder calves.
- Each exhibitor may bring any or all of his previously identified and weighted market animals to the fairgrounds for the official weigh-in which begins at 8:00am on July 24, 2011.
- The maximum number of animals that an exhibitor may show is: 2 pens of chickens; 2 turkeys; 2 hogs; 2 goats; 2 lambs; 2 pens of rabbits; 2 steers; 2 dairy feeder calves.
- Each exhibitor must declare at the time his last animal shown. Animals not being shown may be permanently removed from the fairgrounds (not to be returned) following the official weigh-in.
- Exhibitor can only hold one market grand title and reserve champion title.
- Animal projects must be fitted for show by the exhibitor. Assistance may be provided by the following people only: an immediate family member, another Vinton County Junior Fair exhibitor, or a Vinton County Junior Fair official.
- Animals must be shown by the exhibitor.
- If the exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, only another 2011 Vinton County Junior Fair exhibitor may show the other entry.
- Any artificial means of removing or remedying the physical defect or conformation in exhibition livestock, such as cutting, tying, lifting, and filling under the skin will be considered fraud and deception.
- Altering the natural color of livestock above the knees, and/or hocks shall be considered fraud and deception. Only natural coloring (e.g. black on black, red on red, etc.) may be used.
- All animals giving evidence of such treatment or any other abusive treatment will be barred from showing and selling at the Vinton County Junior Fair for a period of one year.
- Once a livestock show begins, no exhibitor may withdraw from that class unless he/she is dismissed by the judge.
- Once an exhibitor has been selected to have the grand or reserve grand champion animal, that exhibitor may only compete in showmanship classes with any other market animal he/she exhibits.
- Only one entry will sell for each exhibitor.

SALE RULES

- Terminal sale on all animals!
- Market animals must show in their respective market class to be eligible for sale in the 2011 Vinton County Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
- The following entries will be offered for sale through the 2011 Vinton County Junior Fair Livestock Sale on Friday, July 29, 2011: Hogs, chickens, steers, rabbits, lambs, goats, dairy feeder calves and turkeys.
- Each exhibitor may sell no more than one (1) entry through the sale ring. One entry is defined as one pen of two chickens, one pen of two rabbits, one turkey, one goat, one hog, one pen of two hogs, one lamb, one pen of two lambs, one steer and one dairy feeder calf.
- All Grand and Reserve Champions must be sold.
- Only the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion pens of two hogs, lambs and goats, will sell.
- Any exhibitor who has shown more than one market entry must notify the Fair Office which one entry will be sold no later than 30 minutes following the completion of the Goat show on July 28, 2011.
- Exhibitors may donate their extra market livestock entries to the Fair Board or 4-H Council. Donated animals will be sold in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale after all other entries have been sold. The proceeds may go to the building fund, corral fund, Jim George Scholarship Fund, food booth, or any other special fund approved by the Fair Board. The exhibitor may choose where the proceeds will go.
- Exhibitors MUST be present when their animals are sold. If an exhibitor is not present for his/her turn in the sale ring, his/her place in the sale order will be passed and he/she will sell at the end of that species. If he/she is not present at that time, the animal will NOT be sold.
- Market livestock projects must have a photograph taken by the Fair Photographer. Pictures will be taken at the official weigh-in on Sunday, July 24, 2011. Animals and exhibitors should be cleaned up and presentable. Exhibitors must be present for these photos at time of weigh-in to be able to participate in the sale.
- Each sale entry will be assessed a \$10.00 charge by the Fair Board to cover marketing and associated sale expenses. Grand and Reserve Champions will be charged \$30.00. This charge will be deducted from the exhibitor's livestock check.

OTHER RULES

- Fair officials will conduct themselves in a courteous, orderly and professional manner, and expect the same conduct from each exhibitor and his family.
- Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Any violations of this rule will warrant withholding premiums won and prohibition from showing or selling at the Vinton County Junior Fair for one year. Criminal violations will be prosecuted.
- Protests may be made in writing, signed by the part or parties making the protest, and filed at the Fair Board Office by 12:00 noon of the day following the protested activity. A protest fee of \$25.00, which will be retained by the Fair Board if the protest is not sustained, must accompany the protest. The Fair Board will hear protest and if necessary, other people will be involved as designated by the Fair Board President. All protests will be considered at a time set by the Fair Board President and all affected parties will be notified.
- The Vinton County Junior Fair will operate under the provisions of Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Act and under all applicable Ohio Department of Agriculture Administrative Code Rules. This act and all rules may be viewed and/or secured at the Fair Board beginning May 1, 2011.
- Additional rules or judgments may be enacted at the discretion of the Vinton County Junior Fair Board.

WHO MAY SHOW

Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one or more of the following organizations, which make up the Vinton County Fair:

1. Vinton County 4-H
 2. Vocational Agriculture (FFA)
 3. Vocational Home Economics (FCCLA)
 4. Girl Scouts/Brownie Scouts
 5. Boy Scouts
 6. Juvenile Grange
- Exhibitor's age requirements will be based on regulations established by each organization.

ADMISSIONS

- All youth exhibitors (Livestock and Non-Livestock) are required to purchase a Youth Exhibitors pass for \$10.00 in order to exhibit at the Vinton County Jr. Fair.
- All club advisors will be charged \$2.00 for their admission pass.

ENTRIES

- Entry forms, listing all projects to be exhibited must be in the Extension Office no later than 4:00 PM on July 11, 2011. The advisor or leader of the youth organization must sign all entries, verifying that the listed exhibitors have met all requirements for exhibiting at the Vinton County Junior Fair.

EXHIBITS

In-place time for exhibits are as follows:

- Booths and still exhibits: 6 pm Saturday, July 23, 2011
- Animal Exhibits: 12pm Sunday, July 24, 2011

Release time for exhibits : (Unless permission to leave early is granted by the Fair Board)

- Boot and still exhibits: 6pm Saturday, July 30, 2011
- Sale Livestock: 12 noon Friday, July 29, 2011
- Other Livestock: 9 am Saturday, July 30, 2011
- Exhibits must be from projects carried by members of the organizations making up the Junior Fair, and must be the property of the exhibitor.
- Exhibits must be projects of the current year. The same article cannot be exhibited more than one year, except in certain livestock projects, or unless significant changes or additions to the article have been made as a result of the current year's project.
- Exhibits must be the work of the youth exhibitor.
- All precautions will be taken to prevent loss, injury or theft of exhibits. However, the Vinton County Agricultural Society will not be responsible for such loss, injury or theft.

PREMIUMS

- The Treasurer of the Vinton County Agricultural Society will pay premiums on Saturday, July 30th from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM at the Fair Board Office. If checks are not picked up by that time, they will be voided.
- Only the advisor /leader of the youth organization may pick up premium money. Premiums will not be paid to individual exhibitors.
- Exhibitor may receive premium on no more than two exhibits, regardless of the number of exhibits shown.

The following premiums will be paid for exhibits:

1. Large Animals (cattle, sheep, swine, horses, goats) \$6.00 per exhibit
 2. Turkeys - \$4.00 per exhibit
 3. Small animals (poultry, rabbits) \$2.00 per exhibit
 4. FFA still exhibits - \$2.00 per exhibit
 5. FHA exhibits - \$2.00 per exhibit
 6. Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts exhibits - \$2.00 per exhibit
 7. Junior Grange exhibits - \$2.00 per exhibit
 8. 4-H Still exhibits - \$2.00 per exhibit
- If the resources of the Vinton County Agricultural Society are not sufficient to make payment of all premiums, the Treasurer may make a pro-rated reduction of all premiums.

YOUTH ORGANIZATION BOOTH GUIDELINES

Educational Value: 25 Points

- Presents facts worth knowing
- Presents facts in a way that is easy to remember
- Tells where more information is available
- Exhibits should tell the public something more about the project.
- Exhibits will be based on requirements for projects as outlined in the member's project guide manual.

Interest and Originality: 25 Points

- Draws attention
- Theme must be displayed
- Exhibit card **MUST** be completed for every project displayed
- Your booth must represent 4-H other than just colors (Ex: Pledge, Flag Motto)
- Originality

Appearance: 25 Points

- Booth is artistic, neat and attractive
- Good balance
- Attractive color arrangement
- Should avoid commercial posters and advertising materials
- Size and number charts, maps, labels, etc. should be appropriated size and easily understood

Quality of Displays or Posters: 25 Points

- Uses pictures, posters, models, and visual to represent each members work
- Use of own ideas that are creative examples and good displays of project work
- Names of advisors and members should be obvious

Member's project work showing evidence of having been used in a previous exhibit **MUST NOT** be used. Ribbons and exhibit cards should be attached to the member's posters or exhibits. Trophies, Rosettes, Awards displayed must be for current year.

FOOTNOTES: *Advisors need to be reminded that while the theme is required to be present, it should not replace the member's project work. In order to make members feel more a part of the booth judging, it is recommended that they create their booth.