

2024 Union County Fair Livestock Requirement Summary**

Market Beef (Steers & Market Heifers)

Exhibit Limit	Can register up to 6 animals. Can show up to 4 animals (Steers or Market Heifers)
Ownership Deadline	December 31, 2023
Tag-in Required	MUST submit identification and registration forms online by Jan. 8, 2024
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Beef Skillathon, Wed., July 24 at 9:30 am
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	Weigh-in: Mon. July 22, 10 am Showmanship: Wed. July 24, 4 pm County Born & Raised: Fri. July 26, 7 pm Show: Fri. July 26, 7 pm
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18. County Born & Raised animals must be identified as part of the online identification and registration due Jan. 8, 2024
Weight & Other Requirements	All heifers and steers must be dehorned. Steers must be castrated. 900 lbs. weight min. for Steers and Market Heifers. Projects which do not make the minimum weight listed will not be eligible for the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale or for re-sale. The exhibitor is responsible for taking the animal home. Mulch fee.
Health Requirements	No health papers required. DUNF forms due online prior to weigh-in.

Beef Breeding (Heifers) and Beef Feeder Calves

Exhibit Limit	Can show up to 4 heifers and Beef Feeder Calves, only 1 entry per heifer class.
Ownership Deadline	May 1
Tag-in Required	None for heifers. Beef Feeders must submit Animal Identification with photos online by May 7.
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Beef Skillathon, Wed., July 24 at 9:30 am
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	Heifers: No Weigh-in Beef Feeders: Weigh-in: Monday July 22, 10 am Showmanship: Wed., July 24, 4 pm Show: Fri., July 26, 7 pm
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	Enter heifers in appropriate class based on age of animal. Beef Feeder Calves – maximum weight of 900 pounds. Mulch Fee.
Health Requirements	No health papers required. All beef animals must be dehorned.

Dairy Feeders

Exhibit Limit	May show maximum of 2 Purebred or Crossbred animals (can identify maximum of 4)
Ownership Deadline	May 1
Tag-in Required	Must be tagged on Sat., May 4, from 7:30-10 am at the county tagging. Must be vaccinated and hair sample collected at tag-in on May 4. (Fee applies based on required vaccines and additional options.) Must submit online Animal Identification with photos by May 7.
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Beef Skillathon, Wed., July 24 at 9:30 am
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	Weigh-in: Monday July 22, 10 am Showmanship & Show: Wednesday, July 24, 4 pm
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	Must weigh between 400 and 700 lbs. All Dairy Feeders must be Purebred Holstein or Brown Swiss steers to show in purebred class. Based on industry standards, purebred is considered 87% or above. Crossbred class is defined as purebred dairy breed crossed with beef breed. Crossbred must be no more than 50% beef breed. Must be dehorned and castrated male. Must be on dry feed, no milk replacer. Projects which do not make the minimum weight listed will not be eligible for the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale or for re-sale. The exhibitor is responsible for taking the animal home. Mulch fee.
Health Requirements	No health papers required. DUNF due online prior to weigh-in. Must have been vaccinated at tag-in May 4.

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Dairy Cattle

Exhibit Limit	Only 1 entry per class. Lease agreements will be allowed.
Ownership Deadline	May 1. Any lease must be signed by May 1.
Tag-in Required	None
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	The Dairy Skillathon will be Monday, July 22 at 12:30 pm in the Armory.
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	No Weigh-in Showmanship: Tues, July 23, 10 am Show: Tuesday, July 23, 10 am The Jr. Fair Committee Reserves the right to combine breeds when there are less than five animals in a breed. Breed awards are not guaranteed for breeds with less than five animals.
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	Exhibitors of Dairy may participate in the Dairy Products Sale within the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale, if not selling any other species.
Health Requirements	No health papers required. Dairy animals required to turn in DUNF forms online prior to fair.

Market Lambs

Exhibit Limit	May tag-in maximum of 6. May show maximum of 4 animals. Ewes or wethers.
Ownership Deadline	May 1.
Tag-in Required	Submit Scrapie Tag animal identification and photos online by May 7. Must have approved Scrapie tag. County Born and Raised (CBR) animals must include breeder information when submitting information.
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Sheep Skillathon Tuesday, July 23, 11 am, Armory
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	Weigh-in: Saturday, July 20, 2 pm; Barn Meeting: 1:30 Showmanship: Sunday, July 21, 9 am County Born & Raised: Sunday, July 21, 9:00 am Market Show: Sunday, July 21, 5 pm
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18. CBR animals must include breeder information as part of the online Animal Id and Scrapie tag registration due May 7.
Weight & Other Requirements	Must weigh minimum 90 lbs. to show and sell. All lambs must be shown slick shorn. Projects which do not make the minimum weight listed will not be eligible for the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale or for re-sale. The exhibitor is responsible for taking the animal home. No straw or mulch permitted in barn for bedding.
Health Requirements	All animals must have USDA approved scrapie tag. DUNF due online prior to weigh-in.

Market Hogs

Exhibit Limit	May tag-in maximum of 6. May show maximum of 4 animals. Can be any combination of gilts and barrows.
Ownership Deadline	May 1.
Tag-in Required	Exhibitor must obtain tags from the OSU Extension Office and tag his/her own hogs. Submit Animal Identification and photos online by May 7. County Born and Raised (CBR) animals must include breeder information when submitting.
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Swine Skillathon will be Monday, July 22 at 11 am.
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	Weigh-in: Saturday, July 20, 6 pm, Barn Mtg. 5:30 Showmanship: Monday, July 22, 6:00 pm County Born & Raised: Monday, July 22, 6pm Show: Tues., July 23, 6 pm
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18. Photos and Animal Identification must be submitted online by May 7.
Weight & Other Requirements	Must weigh between 210 and 290 lbs. Must have minimum of ½ inch hair length. Do not clip hog's hair at fair. All hogs must be ear notched. Projects which do not make the minimum or maximum weight listed will not be eligible for the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale or for re-sale. The exhibitor is responsible for taking the animal home.
Health Requirements	No health papers required. DUNF due online prior to weigh-in. Only wood shavings may be used for bedding.

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Market Goats

Exhibit Limit	May tag in maximum of 6. May show maximum of 4. Market Goats will show in separate doe and wether classes.
Ownership Deadline	May 1. Market goats should be born after Dec 1 of the prior year.
Tag-in Required	Submit Scrapie Tag Registration Form and photos online by May 7. Must have approved Scrapie tag. County Born and Raised (CBR) animals must include breeder information when submitting information.
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Goat Skillathon Tuesday, July 23, 12:30 pm
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	Weigh-in: Saturday, July 20, 2 pm; Barn Meeting 1:30 Showmanship: Thurs., July 25, 9:00 am County, Born & Raised: Thurs., July 25, 9 am Market Show: Thurs., July 25, 5:00 pm
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18. CBR animals must include breeder information as part of the online Animal Id and Scrapie tag registration due May 7.
Weight & Other Requirements	Must weigh between 60-120 lbs. Market Goats may be does or wethers and will show in separate doe and wether classes. Must be dehorned and castrated by May 1. Projects which do not make the minimum weight listed will not be eligible for the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale or for re-sale. The exhibitor is responsible for taking the animal home. No straw or mulch permitted in barn for bedding.
Health Requirements	All animals must have USDA approved scrapie tag. DUNF must be submitted online prior to weigh-in. Goats must be dehorned and healed.

Breeding Goats

Exhibit Limit	Maximum 2 entries per class.
Ownership Deadline	May 1.
Tag-in Required	None
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Goat Skillathon Tuesday, July 23, 12:30 pm
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	No Weigh-in, Barn Meeting 1:30 Sat, July 20 Show: Thurs., July 25, 9:00 am Showmanship: Thurs., July 25, 9:00 am
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	None. Breeding animals are not weighed in. Breeding stock are not guaranteed a pen for fair week. Market goats and sheep have pen priority. Breeding stock can utilize a pen if available. Classes will be offered for Doe Kids and Does 1 – 2 years. No does over 2 years will be shown in Dairy, Meat, and Pygmy divisions. No straw or mulch permitted in barn for bedding.
Health Requirements	All animals must have USDA approved scrapie tag.

Market Rabbits

Exhibit Limit	Can tattoo 6 animals, can show 1 Pen of 3
Ownership Deadline	Must own animals by June 22.
Tag-in Required	Mandatory tattooing on Saturday, June 22 from 8-11 am.
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Rabbit Skillathon Monday, July 22, 9 am Juniors, 9:30 am Intermediate and Senior
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	Weigh-in and Barn Meeting: Sunday, July 21, 7:15 pm Showmanship: Tuesday, July 23, 9 am Show: Tuesday, July 23, 9 am
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	Each rabbit in a pen must weigh between 3 ½ and 5 ½ lbs. to be shown and Jr. Fair Livestock Sale eligible. Projects which do not make the weight listed will not be eligible for the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale or for re-sale. The exhibitor is responsible for taking the animal home.
Health Requirements	DUNF required online prior to weigh-in (One form per whole pen)

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Breeding Rabbits

Exhibit Limit	Maximum entries per exhibitor: Jr. age exhibitor = 2 + meat pen; Intermediate age exhibitor = 3 + meat pen Senior age exhibitor = 4 + meat pen
Ownership Deadline	May 1
Tag-in Required	None
Quality Assurance	None Required
Skillathon	Rabbit Skillathon Monday, July 22, 9 am Juniors, 9:30 am Intermediate and Seniors
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	No Weigh-in Showmanship: Tuesday, July 23, 9 am Show: Tuesday, July 23, 9 am
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	This is not an ARBA Show but animals must show predominate breed characteristics. Rabbits must be permanently earmarked. There will be no Doe and Litter class.
Health Requirements	No health papers required. Will be veterinarian inspected at the fair.

Broilers (Meat Chickens)

Exhibit Limit	Can show 1 pen of 4 Broilers. 4 Birds must be weighed in at fair, 3 will be shown. All entries in the broiler class must be Cornish Cross.
Ownership Deadline	Birds must have been hatched on or after Monday, June 10, 2024.
Tag-in Required	None
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Poultry Skillathon: Tuesday, July 23, 9 am Jr; 9:45 am, Seniors and Intermediate
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	Weigh-in: Sunday, July 21, 11:15 am Showmanship: Monday, July 22, 10 am Show: Monday, July 22, 10 am
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	Maximum pen weight at 28 lbs. Minimum pen weight is 18 lbs. Underweight/overweight pens will not be permitted to sell in the Livestock sale. Processing the broilers after the fair is your responsibility. Make plans ahead of time.
Health Requirements	Must present NPIP hatchery papers at weigh-in. DUNF required online prior to weigh-in.

Fancy Poultry, Pullets

Exhibit Limit	Pullets: Only 1 entry, pen of 3 birds. Fancies: No more than 2 entries, pen of 2. Can be male and female OR 2 females of the same breed. See fair book for class details.
Ownership Deadline	May 1.
Tag-in Required	None
Quality Assurance	Not Required
Skillathon	Poultry Skillathon: Tuesday, July 23, 9 am Jr; 9:45 am, Seniors and Intermediate
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	No Weigh-in Showmanship: Monday, July 22, 10 am Show: Monday, July 22, 10 am
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	Not eligible for Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
Health Requirements	Fancy Poultry and Pullets must have NPIP papers. Pigeons do not require NPIP testing.

Market Turkeys

Exhibit Limit	Turkeys: Can show 1 commercial Tom Turkey; All market turkeys must be a Broad Breasted variety, either white or bronze.
Ownership Deadline	Turkeys: 48 hours after hatching. Must have been hatched on or after April 8, 2024
Tag-in Required	None
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Poultry Skillathon: Tuesday, July 23, 9 am Jr; 9:45 am, Seniors and Intermediate
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	No Weigh-in Showmanship: Wednesday, July 24, 11:00 am Show: Wednesday, July 24, 11:00 am
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	Turkeys: May be debeaked, de-toed or any practice accepted in the commercial production of meat turkeys. Processing the turkey after the fair is your responsibility. Make plans ahead of time.
Health Requirements	Must present NPIP hatchery papers at weigh-in. DUNF required online prior to weigh-in.

Market Ducks

Exhibit Limit	Pen of 3 Heavy class market ducks; best 2 shown for competition. Bring 3, Show 2, Sell 3.
Ownership Deadline	48 hours after hatching. Must have been hatched on or after May 6, 2024
Tag-in Required	None
Quality Assurance	Youth exhibitors must participate in Quality Assurance Education (QA) by June 1 to be eligible to show. See Quality Assurance Flyer for approved QA options.
Skillathon	Poultry Skillathon: Tuesday, July 23, 9 am Jr; 9:45 am, Seniors and Intermediate
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	Weigh-In: Sunday, July 21, 11:15 am Showmanship: Wednesday, July 24, 2:30 pm Show: Wednesday, July 24, 2:30 pm
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	Market Ducks are eligible for Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Minimum pen weight is 15 lbs. Underweight pens will not be permitted to sell in the Livestock Sale. Processing the meat duck after the fair is your responsibility. Make plans ahead of time.
Health Requirements	Must present NPIP hatchery papers at weigh-in. DUNF required online prior to weigh-in.

Exhibition Waterfowl (Ducks & Geese)

Exhibit Limit	Only 1 entry per class, either ducks OR geese. Exhibits consist of 2 birds. See fair book for class details.
Ownership Deadline	Waterfowl (Ducks & Geese): May 1
Tag-in Required	None
Quality Assurance	Not Required for Exhibition Ducks and Geese.
Skillathon	Poultry Skillathon: Tuesday, July 23, 9 am Jr; 9:45 am, Seniors and Intermediate
Fair Weigh-in & Show Time	No Weigh-in Showmanship: Wednesday, July 24, 2:30 pm Show: Wednesday, July 24, 2:30 pm
Entries	Online entries must be submitted using Fair Entry by 4 pm on June 18.
Weight & Other Requirements	Waterfowl (Ducks & Geese): Not eligible for Junior Fair Livestock Sale
Health Requirements	NPIP papers are not required.