

2025

Stark County Junior Fair Cavy Rules



YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ENTRY!!

DEADLINE IS JULY 25th, 2025
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

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Stark County Junior Fair – OVERALL General Rules for ALL Species

The Stark County Junior Fair operates under the authority of and in conjunction with the Stark County Senior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board is a department of the Stark County Fair with its own objectives. These objectives in many instances, require rules or guidelines that differ significantly from those of other Stark County Fair Departments.

Any boy or girl enrolled in a Stark County Youth organization is eligible to participate in the Stark County Junior Fair. They must abide by the rules and age limitations of said youth organization (4H, FFA, Grange, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)

1. To participate in 4H activities, youth must comply with the State 4H membership policy. 4H eligibility begins at age 5 (and in kindergarten as of January 1) and ends December 31st of the year in which they attain the age of 19.
2. Exhibitors in 4H classes must be enrolled in 4H club work in Stark County. Exhibits must be from 4H projects approved by the State or Local Extension office.
3. All members are encouraged to show in open class events.
4. Health rules for the livestock exhibits are the same as those governing all open class exhibits. Health papers must be shown, if requested, to the proper person before an animal is assigned a stall.
5. The Board of Directors of the Stark County Agricultural Society will, to the best of their ability, safeguard persons, livestock and articles on the grounds, but will not be responsible for injury, damage, disease, theft or loss of any kind.
6. Animals released due to illness or injury must have a signed release from the Fair Veterinarian, Junior Fair Coordinator and/or Barn Superintendent. Any animal removed without proper permission will be subject to 1-year suspension for the exhibitor.
7. Members are required to clean stalls or pens daily and maintain a neat and presentable area. Failure to keep the area clean or properly feed and water livestock may result in the committee withholding payment.
8. Anyone assisting with showing another exhibitor's animal must be enrolled as a current 4H or FFA or other youth organization member in Stark County.
9. All animals must remain on exhibit at the fair until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, the last day of the fair.
10. All animals sold remain the property of the member and in the member's care until Fair release time, 4:00 p.m., Monday, the last day of the fair. *Please be advised, some market animals may be released to contracted Livestock Brokers prior to the 4pm release time.*
11. Animals sold are not eligible to be shown again by that exhibitor or any other 4H or FFA member in any Junior Show in the County or State or Independent Fair in the calendar year. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals are terminal**. **Does NOT apply to the Dairy Beef Feeder project**
12. Exhibitors are responsible for their own veterinary bill.
13. Veterinarians assigned to the Fair for check-in will decide all matters of health, presence of disease and stall release.
14. The Fair Board will provide ribbons and/or appropriate awards. If the budget is exceeded, the Fair Board reserves the right to prorate cash premiums.
15. *Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H (clubs) and Vocational Agriculture (FFA) or be members of either organization. However, those involved in both must carry separate and distinct projects, including different animals and/or products, for each organization. Examples of distinct projects include Sheep Breeding, Market Lambs, Pullets, and Broilers. The same or similar animals or products cannot be exhibited in both organizations, even if classified under different projects or programs. Additionally, an animal or product may not be shown in more than one county in 4-H or FFA classes.*
16. Stark County youth programs and the Junior Fair Board will not condone the use of alcohol or drugs by any of its members, volunteers or anyone else associated with the Junior fair. The Junior Fair Coordinator, Junior Fair Board advisors, FFA advisors, Extension office and the Senior Fair Board will contact parents or legal authorities to handle individuals caught using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

17. In the event that a project animal dies after the designated possession date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event.
18. **All Entries are Due at midnight By or On The final Friday of July - NO EXCEPTIONS - No Changes will be permitted after entry deadline.**
19. All market animal grooming must be performed by the Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor or their immediate family, as defined by Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 901-19(P). "Family" includes, but is not limited to, the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, son, daughter, step-child, or guardian. Additionally, a current Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor may assist. This rule applies to all projects entered in the Stark County Junior Fair show during the Stark County Fair from August 26, 2025, to September 1, 2025. Violation of this rule will result in the animal being ineligible for sale.
20. No one may handle a Junior Fair exhibitor's animal(s) without the exhibitor's permission, except in an emergency. Committee members are permitted to handle animals as part of their regular duties, including during the show, sale, weigh-in, photos, loading, and unloading.
21. Judges' Decisions are Final.
22. Any Medical/School excuses must be submitted in writing to Committee Chair and Junior Fair Coordinator.
23. **ALL Junior Fair Exhibitors are REQUIRED to attend a QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) CLINIC by JUNE 1 before the fair. Exhibitors who do not complete this requirement will be ineligible to show at the fair or bring a carcass.**
24. **Exhibitors must complete a DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF) for all market and lactating animals before the show. Failure to comply WILL result in disqualification from showing. This requirement is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture under Ohio Revised Code 901-19-06 and 901-19-07. All Junior Fair livestock must be free of drug residues on the first day of the fair unless otherwise noted on the DUNF. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their market animals until the fair concludes, the drug withdrawal period ends, or if the animal is placed under quarantine.**

Junior Fair Coordinator

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Junior Fair Livestock Barn Superintendents

Beef	Amber Shoemaker	Justin Durkin
Dairy	Justin Durkin	Dan Farnham
Goat	Jill McNeil	Mikayla Durkin
Horse	Mikayla Durkin	Justin Durkin
Poultry	Julie Nicholas	Justin Durkin
Sheep	Dave Stock	Jill McNeil
Swine	Sarah Yungen	Kevin King
Rabbit/Cavy	Jill Sterling	Julie Nicholas

(Please refer to the Fair Book for contact information or leave a message at office@starkcountyfair.com)

CAVY RULES 2025

I. CAVY RULES

1. Project animals must be purebred animals according to American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA). Contact a member of the Rabbit & Cavy Committee for help in finding purebred Cavies.
2. Cavy projects must be taken in order, regardless of the number of Cavies exhibitor is showing at the fair. Projects should not be repeated. Only ONE (1) Cavy Project may be taken per year. All youth with Cavy projects should participate in the Cavy Show.
3. All Cavies exhibited must be permanently earmarked by a tag in the left ear before arrival at the fair. (See enclosed calendar for date & time of Tattoo & Tag Clinic.) All tags must be done by the final July Entry Clinic Free (only exception is Juniors) or there will be a \$5.00 fee per cavy.
4. Cavies exhibited must be clean, free of parasites and in good health. The superintendent may send any animal home at their discretion.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for caring for their project animal daily through the last day of the fair. Care includes checking in or out, cleaning pens, feeding and watering. Any failure to fulfill these requirements will result in forfeiture of premium money. No early Departure. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own feed and bedding. (Bedding will be provided the first day of the fair only.)
6. No locks may be placed on cages. Zip ties are permitted.
7. All animals sold in any Junior Fair Show throughout the state, may not be shown or sold in any other Junior show within the same year.
8. There must be a minimum of 5 Cavies in a breed and 2 exhibitors for exhibitors to be eligible for awards. Rosettes will be awarded if there are less than 5 animals.
9. Exhibitors winning an award must turn in an addressed, **stamped** thank you note to a Stark County Junior Fair Rabbit & Cavy Committee member by Saturday of Fair by 4pm. The Rabbit & Cavy Committee will give out sponsors' name and address after the show.
10. In the event a project animal dies after the designated possession date, members will not be permitted to replace that animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale. Members may, however, replace the animal for the purpose of completing the project, showmanship and/or skill-a-thon. Exhibitors should report the death of any animal immediately to a committee member.
11. All exhibitors will receive a \$5.00 premium per cavy project registration.
12. *Parents or Advisors need to contact a member of the Rabbit & Cavy Committee if they have a participant with a learning or physical disability.*
13. Each exhibitor should attend the Jr. Fair Cavy Show and show their own cavy(s). If this is not possible, you must notify the committee and you must find another Junior Fair exhibitor to show for you.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL YOUTH WISHING TO EXHIBIT CAVIES AT THE JUNIOR FAIR ATTEND THE JULY PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRY CLINIC. FOR FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR MEMBERS IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THEY ATTEND THE SPRING EDUCATIONAL CLINIC.

The Junior Fair Cavy Show is under the supervision and direction of the Junior Fair Rabbit & Cavy Committee. The committee will supervise all shows and activities at the fair. Any questions regarding the rules, procedures etc. will be decided by a majority vote of the committee membership. **The decision of the Judge is final.**

II. PURCHASING/POSSESSION CAVY

All project Cavies must be in the possession of the exhibitor by **May 25th** to be able to show at the Stark County Junior Fair. EXCEPTION: Intermediate or Junior Aged animals which are raised by exhibitor must have the sow by **May 25**. Project Animals must be of American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) standard breeds.

III. CHECKING IN / CHECKING OUT

- All Cavies must be checked in with the Jr. Fair Show Secretary, in the Rabbit Barn on Monday, August 25, between 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. **All Cavies must be checked in and out with the Junior Fair Show Secretary. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **All Cavies will remain on exhibit until 6:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair**, except for sold animals, which are released at 4:00 p.m. **NO CAVIES will be released except through the Jr. Fair Show Secretary.** If an animal is removed from the fair early without checking with a committee member or junior fair secretary, the junior fair member will not be permitted to show at the fair next year!

IV. CAVY FAIR CLASSES

1. Senior Boars and Sows- Over 6 months of age or weight over 32 ounces
2. Intermediate Boars and Sows- Up to 6 months of age, OR weight over 22 ounces and maximum weight of 32 ounces.
3. Junior Boars and Sows- Up to 4 months of age, minimum weight of 12 ounces maximum weight of 22 ounces.

CAVY EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS

CAVY I First year exhibitors – may exhibit TWO pens.

***MUST BE OF THE SAME BREED**

**Exhibitor is to complete the beginner section of the new Ohio Cavy Book, member project guidelines, one-page report and record section of project book.

CAVY II Exhibitors who have completed Cavy I – may exhibit FOUR pens

***Requires TWO senior and TWO of your choice –MUST BE OF THE SAME BREED**

**Exhibitor is to continue in the Ohio Cavy Book, do member project guidelines, one-page report, and record section of the project book. **

CAVY III Exhibitors who have completed Cavy II – may exhibit SIX pens – **TWO** Breeds may be exhibited. If exhibiting two breeds, One Senior of each Breed, TWO intermediates or

juniors(either breed) and TWO of exhibitor's choice (either breed) (Offspring recommended)

*If exhibiting only ONE breed, requires TWO seniors, TWO intermediate or juniors and TWO of your choice **Offspring** are recommended.

**Exhibitor is to continue in the Ohio Cavy Book, do member project guidelines, one-page report, and record section of the project book. **

CAVY IV Exhibitors who have completed Cavy III – may exhibit EIGHT pens. **THREE** breeds may be exhibited. If exhibiting three breeds, requires ONE senior, ONE junior or intermediate of each breed chosen and TWO of your choice (either breed) (offspring recommended). If exhibiting two breeds, requires ONE senior, ONE junior OR One Intermediate of each breed and FOUR of your choice (Offspring recommended)

If exhibiting one breed, Requires TWO seniors, TWO intermediate or juniors and FOUR of exhibitor's choice (Offspring recommended)

**Exhibitor is to continue in the Ohio Cavy Book, do member project guidelines, one-page report, and record section of the project book. **

CAVY V & UP Exhibitors who have completed Cavy IV – may exhibit TEN pens – **FOUR breeds** may exhibit. If exhibiting one breed, you must have TWO SENIORS, TWO INTERMEDIATES, TWO JUNIORS and four of exhibitor's choice.

If exhibiting two breeds, Requires TWO seniors of each breed, one Inter/junior of each breed and four of exhibitor's choice (offspring recommended (either breed)).

If exhibiting three breeds, you need one Senior of each breed, three intermediates or juniors (either breed) and four of exhibitor's choice (either breed) (offspring recommended).

If exhibiting four breeds, Requires one senior of each breed, one intermediate or junior of each breed and two of exhibitor's choice. (Either breed) (offspring recommended)

**Exhibitor must complete Advanced section of the Ohio Cavy Book, member project guidelines, one-page report, and record section of the project book. **

V. SKILLATHON = PROJECT COMPLETION

The Junior Fair Rabbit & Cavy Committee has determined that each exhibitor must complete a Skillathon for project completion.

Divisions are	Senior	15 years and up
	Intermediate	12-14 years

Junior

8-11 years

1. Bring completed project book and one-page report to Skillathon. **Your one-page report needs to be separate from your book and be in a SHEET PROTECTOR. The one-page report topic this year is, in your own words “TALK ABOUT FAULTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS.”**

If unable to attend Skillathon, books and reports must be turned into a committee member by Saturday, AUGUST 23, 2025. If books and reports are not turned in by deadline, your animal will not compete for any awards. Your animal will be judged at the end of the class for COMMENTS ONLY.

2. Skill-a-thon will consist of 5-6 stations, with each station being timed, to evaluate project knowledge.

VI. CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

1. SHOWMANSHIP IS **MANDATORY** FOR FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR EXHIBITORS and showmanship is highly recommended for all other exhibitors. Exhibitors entering showmanship must sign in. You must have the tag number of the animal you will be using.
2. Exhibitors must show his/her OWN project animal, which is entered on their entry form. (See exception, Cavy Rule #10 and contact a committee member as soon as possible). Anyone not doing so will be removed from the competition and forfeit any awards. In case of a tie, all exhibitors involved must be present. Any exhibitor not present will forfeit.
3. Exhibitors should have a good understanding of what is expected of themselves and their Cavy before entering showmanship classes. Attend the spring clinic for this information.
4. Exhibitors must be properly dressed. Wear a long-sleeved shirt or jacket, which can be removed after judging and will protect exhibitor’s arms and clothing. This jacket need not be a show coat or white shirt. NO hats, jewelry, or nail polish should be worn. NO gum and hair should be pulled back.
5. Showmanship Classes are determined by exhibitor’s age as of January 1, current year.

SENIOR	15 years and up
INTERMEDIATE	12 – 14 years
JUNIOR	8 – 11 years

6. All awards and score sheets will be awarded at the completion of all the showmanship classes.
7. **An exhibitor may win only once in a showmanship class.** These exhibitors may compete in Champion of Champion Showmanship while waiting to move into the next showmanship class.

8. Any member, whose enrollment form was received after the March 15 deadline, may compete for remarks only, not awards.

VII. CHAMPION OF CHAMPION CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

1. Winners of Cavy Showmanship classes (see list above) and any other exhibitors who have won or participated in Champion of Champions in the past but are not eligible to move into the next class yet may participate in Champion of Champions.
2. Champion of Champion Cavy Showmanship will be held on Saturday, August 16th after the Showmanship Championships of the age divisions. The order of competition will be decided by a drawing held before the competition.
3. The winner of Champion of Champions will participate in the Showman of Showman Contest. If the Champion does not wish to participate, the Reserve Champion may go in his/her place.

The winner of Champion of Champions may return to defend the title each year until they advance to the next division. Then they must start over again.

VIII. CAVY SALES

Exhibitors wanting to put their Junior Fair Cavies up for sale may do so after the Cavy Show, by entering the information in the Junior Fair Cavy Sales Book. A 10% Sales Commission will be taken from all Cavy checks to be used for Junior Fair Rabbit & Cavy Committee expenses.

2024 JUNIOR FAIR CAVY CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion:	Trenton Butcher	Twitchers Rabbit & Cavy 4H
Reserve Champion:	Lily Mackey	Twitchers Rabbit & Cavy 4H

2025 CAVY DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 15 Stark County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Sanctioned Open & Youth Show - All are encouraged to attend and show
- February 16 Summit County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders sanctioned show (Stark County Fairgrounds)
- April 27 Educational Clinic – Stark County Fairgrounds - Art Hall 1-3pm
****MANDATORY clinic for First- and Second-Year Members to exhibit at the fair and highly encouraged for all others to attend****
- May 25 Exhibitor MUST have their Cavy in their possession. Exceptions: Junior/Intermediate Aged Cavies (MUST HAVE MOTHER)
- July 19 Pre-registration Clinic – Stark County Fair Grounds - 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Must bring all animals that will be exhibited. This will be the only day to get your animals pre-registered for the fair.
This will be the last chance to have your animals tagged for free. After the July clinic the charge will be \$5.00 per animal.
- July 25 **Stark County Junior Fair entries due ONLINE**
- August 16 Skill-a-thon & Showmanship – Stark County Fairgrounds Begins **at 9 a.m.**
Sign-In begin at 8:30 a.m.
Showmanship Classes Senior begins at 9 am (must be signed in by 8:50 a.m.)
Intermediate and Junior Class to follow
Showmanship will continue until all classes are finished.
****You must have your cavy's tag number with you for showmanship sign-in & the one that you have entered for 2025 fair****
Champion of Champion will be immediately following the Showmanship Championship of Age Divisions.
- August 25 Stark County Fair Check In – 12pm to 8 p.m.
Check in with the Junior Fair Rabbit Show Secretary
- Aug 26-Sept 1 **Stark County Fair**
- August 28 Cavy Show – 9 am
- August 29 Scavenger Hunt Rabbit & Cavy Barn (9am-8pm) Pick up sheet at 4-H desk
- August 30 Rabbit & Cavy Costume Contest – 3pm Poultry Tent
- September 1 Check out day 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. - **Must check out with Jr. Fair Show Secretary**
Clean your pens before you leave!
- September 3 Pen Tear-Down/Barn Cleanup; 5pm till finished ****Need Jr. Fair Helpers, if available! ****

2025 RABBIT & CAVY COMMITTEE

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2025 OFFICERS

Chairman	Theresa Young
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Webmaster/Auction Assistant	Caryn Arbogast

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Auction & Promotions Committee Representatives: Earline Hermann, Caryn Arbogast, Joann Gazdacko

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