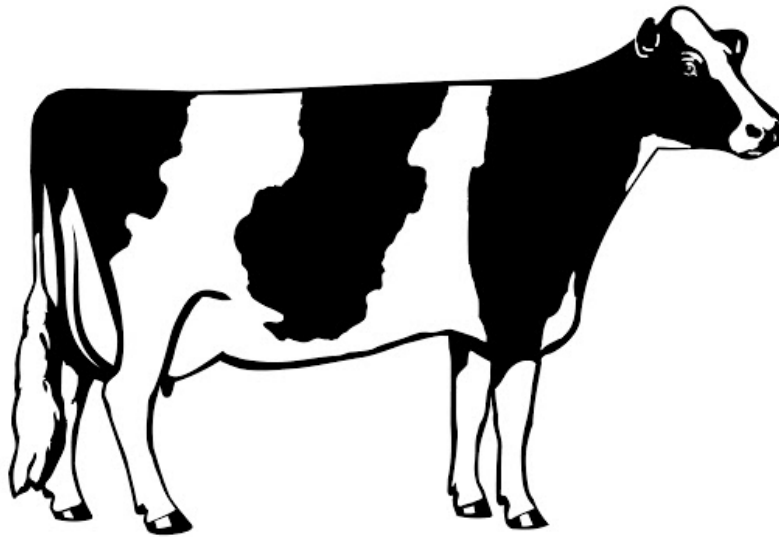


**2025
JUNIOR FAIR - DAIRY CHEESE
CONTEST
RULES AND PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
(attached)**



Remember: You are responsible for your own entry!!

Dairy Cheese Project Pre-Registration is Mandatory and must be submitted by May 25th. This is a paper entry and the form is attached.

**Entry Deadline is July 25, 2025
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO CHANGES permitted after
the deadline of July 25th.**

Please see Dairy Female Rules Section III, Rule 3 for Load in times.

ABSOLUTELY NO STALL CLEANING DURING LOAD-OUT

Website: www.starkcountyjrfair4h.com

Committee Facebook Page: Stark County Jr. Fair Dairy Committee

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

Julie Pinter

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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)

2025 STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR CHEESE CONTEST AND SALE RULES

II. GENERAL DAIRY CHEESE RULES & REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Junior Fair Cheese Production Contest provides exhibitors the opportunity to learn about cheese production and the cheese yield calculations from various fluid milk production levels. It also provides the public with an opportunity to learn about cheese production.
2. Any member enrolled in a cow project is eligible to enter the contest. Exhibitors must **pre-register one or two cows by May 25th** of the current year. However, the exhibitor **may select only one animal to be entered in the contest**. That animal must be designated on the Junior Fair entry form that must be turned into the Junior Fair Office, PO Box 80279, Canton, OH 44708 by July 25th 2025. **No substitutions will be permitted.**
3. Cheese cows are to refer to the 2025 Dairy Female Rules and are subject to all State Regulations.
4. Cows on official test shall be evaluated on current lactation with 3 tests prior to August 1st, or previous lactation will be used. "Actual" record projected to 305 days. **For cows not on test, the exhibitor must notify the Dairy Committee to arrange three tests with a minimum of 25 day and a maximum of 6 weeks between tests, with first test no earlier than January 1 of the Fair year. ALL TESTS MUST COME FROM THE SAME COMPETING LACTATION.**
5. Exhibitors with cows not on official test shall provide birth date of animal and freshened date. Weights and samples will be taken by someone, under the direction of the Junior Fair Dairy Committee, at their convenience. Milk will be tested, and a projected actual 305 production record will be calculated.
6. All cheese cows not on **official** test must be fresh by May 1, 2025 to be eligible for the Cheese Sale.
7. **All pre-registered cheese cows will be tested three (3) times, under the supervision of an unbiased individual selected by the Stark County Junior Fair Dairy Committee.**
8. The Grand and Reserve Champion Cheese Cow exhibitors will be asked to bring their animal into the ring during the Cheese Sale. Sale order will be determined by the Stark County Junior Fair Dairy Committee. **Exhibitor must keep the animal under control at all times or they will be moved to the bottom of the sale list.**
9. To cover Auction, Promotional, "Thank you's" and miscellaneous expenses, there will be **a 5% commission fee for Auction committee** plus \$37.00 flat fee (\$35.00 plus \$2.00 Beef Check-Off Fee) for the Grand Champion, a **2.5% commission fee for Auction committee** plus \$37.00 flat fee (\$35.00 plus \$2.00 Beef Check-Off fee) for the Reserve Grand Champion. For all other animals, \$37.00 flat fee (\$35.00 plus \$2.00 Beef Check-Off Fee) will be deducted from each check.
10. Test papers need to be turned into the Junior Fair Office, P.O. Box 80279, Canton, OH 44708 by **August 15, 2025.**
11. All animals entered in the 2025 Cheese Sale **must** be exhibited at the 2025 Stark County Junior Fair Dairy Show and listed on the Junior Fair entry due to the Junior Fair Office by **July 25, 2025.**
12. No one is to handle a Junior Fair member's animal(s) without the permission of the Junior Fair exhibitor unless there is an emergency. Livestock committee members may handle the animal

during the normal course of their committee duties (i.e. loading, unloading, weigh-in, pictures, show, sale, etc.)

13. All exhibitors with a cheese project animal must be able to verify the identification of their animal at check-in at **10 am, Tuesday, August 26, 2025 or load in on Thursday, August 28, 2025 between 4 -5 pm** at the Fair.

14. **The Cheese Sale will take place Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 6 pm. The Cheese Sale begins at 6 pm but exhibitors should be in the sale barn wearing their Biery Cheese T-shirts before the start of the sale. Cheese exhibitor group picture will be taken at 5 pm.**

15. In the event that a cheese project is sold, and the cow does not go through the show ring, the Dairy Committee reserves the right to withhold the cheese sale money.

16. Individual cheese project pictures will be taken **Friday, August 29, 2025 during the Dairy Show.**

17. On the night of the Cheese Sale, each exhibitor will receive an envelope, **DO NOT GIVE IT TO YOUR BUYER.** Inside the envelope there will be instructions (*please read them*) and Thank You cards for your buyer. Cards will need to be filled out and deposited in the box at the Dairy Committee display in the Dairy Barn at Fair. Deadline for turning in cards is NOON on Sunday, August 31, 2025. Missing the deadline will result in the delay of receiving your check for your cheese project.

18. All deadlines, dates, rules and regulations for the Junior Fair Cheese project will be strictly enforced by the Dairy Committee.

19. The Dairy Committee will provide token thank you gifts for the buyers the night of the sale. Project members do not need to provide thank you gifts for their cheese buyers at Fair.

20. Project must be 100% one of the following breeds: Holstein, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, Jersey, Guernsey and Milking Shorthorn.

III. CHEESE CONTEST AWARDS

Champion Cheese Production

Reserve Champion Cheese Production

2025 DAIRY PROJECT DATES

May 25 Cheese Cow Pre-Registration

July 25 **ENTRY DEADLINE – Entries are due to Junior Fair Coordinator by midnight!**

August 15 Test papers are due to the Junior Fair Office

August 28 Cheese Project Group Picture – 5pm

August 28 Individual Cheese Project Pictures – Immediately following Cheese Group Pictures

August 28 Cheese Sale – 6pm

August 29 Dairy Combination Show and Showmanship– 9am

2025 Junior Fair Dairy Committee and Executive Committee

Aaron	Dickerhoof	Louisville	330.581.2971	Chair
Ashley	Royer	Alliance	330.206.8129	Vice-Chair
Jennie	Schulz	Alliance	330.206.2509	
Kayla	Tharp	Louisville	330.605.4397	Secretary
Allison	Dawson	Louisville	330.806.9686	Treasurer,
Deb	Dysle	East Canton	330.806.4280	
Emma	Ramsey	Louisville	234.360.9137	
Grace	Erb	Louisville		
Jacob	Dawson	Louisville	330.575.3939	
Jason	Landes	East Canton	330.607.5053	
Matthew	Wentling	Navarre	330.600.9068	
Kim	Schulz	Alliance	330.428.6222	
Paige	Smith	Minerva	330.615.0915	
Pamela	Parsons		330.844.3020	

ENTRY DEADLINE MAY 25, 2025

2025 STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR CHEESE CONTEST AND SALE

NAME: _____ ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ PHONE #: _____ ZIP: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitors have the **option to pre-register one or two cows by May 25th** of the current year. However, the exhibitor **must select only one animal to be entered in the contest.** That animal must be designated on the Junior Fair entry form that must be turned in by July 23 of the current year. Send entries to Junior Fair Office, PO Box 80279, Canton, OH 44708. No substitutions will be permitted.

ANIMAL #1:

COW NAME: _____ BREED: _____

DATE BORN: _____ EAR TAG # _____

TATTOO #: _____ REGISTRATION # _____

CHECK ONE: _____ DHIA OR DHIR TESTING
_____ OTHER (specify)
_____ NO OFFICIAL TEST DONE

ANIMAL #2:

COW NAME: _____ BREED: _____

DATE BORN: _____ EAR TAG # _____

TATTOO #: _____ REGISTRATION # _____

CHECK ONE: _____ DHIA OR DHIR TESTING
_____ OTHER (specify)
_____ NO OFFICIAL TEST DONE

The animal that the exhibitor chooses to enter in the cheese contest must be entered in the Junior Fair Dairy project by July 23 of the current year, to the Junior Fair Coordinator's office, P.O. Box 80279, Canton, OH 44708. If both of the above animals will be exhibited at the fair, the entry form must indicate which animal will be entered in the cheese contest. This animal must be exhibited at the 2023 Stark County Fair in order for the exhibitor to be eligible to sell their cheese at the fair.