

JUNIOR FAIR SALE - SEPTEMBER 22 & 23, 2026

Tuesday - Junior Fair Show Arena -5 p.m., Dinner at 4 p.m.

Wednesday - Pig and Lamb Barn - 5 p.m., Dinner at 4 p.m.

Junior Fair Sale Rules:

1. All exhibitors must submit a W-9 to the Fair Office by December 31st. Sale checks will be mailed when available to those who have turned in their W-9 forms. Exhibitors who fail to have a W-9 turned in by this date must send a written letter, with a completed W-9 to the fair office to be reviewed by the Sales Committee, at their next meeting, after which a check will be written and sent to the Exhibitor.
2. Only market livestock species, Dairy Baskets, and Baked Good Auction Items exhibited in Jr. Fair classes are defined as “sale eligible” classes.
3. If an exhibitor’s market animal dies at the fair after weigh-in, meets the show weight requirements, and the exhibitor does not have another market animal at the fair, the exhibitor will be permitted to go through the auction to receive a premium for their project.
4. Projects that are exhibited as pens will be sold as a pen/one lot.
5. At the time of check-in or weigh-in the exhibitor must designate which market project animal he/she intends to sell in the Junior Fair Auction. Exhibitors not wishing to sell an animal must inform the committee of their intentions by Monday at 8 p.m.
6. Exhibitors selling through the Junior Fair Auction will not be permitted to retain possession of their animals.
7. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market ready projects must sell and be harvested at a designated location after the fair. Those winning exhibitors will be responsible for the care of their animals until delivered to the fair designated processor for harvest.
8. The sale order is established by having the species that sold last in the previous year sell first in the current year.
 - Tuesday sale order for the 2026 sale will be: Poultry, Beef, Baked Goods, Dairy Products, and Rabbits.
 - Wednesday sale order for the 2026 sale will be: Lambs, Pigs, and Goats.
9. Expenses of the sale will be deducted on the basis of the dollar sales, as determined by the Junior Fair Sale Committee. For the 2026 fair, it will be three (3) percent for all exhibitors.

10. Exhibitors should make all efforts to make a positive impression with the public they encounter during the fair. All livestock exhibitors must adhere to the following dress code while having their official photo taken/submitted and in the sale ring:
 - Button/ snap collared shirt closed to within one button from the top or Department approved shirt long or short sleeves permitted. (*white show coats are acceptable*)
 - i. No sleeveless shirts allowed.
 - ii. No bare midriffs allowed.
 - iii. No logos/ads on shirts other than 4-H or FFA.
 - Long pants or skirts whose length is below the knee shall be worn.
 - i. No shorts
 - Footwear should be sturdy shoes or boots.
 - i. No sandals, open toed or open heel shoes.
 - Clothes must be neat in appearance with no rips or tears.
 - *Baked Goods Grand and Reserve Champions do not need to wear a button/ snap collared shirt but will follow a similar protocol to provide professional appearance and adhere to safety restrictions.*

11. Animals in each section will sell in the following order if applicable: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Rate of Gain winner, Outstanding Market Exhibitor, 1st place Skillathon age division winners (oldest to youngest), Showman of Showmen, 1st place Showmanship age division (oldest to youngest), Division Champion and Reserve together for each division, and finally random order.

12. The purpose of the Delaware County Buyers Club is to provide an opportunity to participate in the sale for those businesses, organizations, or individuals who are interested in contributing to a pool of resources or unable to attend the sale. No champions or reserve champions will be purchased with Buyers Club money. No baked goods will be purchased with Buyers Club money. Buyers Club money will not be used to raise all the bids in a particular species. Buyers Club money may be used for online add-on bids.

13. Youth exhibiting projects in two sale eligible departments will be permitted to sell only one project through the Junior Fair Auction, with the following exceptions:
 - Youth exhibiting a market livestock project and a baked goods auction item; Exhibitors who win Grand or Reserve Champion in Baked Goods, but not in their market project, must sell both projects. All proceeds above market value for the second, lower priced item will be contributed to the Delaware County Fair Scholarship Fund.

 - If an exhibitor receives Grand or Reserve Champion in more than one sale eligible project (including Baked Goods) the exhibitor will sell both projects. All proceeds above market value for the second, lower priced item will be contributed to the Delaware County Fair Scholarship Fund.

- For Champion and Reserve Market Rabbits, Champion and Reserve Market Poultry, Dairy Basket, and Baked Goods sold as a second project, the market price received by the exhibitor will be considered to be 20% of the auction price.
 - At the time of check-in or weigh-in the exhibitor must designate the destination of each market animal and dairy basket (Jr. Fair Sale, sell to market, or exhibitor take home) This designation may only be changed, in writing with proper form completed to the Junior Fair Office, by Monday at 8:00pm.
14. All exhibitors selling a market animal or product through the Junior Fair Sales at the Delaware County Fair must submit a thank you note, card or letter to the Junior Fair Office (drop box), located on the fairgrounds, by October 31. If the thank you is not submitted by October 31, the exhibitor must appear before the Sale Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting to request a waiver to this rule based on extenuating circumstances. Any exhibitor who fails to submit a thank you and fails to appeal this rule by the January Sales Committee meeting may not be allowed to participate in the sale the following year. The thank you must be stamped, properly addressed with the buyer's name and address, and include the exhibitor's name and return address. Buyers' names and addresses will be available at multiple locations, including the Junior Fair Office.
15. Sale checks must be cashed by April 15th of the following year or funds will be forfeited to the Buyer's Club.
16. The Sale Committee reserves the right to handle all matters pertaining to the sale not covered by the above rules or the General Rules.