

# Welcome to the Morrow County Fair!

August 25 - September 1, 2025

The Officers and Directors of the Morrow County Agricultural Society welcome you to the 175th Morrow County Fair. Please take the time to view updates and schedules on our website at <http://www.morrowcountyfair.org>.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people, past and present, who have helped to make the Morrow County Fair a family tradition. It would not be possible without the support and cooperation from all the businesses, organizations, county officials and individuals each year.

The Morrow County Fair is a place to express creative skills of all ages while showcasing our agricultural heritage. It honors the timeless traditions of the past while welcoming the challenge of an evolving future. We invite you to join us for another year of fellowship and fun with friends old and new!

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome (419) 947-1611.

*The 2025 Board of Directors*

## Special Days at the Morrow Co Fair

Senior Citizens Day                      Tuesday, August 26, 2025  
*Age 62 & Above Admitted Free ALL DAY*

Veteran's Day                              Tuesday, August 26, 2025  
*Veteran's With Proper Military ID Admitted Free ALL DAY*

## Sponsors of the Day

Monday, August 25 .....	Morrow County Commissioners
Tuesday August 26 .....	Tidy Tim's Portable Restrooms
Wednesday, August 27.....	Farm Credit-Mid America & Rural 1st
Thursday, August 28 .....	Adena Corporation
Friday, August 29 .....	Open Road Renewables
Saturday, August 30 .....	Burkahrt Farm Center
Sunday, August 31 .....	Cardington Yutaka
Monday, September 1 .....	Blackstone Insurance Agency



President ..... Tim Brake  
Vice-President ..... Mike Willey  
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Brittney Kruger  
Jr Fair Coordinator ..... Lindsey Gallik  
Jr Fair Office Asst. .... Angie Bush

Arts & Crafts ..... **Leibengood**, Bush,  
Huvler, Barker

Beef/Dairy Beef ..... **Vance**, Murphy, Looker

Dairy ..... **Huvler**, Vance, Looker

Draft Horse ..... **May**, Bush, B. Christian, Fox

Farm Products ..... **Newson**, Ruhl,  
Leibengood, Wuertz

Floral ..... **Huvler**, Leibengood, Ulrey

Goats ..... **Leibengood**, Newson, Looker

Poultry ..... **Murphy**, S. Christian

Sheep ..... **Huvler**, Miller, Brake

Swine ..... **Hack**, Barker, Miller

Any resident of Morrow County, eighteen (18) yrs. of age or older may become a member of the Morrow County Agricultural Society.

Memberships may be purchased for \$3.00 each at the Fair Office. You must be a member to run for a Director's Position and vote at the Annual Election. Memberships do not include admission to the fair.

Executive .....	<b>Brake</b> , Willey, Pearce, Hack, Howard
Auditing/Budgeting .....	Executive Committee
Beer Garden .....	<b>Howard</b> , Bush, Miller
Capital Improvements .....	Executive Committee
Campgrounds .....	<b>Lloyd</b> , Howard, Barker, Murphy
Concessions .....	<b>Ulrey</b> , Willey, Fox
Ethics/Livestock .....	<b>Hack</b> , B. Christian, Vance
Fair Awards .....	Executive Committee
Fundraising/Raffle .....	<b>Newson</b> , Ruhl, Wuertz
Golf Carts .....	<b>Brake</b> , Hack, S. Christian
Jr Fair Board .....	<b>May</b> , Bush, Vance
July 3rd .....	Executive Committee
Main/Pit Gate Admissions .....	<b>Huvler</b> , May, B. Christian, Hack
Midway & Games .....	<b>Brake</b> , S. Christian, Fox
Night Fair .....	<b>Pearce</b> , Willey, Newson, Wuertz Lloyd, Ruhl
Pedal Pull .....	<b>Wuertz</b> , Newson, Ruhl
Publicity/Advertising/FB .....	<b>Bush</b> , S. Christian
Sanitation .....	<b>Brake</b> , S. Christian, Hack
Security .....	<b>Howard</b> , Murphy, S. Christian, Pearce
Small Stage/Activity Center .....	<b>S. Christian</b> , Bush, Barker Looker
Speed/Barn Renters.....	<b>Howard</b> , B. Christian, S. Christian
Sponsorship .....	<b>Barker</b> , Ulrey, Wuertz
Winter Storage .....	<b>Barker</b> , Lloyd, Ulrey, May

## Terms up for Re-Election

## Terms Up in 2025

Nate Ulrey - Chester  
Steven Christian - Harmony  
Mike Willey - Lincoln  
Dale Huvler - N Bloomfield  
Scott Ruhl - Troy  
Amanda Bush - At Large  
Boe Christian - At Large

## Terms Up in 2026

Jeff Barker - Canaan  
Tim Brake - Cardington  
Derek Looker - Franklin  
\*Steve May - Perry  
Rob Howard - Peru  
Kyle Hack - At Large  
Cody Vance - At Large

## Terms Up in 2027

\*Kenneth Wuertz - Bennington  
David Pearce - Congress  
Nate Newson - Gilead  
Chris Lloyd - S Bloomfield  
Sunney Murphy - Washington  
Nathan Fox - Westfield  
Emily Leibengood - At Large  
Levi Miller - At Large

\*Position open for at Annual Election on Sept. 20, 2025

# Admission to the Fair

**\$8**

Daily Gate Admission (over 6 yrs)

**\$10**

Daily Pit Admission (all ages)

**\$40**

Season Pass Admission (age 16 & old)

**\$30**

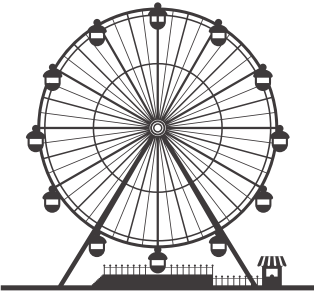
Youth Pass Admission (age 7-15)

**\$5**

Jr Fair Exhibitor/Advisor Pass

*Midway rides are not included in daily gate or pass admission*

**Children 6 & under, Parking & Grandstand  
are always FREE!**



Wristbands may be purchased  
separately by **Big O Amusements**  
located in the Midway

**— No Refunds - No Pass Replacements —**

## Gate “B” Access



**\*Entry to Pit Area (Day of Event) \$10/person**

**\*Handicapped Parking**

**\*No Access to Hill Parking**

The Morrow County Agricultural Society will not be responsible for any injuries to exhibits, exhibitors, spectators; theft or loss of property. The Morrow County Agricultural Society assumes no responsibility for damage to or loss of parked vehicles or personal property contained within parked vehicles. 3

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MORROW COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ADOPTED DECEMBER 7, 1885  
REVISED FEBRUARY 18, 1933  
REVISED DECEMBER 5, 1984  
REVISED SEPTEMBER 1, 2001  
REVISED, AUGUST 30, 2014  
REVISED NOVEMBER 4, 2023

## CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: The Fair will be known as the Morrow County Agricultural Society and its purpose shall be for the improvement of agriculture, domestic industry, public schools and other interests of the county the board deems proper.

ARTICLE II: The Board of Directors for the management of this Society shall consist of not more than twenty-two members, one from each Township in the County and six Directors At Large with no more than two from any Village, one third of whom, or not to exceed one more than one third, to be elected annually for a term of three years. Term of office begins at first regular meeting after Annual Fair. A vacancy by any cause may be filled by the Board of Directors until the next annual election, when a Director shall be elected for the unexpired term. The Board of Directors shall meet the first regular meeting after the fair and organize by the election of a President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer, whose term of office shall be one year. Only members of the Board of Directors are eligible to the office of President and Vice President. The Secretary & Treasurer may or may not be a member of the Board. Directors must qualify by taking the oath of office. Election of officers shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE III: The annual meeting of the Society for the election of members of the Board of Directors shall be on the third Saturday of September, following the fair, in the office of the Secretary, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Candidates for Directors must be members. Each candidate shall declare his candidacy by filing with the Secretary of the Society a petition signed by ten or more members of the Society, at least seven days before the annual election of directors is held. The Secretary of the Board shall send name and address of each member of it's board to the director of agriculture within ten days after the election.

ARTICLE IV: Anyone may become a member of the Society for one year by purchasing a membership certificate at \$3.00 and at the same time receive a certificate of membership from a book with a duplicate stub and both be numbered consecutively. Membership certificates on sale on or after December 15 at the Secretary's Office, P.O. Box 168 Mt. Gilead Ohio 43338.

ARTICLE V: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, to preserve order and perform all duties of the usual character for such office. It shall also be the duty of the President, within thirty days of his election, to appoint an Executive Committee of three members, whose duty it shall be to have charge of the grounds and buildings, together with all necessary repairs; also the erection of any new buildings ordered by the Board. Also a Speed Committee of three members whose duty it shall be to have charge of the Speed Program and Race Track; a finance Committee of three members, whose duty shall be to look after the finances of the Society; an Auditing Committee of two members to audit the books of the Treasurer; a Music and Attraction Committee of three members to secure music and attractions for the Fair; a Revisions Committee of three members to revise the Annual Premium List; a Concession Committee of three members consisting of the President, Vice President and Secretary or Treasurer. The President shall also appoint a member in charge as Superintendent of each department.

ARTICLE VI: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President and to assist the President in the management of the fair.

ARTICLE VII: The Secretary & Treasurer shall give the Bond to the satisfaction of the Board; shall keep a full record of the business and proceedings of the Society and Board; shall conduct correspondence and shall have the authority at the suggestion of two or more Directors to call a meeting of the Society or Board when deemed necessary; shall receive all monies belonging to the Society and issue receipts for the same, make entry in the book provided for that purpose and deposit all funds in the name of the Society; shall pay out said funds for premiums and other disbursements when directed by the Board; shall prepare an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures for the year and see that the State report is made out and delivered according to Section 98180 of the General Code; give notice of Directors in election three weeks prior to the filing thereof, twice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County, keep a current list of membership of the Society available for inspection by any resident of the county.

## ARTICLE VIII:

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution or by-laws may be proposed by:

A. A majority of the Board of Directors at a scheduled meeting voting in favor of placing an amendment on the ballot; or

B. Filing a petition with the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the annual election of the Board of Directors or annual meeting of the membership of the Society. Said petition must set forth the proposed amendment and be signed by not less than twenty-five members eligible to vote.

SECTION 2. If an amendment is proposed, it shall be submitted to the membership of the Society at the annual election of the Board of Directors or at the annual meeting of the Society.

SECTION 3. When more than one amendment is proposed, they shall be so submitted as to enable the members to vote on each amendment separately, in order of addition to motion of amendments.

SECTION 4. If the majority of the membership voting on the proposed amendment shall adopt such amendment, it shall become a part of the Constitution or by-laws.

ARTICLE IX: Competitors for premiums must have purchased a "Season pass".

ARTICLE X: A list of articles and animals for which premiums are to be awarded must be published at least three months previous to the day of exhibition.

ARTICLE XI: Animals entered for premium must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner except that ownership shall not be required in class of get or sire and produce of dam.

ARTICLE XII: Display and exhibit of all kinds of vehicles, machinery and farm implements open to the world.

ARTICLE XIII: The members in charge of each department offering premiums, shall select a competent person to act as judge in his department and recommend to the Board for approval and make a list of awards and have it signed by judge.

ARTICLE XIV: The animal exhibition of the Society must be held at the time discretionary with the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV: It shall be the duty of the President, Vice President and Secretary to supervise the printing of cards and admission tickets and to pass the admission tickets to the Treasurer and take his receipt for the same. It shall be the duty of the gate keeper to deliver the admission tickets to the President.

ARTICLE XVI: If any member of the Board of Directors be absent from three consecutive meetings, duly called, unless prevented by actual sickness of himself or family, or absent from the county, his place shall be declared vacant and filled according to Article II.

## BY-LAWS

1. When animals or articles are not deemed worthy of a premium the judge will make no award, though there be no competition; but at their discretion the judges may award second premium.
2. The privilege of becoming a member of this Society for the purpose of voting at the annual election ceases one (1) week prior to Election. Memberships on sale December 15th.
3. The officers of the Fair shall take every precaution in their power for the preservation of all stock on exhibit, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur. Exhibitors are requested to give personal attention to their property.
4. Any six members of the Board shall be a quorum to do business.

## RULES

1. Exhibitors must purchase a season pass to exhibit. All entries must be made by 5:00 PM on Monday, August 4, 2025, at which time the books will be closed. Entry fee must accompany entries.
2. All departments and classes will be passed upon by one or more judges at the option of the Board.
3. No gambling or lottery devices, pool selling, paddle wheels or immoral shows.
4. No persons shall be allowed the privilege of selling, dealing or bartering in spirituous, vinous or malt liquor on the fairgrounds. No drug related or obscene literature to be sold or distributed.
5. All persons, firms, organizations, committees, groups, and companies granted exhibition space for the Morrow County Fair shall abide by rules and regulations of the Morrow County Agricultural Society and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Only lessees shall occupy the space assigned. No exhibit space may be sublet without written approval of Fair Board.

## RULES CONTINUED

6. Concessionaires are bound by the terms of the contract they sign at the time of securing concessions. In addition they are liable to strict supervision by the management. The right is reserved to promulgate and enforce whatever rules appear necessary for the regulation of concessions.
7. Purchasers of privileges must keep their spaces in sanitary condition. Concessionaires and their help must be neat and tidy in dress. Persons found working at any privileges not complying with this section may be expelled from the grounds.
8. No persons are allowed to interfere with the awarding judge while making examinations.
9. All premiums not demanded before the first of December, next after the fair, shall be deemed donated to the Society.
10. All animals entered for competition and exhibition must be placed in their proper department on the first Monday of the fair between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. All animals must be inspected by the fair vet in the barn at the designated time and not removed from the stalls, or pens before their breed has sold in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale, on the last day of the fair.
11. Exhibitors of all cattle, sheep, and swine will be required to have registry papers at the show. Registry of all animals over one year and under one year eligible.
12. No intoxicated or disorderly persons shall be permitted to remain on the grounds, and it is hereby made the duty of the marshal, special constables and police to arrest on view all such persons and take them before the proper officers to be dealt with according to law.
13. If any disrespectful, vulgar or abusive language is used by an exhibitor, his agent or agency to any officer or member of the Board of Agricultural Society, to any awarding committee of their awards, or to the exhibitor of his agents, said exhibitor using such language shall forfeit all premiums that have been awarded to him during the fair; and also by a majority of the Board, to be expelled and deprived of the right to make exhibits or make entries to the Morrow County Fair for the space of not less than three (3) years and not more than ten (10) years, as the majority of the Board shall see proper and fit to designate. And it shall be the duty of the Board of Society, who may know and hear of such conduct to report the same to the board at its first subsequent meeting.
14. Any person or persons offering any animal in violation of Article XI of the Constitution shall forfeit all premiums that may have been awarded to him or them.
15. Directors, other than the Treasurer & Secretary shall receive \$4.00 per meeting, not to exceed twelve meetings and mileage both ways. Fair week to be called one meeting. Treasurer and Secretary receive compensation for their service.
16. No barren animal will be allowed to compete for premiums with breeding stock.
17. The Superintendent of each department shall read to the awarding judges of the different classes such part of instructions as pertain to their respective classes and see that the judge signs the committee books.
18. There shall be no entries made for competition on any articles not enumerated in the premium list.
19. In case the funds of the Society, after paying individual expense, shall be insufficient to pay the full amount of premiums which may be awarded, the same may be paid pro-rata among the successful competitors to whom the premiums may be awarded.
20. Protests against awards in any of the departments of the fair must be made in writing, signed and sworn to and clearly set forth. The grounds of protest must be filed with the Secretary no later than one day after the awards are made. Protests must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$25.00 which will be retained by the Society if the protest is not sustained. All protests will be considered by the Board at its first meeting succeeding the Fair, unless otherwise ordered. Parties interested will be duly notified and opportunity given them to submit evidence. Premiums or protested articles or animals will be withheld until the protest is decided.
21. All judges and department head rulings are final and uncontestable.
  - A) Judges determinations are made immediately at that time
  - B) Protests are against individuals or families against other individuals or families
22. Exhibitors must furnish their own hay or straw.
23. Police on duty day and night.
24. Nothing shall be sold or given away or otherwise disposed of which will in any way conflict with, or which is the subject matter of any privilege or concession granted or sold by the Morrow County Agricultural Society.
25. The Morrow County Agricultural Society will not be responsible for accidents or thefts on the grounds, but diligent care will be exercised to prevent same.
26. Premium cards and ribbons have no value as to payment of premiums, as premiums are paid only from records of the Judge's Books.
27. Every effort is made in the preparation of the Premium List for the Morrow County Fair to have it accurate, but the Society cannot bear any responsibility for errors, and no liability is assumed by the Society for any error in printing of the List.
28. Any exhibitor who has no competition can win only first and second premiums. Only one entry permitted in group classes and two in single classes.
29. No dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Exception: Day of Dog Show - when all show dogs shall be kept on leash and at the Show Area at all times.
30. No persons, except officers of the Society, shall see or be informed of the number or kinds of entries made.
31. GOLF CARTS: There are to be no golf carts on the fairgrounds EXCEPT those which have been granted a permit from the Secretary's office. Only fair board members, concessionaires and handicapped persons with a valid State Placard may apply for a permit. No ATV's or similar vehicles will be allowed, other than those operated by security or the fair board. All golf carts are prohibited on main roads after 12:00 PM except for handicapped, fair board and employees of the fair board. Only a licensed driver may operate a golf cart on the grounds once a permit has been obtained.
32. The Morrow County Agricultural Society adheres to the State of Ohio Tampering & Misrepresentation Guidelines.
33. All animals (Jr. and Sr. Fair) must be visually inspected by the fair veterinarian. Barns will be toured starting at approximately 6:00 PM or immediately after the completion of harness racing.
34. No animal may be dismissed for health reasons without the written authorization of a licensed Veterinarian and a member of the Senior Fair Board.
35. A copy of the current Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules is available upon request in the Secretary's office.
36. The Revisions meeting is held the first Saturday in November at the Secretary's office. Revision suggestions may be offered to the Board, in writing, on this day or mailed postmarked by that Saturday.
37. The 4-H Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct, developed in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code is endorsed by, and will remain in force, throughout the Morrow County Fair.
38. The Morrow County Agricultural Society Board of Directors meet the fourth Thursday of every month at a time to be decided by the current board. The meetings are held at the Secretary's Office on the Fairgrounds in Mt. Gilead. Exception: When the fourth Thursday falls on a holiday or the fair, the meeting are then moved to the third Thursday.
39. No person shall be permitted to make solicitation of any nature on the fairgrounds except concession or commercial rented spaces. Posting of signs, distribution of handbills or advertising materials, selling or distributing free, any merchandise other than within the space occupied by a contracted exhibitor is prohibited.
40. Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, no person shall knowingly possess, have under the person's control, convey, or attempt to convey a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance onto these premises. A valid license does not authorize the licensee to carry a concealed handgun onto these premises.
41. No exhibitor or fairgoer shall be allowed to sleep in any barn per the Fire Marshall.

**ANY VIOLATION OF THESE PUBLISHED RULES BY  
EXHIBITORS OR CONCESSIONAIRES WILL RESULT IN  
FORFEITURE OF ANY AND ALL PREMIUMS AND PRIVILEGES!!**



### **Fairground Drone Policy**

The operation or use of any drones, unmanned aircraft/flying systems, and remotely controlled or radio controlled flying machines (whether or not motorized) of all types, shapes, and sizes (collectively, "drones") at any time on the property of the Morrow County Fairgrounds is prohibited under all circumstances except pursuant to the terms and conditions of written permission from the Morrow County Agricultural Society. This policy applies to all individuals, persons, companies, and business entities, and includes, but not necessarily limited to, promoters, tenants, renters, patrons, visitors, and guests. Permission to stay or remain on the Morrow County Fairgrounds property may, in the discretion of the Morrow County Fair Board, be revoked for any person(s) in violation of this policy.

# 2025 Season/Ohio's Livestock

## Health Exhibition Rules

### Chapter 901:1-18 Exhibition of Animals

#### 901:1-18-01 Chapter's application

- (A) Animals when moved within or imported into Ohio solely for exhibition purposes shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.
- (B) Animals imported into Ohio for any purpose in addition to exhibition purposes shall meet all movement and import requirements of Chapter 901:1-17 of the Administrative Code

#### 901:1-18-02 Definitions

*As used in this chapter:*

- (A) "Official veterinarian" means any licensed and accredited veterinarian approved by the Ohio department of agriculture, or an employee of the Ohio department of agriculture or the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services.
- (B) "Certificate of veterinary inspection" means the same as an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection as defined in 9 C.F.R. 86.1.
- (C) "Contagious or infectious disease" means any disease, including any foreign animal disease, or vector, capable of transmission by any means from a carrier animal to a human or to another animal and includes dangerously contagious or infectious diseases.
- (D) "Department" means the Ohio department of agriculture or its designee.
- (E) "Exhibition" means the same as defined in section 901.70 of the Revised Code.
- (F) "Licensed and accredited veterinarian" means a person who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine either by the state of Ohio or the state in which the certificate of veterinary inspection was issued and who is approved by the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services, to be an accredited veterinarian.
- (G) "Official eartag" means a United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection services approved electronic identification device that is both visibly and electronically readable.
- (H) "Residue" means any poisonous or deleterious pesticide governed by 40 C.F.R. 180 (2017), any poisonous or deleterious substance governed by 21 C.F.R. 109.6 (2017), or any other substance governed by 21 C.F.R. 556 (2019).

#### 901:1-18-03 Exhibitions: sanitation, inspection and records

- (A) Each entity sponsoring an exhibition shall have in attendance an official veterinarian for the duration of the exhibition.
- (B) Each entity sponsoring an exhibition shall: (1) Under the direction of the official veterinarian, thoroughly clean and disinfect each building, pen, stall, ring, or other enclosure in which animals are to be quartered for exhibition immediately prior to the exhibition; (2) Have the official veterinarian: (a) Examine the certificate of veterinary inspection when required for an animal brought to the exhibition; (b) Inspect within a reasonable time of arrival each animal brought to the exhibit for any clinical signs of any infectious or contagious diseases; and (c) Inspect each animal daily that is present at the exhibition for clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease. (3) Maintain a record for one year from the date of the exhibition of each animal present at the exhibition. The records contain the name and address of the owner of each animal, the species, official identification (if applicable), and breed of the animal.
- (4) Order the immediate removal of any animal which, in the opinion of the official veterinarian, places other animals at unacceptable risk of any infectious or contagious disease.
- (C) The department may grant an exemption from paragraphs (A) and (B)(1) of this rule upon Page 2 request and for good reason.

#### 901:1-18-04 Exhibitors

- An exhibitor, owner, or bailee shall:
- (A) Not present for exhibition or exhibit livestock which the exhibitor, owner, or bailee knows or has reason to suspect is infected with or has been exposed to a contagious or infectious disease or residue.
- (B) Immediately remove livestock with any clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease from the exhibition premises when directed by an exhibition official, the official veterinarian, or the department.
- (C) Present a certificate of veterinary inspection, registration certificate, vaccination certificate, or other document to exhibition officials, the official veterinarian, or the department upon request.
- (D) Failure to comply with the rules of this chapter may result in the department taking action pursuant to section 941.10 of the Revised Code, issuing a quarantine order, or issuing a notice of violation until such time that the violation has been remedied.

#### 901:1-18-05 Poultry and fowl

- (A) All turkeys, chickens, and gamebirds exhibited in Ohio must either:
- (1) Originate directly from a flock or hatchery which is a participant in the national poultry improvement plan (NPIP) for the eradication of disease and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph;
- NPIP status is only valid for one year.
- (2) Originate directly from a flock which has had a negative test for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease within twelve months preceding the opening date of exhibition and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph;
- (3) Have had a negative test for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease, within ninety days, preceding the opening date of the exhibition and be accompanied by documentary evidence that they meet the requirement of this paragraph; or
- (4) Be tested for pullorum/fowl typhoid disease upon arrival at the exhibition by a tester approved by the Ohio department of agriculture and found negative.
- (B) Any co-mingling of birds voids national poultry improvement plan status from the original flock or hatchery.
- (C) The rapid whole blood test shall not be used to test turkeys for compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (A)(2), (A)(3), and (A)(4) of this rule.
- (D) Waterfowl, doves, and pigeons are exempt from this rule.

#### 901:1-18-06 Cattle

- (A) Cattle moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (B) All cattle imported and upon entry into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule 901:1-17-03 of the Administrative Code and be identified with an official eartag.

#### 901:1-18-07 Goats

- (A) Goats moved within Ohio for exhibition:
- (1) The animal presented for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (2) All sexually intact animals and any wether eighteen months of age and older must be identified with an official identification as defined in rule 901:1-13-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Goats imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule 901:1-17-06 of the Administrative Code.

#### 901:1-18-08 Horses, mules, asses and ponies

- (A) Horses, mules, asses, and ponies moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease. If the animal is twelve months of age or older, the exhibition may require that the animal has been tested and classed negative to an official test for equine infectious anemia within twelve months of the opening date of the exhibition.
- (B) Horses, mules, asses, and ponies imported into Ohio for exhibition shall comply with rule 901:1-17-07 of the Administrative Code.

#### 901:1-18-09 Sheep

- (A) Sheep moved within Ohio for exhibition:
- (1) The animal presented for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (2) All sexually intact animals and any wether eighteen months of age and older must be identified with an official identification as defined in rule 901:1-13-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Sheep imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with rule 901:1-17-08 of the Administrative Code.

#### 901:1-18-10 Swine

- (A) Swine moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (B) Swine imported and upon entry into Ohio for exhibition shall comply with rule 901:1-17-09 of the Administrative Code and be identified with an official eartag.

#### 901:1-18-11 Camelids

- (A) Camelids including, but not limited to, llamas, alpacas, and vicuñas moved within Ohio for exhibition purposes must show no clinical signs or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.
- (B) Camelids including, but not limited to, llamas, alpacas, and vicuñas imported into Ohio for exhibition must comply with paragraphs (A), (B)(3), and (C) of rule 901:1-17-15 of the Administrative Code.

*Effective: 05/23/2024*

# 2025 Season/Ohio's Livestock

## Tampering Rules

### Chapter 901:1-19 Livestock Exhibitions

#### 901-19-01 Definitions

As used in Chapter 901-19 of the Administrative Code:

- (A) "Accessory reproductive tissue" includes testicular tissue and epididymis.
- (B) "Agricultural society" or "society" means a county agricultural society or an independent agricultural society that is organized under the laws of the state of Ohio.
- (C) "Approved drug" means a drug with an established tolerance approved by the United States food and drug administration listed at 21 C.F.R. part 556 when used according to label directions for the species indicated on the label.
- (D) "Breed show" or "breed class" means a show or class limited to breeding stock of a specific breed of livestock.
- (E) "Class" means a division within a show or exhibition as defined by a sponsor.
- (F) "Department" means the department of agriculture created under section 121.02 of the Revised Code.
- (G) "Designee" when used in reference to an exhibitor, means a member of the exhibitor's family or household or any other registered or authorized representative of the exhibitor.
- (H) "Director" means the Ohio director of agriculture appointed pursuant to section 121.03 of the Revised Code.
- (I) "Drenching" means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.
- (J) "Drug" means drug as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code and its metabolites.
- (K) "Drug use notification form" means the declaration statement or document completed by the exhibitor attesting to responsible drug stewardship and to the slaughter eligibility of the livestock for food safety purposes.
- (L) "Exhibition" means any of the following:
- (1) A show or sale of livestock at a fair or elsewhere that is sponsored by or under the control of a county or independent agricultural society organized under section 1711.01 or 1711.02 of the Revised Code;
- (2) A show or sale of livestock at the Ohio state fair;
- (3) A livestock show at a fair or elsewhere or a livestock sale at or associated with a fair or livestock show that is assembled for any length of time;
- (4) A livestock show at a fair or elsewhere or a livestock sale at or associated with a fair or livestock show that includes livestock with origins outside this state;
- (5) Any show or sale of livestock at a fair or elsewhere that is specified by rule of the director of agriculture adopted under section 901.72 of the Revised Code.
- (M) "Exhibition drug residue legal" means livestock:
- (1) Have only been administered an approved drug, for which the withdrawal time has elapsed and met tolerance;
- (2) Have not been administered an unapproved drug; and
- (3) Do not contain an unlawful substance.
- (N) "Exhibitor" means any person who shows, displays, or exhibits livestock at an exhibition.
- (O) "Extra label use" or "extra label" means the same as the definition as listed in 21 C.F.R. 530.3.
- (P) "Fair" means the annual exhibition held by the Ohio expositions commission, pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 991.03 of the Revised Code, or a county agricultural society or independent agricultural society, as reported to the director pursuant to rule 901-5-11 of the Administrative Code.
- (Q) "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- (R) "Grand champion" means the highest placing livestock entry of a show.
- (S) "Household" means the permanent residence address of the exhibitor.
- (T) "Internal rule" means any rule adopted by a sponsor or applicable to the sponsor's exhibition, and includes all mandatory rules and those optional rules from which the sponsor does not exempt itself or its exhibition.
- (U) "Junior livestock show or junior livestock exhibition" means a show limited to exhibitors eight years of age and in the third grade through nineteen years of age, or as authorized to participate in either 4-H, FFA, or other youth organization.
- (V) "Label" means the attached label, labeling statement, or the accompanying brochure that lists the approved species, dose, route of administration, withdrawal time and any cautionary statement as permitted by the United States food and drug administration; a prescription label; or the requirements of labeling for an extra label use drug as permitted by the United States food and drug administration.
- (W) "Licensed livestock facility" means a livestock facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 943. of the Revised Code or a similar law of another state.
- (X) "Livestock" means any animal generally used for food or in the production of food, including cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, swine, alpacas, and llamas.
- (Y) "Mandatory rule" means any rule adopted by the director relating to food safety or the health, safety, or welfare of livestock and from which a sponsor may not exempt itself or its exhibition.
- (Z) "Market flock style project" means ownership including an individual junior exhibitor, family of a junior exhibitor or a cooperative made up of junior exhibitors. Through this type of ownership, the junior exhibitor(s) are to care for, groom, and select any and all birds to be used in exhibitions as well as actively participate in any decision making processes for the flock.
- (AA) "Market livestock" means exhibition livestock bred, raised, and intended for slaughter for food purposes. For the purposes of this chapter, horses are not considered livestock.
- (BB) "Market poultry" means birds including, but not limited to, meat chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks.
- (CC) "Non-terminal show" means a show in which no livestock is required to be slaughtered.
- (DD) "Official eartag" means a United States department of agriculture animal and plant health inspection service approved electronic identification device that is both visibly and electronically readable and approved by the department.
- (EE) "Official veterinarian" means any licensed and accredited veterinarian approved by the Ohio department of agriculture, or an employee of the Ohio department of agriculture or the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services.
- (FF) "Optional rule" means any rule adopted by the director from which a sponsor may exempt itself or its exhibition.

- (GG) "Partial terminal show" means a show in which no fewer than the grand champion and reserve grand champion in each show or market class of livestock are sent directly to slaughter or to a licensed livestock facility no later than or immediately following the conclusion of the exhibition.
- (HH) "Prescription" means prescription as defined in division (H) of section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.
- (II) "Quarantine" means isolation pursuant to section 941.07 of the Revised Code.
- (JJ) "Reserve grand champion" means the second highest placing livestock entry of a show.
- (KK) "Residue" means residues as defined in section 941.01 of the Revised Code.
- (LL) "Show" means that part of the exhibition restricted to competitively exhibiting a single species or category of livestock.
- (MM) "Slick clipping" or "body shaving" means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.
- (NN) "Terminal show" means a show in which all livestock entered in the show are sent directly to slaughter or to a licensed livestock facility no later than or immediately following the conclusion of the exhibition.
- (OO) "Tolerance" means the lowest of the maximum concentrations of a marker residue, or other residue indicated for monitoring, that can legally remain in edible tissues of a treated animal species according to label instructions under United States food and drug administration regulations found in 21 C.F.R. part 556.
- (PP) "Unapproved drug" means:
- (1) Any drug, chemical, or pharmacologic compound not approved for use in livestock by the United States food and drug administration;
- (2) A drug, or approved drug used extra label, for which no established tolerance has been listed by the United States food and drug administration under 21 C.F.R. 556, but has been detected through testing;
- (3) Any drug, chemical, or compound that alters the mental or behavioral status of the animal, including, but not limited to sedatives, tranquilizers, depressants, stimulants, or dissociative or psychoactive compounds;
- (4) Any drug prohibited by division (E)(1)(b) of section 901.76 of the Revised Code; or
- (5) An approved drug administered to livestock not in accordance with paragraph (M) of rule 901-19-12 of the Administrative Code.
- (QQ) "Unlawful substance" means any of the following:
- (1) A substance which is not normally found in or does not naturally occur in livestock;
- (2) A substance which is normally found in or does naturally occur in livestock, but is detected or discerned in an amount or area greater than normal;
- (3) Any drug required to be listed, but which is not listed on a drug use notification form;
- (4) Any unapproved drug present in livestock regardless of how the drug came to be present; or
- (5) Any other drug, chemical, or compound which is not considered an approved drug.
- (RR) "Veterinarian" means any person licensed to practice veterinary medicine under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code or under the similar laws of another state.
- (SS) "Withdrawal period" or "withdrawal time" means the period of time from when a drug is administered to when the drug concentration falls below the tolerance.
- 901-19-02 Types of shows; slaughter**
- This is a mandatory rule.
- (A) The sponsor of an exhibition shall designate each of the shows held at the exhibition as one of the following types: terminal show, partial terminal show, or non-terminal show.
- (B) All livestock shall be exhibition drug residue legal prior to the start of the show in which the livestock is entered into for exhibition.
- (C) All of the following junior livestock shows or classes at a fair are terminal shows or partial terminal shows unless at least thirty days prior to the opening of the show, the sponsor has submitted a written request to exempt a show from this provision, and the director has provided written authorization granting this request prior to the start of the fair:
- (1) Market beef;
- (2) Market hog;
- (3) Market lamb;
- (4) Market dairy cattle;
- (5) Veal calf; and
- (6) Market goat.
- (D) All livestock which participate in a terminal show shall be exhibition drug residue legal and be consigned to slaughter either at the conclusion of the show or exhibition.
- (E) In a partial terminal show at least the grand champion and the reserve grand champion shall be slaughtered. Prior to the show, the sponsor of the exhibition may require that additional livestock from a partial terminal show shall be slaughtered. The livestock shall be consigned to slaughter either at the conclusion of the show or exhibition.
- (F) All livestock required to be slaughtered under this rule shall be slaughtered at a meat establishment either licensed by the department or granted inspection by the United States department of agriculture.
- (G) Livestock required to be slaughtered under this rule may, at the option of the sponsor of the exhibition, be consigned to a licensed livestock facility for sale provided that:
- (1) The livestock is consigned either at the conclusion of the show or exhibition; and
- (2) The livestock is sold only for slaughter.
- (H) From the beginning of the exhibition until departure for slaughter or consignment to a licensed livestock facility, the exhibitor or the exhibitor's designee shall be responsible for caring for the livestock.
- (I) Livestock destined for slaughter or consignment to a licensed livestock facility shall not be removed from the exhibition grounds until the livestock is transported to slaughter, to the licensed livestock facility, or until the sponsor approves movement of the livestock to another secure area for:
- (1) Disease control in accordance with paragraph (B)(4) of rule 901:1-18-03 of the Administrative Code; or
- (2) Quarantine for residue to allow a withdrawal time as determined by the approved fair veterinarian or in accordance with the instructions listed on the drug use notification form to elapse and may be subject to testing.
- (J) All livestock destined for slaughter may be subject to testing by the director in accordance with section 901.73 of the Revised Code.
- (K) Livestock carcasses passing inspection may be released for normal disposition.
- (L) During inspection or testing, if the livestock carcass is preliminarily determined to have been tampered with or found to contain an unlawful substance, one of the following shall occur:
- (1) If the livestock carcass must be trimmed or reconditioned to comply with the meat inspection requirements, the carcass shall be trimmed and reconditioned and released to the exhibitor, unless the successful bidder accepts the trimmed or reconditioned carcass.

(2) If the livestock carcass cannot be trimmed or reconditioned, it shall be condemned in accordance with the meat inspection requirements.  
(M) Livestock entered in or eligible for a carcass contest prior to or during a terminal, partial terminal, or non-terminal show must be exhibition drug residue legal at the time of show and eligible for immediate slaughter.

**901-19-03 Auction Sales at terminal or partial terminal shows**

This is a mandatory rule.

(A) A sponsor may hold an auction sale of livestock exhibited at a terminal or partial terminal show.

(B) An exhibitor who exhibits livestock at a terminal show or partial terminal show consents to participating in the subsequent auction sale.

(C) All bidders at an auction sale following a terminal show or partial terminal show consent to the slaughter of the livestock or delivery to a licensed livestock facility.

(D) Title to livestock sold at an auction sale and subsequently presented for slaughter or sale at a licensed livestock facility shall remain vested in the exhibitor. If the exhibitor is not the owner, the title to the livestock shall remain vested in the owner until the livestock has been passed by inspection and released in accordance with paragraphs (L)(1) and (L)(2) of rule 901-19-02 of the Administrative Code and passes all testing performed by or at the direction of the department or the sponsor.

(E) At the discretion of the sponsor, the sponsor may collect the sale proceeds from the successful bidder and retain the proceeds until the carcass of the livestock has been released, or may allow the successful bidder to withhold payment of the proceeds until the carcass is released. In the event the carcass is not released, the sponsor shall return the sale proceeds to the successful bidder.

(F) Prior to the auction, the sponsor shall announce the identification of the exhibition livestock which have been administered drugs for which the withdrawal time has not elapsed.

**901-19-04 Prohibited practices**

This is a mandatory rule.

It is a prohibited practice to do any of the following:

(A) Show, sell, or offer for sale any livestock, including the sale or offering for sale in an auction at a terminal or partial terminal show, which:

(1) Has been subjected to unacceptable practices as outlined in rule 901-19-13 of the Administrative Code;

(2) Is not exhibition drug residue legal; or

(3) A withdrawal period for extra label use has not elapsed.

(B) Make a false statement on a drug use notification form.

(C) Fail to file or update a drug use notification form as required by rule 901-19-06 of the Administrative Code.

(D) Knowingly, recklessly, or negligently cause an unapproved drug or unlawful substance to be present in livestock.

(E) Fail to sign a chain of custody form.

(F) Violate a mandatory rule.

(G) Violate any optional rule from which a sponsor or exhibition did not exempt itself.

(H) Fail to render assistance as provided by section 901.73 of the Revised Code.

**901-19-05 Responsibilities of an exhibition sponsor**

This is a mandatory rule.

(A) Every sponsor of an exhibition shall appoint a person as its records official. The records official shall receive and maintain the drug use notification forms filed under rule 901-19-06 of the Administrative Code.

(1) The records official shall:

(a) Reject any drug use notification form that is incomplete, illegible, or unsigned. At the close of the exhibition the records official shall turn over the drug use notification forms received by the records official to the sponsor.

(b) Prior to the show, ensure the submitted drug use notification forms are in compliance with paragraph (I) of rule 901-19-06 and rule 901-19-07 of the Administrative Code.

(c) Review the submitted drug use notification forms for compliance with paragraph (K) of rule 901-19-13 of the Administrative Code if applicable.

(2) The sponsor shall maintain all drug use notification forms for a period of one year from the close of an exhibition. The drug use notification forms shall be made available to the department for inspection and copying upon request.

(B) Prior to the start of an exhibition, the sponsor shall establish a method of identifying each animal in a terminal, partial terminal, and non-terminal show and maintain a chain of custody for each market livestock animal from the show through consignment to either slaughter or a licensed livestock facility for sale. In addition, effective January 1, 2027, cattle and swine are to be minimally identified with an official eartag. The sponsor shall maintain a record of the identity of each animal and its chain of custody for a period of one year from the date of the last day of an exhibition.

(C) All county and independent agricultural societies and the Ohio expositions commission shall provide the uniform resource locator (URL) in the premium book for the current year to the effective version of all of the following:

(1) Chapter 901:1-18 of the Administrative Code, exhibition of animals;

(2) Chapter 901-19 of the Administrative Code, livestock exhibitions; and

(3) Sections 901.70 to 901.76 of the Revised Code.

The effective version of Ohio Administrative Code and Ohio Revised Code can be located on the "Ohio Laws & Administrative Rules" website, codes.ohio.gov, maintained by the Ohio legislative service commission.

(D) All other exhibitions shall provide to exhibitors, upon request, a copy of Chapters 901:1-18 and 901-19 of the Administrative Code and sections 901.70 to 901.76 of the Revised Code and include the following statement in at least one written or electronic announcement prior to the beginning of the exhibition:

"The exhibition's management will provide, upon request of an exhibitor, a copy of Chapters 901:1-18 (Ohio's livestock health exhibition rules) and 901-19 (Ohio's livestock tampering exhibition rules) of the Administrative Code and sections 901.70 to 901.76 of the Revised Code.

**901-19-06 Drug use notification.**

This is a mandatory rule.

(A) The exhibitor and the owner of livestock are responsible for completing and filing out the drug use notification form in the manner required by this rule.

(B) The drug use notification form shall be signed by either the exhibitor or the owner. If the person signing the form is a minor child, the form shall be cosigned by a parent or guardian of the minor child.

(C) The director requires a drug use notification form to be completed for the following livestock exhibited in a junior livestock show:

(1) Market beef;

(2) Market hog;

(3) Market lamb;

(4) Veal calf;

(5) Market dairy cattle;

(6) Market goats;

(7) Market poultry;

(8) Lactating dairy animals ;

(9) Market rabbits; and

(10) Feeder cattle.

(D) Additionally, a drug use notification form shall be completed for all livestock eligible for a drug or residue test sample collected at every terminal, and partial terminal, or non-terminal show, and for every animal that is administered an approved drug either immediately before or during an exhibition.

(E) The drug use notification form shall be filed with the records official prior to the show in which livestock are entered.

(F) The director may require a drug use notification form to be completed for livestock exhibited at any type of show including a non-terminal show.

(G) If the information on the form regarding drug use changes or if a drug is subsequently administered at any time after the drug use notification form is filed, an updated drug use notification form shall immediately be filed with the records official.

(H) No person shall submit an incomplete, illegible, or unsigned drug use notification form.

(I) When a drug use notification form is missing, incomplete, illegible, or unsigned neither the exhibitor nor the owner shall, until the defect is corrected:

(1) Receive any prizes or awards from shows in which the livestock was exhibited prior to the time the drug use notification form was to be filed; or

(2) Participate in any shows or sales held subsequent to the time the drug use notification form was to be filed.

**901-19-07 Quality assurance**

This is a mandatory rule.

(A) Except as stated in paragraph (B) of this rule, sponsors shall require exhibitors at fairs sponsored by county or independent agricultural societies or the Ohio exposition commission to annually attend or complete a quality assurance program sponsored and conducted cooperatively by the exhibition sponsor, Ohio state university extension, Ohio agricultural education, or agricultural commodity organizations.

(B) At the discretion of Ohio state university extension, or Ohio agricultural education, an exhibitor may pass a test based on the appropriate skill level for their age (twelve to fourteen or fifteen to eighteen) under the supervision of Ohio state university extension or Ohio agricultural education before exhibiting terminal or partial terminal market livestock, including market poultry, and lactating dairy animals in a junior livestock show. Youth who pass the test will be exempt from annual quality assurance re-certification until they move to the next age bracket or they are no longer a junior exhibitor (nineteen years of age or older on January first of their last year). Minimum standards for youth food animal quality assurance are as set forth in appendix A to this rule.

(C) Exhibitors who fail to attend or complete a quality assurance program or fail to pass the exam as outlined in paragraph (B) of this rule are subject to the disciplinary actions listed in rule 901-19-21 of the Administrative Code.

**901-19-10 Testing requirements and test results**

This is a mandatory rule.

(A) Urine, blood, tissue, and other test samples shall be collected in accordance with the department's protocol for the collection of livestock test samples at exhibitions. Test samples may be collected before, during, or immediately after a show. Deviation from the protocol shall be noted by the official veterinarian.

(B) The director may at the director's discretion, collect any urine, blood, tissue, or other test samples from exhibition animals.

(C) The collection of samples and coordination activities are the responsibility of the official veterinarian.

**901-19-12 Acceptable practice**

This is a mandatory rule.

The following practices are acceptable practices for the purposes of this chapter:

(A) Treating livestock:

(1) Humane;

(2) In accordance with acceptable commercial practices to protect the health, safety, and welfare of livestock; and

(3) In accordance with the Ohio livestock care standards located in division 901:12 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Adding caffeine free soda pop, gelatin, or other sweeteners to drinking water in nominal amounts to encourage water consumption;

(C) Hoof trimming;

(D) In preparation and prior to exhibition in accordance with sponsor and best management practices:

(1) Cosmetic dehorning in market class livestock;

(2) Castration;

(3) Beak trimming;

(4) Dehorning;

(5) Hot or freeze branding;

(6) Humane ringing; and

(7) Tail docking in accordance with division 901:12 of the Administrative Code;

(E) Using collodion as a teat sealant, but for no longer than eighteen hours;

(F) Adding molasses or other sweeteners to feed to encourage consumption;

(G) Properly administered and approved growth implants;

(H) Tattooing;

(I) Ear notching;

(J) Ear tagging;

(K) Shearing;

(L) Acceptable surgery, including clamps, bands, and chemical castration;

(M) Treatment and administration of livestock with approved drugs during an exhibition under the following conditions:

(1) By or under the supervision and direction of an official veterinarian;

(2) In conjunction with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

(3) Only in accordance with label directions;

(4) For a valid medical purpose;



- (5) A drug use notification form is completed and filed in accordance with the applicable requirements of rule [901-19-06](#) of the Administrative Code;
- (6) The livestock remain exhibition drug residue legal at the time of the show; and
- (7) If applicable, an extended withdrawal time is assigned to the drug by the veterinarian as part of the extra label directions and reported on the drug use notification form.
- (N) Application of ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses prescribed to relieve heat stress or a medical condition diagnosed and prescribed by the official veterinarian at an exhibition.

#### **901-19-13 Unacceptable practices**

This is a mandatory rule.

The following practices are unacceptable and prohibited:

- (A) Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance to livestock repeatedly or for a prolonged time period in violation of 9 C.F.R. 313.2 (1979) or division 901:12 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock.
- (C) Applying any physical practice, electrical or mechanical appliance, device, or apparatus that enhances, transforms, or changes the natural conformation, configuration, performance, physiological state, or appearance of the livestock, unless prescribed by the official veterinarian for the immediate treatment and welfare of the livestock. If such treatment is applied during the exhibition, the livestock are ineligible to be shown.
- (D) Plugging of teats.
- (E) Sealing of teats using unapproved substances or for longer than eighteen hours using approved substances.
- (F) Injecting material into udders or teats for non-medical purposes or otherwise artificially modifying the appearance or conformation of the udder or teat.
- (G) Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses internally or externally other than in accordance with paragraph (N) of rule [901-19-12](#) of the Administrative Code during an exhibition.
- (H) Using a stomach tube or pump for any purpose other than for the relief of tympany or gas during an exhibition.
- (I) Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited, unless prescribed by the official veterinarian.
- (J) Castration of livestock for the purposes of this rule which exceed the following criteria:
  - (1) Cattle over eight months of age;
  - (2) Swine over one hundred fifty pounds;
  - (3) Sheep over seventy-five pounds; or
  - (4) Goats over fifty pounds.
- (K) Showing livestock which have been treated with an approved drug when a side effect or pharmacological effect of the drug conceals, enhances, transforms, or changes the natural conformation, physiological status, or condition of the livestock.
- (L) Any natural occurrence or surgical process which results in testicular tissue remaining in the body of exhibition livestock, except for rabbits and poultry.

#### **901-19-19 Absolute liability**

This is a mandatory rule.

- (A) Both the exhibitor and the owner of livestock are absolutely liable to discipline under rule [901-19-21](#) of the Administrative Code for the presence of an unapproved drug, residue, an unlawful substance, or an approved drug that exceeds tolerance in livestock and unacceptable practices.
- (B) If the exhibitor or the owner was a minor child at the time the unapproved drug, residue, unlawful substance, approved drug exceeding tolerance, or unacceptable practice was detected, the parent or guardian of the person shall also be absolutely liable to discipline under rule [901-19-21](#) of the Administrative Code.
- (C) The director or the sponsor when imposing discipline under paragraph (A) of this rule upon a person, may mitigate the discipline imposed based upon one or more of the following facts if established.
  - (1) The person did not introduce the unapproved drug, residue, or unlawful substance into the livestock or do any unacceptable practices;
  - (2) The person had no actual or constructive knowledge that the unapproved drug, residue, unlawful substance, or approved drug exceeding tolerance was introduced into the livestock or that unacceptable practices were detected;
  - (3) The unapproved drug, residue, unlawful substance, or approved drug exceeding tolerance was not introduced into the livestock and the unacceptable practices were not detected through the person's negligence.

#### **901-19-21 Disciplinary action**

This is a mandatory rule.

(A) Any person who violates a provision of sections [901.70](#) to [901.76](#) of the Revised Code or any provision of this chapter is subject to any of the following disciplinary actions:

- (1) Disqualification from any exhibition;
- (2) Disqualification of the exhibition livestock from any exhibition;
- (3) Continuing education;
- (4) Written letter of reprimand;
- (5) Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums, or proceeds; or
- (6) Pre-exhibition drug testing.
- (B) Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.
- (C) Failure to comply with the rules of this chapter may result in the department taking action pursuant to section [941.07](#) of the Revised Code, issuing a quarantine order, or issuing a notice of violation until such time that the violation has been remedied.

#### **901-19-31 Responsibilities of and assistance to junior fair exhibitors**

This is an optional rule.

- (A) A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show.
- (B) An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration provided by the following:
  - (1) Family members;

- (2) Household members;
- (3) Advisors or adult volunteers of 4-H or FFA in the exhibitor's club or county;
- (4) Agricultural education instructors;
- (5) County extension agents;
- (6) Department representatives;
- (7) Veterinarians;
- (8) Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organizations; and
- (9) Guest speakers of the 4-H, FFA, or other youth organizations.
- (C) Any person not specified in paragraph (B) of this rule who provides assistance to a junior livestock show exhibitor shall register in writing with the sponsor. The responsibility to register rests with the exhibitor. An assistant may register for more than one exhibitor. Failure to register constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the exhibitor. Assistance shall be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration.

#### **901-19-32 Breed shows or classes**

This is an optional rule.

Unless otherwise modified by this chapter, the rules of the breed association shall be accepted grooming practices for that particular breed's show or class.

#### **901-19-33 Prohibited grooming practices**

This is a mandatory rule.

The following grooming practices are prohibited in junior market livestock shows unless those grooming practices are permitted under rule 901-19-32 of the Administrative Code:

- (A) Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves;
- (B) Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders;
- (C) Pigmented grooming aides or materials; and
- (D) Slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on the ears and tails.

#### **901-19-35 Recognition of disciplinary actions**

This is an optional rule.

(A) Disciplinary action by a sponsor against a person for a violation of sections [901.70](#) to [901.76](#) of the Revised Code or Chapter 901-19 of the Administrative Code shall be given full faith and credit and shall be honored at all exhibitions.

(B) A person who has been convicted of violating sections [901.70](#) to [901.76](#) of the Revised Code shall be prohibited from participating in any exhibition for a minimum period of three years.

#### **901-19-39 Ownership requirements**

(A) No exhibitor shall register, enter, or exhibit in a junior livestock exhibition any of the livestock listed in paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(7) of this rule unless the household, as defined in rule [901-19-01](#) of the Administrative Code, at which the exhibitor is registered at has owned the livestock for not less than the length of time listed:

- (1) Market beef - one hundred fifty days;
- (2) Market dairy cattle - one hundred fifty days;
- (3) Market hogs - sixty days;
- (4) Market lambs - sixty days;
- (5) Market goats - sixty days;
- (6) Veal calves - sixty days; and
- (7) Market poultry - within five days of hatch including all individual participants in a cooperative.
- (B) No exhibitor shall register, enter, or exhibit livestock in a junior breeding livestock exhibition unless the household, as defined in rule [901-19-01](#) of the Administrative Code, at which the exhibitor is registered:
  - (1) Has owned the livestock for at least sixty days;
  - (2) Has had the livestock registered under the exhibitor's name for at least sixty days; or
  - (3) Has leased the livestock under the exhibitor's name for at least sixty days.
- (C) For any exhibition other than those listed in paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(7) and paragraph (B) of this rule, the length of time a person shall own livestock before the person may register, enter, or exhibit the livestock at an exhibition may be set by either the sponsor of the exhibition or a breed association.
- (D) For the purposes of this rule, no exhibitor will be considered to own livestock if the livestock has been:
  - (1) Leased to an individual after the applicable possession date; or
  - (2) Exhibited in an exhibition outside of a junior livestock exhibition by an individual other than an immediate family member after the applicable possession date.

#### **901-19-40 Meetings of the advisory committee on livestock exhibitions**

(A) Board meetings

A regular meeting of the committee shall be held at least once annually after the fifteenth day of October and before the first day of December. The committee may meet at other times as the chairperson or a majority of the committee members considers appropriate, provided the chairperson gives members notice of any meeting at least seven days prior to the meeting.

(B) Notice of meetings

- (1) Regular meetings: Notice of all of the advisory board's regularly scheduled meetings, including date, starting time, and place shall be sent to the committee members by either regular or electronic mail at least seven days prior to the meeting and will be posted on the department's web site [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov) at least ten days in advance of all regularly scheduled meeting.
- (2) Special meetings: Notice of date, time, place, and purpose of any special meetings shall be placed on the department's website [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov) and sent to media outlets that requested such information, at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting.
- (3) Emergency meetings: Notice of date, time, place, and purpose of all emergency meeting shall be given to all news media who requested prior notification and on the department's website [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov).

(C) Any person may obtain prior notice of the date, time, and location of any regularly scheduled, special, or emergency meetings by requesting prior notification in writing from the "Ohio Department of Agriculture, Office of Animal Health, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068"; or by calling the animal health division at (614) 728-6220.

*Effective: May 23, 2024*

# Entries are due Monday August 4, 2025

by 5 PM in the Fair Office or Postmarked by August 4, 2025

## To Complete Entry Form:

1. ONLY ENTRIES ON OFFICIAL FORMS IN **BLUE OR BLACK INK** WILL BE ACCEPTED. FORMS MAY BE COPIED AS NEEDED.
2. Entry fees and rules are listed at the beginning of each department. Each department is different.
3. Each entry blank must have complete information. The name listed will appear on all entry tags & judges sheets.
4. Correct entry fees must accompany the entry form to be a valid entry. **All exhibitors in the Morrow County Senior Fair must purchase a season pass with the exception of Farm Products, A&C, Flowers, Clothing & Home Furnishings & Foods.** The \$40.00 fee for this pass must be paid when entering unless a season pass was previously purchased this year. Make checks payable to Morrow County Fair.
5. There is a \$40.00 return check fee.
6. Youth passes or Jr Fair passes may not be used to make entries in the Senior Fair.
7. Entry tags may be picked up beginning Friday, August 15, 2025. Exhibitors are responsible for checking entry tags for accuracy. If an error is found or a tag is missing, please report it to the Fair Office or a Fair Board member before judging.
8. **No additions or changes of entries will be permitted after 5:00 PM on August 4, 2025 unless approved by the Department head and a fee of \$25.00 per line is paid.**

## Enter Online!!

[morrowcountysrfair.fairentry.com](http://morrowcountysrfair.fairentry.com)

## Due Aug 4th

**If Mailing Entries:** mail to Morrow Co Fair, PO Box 168, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338

- Entry Form
- Check or Money Order for Entry Fees and Season Pass (where required)
- A Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope - *your passes and receipt will be mailed back to you*

*The Morrow County Agricultural Society is not responsible for items sent in the mail*

## Morrow County Sr. Fair General Entry Rules:

1. Sr. Fair Checks will be mailed within 3 weeks of the last day of fair. Please contact the fair office if check/s not received by October 1. **Premium checks are VOID after 90 days past date written.** If not cashed, premiums will be donated to the Morrow County Agricultural Society's General Fund.
2. If an entry is made in the wrong class, the exhibitor will be allowed to show in the correct class but no premiums will be awarded unless the exhibitor has the department heads approval and a fee of \$25.00 per line is paid.
3. No livestock permitted on the grounds before Monday, the first day of the fair, without permission of the Department head.
4. **NO HORSE TRAILERS PARKED ON THE GROUNDS BEFORE SUNDAY (Day before move in) MORNING AT 9:00 AM.**
5. All livestock must be on the grounds by 7:00 PM on Monday, the first day of the fair, and remain until their species is sold at the Jr. Fair Livestock sale on the last day of the fair. Exception to this is Sr. Fair Dairy which will come in by 7:00 PM Wednesday night and leave Sunday night, and Senior Fair Beef. The draft horses and non livestock exhibits must remain until 3:00 PM on the last day of the fair.
6. Livestock exhibitors must furnish their own hay, straw and grain.
7. Exhibitors of pure bred/breeding/registered livestock will be required to present registration papers on demand.
8. **All pens and cages must be cleaned by the exhibitor and checked by a Fair Board member before leaving the grounds or premiums will be forfeited.** If large wood chips or bark are used for bedding, the exhibitor is responsible for removal.
9. Protests in any department of the fair should refer to Rule 20 in the Morrow County Agricultural Society constitution.
10. **ALL LIVESTOCK:** If an illness is in the barn and a quarantine happens, it will be the owners responsibility to feed, water and bed the animals until released. The owner is responsible for clean pens during and after the quarantine.
11. **DRENCHING:** Drenching is defined as the act of using an instrument placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid. Examples of instruments are, but not limited to: drench gun, syringes, bottles, bottles with nipples, straws, hose, pipe, hand, & etc. **Drenching of an animal is prohibited unless diagnosed AND prescribed by a licensed veterinarian, AND a Veterinarian MUST be present when the drenching takes place.** All veterinarian prescriptions for drenching also need approval of and kept on file at the Jr. Fair Office. Animals needing to be bottle fed must also be approved by the Jr. Fair Board. This rule excludes rabbit waters and nipple waterers for hogs.
12. If an illness is in the barn and a quarantine happens, it will be the owners responsibility to feed, water and bed the animals until released. The owner is responsible for clean pens during and after the quarantine.
13. **Any dead animal will be removed immediately from the barn. The family will be contacted and be responsible for removing it from the grounds as soon as possible.**
14. It is recommended that livestock exhibitors have "personal liability" insurance for the dates of the fair.
15. All Livestock must enter Gate C or D. Animal inspections will begin immediately after the harness racing on Monday.

# Morrow County Sr Fair Entry Form

NO Entries will be accepted without payment for a season pass (if applicable) and fees.

*Premiums are paid from judges books only*

Season Pass  
or Exhibitor #

Please read all rules for department(s) you are entering. You must follow all instructions for entries to be accepted.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pass Total \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fees \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

	Dept Name	Section or Breed	Description	ONLY ONE ENTRY PER LINE!	In Jr Fair Y/N	Fees
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The Morrow County Fair Board and Morrow County Agricultural Society assume no responsibility for livestock and/or article exhibited, entered, and/or shown upon the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Exhibitor/Entrant specifically acknowledges his/her awareness that livestock and exhibition articles are placed upon and maintained upon the Morrow County Fairgrounds by them at their sole risk. Further, entrant/exhibitor agrees to hold the Morrow County Agricultural Society and Morrow County Fair Board harmless from any and all claims to or resulting from their respective livestock and/or exhibits from any cause whatsoever. The aforesaid indemnification shall include injuries to the person or property of third parties resulting from the aforesaid livestock and/or exhibition articles. The Morrow County Fair Board assumes no responsibility for error or omissions in the foregoing booklet.

Exhibitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Must be signed by Parent/Guardian, if under 18*

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## Code of Conduct for the Morrow County Agricultural Society

The Morrow County Agricultural Society (MCAS) is an agricultural expositions and youth-service, community-based organization dedicated to providing a show place for youth and adults. Participation in the organization's programs is subject to the observance of the organization's rules and procedures. The activities outlined below are strictly prohibited while representing the MCAS, while on the job or performing any duties. Any participant or staff member who violates the Code is subject to discipline, up to and including discharge.

- Use of foul, vulgar, inappropriate language or gestures towards a board member, staff member, employee, volunteer, or another participant.
- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages on MCAS property or reporting to the program while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Officials/Directors off duty and at the place of residence on the fairgrounds during the fair are exempt.
- Possession or use of illegal drugs on MCAS property or reporting to the program while under the influence of drugs.
- Bringing onto MCAS property dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives, firearms, weapons, or other similar items, unless permitted by Federal or State law.
- Discourtesy or rudeness to a board member, staff member, employee, volunteer, or other participant.
- Verbally, physically, visually, or sexually harass another board member, staff member, employee, volunteer, or another participant.
- Actual or threatened violence toward any individual or group.
- Conduct endangering the life, safety, health, or well-being of others.
- Failure to follow any agency policy or procedure.
- Taking unfair advantage of any participant thru bribery, blackmail, bullying, intimidation, or belittling.
- In appropriate dress (ie short shorts, low cut tops, short skirts, top with vulgar graphics or wording).
- Destruction of property (ie graffiti, etc....).
- Posting, listings, pictures that are deemed inappropriate regarding the fair/ fairgrounds on social media forums.
- Steal or be in possession of stolen property.
- Commit a felonious act.

### Consequences of Misbehavior:

- Notification to appropriate member, volunteer, participant, employee/staff. The adult, youth and/or volunteer involved in the violation will be notified or made aware of the violation by the MCAS Executive Committee or the MCAS Board of Directors.
- Restricted and/or prohibited from participation in future events.
- Paying for financial cost of damages and repairs for damages or the destruction of property.
- Released to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authority.
- Removal from the MCAS Board of Directors or club organization.
- Premiums or prize monies may be forfeited upon MCAS Board ruling.

Complaints to be brought before a Review Committee. Both sides of the complaint to be heard/reviewed by the committee and any necessary action will be determined by a majority vote of the committee. Committee to be made up of MCAS President, MCAS Vice President, 2 MCAS Board Directors, and 1 member appointed by MCAS President. NOTE: Department head and 1 Jr. Fair Advisor/Member may be asked to participate if the situation deems their involvement.

I have read and I understand the MCAS Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by the rules described above and understand that I may be removed as a participant if I violate any of these rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_