Defiance County Junior Fair - 2023
Possession and Tagging Date Information

1. All Junior Fair members exhibiting an animal at the Fair must complete a Quality Assurance Program and complete a skill-a-thon in order to complete project.

2. All exhibitors must complete a DUNF form for every animal that enters the Fairgrounds. Health papers are not required for animals residing in Ohio

MARKET ANIMALS	Recommended Birth Date	Possession/Tagging	Specific Requirements
Beef Steer & Market Heifer (market animal)	Between March 1st - May 1st of previous year	Possession Date: **Jan. 1**	**Minimum Weight is 1000 lbs. Market Steers:** Members must register Market Steers via on-line registration process. Livestock Committee will make a home visit to tag new animals that do not have an EID tag. Exhibitor must submit a photo of the tag in steer's ear with the EID tag numbers visible and readable
Dairy Beef Steer (market animal)	Between March 1st - May 1st of previous year	Possession Date: **Jan. 1**	
Beef and Dairy Feeder Calves	Between March 1st - May 1st of current year.	Possession Date: **June 1** Tagging Date: **June 10, 2023**	Feeder calves will be vaccinated at Central Tagging. There will be a $2 charge for the vaccine. **Min. weight is 280 lbs. Max weight is 650 lbs.** Must fall in this weight range to be eligible to show. Feeder Classes: Any breed male or female calf will be permitted in the feeder calf classes. The male calf must be castrated and dehorned. The female beef feeder will show in a "Beef Market Heifer Prospect" class. The female dairy feeder will show with the other dairy feeder classes.
Goats (Market Dairy, Boer, Pygmy)	Born after January of current year.	Possession Date: **June 1** Tagging Date: **June 10, 2023**	**Min. weight of 50 lbs and Max weight of 110 lbs** to be eligible to show. Must have approved USDA goat scrapie identification. **Pygmy Market Goats minimum weight is 15 lbs.**
Rabbits (Single Fryers)	Rabbits must be less than 70 days old on show day.	Possession Date: **July 15** Tattoo Date: **July 27 @ 6PM** Extension Office	Weight of a single fryer **is 3 1/2 - 5 1/2 lbs**. Rabbit is not required to be purebred.
Rabbits (Single Roasters)	Meat type rabbit under six months of age on show day.	Possession Date: **June 1** Tagging Date: **June 10, 2023**	Weight for **single roaster is at least 5 1/2 lbs and not to exceed 9 lbs.** Rabbit is not required to be purebred.
Rabbits (Breeding - Purebred)	Possession Date: June 1st Tattoo/Health Check Date: **June 10, 2023**		# of Entries: Exhibitors are allowed EIGHT entries with a max of two entries/class. Exhibitors may have two entries per class (a maximum of 2 bucks and 2 does per breed, as single breeding rabbits). Exhibitors may tag one alternate rabbit per breed, one buck and one doe, as single breeding rabbits. Alternate must be of same breed as rabbit tagged. Exhibitors may tag one alternate market rabbit per exhibitor (ex. One extra roaster and or one extra fryer). Example: This means that an exhibitor can take a total of 2 roasters but they can only tag one alternate. Alternates must be of the same breed as pen entered.
Swine (market)	Farrowed mid Feb through March 1 of current year.	Possession Date: **June 1** Tagging Date: **June 10, 2023**	**Min. weight of 180 lbs. No max weight.** Hogs weighing within 5 pounds of the minimum weight, will be permitted to stay at the fairgrounds and show in the Junior Fair and/or Open Class shows. The underweight animals (175-179) may show but will not be eligible for championship classes and must sell direct. Underweight animals (174 lbs and less) will be sent home day of weigh-in.
Sheep (market)	Born Jan.1 through March 1 of current year.	Possession Date: **June 1** Tagging Date: **June 10, 2023**	**Min. weight of 90 lbs to be eligible to show.** Must have approved USDA sheep scrapie identification.
Chicken - Pullets & Fancy		Possession Date: **April 30** Must provide proof of purchase to the Ext. Office by **April 30**	Pullet entry consists of a pen of 2 of same sex up to one year of age. Fancy entries consist of a pen of 2 - one male and one female. Classes for fancy are: under one year & over one year.
Turkey (market)	Recommended 16-18 weeks old. **Orders due March 17, 2022 Pick up is April 20, 2023**		Turkeys exhibited at the Defiance County Fair **MUST** be ordered through the Extension Office bulk order. (4-H & FFA) Exhibitor may only show the birds from the bulk order. Turkeys not from the bulk order will be disqualified. **Age of turkeys at our fair will be 17 weeks.** Market entry consists of one turkey - may be either a tom or a hen. Pullorum paperwork on behalf of the member will be provided to the Fair Vet by the Extension Office.
Chicken (market fryers/broilers)	Recommended age is 6-8 weeks at time of show.	Possession Date: **July 1** Pullorum Testing if needed will be July 27,2023 @ 6pm Ext Office	Market entry consists of 2 birds of same sex. May be either male or female. Birds should be uniform in size. Fryers - total pen weight not to exceed 12 lbs. Broilers - total pen weight is 12.1 lbs and up. **All birds on the farm must be tested for pullorum ON A YEARLY BASIS if the birds are mixed with any home grown birds (non-pullorum free flock).**
Geese (Market)	Recommended 12-14 weeks at time of show.	Possession Date: **May 26** Must provide proof of purchase to the Ext. Office by **June 1**	Market entry consists of one Goose - may be either male or female. Recommended weight is 8 - 18 lbs
Duck (Market)	Recommended 8-10 weeks at time of show.	Possession Date: **June 23** Must provide proof of purchase to the Ext. Office by **June 15**	Market entry consists two same sex ducks. May be male or female. Recommended weight is 4-9 lbs. Do not buy Jumbo Pekin ducks.
Game Birds	Possession Date: Pheasants: April 28 Quail: June 25		The Game Bird project is a release project. Exhibitors are required to take the birds home after the show and relase project from home. Pheasants should be 16-18 weeks at Fair. Shown as a pair (1 male & 1 female). Quail should be 8 weeks at fair and shown as a pair (1 male & 1 female)
Dairy		Possession Date: **June 1st**	Must submit potential entries to the Extension Office by June 15.