

4-H, FFA & OTHER YOUTH FAIR PREMIUM BOOK

September 17 - 23, 2023

St. Joseph County Grange Fair
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Welcome to the 173rd St. Joseph County Grange Fair
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Fair Admission, Ticket and Camping Information

2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

Gate Admission Passes

Fair gates open at 8:00 a.m. each day Sunday, September 18 through Saturday, September 24.

Adults..... \$8.00

Children (12 years and under) FREE

Season Pass (1 person only):

- Purchased before Sept. 1 \$40.00
- Purchased Sept. 1 and after..... \$45.00

Parking (Sunday through Saturday)..... FREE

Special Day Prices (8:00 a.m. to closing)

- Kid's Day (Monday) 18 and under..... FREE
- Senior Citizens' Day (Wednesday)..... \$6.00
- Veterans' Day (Friday) \$5.00

Grandstand Show Tickets

No refunds on show tickets. No smoking is allowed in grandstands or bleachers. No laser lights are allowed in the grandstand or track.

Harness Racing (Mon. & Tues. at 12 p.m.)..... FREE

Antique Tractor Pulls (Friday at 8 a.m.) FREE

2023 Pulling Special (Grandstand seats only) \$35.00

Grandstand Shows:

	<u>Pit Passes</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child (5-12)</u>
Sunday - Farm Truck Pulls & Semi Pulls at 3 p.m.	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Monday - Super Kicker Rodeo at 7 p.m.	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Tuesday – Figure 8 Races at 7 p.m.	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Wednesday - TNT Bump N Run & Demo Derby at 7 p.m.	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Thursday – Dirt Drags presented by: Boosted Adrenaline Sand Racing at 6 p.m.	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Friday - NTPA Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls at 7 p.m.	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$6.00
Saturday – Too Hot to Farm Tractor Pulls & Modified Truck Pulls at 11 a.m.	\$25.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Saturday – Regional Show NTPA Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls at 7 p.m.	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$6.00

Michigan State Law Regarding Fair Admissions: Any person who shall wrongfully or maliciously gain admission to the fairgrounds contrary to the rules of said society, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not less than one (1) or more than twenty-

five (25) dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or such fine and imprisonment both, at the discretion of the court before whom the offender may be tried.

Fair Camping

Reserve your camp site now for \$220.00 for two weeks of camping. Call 269-467-8935 for reservations! All prices are subject to change.

- Week Admission Pass (limit 2 per campsite) \$25.00/person
- Daily Admission \$8.00/person
- Children (12 years and under) FREE

St. Joseph County Grange Fair camping rules (In accordance with the Michigan Health Department):

- The electric company requires all extension cords to be 12 ga. or larger.
- All campers in the upgraded area will require a 30amp RV plug or adapter.
- All campers, including pre-registered campers MUST check in with the camping office upon arrival to fill out papers and get passes.
- All campers MUST pay upon arrival
- All campers MUST have a permit
- All campers use Nottawa Drive-in Gate
- NO Gray Water pits
- No campfires or fire pits allowed
- Bicycles are NOT allowed on fairgrounds
- Each person in the camper must have a season pass, which can be purchased from the camping superintendent.
- All pets brought to the Fairgrounds must have appropriate papers and shots and be confined to the immediate campsite area. Pets may NOT accompany owners into commercial buildings, livestock barns, or on the grounds outside of the owner's campsite. Violation will be grounds for expulsion from the Fairgrounds and campsite with no refund.
- All pets shall be on a 6' leash and never unattended
- Only one (1) car per campsite
- NO refunds to persons leaving early.
- Camping superintendent has the authority to ask campers to move or leave the grounds.



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Carcass Hog Evaluation..... 6:00 p.m.
Carcass Sheep Evaluation 6:30 p.m.
Carcass Beef Evaluation 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

4-H Cat Show 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 15

Poultry Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.
Rabbit Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.
Sheep Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.
Swine Check-In 4:30 p.m.
Dairy Cattle Check-In 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

4-H Dog Show 8:30 a.m.
Beef & Dairy Beef Check-In 8:00 a.m.
Goat Check-In 8:00 a.m.
Sheep Check-In..... 8:00 a.m.
Swine Check-In 8:00 a.m.
Dairy Cattle Check-In 8:00 a.m.
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4-H Rabbit Interviews 2:00 p.m.
4-H Dairy Cattle Interviews..... 3:00 p.m.
*Skill-A-Thons and Interviews will end at 6:00 p.m.



...To Make the Best Better.

Sunday, September 17

4-H Horse Show (Day 1)..... 8:30 a.m.
4-H Rabbit Show 9:00 a.m.
4-H Poultry Show 9:00 a.m.
4-H Swine Interviews 9:00 a.m.
4-H Goat Interviews 9:00 a.m.
4-H Sheep Interviews..... 9:00 a.m.
4-H Beef Interviews..... 9:00 a.m.
*Interviews will end at 12:00 noon.

Monday, September 18

4-H Horse Show (Day 2)..... 8:30 a.m.
4-H Goat Show 8:30 a.m.
4-H Swine Show 9:30 a.m.
Open Class Goat Show 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 19

4-H Horse Show (Day 3)..... 8:30 a.m.
4-H & Open Class Beef Cattle Show 9:00 a.m.
4-H Dairy Beef Show 9:00 a.m.
4-H Sheep Show..... 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 20

4-H & Open Class Dairy Cattle Show 10:00 a.m.
4-H Demonstrations/Performances/
Public Speaking/lllustrated Talks 3:00 p.m.
4-H Animal Project Demonstrations. 3:00 p.m.
4-H "Style Revue" 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

4-H Small (Market) Animal Sale..... 10:00 a.m.
4-H Large (Market) Animal Sale 10:30 a.m.

Friday, September 22

4-H Sweepstakes Showmanship
Contest..... 7:00 p.m.
4-H Fun Night..... 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 23

4-H Horse Show (Day 4) 8:00 a.m.
Livestock Judging Contest..... 10:00 a.m.

***ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program

4-H Youth Division Code of Conduct for Exhibition at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair

Sponsorship: The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program is the non-formal youth educational component of Michigan State University Extension, which is jointly funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Michigan State University, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association and the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners. Many St. Joseph County businesses, civic organizations and private individuals provide materials and financial support for the 4-H program.

4-H Clubs: 4-H clubs are comprised of groups of five or more young people between the ages of 5 and 19 years in urban, suburban, small town and rural settings. 4-H clubs carry out a wide variety of educational projects in civic and community service, agriculture, home economics and other areas. Volunteer adult leaders and older 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Teen Leadership project give 4-H members direction and leadership.

4-H clubs function democratically. 4-H members run their own clubs with the guidance of adult leaders, elect officers, help plan and hold meetings and select educational projects. Each club drafts its programs to suit its members and the localities in which they live.

Current Situation: 137 Cloverbud members ages 5-7 and 513 4-H members ages 8-19 are enrolled in 4-H this year (2023). These youth are members of one or more of the 19 4-H clubs in the county. These 4-H members have planned and conducted meetings and completed projects with the help and guidance of over 200 adult volunteer leaders and 11 teen leaders.

Emblem Colors and Pledge: The national 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with a letter "H" on each leaf. Club colors are green and white. The white background on the 4-H flag symbolizes purity. The green of the emblem represents nature's most common color, and is symbolic of youth, life and growth. The national 4-H pledge reads as follows:

I pledge My head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
My health to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

Contributions made by local businesses, civic organizations and private individuals help provide 4-H citizenship, leadership and "life skills" development activities throughout the year.



In an effort to promote high standards of character and service to community the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board, MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development and the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council endorse the following code of conduct, which represent:

Conduct Expectations: Fair and 4-H officials expect courteous and orderly conduct by exhibitors and fair attendants. Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, judges, show manager, staff, leaders or other exhibitors will not be tolerated.

Members:

All 4-H members in St. Joseph County MSU Extension activities will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse, profanity or threatening behavior.
- Comply with equal opportunity and antidiscrimination laws.
- Abstain from criminal activities.
- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances or use any form of tobacco at an MSU Extension activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner
- Accept and respect decisions made by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council and MSU Extension Staff.
- Under no circumstances steal or misuse 4-H property and/or donated funds

Failure to follow the code of conduct can result in discipline and penalties as stated on page 9.

Volunteers:

All 4-H Volunteer Leaders in St. Joseph County MSU Extension Activities will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse or profanity.
- Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- Avoid criminal activities.

- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances at an MSU Extension activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support MSU Extension program to develop an effective, county, state and national program.
- Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner.
- Accept and respect decisions made by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council and MSU Extension Staff.
- Under no circumstances steal or misuse 4-H property and/or donated funds.

It is imperative that all MSU Extension volunteers comply with the St. Joseph County 4-H Code of Conduct.

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St. Joseph County Grange Fair 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division

General Rules

1. **Exhibitor Eligibility:** Entry in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division is open to all youth ages 8-19 by January 1 (Cloverbud members ages 5-7 by January 1) of the current year who are duly enrolled (at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension Office) members of a St. Joseph County 4-H club or FFA chapter, or any other youth. Members must be enrolled by May 1.
2. **Exhibit Eligibility:** Following are the rules governing exhibit eligibility:
 - A. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit per class, unless otherwise noted.
 - B. The youth exhibitor must complete all exhibits.
 - C. School projects are not eligible as 4-H exhibits.
 - D. Exhibitors may not exhibit in a class that they have exhibited in at another fair during the current year.
 - E. Youth exhibitors may not enter an exhibit that has been exhibited at another fair.
 - F. 4-H members may not participate in St. Joseph County Sweepstakes if participated in a sweepstakes contest in another county in the current year.
3. **Liability:** The following is the policy of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association:
 - The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association, its agents, volunteers and employees shall not be held liable in case of injury to exhibitors, concessionaires, or the public on the grounds of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
 - Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to all at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair, but the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board/Association shall not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals or equipment in case of fire, theft or loss from any other cause.
4. **Entries:** Each exhibitor must complete and submit a 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division Entry Form by Monday, August 14, 2023. **Horse entry forms are due by August**

- 1, 2023. Both deadlines are subject to change. Forms available online for download at https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_fair.
5. **Still Project Excused Absence:** 4-H/FFA members who are unable (for a valid and excused reason) to be present for their still exhibits evaluation must:
 - A. Contact the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator prior to the fair to request approval of the absence.
 - B. Complete a one-page "Absentee Project Report Form" for each still project.
 - C. Arrange to have project(s) and absentee project report(s) delivered to the fair during the regular still exhibit project evaluation time.
6. **Livestock Excused Absence:** 4-H/FFA members who are unable (for a valid and excused reason) to be present for their livestock evaluations must:
 - A. Contact the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator prior to the fair to request approval of the absence.
 - B. Complete a Market or Breeding record book for each livestock project for which he/she is enrolled.
 - C. Arrange to have project(s) and Market or Breeding record book delivered to the 4-H Program Coordinator by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 8, 2023.
 - D. Make up Skill-A-Thon.
7. **Emergency Absence:** Emergency absences should be brought to the attention of the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator **in writing** as soon as possible for approval.
8. **Fair Passes and Exhibit Tags (subject to change):**
 - A. Exhibitors (13-19 years of age) and registered 4-H leaders and FFA advisors will be issued a fair admission pass.
 - B. Still project exhibitors must have their exhibit tag(s) in hand before starting through the project evaluation process. Exhibit tags can be picked up in Building #46 (red barn), unless otherwise stated on Saturday, September 16, 2023 starting at 8:30 a.m.
9. **Judging:**
 - A. The judge's decision is final.
 - B. All animal and still project exhibits will be judged according to the "Danish" (A, B, C) judging system unless otherwise noted. Each exhibit will be judged on its individual merit and an A, B or C ribbon and associated premium awarded accordingly.
 - C. All other classes will be judged in competition against each other and 1st-8th place "placing" ribbons and premiums awarded as indicated for each class.
 - D. Cloverbuds are encouraged to exhibit the work they complete in their 4-H groups or clubs. The setting must be noncompetitive, with equal recognition given to all participants. Participation ribbons will be given to all participants in Cloverbud classes.
10. **Premiums:** Premium table numbers are listed directly under each section heading (and in some cases for a given class), and refer to one of the premium payment tables inside back cover of the fair book. **Note:** In the event the receipts of the fair or MDA funding are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums will be prorated among those entitled to premiums.
11. **4-H Livestock members DO NOT need a current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification on file at the MSU Extension office for 2023.**
12. **Ribbons/Rosettes:** Ribbons/rosettes will be awarded in all classes as specified in the Departments, Sections and Classes detailed in this book.

General 4-H Livestock Rules

Introduction: The 4-H program is educational by design. Its first priority is to help youth develop character, community service and skills in preparation of serving others in society. Members should strive to present the animals they have in the best manner possible. Each member should willingly teach others the things they have learned and are learning in 4-H. Because of the priority of developing high character and service to others, all livestock exhibitors and families will care for and prepare their animals for showing in the areas designated by the appropriate livestock superintendent so that 4-H members and families can learn from each other.

Preparation, Care & Exhibition of Animals

- Animals will be treated Humanely:** All 4-H animals shall be brought to the fairgrounds in a clean and presentable fashion. All 4-H members and families shall provide feed and water daily between **6:00 - 8:00 a.m.** and **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** All 4-H members and families shall not inflict undue pain for any purpose. If there is a question about the appropriateness of any treatment of an animal, the member or family members should get permission from the superintendent before implementing the practice. Abusive use of show aids will not be tolerated. Parents may intervene if safety or excessive handling is observed.
- “Report to Superintendent Immediately”** tags will be placed on any pen where animals have not been properly cared for by the exhibitor; *Explanation of tagging process:* 1st yellow tag = warning - verbal. 2nd yellow tag = written warning. Red tag results in loss of privileges and may result in loss of monies. Refer to 4-H project Animal Certification/Care form for full details.
- Proper Fitting and Representation of Animal Information:** The exhibitor is responsible for preparing their animal for presentation during the show. Immediate family members, grandparents, legal guardians, other current year St. Joseph County 4-H members or St. Joseph County 4-H leaders may assist them during fair week. However, the **exhibitor must actively participate in the grooming of the animal** as well. It is expected that the animals will be washed and clipped as allowed in species rules. Tampering with the color or quality of the animal’s coat is not allowed unless species rules provide an exception. If there is a question about the appropriateness of a grooming or fitting technique the appropriate superintendent should be consulted for approval prior to using the technique. Tampering or misrepresentation of ownership, breeding, age, preparation or other irregularity in exhibiting will be considered fraud and deception. Any use of a professional fitter, groomer, arranger, etc. at the fair facilities is prohibited. Violation of this rule, as determined by the appropriate 4-H Species Superintendent and the St. Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and the animal(s) will be removed from the fair facilities and market animals will not be sold at the auction.
- Fraud and Deception:** Fraud and/or deception will not be allowed relative to any 4-H exhibit. Fraud and/or

- Trophies/Plaques:** 4-H and FFA exhibitors who have been awarded a trophy, plaque or other special award **must** write a “thank you” note to each donor(s) in order to take the award(s) home at the conclusion of fair week. The “thank you” note must be properly addressed, stamped and submitted in exchange for the award in Building No. 43 **10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** on Saturday, September 23, 2023. The 4-H St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council sells special 4-H “thank you” note cards (including pre-stamped envelope) at the 4-H Fair Office. The cost is \$2.00 per card/envelope "set".
- Special Awards:** Special awards (rosettes, trophies, plaques, gift certificates, etc.) will be given only for those exhibits judged worthy of this recognition by the judge.
- Special Award Codes:**
 - (P) = plaque
 - (R) = rosette appropriate to class
 - (T) = trophy
 - (PR) = plaque & rosette appropriate to class
 - (TR) = trophy & rosette appropriate to class
- Project Guidelines:** Refer to specific project guidelines (where they exist) for information on exhibit requirements.
- Exhibit and Animal Release:** All still project exhibits will be available to take home **10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** on Saturday, September 23, 2023 and **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon** on Sunday, September 24, 2023. All animal project exhibits will be released at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 24, 2023. **Attention:** A fine will be assessed against any and all premiums earned on any and all exhibits removed prior to the published release times without the permission of the St. Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator and the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board.
- Unclaimed Exhibits:** Any project exhibit not picked up by October 31 will either be donated to charity or disposed of as appropriate.
- Solicitations:** Solicitations of any nature on the fairgrounds except by contracted concession or commercial rental spaces are prohibited.
- Advertising/Free Merchandise:** No person will be permitted to post or display signs, or distribute handbills or merchandise except under fair contract.
- Pets:** No pets are allowed on the fairgrounds.
- No Smoking Regulation:** No smoking in any building or tent on the fairgrounds by order of the fire marshal.
- Golf/ATV/Off-Road Vehicles Policy:** Please check with the St. Joseph County Grange Fair at (269) 467-8935 or <https://centrevillefair.com/fair-week-info/rules-and-policies/>.
- Open Class:** The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board passed the following rule regarding cross-over into open class: 4-H youth exhibitors may enter the same animals in appropriate classes in the Open Class division of the fair if they do so by the **open class entry deadline, September 1, 2023**. The 4-H exhibitor will pay entry fees and housing fees.

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deception being defined to include, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to 4-H non-livestock projects (i.e., a 4-H non-livestock project may only be exhibited one time at the Fair).
 - B. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to but is not limited to 4-H animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, drenching, and filling).
 - C. Unethical fitting of animal exhibits is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs covered in letter (D) below, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical or nonsurgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption and is prohibited. Exceptions that are allowed to letters (A) & (B) above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.
 - D. THE 4-H MARKET ANIMALS SHALL NOT CONTAIN any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on day of show and day of shipment to market from the fair. Test samples that may be collected from any 4-H animal exhibit shall be free of any foreign substance including any steroids, drug or chemical affecting the central nervous system (for example, stimulants, depressants or pain killers). Refusing such tests will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all awards.
 - E. Species superintendent team may file documentation without filing fees if rules A - D are not followed.
5. **Animal Exhibitor Dress Code:** Exhibitors may not wear any item that promotes their club's name or logo, a farm name, award(s) won by the exhibitor or species or breed associations while exhibiting in animal classes at the fair. **Note:** Volunteers working at the fair in support of a livestock show must also follow the Animal Exhibitor Dress Code during the show. Exhibitors must be dressed appropriately for shows and evaluations as specified in the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair Book under each species requirements.
6. **Substitute Exhibitor:** An exhibitor/parent/guardian may request permission **in writing** for a substitute showman from the project superintendent **prior to** the class being shown. Some valid reasons are: personal emergency or an approved scheduling conflict that prevents the exhibitor from being able to show their own animal. The substitute exhibitor must be a current year St. Joseph County 4-H or FFA member. Substitute showmen are not allowed in Showmanship classes.
7. **Assistant Animal Handlers:** Assistant handlers are allowed when an exhibitor has more than one animal in a market class. The assistant handler must be a current year St. Joseph County 4-H or FFA member.

8. **Accommodations for Youth with Disabilities:** Accommodations in judging will be given to exhibitors identified on fair entry forms prior to fair in writing as having a disability (physical, mental, emotional and/or learning) that affects their ability to compete effectively with exhibitors without disabilities. Youth with disabilities may be assisted, as necessary, during project evaluation and/or in the show ring by a parent/guardian, leader or other current St. Joseph County 4-H/FFA member. It will be the responsibility of the "assistant" to inform the judging clerk (in the case of project evaluation) or the show superintendent (in the case of animal science classes) of the reason for his/her presence at the evaluation or in the show ring.
9. **Coaching is prohibited:** Coaching of an exhibitor while they are in the show ring or participating in the evaluation of their project work is prohibited. Coaching is any behavior intended to direct the actions of a given exhibitor during the show or evaluation. Exhibitors determined to be the recipient of coaching may be disqualified from the class at the discretion of the project superintendent, judge and/or St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff. * Parents may intervene if safety or excessive animal handling is observed.
10. **Examination and Testing of Project Animals:** The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors and St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff reserve the right to order the examination or testing of any animal for any reason by officials or veterinarians appointed by any of the above-mentioned organizations.
11. **All 4-H Livestock members/clubs** will be held responsible for cleaning and tearing down their project pen/stall at the end of fair. Individuals or clubs maybe assessed a \$50.00 fine for failure to do so.
12. All pen/stall cards must be above pen/stalls by **Sunday September 17, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.** Any pen/stall without signs will be yellow tagged.

Filing a Rules Related Complaint

The following procedure will be followed regarding the handling of a 4-H rule violation complaint:

1. Contact the appropriate superintendent or assistant superintendent and discuss your concerns with them to determine if rules have been violated. The superintendent may then choose to consult with local St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff. If you are not satisfied with the results of this process, you may file a complaint, see rule 2 and following.
2. Any person interested in bringing a 4-H rule violation complaint against a member must complete, sign and submit a "4-H Rule Violation Complaint Form" to the 4-H Program Coordinator within 24 hours of the alleged violation or becoming aware of the situation and within the seven (7) day fair time frame. Every effort should be made, if possible, to submit a complaint prior to an animal exhibition in a show. If an alleged violation happens after exhibition, a complaint form must be submitted no later than the last Saturday of the current fair week by 7:00 p.m. A \$25 cash filing fee per complaint form is due and payable at the time the complaint is filed. If the complaint is upheld, the filing fee will be refunded.

3. The member and/or parent or guardian against whom a 4-H rule violation complaint has been filed has the right to read the complaint.
4. The animal may be placed under quarantine until appropriate examination and collection of samples for testing are completed.
5. The member or their parent/guardian against whom the complaint is filed (hereafter referred to as the respondent) is required to complete and submit a "4-H Rule Violation Response Form" to the 4-H Program Coordinator within 12 hours of receiving a copy of the "4-H Rule Violation Complaint Form" filed against them. The individual who brought the complaint (hereafter known as the complainant) has the right to read the response form.
6. Both the complainant and the respondent will be asked to appear before the 4-H/Executive Council Complaint Committee and Livestock Association representative for a hearing on the matter. Any 4-H member appearing before this committee must have their parents/legal guardians or their designee present and they may speak on behalf of the 4-H member. Each side has a maximum of 10 minutes to present the facts of their case, with the complainant speaking first. Each side also has five minutes for rebuttal. The Committee will deliberate as they determine appropriate and render its decision. **Upon the decision it will be final.**
7. A written copy of the 4-H and Livestock Association Complaint Committee's decision and penalties assessed, if applicable will be delivered by the 4-H Program Coordinator to the respondent and the complainant as soon as possible after a decision has been rendered. If, for any reason, a decision regarding the rule violation cannot be rendered until after the fair, both parties will be notified by mail of the Committee's decision.
8. The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors has final authority over decisions involving the Fair per the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

4-H/Livestock Association Executive Council Complaint Committee: Committee is comprised of four persons designated by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council Executive Council and 4-H Program Coordinator as well as the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of 4-H Extension Liaison. Livestock Association Committee members. The 4-H Youth Council President, or their designee, will serve as the chairperson. If there is a conflict of interest with any of the above representatives, the 4-H Program Coordinator will choose a designee to stand in place of said representative.

Fair Management Rights: In addition to the right of protest provided exhibitors, the fair management reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud/deception or violation of rules in connection with a given exhibit and take such action as deemed just and proper. It also reserves the right of the Fair, MSU Extension, or their affiliated organizations to take action in a situation when behavior inappropriate to the purpose of 4-H or FFA that is not explicitly addressed in these rules has occurred.

4-H Project Animal Certification/Care Form: All 4-H members exhibiting animals at the fair are required to complete the "4-H Project Animal Certification/Care Form" and turn it into their club organizational leader by the deadline set by the leader. 4-H club organizational leaders must turn all Project Animal Certification/Care Forms for their club in with fair entry forms by August 11, 2023 (subject to change).

Penalties for 4-H/FFA Member Misconduct

When it is determined that a rule has been violated or misconduct has occurred while exhibiting in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division of the fair, any and all of the following actions may be taken:

1. The exhibit in question shall be barred from the show if discovered prior to the show or disqualified if discovered after completion of the class or show. Other animals will be moved up a place.
2. Any or all other 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division exhibits of the exhibitor may be disqualified and the animals may be made ineligible for the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. Should a rule violation be established after a market animal has been sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sales, the sale will be voided.
3. Awards and/or premiums earned by said exhibitor **in any or all** 4-H/ FFA & Other Youth departments may be forfeited and/or withheld pending final decision.
4. At the discretion of a committee comprised of the 4-H Youth Coordinator, the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board 4-H Liaison, the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council Executive Board and Livestock Association, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from competition at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair for a period of up to three years.

Registration and Check-in

1. Ear tags, leg bands and wing bands will be supplied, and tattoo numbers assigned by the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office. 4-H leaders and FFA advisors may borrow tagging pliers and tattoo kits for a maximum of three (3) days only.
2. Reweighing, at the request of the exhibitor, is prohibited.
3. Fair weigh-in and check-in times are listed in each appropriate section by species.
4. All animals must be checked in by the exhibitor or an immediate family member unless prior arrangements are made in writing and filed at the MSU Extension office 24 hours in advance of check in times at fair.

4-H Livestock Association Market Livestock Sales

1. Market animals must be shown at the fair in order to be sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sales.
2. **Goats, poultry, rabbits:** All market livestock will be consigned to the Small Animal Auction unless the Livestock Removal Authorization Form is submitted to the 4-H office by Tuesday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m.
3. **Swine, beef, sheep:** All market livestock will be consigned to the Large Animal Auction unless the Livestock Removal Authorization Form is submitted to the 4-H office by Wednesday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m.
4. The Champion and Reserve Champion goat, steer, lamb and hog carcasses will be sold at the livestock auction.
5. **Sale Times and Orders (2023):** Two sale rings will be auctioning livestock at the same time in the Henningsen Show Arena; the small animal sale will be held in the east end and the large animal sale will be held in the west end.
 - **Small Animal Sale:** 10:00 a.m. Rabbits, Goats, Chickens, Turkeys



Notes

2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

Department 12 - Poultry

Angie Landis, Superintendent
Karrie Landis, Market Chicken Assistant Superintendent
Michele Kelley, Turkey Assistant Superintendent
Karyn Scheffler, Breeding Stock Assistant Superintendent

1. See www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.
2. Read and follow "General 4-H Market Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
3. 4-H Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter or exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
4. All chickens and turkeys for exhibition must either:
 - a. Originate from a pullorum-typhoid clean flock and have been housed separately from birds of unknown or positive pullorum-typhoid health-status. One of the following must accompany your registration form: parent flock National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) certification number, MDA form VS9-2, MDA form VS9-3. **OR**
 - b. Be tested by an authorized educator (a licensed, accredited veterinarian or a Michigan Department of Agriculture certified pullorum tester) within 90 days of the show. A copy of MDA state pullorum test certificate must accompany your registration form.
5. All breeding stock poultry must be in exhibitor's possession by wing/leg-banding date. Breeding stock (chickens, ducks and geese) and pigeons will also be leg-banded on Sunday, August 20, 2023 or Monday, August 21, 2023, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Pullorum testing will be

- available at the wing/leg banding. Exhibitor may register up to two (2) birds for each breeding stock class.
6. Breeding stock poultry age (including chickens, ducks and geese) is defined as: A "**young**" bird is one hatched from **previous fair, October 1 to current fair September 30**. A "**mature**" bird is one that is **12 months old or older**.
7. All breeding stock and market poultry must be owned by the exhibitor or have joint ownership within a family corporation and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings and/or legal guardians. Cross-tagging is acceptable among immediate family members only.
8. **Feeding, Watering & Cleaning:** 4-H Poultry Project members are responsible for feeding and watering their birds, plus cleaning the cage(s) their birds are housed in at fair. Each member will be charged per pen for shavings and feed that are used. **This money will be deducted from the member's livestock check.** Poultry pens must be stripped of all bedding and replaced with fresh bedding each morning. **Cleaning and feeding times are as follows: morning, 6:00 - 8:00 a.m. and evenings, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** The 4-H Poultry Project Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendents will inspect pens after these times to determine if feeding, watering and cleaning has been done in accordance with generally accepted animal husbandry practices. Feed and shavings will be locked up except at feeding and cleaning times.
9. Eggs will not be housed at the fair, and must be taken home following judging. Eggs are to be kept in the exhibitors' possession before and after judging. **Do not leave them in the barn. Note:** Best-of-Show will be on display in the still exhibit barn.
10. All animals must be checked in by exhibitor or immediate family member unless prior arrangements are made in writing and filed at the MSU Extension office 24 hours in advance of check in times at fair.
11. All market and breeding stock poultry (including pigeons) must be checked in and housed in the 4-H poultry barn at fair on **Friday, September 15, 2023, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.** All market poultry must be weighed before being housed. All breeding stock poultry must have leg bands checked before being housed. No class changes will be allowed after the declaration of classes. Pen assignments for all poultry to be handled by the 4-H Poultry Superintendent and/or 4-H Poultry Assistant Superintendents.
12. **4-H Poultry should not be brought to the fair in any size cardboard box.** Birds should be well bedded. At check-in poultry must be **clean and dry**. Care must be given to transport poultry to the fair in cages with adequate bedding, ventilation and drainage. Weigh-in personnel may **refuse** weighing/housing of 4-H poultry until the birds are clean and dry. All poultry must have tags in place at check-in.
13. **No shipping crates, cages or boxes may be stored in the 4-H Poultry Barn during the fair.**
14. The exhibitor is required to supply his/her own cage to transport birds to and from the show arena for show and sale. 4-H fair housing cages may not be used for this purpose.
15. **Exhibitor Dress Code: For showmanship only, black pants, white long-sleeved shirt and leather closed toed shoes.** Proper show attire for all other classes. No hats allowed.
16. An exhibitor may exhibit only once in a given class.
17. **Order of Show:** Waterfowl, Pigeons, Eggs, Showmanship, Breeding Stock Chickens, Breeding Stock

Turkeys, Market Turkeys (hens then toms), Market Chickens (pullets then cockerels).

18. All 4-H breeding stock birds and "live pick-up" market birds must be picked up between **6:00 - 7:00 a.m.** on Sunday, September 24, 2023.
19. **Poultry and Rabbit Fee:** 4-H members are responsible for paying for the processing fee and associated expenses if their buyer chooses to take advantage of this service. All fees are deducted from the gross sale value.
20. Any problems/illness with poultry needs to be brought to the attention of the superintendent. No medications may be given without permission.
21. **Exhibitors are required to be present for barn clean-up on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 6:00 a.m. Each member is responsible for the clean-up of their pen and general barn duty.**

Section A - Poultry Project Evaluation (A, B, C premium table = 2)

1. **Required participation by all exhibitors:** All 4-H members exhibiting a poultry project must participate in the 4-H Poultry Project Evaluation. A completed evaluation includes an interview with a judge and competing in the poultry skill-a-thon. Failure to complete the appropriate evaluation(s) (Breeding Stock, Market Chickens or Market Turkey) will result in their poultry project animals' disqualification from the show and require the removal of their birds from the fairgrounds.
2. **Interview Schedule:** Poultry Project Interviews will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis on **Saturday, September 16, 2023, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.** at the pen where the exhibitor's poultry project animal(s) are housed. Exhibitors must be in line 30 minutes prior to the end of the interview schedule.

Class

- 14001 - Market Chicken Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 14002 - Best-of-Show in class 14001 **(R)**
- 14003 - Market Chicken Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 14004 - Best-of-Show in class 14003 **(R)**
- 14005 - Market Chicken Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 14006 - Best-of-Show in class 14005 **(R)**
- 14007 - Market Turkey Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 14008 - Best-of-Show in class 14007 **(R)**
- 14009 - Market Turkey Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 14010 - Best-of-Show in class 14009 **(R)**
- 14011 - Market Turkey Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 14012 - Best-of-Show in class 14011 **(R)**
- 14013 - Breeding Stock Poultry Project Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 14014 - Best-of-Show in class 14013 **(R)**
- 14015 - Breeding Stock Poultry Project Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 14016 - Best-of-Show in class 14015 **(R)**
- 14017 - Breeding Stock Poultry Project Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 14018 - Best-of-Show in class 14017 **(R)**

Section B - Poultry Project Skill-A-Thon (No premiums - Ribbon only)

1. All livestock skill-a-thons will take place on **Saturday, September 16, 2023, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

- 14019 - Poultry Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 14020 - Poultry Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 14021 - Poultry Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 15-19 years old

Section C - Poultry Fitting & Showmanship (Placing premium table = 102)

1. Open only to those exhibitors exhibiting chickens (Sections D and F).
2. Entry must be made in showmanship classes.
3. Exhibitors must show their own project animal.
4. If there are too many entries in a class, it may be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.

Class

- 14022 - Poultry Fitting & Showmanship, 8-11 **(TR)**
- 14023 - Poultry Fitting & Showmanship 12-14. **(TR)**
- 14024 - Poultry Fitting & Showmanship 15-19 **(TR)**

Section D - Market Chickens (Placing premium table = 102)

1. Read and follow "General 4-H Market Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
2. Read and follow general 4-H Poultry Project rules.
3. Exhibitor may make one entry in either this section or Section E.
4. Market chickens must be hatched Saturday, July 22, 2023 or after. Hatcheries *normally* hatch on Saturdays or Sundays, and deliver chicks to poultry sale outlets on Monday or Tuesday.
5. Countywide wing-banding of market chickens will take place on Sunday, August 20, 2023 and Monday, August 21, 2023, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Birds must be clean and parasite free. Proof of purchase and Pullorum papers must be presented before tagging and they also must be turned in at this time. All birds may be cross-tagged between family members living in the same primary household. The first family member may tag up to 8 birds, either turkeys or chickens but not both, with up to 5 additional birds per family member. (Example: a family with three poultry exhibitors can tag a maximum total of 18 birds).
6. Market pullets must weigh a minimum of 8 lbs./pen and cockerels 9 lbs./pen, or they will not be allowed to exhibit at fair.
7. Market pullets will show first in 2023, followed by market pullets (order rotates annually).
8. The superintendent will determine the number of weight classes utilized.

Class

- 14025 - Market Pullet
- 14026 - Market Cockerel
- 14027 - Champion Pen Lightweight Market Pullets **(TR)**
- 14028 - Res. Champion Pen Lightweight Market Pullets **(R)**
- 14029 - Champion Pen Light-Mediumweight Market Pullets **(TR)**
- 14030 - Res. Champion Pen Light-Mediumweight Market Pullets **(R)**
- 14031 - Champion Pen Mediumweight Market Pullets **(TR)**
- 14032 - Res. Champion Pen Mediumweight Market Pullets **(R)**
- 14033 - Champion Pen Light-Heavyweight Market Pullets **(TR)**
- 14034 - Res. Champion Pen Light-Heavyweight Market Pullets **(R)**
- 14035 - Champion Pen Heavyweight Market Pullets **(TR)**
- 14036 - Res. Champion Pen Heavyweight Market Pullets **(R)**
- 14037 - Champion Pen Lightweight Market Cockerels **(TR)**

- 14038 - Res. Champion Pen Lightweight Market Cockerels (R)
- 14039 - Champion Pen Light-Mediumweight Market Cockerels (TR)
- 14040 - Res. Champion Pen Light-Mediumweight Market Cockerels (R)
- 14041 - Champion Pen Mediumweight Market Cockerels (TR)
- 14042 - Res. Champion Pen Mediumweight Market Cockerels (R)
- 14043 - Champion Pen Light-Heavyweight Market Cockerels (TR)
- 14044 - Res. Champion Pen Light-Heavyweight Market Cockerels (R)
- 14045 - Champion Pen Heavyweight Market Cockerels (TR)
- 14046 - Res. Champion Pen Heavyweight Market Cockerels (R)
- 14047 - Grand Champion Pen Market Chickens (PR)
- 14048 - Res. Grand Champion Pen Market Chickens (PR)

Section E - Market Turkeys
(Placing premium table = 102)

1. See "General 4-H Market Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
2. Read and follow general 4-H Poultry Project rules.
3. Exhibitor may make one entry in either this section or Section D.
4. Market turkeys must be hatched Saturday, May 20, 2023. Hatcheries normally hatch on Saturdays or Sundays, with delivery of poults to poultry sale outlets by Monday or Tuesday of the following week.
5. Countywide vaccination and tagging of market turkeys will take place on Sunday, July 16, 2023 or Monday, July 17, 2023, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Birds must be clean and parasite free. If your turkeys do not get vaccinated on either of these two dates, they will not be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **Note:** All turkeys on your premises must be vaccinated. Proof of purchase and Pullorum papers must be presented and turned in before tagging and vaccinations are administered.
6. All birds may be cross-tagged between family members living in the same primary household. The first family member may tag up to 8 birds, either turkeys or chickens but not both, with up to 5 additional birds per family member. (Example: a family with three poultry exhibitors can tag a maximum total of 18 birds).
7. Exhibitors may sign up for a maximum of two classes.
8. Market turkeys must weigh a minimum of 24 lbs./pen for hens or 32 lbs./pen for toms. Pens of market turkeys that weigh less than these minimum weight standards will not be allowed to exhibit at fair.
9. The superintendent will determine the number of weight classes utilized.

Class

- 14049 - Market Hen
- 14050 - Market Tom
- 14051 - Champion Pen Lightweight Market Hens (TR)
- 14052 - Res. Champion Pen Lightweight Market Hens (R)
- 14053 - Champion Pen Light-Mediumweight Market Hens (TR)
- 14054 - Res. Champion Pen Light-Mediumweight Market Hens (R)
- 14055 - Champion Pen Mediumweight Market Hens (TR)
- 14056 - Res. Champion Pen Mediumweight Market Hens (R)
- 14057 - Champion Pen Light-Heavyweight Market Hens (TR)
- 14058 - Res. Champion Pen Light-Heavyweight Market Hens (R)
- 14059 - Champion Pen Heavyweight Market Hens (TR)
- 14060 - Res. Champion Pen Heavyweight Market Hens (R)

- 14061 - Champion Pen Lightweight Market Toms (TR)
- 14062 - Res. Champion Pen Lightweight Market Toms (R)
- 14063 - Champion Pen Light-Mediumweight Market Toms (TR)
- 14064 - Res. Champion Pen Light-Mediumweight Market Toms (R)
- 14065 - Champion Pen Mediumweight Market Toms (TR)
- 14066 - Res. Champion Pen Mediumweight Market Toms (R)
- 14067 - Champion Pen Light-Heavyweight Market Toms (TR)
- 14068 - Res. Champion Pen Light-Heavyweight Market Toms (R)
- 14069 - Champion Pen Heavyweight Market Toms (TR)
- 14070 - Res. Champion Pen Heavyweight Market Toms (R)
- 14071 - Grand Champion Pen Market Turkeys (PR)
- 14072 - Res. Grand Champion Pen Market Turkeys (PR)

Section F - Breeding Stock Chickens
(Placing premium table = 102)

1. Countywide banding of breeding stock chickens will take place at the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 20, 2023 or Monday, August 21, 2023, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Birds must be clean and parasite free. Pullorum papers must be presented/or testing done before banding.
2. Exhibitors may exhibit in a maximum of four classes in this section.
3. Exhibitors will only be allowed 2 pens at the fair under discretion of the 4-H Poultry Superintendent or 4-H Program Coordinator due to pen availability.
4. Exhibitors will be required to pay \$2.00 per pen for feed/bedding costs at time of check-in.
5. **A "young" bird is one hatched from previous fair, October 1 to current fair September 30. A "mature" bird is one that is 12 months old or older.**

Class

- 14073 - Young standard male (Young = hatched this year)
- 14074 - Best-in-Show in Class 14073 (R)
- 14075 - Mature standard male (Mature = hatched prior to this year)
- 14076 - Best-in-Show in Class 14075 (R)
- 14077 - Champion Standard Male, Classes 14074 & 14076 (TR)
- 14078 - Young standard female
- 14079 - Best-in-Show in Class 14078 (R)
- 14080 - Mature standard female
- 14081 - Best-in-Show in Class 14080 (R)
- 14082 - Champion Standard Female, Classes 14079 & 14081 (TR)
- 14083 - Young Bantam male
- 14084 - Best-in-Show in Class 14083 (R)
- 14085 - Mature Bantam male
- 14086 - Best-in-Show in Class 14085 (R)
- 14087 - Champion Bantam Male, Classes 14084 & 14086 (TR)
- 14088 - Young Bantam female
- 14089 - Best-in-Show in Class 14088 (R)
- 14090 - Mature Bantam female
- 14091 - Best-in-Show in Class 14090 (R)
- 14092 - Champion Bantam Female, Classes 14089 & 14091 (TR)
- 14093 - Grand Champion Breeding Stock Chicken (PR)
- 14094 - Res. Grand Champion Breeding Stock Chicken (PR)

Section G – Breeding Stock Turkeys
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

1. Must go through all vaccination procedures.
2. May bring up to two (2) turkeys (1 male/ 1 female)

- May show a maximum of two (2) classes. May include Heritage Turkeys or Production Turkeys
- All turkeys shown in Section G MUST be taken home.
- Exhibitor will be required to pay \$2.00 per pen for feed/bedding costs at time of check-in

Class

- 14095 - Tom
- 14096 - Best-of-Show in Class 14095 (R)
- 14097 - Hen
- 14098 - Best-of-Show in Class 14097 (R)
- 14099 - Grand Champion Breeding Stock Turkey (R)
- 14100 - Res. Champion Breeding Stock Turkey (R)

Section H - Egg Production (A, B, C premium table = 2)

- Exhibitors may exhibit in a maximum of two classes in this section.
- Members own birds must produce eggs.
- Eggs must be graded, cleaned, free from defects and placed in a clean carton provided by the exhibitor.
- Egg judging takes place on **Sunday, September 17, 2023**.
- Best-of-Show dozen eggs will be auctioned at the small animal auction.

Class

- 14101 - 1 dozen white standard chicken eggs
- 14102 - 1 dozen brown standard chicken eggs
- 14103 - 1 dozen other color standard chicken eggs
- 14104 - 1 dozen bantam chicken eggs
- 14105 - 1 dozen duck eggs
- 14106 - Best-of-Show in Egg Production (TR)

Section J - Pigeons (Placing premium table = 102)

- Pigeons must be registered at the countywide tagging on Sunday, August 20, 2023 or Monday, August 21, 2023, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Exhibitors may exhibit in a maximum of two classes in this section.
- Exhibitors will be required to pay \$2.00 per pen for feed/bedding costs at time of check-in.

Class

- 14107 - Show-Type - Female
- 14108 - Show-Type - Male
- 14109 - Best-in-Show Show-Type Pigeons (R)
- 14110 - Tumblers/Rollers/Homers - Single male or female
- 14111 - Best-in-Show Tumbler/Roller/Homer Pigeons (R)
- 14112 - Champion Pigeons (TR)

Section K - Ducks (Placing premium table = 102)

- Ducks must be registered at the countywide tagging on Sunday, August 20, 2023 or Monday, August 21, 2023, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Exhibit must be a pair (1 male, 1 female).
- Exhibitors may exhibit in a maximum of two classes in this section.

Class

- 14113 - Pair of Young Standard Ducks (Young = hatched this year).

- 14114 - Best-in-Show Young Standard Ducks (R)
- 14115 - Pair of Mature Standard Ducks (Mature = hatched prior to this year).
- 14116 - Best-in-Show Mature Standard Ducks (R)
- 14117 - Champion Standard Ducks (TR)
- 14118 - Pair of Young Bantam Ducks
- 14119 - Best-in-Show Young Bantam Ducks (R)
- 14120 - Pair of Mature Bantam Ducks
- 14121 - Best-in-Show Mature Bantam Ducks (R)
- 14122 - Champion Bantam Ducks (TR)

Section L - Geese (Placing premium table = 102)

- Geese must be registered at the countywide tagging on Sunday, August 20, 2023 or Monday, August 21, 2023, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Exhibit must be a pair (1 male, 1 female).
- Exhibitors may exhibit in a maximum of two classes in this section.

Class

- 14123 - Pair of Young Geese (Young = hatched this year).
- 14124 - Best-in-Show Young Geese (R)
- 14125 - Pair of Mature Geese (Mature = hatched prior to this year).
- 14126 - Best-in-Show Mature Geese (R)
- 14127 - Champion Geese (TR)

Department 14 - Rabbits

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- See www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.
- Read and follow "General 4-H Market Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
- 4-H Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter or exhibit in this specie department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
- The exhibitor must own all breeding stock and market rabbits or have joint ownership within a family corporation and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings and/or legal guardians.
- All members are required to participate in the Rabbit Project Evaluation (Section A).
- COUNTYWIDE TATTOOING: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Exhibitors must attend one of these dates to be eligible to show at fair.
- Family Tagging: MARKET RABBITS ONLY. Each member may tattoo up to six (6) rabbits. All rabbits may be cross-tagged between family members living in the same primary household.**
- All 4-H exhibitors can exhibit in three (3) classes** from sections D, E, F, G, H, or J and can exhibit in both market and breeding stock classes (1 market pen & 2 breeding stock or 2 breeding stock). **Breeding stock rabbits cannot be in the same class.**
- All members are encouraged to participate in Fitting and Showmanship (Section C), Market Kindling Report

(Section K), and Rabbit Science (Department 69 - Sciences, Section H).

10. **All animals must be checked in by exhibitor or immediate family member unless prior arrangements are made in writing and filed at the MSU Extension office 24 hours in advance of check in times at the fair.**
11. All market and breeding stock rabbits will be weighed, checked in and housed in 4-H Rabbit Barn on **Friday, September 15, 2023, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.** All rabbits must be weighed before being housed. The 4-H Rabbit Project Superintendent assigns pens.
12. Rabbits must be clean and dry when presented for check-in. **All rabbits must pass a health inspection in order to enter the barn. Each member needs to bring their own towel or carpet square for the table during the health inspection/weigh-in of their rabbits.** Weigh-in personnel may refuse weighing/housing rabbits until the animals are in acceptable condition. The Superintendent will make the final decision.
13. No toys, blankets, etc. may be placed in cages.
14. A resting platform may be used for breeding stock only.
15. Hay/roughage may be supplied to your rabbits to prevent diarrhea. This is the only allowable supplemental feed.
16. **Wheelbarrow and shovel are no longer provided for morning chores.**
17. Exhibitor must furnish clean heavy plastic or ceramic crock water dishes as follows: Each pen of **market** rabbits must have **one 7" diameter dish/crock**. Each pen of **breeding stock** rabbits must have **one 5" or larger crock/hard plastic dish** for water. Rabbits will not be housed until the correct size dishes or crocks have been furnished.
18. 4-H rabbits must be transported to the fair and to/from the 4-H Rabbit Show and the 4-H Small Livestock Sale in standard metal rabbit transport cages and bottom wire must be off the ground. No "pet taxi" carriers, clothesbaskets, cardboard boxes allowed. (Reason: ventilation and keeping rabbits out of their own urine.) **4-H rabbits will not be allowed entry in non-appropriate cages.**
19. No cages may be stored in the rabbit barn during the fair.
20. **Poultry and Rabbit Fee:** 4-H members are responsible for paying for the processing fee and associated expenses if their buyer chooses to take advantage of this service. All fees are deducted from the gross sale value.
21. Dress code for rabbit showmanship: white long-sleeved shirt, black pants and closed toed shoes. Dress code for Market & Breeding Stock classes: **long-sleeve shirt**, dark colored pants and closed toed shoes. **No hats or jewelry allowed.** Exception: If a member is showing another animal a white lab coat may be worn over other clothes.
22. **Show order for 2023:** Showmanship, Cloverbuds, Breeding Stock, Market (kindled by member then purchased)

Section A - Rabbit Project Evaluation (A, B, C premium table = 2)

1. **Required participation by all exhibitors:** All 4-H members exhibiting any type of rabbit project must participate in the 4-H Rabbit Project Evaluation. A completed evaluation includes the following: an interview with a judge and competing in the rabbit skill-a-thon. Exhibitors who have both breeding and market rabbits must complete an evaluation for each. Failure to complete the appropriate evaluation(s) will result in their rabbit project animal(s) disqualification from the show(s) and require the removal of their rabbits from the fairgrounds.

2. **Interview Schedule:** Rabbit Project Interviews will be conducted on an individual basis on **Saturday, September 16, 2023, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.** at the pen where the exhibitor's rabbit project animal(s) are housed.

Class

- 1500 - Market Rabbit Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1501 - Best-of-Show in class 1500 **(R)**
- 1502 - Market Rabbit Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1503 - Best-of-Show in class 1502 **(R)**
- 1504 - Market Rabbit Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 1505 - Best-of-Show in class 1504 **(R)**
- 1506 - Breeding Stock Rabbit Project Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1507 - Best-of-Show in class 1506 **(R)**
- 1508 - Breeding Stock Rabbit Project Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1509 - Best-of-Show in class 1508 **(R)**
- 1510 - Breeding Stock Rabbit Project Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 1511 - Best-of-Show in class 1510 **(R)**

Section B - Rabbit Project Skill-A-Thon (No premiums - Ribbon only)

1. All skill-a-thons will take place on **Saturday, September 16, 2023**. First come, first serve.

Class

- 1512 - Rabbit Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1513 - Rabbit Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1514 - Rabbit Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 15-19 years old

Section C - Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship (Placing premium table = 102)

1. All exhibitors are eligible and encouraged to compete in Fitting & Showmanship classes.
2. Entry must be made in showmanship class.
3. Exhibitors must show their own project animal.
4. If there are too many entries in a class, it may be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.

Class

- 1515 - Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship, 8-11 **(TR)**
- 1516 - Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship, 12-14 **(TR)**
- 1517 - Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship, 15-19 **(TR)**

Section D - Market Rabbits: Kindled from Exhibitor's Own Breeding Stock (Placing premium table = 102)

1. Read and follow "General 4-H Market Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
2. All market rabbits must be in exhibitor's possession, tattooed (looking at the rabbit from behind) in the left ear with a pre-assigned St. Joseph County number, and registered in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by **August 13** of the current project year to be eligible for the St. Joseph County Fair. **Note:** Tattooing must be done at the countywide tattooing on Wednesday, August 9, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. or Sunday, August 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
3. Exhibitors may tattoo six market rabbits, including cross tattooing, but may show and sell only three rabbits (1 pen) at the fair.

4. It is recommended that market rabbits be 10-12 weeks of age at fair time.
5. Exhibit shall consist of three rabbits, any sex.
6. **Only three rabbits may be presented for weigh-in/check-in at fair. Selection of the three best rabbits to combine as a "pen" must be made prior to arriving at check-in table.**
7. Each market rabbit must weigh a minimum of 3 lbs. with a minimum total pen weight of 9 lbs. and maximum total pen weight of 17 lbs. Pens weighing less than 9 lbs. or more than 17 lbs. **will be ineligible for show and sent home immediately.**
8. The criteria for judging a commercial market rabbit are: meat type, condition, uniformity, and fur.
9. Exhibitors may make one entry in either Section D or E.

Class

- 1518 - Market Rabbits Kindled from Exhibitor's Own Breeding.
- 1519 - Champion Lightweight Pen. (TR)
- 1520 - Res. Champion Lightweight Pen. (TR)
- 1521 - Champion Light-Mediumweight Pen. (TR)
- 1522 - Res. Champion Light-Mediumweight Pen. (TR)
- 1523 - Champion Mediumweight Pen. (TR)
- 1524 - Res. Champion Mediumweight Pen. (TR)
- 1525 - Champion Heavyweight Pen. (TR)
- 1526 - Res. Champion Heavyweight Pen. (TR)

Section E - Purchased Market Rabbits (Placing premium table = 102)

1. Read and follow rules in Section C.

Class

- 1527 - Purchased Market Rabbits.
- 1528 - Champion Lightweight Pen. (TR)
- 1529 - Res. Champion Lightweight Pen. (TR)
- 1530 - Champion Light-Mediumweight Pen. (TR)
- 1531 - Res. Champion Light-Mediumweight Pen. (TR)
- 1532 - Champion Mediumweight Pen. (TR)
- 1533 - Res. Champion Mediumweight Pen. (TR)
- 1534 - Champion Heavyweight Pen. (TR)
- 1535 - Res. Champion Heavyweight Pen. (TR)

Section F - Championship Market Rabbits

1. To be chosen from the winners of Classes 1519-1526 and 1528-1535.

Class

- 1536 - Grand Champion Pen Market Rabbits. (PR)
- 1537 - Res. Grand Champion Pen Market Rabbits. (PR)

Section G - Crossbred Breeding Stock Rabbits (Placing premium table = 102)

1. All breeding stock rabbits must be in exhibitor's possession, identified by a legible tattoo in the left ear, and registered in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by **August 14** of the current project year. Exhibitors may tattoo **only six** breeding stock rabbits.
2. Crossbred rabbits that meet American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) breed standards may be moved to show as Purebred Rabbits at the judge's discretion.
3. **BREEDING STOCK RABBITS MUST BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 BY 8:00 A.M.**

Class

- 1538 - Sr. Doe, 7 months of age or older.
- 1539 - Jr. Doe, 6 months of age and younger.
- 1540 - Champion Crossbred Doe. (TR)
- 1541 - Res. Champion Crossbred Doe. (TR)
- 1542 - Sr. Buck, 7 months of age or older.
- 1543 - Jr. Buck, 6 months of age and younger.
- 1544 - Champion Crossbred Buck. (TR)
- 1545 - Res. Champion Crossbred Buck. (TR)
- 1546 - Grand Champion Crossbred Rabbit. (PR)
- 1547 - Res. Grand Champion Crossbred Rabbit. (PR)

Sections H and J - Purebred Breeding Stock Rabbits (Placing premium table = 102)

1. All breeding stock rabbits must be in exhibitor's possession, identified by a legible tattoo in the left ear and registered in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by **August 13** of the current project year. Exhibitors may tattoo **only six** breeding stock rabbits.
2. Purebred rabbits must meet American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) breed standards to be eligible. No papers required.
3. Consult American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) "Standard of Perfection" guide to determine which class (Junior or Senior) a given rabbit should be entered in.
4. **BREEDING STOCK RABBITS MUST BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 BY 8:00 A.M.**

Section H - Fancy Breeding Stock Rabbits (Placing premium table = 102)

Class

- 1548 - Senior Doe, 7 months of age or older.
- 1549 - Junior Doe, 6 months of age and younger.
- 1550 - Champion Fancy Purebred Doe. (TR)
- 1551 - Res. Champion Fancy Purebred Doe. (TR)
- 1552 - Senior Buck, 7 months of age or older.
- 1553 - Junior Buck, 6 months of age and younger.
- 1554 - Champion Fancy Purebred Buck. (TR)
- 1555 - Res. Champion Fancy Purebred Buck. (TR)
- 1556 - Grand Champion Fancy Purebred Rabbit. (PR)
- 1557 - Res. Grand Champion Fancy Purebred Rabbit. (PR)

Section J - Commercial Breeding Stock Rabbits (Placing premium table = 102)

Class

- 1558 - Senior Doe, 7 months of age or older.
- 1559 - Junior Doe, 6 months of age and younger.
- 1560 - Champion Commercial Purebred Doe. (TR)
- 1561 - Res. Champion Commercial Purebred Doe. (TR)
- 1562 - Senior Buck, 7 months of age or older.
- 1563 - Junior Buck, 6 months of age and younger.
- 1564 - Champion Commercial Purebred Buck. (TR)
- 1565 - Res. Champion Commercial Purebred Buck. (TR)
- 1566 - Grand Champion Commercial Purebred Rabbit. (PR)
- 1567 - Res. Grand Champion Commercial Purebred Rabbit. (PR)

Section K - Market Rabbit Kindling Report (A, B, C premium table = 2)

Educational Objective: To show knowledge gained throughout Kindling Project.

Premium Tables
4-H & Other Youth Fair Premium Book
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Premium table numbers are listed directly under each section heading (and in some cases for specific classes), and refer to the premium tables listed below. The premium table for a given section applies to all classes in the section. **Exception:** No premiums are awarded in Best Exhibit, Best-in-Class, Best-of-Show, Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion classes. **Note:** In the event the receipts of the fair or MDA funding are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums will be prorated among those entitled to premiums.

A, B, C Premium Tables			
Table No.	"A" Rating	"B" Rating	"C" Rating
1	3.00	2.00	1.00
2	4.00	3.00	2.00
3	5.00	4.00	3.00
4	6.00	5.00	4.00
5	7.00	6.00	5.00
6	8.00	7.00	6.00
7	10.00	5.00	3.00
7a	11.00	7.00	4.00
8	15.00	10.00	----
9	15.00	10.00	5.00
10	18.00	11.00	7.00
11	25.00	15.00	----
12	25.00	15.00	10.00
12a	25.00	18.00	11.00
13	35.00	25.00	----
14	35.00	25.00	15.00

Placing Premium Tables								
Table No.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
101	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
102	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
103	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
104	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
105	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
105a	12.00	10.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
106	15.00	10.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
107	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00



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