



Auction Requirements at a Glance

Important Dates to note:

- Beef Own by date and Registration due to the 4-H office: January 9th
- All Other Livestock Own by date and Registration Deadline: May 15th
 - All Species Auction Tag Pick Up Day: Friday, May 15th

General Requirements for the Auction:

- All youth must be a registered member of Delaware County 4-H (by December 1st, 2025) and be 8 years old by January 1st, 2026.
- Beef own by and auction registration date: January 9th
- All other species (Swine, Meat Goat, Sheep) have an own-by and registration date of May 15th
- Youth are responsible for the animal's daily care
- 4-H Auction Tag - Tag Pick Up day will be Friday, May 15th, 2026
- All species must follow the USDA Ag and Markets fair animal health requirements for their species and have appropriate Identification. (CVI obtained by a Category II Veterinarian)
- All animals must also be entered to show in the fair with all other animal entries.
- All animals must be health checked by the State Veterinarian to be granted entry into the fair.
- All animals must show under their correct market class, animals cannot show in both market and breed classes.
- All youth must compete in the appropriate showmanship class for every species of animal they enter.
- All market animals will be weighed on the Monday of fair to be entered in their appropriate weight classes.
- In the instance that an animal does not make minimum weight, the animal will be moved to and shown in a non-auction class.
- Animals that receive a white ribbon in their Market class are not eligible to be sold in the auction.
- Any male animal intended to be sold at the auction must be castrated during a time designated in the species specific regulations. No signs of open wounds or male secondary sex characteristics may be present upon arrival at fair.
- 4-H members may register more than one animal of the same species for auction, however youth can only sell one animal per species in the Auction. You will select which animal they wish to sell no later than Friday morning of the Fair.
- 4-H Members are required to complete and submit a 4-H Livestock Auction Project Record by 5:00pm on Monday of Fair to the 4-H department. A record is required for each species registered and intended for sale in the auction.

Specific Species Info:

Beef

- Owned by and Registered with the 4-H Office by January 9th, 2026
- Cannot be older than 2 years (24 months) at the time of the fair
- 14 months minimum age is strongly suggested
- Minimum weight 1,000lbs determined at Monday weigh in
- 100% Aberdeen Market animals minimum weight is 750lbs. Youth will need to show proof that the market animal is 100% pure blooded Aberdeen. This lower weight requirement WILL NOT be extended to cross bred Aberdeen cattle.
- Cross bred cattle may be exhibited provided they are complete beef breed (100% beef breed crosses)
- Beef must be castrated by 8 months of age

Meat Goat

- Born on or after January 1st, 2026
- Owned by and Registered with the 4-H Office by May 15th, 2026
- Must have Rabies vaccination (determined by local DOH)
- Minimum weigh 60 lbs determined at Monday weigh in
- Must be at least 50% recognized meat breed: Spanish Meat goat, Tennessee Fainting Meat goat, South African Boer goat, New Zealand Kiko
- Weather and Does only, Meat goats must be castrated by 6 weeks of age
- Disbudding and Dehorning not required

Swine:

- Born on or after January 1st, 2026
- Owned by and registered with the 4-H Office by May 15th, 2026
- Minimum weight 200 pounds – determined at Monday weigh in
- Swine must be castrated by 1 month of age

Sheep

- Born on or after January 1st, 2026
- Owned by and registered with the 4-H Office by May 15th, 2026
- Minimum weight 85 lbs (Except 50% Cheviot Cross minimum weight 75lbs)- determined at Monday weigh in
- Sheep must be castrated by 6 weeks of age

Please review the fair book for full rules and regulations regarding fair animal entries.

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