2026 Wayne County 4-H / FFA / Jr. Fair Swine Project Guidelines

PROJECT CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Enroll in 4-H** through 4-HOnline (oh.4honline.com) by April 1. Individual clubs may set an earlier date.
- ☐ **Attend Quality Assurance Training**: dates for the 2026 QA sessions: April 7, April 11, May 7, June 2, June 9, and a last chance Quality Assurance will be held on July 21 (fee of $25.00 will be charged for the last chance QA). Please see the 4-H App calendar for locations and times of these QA sessions. **QA must be completed by July 29, 2026, for the Wayne County Fair.**
- ☐ **Junior Fair Book**: Obtain and read a Wayne County Junior Fair Book for rules and regulations for our county fair.
- ☐ **Project Record Book:** Purchase, complete and **due** at Skillathon Interview Judging
- ☐ **Possession Date:** Obtain and care for your **animal(s) by June 1**. The animal must remain in your care during the entire project period or throughout the fair.
- ☐ **Tag:** All hogs must be tagged by June 1st (more details on following pages). **Limit of four hogs to be tagged per exhibitor** – 1 primary and up to three back-ups.
- ☐ **4-H Online:** Enter ALL possible eligible animals (including family back-ups) that you may enter in the fair into 4-HOnline by June 1. Help sheets are available at wayne.osu.edu/help. Family backups MUST be under each exhibitor 4HOnline profile. ***FULL Tag Number is required.**
- ☐ **OME: A**ll exhibitors who wish to participate in the Outstanding Market or Breeding Exhibitor program will take an exam on July 7 or August 4 at the Event Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds. Please visit go.osu.edu/wcjrfairoutstanding to learn more details.
- ☐ **Project Completion:** Attend and participate in one of the following: Wayne County 4-H Skillathon Judging or State Fair Swine Skillathon. P*roof of State Fair Skillathon completion must be submitted to the Wayne County Extension Office by August 5.*
  - ***REMINDER *Outstanding Exhibitor Exams will NOT count for Skillathon completion..**
- ☐ **Fair Entries** due by 11:59 pm on Aug.1: Make ALL fair entries online at waynejrfair.fairentry.com for your animal(s).
  - ***REMINDER* There will be no changes/additions/corrections after Aug 1**
- ☐ **DUNF:** All market animals, ALL lactating animals, and ALL feeder calves must complete an electronic DUNF before check-in at the fair. See the August edition of The Link for more information.
- ☐ *Read and follow all rules pertaining to your project animal(s) in the Jr. Fair Book. This book should be given to you by your 4-H club advisor in July*

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Get Connected

- ☐ Check the 4-H calendar for the most up to date information regarding our program
  - https://go.osu.edu/4hcalendarevents
- ☐ **News and Notes Email Updates**
  - https://go.osu.edu/newsandnotesemails
- ☐ **County Text Messages**
  - https://go.osu.edu/wctextalerts

2026 Swine Calendar of Events

Wayne County Quality Assurance
April 7 - 6:00pm at Fisher Auditorium
April 11 - Hammer Time Clinic & QA
May 7 - 6:00pm at Fisher Auditorium
June 2 - 6:00pm at Event Center
June 9 - 6:00pm at Event Center
Last Chance: July 21 at 6:00pm at Fisher Auditorium (a fee will be charged)
MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 29

Wayne County 4-H Skillathon
July 8 & 9 and August 5 6:00pm-9:00pm at Wayne County Fair Event Center

OME Test
July 7 or August 4, 5-9pm at Wayne County Fair Event Center

Swine Fair Check-in / Weigh-In
Thursday, September 10 - 4:00pm to 9:00pm
Friday, September 11 - 8:00am to 9:00 pm

Swine Showmanship Show
Monday September 14 - 8:00 am

Swine Market Show
Tuesday September 15 - 8:00am

Swine Auction
Thursday September 17 - 8:00 am

Important Notes

- **Tagging Swine**: It is required that exhibitors tag their own market hog prior to June 1st instead of having the animal tagged during fair check-in. The FULL tag number MUST be entered into 4-HOnline under the animal identification section. On your animal ID profile (due June 1), **you must submit**

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photos of your hog with the Wayne County tag in its ear. You may tag up to four hogs per exhibitor (1 primary, 3 back-ups)

- **Sale Photograph:** Champions will be the only animals to enter the sale ring. Our goal is to display a clean and professional photo of every exhibitor with their animal during the time each exhibitor is selling. **Please submit your photo with your fair entry by August 1st**
- **Award Thank You Notes:** All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other award sponsored by a donor **MUST** write a Thank You note to the sponsor(s). Thank you, cards will be provided with your award. Please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the Jr. Fair Office **by the end of the fair**. Failure to turn in a thank you card may result in a loss of premium. The name and address of the sponsor can be found on the award. If you cannot find it, contact the Jr. Fair secretary.
- **Buyer/Add-on Thank You Notes:** ALL Jr Fair Exhibitors that have sold a market project or received add-on monies MUST write a "thank you" note to their buyer(s) or add-on donor(s). Exhibitors can find the name and address of the buyer or donor posted on our website *one week after the fair*. The "thank you" note needs to be placed in a stamped, sealed, and addressed envelope and delivered to the Extension Office before the checks will be sent to the exhibitors.
    - ***Checks for the market projects or add-on monies will be sent to exhibitors only after a "thank you" note is presented to the Extension Office.***
- **Suggested Jr. Fair Hog Show Attire:** collared shirt, nice jeans, and closed toe shoes are highly recommended as minimal proper attire when exhibiting your animal. Please check in the Jr. Fair book for specific species dress code rules.
- **ONLY hogs weighing between 200 and 300 pounds will sell through the livestock auction.** Hogs weighing under 200 lbs. and over 300 lbs will NOT show or sell. They will be sold to a local market decided upon by the committee and receive market price or may be sent to a custom harvesting plant (serviced by HMI) and the family may receive the meat.

General Information

- The project must be in the care and possession of the member by **JUNE 1** of the current year and remain with the member throughout the fair.
- Market hog projects MUST be barrows. NO GILTS permitted.
- Barrows must be castrated prior to June 1 of current year
- Proper castration: Retained testicles are not permitted. Ask you breeder if you are unsure or go to ODA's website for a complete list of rules for exhibitor's market animals www.state.oh.us/agr/ (click on link for Animal Industries)
- Each exhibitor may bring one (1) market hog to the fair
- Each exhibitor is allowed a total of four animals in the 4-H online system – one fair exhibit and three back-up animals. Family backups MUST be under each exhibitor 4HOnline profile.
- Each family should have a 4-H Swine Resource handbook. Each member needs to complete the market hog project book each year and participate in the Swine Quality Assurance and Skillathon to be eligible to exhibit at the Wayne County Jr. Fair

- Ideal starting weight on June 1 for hogs is between 50-70lbs. Please select a hog that falls in this weight range. Hogs MUST weigh between 200 and 300 lbs by the fair.
- It is desirable that the market hogs at the Wayne County Fair weigh between 220-280lbs.
    - ***Reminder:*** Hogs eligible for grand Champion drive are limited to the Division Champions from the market classes weighing from 220-300lbs
- Example:

If your hog, on June 1st, weighed 70 pounds:

at 70 pounds, a hog gains 1.32# per day x 30 days (to gain 40#) = 39.6#
70# + 39.6# = 110# hog now
at 110 pounds, a hog gains 1.65# per day x 48 days (to gain 80#) = 79.2#
110# + 79.2# - 190# hog now
at 190 pounds a hog gains 1.98# per day x 15 days (to gain 30#) = 29.7#
190# + 29.7# = 220# hog now

Wayne County Bred Born and Raised

- This show is open to all pigs bred, born and raised in Wayne County. If a breeder is not known by any member of the swine committee to farrow pigs, the swine committee reserves the right to visit the farm of the breeder, as necessary.
- The Wayne County Bred, Born, and Raised show will be before the regular market show on Tuesday.
- Members may show in the market class OR the Bred Born and Raised class – NOT both.
- Each pig shown in the Bred Born and Raised class **must have** an ear notch #81 in its individual pig number in the left ear. It does not have to be just an 81 – it can be 81 and above (81-107) as long as there is at least an 81 in the left ear.
- For Bred Born and Raised, each member will need to submit a breeder declaration form with a picture of each pig by June 1st in 4-H Online. This form will include the pig's ear notch, the dam and sire, signature and certification of the breeder, signature of 4-H/FFA member, parent or guardian signature, and pictures of the animal.

Fair Information

- The Wayne County Junior Fair Book is available to all 4-H members in July. The Junior Fair Book should be distributed to club members by the 4-H advisor. All details pertaining to the fair are listed in the Jr Fair book and in the August edition of The Link newsletter, which is sent to every 4-H family.
- Absolutely NO livestock projects are to arrive prior to 4:00 pm on Thursday September 10, 2026. Projects arriving before 4:00 pm will not be accepted as fair entries. Animals will be checked in from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm Thursday, September 10 and 8:00 am – 9:00 pm on Friday, September 11, 2026. **Member, family member, or authorized representative must be present to pen the pig after it is weighed on Thursday or Friday**.
- Exhibitors should remove any previous ear tags (other than the Wayne County tag) on the animal prior to arrival at the fair.

- Hogs that do not have a Wayne County tag will not be checked in. If your hog loses its ear tag, you are required to call the Extension office within 72 hours to make arrangements for getting a new tag.
- Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)**:** All market animals, ALL lactating animals, and ALL feeder calves must complete an electronic DUNF before check-in at the fair. See the August edition of The Link for more information.
- Hogs will be weighed at the time of unloading and there will be no re-weighs! Please refer to the membership handout posted on the weigh card. All swine exhibits must be weighed and in their pens by 9 PM on Friday, September 11, 2026.
- *Hogs displaying any condition that would deem them unfit for show or sale by the committee and fair vet will be immediately removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor.*
- Only the Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion market hogs and Grand & Reserve Champion Bred Born & Raised market hogs will go through the sale ring with the exhibitor. All other hogs will remain in the barn during the sale. Only the exhibitor will be present in the sale ring at the time the animal is sold. If the exhibitor cannot be present and there is no other representative present to go through the sale in order, then the animal will not be sold through the auction.
- Clipping of hogs - battery operated clippers may be used anywhere in the barn. Minimum hair length is ½ in.
- No pen dividers shall be removed.
- The Swine Committee highly recommends that the exhibitor not use any oil or oil-based products on their animals at or around the time of the fair.
- Showmanship is Monday, Sept. 14, starting at 8:00 a.m. Market classes are Tuesday, Sept. 15, starting at 8:00 a.m. The show is terminal, and all hogs will be sold Thursday, Sept. 17, in the event center.
- Watering systems are restricted to a gravity-fed system with a 5-gallon maximum capacity per pen.
- Clubs exhibiting in the swine department will be assigned a time for aisle duty. There is a pen cleaning policy--details are in the member posted in the swine barn. Please be sure you read and understand the policy.
- **Awards:** All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other award sponsored by a donor **MUST** write a Thank You note to the sponsor(s). Thank you, cards will be provided with your award. Please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the Jr. Fair Office **by the end of the fair**. Failure to turn in a thank you card may result in a loss of premium. The name and address of the sponsor can be found on the award. If you cannot find it, contact the Jr. Fair secretary.
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Outstanding Exhibitor Awards Program

*All exhibitors who wish to participate in the Outstanding Market Exhibitor program must complete ALL requirements of the contest to be eligible to compete.
Please visit https://go.osu.edu/wcoutstandingexhibitorcontest to learn more details.

- **Make a Fair Entry in the Outstanding Exhibitor program for your species by August 1.**
- Complete an OE Test: Dates: July 7 and August 4 from 5-9 pm.
  - If you are not able to attend on these dates, notify the Extension office ASAP. You may take the test at the office between July 7 and August 4 in the office.
- Complete a Wayne County Skillathon
- Show in the appropriate showmanship class AND animals breeding/market class.
- Complete a Project Book and turn in by October 2 to the OSU Extension Office

Swine Tagging Information

- Tags can be picked up at the Extension Office starting March 1st during normal business hours
- Tags must be placed in all hogs that could potentially be entered in the Wayne County Fair by June 1.
- **Tags must be in the left ear with the button facing inside and the numbers on the backside of the ear. *See picture.**
- Animal ID is due by **June 1**. Your animal ID picture must clearly show the Wayne County tag in the hog's ear.
- Any unused tags must be returned to the Extension office no later than August 1.

- *If you or your parent are not comfortable tagging the hog, please call the Extension Office and we will connect you with a committee member who can help. If you are purchasing your hog from a local breeder, you may bring your tag to them when you select your hog and ask your breeder to insert the tag for you.*
- The Extension Office has taggers you can sign out if you do not have one
- If your hog loses its tag **before** June 1 Animal ID:
  - Go to the Extension Office to sign out another tag and retag your animal
- If your hog loses its tag **after** June 1 Animal ID:
  - You have 72 hours to notify the Extension Office that your tag has fallen out
  - The Extension Office will provide you with a new tag.
  - The animal must be re-tagged within 7 days.

- When the hog is re-tagged, email the office with a picture of the tag in the ear. Please send emails to johnson.9505@osu.edu and klenovich.4@osu.edu.

Wayne County Jr. Fair
2026 Swine Animal ID Help Sheet

Listing of Required and Optional Fields / Information by Animal Species

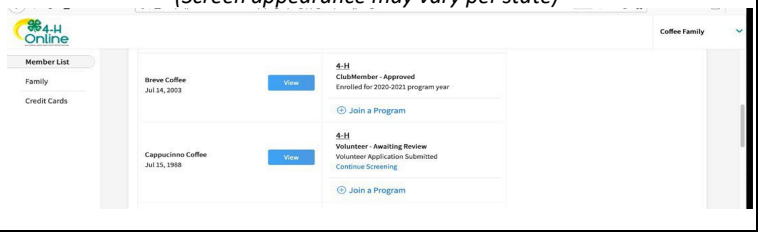
Note: ***Required – N/A*** means that you must enter something in that field, but there is no particular information we need – so you can just enter N/A.

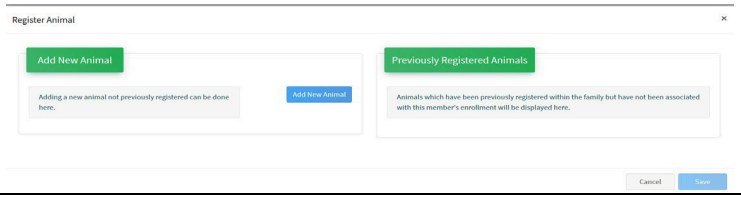
	Market Swine
Tag Number	***Required* - *FULL County Tag #***
Animal Age	Optional
Animal Name	Optional
Beginning Weight	Optional
Beginning Weight Date	Optional
Animal Birthdate	***Required***
Breed	***Required***
Breeder Name	***Required*** – n/a if unknown
County Raised	**YES - if showing in WCBBR class** **NO - if showing in open class**
RFID Number	***Required* - *MUST be FULL #, NO SPACES***
Earnotch	Optional
Animal Gender	***Required***
Tag Number	***Required* - *MUST be FULL #, NO SPACES***
Tattoo	Optional
Files/Photos of Animal	
Front of Animal	***Required***
Left Side of Animal	***Required***
Right Side of Animal	***Required***
Tag/Identifier Photo:	***Required* - *Side with BIG Numbers***
County Document 1	n/a
Ractopamine Document	n/a
Born Bred Raised	***Required*** - if WCBBR class

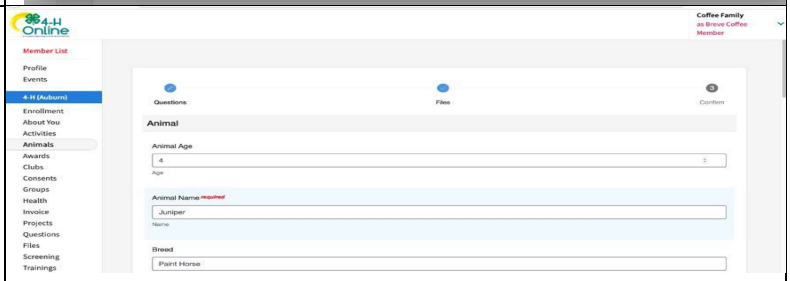
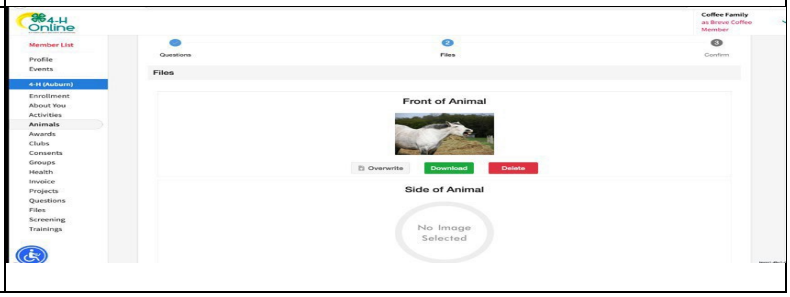
Steps

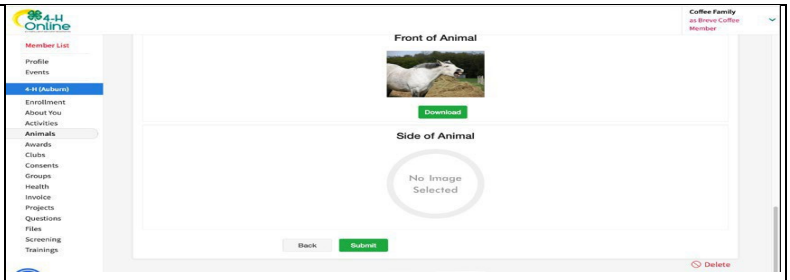
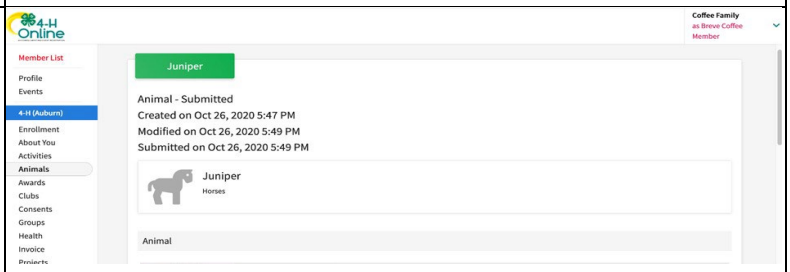
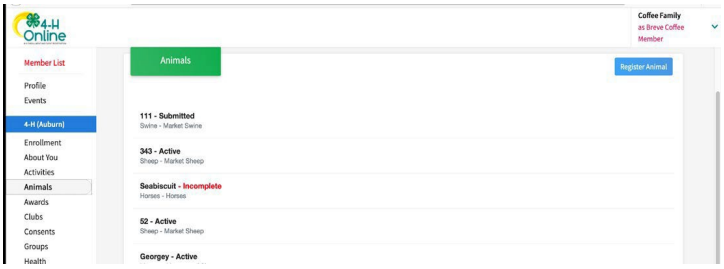
1. Log in to your family account.
2. Click to View the Member's record for whom you would like to add an animal.

(Screen appearance may vary per state)



3. Click Animals in the navigation pane. 4. Click the blue Register Animal button.	
5. Click Add New Animal to start adding a new animal.	

6. Select the appropriate animal type from the drop-down menu. 7. Enter the required Tag, Tattoo, or Animal Name as directed. 8. Click Save.	
9. Complete each of the required fields and optional fields as needed. ** Please note that the fields may vary by state and animal type. 10. Click the Next button at the bottom of the form.	
11. Upload any required or optional files for this animal. 12. Click the Next button	

13. Review the entered information. Use the Back button at the bottom of the page to return to the previous screen to make corrections. 14. Once the entered information is correct and reviewed, click the Submit button.	
15. The animal information will display on the screen with the status, created, modified, and submitted date and time stamp (local time).	
Click on the Animals tab from your account at any time to view the status for all of the animals for a member in the family.