

# 2026 Hartford Independent Fair Junior Fair Livestock / Animal Requirement Summary

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	Exhibit Limit	Possession	Pre-Fair Weigh-In/Tagging	Licking County Quality Assurance (Must complete training annually) JUNE 1 <sup>st</sup> Deadline	Clinics	Entry Deadline	Animal Requirements	Health Requirements
<b>Market Steer &amp; Market Heifer</b>	Maximum of 6 entries for Beef Division (Dept. 102/103/104/105)	December 6 <sup>th</sup> Weigh-In	Must be weighed and tagged on Saturday, December 6, 2025 (8 - 11 a.m.) Grubb Arena, Fairgrounds) Fee: \$5 / RFID Tag (if needed)	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	All animals must be dehorned, and bulls castrated before December weigh-in. Must be 950 lbs. to sell	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms must be completed online during week prior to the fair.
<b>Steer Pool</b>	May only draw 1 animal from Pool to exhibit. Maximum of 6 entries for Beef Division (Dept. 102/103/104/105)	Steer Pool Selection Date (December)	Completed during selection of steers.	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.	A Steer Pool Clinic will be held on April 11 <sup>th</sup> ; members are encouraged to bring their steers. (Open to anyone!)	Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	Steer must sell at the fair. Carcass Contest will take place following the fair.	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms must be completed online prior to arrival to fairgrounds.
<b>Beef Feeder Calf</b>	Maximum of 6 entries for Beef Division (Dept. 102/103/104/105)	May 1 <sup>st</sup> (New in 2026)	Feeder Calf project animals must have 840 RFID tags and submit photos online by May 15, including side view and head view with ear tag identification.	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	Calves must weigh 300 - 700 lbs. to show for champion (steers and heifers only) (Not a sale animal)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
<b>Breeding Beef</b>	Maximum of 6 entries for Beef Division (Dept. 102/103/104/105)	May 1	Breeding Beef project animals must have 840 RFID tags and submit photos online by May 15, including side view and head view with ear tag identification.	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	All breeds, except crossbreds, must be registered to show for special premiums. Registration papers will be checked at fair. (Not a sale animal)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
<b>Dairy Feeder Calf</b>	May only exhibit up to four Dairy Feeder calves. Maximum of 6 entries for Beef Division (Dept. 102/103/104/105)	May 1	Must be weighed, tagged and vaccinated on Saturday, June 6 (8 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) Grubb Arena, Hartford Fairgrounds Fee: \$10 / animal **Must be dehorned / castrated prior to June 6 in order to be tagged**	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	Calf must be 100% Holstein or Brown Swiss. Calf must be dehorned, and castrated PRIOR to weigh-in. Must weigh 400-650 lbs. to sell through junior fair sale.	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms must be completed online during week prior to the fair.
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	No limit as to the number of dairy entries	May 1	<i>All Dairy Cattle are encouraged to have 840 RFID tags in place. Will be required in Ohio beginning in January 2027.</i>	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	No horns permitted (except on junior and intermediate heifers). (Not a sale animal)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
<b>Market Hogs</b>	May exhibit up to 2 animals per exhibitor	May 1	Market Hog ID materials must be submitted online by no later than May 15. Photo(s) must show RFID tag number; RFID tag number must be used for all official ID purposes.	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	Terminal Sale. Min. of 200 lbs. to sell / 220-290 lbs. to show for Champion. Any breed / cross. Gilts and barrows allowed. Clipping discouraged – hair must meet ODA Rev. Code.	<u>Must have RFID tag by May 15 and be documented in photo submission.</u> No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms must be completed online prior to arrival to fairgrounds.
<b>Market Lambs</b>	May exhibit up to 5 animals (1 pen of two and 3 singles) NOTE: Can't be shown in Breeding Sheep show during Hartford Fair.	May 1	Tagging on May 16 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.) Sheriff Office, Hartford Fairgrounds Up to 6 lambs may be tagged at that time. Fee: \$3 per animal. Scrapies tags required! <i>Online pre-registration required.</i>	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	No rams allowed. MUST be slick shorn one week or less prior to the fair. All lambs must weigh min. of 95 lbs. (except Southdown / Cheviots 85 lbs.).	<u>Must have USDA approved Scrapies tag.</u> No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms must be completed online during week prior to the fair.
<b>Market Lamb Pool</b>	May select / exhibit up to two lambs. (Counts toward max of 5 that will be shown in Dept 108 Market Lamb)	Lamb Pool Selection will take place May 3 @ 3pm (Claylick Run Farm) Pre-registration required.	Completed during selection of lambs. <i>NOTE: Lamb Pool application deadline is April 11.</i>	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	Lambs must come through the Lamb Pool offered by the Licking County Sheep Improvement Association. MUST be slick shorn one week or less prior to the fair. Lambs must weigh min. of 95 lbs.	<u>Must have USDA approved Scrapies tag.</u> No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms must be completed online during week prior to the fair.
<b>Breeding Sheep</b>	May exhibit up to 5 entries in Junior Fair.	May 1	Scrapies tags are required for official identification.	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	May show ewes or rams. (Not a sale animal)	<u>Must have USDA approved Scrapies tag.</u> No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.

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<b>Market Goats</b>	May exhibit up to 2 animals.	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tagging on May 16 (10 a.m.–12 p.m.) Goat Barn, Hartford Fairgrounds Fee: \$2 / animal May tag up to 6 animals. Scrapies tags required. <i>Online pre-registration required.</i>	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Goats R Us 4-H Club will host workshops on June 25 and July 16 (7pm) at the Hartford Fairgrounds that are open to any youth. Contact Laney McLaughlin # 740.927.4790	Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	Minimum of 45 lbs. to sell. MUST be slick shorn one week or less prior to the fair.  Only goats entered in Junior Fair may stay on the grounds.	<u>Must have USDA approved Scrapies identification in all goats</u> (ear tag / microchip / tattoo / registration papers). No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. and U.P. feeding forms must be completed online during week prior to the fair.
<b>Breeding Goats</b>	May exhibit up to 6 animals (any market goat entries count toward this total of six entries within the goat department)	May 1	Scrapies tags are required for identification.	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Goats R Us 4-H Club will host workshops on June 25 and July 16 (7pm) at the Hartford Fairgrounds that are open to any youth. Contact Laney McLaughlin # 740.927.4790	Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	No horned goats permitted in dairy classes. No bucks permitted. (Not a sale animal)  Only goats entered in Junior Fair may stay on the grounds.	<u>Must have USDA approved Scrapies identification in all goats</u> (ear tag / microchip / tattoo / registration papers). No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
<b>Market Rabbits</b>	Max of 2 per Lot, which counts toward max of 6 entries for Market and Breeding Rabbits.	30 days preceding fair	Registration/Tattooing July 11 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Beef Barn, Hartford Fairgrounds Fee: \$1 / animal	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Rabbit & Poultry Clinic & Fun Show will be held Saturday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> at the Hartford Fairgrounds.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	Single fryer / pen of three rabbits min 3 ½ lbs. / max 5 ½ lbs. 69 days old each at show	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines. D.U.N.F. forms must be completed online during week prior to the fair.
<b>Breeding Rabbits</b>	Max of 2 per Lot, which counts toward max of 6 entries for Market and Breeding Rabbits.	May 1	Registration/Tattooing Sr. Rabbits - May 16 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) Beef Barn, Fairgrounds Jr Rabbits - July 11 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) Beef Barn, Fairgrounds Fee: \$1 / animal	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Rabbit & Poultry Clinic & Fun Show will be held Saturday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> at the Hartford Fairgrounds.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	(Not a sale animal)	No health papers required. However, you must follow state guidelines.
<b>Meat Poultry (broilers / turkeys / ducks)</b>	Max of 2 per Lot, which counts toward max of 6 entries for Market Poultry.  Meat turkeys, chickens and ducks must be purchased through a Hartford Fair Poultry Pool.	Meat turkeys / chickens / ducks must be purchased through Hartford Fair Poultry Pool.	Turkeys are banded May 16 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) Beef Barn, Hartford Fairgrounds All other Meat Poultry - Wing Banding July 11 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Beef Barn, Hartford Fairgrounds Fee: \$1 / entry	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Rabbit & Poultry Clinic & Fun Show will be held Saturday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> at the Hartford Fairgrounds.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	Meat chicken/single broiler/ pen of three birds must weigh between 5 and 8 lbs.  Meat turkeys, chickens and ducks must be purchased through Hartford Fair Poultry Pool.	D.U.N.F. forms must be completed online during week prior to the fair.
<b>Breeding Poultry</b>	Max of 2 per Lot, which counts toward max of 6 entries for Market Poultry.	May 1	Wing Banding May 16 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Beef Barn, Hartford Fairgrounds Fee: \$1 / entry	March 19 Watkins H.S. / April 15 Utica H.S. / April 23 Licking Valley H.S. / May 7 Northridge H.S. May 20 Johnstown H.S. All programs held 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Rabbit & Poultry Clinic & Fun Show will be held Saturday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> at the Hartford Fairgrounds.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	(Not a sale animal)	Be prepared to show NPIP health papers.  All turkeys must be Pullorum tested by a veterinarian. Health papers must be presented upon arrival to barn.
<b>Dogs</b>	May exhibit up to 6 Dogs, max of 6 entries.	April 1 Must be owned by exhibitor or immediate family	N/A	No Quality Assurance Program required for this species in 2026.		Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	(Not a sale animal) Need certificate of license & dog license tag to register. Dog must be older than 6 mos. at time of show. Dogs in heat may not be shown.	Hartford Fair Certificate of Vaccination form required. (available through Licking County 4-H Club Advisors and the Licking County Extension Office website)
<b>Equine (Horse &amp; Pony)</b>	May exhibit up to 6 animals (may only stall 1 animal)  NOTE: All horses and ponies must have a Body Condition Score (BCS) of at least “4” to be exhibited at 4-H events and shows.	Licking County exhibitors submit by April 24 to the LC4-HH&PC  Knox & Delaware exhibitors must submit by April 24 to Hartford Fair Office	N/A	All Equine members must complete EquiSTEP training program by June 1 <sup>st</sup> . ( go.osu.edu/EquiStep2026 )	All Pony measurements must be completed prior to April 24 ID paper deadline.	Entry deadline is Friday, June 26. Changes must be made prior to Friday July 17 late entry deadline.	(Not a sale animal) Pre-entry for classes is required. All classes must be entered by fair entry deadline.	<u>Required Vaccinations:</u> West Nile Combo (includes Tetanus), Rhino/Flu, and Equine Rabies. Health papers must be presented at Vet Check Point & Horse Project Grading. Veterinarian certificate and DUNF required for any and all medications with unexpired withdrawal period.

**For all species divisions which are listed on this form, the youth member must be currently enrolled in the respective appropriate project in either Licking, Knox, or Delaware County 4-H / FFA/Steer Pool programs. The project must be carried through the county of which the youth is a 4-H or FFA member in good standing. Licking, Knox and Delaware County members are encouraged to attend a Quality Assurance Program within their county of membership.**