

JACKSON COUNTY 4-H PRE-FAIR NEWSLETTER

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Open Monday - Friday
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Closed: 12:30PM - 1:30PM for lunch



2025 4-H Fair Schedule



Sunday, July 13th

Large Animal Set-up - Sheep 10am, Swine 11am, Beef 12pm

Sunday, July 27th

Small Animal Barn Set-up 10am

Thursday, July 31st

Still Project Judging (4-H Only) Gumper Bldg 4pm-8:30pm

Friday, August 1st

Rabbit Check-in Sm Animal Tent 5pm-8pm

Poultry Check-in Poultry Barn 6pm-9pm

Saturday, August 2nd

Dairy Check-in 8am-11pm

Horse Check-in Noon -4pm

Sheep Check-in 8am-10am

Goat Check-in 10:30am-12:30pm

Beef Check-in 5pm-8pm

Pocket Pets Sm Animal Tent TBA

Sunday, August 3rd

Swine 6am-9am

Check-in 10am

Rabbit

Showmanship Covered Arena 8:30am

Performance Covered Arena To Follow

Horse & Pony Outside Arena 10am

Dairy Pre Fair Mtg 10am

Sheep Covered Arena 1pm

Dog Show Covered Arena 5pm

Monday, August 4th

Dairy - 4-H and Open
Showmanship & Performance Covered Arena 8:30am

Beef
Showmanship Covered Arena 2pm
Market Covered Arena To Follow

Rabbit Costume Contest Sm Animal Tent 6pm

Tuesday, August 5th

Swine
Showmanship Covered Arena 8am
Performance Covered Arena To Follow

Tuesday, August 5th continued

Horse & Pony Outside Arena 9am

Poultry
Quality Poultry Barn 9am
Showmanship Sm Animal Tent To Follow

Wednesday, August 6th

Goats
Market Covered Arena 8:30am
Showmanship Covered Arena To Follow
Costume Covered Arena To Follow
Horse & Pony
Showmanship Championship Covered Arena 3pm
Awards Ceremony Covered Arena To Follow
Large Animal Sweepstakes Covered Arena 6pm

Thursday, August 7th

Large Animal Luncheon Covered Arena Noon
Lg Animal Auction Registration Covered Arena 12:30pm
Large Animal Auction Covered Arena 2pm
Swine Load Out 11pm

Friday, August 8th

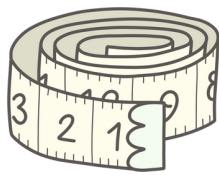
Small Animal Sweepstakes Covered Arena 6pm
*There will be no species meetings during fair

Saturday, August 9th

Large Animal Thank You Cards due 10am-Noon
Sm Animal Auction Registration. Covered Arena 10:00 AM
Sm Animal Brunch Covered Arena 10:30am
Small Animal Auction Covered Arena 11:30am
Swine Tear Down 10pm
Load Out - Beef/Sheep/Dairy 11pm

Sunday, August 10th

Horse Load Out Ask Superintendents
Check Out
Goats/Poultry/Rabbits 9-11am
Still Projects (4-H Only) 9-11am
Pen Tear Down
Poultry 8 am
Goats 9-11am
Rabbits 9-11am



STILL EXHIBITS



Tips for 4-H Judging

- Be well groomed. That includes clean hands, hair and fingernails (fingernail polish is either all on or all off fingers and/or toes).
- Dress professionally, as if for a job interview. No spaghetti straps. No flip flops.
- Don't chew gum.
- Use good posture. Make sure you sit or stand straight and tall.
- Be polite and use your best manners.
- Shake the judge's hand and introduce yourself when you enter. Shake their hand again and thank them when you leave.
- Be prepared to talk about your project. Know what you did, how you did it, what you learned and what you might do differently the next time.
- When answering the judge's questions, speak clearly and loudly enough for the judge to hear your answers.
- During your interview, look directly at the judge. Give him/her your full attention. Don't be distracted by other people or noises around you.
- Be pleasant and confident. Smile and be enthusiastic!
- Be proud of your accomplishments!! You worked hard to earn them

All still exhibits will be checked in on
Thursday July 31st, 4:00pm-8:30pm.

Members must be present when turning in projects.

Project Tags

Will be available for pick up on Monday July 28th-
Wednesday July 30th at the MSU Extension Office
OR on Thursday during judging.

Still Exhibit Drop off Parking

Please note that exhibitors dropping off still exhibits need to park on the track next to the Gumper Building. If you have a heavy project, a cart will be available to help transport.

Parents, please do not answer the questions the judges ask your kiddo during judging. Thank You!

Still Exhibit Pick Up

Sunday August 11th 9:00am-11:00am



ACTIVITIES THROUGHTOUT THE WEEK



**JACKSON COUNTY 4-H
FOUNDATION BREAKFAST FOR
ALL 4-H MEMBERS
MONDAY - FRIDAY 7AM-9AM**

Monday August 4th
4-H Trucker Hat Bar 10am-12pm
See Flyer for Details

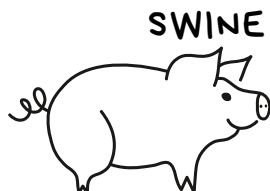
Friday August 8th
4-H Cookie Baking Contest 2pm
See Flyer for Details

CHECK-IN: SAT AUG 2, NOON-4PM
TEAR DOWN: SAT AUG 9 @ 10PM
HAUL-OUT: SUN AUG 10 ASK SUPER

CHECK-IN: FRI AUG 1, 6-9PM
CHECK-OUT: SUN AUG 10, 9-11AM
TEAR DOWN: SUN AUG 10 @ 8AM

CHECK-IN: SAT AUG 2, 10:30AM-12:30PM
CHECK-OUT: SUN AUG 10, 9-11AM
TEAR DOWN: SUN AUG 10, 9-11AM

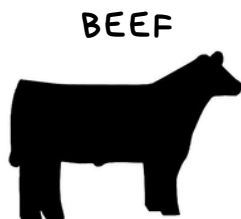
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CHECK-OUT: SUN AUG 10, 9-11AM
TEAR DOWN: SUN AUG 10, 9-11AM



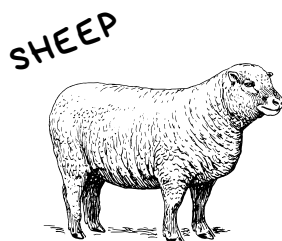
CHECK-IN: SUN AUG 3, 6-9AM
TEAR DOWN: SAT AUG 9 @
10PM



CHECK-IN: SAT AUG 2, 8AM-
11PM
TEAR DOWN: SAT AUG 9 @
10PM

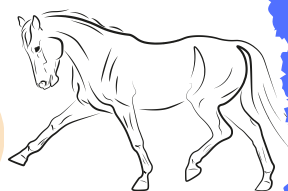


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TEAR DOWN: SAT AUG 9 @
10PM

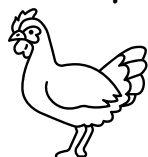


CHECK-IN: SAT AUG 2, 8-10AM
TEAR DOWN: SAT AUG 9 @
10PM

HORSES



POULTRY



GOATS



RABBITS



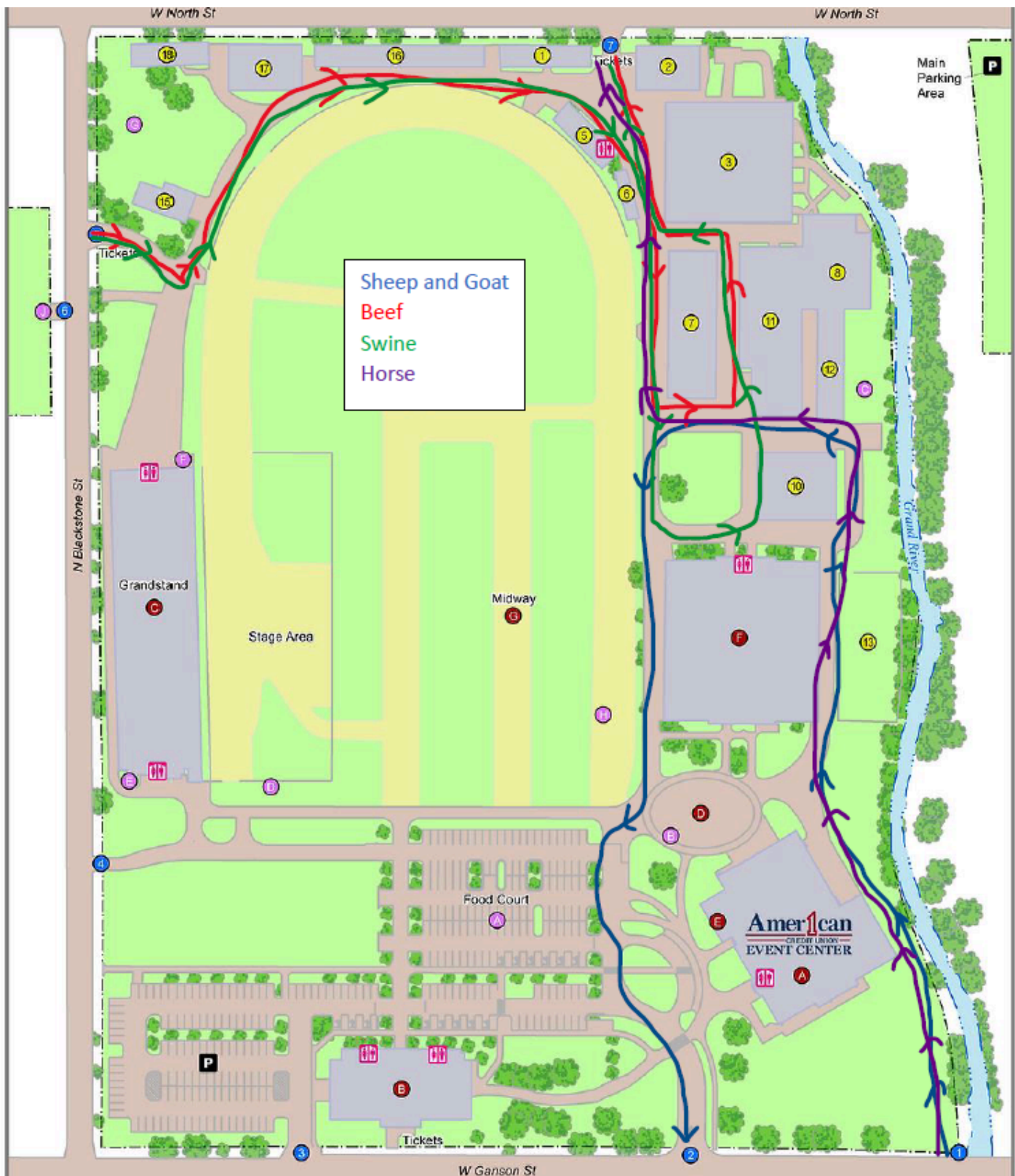
PEN DECORATIONS

AS OF NOW JULY 30TH-
AUG 1ST WILL BE THE
DATES TO DECORATE

- BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR EMAILS/POSTS IF WE CAN GET INTO THE BARNs EARLIER
- TACK NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT IN BEFORE OR AFTER CHECK-IN

All Species Load In Information

- Keep your animal on the trailer until you are asked to unload!
- Animals must be clean when they arrive. This ensures a more efficient check-in process.
- Goats, Poultry & Rabbits: \$5 per species is due at check in
- You will be required to do barn duty per specie project -
Please remember to sign up during check-in.





4-H/FFA Auctions



JACKSON COUNTY



4-H/FFA LARGE ANIMAL AUCTION

SALE ORDER (BEEF, DAIRY
BASKET, SHEEP, SWINE)

**Thursday, August 7, 2025
2:00pm**

Jackson County Fairgrounds
Covered Livestock Arena
200 W. Ganson Street
Jackson, MI 49201

Buyer Lunch : 12:00pm

Buyer Registration: 12:30pm

(You will need to provide your name, address,
phone number and driver's license number)

Jackson County 4-H Small Animal Association Presents

4-H & FFA SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION AT THE JACKSON COUNTY FAIR

Saturday August 9th, 2025

Registration : 10:00 am

Buyer Luncheon : 10:30 am

Auction : 11:30 am



**Auction Order: Dog Basket,
Horse Basket, Rabbits, Goats,
Poultry**

10 Tips for writing a better buyer's letter

4-H Animal Project Marketing Resources

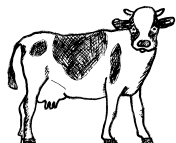
Cloverbud Showmanship

SWINE



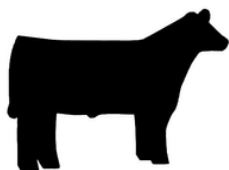
8:00am Tuesday, August 6

DAIRY



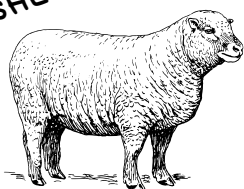
8:30 am Monday, August 5

BEEF



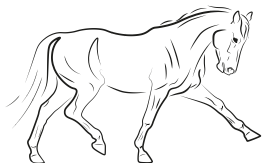
1:00pm Monday, August 5

SHEEP



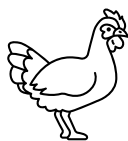
1:00pm Sunday, August 4

HORSES



10:30am Sunday, August 4
(last showmanship class)

POULTRY



Tuesday, August 6
after showmanship

GOATS



Wednesday, August 7
during 30min milk break

RABBITS



Sunday, August 4
between showmanship and breeding

Stay Connected!

*Jackson County 4-H Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncounty4h>

*Jackson Co. 4-H Small Animal Assoc.
Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySmallAnimal/>

*Jackson County 4-H Livestock
Assoc. Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyLargeAnimal/>

*Jackson County Horse Council
Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232601997473213>

4-H Cloverbuds

BAND APP

Download the BAND App to get specie notifications, updates during show day, and ability to message superintendents

Rabbit

Invite Link: <https://band.us/n/a7a9b8E168E9y>

Sheep

Group Name: Jackson County Fair Sheep

Swine

Group Name: Jackson County Fair Swine

2025 4-H GOOSECHASE AT THE JACKSON COUNTY FAIR

Calling all Jackson County 4-H Youth and Friends!

Goosechase is an interactive app youth can download for a week long scavenger hunt during the Jackson County Fair. The top 3 youth with the most points at the end of the week wins some 4-H Swag!

JOIN CODE: SX7UXH

NEW THIS YEAR & FREINDLY REMINDERS!

- Youth need to be accompanied by an adult during the fair and this is not your club leaders responsibility
- Parking at the Armory is FREE this year!!

- All complaints to the 4-H Office need to be emailed after the fair unless it is an emergency and or welfare concern of animals or youth
- Gates will open early for auction attendees

- NO cooking/crockpots/etc nor eating in the barns
- NO dogs on the fairgrounds
- NO scooters, skateboards, bikes, etc. on the fairgrounds
- NO water fights!

- The Gumper building bathrooms will be opening early everyday during the fair this year
- Please keep your club area, wash racks, arena & bleachers clean! If you see a pile of manure, please clean it up!

Take a look at the Jackson Co MSU Extension website for fair forms, auction fliers and brochures, specie expectation packets, proxy forms, fair book and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/jackson/4-h/jackson-county-fair>



1ST
PLACE

COOKIE BAKING CONTEST

AUGUST 8TH
@2PM

SMALL ANIMAL TENT

Register at: waldro45@msu.edu
by August 6th



Jackson County 4-H

Make Your Own Trucker Hat

August 4th

10am-12pm

Under the Small Animal Tent

Includes Hat & Three

\$15

Patches of Choice!

Additional patches available
for added cost.



Agriculture Day at the Fair

LIVESTOCK SHOW & TELL

CALLING ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS! 🎤🎈

AS PART OF OUR AGRICULTURE DAY CELEBRATION, WE'RE HOSTING A SPECIAL LIVESTOCK SHOW & TELL, WHERE YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT AND TELL THE PUBLIC ABOUT YOUR ANIMAL, YOUR HARD WORK, AND WHAT AGRICULTURE MEANS TO YOU.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- 🕒 SIGN UP FOR A 10–15 MINUTE TIME SLOT
- 📍 PRESENT IN OUR DESIGNATED SHOW & TELL AREA AT THE FAIR
- 👨‍🌾 SHARE FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR ANIMAL, YOUR EXPERIENCE, AND WHY AG MATTERS

IT'S A FUN, RELAXED WAY TO EDUCATE, CONNECT, AND CELEBRATE EVERYTHING YOU DO AS PART OF THE AG COMMUNITY! PERFECT FOR ALL AGES, AND ALL SPECIES—FROM CHICKENS TO STEERS.

SPOTS ARE LIMITED, SO SIGN UP EARLY!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

**sign up for your 15 min time slot
1-2pm & 6-7pm**

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP