

Famous Preble County



2025 Preble County Junior Fair

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Important Fair Dates

Sunday, May 4, 2025 – Mandatory Junior Fair Sheep/Goat Tag In at the Sheep Barn from 1pm – 4 pm

All Sheep and Goats must have a scrapie tag in their ear before coming to the tag-in.

Also, a veterinarian will be on site. The vet will be checking all animals to make sure they are banded. If they are not banded, the vet will band the animal on-site at your cost.

By Sunday, May 4, 2025 – All Junior Fair Market Hog DNA and animal tagging forms must be turned in.

If you turn them in on May 4, please find the fair office staff at the Sheep and Goat Tag-In.

Sunday, June 8, 2025 – Mandatory Junior Fair Feeder Calf Tag In in front of the fair office from 6 pm – 8 pm

Feeder calves will be tagged while on the trailer.

Sunday, June 22, 2025 – Mandatory Junior Fair Breeding Rabbit Check-In at the Toney Building from 3pm – 5 pm

Sunday, July 13, 2025 – Mandatory Junior Fair Market Rabbit Check-In in front of Toney Building from 3pm – 5 pm

Important Reminders

EID #'s - When in the Fair Entry System, carefully and accurately enter the 15-digit number in the RFID field. You do not need to use dashes. Your entry may get rejected and sent back to you to fix.

Scrapie Tags for Sheep and Goats

When in the Fair Entry system, put the complete scrapie tag number in the Tag Field.

Born and Raised Sheep and Goats

Don't forget to turn in your 2025 Preble County Market Lamb Born and Raised Registration Form by Sunday, May 4, 2025. (The breeder needs to sign-off on the form.)

Poultry – New updates since April 8

Due to the recent bird flu outbreak and the Ohio Department of Agriculture Poultry Proclamation 2025, we are changing junior fair breeding poultry ownership dates for the 2025 Preble County Fair. The state has temporarily suspended the activity and movement of live poultry birds at auctions, flea, or livestock markets, swaps, breed shows, and exhibitions for specific counties, including Preble County, until May 15, 2025. We hope the state will see a decline in bird flu cases and not extend the temporary suspension of activity and movement of live poultry birds at exhibitions for Preble County, which is currently in effect.

New Junior Fair Ownership Dates for Breeding Poultry and a new deadline date for Pre-Fair Verification Process

The original ownership date of May 1st for all poultry breeding birds has been changed to June 15. In addition, the new deadline to complete your birds' Pre-fair Poultry Verification form, blood testing, have your breeding birds verified by the approved adult volunteer, and your poultry entries into Fair Entry is Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Hopefully, this change will allow junior fair exhibitors to exhibit breeding poultry at

the junior fair poultry shows at the Preble County Fair for 2025.

Reason for Change:

Preble County Ag Society is committed to maintaining junior fair poultry shows for the youth at the 2025 Preble County Fair but will continue to monitor and follow ODA regulations. We understand that this change does not guarantee that poultry will be exhibited at the 2025 Preble County Fair. Still, if the temporary suspension is lifted, this change in ownership date will allow breeding poultry exhibitors time to find birds for the fair.

Ownership dates for other species have not changed and need to be followed.

We will keep the fair community informed if anything changes. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Karen at the fair office at 937-456-374. See page 4 of this update for further details, including showmanship attire.

Change to Rule 901-19-31

Ohio Livestock Rules Responsibilities of and Assistance to Junior Fair Exhibitors Section.

We are doing away with the rule listed in the fair book in previous years. For Preble County, we will not be using Rule 901-19-31, and instead, the rule will be for Preble County:

(A) A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show.

(B) An exhibitor may receive additional assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show.

PCAS and the junior fair will no longer require or try to enforce who can or cannot assist the exhibitor in getting their livestock ready for the junior fair livestock shows.

Showman of Showmen

The Junior and Senior Fair board approved the following rule for the Showman of Showmen contest starting in 2025:

The contest is still open to the Showman of Showmen winner in the following departments: beef, swine, dairy cattle, equine, meat goat, dairy/exotic goat, rabbit, sheep, poultry, and dog.

To have the species shown in the overall Showman of Showmen contest, a minimum of 12 animals of that species must be entered and checked in and on the fairgrounds from Friday before the fair through Thursday of the fair week until 11 p.m.

If there is not a minimum number of animals of that species, then ONLY the showman of showman from that species will be in the show. The species itself will not show in the contest. *For example*, if we have at least 12 market hogs entered in the fair entry system, and they come to the fair, the market hog species will be represented in the Overall Showman of Showmen contest, and other contestants will show that species.

Only the overall market hog Showman of Showman exhibitor will participate if 12 market hogs are not entered and brought to the fair. If that is the case, the overall market hog showman will randomly draw which species he or she will not show during the contest. This rule will apply to all the species in the contest.

Showmanship Schedule

Some of the junior fair livestock showmanship contests have changed to a new date and/or time to allow all the overall showman of showman in each species time to prepare for the Overall Showman of Showmen Contest. Please look at the list below.

The * symbol designates a change from the previous year.

Saturday, July 26, 2025

*Llama Showmanship - 8:30 am
Dairy Cow Showmanship – 9:00 am
Dog Showmanship - 12 pm
Sheep Showmanship will still be after the drive-in market lamb show.
Rabbit Showmanship- 3 pm

Sunday, July 27, 2025

*Dairy and Exotic Goat Showmanship – 8:00 am
*Market Goat Showmanship – following the drive-in market goat show. The drive-in market goat show will be at noon.

Monday, July 28, 2025

*Swine Showmanship – 8:00 am
Beef Showmanship – 10 am
*Poultry Showmanship – 2 pm

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Horse Showmanship – 9:00 am

Junior Fair Board

The Junior Fair Board also discussed and decided to let Junior Fair Board Members stay on until they are 21 years of age, if they so desire, and with permission from the Junior Fair Board advisors. In addition, the Junior Fair Board will start a JFB Buddy program for younger 4-H members in the late spring/early summer of 2025. In this program, individuals interested in the Junior Fair Board can work with Junior Fair Board members who will serve as mentors. More information regarding the Buddy program will be provided later.

Junior Fair Beef

All Preble County Fair Beef animals are required to have an RFID ear tag.

Breeding Beef Check-in at the fair is mandatory for all beef breeding projects. The check will start after Friday night's market beef and feeder calf weigh-in.

Livestock butt fans are now allowed in the barn.

There will not be a junior fair beef class offered for miniature cattle in 2025.

Junior Fair Market Goat and Market Sheep Weigh/Tag-In

The **Mandatory Market Goat and Market Sheep Tag-In/Weigh-In** will be on **Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 1 to 4 p.m.** The event will be held on the fairgrounds, but the exact location is TBA. (The 4-H Horse Advisor tack sale will be in the Expo on that day.)

New to this year – **Preble County Born and Raised Form** for the Market Sheep and Market Goat must be turned in at the May weigh-in/Tag-in. In addition, when exhibitors do their market goat and/or market sheep entries, they should sign up for Showmanship in Fair Entry. They also should sign up for County Born and Raised in Fair Entry if that show applies to them.

The information sheet and forms for the Mandatory Market Goat and Market Sheep Tag-in/Weigh-In can be found on the home page of preblecountyfair.com

Junior Fair Goat

Breeding goat check-in at the fair is mandatory for all breeding goats. It will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday before the 8:00 p.m. weigh-ins. Exhibitors will bring their breeding goats to the show ring to be checked in.

All **breeding goats** must have an RFID tag, which exhibitors can purchase at the fair office. The exhibitor must enter the RFID ear tag number for

breeding goats in Fair Entry. The RFID ear tag does not need to be placed in the ear but must be present at all breeding goat events. RFID ear tags will be available for purchase from the fair office.

Registered Dairy goats must be tattooed, and LaManchas must be tattooed with a number that matches the RFID ear tag. Participants must always have the RFID ear tag with them during the goat show.

Additional Junior Fair Goat Requirements

All market goats must have the EID tag in their ear. If the tag falls out, it must be replaced.

Meat Breeding Goats—Junior Exhibitors can enter more than one entry of meat breeding goats. There is no longer a one-entry limit.

If an Exotic or Nigerian weather is entered for the junior fair, it will show together. Each weather will be separated into a class by age. These weathers are non-market weathers and will not be sold at the junior fair livestock sale.

Nonmarket Weather Class (Exotic or Nigerian)

- 1- Non-Market Weather 0-6 months
- 2- Non-Market Weather 6 months to 1 year
- 3- Non-Market Weather over 1 year

Junior Fair Poultry Exhibitors

Please consider that it **may** be highly likely the ODA will prohibit the exhibition of poultry shows this summer. As of 03/20/25, no official decision has been made about shows that happen **after** May 15. Therefore, you might consider signing up for another project to show at the fair. (You can still sign up for a poultry project through 4-H and FFA and complete that project; however, you might not be able to exhibit that poultry project at the county or state fair.) Please get in touch with your 4-H or FFA Advisor, the fair office, or Preble County OSU Extension with questions about this topic.

Junior Fair Poultry Department Changes

No Pre-Fair Check-In Day for Poultry for 2025!

New for this year: All exhibitors will have their birds go through the Preble County Pre-Fair Poultry Verification process. This process is required before exhibitors enter their poultry projects into the Fair Entry System. This Pre-Fair Poultry Verification will ensure that each exhibitor's bird has been correctly classed by sex, breed, and variety before entering the poultry projects into the Fair Entry System.

Here is what PCJF poultry exhibitors need to do:

- 1) ALL Preble County Junior Fair poultry exhibitors must fill out the Preble County Pre-Fair Poultry Verification Form for the birds they enter in the junior fair poultry show. This form will be available from the Fair Office around May 1st.***
- 2) The Preble County Junior Fair Poultry Exhibitor will have their actual birds verified with what is listed on their Preble County Pre-Fair Poultry Verification Form by the following individuals: exhibitor's 4-H or FFA Advisors (if that advisor feels comfortable verifying); by the fair office approved list of adult volunteers familiar with the poultry breeds. (The names of this select group of adult volunteers will be listed on the verification form, along with their contact information.)*** Once the exhibitors obtain the form, they must plan to have their poultry seen and approved by those listed as possible qualified contacts.
- 3) After the exhibitor has verified their birds and had their Preble County Pre-Fair Poultry Verification Form signed off by the 4-H or FFA Advisor or the approved adult volunteer, they will enter their information into Fair Entry. The exhibitor will drop off or email their Preble County Pre-Fair Poultry Verification Form to the fair office for their records. This entire process (PreFair Poultry verification,***

blood testing, and poultry entries made in Fair Entry, needs to be done **before the junior fair entry deadline of June 15. Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

This pre-fair poultry verification process is required for ALL breeding poultry, except for:

- market turkeys
- market broilers
- breeding turkeys
- geese

The above birds are the only birds exempted from the verification process.

However, those exhibitors must still verify their entries with the proper paperwork. **Once the exhibitor's poultry project check-in has been completed, no changes will be made to any of the exhibitor's entries.** This includes changes made in the past at the fair or during the pre-fair move-in. The EXHIBITOR is responsible for verifying that they have listed ALL their poultry entries on their form.

Additional rule change: Only breeds and varieties admitted to the APA/ABA may compete for class or overall champions. If a bird's color falls outside the breed standard, it will be entered into an AOV class for the breed.

Showmanship attire for poultry exhibitors is now like that of other livestock species. Long pants are required, and they can be denim jeans. Shirts can be any color/design but must have a collar. Lab coats can still be worn, but they must be white and plain and without pins, patches, or embellishments. Closed-toe shoes are still required to enter the show arena for showmanship.

Junior Fair Sheep

Breeding Sheep check-in at the fair is mandatory for all Breeding Sheep after the market weigh-in on Friday. Exhibitors will bring their breeding sheep to the show ring to be checked in.

All breeding sheep must have an RFID tag, which can be purchased from the fair office. The RFID ear tag number for the breeding sheep must be entered in Fair Entry by the exhibitor. The RFID ear tag does not need to be placed in the ear but must be held at all sheep show events. RFID ear tags will be available for purchase from the fair office.

A copy of Proof of Registration for Breeding Sheep purebreds must be presented at the Junior Fair Sheep Breeding Fair check-in.

Non-registered sheep must have RFID ear tags, be shown in commercial sheep classes, and be weighed in.

Junior Fair Swine

The PCAS Senior Fair Board, with the help of the Fair Office, has secured a grant for new hog pens. These new pens are currently being fabricated. These new pens will likely be ready for use in the hog barns for the 2025 Fair. The old pens used will be sold to the Preble County Junior Fair Exhibitors, probably after the fair. The fair office will keep you up to date when those pens are available.

All market hogs entered to exhibit at the Preble County Fair will be penned separately unless the numbers of hogs participating in the Preble County Fair dictate otherwise. **Therefore, we strongly encourage junior fair and open-class exhibitors not to enter market hogs they do not intend to bring.** Allow us to provide your market hog project with its own pen by entering Fair Entry pigs that do exist and will be shown at the fair.

In addition, the Senior Fair Board has allocated funds for a new hog show ring in Bruner. Thank you to the Senior Fair Board for agreeing to use the grant money for new pens for our swine exhibitors and for providing us with an updated show ring. We look forward to the addition of new hog pens.

Market Hog RFID Tags

Market Hogs must be tagged on your own by Sunday, May 4th, 2025. The market animal tagging forms and DNA collected must be turned in on or before Sunday, May 4, 2025. Last year, we started the conversion using a new DNA tissue sample collection tube style. Reminder: this new tube takes a different tagger. We have limited taggers available for 4-H clubs to borrow to groups or individuals. (To borrow a tagger from the fair office, the person picking up the tagger must supply the fair office with a copy of photo ID.) This tagger can also put the RFID ear tag into the pig. This eliminates the need for two different taggers. Tags and taggers are available at the fair office. The cost of tags is \$6, and the cost of the DNA tube is \$6. The Market Hog DNA Samples and market animal tagging paperwork must be turned in by **Sunday, May 4, 2025**, by 4 pm that day.

DUNF Forms

The Preble County Extension office is requiring all DUNF forms (digital only- no paper forms) to be submitted to the office no later than 7 days before the start of the fair. Animals are to be drug-free when entering the fairgrounds. Please work with your veterinarian to maintain a veterinary/client/patient relationship to meet the state guidelines for your production animals. If you cannot meet the required guidelines for DUNF forms, please call the Extension office to discuss your project's exhibition eligibility. If medication is given within the 7 days leading up to the fair, a notification from the exhibitor with the veterinarian's signature must be dropped off to the Extension Educator for approval. Please remember that medications have withdrawal times and if those are not met, your animal will not be eligible to be on the grounds unless otherwise approved by the fair vet and extension. Thank you.

Skillathon

The Skillathon is now set for Sunday, July 20, 2025, starting in the afternoon in the Expo Expansion. The format will be like last year. Stations will be set up for each of the species. More information regarding the contest will be provided later. We encourage all the junior fair participants to take part.

Jr. Fair Horse & Pony

Changes to classes:

Added Ranch Trail for canter and walk/trot division. Both classes will be ages 8-18.
Make all riding trail classes 8-18
Added Ground Driven Trail 8-18
Combined Western showmanship 14-18 & 8-13
Combined trot ground pole classes, 8-18
Added language: Ranch/Western individual canter. Change class and in rule #2 in the Class Rules and County Specific Class Rules
Split all walk/trot ranch classes 14-18 & 8-13

Remove all Championship classes and have a high point for all divisions. The riding high point should include equitation/horsemanship and hunter under saddle/pleasure.

Added Showmanship rules:

All 4H Equine exhibitors must show in a showmanship class. If a project equine comes to fair and isn't shown in a showmanship class, the Equine will be excused from the fairgrounds. 4H exhibitor will not be eligible to show a horse in the following year.

Add to ownership rule #1:

New rule: Project(s) must be owned or leased by May 1st. Each member can submit two project animals to their member profile. You will declare which equine is your fair animal and which is your backup animal by the June 15th fair entry deadline. Both project animals must follow all club constitution requirements. A backup equine may be a fair project when the primary equine

has a medical excuse from your vet detailing why the equine is not healthy enough to show. The Extension Office and your organizational advisor must approve the switch. The backup horses must follow all club's constitutional requirements (i.e., meet the minimum ride night attendance requirements) to be eligible to show at the Fair. Exhibitors will be able to show in any class the organizational advisor approves.

Showmanship Rule Addition: All equine must be in the holding area of the show arena by the start of their showmanship class. The entry gate will remain closed while the class is being shown. Once the class is called into the arena, the gate will be shut after two minutes.

If class entries are low Versatility and East Gaited Versatility may run concurrently.

Jr. Fair Horse & Pony Show 2025

Saturday 9 am

- HP-1 Advanced Ground Roping 8-18 (break away ropers only)
- HP-2 Ground Roping 14-18 (no break away ropers)
- HP-3 Ground Roping 8-13 (no break away ropers)
- HP-4 Break Away Roping 8-18
- Lunch Break-----
- HP-5 Small Equine Trail in Hand 12-18
- HP-6 Small Equine Trail in Hand 8-11
- HP-7 Trail In Hand 14-18
- HP-8 Trail in Hand 8-13
- HP-9 Walk/Trot Trail 8-18
- HP-10 Trail 8-18
- HP-11 Walk/Trot Ranch Trail 8-18
- HP-12 Ranch Trail 8-18
- HP-13 Easy Gaited Trail 8-18

Monday 9am

Classical Dressage Classes (Use 2023 Tests)

- HP-14 Introduction Test A
- HP-15 Introduction Test B
- HP-16 Introduction Test C
- HP-17 Training Level Test 1
- HP-18 Training Level Test 2
- HP-19 Percentage Class (may show any dressage test that is not already offered. Can enter two times with two different tests.)

Western Dressage Classes (Use 2022 Tests)

- HP-20 Introduction Test 1
- HP-21 Introduction Test 2
- HP-22 Basic Level Test 1
- HP-23 Basic Level Test 2

Tuesday 9am

- HP-24 Therapeutic Showmanship 8-18
- HP-25 Donkey & Mule Showmanship 8-18
- HP-26 Small Equine Showmanship 12-18
- HP-27 Small Equine Showmanship 8-11
- P-28 Western Ponies Showmanship 14-18
- P-29 Western Ponies Showmanship 8-13
- P-30 English Ponies Showmanship 14-18
- P-31 English Ponies Showmanship 8-13
- HP-32 Draft Showmanship 8-18
- H-33 Western Showmanship 14-18
- H-34 Western Showmanship 8-13
- HP-35 Ranch Showmanship 16-18
- HP-36 Ranch Showmanship 13-15
- HP-37 Ranch Showmanship 10-12
- HP-38 Ranch Showmanship 8-9
- H-39 English Horses (Hunt) Showmanship 14-18
- H-40 English Horses (Hunt) Showmanship 8-13
- H-41 English Horses (Saddle) Showmanship 8-18
- HP-42 Easy Gaited Showmanship 8-18

Equine Showman of Showmen

-----Lunch Break-----

- HP-43 Single Hitch Driving (Heavy) 8-18
- HP-44 Light Pleasure Driving 8-18
- HP-45 Small Equine Pleasure Driving 8-18
- HP -46 Driving Reinsmanship 8-18
- HP-47 Driven Trail 8-18
- HP-48 Ground Driven Trail 8-18
- HP-49 Ground Driving 8-18
- HP-50 Small Equine Ground Driving 8-18
- HP-51 Easy Gaited Versatility 9-18 (Showmanship, Equitation, Horsemanship, Flag Race)
- HP-52 Versatility 9-18 (Showmanship, Equitation, Horsemanship, Barrel Race)

Wednesday 9am

- HP-53 Working Hunter over Fence 8-18
- HP-54 Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences 8-18
- HP-55 Hunter X-Rail Novice - 14-18
- HP-56 Hunter X-Rail Novice - 8-13
- HP-57 Equitation X-Rail Novice 14-18
- HP-58 Equitation X-Rail Novice 8-13
- HP-59 Hunter Hack - Members 8-18
- HP-60 Trot Ground Poles Hunter 8-18

- HP-61 Trot Ground Poles Equitation 8-18
- HP-62 Small Equine, Hunter in Hand 12-18
- HP-63 Small Equine, Hunter in Hand 8-11
- HP-64 Small Equine, Jumper in Hand 8-18
- HP-65 Small Equine, Jumper in Hand 12-18

Wednesday continued

- P-66 Walk/Trot English Pleasure 8-18 (Hunt and Saddle Type)
- H-67 Walk/Trot English Pleasure 14-18 (Hunt and Saddle Type)
- H-68 Walk/Trot English Pleasure 8-13 (Hunt and Saddle Type)
- P-69 Walk/Trot English Equitation 8-18 (Hunt and Saddle Type)
- H-70 Walk/Trot English Equitation 14-18 (Hunt and Saddle Type)
- H-71 Walk/Trot English Equitation 8-13 (Hunt and Saddle Type)
- HP-72 English Walk/Trot Individual Canter 8-18
- Lunch Break-----
- P-73 Hunter Under Saddle 8-18
- H-74 Hunter Under Saddle 14-18
- H-75 Hunter Under Saddle 8-13
- HP-76 Saddle Seat English Pleasure 8-18
- P-77 Hunt Seat Equitation 8-18
- H-78 Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18
- H-79 Hunt Seat Equitation 8-13
- HP-80 Saddle Seat Equitation - 8-18
- HP-81 Easy Gaited Saddle Pleasure 8-18
- HP-82 Easy Gaited Saddle Seat Equitation 8-18
- HP-83 Cones and Barrels 14-18
- HP-84 Cones and Barrels 8-13
- HP-85 Flag Race 14-18
- HP-86 Flag Race 8-13
- HP-87 Barrel Race 14-18
- HP-88 Barrel Race 8-13
- HP-89 Trot Barrel Race 8-18
- HP-90 Trot Pole Bending 8-18
- HP-91 Pole Bending 14-18
- HP-92 Pole Bending 8-13
- HP-93 Stakes - 14-18
- HP-94 Stakes - 8-13
- HP-95 Key Hole - 14-18
- HP-96 Key Hole - 8-13

Thursday 9am

- HP-97 Therapeutic Equitation/Horsemanship 8-18
- HP-98 Walk/Trot Western Pleasure 14-18
- HP-99 Walk/Trot Western Pleasure 8-13
- HP-100 Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship 14-18
- HP-101 Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship 8-13
- HP-102 Walk/Trot Western/Ranch Individual Canter 8-18
- HP-103 Donkey & Mule Pleasure 8-18
- HP-104 Western Pleasure 14-18
- HP-105 Western Pleasure 8-13
- HP-106 Donkey & Mule Horsemanship 8-18
- HP-107 Western Horsemanship 14-18
- HP-108 Western Horsemanship 8-13
- Lunch Break-----
- HP-109 Western Reining 8-18
- HP-110 Green Western Reining (Pattern A, must do simple lead change) - 8-18
- HP-111 Easy Gaited Western Pleasure 8-18
- HP-112 Easy Gaited Western Horsemanship 8-18
- HP-113 Walk/Trot Ranch Horse Pleasure 14-18
- HP-114 Walk/Trot Ranch Horse Pleasure 8-13
- HP-115 Ranch Horse Pleasure 14-18
- HP-116 Ranch Horse Pleasure 8-13
- HP-117 Walk/Trot Ranch Horsemanship 14-18
- HP-118 Walk/Trot Ranch Horsemanship 8-13
- HP-119 Ranch Horsemanship 14-18
- HP-120 Ranch Horsemanship 8-13
- HP-121 Walk/Trot Ranch Riding 14-18
- HP-122 Walk/Trot Ranch Riding 8-13
- HP-123 Ranch Riding 14-18
- HP-124 Ranch Riding 8-13