Llamas & Alpacas

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Pre-Fair Important Dates

April 1, 2026 **4-H Membership Deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the 2026 Warren County Fair**

April 15, 2026 **Ownership/lease deadline for 4-H Llama and Alpaca projects. Lease forms due to Extension Office**

June 15, 2026 **Fair Entries due on FairEntry by 4:30 p.m.**

2026 Warren County Fair Schedule

Monday, July 20th	**10:00 am**	**Mandatory Barn Meeting for Goat, Llama/Alpaca, Poultry and Rabbit Exhibitors, Building C**
Monday, July 20th	**6:00pm**	**Public Relations, Building E**
Tuesday, July 21st	**11:00 am-2:00pm**	**Alpaca Skillathon, Event Center**
Wednesday, July 22nd	**9:00 am**	**Obstacle & Showmanship, Building E**
Thursday, July 23rd	**6:00 pm**	**Fun Show, Building E**

Any llama or alpaca not sufficiently broke to lead by exhibitor should not be brought to the fair. If brought to the fair, the decision on allowing the animal to show or remain on the fairgrounds, rests solely with the Show Committee.

Department – Llama/Alpaca

Section A – General Rules for All Livestock Projects at the Warren County Fair

Exhibitor & Entry Rules

1) To be eligible to participate in the fair, the exhibitor must be a current member in 4-H or a participating youth organization and all projects must be on their 4-H enrollment form.
2) All 4-H members taking livestock projects (including horse, donkey & mule) must participate in livestock project interviews to be eligible to show and sell at the fair.
3) All livestock fair entries must be entered online by June 15 at 4:30 p.m. Late entries will be accepted until June 20 at a cost of $10 per project per day late. Animals not entered will not be permitted to show or sell.
4) **Exhibitor Conduct Policy**: Exhibitors are required to conduct themselves in a courteous and orderly manner. Harassment, profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct by exhibitors and their attendants towards fair personnel and judges will not be tolerated. Any violation warrants expulsion from the fairgrounds, possible withholding of monies and exclusion from participation in future Warren County Fairs.

Livestock Rules

1) All animals must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers), including all showing rights, and in complete and continual care of the exhibitor on and after the deadline for that project. Consult that specie's section of the fair book for ownership deadlines. Ownership is considered lost if, after

the designated ownership date, the animal is consigned or sold through an auction or through any other transaction, even if the animal is bought back by the exhibitor. The Warren County Agricultural Society reserves the right to inspect livestock to verify continual care and ownership. Failure to allow these inspections may disqualify the exhibitor from current and future Warren County Fairs.

Please Note the Following Ownership Clarification: All livestock must have one owner that cannot be changed after the ownership deadline for that species. Livestock cannot be co-owned by multiple family members. Animals registered with multiple owners will be ineligible for the Warren County Fair. This is an Ohio Department of Agriculture rule for Junior Fair livestock projects. Every livestock project can only have one owner.

Exceptions to this rule:

- Any market animal (beef, goat, sheep, or swine) that dies within 30 days after the county tagging date may be replaced within one week after the death, subject to approval by the OSU Extension office. The OSU Extension office must be notified within two days after the death and the animal must be verified as dead by fair personnel. Replacement animals are ineligible for Grand, Reserve or Division Championships, but may show in class and sell.

2) **Livestock Entry for Showmanship and Fun Shows:** Livestock must be entered and shown in a regular class to be eligible for showmanship and fun shows. For example: Goats must be entered and shown in a market, Boer breeding, dairy goat, pygmy goat, fiber goat, cart, or pack class to be eligible for showmanship and the fun shows. Beef must be entered and shown as a market animal, feeder calf or breeding heifer to be eligible for showmanship.
3) **Livestock Care:** Exhibitors are required to keep their livestock fed and watered in a manner that properly cares for their projects. Exhibitors must keep their stalls/pens/cages clean during the fair. Fair personnel have the right to require exhibitors to feed or water their animals or to clean their stalls/pens/cages. Exhibitors failing to comply may be ineligible to sell in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
4) **Animal Behavior:** Fair personnel have the right to remove any animal from the fairgrounds that is deemed to be a danger to exhibitors, fair personnel or to people attending the fair. Dismissed animals are ineligible to sell in the sale. Exhibitors must demonstrate the ability to show their own animals without endangering themselves or others.
5) **Animal Vision:** Every animal brought onto the fairgrounds must have full vision in at least one eye or they will be sent home. Market animals will be ineligible to show and sell.
6) **Animal Structural Soundness:** Livestock must be considered structurally sound enough to survive loading and transport to a slaughter facility in large trailers with other animals to be eligible to sell in the livestock sale. Determinations of acceptable soundness will be made by the fair veterinarian; species show committee and the Senior Fair Board. Livestock deemed as too unsound to survive loading and transport will be scratched from the sale and must be taken home by the exhibitor. (Exception for market hogs, which must be immediately transported to a local harvest facility for processing).
7) Force feeding, drench guns and bottle/nipple feeding of liquid diets are not permitted unless done as instructed by the fair veterinarian for the health of the animal. Violators will be ineligible to show and sell. **Note: Liquid and paste feeds and supplements in tubes inserted into the mouth for ingestion IS considered force feeding and is not permitted.**
8) Animals must always remain in the barn area and are not permitted on the midway of the fairgrounds.
9) Any animal that receives medical treatment at the fair from the fair veterinarian with a drug that has a withdrawal time must be scratched from the show and sale, including non-market animals (feeder cattle and breeding animals) and must immediately be removed from the fairgrounds.
10) **No personal or 4-H club livestock scales are permitted in the barns or wash areas. If brought to the fair, they must be located outside of those areas.**

Fair Stalling Rules

1) Stall/pen assignments will be done by fair personnel. All 4-H clubs will be stalled/penned in the same area. Animals must be displayed in their assigned stalls.
2) Exhibitors may not begin to set-up, save grooming chute spots, tie-out stalls, or tack space until 12:00 Noon on the Friday before the fair.
3) Exhibitor signage may only be displayed on their own stall/pen.
4) Only animals entered for exhibition at the fair are permitted to be stalled on fairgrounds.
5) No exhibitor tents or awnings permitted in livestock barns or in areas surrounding the barns, including the road between Building C & Building D.

   Exceptions:

a) See the tent rules for sheep and goats in their fair book section.
b) Tents/awnings may be used for grooming beef cattle on show days, but they must be located at the outer edge of the blacktop, must be anchored securely, and must be removed at the conclusion of the show.

General Show Rules

1) Exhibitors are responsible for following all Ohio Department of Agriculture and Warren County Fair rules regarding ethics, tampering, misrepresentation, and other laws related to exhibiting livestock. Consult the Senior Fair Book section for a full list of these rules.
2) All champion animals are subject to drug testing immediately following the show before they leave the show ring. The Warren County Agricultural Society reserves the right to test any animal exhibited at the fair.
3) Animals must be shown by their owner to place and sell, unless excused for medical reasons or if multiple animals are in the same class. Substitute showman must be an active Warren County 4-H member.
4) Animals must be groomed within a 30-foot radius of the barn areas and must always be visible.
5) Animals may not be scratched from the show after their show has started unless done due to animal behavior issues. Animals that are not shown are not permitted to be sold. Animals may not be scratched after they have shown in their class.
6) **Prohibited Grooming Products & Practices:**
   The following grooming products and practices are <u>NOT</u> permitted at the Warren County Fair:
   - **Pigmented grooming products (paint, colored adhesive, powder sprays, whitening sprays, etc.)**
   - **Hair thickening products (Powderful, etc.)**
   - **FOR SWINE ONLY: Aerosol sprays, oils, powders, or anything that appears to be an oil or powder. Warren County is a water-only show for the entire week.**
   - **The use of water, ice, or other externally (Cool Blue, etc.) or internally applied products that serve as a cooling agent during show preparation are strictly prohibited. No ice, ice packs, cold packs, cold compresses, cold water, wet towels, drizzling water, misters, etc. are permitted during show preparation unless prescribed to relieve heat stress or a medical condition diagnosed by the fair veterinarian. The fair veterinarian must be present when the treatment is applied. The use of fans without misters are permitted. (Rules Clarification from Previous Rule)**

General Showmanship Rules

1) Exhibitors must sign-up for showmanship on their fair entry form.
2) Showmanship classes will be divided by age as of January 1, 2025. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the show committee.
3) Exhibitors must show their own Junior Fair project.
4) Only current class winners are eligible to compete for species showman of showmen. If the species winner declines to participate in the Grand Showman of Showmen Contest, the next highest placing exhibitor from the species showman class will be eligible.
5) Previous winners of the Grand Showman of Showmen contest are not eligible to participate in future Grand Showman of Showmen contests. Exhibitors may win the Grand Showman of Showmen contest only once in their lifetime, but they are still permitted to win individual species Showman of Showmen. If they win a species, then the reserve champion species showman of showmen would represent the department in the Grand Showman of Showmen contest.

Grand Showman of Showmen Contest

1) The following departments are eligible to have one participant in the Grand Showman of Showmen Contest if they meet the species/department showmanship participation numbers for the previous year and current Warren County Fair.
   - Beef Cattle; Dairy Cattle; Goat (Dairy, Pygmy or Fiber Goats); Dog; Donkey; Horse; Llama/Alpaca; Market Goat (Market Goats & Boer Breeding Does); Poultry (Chickens, ducks); Rabbit; Sheep; Swine; and Turkey.
2) For a species/department to be eligible to participate in the Grand Showman of Showmen Contest, they must have the following levels of participation in showmanship:
   a. At least 12 participants that competed (not entries) in showmanship at the previous year's fair.
   b. At least 12 entries for showmanship for the current fair.

3) All exhibitors will be notified about which species/departments will be in the Grand Showman of Showmen Contest after the fair entry deadline and at least one week prior to the start of the fair.

Premier Exhibitor Awards

An award will be presented to honor the Junior Fair Exhibitor that does the most outstanding job in their species during the 2026 Warren County Fair. Categories included in the calculation of the award will include showmanship, project interviews, skill-a-thon, obstacles, and public relations. To be eligible for the award, exhibitors must compete in all categories, and they must sign-up for the premier exhibitor award on their fair entry. Exhibitors do not need to show a market animal to be eligible. Consult the Premier Exhibitor Fair Book Section for scoring information for each species. The following departments will have an award in 2026:

- Beef Cattle (includes market beef, feeder calves and breeding cattle)
- Dairy Cattle
- Market Goat – Market Goats & Boer Breeding Does
- Goat – Dairy Goats, Pygmy Goats & Fiber Goats
- Horse
- Llamas/Alpacas
- Poultry (includes breeding and market for chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys)
- Rabbits (market and breeding)
- Sheep
- Swine

The awards will be announced during the Grand Showman of Showmen Contest on Friday evening. The top five exhibitors from each species will be recognized with the winner receiving an award.

General Sale Rules

1) **Thank you notes:** Thank you notes for buyers and add-ons must be written and brought to the OSU Extension office for verification in a stamped envelope by August 30, 2025. Exhibitors failing to have their thank you notes verified at the Extension office by the deadline will be ineligible to sell in the following year's Junior Fair Sale.
2) **Show & Sale Types:**
   - Market Beef: Partial terminal. Only the Grand & Reserve Grand must be sold and immediately harvested.
   - Market Goat: Partial terminal. Only the Grand & Reserve Grand must be sold and immediately harvested.
   - Market Lamb: Partial terminal. Only the Grand & Reserve Grand must be sold and immediately harvested.
   - Market Hog: **Terminal**. All market hogs must be harvested or sent to a licensed livestock facility to be harvested immediately after the sale. Market hogs cannot be scratched from the sale or purchased in the sale to take home. Underweight and overweight hogs must be removed from the fairgrounds by 10:00 p.m. Sunday night.
3) **Number of Sale Lots:** Exhibitors are permitted to sell five lots in the Junior Fair Sales. A pen of chickens counts as one lot. If an exhibitor shows more than five lots, they must scratch animals from the sale.
4) **Sale Scratch Deadline:** The deadline to scratch animals from the Junior Fair Sale is Tuesday, July 21 at 12:00 noon. A parent or guardians' signature is required. Forms are available in the Junior Fair office. Animals failing to scratch must sell or the exhibitor may be ineligible to sell at next year's fair.
5) If an animal fails to be present at their time in the sale, they will be scratched from the sale and no re-scheduling will be permitted. The animal will remain the possession of the exhibitor and must be taken home at the conclusion of the fair. Exception: Market hogs will be scratched from the sale, sold at packer price, and loaded on the packer truck.
6) Exhibitors in their final year of 4-H eligibility may have a special announcement read prior to the sale of their first animal in each day's sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to complete the "Senior Announcement Form" and return it to the Junior Fair office by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday of fair week. Excluding 4-H members in their last year of membership eligibility, no special announcements are permitted from the auction block.
7) Excluding grand and reserve champion animals, no person other than the exhibitor and sale personnel may be in the auction ring.
8) If, due to market and livestock industry circumstances, the Warren County Agriculture Society cannot secure a packer bidder for any species, then all exhibitors within that species would be required to take their livestock projects home. The deadline for livestock removal from the fairgrounds in this circumstance would be 12:00 Noon on Sunday, July 26.
9) A 4% commission will be charged to all sale animals to cover sale expenses (including add-ons).

Livestock Project Participation Numbers

- If a project (Ex. breeding sheep) fails to have at least five exhibitors enter and show animals at the fair for two consecutive years, that specific project will no longer have a show at the Warren County Fair.
- To have an eliminated show reinstated into the fair, at least five exhibitors must petition the Senior Fair Board for reinstatement.
    - The first year will be demonstration only (no show).
    - At least five exhibitors must bring an animal to the fair.
    - Animals will be stalled in a separate demonstration area designated by the Senior Fair Board.
    - If all these provisions are met for two years, the show will be reinstated, but must continue to meet the participation numbers listed above or the project will again be eliminated.

- **The following shows have been eliminated from the Warren County Fair:**
    - Breeding sheep (2017)
    - Market geese (2023)

Fair Livestock Arrival & Veterinary Inspection Times

Livestock exhibits are permitted on the fairgrounds only during their assigned times. Animals that fail to arrive during their assigned times will not be permitted to show or sell and must be removed from the fairgrounds. Since health papers are no longer required for livestock at the Warren County Fair, the fair veterinarian will inspect all livestock in their stall/pen during a specified time for each species on Sunday, July 13. Livestock must be uncovered and located in their assigned stall/pen for the duration of the inspection period. Livestock not in their stall/pen for inspection will be disqualified and must be removed from the fairgrounds. The fair veterinarian has the right to remove animals from the fairgrounds due to health/disease issues detected during the inspection. Consult the fair schedule for the times for your species.

Required Fair Paperwork for Livestock Check-In

Veterinarian issued health papers are not required for the Warren County Fair. All exhibits will be inspected by the fair veterinarian. Check your species section of the fair book for inspection times.

The following paperwork is required for the Warren County Fair:

- **Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF):** Will be collected using an online system (One per market animal)
- **Hatchery Papers or Negative Pullorum Test:** All poultry projects. Collected at check-in.
- **Registration Papers:** Registered beef breeding cattle.

Livestock Release Time & Removal of Tack and Displays

The release time for livestock projects at the 2026 Warren County Fair will be 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25. Failure to follow any of the following dismissal rules can be cause for disqualification from participation at the 2027 Warren County Fair.

- Exhibitors are required to leave their pen/stall displays set-up until 11:00 p.m. Saturday for viewing by the public.
    - Exception: Market Hogs must leave their pen displays set-up until 6:00 a.m. on Friday morning.
- The following rules apply to the removal of tack and equipment:
    - All exhibitors are required to remove bedding (except hogs, sheep, goats, & cattle), feed, manure, carpet, decorations, risers, show panels and boards from their pen/stall by 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. A $25 fee will be charged to exhibitors when they fail to clean their pen/stall.
    - **Market Hogs**: Market hog exhibitors are permitted to remove their tack & displays from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning OR 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning OR they can remove their tack and displays after 11:00 p.m. Saturday.
    - **All Other Species**: Tack and equipment can be removed from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Friday OR from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday OR after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- All gates into livestock areas will be locked on Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Only trailers picking-up sale animals will be permitted to enter and exit through the gates.
- All animals must be removed from the fairgrounds by 12:00 Noon on Sunday, July 26.
- Decorations and displays must be removed from the fairgrounds by 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26.

- **NOTE:** Overnight camping will now be permitted on Saturday, July 25. Campers must be removed from the campground by 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26.

The following animals are not permitted to leave the fairgrounds until the 11:00 p.m. release time. If any of these animals leave prior to the release time, the exhibitor can be disqualified from participation at the 2027 Warren County Fair.

- Any market animal or feeder calf that scratched out of the Junior Fair Sale.
- Non-market animal projects, including alpacas, beef breeding, dairy cattle, donkeys, goats (Boer does, dairy goats, all pygmy goats, fiber goats, cart goats and pack goats), llamas, poultry (all non-market birds), rabbits and breeding turkeys.
- Because horses can trailer in and out of the fairgrounds due to stalling limitations, any horse that is on the fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 25 must remain until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday night.

Exceptions

- Market hogs: Because the show is terminal and the sale is Thursday, all hogs will be loaded out after the sale on Thursday or Friday.
- Any market animal or feeder calf that was purchased through the sale and was sent to the packer bidder or a local slaughter facility will be loaded and released prior to the deadline. A release paper will be given to the driver which must be shown at the exit gate to be released from the fairgrounds.
- Any market animal or feeder calf that was purchased through the sale and is going to someone's home will be released prior to the deadline, if and only if, the purchases are paid for on Saturday, July25 and the buyer has a paid receipt to enter and leave the fairgrounds after the sale. Purchases must be paid for within one hour after the conclusion of the sale to be released prior to the 11:00 p.m. release time.
    - **SPECIAL NOTE:**
        - Only animals purchased through the sale can leave. Additional animals are not permitted on the trailer. The gate attendant will check the numbers on the paid receipt to insure it matches the number on the trailer. Any attempt to put extra animals on the trailer can be cause for disqualification from participation at the 2027 Warren County Fair.
        - Show equipment and tack cannot be loaded onto the trailer while picking up animals.

Exhibitors are required to care for their animals sold in the Junior Fair sale until they are loaded on the truck (packer or for harvest). Excluding hogs, exhibitors are expected to assist with loading their animals on the trucks during and at the conclusion of the sale.

Llama/ Alpaca RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Each exhibitor can only exhibit ONE llama or Alpaca
2. Project animals must be owned or leased by the 4-H member by April 15, 2026.
3. Llamas and alpacas must be 6 months of age or older on day of show.
4. Llamas and alpacas must be neatly groomed and free of disease.
5. Exhibitors are requested to be neatly and appropriately attired, preferably in white shirt and dark pants, for the showmanship ring. Exhibitors are expected to wear appropriate attire and footwear (i.e. No open-toed shoes).
6. All 4-H members taking a llama or alpaca project are required to participate in Livestock Project Interviews prior to the fair.
7. **All Llama/Alpaca exhibitors and animals must participate in at least one fair class. Failure to exhibit in a fair class will result in the inability to show a llama/alpaca project the following year.**
8. Exhibitors are required to leave their pen/stall displays set-up until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25

for viewing by the general public. Tack and displays must be removed by 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26.

9. The release time for projects is 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25. For a full list of the release time rules, consult the "General Rules for all Junior Fair Livestock" section of the fair book.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship rules can be found in the Junior Fair Livestock Rules & Regulations section.

-Showmanship classes will be divided by age as of January 1, 2026. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the show committee.

PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Obstacle
Public Relations

1. Classes will be divided by age as of January 1, 2026 Classes will be divided at direction of show committee.
2. The competitors will work through the courses one at a time.
3. Obstacle classes will include 8 to 10 obstacles. Obstacle possibilities include:
   a. bridges, ramps or stairs
   b. jumps
   c. flexibility and maneuvering - weaving around objects
   d. change of pace - handler and animal shall be required to jog or run
   e. water obstacle
   f. animate and inanimate objects (examples: walk around bike, tricycle, another animal, person in wheelchair, etc.
   g. loading in a trailer
   h. ducking - pass under an obstacle
   i. dead fall - a jumble of posts, logs, tree limbs, etc.
      - no less than six.
   j. backing - straight or angled or circular through a defined width area.
4. Public Relations classes will consist of obstacles a handler and animal are likely to encounter in everyday life. Obstacle possibilities might be a person in a wheelchair, a ladder, or other similar scenarios.
5. 4 age classes will be designated to experienced 4-Hers and 2 classes will be designated to novice age groups, Jr & Sr

Poster Contest

1) Open to any youth enrolled in a llama/alpaca project.
2) **Posters must be submitted after the barn meeting on Monday, July 20th to the llama/alpaca info table.**
3) Posters must be made using 22" x 28" poster board, displayed horizontally with stiff backing (no foam board).
4) Each poster must be clearly labeled in the lower right corner, in a space no larger than 3" x 5" with the exhibitor's name, 4-H club and age as of January 1, 2026.
5) Posters will be judged on educational content (50 points), neatness & appearance (30 points) and originality (20 points).
6) Posters will be displayed in the llama/alpaca Barn.
7) Unclaimed posters will be discarded following the fair.

FUN SHOW

- Costume

- Fun Activity such as alpaca limbo, tunnel race, cake walk, etc.

1. Classes will be divided by age as of January 1, 2026.
2. All llamas/alpacas may wear costume of handler's choice.
3. Costumes will be judged on creativity, appeal and the animal’s tolerance of the outfit.
4. Exhibitors should carefully consider safety issues in regard to their costume.
5. Narration form must be completed by 5:00pm Thursday, July 23.