



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR EXHIBITORS

Saturday, July 30

8:30-11:30 a.m. Still Exhibit Judging – Covered Arena
 8:30-11:30 a.m. Still Exhibit Auction Registration, Covered Arena
 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Rabbit Skills Test – Small Animal Barn
 12:00 p.m. Held back still exhibit pick-up, Covered Arena
 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Check-in for dog show, record books due – Covered Arena
 2:00 p.m. Dog Show – Covered Arena
 6:00 p.m. Large Livestock/Horses may arrive

Sunday, July 31

By 11:00 a.m. All animals must arrive on fairgrounds.
 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Goat, Poultry & Rabbit Check-In & Record Books Due
 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Market Goat Weigh-In
 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Horse Check-in – Horse Announcers Booth
 10:30 a.m. Check-in for Cats project record books & photos due
 11:00 a.m. Cat Show – Covered Arena
 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Market Sheep Weigh-In
 11:00 - 1:00p.m. Market Feeder Weigh-In
 12:00 - 2:00 pm Market Swine Weigh-In
 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Market Beef Weigh-In
 3-3:30 p.m. Record books entry deadline for beef, feeder, sheep & swine - Location posted on species bulletin board
 4:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies – Covered Arena
 4:30 p.m. Still Exhibit Auction – Covered Arena
 5:00 p.m. Archery Competition – Barn C

Monday, August 1

8:00 a.m. Livestock Judging Contest – meet at the Red Barn Photo Backdrop
 9:00 a.m. Rabbit Showmanship and Judging – Covered Arena
 9:00 a.m. Poultry Judging - Small Animal Barn
 9:00 a.m. Horse Skills Test/Lab – Pioneer Pavilion
 10:00 a.m. Rabbit & Poultry Pictures - Photo Backdrop
 11:00 a.m. Beef, Feeder & Sheep Skills Test/Lab – Pioneer Pavilion
 12:00 p.m. Swine Skills Test/Lab – Pioneer Pavilion
 12:00 p.m. Poultry Showmanship – Covered Arena
 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Dog Skills Test – Covered Arena
 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Poultry Skills Test – Covered Arena
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tractor Operators Contest — Parking Area
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Crop & Weed ID Contest – Parking Area
 3:00 p.m. Goat Showmanship and Judging (market pictures following class) – Covered Arena
 5:00 p.m. Archery Competition – Barn C
 5:00 p.m. Leadership Interviews
 7:00-8:00 p.m. Goat Skills Test – Small Animal Barn

Tuesday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Dairy Showmanship & Judging Covered Arena
 11:00 a.m. Sheep Showmanship and Judging (Market pictures following class) - Covered Arena
 3:00 p.m. Feeder Showmanship and Judging (market pictures following class) – Covered Arena
 7:00 p.m. Youth Talent Show – Pioneer Pavilion

Wednesday, August 3

8:00 a.m. Swine Showmanship and Judging (market pictures following class) – Covered Arena
 2:00 p.m. Beef Showmanship and Judging (market pictures following class) Beef Breeding Stock– Covered Arena
 6:00 p.m. Horse Program – Horse Arena

Thursday, August 4 - Kids Day

8:00 a.m. Horse Program
 10:00 -2:00 p.m. Kids Day Activities – Tents by Exhibit Buildings
 2:30 p.m. PeeWee Parade & Ice Cream Social – Start at Covered Arena
 5:00 p.m. Archery Competition – Barn C
 5:30 p.m. Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes – Covered Arena
 7:00 p.m. Large Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes – Covered Arena

Friday, August 5

8:00 a.m. Horse Program – Horse Arena
 1:00 p.m. Youth Livestock Sale Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, Swine, Sheep, Feeder Beef, Dairy Milk, Beef & Crops – Covered Arena
 4:00-7:00 p.m. Alma-St. Louis Rotary Steak Fry – Pioneer Pavilion
 8:00-11:00 p.m. Exhibitors' Dance & Pizza Party – Covered Arena

Saturday, August 6

10:00 a.m. Fair Awards Program – Covered Arena
 Trophy Winner Photos during awards (all project areas) – Covered Arena
 1:00 p.m. Ag Olympics – Covered Arena
 5:00 p.m. Drill Team Performance, Costume Class, Freestyle Reining, Horse Awards Program & Fun Show - Horse Arena
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Special Event – Covered Arena
 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. Non-sale and PeeWee Beef, Feeder, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit/Cavy, Sheep & Swine Released
 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. Buyer take home livestock released (Large & Small Animals)
 10:00 p.m. All other sale animals released for scheduled superintendent pick-ups

Check barn bulletin board for shipping schedule and barn clean-up for ALL SPECIES.

Sunday, August 7

6:00 a.m. - noon Assigned Post Fair Clean-up
 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. All Still Exhibits Released

GCFFY GENERAL RULES

****ALL NEW RULES WILL BE IN RED****

- All exhibitors must be between the ages of 8 and 19 as of January 1 of the current year unless otherwise noted, and must be residents of Gratiot County or a member of a Gratiot County 4-H Club, FFA, or live in a Gratiot County school district.
- Young exhibitors between the ages of 5 and 7 will exhibit as PeeWee's. PeeWee's are not eligible for fair sales. Exhibitors age 8 have the *choice* to exhibit as a PeeWee or as a regular fair exhibitor.
- There will be a \$5 entry fee per exhibitor.
- Any exhibitor showing disrespectful and/or unsportsmanlike behavior as deemed by the fair's Board of Directors, may be asked to remove themselves from the fairgrounds and forfeit all awards.
- All exhibits must fit into classes listed in the fair book and only one entry is allowed in each class unless stated in that section. No awards will be awarded when an article or animal is deemed unworthy.
- All fair class entries will be submitted online via Fair Entry by July 1. Any entry received after 11:59 p.m. on July 1 will not be accepted and *you will not be eligible to show at GCFFY.*
- All fair exhibitors are to abide by the rules and regulations in the fair book.
- For the safety of everyone, no bike riding will be allowed on the fairgrounds during the fair.
- Curfew will be 11:30 p.m. This will be enforced by superintendents and parents/guardians. Anyone not abiding by this curfew will be penalized as deemed appropriate by the Fair Board. All fair participants must be chaperoned according to the camping rules if they are staying overnight at the fairgrounds.
- All exhibitors must check the Fair Release/Indemnification (hold harmless) online at FairEntry.
- The Board of Directors (Fair Board) reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto. It further reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment.
- No dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds the week of the Fair except for dog show participants during the scheduled show and service dogs.
- All animal exhibitors and animal exhibits must be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Complete requirements are found on-line at https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-48096_49214-401893--,00.html or by contacting the fair office.
- Any problems or concerns should be addressed with the superintendent of the department. If a resolution cannot be achieved, you have the right to file a formal protest (see formal protest section).
- All animals must be fed, watered and pens cleaned by 9:00 a.m. If not, the superintendent will first notify the exhibitor by placing a yellow tag on their pen or stall. Exhibitors, who

receive a yellow tag, must immediately take care of their animal and then promptly contact the superintendent. For the second offense, a red tag will be placed on their pen/stall. Exhibitor must meet with the superintendent and a representative of the fair's Board of Directors to determine further action including but not limited to any amount over market value received for the animal sold may be withheld from their sale check.

- Exhibitors registered for market class at the GCFFY cannot sell that species at any other out-of-county fair during the calendar year.
- Animals will be sent home anytime during the week if determined to be a safety hazard or health risk to the public, exhibitors or other animals.
- Exhibitors showing any non-market animal in beef, dairy, feeder, goat and sheep must register these project animal(s) in the breeding stock classes using the FairEntry online registration by May 15. Late entries made on FairEntry will have a \$10 per business day late fee. The last day to sign up for ANY animal projects will be July 1.
- Exhibitors may ONLY show their own animals in showmanship classes. These animals MUST ALSO be registered and shown in a market (unless it does not make weight), breed, halter and/or pet class. This does NOT include sweepstakes or PeeWee's.
- Animal cage/pen/stalls will be assigned the Wednesday prior to start of the fair. No decorating of pens is allowed before assignments are made. Pen decorations must not present a hazard to animals or visitors.

LARGE ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

Superintendent: Shanna Smith

- First place winners in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship Division for Beef, Sheep, Feeder, Swine, Dairy and Horse are eligible and encouraged to compete, but are not required.
- First place showmanship winner in each species must sign the declaration form at the completion of their species showmanship. At this time they may waive their right to show in overall showmanship and the next eligible exhibitor will then be eligible to show in the sweepstakes class.
- **If you have won showmanship in more than one large animal division you must choose one species to enter with for the sweepstakes class. The first specie in which you declare to show in the sweepstakes class is the specie you will compete in. There are NO chances to change your mind.**
- Each exhibitor will be expected to show all species in rotation, at the instruction of the superintendent.
- Final placing will be based solely on showmanship, although all animals must be properly fitted before entering the ring.
- Participants will be entered by the specie superintendent.
- Top two recognized in each age group.

SMALL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

- First place winners in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship Division for Cats, Dogs, Goats, Rabbit/Cavies, and Poultry are eligible and encouraged to compete, but are not required.

- First place showmanship winner in each species must sign the declaration form at the completion of their species showmanship. At this time they may waive their right to show in overall showmanship and the next eligible exhibitor will then be eligible to show in the sweepstakes class.
- **If you have won showmanship in more than one large animal division you must choose one species to enter with for the sweepstakes class. The first specie in which you declare to show in the sweepstakes class is the specie you will compete in. There are NO chances to change your mind.**
- Each exhibitor will be expected to show all species in rotation, at the instruction of the superintendent. Final placing will be based solely on showmanship, although all animals must be properly fitted before entering the ring.
- Participants will be entered by the specie superintendent.
- Top two recognized in each age group.

FORMAL PROTEST

- An exhibitor compelled to bring a complaint regarding conflict of interest of the judge, disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor; exhibitor, group leader or superintendent's behavior, or eligibility of an exhibit shall make a formal protest *in writing* to the Fair Office no later than ten days following the end of fair.
- A person making a formal protest shall deposit a sum of \$100.00 along with the cost of any drug testing. If the protest is sustained the deposit shall be returned to the complainant. If it is not sustained the deposit shall be forfeited.
- All protests shall be referred to the fair's Executive Committee, which shall review the protest with interested parties and give parties an opportunity to submit evidence. The party against whom the protest was filed shall have the right to read the statement of protest.
- A report of findings shall be made to the Fair Board for final decision on the protest within 10 days of the original complaint. The Fair Board shall issue an opinion within 2 weeks of receiving the recommendations from the Executive Committee.
- An exhibitor may file appeal to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development within 45 days of filing the initial complaint if the exhibitor is not satisfied with the Association's action. MDARD shall have 60 days after receipt of any appropriately filed appeal to investigate the complaint, and issue a finding of fact and notice of department action and any recommended actions.

CAMPING AND PARKING

- Camping is by reservation only.
- There is a waiting list to receive a campsite. Contact the Fair Office now to be added for future camping.
- Parking passes will be available for pre-sale at the Fair Office, and can also be purchased at the gate.
- Parking rates: \$7.00/day/vehicle or \$18.00/week/vehicle purchased as presale from the Fair Office prior to the week of the fair. Weekly parking passes will be \$20.00 at the gate.
- Parking will be allowed in designated areas only.

- Two camping area parking permits will be provided with the camping fee. All other fair participants must purchase a parking pass for general parking, no exceptions.
- Livestock/horse/utility trailers can be parked east of the South Horse Barn and west of the Feeder Barn. The fair may move trailers parked on the fairgrounds without notice.

OFF ROAD VEHICLES

- Off road vehicle rules are in effect when the vehicle arrives at the fairgrounds.
- Off road vehicles must be operated in a safe and orderly manner.
- All off road vehicles must be registered and they must possess an insurance policy that provides \$300,000 liability insurance coverage for operation of the vehicle on the fairgrounds. Written documentation of this coverage must be submitted when the vehicle is registered.
- Operators and passengers of off road vehicles must comply with the manufacturer's operating instructions and seating capacity requirements.
- Driving on the Midway and the roadway between Barn L and the end of the horse arena are prohibited.
- The intent of off road vehicles on the fairgrounds is to assist with animal chores, perform official fair duties and assisting those needing a ride.
- Registration forms are available online at www.gcffy.org. The registration fee is \$25.00 on or before July 20 and \$35 after and must be submitted with the form. Once the form and fee are submitted you will receive a permit that must be visible and on the off road vehicle at all times.
- **NO WARNINGS WILL BE GIVEN!** If any of these rules are broken the vehicle must be removed from the fairgrounds or immobilized. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the fairgrounds and/or loss of campsite.

GENERAL LARGE LIVESTOCK RULES

Chairperson: Shanna Smith

- Large Livestock consist of Dairy, Beef, Feeders, Sheep, & Swine.
- Exhibitor must show animal in showmanship to be eligible for Livestock Sale.
- All show participants must be Gratiot County Fair for Youth exhibitors.
- All livestock exhibitors must be entered in their showmanship & market classes online with *Fair Entry* by the entry due date.
- Only one large market animal may be exhibited per exhibitor.
- **Eligible animals MUST be registered and shown in a market or breed class. This does NOT include sweepstakes or PeeWees.**
- **Showmanship classes will be set up in chronological order according to age. If the showmanship class needs to be broken into more than one class, superintendents will post class lists in barns.**
- No one with the exception of the exhibitor, his/her family members, leaders (where leaders are defined as an individual who is registered as a leader with the Gratiot

County MSU Extension 4-H Office and has been through the MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process), FFA Advisors, or fellow exhibitors may groom animals during fair week and the exhibitor must be present. Any exhibitor who is in violation of this rule will not be allowed to sell in the sale and any awards will be forfeited.

- Exhibitors or ring help are the only people allowed in the ring, if an animal is out of control it will be tied to the rail or will be excused.
- All pen assignments will be made by species superintendent and changes may be made by superintendents if need arises.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for feeding and bedding their own animal until release time Sunday morning. Bedding is to be provided by the exhibitor.
- All animal coverings—except for halters—must be removed at weigh-in.
- All market livestock must be castrated, no stags or bulls allowed.
- All animals must be free of ringworm and other contagious diseases.
- No animal showing signs of disease, parasites, genetic defects, injury, or neglect will be allowed to check-in and must be taken home. All exhibit animals must be clean at check-in time. Any animal which becomes sick or severely injured during the fair will be sent home.
- If the animal has lost a GCFFY ear tag the exhibitor must contact the Fair Office and superintendent immediately to get another GCFFY tag and then re-tag the animal. Any other tags including RFID, USDA 840, or Scrapies tag you are responsible for re-tagging. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to re-take and submit the animal's picture with the new ear tag in its ear.
- Drug Testing may be performed on market animals on or after the day of the animal's market show. Any animal found to be in violation, at any time while on fairgrounds, will be disqualified. Any animal containing substances at any level not in compliance with United States Food and Drug Administration and/or United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service safety standards; illegal substances and or tampered with animals will be disqualified. Any monies and awards awarded to the individuals, including sale proceeds will be forfeited.
- An exhibitor in market beef, feeder, sheep, and swine projects may register up to FOUR animals per specie to be used for primary or secondary projects.
- An animal can be registered on more than one exhibitor's form as long as the animals are housed at one site and the exhibitors are immediate family members (eg. siblings, step-siblings).
- Exhibitors in market beef, feeders, sheep, swine and goats must complete and sign a market registration entry by the deadline for each species. The fair will accept late registration entries; however there is a fee of \$10 for each business day payable to the fair. No late registration entries will be accepted after 30 days after the registration deadline.
- All market livestock must be weighed at time listed in Schedule of Events for Exhibitors for each species. The

animal brought to the scale will be the exhibitor's official market animal and cannot be switched to a different animal even if the different animal is on the exhibitor's registration form.

- Any disputes over the weight of an animal must be addressed while the animal is still at the scales. Once the animal leaves the scales, recorded weight is considered final. There are no reweighs.
- At the scale, the superintendent will provide the exhibitor with an official written statement of the animal's official weight. If during the fair the exhibitor finds an error in their recorded animal's weight, they must present their written weight statement for verification.
- **Record books or YQCA Training are required.**
- **Record books for market livestock must be submitted at the time and location stated by the specie superintendent in order to be judged. The market record book will also be a part of the Skillathon contest and must be submitted on time (see exhibitor schedule) to be judged.**
- **The YQCA Certificate must be turned in in place of a record book at designated times determined by your specie superintendent.**

SKILLATHON/SKILLS TEST & LAB –

Beef, Feeder, Swine, Sheep

- The **Skills Test/Lab** will test knowledge in the project area.
- Times for quiz and labs will be posted in the fair's exhibitor schedule.
- One First Place Award presented in each age group.
- **Skillathon** contestants will earn points in Showmanship, Skills Test & Lab, Livestock Judging Contest, Market Class and Record Books.
- Contestants are encouraged to participate in all 5 events. Final score will be based on the highest 5 scores.
- Prizes awarded for first and second place in each age group.

GENERAL SMALL ANIMAL RULES

Chairperson: Darcy Martyn

- Small Animals consist of Cats, Cavies, Dogs, Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits.
- All animals must be shown by the exhibitor. Market animals must be sold by the exhibitor.
- Wood chips, shavings or pellets can be used for bedding in the cages. Wheel barrows, shovels and brooms will be available by the Small Animal Committee for exhibitor use.
- All small animal exhibitors must participate in showmanship (if class is offered) in each small animal group entered. This includes poultry, cavies, rabbits, cats, goats, and dogs.
- **Record books are required for small animals that are being sold.**
 - **Record books or YQCA Training are required.**
 - **Record books for market livestock must be submitted at the time and location stated by the specie superintendent in order to be judged. The market record book will also be a part of the Skillathon contest and must be submitted on time (see exhibitor schedule)**

to be judged.

- The **YQCA Certificate** must be turned in in place of a record book at designated times determined by your specie superintendent.

- Showmanship dress regulations are dark pants and long-sleeved white shirts while showing a project animal. No blue jeans or shorts are allowed. Closed-toe shoes must be worn. A white show coat is an optional substitution for a white shirt. No jewelry or nail polish should be worn. Hair should be pulled back from the face.
- Superintendents may combine classes for the purposes of judging.
- No animal showing signs of disease, parasites, genetic defects, injury, or neglect will be allowed to check-in and must be taken home. All exhibit animals must be clean at check-in time. Any animal which becomes sick or severely injured during the fair will be sent home.
- All exhibitors of small animals are required to help keep walkways and exhibit areas clean and clear.
- It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to remove carriers, animal food, food containers, and personal property at the conclusion of the fair. Any such items not claimed after the close of the fair will be subject to immediate disposal.

SMALL and LARGE ANIMAL MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE

- Exhibitors are limited to the sale of one large animal project (beef, feeder beef, sheep or swine) and two small animal projects (rabbits, poultry or goats).
- All market animals must be sold by the exhibitor in the small or large animal auction.
- All animals with the exception of chickens and rabbits must be shown in market class by the exhibitor to be eligible to be sold in the livestock sale. The exhibitor must be the owner of the animal.
- Exhibitor must show their own registered market animal (except rabbits and poultry may show another non-market animal) in showmanship and market class to be eligible for the livestock sale.
- Any exhibitor selling an animal(s) at the fair's Livestock Sale Auction or who is part of the fair's dairy project **must** turn in a completed current year record book or proof of YQCA Training for every species sold by the exhibitor. Late record books will not be scored but will allow exhibitor to show. (Large and Small Animals).
- A 5% commission will be deducted from all sale lots by the GCFFY. Insurance and mandatory animal check-off programs will also be deducted if applicable.
- Exhibitors relinquish ownership and all rights to exhibits immediately upon sale. Exhibitors cannot request use or possession of exhibits from the buyer. **Exhibitors must take care of animals until animal is removed by the buyer or shipped.**
- Sale order in large animals will be determined in each species as follows: champion market first, reserve champion market second, champion showman third and other animals to follow.
- If an animal will NOT be sold, it must be pulled out

within 1 hour of the end of the market classes and will be charged \$250/animal cash or card before the animal leaves the grounds. The Grand and Reserve market animals **MUST** sell.

- Exhibitors who miss their lot in the sale order will sell last in their species and a 20% of sale penalty will be assessed on the sale of the missed lot. If exhibitor misses their species in the sale order they will not sell.
- Exhibitor checks will be made out to the exhibitor as listed on Fair Entry and will be mailed to the address listed in Fair Entry.

DAIRY

Superintendent: Laurie Gager

- Each exhibitor may enter only one entry per class.
- All dairy animals must be registered on Fair Entry in the designated dairy class by **May 15**. No late registrations will be accepted.
- One dairy lot will be sold at the fair's Livestock Sale. Sale proceeds (less the normal sale commission) from the sale will be distributed as follows: 30% will be distributed to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Dairy. 20% to the Reserve Champion Dairy. 50% will be distributed in equal shares at one share per head excluding Grand and Reserve Champion animals.
- Horns or scurs on cattle (dairy, beef, or feeder) must be shorter than 1" from the hairline. Any animals with longer horns will be sent home.
- ALL dairy cattle are to remain at fair all week. Exceptions can be made for lactating dairy cows where exhibitors have the option to bring in lactating cows for the dairy show.
- Exhibitors must keep at least one dairy heifer on exhibit for the length of fair week, if lactating cow goes home.

DIVISIONS –

Ayrshire

Brown Swiss

Guernsey

Holstein Friesian

Jersey

Any Other Recognized Breed

001) Spring Heifer Calf, born March 1 - May 31 of the current year

002) Winter Heifer Calf, born December 1 last year - February 28 of the current year

003) Fall Heifer Calf, born September 1 - November 30 of last year

004) Summer Yearling Heifer, born June 1 – August 31 of last year

005) Spring Yearling Heifer, born March 1 – May 31 of last year

006) Winter Yearling Heifer, born Dec 1 two years ago – February 28 of last year

007) Fall Yearling Heifer, born September 1 two years ago – November 30 two years ago

Junior & Reserve Junior Champion, classes 1-7

008) Two Year Old Milking Cow, born September 1 three years ago – August 31 two years ago

009) Three Year Old Milking Cow, born September 1 four years ago – August 31 three years ago

010) Four Year Old Milking Cow, born September 1 five years ago – August 31 four years ago

011) Aged Cow, born before September 1 four years ago

012) Dry Cow (must have completed one lactation)

013) Dam & Daughter (cow & one of her daughters)

Senior & Reserve Senior Champion, classes 9-13

Grand & Reserve Champion Dairy – selection to be made from Junior and Senior Champions

Dairy Showmanship

013) Senior Dairy Showmanship (15-19)

014) Intermediate Dairy Showmanship (12-14)

015) Junior Dairy Showmanship (8-11)

Dairy Skills Test/Lab

- Dairy Skills Test/Lab will test exhibitor's knowledge of the dairy project. Categories will include breed identification, anatomy, and feeding, breeding, raising dairy and general knowledge.
- Please see your superintendent for time and place.

016) Senior Dairy Skills Test/Lab (ages 14-19)

017) Junior Dairy Skills Test/Lab (ages 8-13)

Dairy Skillathon

- Skillathon will test exhibitor's knowledge of dairy.
- Skillathon will total the scores from Skills Test, Lab Test, Project Record Books and Showmanship.
- Prizes will be awarded to the top two in Senior and Junior Divisions.

018) Senior Dairy Skillathon (ages 14-19)

019) Junior Dairy Skillathon (ages 8-13)

Dairy Record Books

- Record books must be submitted to dairy superintendent by 9:30 p.m. on the Sunday when exhibits are brought in order to be judged.

020) Senior Dairy Record Book (ages 14-19)

021) Junior Dairy Record Book (ages 8-13)

BEEF CATTLE

Superintendents: Samantha Sinclair

Market Beef

- Market beef animals must be tagged, photographed, and pre-registered with gcffy.fairentry.com by February 15.
- Cattle must weigh at least 950 lbs. at weigh-in to be sold at fair.
- Market animals may be steers or heifers.
- Beef Market classes are decided by weight of animal at time of weigh in.
- All cattle must have official RFID Identification tags. Call **1-866-870-5136** to receive a National Premises Registration Number and place a tag order if fair entry does not have this tag.
- Horns or scurs on cattle (dairy, beef, or feeder) must be shorter than 1" from the hairline. Any animals with longer horns will be sent home.
- All cattle must be tied, NO PENS ALLOWED.

022) Market Beef

023) Market Dairy Beef

Gratiot County Bred Steer Futurity

- Open to all steers born on a farm in Gratiot County. Steers will show in a separate class in addition to their respective weight class.
- Placings in this class will not affect the sale order.

024) Market Beef Futurity

Beef Breeding Stock

- Registration papers must be in the exhibitor's immediate family's name or farm name and must be shown to the superintendent upon arrival. Any animals without registration papers MUST show in the Cross-bred class.
- Beef breeding stock can be used for beef showmanship, unless the exhibitor is selling a market steer.
- Breeding stock may leave immediately after showmanship or stay until release on Saturday.
- **If there are less than three (3) animals in a breed division, they will be moved to the AOB division.**

DIVISIONS –

Angus

Hereford

Shorthorn

Any other recognized breed

Cross-bred

025) Bull less than 6 months

026) Junior Heifer Calf (born between January 1 to June 30 of the current year)

027) Senior Heifer Calf (born between July 1 and December 31 of last year)

028) Junior Yearling Heifer (born between January 1 and June 30 of last year)

029) Senior Yearling Heifer (born between July 1 and December 31 two years before the fair)

030) Cow, 2 and less than 3 years

031) Cow, 3 years and over

032) Cow & calf

Beef Showmanship

- Beef showmanship is required for market exhibitors and encouraged for others.
- Beef animals must be 2 years of age or under.
- If an exhibitor shows both market beef and breeding stock beef, the market beef animal must be shown in showmanship.

033) Senior Beef Showmanship (15-19)

034) Intermediate Beef Showmanship (12-14)

035) Junior Beef Showmanship (8-11)

Skills Test/Lab

036) Senior Beef Skills Test/Lab (15-19)

037) Intermediate Beef Skills Test/Lab (12-14)

038) Junior Beef Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

Skillathon

039) Senior Beef Skillathon (15-19)

040) Intermediate Beef Skillathon (12-14)

041) Junior Beef Skillathon (8-11)

Beef Record Books

042) Senior Beef Record Book (15-19)

043) Intermediate Beef Record Book (12-14)

044) Junior Beef Record Book (8-11)

FEEDER BEEF

Superintendent: Jami Bebow

Feeder Market Class

- All Feeder animals must be tagged, photographed, and pre-registered through gcffy.fairentry.com by April 15.
- 400 pounds will be the minimum weight for dairy feeder calves and the maximum weight will be 650 pounds, if over that weight the animal may be shown but will be sold to the buyer for the 650 pound weight. Animals less than 400 pounds will be sent home.
- **Only** Holstein, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, or red and white Holstein may show as a DAIRY feeder. Beef breed crossbreeding or crossbreeding with dairy breeds other than those listed above will NOT be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. Any protest must be filed by 6 p.m. Sunday with the superintendent and they will address the Fair Board. Fair Board decision is final. All feeder animals exhibited will be reviewed by a Fair Board appointed committee after weigh-in. Any feeder not deemed to meet breed requirements by this committee will be entered into beef feeder/overweight/ineligible class.
- Any feeder not qualifying because of weight or breed character will be allowed to show in showmanship and a market class where no trophy is given and are not eligible for Grand or Reserve. They will sell at the end of the sale.
- Classes are decided by the weight of the animal at the time of weigh-in.
- Horns or scurs on cattle (dairy, beef, or feeder) must be shorter than 1" from the hairline. Any animals with longer horns will be sent home.

045) Dairy Feeder Market Class

Feeder Showmanship

046) Senior Feeder Showmanship (15-19)

047) Intermediate Feeder Showmanship (12-14)

048) Junior Feeder Showmanship (8-11)

Feeder Skills Test/Lab

049) Senior Feeder Skills Test/Lab (15-19)

050) Intermediate Feeder Skills Test/Lab (12-14)

051) Junior Feeder Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

Feeder Skillathon

052) Senior Feeder Skillathon (15-19)

053) Intermediate Feeder Skillathon (12-14)

054) Junior Feeder Skillathon (8-11)

Feeder Record Books

055) Senior Feeder Record Book (15-19)

056) Intermediate Feeder Record Book (12-14)

057) Junior Feeder Record Book (8-11)

SHEEP

Superintendent: Leanne Zank

Market Lambs

- All market lambs must be tagged, photographed and registered through gcffy.fairentry.com by May 15.
- Market lambs must weigh at least 90 lbs. at weigh-in to be sold at the fair. Lambs below 90lbs. can be shown in showmanship but will not sell.
- Market Lamb classes are decided by weight of animal at time of weigh-in.

058) Market Lamb

Gratiot County Special Sheep Futurity

- Open to all sheep born on a farm in Gratiot County. Sheep will show in a separate class in addition to their respective weight class.
- Placings in this class will not affect the sale order.

059) Market Sheep Futurity

Sheep Breeding Stock

- Breeding Stock may not be registered by an exhibitor in more than one class.
- Registration papers must be in the exhibitor's immediate family's name or farm name and must be shown to the superintendent upon arrival.
- Any animals without registration papers MUST show in the Crossbred.
- Descriptions:
 - Yearling Ram or Ewe are those born during the previous years lambing season.
 - Ram Lamb or Ewe Lamb are those born during the current years lambing season.
- Breeding stock animals can be housed at the fairgrounds for the entire week.

Division –

Southdown

All other recognized wool breeds

Commercial (Cross Bred)

These are the classes for each of the above divisions

060) Yearling Ram

061) Ram Lamb

062) Yearling Ewe

063) Ewe Lamb

Sheep Showmanship

064) Senior Sheep Showmanship (15-19)

065) Intermediate Sheep Showmanship (12-14)

066) Junior Sheep Showmanship (8-11)

Sheep Skills Test/Lab

067) Senior Sheep Skills Test/Lab (15-19)

068) Intermediate Sheep Skills Test/Lab (12-14)

069) Junior Sheep Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

Sheep Skillathon

070) Senior Sheep Skillathon (15-19)

071) Intermediate Sheep Skillathon (12-14)

072) Junior Sheep Skillathon (8-11)

Sheep Record Books

073) Senior Sheep Record Book (ages 15-19)

074) Intermediate Sheep Record Book (ages 12-14)

075) Junior Sheep Record Book (ages 8-11)

SWINE

Superintendents: Jared & Shanna Smith

- All market hogs must be tagged with a USDA 840 ear tag and GCFFY ear tag provided by the fair, photographed and registered through gcffy.fairentry.com by May 15. (Please see the GCFFY website for further information.)
- There are no swine breeding classes.
- The minimum weight for market swine is 220 lbs. The maximum weight is 320 lbs. If the animal is above 320 lbs. it will be sold to the buyer at 320 lbs. If the animal is below 220 lbs. it will be sent home.
- Classes are decided by weight of animal at time of weigh-in.
- All waterers must be secured in pens.
- All hogs must have a minimum hair length of 1/2 inch.

Market Swine

112) Market Swine

Swine Showmanship

113) Senior Swine Showmanship (15-19)

114) Intermediate Swine Showmanship (12-14)

115) Junior Swine Showmanship (8-11)

Swine Skills

116) Senior Swine Skills Test/Lab (15-19)

117) Intermediate Swine Skills Test/Lab (12-14)

118) Junior Swine Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

Swine Skillathon

119) Senior Swine Skillathon (15-19)

120) Intermediate Swine Skillathon (12-14)

121) Junior Swine Skillathon (8-11)

Swine Record Books

122) Senior Swine Record Book (15-19)

123) Intermediate Swine Record Book (12-14)

124) Junior Swine Record Book (8-11)

HORSES

Superintendent: Becky Hirschman

- All exhibitors must have their horse registered with gcffy.fairentry.com by May 15.
- Proof of current negative Coggins will be required with the class registration by **May 15. All classes must be registered on gcffy.fairentry.com by May 15.**
- Horses arrive at the fair between 6:00 p.m. on Saturday until noon on Sunday.
- Exhibitors will be given their back numbers when the mandatory record books, all information including current

year Coggins, and fees are turned in. Make sure you have the correct record book, these change yearly.

- All classes will be judged according to the Michigan 4-H Horse & Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations 2022 revision.
- One rider per horse, (see PeeWee below)
- Youth registered in the horse program, parents, and leaders are the only ones that may ride horses at the fair.
- Proper show attire is required as outlined in 4-H Horse & Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations.
- English riders and Gymkhana riders must wear SEI approved safety helmets.
- Helmets are mandatory during practice at the fair.
- There will be no discrimination against protective headgear, even if the style does not match the style of riding.
- A well fitted helmet should stay on the rider's head when the rider bends over at the waist and shakes his or her head from side to side.
- Stallions cannot be shown.
- Unruly horses and/or exhibitors will be excused from showing and will forfeit any points and prizes.
- Additional barn and arena etiquette rules will be posted during the week of the fair.
- High Point and Reserve high point awards will be given in each age group in Pleasure, Gymkhana and Beginner.
- Classes that do not contribute to high point are costume and freestyle reining. Exhibitors may take 10 other classes for highpoint consideration. **Gymkhana exhibitors may compete in Gymkhana or pleasure showmanship; they will be able to compete in the other 10 gymkhana classes for highpoint.**

Beginner Rules:

- A beginner rider is a youth (8-19) who has had limited experience showing a horse and is not ready to show (lope/canter) in regular classes.
- Beginner classes are walk/trot.
- Only points accumulated in beginner classes will count for beginner highpoint.
- A beginner rider can only ride in beginner classes.
- A beginner rider will not ride in championship classes.
- If you are unsure of your skill level consult with your leader.
- Exhibitors may be beginners for not more than 2 years.
- Once you have ridden in regular classes, you may not go back to beginner classes.

PeeWee Rules:

- Only 6-8 year olds may show in PeeWee classes.
- A PeeWee horse participant may participate in 4 classes and the costume class.
- PeeWees may have a second handler or be on a lead line and must wear a SEI approved safety helmet.
- PeeWees may use another exhibitor's horse
- Eight year olds may show as a PeeWee, beginner, or in regular age classes. Exhibitors may only show in 1

category i.e. if you choose to show as PeeWee must show all classes as a PeeWee.

Horse Record Books

- Record books for horses are mandatory and must be submitted to the species superintendent at horse check-in in order to be judged. Make sure you have the current year record book, these change yearly.

082) Horse Records Senior Division (ages 15-19)

083) Horse Records Int. Division (ages 12-14)

084) Horse Records Junior Division (ages 8-11)

Horse Skills Test/Lab

079) Senior Horse Skills Test/Lab 15-19

080) Intermediate Horse Skills Test/Lab 12-14

081) Junior Horse Skills Test/Lab 8-11

Horse Skillathon

Contestants will earn points in four areas:

- Skills test/lab
- Showmanship class placing
- Record books and record keeping
- Prizes will be awarded for each part of the skillathon and to the top two in Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Divisions.

085) Senior Skillathon (ages 15-19)

086) Intermediate Skillathon (ages 12-14)

087) Junior Skillathon (ages 8-11)

Classes are listed below and will be split into age groups once we know how many exhibitors will be in each class.

HORSE CLASSES

001: Barrel Bending

004: Keyhole

007: Pole Bending

010: Beginner Pole Bending (8-19)

011: PeeWee Pole Bending

012: Speed & Action

015: Beginner Speed & Action (8-19)

016: PeeWee Speed & Action

017: Indiana Flag

020: Beginner Indiana Flag (8-19)

021: PeeWee Indiana Flag

022: Cloverleaf

025: Beginner Cloverleaf (8-19)

026: PeeWee Cloverleaf

027: Down & Back Flag

030: Down & Back

033: Beginner Down & Back (8-19)

034: PeeWee Down & Back

035: Sr. Horse Showmanship (15-19)

036: Int. Horse Showmanship (12-14)

037: Jr. Horse Showmanship (8-11)
 038: Sr. Gymkhana Showmanship (15-19)
 039: Int. Gymkhana Showmanship (12-14)
 040: Jr. Gymkhana Showmanship (8-11)
 041: Beginner Showmanship (8-19)
 042: Peewee Showmanship
 043: English Pleasure
 044: Beginner English Pleasure
 046: English Equitation
 048: Beginner English Equitation
 049: Western Pleasure
 052: Beginner Western Pleasure (8-19)
 053: Peewee E or W Pleasure
 054: Peewee Equitation or Horsemanship
 055: Gymkhana Horsemanship
 058: Western Horsemanship
 061: Beginner Western Horsemanship (8-19)
 062: Gymkhana Bareback Horsemanship (8-19)
 063: Pleasure Bareback Horsemanship (8-19)
 064: English or Western Riding Pattern 1
 066: Reining Pattern 2
 068: English Dressage Trng Level Test 1 (8-19)
 069: English Dressage Trng Level Test 3 (8-19)
 070: W. Dressage Basic Level Test 1 (8-19)
 071: W. Dressage Basic Level Test 3 (8-19)
 072: Beginner W Dressage Intro. Test 1 (8-19)
 073: Trail
 075: Beginner Trail (8-19)
 076: Peewee Trail
 077: Costume Class
 078: Freestyle Reining

COMPANION ANIMALS -- DOGS

Superintendent: Martha Stellow

Assistant Superintendents: Linda Morrow

- Exhibitors participating at the GCFFY Dog Show must be currently enrolled in 4-H and enroll in Wags and Wiggles 4-H Club as primary or secondary club.
- Dog project is subject to general small animal rules and as such dogs must be owned or in possession of the exhibitor by June 15.
- Exhibitors participating must be entered in the Fair Entry System and copies of inoculations certificates must be uploaded and current/to-date.
- Dogs must be 1 year old or older to participate in the GCFFY Dog Show.
- An exhibitor is allowed to show two dogs in all classes except for Showmanship and must declare which dog is the "primary" dog the day of the show during registration.

- Exhibitors must maintain complete control of their dog at all times and any excessive aggression will be subject for dismissal. Any dog showing signs of aggression or nervousness may be asked to wear a muzzle or to leave. If a dog is required to wear a muzzle, please note that the muzzle is not optional. Removal of the muzzle may only be done with the permission of the Superintendent or Assistance Superintendent. If a dog is asked to leave due to aggression, this decision will be final. In the case of aggression toward a fellow 4-H Member or another dog, the participant will be asked to forfeit all ribbons and placing and the dog will not be allowed to return to the 4-H Dog Program. In both instances, the decision is up to the discretion of the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent. Signs of aggression and nervousness are explained as, but not limited to: growling; biting; lunging; panting; lip licking; hard stare; extreme resistance.
- Participant's dogs may only be handled by the participant, by exhibitor's guardians/parents or an eligible 4-H Leader or adult volunteer.
- No dog shall be tethered during the 4-H Dog Show. If participant cannot hold the dog, a crate must be provided.
- No loose dogs or off leash exercises, unless the student is under the direct supervision of an eligible 4-H Leader. Any dog that cannot be controlled by the handler will not be allowed to participate.
- Superintendent reserves the right to combine any class with less than three exhibitors.
- All dogs must be registered one-half hour before dog show/program is scheduled.
- Appropriate leads and collars must be used in the show ring. This means a buckle collar with no tags for the obstacle course and a buckle or choke collar and six foot leash for obedience. A show lead is recommended for showmanship.
- Appearance of the Handler: The handler should appear neat and well groomed. The entire picture of the dog and handler should be one of symmetry and be appealing to the judge. Girls must wear dresses or skirts of knee length or longer; or dress pants. Tops must maintain an appropriate neckline and not show any skin at the lower edge. Boys must wear dress pants or slacks, and dress shirts. Jacket and tie are optional. Recommended shoes include tennis shoes or soft-soled shoes. Clothing color should complement the dog but not necessarily match the dog. Blue jeans are not considered appropriate attire for any handler. Handlers must not wear high heels, sandals, or other unsafe footwear. Inappropriate attire includes: hat, gloves, and clothing with commercial advertising, or jewelry that might disturb other competitors or dogs. Sunglasses, indoors or outdoors, are not considered appropriate. Clothing should not distract, limit, or hinder the judge's view of the team. Handlers are to use good judgment concerning any makeup or accessories and in styling hair away from their face.
- Dogs in season may be shown. They will be judged last in a designated area and must be kept away from the judging area at all times or they will be disqualified. The dogs should be given a bath before going to the fairgrounds and while on the fairgrounds they should wear female dog garment.

- Dogs should be brought to the fair only on the day of judging/dog show and for Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes.
- The dog show will be held in the Covered Arena.

Dog Showmanship

- **This class is MANDATORY; all exhibitors must participate in showmanship.**
- Dog showmanship promotes advancement of skills by having the trophy winners participate in a championship class.
- Winner of each showmanship class may compete in Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes. They must commit/sign-up at the completion of their dog showmanship or at this time they may waive their right to show in sweepstakes and the second place exhibitor will then be eligible to show.

383) Senior Dog Showmanship (15-19)

384) Intermediate Dog Showmanship (12-14)

385) Junior Dog Showmanship (8-11)

Dog Obedience

386) Senior Dog Obedience (15-19)

387) Intermediate Dog Obedience (12-14)

388) Junior Dog Obedience (8-11)

Obstacle Course/Agility

389) Senior Obstacle Course (15-19)

390) Intermediate Obstacle Course (12-14)

391) Junior Obstacle Course (8-11)

Rally

392) Senior Rally (15-19)

393) Intermediate Rally (12-14)

394) Junior Rally (8-11)

Dog Record Books

- Record books for dogs must be submitted to the superintendent at check-in to be judged.
- Record books are not required, but are encouraged.
- Dog project member record books can be found on the GCFFY website. This form can be used by itself or as a guideline for information to be included in your record book style of your choosing. Be creative.

395) Senior Dog Record Book (15-19)

396) Intermediate Dog Record Book (12-14)

397) Junior Dog Record Book (8-11)

Dog Skills Test/Lab

- **Dog Skills Test/Lab** will test exhibitor's knowledge of dogs in the following categories: breed identification/group, anatomy, feeding, breeding, raising dogs, and general knowledge.
- Trophy will be presented in each age group.

398) Senior Dog Skills Test/Lab (15-19)

399) Intermediate Dog Skills Test/Lab (12-14)

400) Junior Dog Record Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

Skillathon

- Exhibitors will earn points in the following areas: Dog Skills/Test Lab; Dog Record Book and Dog Showmanship to determine winners in each class.
- Prizes will be awarded to the top two in Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Divisions.

401) Senior Dog Skillathon (ages 15-19)

402) Intermediate Dog Skillathon (ages 12-14)

403) Junior Dog Skillathon (ages 8-11)

Dog High Point

- There will be a Senior High Point; Intermediate High Point and Junior High Point awarded for the exhibitor with the highest accumulated points from all dog classes.

404) Senior Dog High Point (ages 15-19)

405) Intermediate Dog High Point (ages 12-14)

406) Junior Dog High Point (ages 8-11)

COMPANION ANIMAL -- CATS

Superintendent: Olivia Waldron

- Cat project members or family members must be the owner or have possession of the cat/kitten by June 15.
- Rabies & PCT-R or PVR-CT inoculations are required for all cats shown at the fair. A COPY MUST be submitted to the superintendent at check-in.
- Exhibitor's cat may be purchased, household pet, or kitten at least three months old.
- The exhibitor should train, feed and care for his/her own cat or the family cat.
- Female cats in heat or obviously pregnant or cats with a litter are NOT to be exhibited.
- Mixed breeds and purebred cats will be shown together.
- Exhibitors must provide at least one photo (5x7 or larger) of the exhibitor with their cat to be displayed in the Small Animal Barn during fair.
- Cats are to be brought to the fair in a carrier suitable for the size of the cat on the day of judging. Cats are to be exhibited and taken home the same day.
- Animals must be able to be handled by the exhibitor and on a leash.
- All cats must have their nails clipped (a safety factor for the exhibitor and judge).
- A cat will be marked down if any of the following are found by the judge: knots in the hair; ear mites, fleas or lice; or unhealthy or unthrifty general appearance
- Decision of the judge is final. Any complaints, improvements or suggestions are to be in writing and presented to the Fair Board.

Judging will include:

- General appearance and condition
- Temperament and proper handling
- Hair coat
- Body structure

- Paws
- Nails

Age classifications:

- Kitten (born between 11/15 of last year to 4/15 of current year)
- Adult (born before 11/15 of last year)

Cat

408) Adult Cat

409) Kitten

Showmanship

410) Senior Cat Showmanship (15-19)

411) Intermediate Cat Showmanship (12-14)

412) Junior Cat Showmanship (8-11)

Cat Record Book

- Record books must be submitted to the superintendent by time listed in fair schedule.
- Record books are not required, however, they are encouraged
- Guidelines for the record book are available online at www.gcffy.org.

413) Cat Record Book

GOATS

Superintendent: Greg Wolfe

- Exhibitors may show up to 5 goats, with a maximum of 1 goat in the market class.
- All goats must be identified with a USDA/MDARD-approved ear tag, micro-chip or legible ear tattoos. If micro-chipped exhibitor must provide electronic reader.
- Animals showing signs of illness, abscesses, injury or infestation will not be allowed.
- Goats must have been treated for lice and fleas prior to the fair.
- Goats must be inspected by the superintendent or other fair official before being penned.
- All goats shown must be owned by the exhibitor or be shown under the farm name of the exhibitor's family.
- Each purebred goat shown in a breed class must be registered with a recognized registry and have pedigree or registration papers available at check-in. ID information on the pedigree must match the official identification of the goat.
- Goats may be shown with or without horns. Goats which have been dehorned must be completely healed. Small scurs are allowed, but discouraged.
- Hooves must be trimmed and body clipping must be done before the fair. No clipping or trimming is allowed at the fair, other than touch-ups.
- All milking goats will be milked before 9 a.m. the day of the show in the presence of the superintendent or a barn supervisor.
- Showmanship dress regulations are listed under General Small Animal Rules.

- PeeWees may keep a goat at the fair only if a pen is available. The goat may also be brought in for showmanship, then taken back home.
- Only bucks still nursing can stay at the fair. All other bucks will only be allowed at the fair during the goat show.

DIVISIONS

Alpine

Toggenburgs

Saanen

Lamanchas

Nubian

Oberhasli

Nigerian Dwarf

Grade of Mixed Breeds

076) Junior Doe Kid - Born after April 1- current yr.

077) Senior Doe Kid - Born between January 1 & March 31 of current year

078) Dry Yearling Doe - Born between January 1 & December 31 of last year

079) Junior Milker - fresh, 2 years and under

080) Senior Milker - fresh, 3 years and older

081) Dry doe - not fresh, 2 year and older

082) Best Udder (no premium)

083) Dam & Daughter (no premium)

084) Junior Buck Kid - born after April 1 - current yr.

085) Senior Buck Kid - born between January 1 & March 31 of current year

086) Yearling Buck - born between January 1 & December 31 of last year.

087) Family Group - dam with two or more offspring of either sex born after January 1 of current year

DIVISIONS

Pygmy

Boer

Kiko

Mixed breed meat goat

Angora

088) Junior Doe Kid - born after April 1, current yr.

089) Senior Doe Kid - born between January 1 and March 31 of current year

090) Yearling Doe - born between January 1 and December 31 of last year

091) Adult Doe - 2 years and older

092) Junior Buck Kid - born after April 1, current yr.

093) Senior Buck Kid - born between January 1 and March 31 of current year

094) Yearling Buck - born between January 1 and December 31 of last year.

095) Family Group - Dam with two or more offspring of either sex born after January 1 of current year

Market Goats

- Market goats may only be wethers or does. No bucks will be allowed to exhibit as market goats.
- All market goats must be identified with a GCFFY Ear Tag from the fair office and registered with pictures on gcffy.fairentry.com by May 15.

- Market goats must still have their milk (baby) teeth at time of show.
- Market goats consist of purebred or percentage meat breed goats, dairy cross goats, or dairy breed goats.
- If a doe is shown in Market class, it cannot also be shown in a breed class.
- Market goats must weigh a minimum of 35 lbs. to sell.
- All market goats must sell. See Small Animal Sales Rules near the front of this book.

096) Market Goat

Gratiot County Goat Futurity

- Open to all goats born on the farm of the exhibitor or purchased from a breeder whose farm is in Gratiot County. Goats will show in a separate class in addition to their respective weight class.
- Placing in this class does not affect the sale order.
- Award for class winner.

097) Market Goat Futurity

Non Market Wethers

- Any breed animal is eligible.

098) Pet Wether (Does are put into the breed class)

099) Working Wether or Doe

Showmanship

- Goat showmanship is required of all goat exhibitors.
- If the exhibitor shows both market goat and breeding stock, the market goat must be shown in showmanship.
- Showmanship classes will be divided by market animal showmanship and breeding goat showmanship as determined by the superintendent.
- Showmanship classes may be divided into chronological classes by age at the discretion of the superintendent
- No studded collars or choke chains may be used.
- Goats will be shown at a walk.
- Dress of exhibitors will be as printed under General Small Animal Rules

100) Senior Goat Showmanship (15-19)

101) Intermediate Goat Showmanship (12-14)

102) Junior Goat Showmanship (8-11)

Goat Skills

- Goat **Skills Test/Lab** will test exhibitor's knowledge of goats. Categories will include breed identification, anatomy, feeding, breeding, raising goats, and general knowledge.
- Trophy presented to winner of each age group.

103) Senior Goat Skills Test/Lab (15-19)

104) Intermediate Goat Skills Test/Lab (12-14)

105) Junior Goat Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

- **Skillathon** will total the scores from Skills Test, Skills Lab, Project Record Books and Showmanship to determine winners in each class.
- Prizes will be awarded to the top two in Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Divisions.

106) Senior Goat Skillathon (15-19)

107) Intermediate Goat Skillathon (12-14)

108) Junior Goat Skillathon (8-11)

Goat Herdsman

Herdsmanship exhibits will be judged on:

- Appearance of stall and exhibit animals
- Appearance of the exhibitor during the fair
- Conduct and attitude of the exhibitor
- Willingness to help or assist others.

All exhibitors will be automatically entered. An award will be given to the most deserving exhibitor at the awards program on Saturday of the fair.

Goat Record Books

- Record books must be submitted to the species superintendent at weigh in or you will be asked to load your animal back in your trailer and take it home.
- Project record books are mandatory for market exhibitors and encouraged for others.
- Goat record books are found at www.gcffy.org.

109) Senior Goat Record Book (15-19)

110) Intermediate Goat Record Book (12-14)

111) Junior Goat Record Book (8-11)

RABBITS & CAVIES

Superintendents: Jennifer Richardson & Allison Clark

- General Small Animal Rules apply to all exhibits and exhibitors showing rabbits and cavies.
- All rabbits and cavies must be checked in before being caged. Cages will be assigned by the superintendents.
- All rabbits exhibited **must** have a legible ear tattoo for identification. Ear tags are suggested for cavies.
- Each exhibitor is limited to a total of 5 rabbit entries and 5 cavy entries with no more than **EIGHT** total entries in this Department. A meat pen of three rabbits **or single** counts as one entry.
- All breed and mixed-breed rabbits entered must be at least 12 weeks old.
- Cavies must be at least 12 weeks old and 12 oz. to show.
- Classes will be judged according to the latest edition of the American Rabbit Breeders' Association Standard of Perfection. The decision of the judge will be final.
- Rabbit and cavy food, shavings **and/or any other supplies** may be stored beneath the cages in a neat manner, or brought in daily by exhibitor.

4 Class Rabbit Breeds

Angora (English, French, Satin)

Dutch

Havana

Himalayan

Netherland Dwarf

Holland Lop

Jersey Wooly

Lionhead

Mini Lop

Mini Rex

Mini Lop

Polish

Any other 4 Class Breed (pedigreed)

349) Sr. Buck (over 6 mos. of age)

- 350) Sr. Doe (over 6 mos. of age)
 351) Jr. Buck (3-6 mos. of age)
 352) Jr. Doe (3-6 mos. of age)

6 Class Rabbit Breeds

Californian
 English Lop
 French Lop
 Flemish Giant
 New Zealand

Any other 6 Class Breed (pedigreed)

- 353) Senior Buck (over 8 mos. of age)
 354) Senior Doe (over 8 mos. of age)
 355) Intermediate Buck (6-8 mos. of age)
 356) Intermediate Doe (6-8 mos. of age)
 357) Junior Buck (3-6 mos. of age)
 358) Junior Doe (3-6 mos. of age)

Mixed Breed (Grade) Rabbits.

- 359) Grade Sr. Buck (over 6 mos. of age)
 360) Grade Sr. Doe (over 6 mos. of age)
 361) Grade Jr. Buck (3-6 mos. of age)
 362) Grade Jr. Doe (3-6 mos. of age)

Any rabbit that does not fit into one of the above classes or those without a pedigree are mixed breed. Superintendent reserves the right to move any animal to an appropriate class. Grade rabbits are not eligible for Best of Breed judging

CAVIES

American
 Abyssinian
 Peruvian
 Silkie
 Teddy

Any other cavy breed

- 363) Senior Boar (over 6 mos. or over 32 oz.)
 364) Senior Sow (over 6 mos. or over 32 oz.)
 365) Intermediate Boar (up to 6 mos. or over 22 oz.)
 366) Intermediate Sow (up to 6 mos. or over 22 oz.)
 367) Junior Boar (up to 4 mos. or up to 22 oz.)
 368) Junior Sow (up to 4 mos. or up to 22 oz.)

Market Rabbit Pens

(Exhibitors must choose the category Market Pen of 3. The Single Fryer Class is a class for Market Pens that do not have three animals that are uniform. Exhibitors MAY NOT just sign up for the Single Fryer Class and must have the Market Pen registered with the Superintendents).

- Market (meat) pens shall consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed, age, and color variety.
- Only one pen of 3 rabbits will be weighed per exhibitor at **12:00 PM on Sunday**. The weight at entry will be used as the auction weight.
- A market rabbit must **have a maximum age limit of 10 weeks old by Sunday at weigh in** and weigh no less than 3 ½ lbs. and no more than 5 ½ lbs.

- All market rabbits must be of a recognized meat breed rabbit (ARBA 6-Class breed). **Mixed breeds and 4 Class rabbits will not be allowed as meat pens.** Judge's discretion is final and may result in project not being able to participate in the livestock sale.
- Only one pen of 3 rabbits may be exhibited per exhibitor
- Animals must be owned and registered with the Rabbit Barn Superintendents by July 9, 2022 and must be present at a tattoo clinic for proof of ownership, unless the kits fall under a homegrown category.**
- Homegrown Market Rabbits must have the buck and doe registered with the Rabbit Barn Superintendents by the date specified by the Rabbit Superintendents.
 - Homegrown breeding dates will be listed from the Rabbit Barn Superintendents.
 - Homegrown kindle dates should be around listed from the Rabbit Barn Superintendents.
 - Pictures of the kits in the nest box and the buck and doe will need to be emailed to the Rabbit Barn Superintendents within one day of kindling.
- Two of the three** market rabbits will be sent to be processed after the show and before the sale during fair week. Exhibitors will be required to care for the 3rd rabbit that will remain at the fair for the week. Exhibitor may take the 3rd animal home at the end of the week for future breeding projects or donate the rabbit to the fair. Exhibitors will need to supply a carrying cage to send animals to the processor or be present to help clean carriers that have been used by other exhibitors or the Rabbit Barn Superintendents at 6 PM on Wednesday.
- Grand and Reserve will be chosen from the first and second placements of class 369 and 370.
- There will be a special award for the 1st and 2nd place Home Grown Class.

369) Market Rabbit Pen of three – Purchased (between 3.5 – 5.5 lbs each)

370) Market Rabbit Pen of Three - Home Grown (Between 3 ½ - 5 ½ lbs each)

Single Fryer

Market Rabbit Single Fryer

- Market (meat) single fryers shall consist of one rabbit.
- Only one market single fryer will be weighed per exhibitor at weigh-in. The weight at entry will be used as the auction weight.
- A market rabbit must have a maximum age limit of 10 weeks old at weigh-in of the current year and weigh no less than 3 ½ lbs. and no more than 5 ½ lbs.
- All market single fryer rabbits must be of a recognized meat breed rabbit (ARBA 6-Class breed). Mixed breeds and 4 Class rabbits will not be allowed as meat pens. Judge's discretion is final and may result in project not being able to participate in the livestock sale.
- Only one single fryer rabbit may be exhibited per exhibitor.
- Animals must be owned and registered with the Rabbit Barn Superintendents by July 9, 2022 and must be

present at a tattoo clinic for proof of ownership, unless the kits fall under a homegrown category.

- Homegrown Single Fryer must have the buck and doe registered with the Rabbit Barn Superintendents by April 22, 2022.
 - Homegrown breeding dates will be April 29, 2022
 - Homegrown kindle dates should be around May 30, 2022
 - Pictures of the kits in the next box and the buck and doe will need to be emailed to the Rabbit Barn Superintendents within one day of kindling.
- Single fryers may come from market pens that have rabbits that are not uniform and have been registered for the market project.
- Single Fryer market rabbits will NOT be sent to be processed after the show and before the sale during fair week. Exhibitors are required to care for the animal for the week of fair and will follow the livestock guidelines for care. This animal is a live animal to be purchased by the buyer and will not be returned to the exhibitor.
- Grand and Reserve will be chosen from the first and second placements of class 371 and 372.
- There will be a special award for the 1st and 2nd place Home Grown Meat Pen Class.

371) Market Rabbit Single Fryer Purchased

(between 3 ½ -5 ½ lbs. each)

372) Market Rabbit Single Fryer Homegrown

(between 3 ½ - 5 ½ lbs each)

Rabbit/Cavy Showmanship

- Exhibitors must show with their own rabbit/cavy or one raised on the same property.
- The same rabbit/cavy may not be shown by more than one exhibitor (not including PeeWees).
- Overall Rabbit and Overall Cavy Showman will be invited to compete at the State Level for Overall Rabbit and Overall Cavy Showman.

373) Senior Rabbit Showmanship (15-19)

374) Int. Rabbit Showmanship (12-14)

375) Junior Rabbit Showmanship (8-11)

376) Cavy Showmanship (all ages)

PeeWee Rabbit/Cavy Showmanship – See PeeWee Section

Rabbit/Cavy Skills

- The **Skills Test/Lab** will test exhibitor's knowledge of rabbits & cavies. Categories will include breed identification, anatomy, feeding, breeding, and raising rabbits & cavies, and general knowledge.
- Trophy will be presented to each winner.

377) Senior Rabbit/Cavy Skills Test/Lab (15-19)

378) Int. Rabbit/Cavy Skills Test/Lab (12-14)

379) Jr. Rabbit/Cavy Record Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

- **Skillathon** totals the scores from Project Record Books, Skills Test, Lab Test and Showmanship to determine winners in each class.

- Prizes will be awarded to the top two in Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Divisions.

380) Sr. Rabbit/Cavy Skillathon (15-19)

381) Int. Rabbit/Cavy Skillathon (12-14)

382) Jr. Rabbit/Cavy Skillathon (8-11)

Rabbit/Cavy Record Books

383) Sr. Rabbit Record Book (15-19)

384) Int. Rabbit Record Book (12-14)

385) Jr. Rabbit Record Book (8-11)

386) Market Rabbit Record Book (8-19)

387) Cavy Record Book (8-19)

POULTRY

Superintendent: Clay Mills

- Exhibitors may enter up to 10 exhibits, with no more than 2 entries in any class, including market classes. If two market entries are exhibited in the same class, the exhibitor must choose only one to sell.
- **All poultry exhibitors must participate in showmanship.**
- All birds exhibited (except for market project birds) must be three months of age or older.
- Dishes for food & water are provided by the fair. Carriers, personal dishes, and cages owned by exhibitors may not be used or stored in the barn.
- Any bird showing signs of disease or infestation may not be exhibited. A bird that becomes ill or injured while at the fair will be sent home.
- All poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves must have had a negative salmonella -pullorum-Typhoid test prior to entry at the fair and must have been kept isolated from other poultry since the test was done in order to be entered at the fair. Superintendents reserve the right to retest any bird entered, and any bird having a positive test must be removed immediately.
- Exhibitors may choose a bird from any of their entries for showmanship. Proper showmanship attire is discussed under Small Animal Rules.
- No vaccinated birds will be allowed to exhibit, other than those vaccinated for Marek's disease at a hatchery.
- Definitions:
 - A cock is a male bird over one year of age
 - A cockerel is a male bird under one year of age
 - A hen is a female bird over one year of age
 - A pullet is a female bird under one year of age
 - "Young" in ducks, geese, turkeys, and wild fowl is defined as a bird under one year of age

Market Poultry

- An exhibitor may choose their two small animal sale entries from the poultry department. Exhibitors may not sell two market projects from one class.
- Market or meat pen birds will be weighed at time of check-in. Birds must be clean and dry to be weighed.
- Market birds will be sent to be processed after the show and before the sale during fair week. One market chicken or duck from the pen will remain at the fair and will become property of the fair at the end of the week. Market turkeys

and geese will be sent entirely to the processor and those exhibitors MUST put a display in their cage after they are sent to be processed.

125) Egg pullets (3 birds, born in current year). All three pullets must be of the same breed or crossbreed. Breeds may include egg breeds or dual-purpose breeds such as Rhode Island Reds, Leghorns, Isa Browns, etc.

126) Market Chickens (3 birds of any sex from a recognized meat breed. Each bird must weigh a minimum of 5 lbs.)

127) Market Ducks (3 ducks, any sex) Minimum weight is 5 lbs. per bird.

128) Market Goose (1 bird, any sex) Hatched during the current year, minimum weight 15 lbs.

129) Market Turkey (1 per class) born in current year, either sex, weighing 20 lbs. minimum.

DUCKS

Bantam

130) Old Drake 131) Old Duck
132) Young Drake 133) Young Duck

Large Breed

134) Drake 135) Duck
136) Young Drake 137) Young Duck

GEESE

Any Breed

138) Old Gander 139) Old Goose
140) Young Gander 141) Young Goose

TURKEY – not market; these birds will not be sold in the auction.

Any Variety

142) Old Tom 143) Old Hen
144) Young Tom 145) Young Hen

LARGE CHICKEN

American Breeds

146) Cock 147) Hen
148) Cockerel 149) Pullet

Asiatic Breeds

150) Cock 151) Hen
152) Cockerel 153) Pullet

English Breeds

154) Cock 155) Hen
156) Cockerel 157) Pullet

Continental Breeds

158) Cock 159) Hen
160) Cockerel 161) Pullet

Mediterranean Breeds

162) Cock 163) Hen
164) Cockerel 165) Pullet

Other Standard Breed

170) Cock 171) Hen
172) Cockerel 173) Pullet

BANTAMS

Single Comb Clean Legged Breeds

174) Cock 175) Hen

176) Cockerel 177) Pullet

Rose Comb Clean Legged Breeds

178) Cock 179) Hen
180) Cockerel 181) Pullet

Feather Legged Breeds

182) Cock 183) Hen
184) Cockerel 185) Pullet

Any Other Comb, Clean Legged Breeds

186) Cock 187) Hen
188) Cockerel 189) Pullet

Old English Game

190) Cock 191) Hen
192) Cockerel 193) Pullet

Modern Game

190) Cock 191) Hen
192) Cockerel 193) Pullet

Laying Hen Classes

194) Large Fowl Hen
195) Large Fowl Pullet
196) Small Fowl Hen
197) Small Fowl Pullet

Domesticated Wild Fowl

Pheasant

198) Cock 199) Hen 200) Young Bird

Quail

201) Cock 202) Hen 203) Young Bird

Guinea

204) Cock 205) Hen 206) Young Bird

Pigeon

207) Cock 208) Hen 209) Young Bird

Dove

210) Cock 211) Hen 212) Young Bird

EGGS

- Exhibitors are limited to two entries.
- Each entry consists of one dozen clean eggs, as uniform in size and tint as possible.
- Exhibitors of Grand Champion eggs are eligible to sell in the Small Animal sale but must be one of exhibitor's two small animal market projects. Sold eggs must be a fresh dozen of eggs and sold with a token gift of at least a \$25 value.

214) White eggs

215) Brown eggs

216) Colored eggs

217) Miscellaneous eggs (duck, geese, quail, etc)

Showmanship

- *All poultry exhibitors must participate in showmanship.*
- Proper showmanship attire is listed under Small Animal Rules.

217) Senior Poultry Showmanship (15-19)

218) Intermediate Poultry Showmanship (12-14)

219) Junior Poultry Showmanship (8-11)

PeeWee Poultry Showmanship – See PeeWee Section

POULTRY SKILLS



- The **Skills Test/Lab** contest will test exhibitors' knowledge of chickens, waterfowl, & turkey. Categories will include breed identification, anatomy, feeding, breeding, raising poultry, and general knowledge.

220) Senior Poultry Skills Test/Lab (15-19)

221) Intermediate Poultry Skills Test/Lab (12-14)

222) Junior Poultry Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

POULTRY SKILLATHON

- The **Skillathon** combines the total points for the skills test, lab test, record book and showmanship.

223) Senior Poultry Skillathon (15-19)

224) Intermediate Poultry Skillathon (12-14)

225) Junior Poultry Skillathon (8-11)

POULTRY RECORD BOOKS

- **Record book or YQCA**

226) Senior Poultry Record Book (15-19)

227) Int. Poultry Record Book (12-14)

228) Junior Poultry Record Book (8-11)

GENERAL STILL EXHIBIT RULES

Chairperson: Kristin Davenport

- All still exhibits must be registered through gffy.fairentry.com by July 1
- Exhibitors are **limited to 10 projects per still exhibit department** unless otherwise stated in the department rules.
- Entry tags will be available at the first clean up night before fair. All Exhibits must have a fully completed entry tag attached.
- All exhibitors must speak in person with a judge during the scheduled judging time at the Covered Arena.
- Exhibits may be made at home, at school, during a club meeting, etc.
- ALL still exhibit entries must be the work of the exhibitor and exhibited only one time, unless otherwise noted in the appropriate department and section rules.
- Exhibitors that have items that are too large to exhibit in the arena must stand in line and then the judge will come out to your project.
- Exhibits must be taken to the appropriate department in the exhibit barns after judging to be displayed for the week of fair. If the project was held back for final judging you must return to the arena between 11:30 -12 to get your project to display it in the correct barn.
- Projects are displayed at the exhibitor's own risk.
- Extra-large or valuable items may be replaced by at least an 8"x10" photograph, exhibit tag and ribbons after judging to be displayed.

STILL EXHIBIT SALE

- An exhibitor may sell **ONE** lot in this sale.
- Exhibitors must register their sale item online with the FairEntry registration for the Still Exhibit Auction. The day of judging you must check in with the clerk to make changes to your sale item or if there are no changes you **MUST** sign the sale list with your approval of the item you will be selling. **Exhibitors who fail to register by the end of Still Exhibit Judging or NOON Saturday will NOT sell in the Still Exhibit Sale.**
- PeeWee's are not eligible to sell.
- All food items sold must be a duplicate of the project the exhibitor had judged. All food items must be whole or at least a full dozen and must have recipe attached. The attached recipe card should be a card (3.5"x5" to 5"x7"). All food items must have been properly stored (kept refrigerated if needed).
- If you are selling a still exhibit you may make a duplicate item to be sold and given to the buyer the night of the sale. If you choose not to make a duplicate item for the sale you will need to tell the superintendent of the department at the time of judging that you will be removing the item for the sale. The buyer will not be given the item after the sale (unless you made a duplicate item). A form will be provided at auction registration for youth to deliver to the buyer outlining how project will be delivered by the exhibitor after sale. The still exhibit item must be returned to the exhibit building and remain at the fair. It is your responsibility to pick up the item

when exhibits are released and take the item to the buyer.

Exhibitors who do not deliver sold projects forfeit their sale proceeds.

- The exhibitor must be present to sell their project.
- A 5% commission will be deducted from all sale lots by the GCFY.
- The sale lots are assigned alphabetically with odd years starting with "A" and even years starting with "Z" and going in reverse.

NEEDLEWORK

Superintendent: Nancy Rogers

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Bring garments on wire coat hangers

Sewn Clothing

Examples of sewn clothing exhibits can include:

- Apron
- Skirt (cotton blend or synthetic)
- Blouse or skirt
- Shorts or slacks with elastic waist
- Stretch Knits (sweatshirt)
- Slacks (fitted with zipper)
- One piece (cotton/cotton blend) sleeveless dress, jumper
- One piece (cotton/cotton knit or synthetic) dress with sleeve
- Two piece dress
- Two or more pieces (cotton blend/synthetic) jacket, skirt, jumper, shorts, slacks, or jeans
- Two or more pieces (wool/wool-blend) same as above outfits
- Jumpsuits, bib overall
- Pajamas, nightgowns, housecoat, beachwear, leisure wear
- Three or more pieces – jacket with sleeves, slacks, skirt, vest-cotton blend or synthetic
- Same as above only wool/wool blend
- Formal or party wear
- Outerwear, coat or jacket
- Outerwear, coat or jacket (tailored and lined)
- Any other worthy item

Altered Store Bought Clothing

Examples of altered store bought clothing exhibits can include:

- Cut panel shirts
- Tie-dye shirts
- Painted shirts/sweatshirts (must be original design)
- Appliqué shirts or sweatshirts
- Any other creative clothing

Educational Buymanship Displays

- Exhibit purchased outfit with an educational display.
- You must have a notebook and/or a poster related to the project.

Sewn Textiles

Examples of sewn textile exhibits can include:

- Wall Hanging
- Table Runner
- Pillow Case
- Pillow
- Placemat
- Pot Holder

- Curtains
- Holiday Décor
- Any other worthy item
- Pin Cushion
- Bag/Purse

All above divisions will choose one of the age level appropriate classes below.

423) Senior Clothing & Textiles (15-19)

424) Intermediate Clothing & Textiles (12-14)

425) Junior Clothing & Textiles (8-11)

KNITTING & CROCHETING

Knitting and Crocheting

Examples of knitted or crocheted exhibits can include:

- Mittens
- Slippers
- Hat or Cap
- Vest
- Baby Sweater
- Hat, mitten &/or scarf set
- Child's Toy
- Sweater, plain stitch
- Coat
- Dress, one/two piece
- Afghans
- Knitted/Crocheted Ensemble
- Sweater, pat. stitch/one color/two/more colors
- All other worthy projects

426) Senior Knitting & Crocheting (15-19)

427) Intermediate Knitting & Crocheting (12-14)

428) Junior Knitting & Crocheting (8-11)

NEEDLEWORK

Needlework

- All projects must be completed; pillows stuffed, finished and wall hangings ready to be hung.
- All needlework will be judged for beauty, degree of perfection, creativity, amount of work involved and suitability of designated purpose.
- Examples of needlework exhibits can include:
 - Quilt Making - Machine
 - Quilt Making - Hand Quilted
 - Quilt Making - Tied Off
 - Quilt Making - Any other item
 - Quilted Pillow
 - Latch hook or punch hook - kit
 - Latch hook or punch hook - own design
 - Embroidery
 - Crewel - Kit
 - Crewel - own design
 - Needlepoint - kit
 - Needlepoint - own design
 - Counted Cross Stitch
 - Pillow - kit
 - Pillow - own design
 - Candlewick
 - Macrame

- Wall hangings

429) Senior Needlework (15-19)

430) Intermediate Needlework (12-14)

431) Junior Needlework (8-11)

CULINARY ARTS (FOODS)

Superintendent: Brittney Fries 989-928-2093

Assistant Superintendent: Teresa Bushre

Foods and Nutrition

- All exhibits must be accompanied by a letter sized (8.5" x 11") recipe card, which **MUST** include the Exhibitor's name, club, fair class name, name of recipe, ingredients, recipe directions and a picture of the finished project. This will be displayed during fair week instead of the exhibit. A recipe card template is available at www.gcffv.org.
- If selling a food item in the Still Exhibit Auction a normal sized recipe card (3.5"x5" to 5"x7") must accompany the auction item.
- **If a food is being considered for trophy recognition only the recipe card will be held back.**
- An exhibitor may not duplicate an identical recipe from a past year.
- All exhibitors must bring their own food project and talk to the judge.
- After judging, the recipe card and picture will be left on display.
- Judges may (however not required) taste food exhibits. Exhibitor must ensure food is safe to consume.
- No prepackaged/boxed mixes can be used, except for decorated cakes.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER to sign up for the Still Exhibit Auction online with Fair Entry and check-in with clerk during exhibit judging. Check fair schedule for location and time.**
- **EACH FOOD PROJECT MUST HAVE A RECIPE CARD, PICTURE AND EXHIBITOR TAG. THE PROJECT WILL NOT BE JUDGED, IF EVERYTHING ISN'T INCLUDED.**

A full **pie** or tart must be presented. Crust and pie must be made from scratch.

432) Senior Pie (15-19)

433) Intermediate Pie (12-14)

434) Junior Pie (8-11)

A full **cake or three cupcakes** or individual serving size cakes must be presented. This class will judge cakes on the quality of the cake. Cakes to be judged solely on their decorations must be entered in the decorated cake class.

435) Senior Cakes & Cupcakes (15-19)

436) Intermediate Cakes & Cupcakes (12-14)

437) Junior Cakes & Cupcakes (8-11)

These classes includes drop, rolled and bar **cookies**. Bar cookies include brownies. 3 individual serving size cookies must be presented.

438) Senior Cookies (15-19)

439) Intermediate Cookies (12-14)

440) Junior Cookies (8-11)

This includes **all desserts** other than those above including **cheesecakes**. Recipe must include a MINIMUM of five (5) ingredients.

441) Senior Desserts (15–19)

442) Intermediate Desserts (12–14)

443) Junior Desserts (8–11)

This class includes **casseroles, soups, and stews**.

444) Senior Main Dishes & Meats (15–19)

445) Intermediate Main Dishes & Meats (12–14)

446) Junior Main Dishes & Meats (8–11)

447) Quick Breads & Muffins

This class includes biscuits and scones. One quick bread loaf or three muffins or individual servings are to be presented.

448) Yeast Products

This class includes yeast breads, rolls, and other yeast products. One bread loaf or three individual servings must be presented.

449) King Arthur Flour Cupcake Baking Contest

6 standard sized cupcakes shall be presented to the judge. Project must use King Arthur Flour (KAF) and exhibitor **must bring KAF UPC label or remaining bag of flour to judging**. No cake mixes, prepared frostings or prepared fillings may be used. **Duplicate recipe card** (picture not required) **must be given to judge and will become property of GCFFY & KAF**. Recipe card should include specific measurements, pan size, cooking temperature, number of servings and any other pertinent information.

Food Preservation

- Recipe card must accompany canned goods as described in Section A. Attach the recipe or recipes to the jar(s).
- Food Preservation exhibits must be exhibited in three jars of the product. All jars should be the same size in each class.
- Canned goods brought to the fair must be no more than a year old and must be properly labeled with entry tag, canned date and contents.
- Jars are to be no smaller than 8 ounces in size.

450) Senior Food Preservation (15-19)

451) Intermediate Food Preservation (12-14)

452) Junior Food Preservation (8-11)

Decorated Cakes

- Either box or scratch cakes may be used.
- Styrofoam forms may not be used in place of a baked cake.
- Judging will focus on presentation and as such recipe cards will *not* be required for Decorated Cakes.
- A photo and exhibitor tag must accompany the cake at judging, these items will be displayed during the week of the fair.
- Decorated cakes may be sold at the food auction.

453) Apprentice Cake Decorating

1st & 2nd Year Exhibitors

Demonstrate simple decorating techniques; for example drop flowers, string work, writing, stems, and borders

454) Intermediate Cake Decorating

3rd & 4th Year Exhibitors

Demonstrate roses, drop string, reverse shells (allowed in 3rd year, must be shown in 4th year) for baby or bridal shower cakes.

455) Advanced Cake Decorating

5th Year and up Exhibitors

Demonstrate advanced techniques; for example drop strings, advanced flowers with some use of standout flowers, and combinations of techniques from previous years.

Candy (3 pieces of candy)

- Three pieces of candy to be presented. Examples of candy includes chocolates, fudge, molded candy, caramels, and other confections.
- Recipe Card must be provided.

456) Candy

FINE ARTS

Any hanging item must be framed or on a canvas and **READY TO HANG**.

Fine Arts

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| <input type="radio"/> Calligraphy | <input type="radio"/> Pencil |
| <input type="radio"/> Charcoal | <input type="radio"/> Pastels or chalk |
| <input type="radio"/> Acrylic | <input type="radio"/> Oil Painting |
| <input type="radio"/> Water Color | <input type="radio"/> Other Fine Arts |

457) Senior Fine Arts (15-19)

458) Intermediate Fine Arts (12-14)

459) Junior Fine Arts (8-11)

Fair Book Cover Contest

- The drawing must depict some phase of the Gratiot County Fair for Youth or a theme for next year's fair.
- The cover must include "Gratiot County Fair for Youth" and dates of the next years fair.
- The artwork must be in color on an 8 ½ x 11 piece of white paper – cardstock preferred with the 8½ edge on top (portrait style).
- Project will be judged by Fine Arts Judge. All entries will be kept by the superintendent and returned to club displays early in fair week.

460) Fair Book Cover Contest

Barn Quilt

The barn quilt must be painted on a square panel and be ready to be outside.

461) Barn Quilt

FOLK ARTS

CREATIVE CRAFTS & RECYCLED ARTICLES

Creative Crafts

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|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Hats | <input type="radio"/> Tin punch |
| <input type="radio"/> Wreaths (Fabric & Craft Materials ONLY) | |
| <input type="radio"/> Jewelry | |
| <input type="radio"/> Beaded Jewelry | |
| <input type="radio"/> Non reed baskets | <input type="radio"/> Reed basket |
| <input type="radio"/> Any other basket | <input type="radio"/> Stencil |
| <input type="radio"/> Glass etching | <input type="radio"/> Nature Craft |

- Decorated bird houses
- Folk art crafts
- Painted wood/glass/clay exhibits
- Sand or Salt Art
- Soap Making
- Ceramic, Sculpture
- Recycled Crafts
- Any other craft exhibit
- Ornaments
- Potpourri
- Candle Making
- Leather craft
- Rug
- Tie Fleece Blankets

462) Senior Crafts (15-19)

463) Intermediate Crafts (12-14)

464) Junior Crafts (8-11)

SCRAPBOOKING & STAMPING

Superintendent: Sue Beattie

Entire Scrapbook

- A scrapbook consists of photos, memorabilia, and journaling, combined with use of stickers, stamping, die cuts, etc.
- Multi-page scrapbooks must be displayed in a binder with page protectors.

Single Creative Page

- A single creative page would consist of a 12x12, 8 1/2 x 11, or 8x8, with a unique theme to the one page. Must also include pictures.
- Single creative pages must be displayed in a page protector.

Scraping Project

- Scraping projects would consist of exhibits predominantly decorated by scraping techniques. This is NOT a single page and/or book. Examples would be greeting cards, calendars, wall hanging, tags or any other scrapped project.
- Cards should be exhibited in collections of three to five, though they do not have to relate to each other.

Stamping Project

- Stamping projects would consist of exhibits that were predominantly decorated by rubber stamping. Examples would be greeting cards, calendars, tags or any other stamped project.
- Cards should be exhibited in collections of three to five, though they do not have to relate to each other.

The above divisions will choose one of the age appropriate age divisions.

465) Senior Scrapbook/Stamping (15-19)

466) Intermediate Scrapbook/Stamping (12-14)

467) Junior Scrapbook/Stamping (8-11)

ANTIQUES

An antique is defined as an item that is at least 50 years old.

Original Antique

- Item to be in original state.
- Exhibitor must submit a maximum of 500 word paper describing the history, value and purpose of the item.
- An 8x10 colored photo to be attached and will be displayed at the fair. Antique item may or may not be left on display.

Re-conditioned Antique

- Any worthy antique that has been reconditioned, but in the same original purpose. Before and after pictures with a

maximum of 500 word paper describing the history, value and purpose of the item. An 8x10 colored photo to be attached and will be displayed at the fair. Antique item may or may not be left on display.

Re- purposed Antique

- Any worthy antique that has been re-purposed from its original use to a new purpose. Before and after pictures to be attached.

468) Antiques

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Photos may be displayed on poster board, matted, framed, or matted and framed.
- Photos may be in color or black and white.
- Exhibits in Section A and B cannot be digitally altered. Digital enhancements such as cropping, brightening, and contrast are acceptable.
- No captions or journaling on exhibited photographs.

Photo Collection

- Collections of prints must not be smaller than 3"X 3" or not larger than 8"X 10", but may include a variety of sizes.
- Photo collection must consist of four to seven prints in all color or all black and white.
- All photo collections must be in the same category, such as Portrait, Birds, Animals, Fish, Plants, Flowers, Trees, Still Life, Abstracts, Patterns, Landscapes, Miscellaneous.

Individual Enlargement (5"x7" and larger)

Digitally Altered Photographs

- Must include before and after photos.
- Exhibit may be photo corrections where blemishes are removed, or photo modifications such as combining separate photos, adding elements, or other artistic alterations.

469) Senior Photography (15-19)

470) Intermediate Photography (12-14)

471) Junior Photography (8-11)

AGRICULTURE -- CROPS

Superintendent: Karl Merchant

- Seed/Kernel entries are to consist of four quarts of previous year's crop in a gallon glass or plastic jar.
- Plants of soybeans, navy beans, black beans, kidney beans, and cranberry beans should be exhibited as three stalks.
- Plants of corn may be exhibited as:
 - Three stalks of corn with ears and roots attached without soil. Do not remove husks. Must be tied.
 - Ten ears of corn
- Sugar beets should be three uniform beets, cleaned, with leaves and petioles removed (no deer beets).
- Clover should be exhibited as two flakes of a bale of a second or third cutting, previous year's crop.
- Alfalfa should be exhibited as two flakes of second or third cutting bale, previous or current year crop.
- Small grain sheaves must be 2" in diameter.
- Judging is part of Still Exhibit Judging.
- The best overall corn, sugar beets, and soybean crops are eligible to sell in the Large Livestock Sale. Five percent is taken out of sale checks. These exhibitors must have their

photographs taken along with the livestock exhibits to give to the buyer of their exhibit.

- Youth cannot exhibit the same corresponding crop in both Section A and Section B.

Crop Production

- All entries are to be crops raised as a project by the youth of one or more acres. Joint projects, such as a FFA field lab that the youth is actively involved in are also permitted. Youth can have components of the crop production done by others through custom work, but the youth is expected to be actively involved in as much labor and management as possible.
- The evaluation of the exhibits in Crop Production will be based upon the crop sample and the youth's knowledge about the crop production information.

- 472) Corn Plant** **473) Wheat Sheath**
- 474) Bean Plant** **475) Sugar Beet**
- 476) Dried Beans** **477) Dried Corn**
- 478) Any Other Crop Production**

Crop Exploration

This section allows youth to learn about and exhibit field crops that are raised by someone else. In addition to the general department rules listed above the youth are required to prepare a crop sample for exhibit as directed in the class description plus do the following:

- Contact the farmer/producer prior to the date of planting and share your desire to learn about the details involved in producing and marketing the crop and your plans to exhibit it at the fair.
- Be present in the field and view at least one field operation being performed. (Practice Farm Safety Rules if you are near equipment).
- Record and bring to the fair the following information about the crop:
 - Farmer name and field location
 - Soil Type
 - Tillage system
 - Planting date
 - Fertilizer program and soil test information if available
 - Variety
 - Weed Control Strategy
 - Insect Management
 - Disease Management
 - How will (or did) the crop get marketed or used.
 - Describe at least two pieces of equipment needed to produce the crop.
 - What is the projected or estimated cost of production, yield, gross income, and net profit?
 - Discuss why or why not you would like to raise this crop in the future.
- Youth are allowed to exhibit up to two crops from the same producer.
- The evaluation of the exhibits in Section B will be based upon the crop sample, the youth's knowledge about the crop production information, and the quality of the presentation of the crop records. A wide range of ways to present the crop records is allowed. Presentations of records can include but

are not limited to a written report, a notebook, a poster, supporting pictures, or other means to convey the information.

Crop Science

- Collect and mount at least ten weed plants or seeds with proper identification.
- Collect and mount at least ten crop plants or seeds with proper identification.
- Any other crop science demonstration, research experiment, educational display, value added venture, or related project.

479) Crop Project

AGRICULTURE CONTESTS

Crop and Weed Identification Contest

Contest will consist of four categories

- Crop Seeds ○ Crop Plants
- Weed Seeds ○ Weed Plants
- Participants will be asked to correctly identify the common name of ten specimens per category.
- Plant specimens will be either live or mounted.
- During the contest a list of possible choices will be provided for each category. Information is at http://www.gcffy.org/parts/ProjectAreas/crop_id_contest.pdf to prepare participants for the contest.
- Individuals are encouraged to participate.

480) Senior Identification Contest (15-19)

481) Intermediate Identification Contest (12-14)

482) Junior Identification Contest (8-11)

Livestock Judging

Superintendent: Shanna Smith

- This contest is open to any exhibitor who has not had any training experience in judging livestock beyond 4-H or FFA.
- For time and location check fair schedule.
- Top two in age group recognized.

483) Senior Livestock Judging (15-19)

484) Intermediate Livestock Judging (12-14)

485) Junior Livestock Judging (8-11)

TRACTOR OPERATOR CONTEST

Tractor Operator Contest

Superintendent: Karl Merchant

- Competition is open to youth and FFA members from ages 8-19.
- Contestants must use tractors and trailer selected by the committee.
- Judges will determine the maximum safe speed.
- Contestants must operate tractors in a safe manner and at a safe speed at all times.
- Scoring will be done by a "Points Penalty" system. The contestant with the lowest score will be declared the winner.
- Participants should have experience in safe tractor operation.

486) Senior Tractor Operators (15-19)

487) Intermediate Tractor Operators (12-14)

488) Junior Tractor Operators (8-11)

HORTICULTURE

Superintendent: Aileen Waldron

Horticulture

- Exhibitors are to replace wilted, shriveled or moldy exhibits during fair week before 9:00 a.m. each day. Failure to do so means exhibitor loses any ribbons or trophies. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- All vegetables must be exhibited in appropriate containers (see below).
- Each type of vegetable included in the display must be in the correct amount (see 4-H Bulletin 1175, "How to Select Vegetables for Exhibit"). A link to download this is found at gcff.org/
- When selecting vegetables for exhibit, uniform color and stage of maturity should be considered. Vegetables should be clean with no insect damage and be blemish free.

Vegetable Gardening

Vegetables should be displayed in a white cardboard box.

Senior Division (15-19) – exhibit 3 or more types of vegetables.

Intermediate Division (12-14) – exhibit 2 types of vegetables.

Junior Division (8-11) – exhibit 1 type of vegetable.

Vegetable Specimens

This department includes:

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| ○ Cabbage | ○ Cucumbers |
| ○ Eggplants | ○ Lettuce |
| ○ Onions | ○ Peppers |
| ○ Radishes | ○ String beans |
| ○ Summer squash | ○ Sweet corn |
| ○ Any other vegetable specimens | |

Must be displayed on 9" stiff, white paper plate.

Herb Gardening

- Display herbs, either fresh cut tied in 1" diameter bunches in containers of water, or dried tied in 1" diameter bunches on 9" white paper plates, or plants in 4" clay pots with saucer.
- Herbs should not be exhibited in "full bloom".
- Herbs can be either culinary or medicinal.
- 4-H Bulletin 1516, "Guide to Herb Gardening Projects" should be followed when preparing herbs for exhibit. This can be obtained from the MSU Extension Office.
- Exhibitors should identify their exhibit, and use the following guidelines for an herb exhibit:
 - Senior Division (15-19) – exhibit 3 types of herbs.
 - Intermediate Division (12-14) – exhibit 2 types of herbs.
 - Junior Division (8-11) – exhibit 1 type of herb.
 - Herbal Cosmetics – must include complete recipe/material list.
 - Herbal Fragrant Crafts – must include complete directions/materials list.
 - Herbal Culinary Items – must include recipe with complete cooking instructions.

Creative Garden Basket or Display

- Baskets, boxes, wheelbarrows, or any other creative container may be used for display.

- Exhibits will be judged on their creative nature and on the quality of the specimens in the display.

Commercial Garden

- Projects are to be exhibited as if selling at market.
- Specimens should be uniform in size, of the same variety and free of blemishes.
- Marketing plan and project outline are to be entered with each exhibit.
- Commercial vegetable exhibit - Display one variety.
- Commercial herb exhibit - Display six 1" in diameter bunches of one variety in a 10"x6"x4" white cardboard.
- Commercial large fruit exhibit - Display one variety in a 10"x6"x4" white cardboard box.
- Commercial small fruit exhibit - Display three quarts of one variety in clear plastic containers.

Vegetable Specimen Sampler

- Exhibit one specimen from three different vegetable varieties (example – 1 tomato, 1 potato, 1 onion)
- Judging will be based on the quality of each vegetable and the exhibitors knowledge of their project
- Exhibitor MUST ensure that the container for exhibit is sized adequately for the specimens being shown.
- Each specimen must be equally visible in the display.

All above divisions should choose a class in the appropriate age division.

492) Senior Horticulture (15-19)

493) Intermediate Horticulture (12-14)

494) Junior Horticulture (8-11)

Scarecrows

- Scarecrows may be constructed from any type of material; such as wood, metal, plastic, etc. Any type of clothing material may also be used.
- Tabletop scarecrows can be sitting or standing and must stand or sit on its own. All other rules in the scarecrow section apply to tabletop scarecrows.
- Exhibit must be either free standing or sitting.
- Exhibitors may only enter one scarecrow project.
- No live plants or flowers may be used.
- Exhibit pieces must be permanently attached together.
- "Farmer" theme scarecrows must be constructed of 50% straw.
- No Halloween masks are to be used in "Farmer" theme.
- Straw is not necessary in "Creative" theme scarecrows.

495) Scarecrow

The "Great Pumpkin" Contest

- Exhibit is a photograph of a pumpkin of your design. Photograph is to be a 5" x 7" enlargement affixed on a Letter (8.5 x 11) sheet of Cardstock (Cardstock can be white or a color/design).
- Pumpkins photographed may be carved, painted, decoupaged, or dressed. Pumpkin can be a real pumpkin or a craft pumpkin from any local arts & craft store.
- Only appropriate creative ideas will be allowed.

496) Pumpkin Contest

Fruit & Vegetable Art

- Create and exhibit an imaginative display using fruits and vegetables. Example is a snowman made using oranges and black olives.
- Exhibitor to bring fresh project to present to judge. Project to also include an 8x10 framed photograph (free standing frame) of project that is to be left with the judge for display during fair week.
- Project must be free standing and have all parts securely attached together. The finished project must fit on a 12" x 12" base and be displayed in a shallow plastic tray.
- A 3"x5" note card must be included and contain the name of the fruit(s) and vegetable(s) used and at least one cooking preparation for each.
- Only fruits and vegetables may be used.
- Embellishments are not permitted.
- Sculpting is only to be used for minimal accent purposes.
- Projects will be judged on appearance (neatness, adherence to guidelines, freshness of produce), design and creativity (done to scale, uniqueness of creation theme, identifiable theme), note card (accuracy of information, neatness, amount of detail) and exhibitor's overall knowledge of the project.
- **Junior exhibitors** (8-11) must have at least one fruit type and vegetable type. **Intermediate exhibitors** (12-14) must have at least two fruit types and two vegetable types. **Senior exhibitors** (15-19) must have at least three fruit types and three vegetable types.

497) Fruit & Vegetable Art

Table Setting Display

- Exhibitor to bring all materials and present a "card table" size display to the judge. Project to also include an 8x10 framed photograph (free standing frame) of project that is to be left with the judge for display during fair week.
- Exhibitor should plan a coordinated, economical table setting for one person including menu around a selected theme.
- Include table covering and/or placemat, dinnerware, stemware, flatware, centerpiece and menu in the display.
- Standard sized card table (30-36 inches long and 30-36 inches wide) will be provided for use by exhibitor during judging. After judging project may be reassembled in exhibitor's club display area or exhibitor is to provide an 8" x 10" picture of their table to display in their club display.
- The table must be set and decorated by the exhibitor in front of the judge.
- Member may enter only one project in this project area.
- The use of wine or alcoholic beverages in the menu is prohibited.
- Exhibitor should be able to provide an explanation of culture or theme of party.
- Paper items are permissible if consistent with theme and must be safe to eat from.
- No lit candles permitted.
- Menu to be written in the order of service and correlate with theme.

- Menu should be displayed no smaller than 4x6 or larger than 8 1/2x11 on your choice of medium (index card, ceramic tile, chalkboard, etc.), printed or typed by the exhibitor.
- Menu should: include all of the basic food group's preference to menus showing a variety of colors; textures and flavors. Utilize foods in season. Show a wise use of money and time. Be suitable for the occasion.
- On the reverse side of the menu list what part of the day's nutritive requirements your meal provides and the cost of your meal.
- List the foods in the order in which they will be served on the menu.
- Centerpiece should be coordinated with and be appropriate for the occasion and no taller than 18".

498) Table Setting Display

FLORICULTURE

- 4-H Bulletin 1337 "Flower Gardening Project Guide" should be used when preparing flowers to exhibit. This can be obtained from the MSU Extension Office.
- When showing specimen blooms, the same variety, same size bloom and stem length should be chosen.
- If the bloom is over 3 1/2" in diameter, exhibit one flower and one foliage. If the bloom is under 3 1/2" in diameter, exhibit three flowers and three foliages.
- Do not remove foliage from stems above the water line and do not add any extra stems of foliage.
- Foliage and blooms should be clean and free of insect or spray damage. Stems should be straight.
- Blooms are to be exhibited in plastic or glass vases. NO jars or bottles.
- In general, specimen blooms are judged for cultural perfection. This includes:
 - Form – roundness of bloom
 - Color – good, clean, clear colors
 - Substance – healthy condition
 - Good Foliage – no spray, insect damage, etc.
 - Presentation – correctly sized in vase, vase style/color/design compliments the bloom, etc.

Flower Gardening

Specimen Blooms

Outdoor Gardening

Indoor Gardening

- Exhibitors must plant their own project and begin caring for it by April 15.
- Dish Gardens may be woodland, tropical or desert.
- Dish Gardens and Terrariums are to contain a mixture of at least three different plants.
- Includes Fairy Gardens.

Creative Flower Design

- These projects are created prior to the fair.
- Judging is based on skill and artistry of arrangements.
- Quality of blooms and foliage will be considered if fresh flowers are used.

Flower Specimen Sampler

- Exhibit one specimen from three different flower varieties (example – 1 zinnia, 1 marigold, 1 rose)
- Judging will be based on the quality of each flower and the exhibitors knowledge of their project
- Exhibitor MUST ensure that the container for exhibit is sized adequately for the specimens being shown.
- Each specimen must be equally visible in the display.
- Annuals and perennials can be exhibited together.

All above divisions should choose a class in the appropriate age division.

500) Senior Floriculture (15-19)

501) Intermediate Floriculture (12-14)

502) Junior Floriculture (8-11)

Flower Arranging

- Judging is based on skill and artistry of arrangements. Quality of blooms and foliage will be considered, if fresh flowers are used.
- Exhibitors who are arranging in front of the judge are responsible for cleaning up their own work area.
- Processed plant materials as well as a minimum of painted, sprayed, dyed, dried and/or treated material are permitted.
- Home grown, fresh purchased, dried and silk blooms are permitted.
- Apprentice (1st & 2nd Year in project) – create a nosegay (round) arrangement in front of the judge.
- Intermediate Apprentice (3rd & 4th Year in project) – create a symmetrical triangle arrangement in front of the judge.
- Advanced (5th year in project) – create an arrangement (other than nosegay or symmetrical triangle) in front of the judge.

503) Flower Arranging

SCIENCES-- WOODWORKING & WELDING

Woodworking

Woodworking includes but is not limited to projects constructed from wood, refinishing of furniture, wood carvings or other major wood projects

504) Senior Woodworking (15-19)

505) Intermediate Woodworking (12-14)

506) Junior Woodworking (8-11)

Welding Projects

Projects must include welding and will be judged on overall display and quality of welding skill according to experience and age.

507) Senior Welding (15-19)

508) Intermediate Welding (12-14)

509) Junior Welding (8-11)

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- ALL items must be submitted in hard form as well as on your own portable computer. (eg. laptop, tablet)
- No copyright material (including graphics and logos) without written approval.
- No "adult related" material.

- Projects must include a display item which can include but is not limited to a notebook, poster, or electronic media.

Computer Programming

Must bring computer with program installed so exhibitor can show the judge the computer code and then be able to run the program.

Computer Arts/Graphics

Examples include but are not limited to desktop publishing focusing on layout and design (examples include but are not limited to flyers, brochures, business cards, and menus.), photo enhancements which focus on the enhancements using computer software to change the effect of a photo(s).

- Exhibitors must provide the name(s) of the software used to make the finished project.

Internet Design

- The website must be the work of the exhibitor.
- Exhibitor must print out the entire website and display the site in a 3-ring binder and attach entry tag to binder. Complete web address must be printed on a cover page if exhibited website is submitted on-line.
- Exhibits will be judged on design: clearly labeled and working links, backgrounds and fonts which do not clash, website is useful and educational, spelling and grammar are accurate.

Computer Presentations

- A computer slide presentation using a program like but not limited to Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Slides or Apple Keynote.
- Project will be judged on: sound affect or music, possible voice over, custom animation (how text or images come on and off the slide), slide transition, background photo used in one slide, one link to internet site, overall presentation. Content is organized, creative, and useful in presentation.

Other Computer Projects

Any other worthy computer project

All above divisions should choose a class in the appropriate age division.

510) Computer Science

ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS

Electrical & Electronics

Exhibits must either include a working electrical circuit or present an educational electrical display.

511) Electrical & Electronics

MODELS

Includes but is not limited to Lego, model kits, Connex, Model (not original design) rockets and other model displays.

512) Senior Models (15-19)

513) Intermediate Models (12-14)

514) Junior Models (8-11)

DEMONSTRATIONS LEADERSHIP & ACHIEVEMENT CONTESTS

Superintendent: Aileen Waldron

Leadership Contest

- Classes are open to youth and FFA members.
- Class will include an interview with judge to take place at time scheduled in Exhibitor Schedule. Superintendent will contact exhibitor to schedule interview time with every effort to accommodate exhibitor's schedule.
- Exhibitor MUST have previously held or currently hold at least one leadership role within 4-H or FFA (4-H club office, FFA chapter office, teen representative on Leaders' Council or Fair Board).
- A portfolio should be prepared for presentation to judge during the interview. The portfolio should be no more than 4 pages and can include copies of agendas, meeting minutes, pictures, etc.
- Being a leader involves exhibiting characteristics of patience, honesty, responsibility, initiative, compassion, caring, dedication, respectfulness, communication, trustworthiness and support.

515) Club Officer Award

Achievement Booths

- Project is to display exhibitor's personal achievements from fair, 4-H, and/or FFA. Examples of booth items include but are not limited to pictures, portfolios, awards and certificates.
- This class is open to youth from 13 – 19 years old (exhibitor age).
- The fair will provide a three dimensional display for exhibitor to set up their display. The provided display will have a back and two sides and the front will be open. The dimensions for the display will be approximately 20 inches wide by 12" deep by 18" high.
- Exhibitor will be required to interview with a judge with their display (see schedule for interview times/location). Superintendent will contact exhibitor to schedule interview time. Interviews will be scheduled with as much flexibility as possible to accommodate other responsibilities.

516) Achievement Booth (13-19)

TALENT CONTEST

Exhibitors must complete an official Talent Contest Entry on gcffy.fairentry.com Entries should be made by July 23.

EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

LANGUAGE ARTS

Superintendent: Allison Neyer

Language Arts

- Writings can be hand written or typed.
- Writings must be in a folder, binder, or notebook.
- Exhibits must include a cover page which tells the name of exhibitor, 4-H Club or FFA chapter (or open exhibitor), age division, and type of exhibit (poetry, short stories, essay, etc.)
- Original work of exhibitor is required.

- Judge and/or superintendent may hold exhibits (at their discretion) for final evaluation through Monday evening at the fair. If so, projects will be returned to exhibit barn.

Includes:

- Poetry ○ Short Stories
- Essays ○ Portfolio Development
- Other Creative Writings

517) Senior Language Arts (15-19)

518) Intermediate Language Arts (12-14)

519) Junior Language Arts (8-11)

EDUCATION EXHIBITS

- All educational exhibits must display more than one item displaying what they have learned about a specific topic

Natural Sciences

Nature collections such as rocks, insects, leaves, feathers are appropriate under this section provided specimens collected are identified.

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Water Resources
- Soil Resources
- Forest Resources
- Wildlife Resources - Mammals, birds, fish
- Rocks & Minerals
- Wildflowers
- Gun and Hunter Safety
- Archery
- Weather Observation
- Environmental Stewardship
- Earth, Water, Air
- Geology
- Energy
- Waste Management
- Outdoor Education/Recreation
- Entomology & Bees

Safety & Fire

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Fire Prevention
- Livestock and Pet Safety
- Tractor and Machinery Safety
- Bicycle Safety
- Motorcycle Care & Safety
- Home Safety

Passport to Understanding

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Country Study - individual educational exhibit on country studied
- Sister Club - individual educational exhibit on items learned through pen pal letters
- United Nations - individual educational exhibit on a phase of UN studies
- American Heritage - individual educational exhibit on a family tree or item of historical interest about a community, country, state or nation

Veterinary, Horse, and Livestock Science

Appropriate topic in this section may include::

- Animal Anatomy
- Animal Diseases
- Immunology, Zoonosis and Public Health
- Horse Science Project
- Livestock Science
- Dairy Science
- Small Animal Science
- Horse Project Poster

- Animals figures
- Coins
- Stamps
- Sports Card
- Any other collection

Collections

523) Senior Collections (15-19)

524) Intermediate Collections (12-14)

525) Junior Collections (8-11)

Home Design and Family

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Your Home Activity Centers
- Home Design, Background
- Fun with Furnishings
- Home Design Improvement Projects
- Display Article Upholstered
- The Pre-Schooler
- Living in a Family
- When you take care of Children
- Living with myself and others
- Dating, Marriage and Family Life

Plant Science

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Landscaping projects
- Experiments and Research
- Any other

Any Other Education Exhibits

Topics can be of any nature not mentioned in other sections.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Human Growth and Development
- Health Management
- Nutrition/Menu Planning
- Food Preservation
- Service Learning/Community Service
- Aerospace
- Engine-Automotive, Tractor, Etc.
- Bicycle
- Computer
- Astronomy
- Consumer Science
- Photography

All above educational divisions should choose a class in the appropriate age division.

520) Senior Education Exhibits (15-19)

521) Intermediate Education Exhibits (12-14)

522) Junior Education Exhibits (8-11)

COLLECTIONS

- Collections of large items need to be a reasonable size due to space.
- Judging will be based on QUALITY not QUANTITY.
- A MAXIMUM of six items may be left on display. Photos of larger displays may be submitted to represent items for judging and display.
- Examples of collection could include:

PEEWEEES

- This program is for five to eight year olds, as of January 1 of the current year, who MUST belong to a Gratiot County Club.
- 8 year olds choosing to show as a regular fair exhibitor may not show in any PeeWee classes.
- PeeWee's must declare an animal project by May 15.
- PeeWee's must register still exhibits on gcffy.fairentry.com by July 1.
- PeeWee's will be divided into Junior PeeWees (five year olds) and Senior PeeWees (six to eight year olds).
- Check fair schedule for judging time and location. Youth will discuss their projects with a judge. Projects will be displayed in the PeeWee section of the Exhibit Barn for the week of the fair and will be released with all other exhibits.
- All exhibits in the Foods class MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RECIPE CARD INCLUDING RECIPE AND PICTURE that will be put on display instead of the food. Recipe cards are available at www.gcffy.org.
- Every still exhibit should include an entry tag.
- All entries must be the work of the member, excluding borrowed livestock.
- The PeeWee parade will consist of one still exhibit for Junior PeeWees, and one still exhibit or one animal for Senior PeeWees (if exhibitor is using an animal, they must have an adult or club member with them). Ice cream social will follow and the time is listed in fair schedule.
- PeeWee's will only be allowed in classes with other PeeWees.
- NO SALES in the auctions.
- PeeWee Livestock are released at the time of Buyer Pick-Up on Saturday. Trucking of PeeWee livestock is not the responsibility of the fair.

JUNIOR PEEWEEES

- Five year old PeeWees are eligible to exhibit one to five still exhibits.

SENIOR PEEWEEES

- Six to eight year old PeeWees are eligible to exhibit six items (either one animal and five still exhibits or six still exhibits).
- Livestock Restrictions -
 - Beef calf and dairy calf under six months
 - Sheep market weight
 - Swine market weight
- Animal must be the size PeeWee can handle.
- Show times will be posted in exhibitor schedule and order will be posted in barn.

PEEWEE CLASSES

- 526) Dairy
- 527) Beef
- 528) Feeder
- 529) Sheep
- 530) Swine
- 531) Horse
- 533) Cat
- 534) Chicken
- 535) Duck
- 536) Goose
- 537) Turkey
- 538) Goat
- 540) Rabbit
- 541) Cavy
- 542) Foods
- 543) Creative Crafts & Recycled Articles
- 544) Horticulture
- 545) Fine Arts
- 546) Crops
- 547) Floriculture
- 548) Photography
- 549) Collections
- 550) Clothing & Textiles
- 551) Knitting & Crocheting
- 552) Needlework
- 553) Decorated Cakes & Molded Candy
- 554) Computers
- 555) Electrical & Welding
- 556) Natural Resources/Science Exhibit
- 557) Scrapbooking & Stamping
- 558) Language Arts
- 559) Wood Working
- 560) Models
- 561) Educational Exhibit
- 562) Talent Show (Tuesday evening in schedule)
- 563) All Others