

Modified Ross County Junior Fair guidelines announced

Justin Reutter, Chillicothe Gazette Published 4:33 p.m. ET June 29, 2020 | Updated 11:12 a.m. ET June 30, 2020

[CONNECT](#) [TWEET](#) [LINKEDIN](#) [COMMENT](#) [EMAIL](#) [MORE](#)

ROSS COUNTY - The modified Ross County Junior Fair will go forward in August under a newly-released set of guidelines.

Due to COVID concerns, the event will be closed to the public with only immediate family and friends allowed.



Adena junior Garrett Simmons works with his three pigs Magnus, Fabiano, and Lil' Biggie at his home outside of Chillicothe on April 18, 2020. With the current setup, Simmons will show only one of the pigs and wants to repeat his 2018 Grand Champion award in Market Hog this year at the Ross County Fair. (Photo: Robert McGraw/Gazette)

The Ross County Junior Fair will be divided into two species-specific rotations. The first rotation is Aug 8-11, which will include dogs, goats, horses, poultry and sheep.

Strict enforcement of exhibitors and immediate family only will be in effect, with species-specific wristbands being worn at all times.

The second rotation is Aug. 12-15, which will include beef cattle, swine, and rabbits.

Free wristbands will be given to exhibitors with an additional three wristbands per family. Youth ages eight and younger will be exempt from wristband requirement.

Families can request up to two additional wristbands by completing a survey by July 15 at go.osu.edu/extrawristbands. All requests will be reviewed and approval or denial will be sent via email by Aug. 1.

ADVERTISING

Immediate family members are defined as siblings, parents, step-parents, and grandparents. "These policies are set intentionally to keep the number of individuals on the fairgrounds at a minimum and are not up for debate," said the OSU Extension Office in a news release.

The 4-H clubs will also receive two week-long wristbands to share among advisors unless all advisors are also parents and have wristbands through their children enrolled as exhibitors. Club advisors can share/trade off wristbands to other advisors throughout the week as deemed necessary.

#AloneTogether

We're in this together.

For ways to take care of yourself and others go to AloneTogether.com



Essential personnel as determined by the Senior Fair Board, such as species superintendents, 4-H committee, Jr. Fair Board and advisors, Senior Fair Board, and the Extension Office will be granted week-long wristbands.

Wristbands must always be visible and anyone not properly wearing a wristband can be asked to leave the premises immediately.

Get the News Alerts newsletter in your inbox.

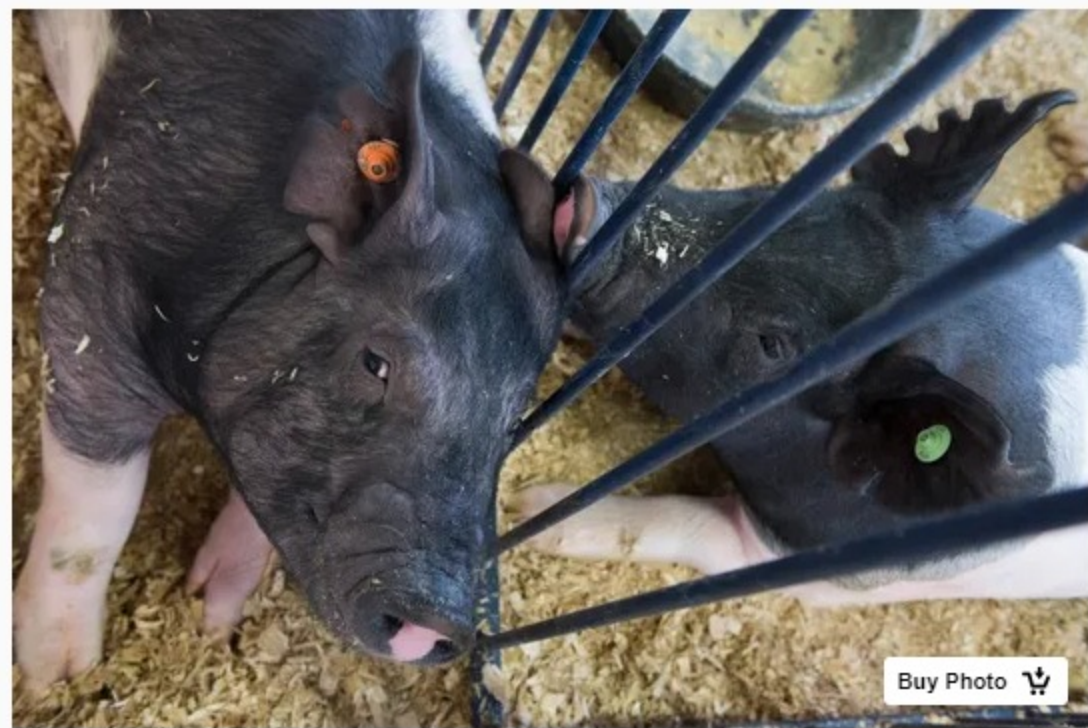
Get alerted to the latest stories to stay on top of the news.

Delivery: Varies

Your Email



All COVID-19 guidelines at the time of the event will be posted and expected to be followed.



Hogs nuzzle in their enclosures during the Junior Fair Swine Sale at the Ross County Fair on August 9, 2018 in Chillicothe, Ohio. (Photo: Lexie Browning/For the Gazette)

For now, this means exhibitors and families will be required to wear masks when in the barns and when spectating in the show arena unless they are showing.

Show viewing will be restricted on-site to exhibitors and families that are actively showing in classes directly ahead of or going on. Social distancing (No more than group gatherings of 10) and sanitation best practices will be strongly recommended. At this time, the Chillicothe Fair does not plan to use bleachers.

Certain shows and exhibitions will also not take place, or be modified. Dairy cows, country born, bred and raised goat and performance classes for goats or sheep will be canceled, beef team fitting and showing will just be fitting, and no jumping class will be shown for horses.

Camping at the fairground will also face severe limitations. Camping will be limited to one camper per family, and only during the rotation in which an exhibitor is participating.

Campers will be parked by the exhibitor's specific species barn and there will be limitations on which roads can be used. Livestock trailers will be parked along the back row as usual. Hitches must face the road. No tents larger than a pop-up will be permitted.

It is to be determined how a sale will be conducted. Each exhibitor will get a packer price and a premium.

For more details on animal guidelines, camping, and a full schedule of events, visit the [OSU Extension Office Facebook page](#). More species-specific info is to be expected later in July, according to the Extension Office.

[f](#) [TWEET](#) [LINKEDIN](#) [COMMENT](#) [EMAIL](#) [MORE](#)

#AloneTogether

We're in this together.

For ways to take care of yourself and others go to AloneTogether.com



the job network

Keywords (ex. registered nurse)

Chillicothe, OH

FIND JOBS

Share your feedback to help improve our site experience!

MORE STORIES



Ross County cases spike, pass 100 cases

June 29, 2020, 5:28 p.m.



Junior Fair still on, closed to public

June 30, 2020, 11:12 a.m.



Former Piketon, OSU baseball player honored in 5K race

June 29, 2020, 11:54 a.m.



News briefs: Upcoming meetings

June 29, 2020, 12:21 p.m.

Ross County Property Transfers

June 29, 2020, 2:38 a.m.



Reader feedback sought ahead of 2020 elections

June 29, 2020, 6:56 a.m.



ahead of 2020 elections

June 29, 2020, 6:56 a.m.