

Sanilac County Youth and 4-H Fair Judging Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

10:00 - 2:00 p.m. - All Peewee Non-Animal Projects may be entered and judged in the Round Roof Building
10:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Youth Foods and Nutrition Projects may be entered and judged in the Round Roof Building
10:00 - 2:00 p.m. - All Youth Plant Science Projects may be entered in the Community Building
12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Youth Agriculture Projects Judged in Block Building (4-H & Open entries)
10:00 - 2:00 p.m. - All youth and 4-H/FFA Still exhibits to be entered and judged at the Block Building, Roof Building or Community Building (see departments for specific locations and times)
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. All Open Class perishable static (non-moving) and All Open Class non-perishable static (non-moving) exhibits are to be entered in their project areas.
12:00 p.m. - Dairy Foods Demonstrations in Round Roof Building
10:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Youth communication projects in the Community Building
10:00 - 2:00 p.m. - All Other Club Projects are due in the Community Building
10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Youth Personal Development (including entrepreneurship record books) in Round Roof Building
5:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Livestock barns open for club decorating and pen set up. Absolutely No Items (Fitting Tents, Chutes, or Other Items outside of barns) are to be set up prior to this time. They will be removed.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Livestock & Horse Barns Open (Check the appropriate Class in fair book for the time that livestock arrive per species)
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Dairy check-in @ Dairy barn
6:00 p.m. - Horse Leaders, Exhibitors & Parents meeting at the announcer's stand
7:00 p.m. - Large Animal Exhibitors, Parents, and Volunteers meeting in the Livestock Arena

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Judging of Horses & Ponies at the Horse Arena - English Riding
9:00 a.m. - Judging of Prospect Beef in the Livestock Barn.
10:00 a.m. - Judging of Pocket Pets in the Community Room
12:00 p.m. - Judging of Llamas & Alpaca in Dairy Barn
5:00 p.m. - Judging of Sheep in the Dairy Barn
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Judging of Barn Decorating & all other Club Projects in Community Building

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Judging of Swine (Market and Showmanship) in Livestock Arena
9:00 a.m. - PEP Members will ride - Practice Horse Arena
9:00 a.m. - Novice & Peewee Horse Judging - Horse Arena
1:00 p.m. - Judging of Miniature Horse (will follow the PEP Rider program) Time TBD in Practice Horse Arena
10:00 a.m. - Judging of Dairy Veal Calves in Dairy Barn
10:00 a.m. - Judging of Poultry in the Poultry Barn

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Judging of Horses and Ponies in the Horse Arena - Western Riding
9:00 a.m. - Judging of Beef Cattle in the Livestock Arena
10:00 a.m. - Judging of Goats in the Dairy Arena
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Dairy Cows that are milking must be entered.
3:00 p.m. - Dairy Skills Contest in Dairy Arena
6:30 p.m. - Cat Judging in the 4-H Community Building

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Judging of Horses and Ponies in the Horse Arena - Gymkhana Riding (Awards Night will be Friday night)
9:00 a.m. - Judging of Breeding Beef in Livestock Arena
9:00 a.m. - Judging of all Dairy entries in the Dairy Arena
9:00 a.m. - Judging of Rabbits & Cavies in the Small Animal Barn
3:00 p.m. - Livestock Judging Contest in the Livestock Arena

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Youth and 4-H / FFA Sale in the Livestock Arena- SALE ORDER: Sugar Beets, Entrepreneurship projects, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Swine, Lunch 12-1, Dairy Basket, Breeding Beef Basket, Sponsorship Ads, Sale of Champions, Market Beef, Sheep, Veal and Prospect Beef.
12:00 noon - 6 p.m. Small Animal Silent Auction in the Poultry Barn
6:00 p.m. - Awards ceremony for Horse Exhibitors at Horse Arena

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

10:30 a.m. - Open Class Horse Show in the Horse Arena
9:00 a.m. - Judging of Small Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship in the Dairy Barn
10:00 a.m. - Judging of Large Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship in the Livestock Arena

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

Release times: Check your project Department

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS CONTACT THE FAIRBOARD OFFICE at (810) 648-9297

1. All Exhibitors must enter all of their classes in ShoWorks by July 15th to participate in the fair. By entering an exhibit, all exhibitors and parents agree to follow all rules, cleanliness policy, and Code of Conduct requirements.
2. To register for classes on ShoWorks go to <https://sanilacfair.com>, go to the class sign-up tab near the top of the fair page. Follow the ShoWorks prompts to register for classes.
3. All volunteers, exhibitors, parents, and guardians must adhere to the fair Code of Conduct meeting. Forms must be signed and returned by June 4th, 2025.
4. No other animals except exhibit animals and Leader Dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds. Trainer and Leader Dog should report to the Fair Office. Violations can lead to forfeiture of all prizes, dismissal from the grounds, and up to involvement with animal control.
5. Exhibitors are expected to show good sportsmanship both inside and outside the ring, as well as showing consideration towards others at the fairgrounds.
6. In the event of an injury, contact any fair board member, Superintendent, staff member, or committee member. They will contact designated Emergency Response Personnel. They will assess the situation until the ambulance arrives. An Incident Report Form must be filled out immediately at the Fairgrounds office.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

1. Participation in Youth & 4-H Department is open to any youth who have turned in their animal ID Sheets by June 7th and entered their classes in ShoWorks by July 15th. The paperwork must be post marked by June 7th or dropped off at the fair board office. There will be a drop box located near the office window that may be utilized.
2. All exhibitors **MUST** complete a 3.5 hour shift in the Eatstand during the fairweek. An online signup sheet will be made available for selecting your time slot.
3. **Youth may not exhibit in the same project area in the 4-H, open, and/or youth Class in more than one county within the same year.** Exhibiting a project in an open class in one county and Youth & 4-H Class in another is allowable. Exhibiting at Croswell Fair is allowable.
4. The exhibitors' age for exhibit purposes will be determined by the age which the member was on **JANUARY 1** of the current year. Youth & 4-H Class classes are open to youth ages 8-19, unless otherwise noted. Still Project Classes for Novice/Peewee exhibitors (ages 4-7) will be specifically identified in the Peewee Department. Animal classes for Pee Wee/Novice are in the animal project area. Many opportunities are available for Pee Wee participants.
5. Exhibitors assume all risk in exhibiting livestock and other projects. The Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair, Fairboard, Agricultural Society Members or any other affiliates will not be held responsible for loss, death or injury to any project entered in the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair. All exhibitors agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this fair book by entering projects in the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair.
6. An exhibitor cannot enter the same exhibit in more than one class

in the same section.

7. An exhibitor cannot enter two exhibits in the same class unless otherwise specified in the rules set up for each department.
8. Showmanship classes for all departments will be divided by age as follows:
 - a. 4-7 years old Peewee/ Novice
 - b. 8-11 years old Junior
 - c. 12-15 years old Intermediate
 - d. 16-19 years old Senior (some exceptions apply)
9. The Fairboard reserves the right to accept or reject an exhibit when an exhibitor fails to comply with the rules and regulations.
10. Early removal of exhibits from the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair is not permitted. However, there may be circumstances, such as a sick animal or youth or a family emergency that could occur when an exhibit must be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the release time on Sunday. Approval must be given for Fair exhibits if they need to be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the Sunday release times. If approval is not given and exhibits are removed, prior to the release times on Sunday, awards, ribbons, etc. will be revoked for any and all exhibits that are removed from the Fairgrounds prior to the release time. No animal may be removed from the fairgrounds prior to release time stated in respective department. **This includes all Market Livestock Auction and Small Animal Silent Auction animals.**

JUDGING AND AWARDS

1. It is the duty of the Superintendent and their assistants to arrange for and assign space to each exhibitor. Superintendents oversee the exhibit building for their department. Also to preserve order in their respective departments and assist the judges in lining up classes and attend to the necessary bookkeeping, Superintendents may adjust the class size.
2. Judging will be conducted each day of the fair by competent judges. The decisions of the judges are final. All exhibitors must check project placing before the close of the Fair. There will be no changes in records after the Fair. Only the person hired to judge will judge the classes.
3. All exhibitors should present themselves during all judging and auctions in a neat and clean fashion. Exhibitors should follow the posted dress code of the project area if applicable.
4. The Sanilac County Fair program encourages handicapped exhibitors to participate and compete without special regard, as much as possible, in all project areas. However, if an exhibitor is unable to effectively compete in a certain project area because of a mental, emotional, physical, or learning handicap, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to apply to the Fairboard for permission for that individual to exhibit under special status. When permission has been granted, the Fairboard will communicate the information to the appropriate superintendent and judge.
5. Each (non-animal) exhibit will receive an A, B, or C award ribbon according to judge's determination.
6. Ribbons and/or rosettes are to be awarded in all classes unless otherwise specified. After awarding ribbons in still project areas, the projects that receive A awards will be judged for county honors. Sanilac County requires no set amount of county honor ribbons. Each county honor ribbon should be given to projects that stand out as something well done, meeting above and beyond standards used to determine a ribbon.
7. Trophies/banners/awards/buckles are purchased each year to recognize youth in a variety of project areas. They are sponsored from a variety of sources including individuals, businesses, organizations, committees, and the Fairboard. Superintendents

oversee the banners/trophies for their respective areas. Banners/trophies will be released to winners from superintendents upon receipt of a thank you note to the sponsor.

COMPLAINTS, CONFLICTS AND PROTESTS

1. Any protests should be made in writing and be in the hands of the Project Superintendent or Fairboard member before exhibits are released from the grounds.
2. **All conflicts must be handled in the Fairboard Office, not in front of the general public.**
3. When there is a problem or conflict at the fair, the chain of command needs to be utilized. A youth member may consult with a Fairboard Member prior to any step in the process.
 - a. STEP 1: YOUTH MEMBER- is to bring the situation, with facts, to their superintendent.
 - b. STEP 2: If the superintendent is unable to settle the conflict, together with the leader, the youth and their parent/legal guardian and the superintendent are to go to two Sanilac County Fairboard Members.
 - c. STEP 3: The formal protest must be made in writing and signed by the youth & legal guardian. The protest must also be filed with the fair management by noon of the following day. Protests/complaints must be filed, in writing, within 10 days of the completion of the fair. The person has 45 days from the date of the show to directly file a complaint with the MDA.
4. All prizes shall be forfeited if any exhibitor is involved in improper conduct in any exhibit or activity area during the Fair. If deemed necessary, the person or persons will be sent home. The decision is to be made by a committee consisting of three Fairboard members and the involved superintendent(s).

RULES AFFECTING ANIMAL EXHIBITORS.

1. ALL animal exhibitors are required to submit a still project relating to their animal project. Examples include but are not limited to, photography project, baked horse treats, written story about their animal(s), vet science poster, etc. Exhibitor will need to look for the guidelines written in the fair book to successfully complete and submit this project.
2. ALL animal exhibitors are required to attend 1 of 3 meetings that will be held. These meetings will be to relay new information and rules regarding fair week. A code of conduct form will need to be signed by every exhibitor, parent/guardian, and volunteer. More information will be posted on the Sanilac County Youth and 4-H Fair Facebook page.
3. All animal exhibits must comply with the 2025 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITED IN MICHIGAN rules as regulated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture Animal Industry Class. For Complete Set of Health Requirements visit www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo
4. **All animal exhibits will be inspected by a licensed veterinarian upon entry into barns and may be rejected given veterinarian or superintendent concerns. Signs of active ringworm, warts, horns exceeding maximum length, questionable castration, abscesses, respiratory issues, and any other health related concerns can get you rejected. All final decisions are at the veterinarians' discretion.**
5. All animal exhibits are allowed in designated areas only, including during fitting, grooming, and exercising. **No animals are to be at campers for any reason for the duration of the fair.**
6. All market animals must be tagged as follows. Both tag numbers for all animals are to be recorded and on file at the Fairboard Office by specified tagging and weigh-in day.

- a. Beef are required to have an RFID tag in the left ear.
 - b. Prospects are to have an RFID tag in the left ear.
 - c. Sheep are to have a scrapie tag in ear.
 - d. Swine are required to have an 840 tag in the ear.
7. In the event tags or official ID of the animal is lost after ID forms or tagging have occurred, call the Superintendents for retagging.
 8. No Fair tags to be removed during duration of fair.
 9. Alternate Policy: One alternate animal per immediate family or each exhibitor is permitted for sheep, swine, market goats, and prospect beef. Two alternate animals per exhibitor are permitted for beef.
 10. Exhibitors are permitted to show and sell both a prospect beef and a dairy veal calf.
 11. Exhibitors are not permitted to sell both prospect beef and market beef. The exhibitor may show both but must select only one to sell.
 12. **All exhibitors in all species areas are required to show showmanship. Failure to do so will result in inability to win any championships or sell.**
 13. An animal must be entered and shown in a market or breed class to be eligible to be shown in a showmanship class. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship classes.
 14. An individual may compete for and receive the Showmanship award in their project area more than once. The winner will compete in the Sweepstakes competition. An Exhibitor is no longer eligible to participate once they win the Overall Sweepstakes award.
 15. No fair exhibits may be advertised for sale except those qualified through the Livestock, Small Animal, and Entrepreneurship Sale Superintendent. Designated exhibits may include those going through live auction, silent auctions, and second hogs being third party marketed. Authorized sale projects will be marked with a designated sale sign.
 16. **ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK MUST BE OWNED BY THE EXHIBITOR to be eligible for the auction.** Purchase of the animal must take place prior to posted possession and tagging dates; a bill of sale or official transfer papers showing date of transaction shall provide verification of purchase date (if requested). All exhibitors must exhibit their own project in their respective market class to be eligible to sell. Extenuating circumstances must be cleared with the superintendent prior to the start of the show. Exhibitors must sell their own animal in the sale. If extenuating circumstances exist, alternate arrangements must be submitted to the superintendent in writing by Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
 17. All exhibitors are expected to do their own feeding, grooming, stall cleaning, and other preparation for show ring.
 18. The handlers of a pen of lambs or hogs must both be exhibitors of Sanilac County Fair and participants in a livestock project area.
 19. All stalls, pens, and other exhibits areas shall be kept clean. All animals must look presentable to the public. Failure by an exhibitor to comply with this rule permits the Superintendent in charge to begin the red tag policy. All exhibitors are to have their animals fed, watered and stalls cleaned by 9 a.m. each day, again by 6 p.m. each day, and appropriate clearing and care throughout the day.
 20. Animals and barns will be regularly monitored by appointed superintendents to ensure their proper care and cleanliness throughout the fair week. If an exhibitor's animal(s) is found to be not cared for or its pen/stall/surrounding area is not cleaned up after, the exhibitor will be promptly notified by a fair board member or superintendent. Upon notification, the exhibitor will be given a 30- minute window to properly care for and clean up the designated area to rectify the issue. Failure to take action within one hour of notification will result in a fine of \$100, with an additional fine of \$250 if the issue remains unresolved after two hours. If three hours pass without issue being addressed a meeting will be convened

with the exhibitor, parent, or guardian, alongside a team of board members and superintendents to discuss further consequences, which may include additional fines and the possibility of the animal(s) not being eligible for sale.

All fines imposed will be deducted from the exhibitors' check or billed. Furthermore, exhibitors are reminded of their ongoing responsibility for the care of their animal(s) throughout the fair, even after they are sold, until the official fair release time. The red tag rule will remain in effect until the release of all animals, and non-compliance may result in the forfeiture of all prizes and/or being banned from future events. This guideline aims to maintain high standards of animal welfare and fair participation while promoting responsible exhibitor behavior and proper clean up after the fair concludes.

Dairy cows and dairy goats' bed with straw. All other species bed with sawdust only. Sawdust may be provided by a donor; however, if sawdust is not provided it is the responsibility of each exhibitor to provide their own clean sawdust.

21. **For an animal to be considered homebred, it must be conceived, born, raised, and housed at the facility of the exhibitor, parent, or legal guardian.** Questions concerning eligibility for homebred will be referred to the livestock superintendent for a decision.
22. Animals eligible for homebred shall be declared to the superintendent at the initial tagging or project identification.
23. The order of the show will be posted by the superintendent on judging day. Order subject to change at discretion of superintendent and judge.
24. All livestock barns will be open to decorate starting Thursday August 1st after 12 p.m. Barns will be closed at 8 pm. No equipment, feed, or tack will be allowed to be placed in barns until after Friday at 5 p.m. NO TENTS or fitting areas set up until Sunday at 3 p.m. Your items will be removed.
25. All cards above animals must be stall cards provided by the fair, one per animal and be in place on the day of their arrival.
26. NO decorations, stall cards, ribbons, etc. may be removed prior to Sunday, after all animals are removed from fairgrounds. Tacks not allowed for hanging decorations. All staples must be pulled at clean up time and disposed of in trash only.
27. All exhibitors are responsible for the complete clean-up of their exhibit areas after all animals are removed from the fairgrounds on the closing Sunday of fair or dismissal because of red tag violation. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fee or garnishment from awards and sales.
28. No animal being shown or exhibited at the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair shall be administered any drug, pain killer, stimulant, depressant, or tranquilizer without the consent of their superintendent. In the event that any of these substances are necessary, they must be administered under the written direction of a veterinarian. The definition of "drug" shall be set forth in Class 23 of Act 237 of the public Acts of 1980 and MCL 431.83. The administration of any substance in violation of this rule shall result in the forfeiture of all awards or premiums including the sales receipts received from the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Livestock Sale. All animals being shown or exhibited may be subject to testing at the discretion of the superintendent of that department for violations of this rule. Failure of the exhibitor to submit the animal for testing as directed by the superintendent of that department of the fair shall result in the forfeiture of any awards, premiums or sale receipts received for that animal resulting from the livestock sale.
29. All medications must be discontinued in advance of the dates of the fair in order to provide proper medication withdrawal time as indicated on the medication label. No animal shall be permitted to

sell that contains a medication residue.

30. No drenching is allowed to any animal, unless being administered by a veterinarian.

MARKET LIVESTOCK AUCTION

1. The market sale will be held in the Dairy Barn.
2. Livestock exhibitors are limited to sell a total of 2 large animal and 2 Small Animal market projects. Exhibitors will be permitted to show both a prospect beef and a dairy veal calf.
One market project will consist of:
 - a. One veal calf weighing 180-350 pounds.
 - b. One market beef animal weighing a minimum of 1000 pounds or a dairy beef steer weighing a minimum of 1100 pounds.
 - c. One prospect beef animal weighing 300-700 pounds.
 - d. A pen of lambs, weighing a minimum of 90 pounds apiece.
 - e. A pen of swine, each weighing 220-300 pound)
 - f. A pen of 3 market rabbits weighing 3 ½- 5 pounds each.
 - g. A Single Fryer, A Single Roaster, or a Single Stewer
 - h. A pen of market poultry-3 meat birds, 2 turkeys, 2 ducks, or 2 geese.
 - i. One market goat meeting minimum weight outlined in department.
3. All Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions, and Third overall market animals must be sold.
4. Exhibitors are REQUIRED to report to sign in table after the sale of their project(s). Exhibitors are required to fill out a thank you card for buyer(s) and turned into the Sale Superintendent located in dairy barn. Exhibitors must complete a thank you sign to be hung near their animal project by 1 hour after the completion of the sale. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a fine.
5. All Grand Champions and Reserve Champions will sell in the Sale of Champions, Third Overalls will start their species part of the sale.
6. If an exhibitor chooses not to sell their animal(s) in the Livestock Sale they must notify the superintendent in writing by the end of the respective species' show. No animals may be withdrawn after 1-hour after the conclusion of the species show.
7. 2025 Livestock Sale - 9 am start time -Order of Sale will be as follows Sugar Beets, Entrepreneurship, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Swine, **Lunch Break, Sale will resume at 1 pm**, Dairy Basket, Breeding Beef Basket, Sponsorship Advertisement, Sale of Champions (Grand & Reserve market animals), Market Beef, Sheep, Veal, Prospect Beef...
8. Weight of all animals will be determined based on official weigh-in schedule listed in respective department. Exhibitors are responsible for helping to weigh their animals.
9. Large animals are sold by the pound. Small animals (rabbits, poultry, and goats) are sold by the head. Sheep, swine, rabbits, and poultry are sold as a pen (one buyer purchases all animals in the pen).
10. Commission fee will be deducted from all sales to cover expenses of the sale.
 - a. The total commission paid will be 4% of total price of each animal sold.
11. No fair tags to be removed during the duration of the fair.
12. Sunday Barn closes at 11pm lights off. Animals will be removed by sale/ship out committee during designated times.