Poster guidelines
Many projects require a poster for the fair exhibit and judging. Listed below are guidelines for making a poster.

- Poster size required for county judging is 14 inches high by 22 inches wide. Please check State Fair Guidelines for individual project requirements.
- Share one idea on the poster.
- Keep it simple.
- Lettering should be large enough to be read from a distance of 4 to 8 feet.
- Make it as colorful and attractive as possible, so that fair goers will stop and look at it.
- Be sure it tells about something you did or learned
- Keep it neat but do your own work.
- Members with Self Determined Projects only may use a trifold display board for judging. This is a specific state fair requirement.

How Project Grades Work
Grades are awarded at the member’s respective project judging days. Grade ribbons that recognize the work, effort, and accomplishment of the individual will be given to 4-H advisors during booth set-up.

Superior: 4-H member went above and beyond the project requirements. They demonstrated superior knowledge of that project and developed an extensive exhibit. This level only given at original judging day, may not be given at make-up judging or by advisor at a one on one judging.

Outstanding: 4-H member met all project requirements. They had basic knowledge of subject matter and a nice exhibit. This level is the top grade awarded to those who do not attend original judging days.

Good: 4-H member met only some project requirements. They needed more project knowledge and more extensive exhibit.

Needs Improvement: 4-H member met none of the project requirements.

Placing ribbons are awarded when comparing all the individuals in each project area. Placings will be announced at judging, ribbons are distributed during booth set up. Judges can choose to award ribbons for 1st – 6th place. If eligible, the 1st place awarded will be the Ohio State Fair Delegate with the 2nd place being the alternate.

Hancock County Junior Fair Participation
Only youth who have participated in 4-H project judging or livestock interviews are eligible to participate in the Hancock County Fair. Participating in the Hancock County Fair is NOT a completion of the 4-H project. The fair is an opportunity to share the accomplishments of each member/exhibitor with fair visitors. The Hancock County Agricultural Society, the Junior Fair Premium Book, the Code of Ethics, and the Code of Practices, govern the Junior Fair. All Junior Fair rules are printed in the Hancock County Junior Fair Book, available at the Jr. Fair office and on their website http://hancockfairgrounds.org/.

Quality Assurance Training (QA)
Quality Assurance Training (QA) is required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) for all livestock producers. This includes youth livestock exhibitors. Hancock County Ag Society requires all youth members exhibiting livestock at the Hancock County Fair to complete QA by July 10, to meet ODA’s requirements. If you are exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, please be aware, you must complete QA 45 days prior to exhibit.

- Youth, age 15 as of January 1, may choose the Quality Assurance test out option. Passing this test, given each February, with at least a 76% will excuse you from QA training for the duration of your 4-H career. If you do not pass this test, you must wait until the following February to retest.
- Youth, age 12 as of January 1, who are officially enrolled in 4-H and/or FFA livestock/food animal projects and who intend to show their project animal at exhibition (e.g., county or state fair) have the option to complete an online Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) session. YQCA is in partnership with The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program and ODA. For the training to meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement for the project year:
  - Youth MUST be 12 years or older as of January 1, 2020 (4-H age).
  - The online module MUST be completed for the correct 4-H age for the youth. If not, you are required to repay and retake the correct module or attend QA in person.
  - The online module must be completed by July 10 for Hancock County Fair or 45 days before Ohio State Fair show.
  - You must complete the annual online session within the QA calendar year (Oct. 1- Sept. 31).

The other online courses do not meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA certification requirements (ie. BQA, PQA, BEST, etc.)

- Youth can go to the following website to take the age-appropriate on-line module for $12. Paid by the individual or family https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login
- Youth will need their oh.4honline.com login and password. This is your family email and password you use to enroll in 4-H. Results will automatically populate on your 4HOnline.com profile.
- There is no online test out option. Youth 15 years old are encouraged to test out at the Extension Office during the month of February.

Livestock Project Entries