

ADMISSION and PARKING

The "General" gate admission is \$10.00 at the gate or \$9.50 purchased online between 7 am – 10 pm daily. Senior Citizen Day and Veterans Day are on Monday, at 7 am. – 4 pm for \$5.00, ID may be required.

Children 8 years of age and under are free, and those 9 and over pay full fare. Season passes are \$55. Admission includes free grandstand seating but does not include track seats or amusement rides.

Parking is free with two exceptions. The preferred Vehicle Parking Lot, for vehicles only, no livestock trailers or campers, is located (east of or behind) the Swine Complex, Fire Department, and Racehorse Barns. The cost to park a vehicle all week in this lot is \$20 per vehicle, and you can register and purchase this parking permit at the fair office. This permit will allow you to enter through gate A4, but it does not include admission. The "Preferred Livestock Trailer Lot" is located east of or behind the Sheep & Goat Barns. The cost to park your trailer all week is \$50, and you can register with the fair office and obtain a permit that will allow you to enter through gate D2, but does not include admission. All other "General Parking" is free.

GATE RULES

THESE RULES WILL BE ENFORCED.

1. No alcohol, drugs or paraphernalia, weapons, drones, laser pointers & lights, silly string, or glass containers will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
2. No dogs, reptiles, or pets of any kind will be allowed on the fairgrounds or campgrounds. The only exception is service dogs. The owner must provide paperwork if asked. On Saturday, preceding the fair, exhibition dogs are to be confined to the show area and on a leash when not showing. No golf carts, bikes, ATVs, scooters, or similar motorized vehicles are allowed on the fairgrounds without written & expressed permission from the fairboard.
3. Grandstand and bleacher seats are not reserved. Blankets or objects placed on seats before an event will not reserve the seat.

SEASON TICKETS ON SALE

Season Tickets for \$55 will be on sale online on July 1st. They are honored each of the eight (8) days for admission for one (1) person.

MEMBERSHIP TICKETS ON SALE

Membership Tickets go on sale December 1st and may be purchased at the fair secretary's office located at 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. The cost is \$55 per membership. You must be 21 years of age and live within the Hartford Fair District to become a member of the Society. The Hartford Fair District includes all of Licking County, and Harlem, Trenton, Porter, and Berkshire Townships of Delaware County; and Milford, Hilliar, and Miller Townships of Knox County.

AMUSEMENT RIDES

Gate admission does not include amusement rides. Rides will operate from Sunday to Saturday, starting at noon. - 11 pm. Ride all day with a purchase of a wristband for \$20/day. Exceptions will be made on Thursday; a wristband will be available for \$15. Single tickets can be purchased 1 for \$1, 24 \$20, and 45 \$35. Rides take between 3-5 tickets per ride. Tickets and wristbands can be purchased in the ride area. All rides will shut down for Safety Break from 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm.

2026 CAMPERS

Anyone desiring to camp at the fairgrounds during fair week must be 21 years of age and purchase a \$350 camping permit. The fee does not include admission to the fairgrounds. You must register with the Secretary to secure your permit and camping site. Only one (1) campsite will be allowed per household, name, and/or address. Campsites cannot be subleased. Do not park your camper before registering with the office and picking up your permit. Permits will be available for pick up on/or after April 15th with a photo ID. If the packet is lost or destroyed, there will be a \$25 replacement charge. Campers will not be allowed to enter Gate D before noon on July 30th, at which time campers will be directed to a holding area until 8 am on July 31st, when they can then enter the campgrounds. You must obtain your permit before parking.

Only one camping unit and one vehicle will be permitted to park on the lot. Both the camping unit and vehicle must visibly display the permits. Additional vehicles can be parked in the general parking lots. Camping units are forbidden from parking in the parking lots. This rule will be enforced.

There will be no switching of lots from May 31st through September 1st. No refunds.

If you wish to reserve a permanent lot for 2026, it will be necessary to pay a nonrefundable \$350 fee. Those camping in 2025 may make a 2026 reservation for the same lot after January 1st, 2025. The deadline to pay \$350 for the 2025 campsite will be May 1st, 2025. Campground supervisors: Dick Fisher (Chair), Brad Debolt, Darl Evans, Bill Jacks, Kody McInturff, Brian Miller, Mike Simpson, Dan Small, Cory Zigan,

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

1. The Hartford Junior Fair is open to any child in the Hartford Fair District and meets the following criteria. Each Junior Fair Exhibitor must be enrolled in youth programs sponsored by Elementary/Middle / High Schools, OSU Extension, Steer Pool, Juvenile Grange, Scouts, or other organizations recognized by the Hartford Fair Board. Junior Fair exhibitors may participate in the Hartford Independent Fair only if **both** the following criteria are met:
 - a) They are enrolled in a youth organization within either Licking County or in the following townships of Delaware Co. (Harlem, Trenton, Porter, and Berkshire); or a club in the following townships of Knox Co. (Milford, Hilliar, Miller & a n d Centerburg Village), **and**
 - b) They attend school in or have residence within the Hartford Fair District as outlined above. All Licking County 4-H members are eligible to participate in the Hartford Fair regardless of residence or school affiliation and therefore relinquish the ability to enter 4-H exhibits in any other county's junior fair show/program.
2. All exhibits must be in place by 2 pm Saturday, August 3rd, 2025. All animal "Drug Use Notification Forms" (DUNF) must be completed online before weigh-in. Horse DUNF forms must be turned in at grading. The vet will check all animals on Saturday, August 3rd, from 6 am to 2 pm. Livestock being stalled on the grounds are to be brought on the grounds only during these designated times. Check health regulations printed in this book and/or found on the Ohio Department of Agriculture [website www.agri-ohio.gov](https://www.agri-ohio.gov).
3. Our fair will operate under the provisions of Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Act and all applicable Ohio Department of Agriculture Administrative Code Rules. This law and the amended rules may be viewed and/or secured at the secretary's office.
"Livestock Exhibition Rules" will be made available to a livestock exhibitor or adult advisors, upon request, or go to <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/animal-health/Livestock+Exhibitions>
4. Posted stall assignments are final. There will be no changes. Tack is not to be stored in the Stalls, Pens, and Cages. We reserve the right to remove any tack from stalls, pens, and cages not being used to stall animals. The only bedding material allowed is straw or pine shavings. Wash stalls will be turned off from 6 pm to 9 pm.
5. All exhibitors departing early or arriving late must check with the superintendent of the department before unloading or loading and have appropriate approval.
6. All Junior Exhibitors cannot have passed their 18th birthday on January 1st of the current year and must be 8 years old and have completed the third grade.
7. All entries must be submitted no later than **Friday, June 27th, 2025**, before midnight.
8. Any or all official fair board announcements made during the week of the fair will take precedence over any printed material.
9. The deadline for making corrections on premium checks is the last day of September of the current year.
10. Livestock Sale money will be paid by check and mailed to the exhibitor 30 days after the fair and upon receipt of payment from the buyer. The Fair Board reserves the right to withhold an exhibitor's check if the situation deems it necessary.
11. All exhibitor premiums will be paid in cash from the Hartford Fair Bank located in the NE section of the fairgrounds across from Grubb Arena. Exceptions are noted below. Jr Fair Exhibitors must show their ID Badge to collect premiums (Advisor w/ID Badge or Parent w/ID may also pick up premiums).
 - a) Premiums will not be available for animal exhibits until the day following the show unless announced differently during the show. Exceptions: Jr Fair Dog Show, Open Class Feeder Calf & Open Class Goat premiums will be paid at the show.
 - b) Exhibits displayed in the 4-H Club Booth, Scout Booth, and/or FFA premiums will be paid collectively to their advisor. An exception will be 4-H exhibits in the Miscellaneous Booth – these will be paid to the exhibitor. Check the posting in the building for the date and time premiums will be available for all projects in the 4-H Center & FFA building.
 - c) Open Class Arts & Crafts will pick up cash premiums at the Senior Fair Board Office. Date & time premiums will be available and will be posted in the Arts & Crafts building.

ELECTION NOTICE

The Annual Election of Directors will be held on the First Saturday of November between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm at the Babcock Building on the fairgrounds. Any person wishing to be a candidate for election to the Board of Directors must meet all of the following requirements: 1.) Current member of the Hartford Independent Agricultural Society; 2) at least 21 years of age; 3) Live in the Hartford Fair District or own land in a qualifying district; 4) file a nominating petition signed by at least 15 other current members of the Hartford Independent Agricultural Society, and 5) present a nominating petition to the Society office by October 1st, before the date of the annual election.

PRECAUTION NOTICE

The Hartford Independent Agricultural Society will take every precaution in its power for the safe preservation of livestock and articles on exhibition after their arrival and arrangement upon the fairgrounds. However, the Society will not be responsible for damage to the exhibit or livestock by fire, water, windstorm, or any act of nature, nor does the Board of Directors assume any liability for loss by theft or accidents to persons or property. The Board will not be liable for any errors or omissions in this premium book. The Hartford Independent Agriculture Society assumes no responsibility for damage to or loss of parked vehicles or personal property contained within parked vehicles.

SOLICITATION NOTICE

No person shall be permitted to make solicitations of any nature on the fairgrounds except in contracted concessions or commercially rented spaces. No person will be permitted to post or display signs, distribute handbills, advertise material, or sell or distribute free merchandise, except people under contract and/or with the permission of the fair board.

PROHIBITED

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Laser lights, laser pointers, and silly string are prohibited on fairgrounds.

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