

Meats Project / Country Cured Ham – Bacon

Entry: 4-H and FFA Participants Sunday, July 21, Noon to 2 p.m.

Judging: Monday, July 22, 8:00 a.m.

Pre-registration forms on extension website-fees apply

ME 114 – Country Cured Bacon
ME 115 – Country Cured Ham 4-H
C975a – Country Cured Ham FFA
C975b – Country Cured Bacon FFA

1. All hams & bacons will be checked in Sunday, July 21, noon to 2 p.m. on the **east side** of exhibit building. Exhibit tags will be placed on the ham/bacon when checked in.
2. Judging to be held Monday, July 22, 8 a.m. until finished. Exhibitors welcome to attend & watch judging – any questions will be answered only after the judge makes final decisions, 3 p.m. or after.
3. Decision of the judges are final.
4. Maximum of two hams/slabs of bacon may be shown, only highest point ham/bacon allowed to sell.
5. Bacons must be shown as a full slab.
6. Only USDA inspected hams/bacon of blue or red ribbon quality are allowed to be sold, hams must weigh a minimum of 12 lbs. & a maximum of 30 lbs.
7. **PROFESSIONALLY TRIMMED OR OTHERWISE COMMERCIALY PREPARED HAMS/BACONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM 4-H & FFA COMPETITION. ALL HAMS/BACONS MUST BE CURED AND TRIMMED BY THE EXHIBITOR.**
8. Refrigeration will be available for bacons.
9. Exhibitors that wish to sell their ham/bacon in the premium auction must be present at the auction to sell their ham/bacon.
10. To sell a ham/bacon in the premium auction, all ham/bacon project participants are required to either: show a livestock project at the fair, participate in shooting sports with a minimum requirement of 10 hours of practice, or have at least 3 exhibits for judging in addition to a ham/bacon project submission, excluding open shows.
11. Intent to sell cards must be turned in to the superintendent on the day of check in. Exhibitors cannot sell both an animal and a ham/bacon. Members allowed in the sale ring only once in 2024.
12. Hams/bacons will become the property of the buyer immediately after the premium sale.
13. 4-H Council, FFA, nor the Fair Board will be responsible for sold or unsold hams/bacons not picked up by posted time after the sale. Unclaimed hams/bacons will be donated. Pick up is Thursday evening after the completion of the livestock/ham/bacon sale.