# 2026 Putnam County 4-H Calendar

* DATE WILL REMAIN THE SAME EVERY YEAR

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
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| **January** | | | |
| 1/1 | | Market Steer/Heifer Ownership Deadline * | |
| 1/5 | | Market Beef ID Deadline (picture, ID tag, due in 4HOnline per each steer) | 4-H Online 4honline.com |
| 1/8 | Doors open - 6:00 PM Meeting - 6:30 PM | Advisor Kick Off Meeting - Doors open at 6:00 PM with light refreshments being served. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM. Advisor training is mandatory for all 4-H Volunteers. | Putnam County Event Center |
| 1/8 | 8:30 PM | 4-H Council Meeting | Putnam County Event Center |
| 1/15 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Jr Fair Board Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 1/29 | 6:00 PM | New Advisor & Make-Up Training | Putnam County Extension Office |
| **February** | | | |
| 2/1 | | Ohio 4-H Achievement Forms Due* | |
| 2/10 | 5:45 PM | CARteen Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 2/19 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Jr Fair Board Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 2/21 | | Registration Due for State 4-H Volunteer Conference | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 2/23-3/9 | | Turkey Hatch Date (February 23 - March 9) | |
| 2/26 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Camp Counselor Training | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 2/28 | | Camp Palmer Counselor Training (Optional) | Camp Palmer |
| **March** | | | |
| 3/1 | | **PUTNAM COUNTY 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE *** | 4-H Online 4honline.com |
| 3/2 | | Tags for feeder calves and hogs will be available for pick-up.* | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 3/11 | | **Turkey Possession** (hatch dates February 23 - March 9) | |
| 3/19 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Jr Fair Board Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 3/21 | | State 4-H Volunteer/Teen Conference/Recognition | Columbus Convention Center |
| 3/26 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Camp Counselor Training | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 3/26 | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM | 4-H Council Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 3/26-4/9 | | Geese Hatch Date (March 26 – April 9) | |
| 3/31 | 7:30 PM | Quality Assurance Program - (ALL 4-H Livestock Exhibitors taking market beef, market dairy steer, market lambs, market swine, market goats, market rabbits, market poultry or lactating dairy need to complete a QA Program. Dairy/beef/crossbred feeders need to attend QA.) Optional for parents to attend. | Putnam County Event Center |
| **April** | | | |
| 4/1 | | **4-H Project Change Deadline *** | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/3 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Camp Counselor Training - Make Up | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/6- 4/12 | | Market Rabbit - to be born between April 6 - 12 | |

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| 4/9 | 7:30 PM | Quality Assurance Program - (ALL 4-H Livestock Exhibitors taking market beef, market dairy steer, market lambs, market swine, market goats, market rabbits, market poultry or lactating dairy need to complete a QA Program. Dairy/beef/crossbred feeders need to attend QA.) Optional for parents to attend. | Putnam County Event Center |
| 4/11 | | **Geese Possession** (hatch dates March 26 – April 9) | |
| | | Duck Hatch Dates (April 13 - April 27) | |
| 4/14 | 5:45 PM | CARteen Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/15 | | **ANIMAL POSSESSION DEADLINE** (Feeder Calf, Goats, Beef Breeding, Sheep Breeding, Rabbit Breeding, Lambs, Horses, & Swine) * | |
| 4/15 | by 4:30 PM | Club Programs Due * | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/15 | by 4:30 PM | Club Charter's, Constitution, & EIN Due * | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/15 | by 4:30 PM | **HORSE LEASE AGREEMENT DEADLINE** | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/16 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Jr Fair Board Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/16 | | Horse, Rabbit, Chicken, Lamb, Goat, Swine, and Feeder Calf Pictures Due in 4-H Online | 4-H Online 4honline.com |
| 4/18 | 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Feeder Calf Classification (all tagged feeders are to be on the grounds by 10 AM) | Putnam County Fairgrounds |
| 4/18 | 10:00-11:00 AM | Quality Assurance Program (Small animals focused) (Large Animal Exhibitors are welcome to attend) | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/18 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Poultry Clinic | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/18 | 11:00 AM - Noon | Rabbit Clinic | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/19 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | 4-H Chicken BBQ — (carry-out only) | Putnam County Junior Fair Office |
| 4/23 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Camp Counselor Training | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 4/29 | | **Duck Possession** (Hatch Dates April 13 – April 27) | |
| | | Meat Chickens Hatch Dates (April 30 - May 14) | |

## May

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| 5/1 | | **Breeding Chickens Possession Deadline** (birds recommended to be at least 6 months old at the time of the fair). * | |
| 5/8 | | **QA Due - Quality Assurance must be completed 45 days prior to fair to be eligible to exhibit.** | |
| 5/10 | | **Market Rabbit Possession Deadline** | |
| 5/15 | by 4:30 PM | 4-H Camp Scholarships, Junior Achievement, Career Achievement Awards Due * | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 5/16 | | Rabbit Tattooing — (Arrive by 10:00AM) Rabbit Barn | Putnam County Fairgrounds |
| 5/16 | | **Meat Chickens Possession** (Hatch Dates April 30 – May 14) | |
| TBD | | Entries Due for Junior Fair Horse/Pony Show (PAS) | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 5/21 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Jr Fair Board Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 5/21 | 7:30 PM | 4-H Council Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 5/22 | by 4:30 PM | KING/QUEEN APPLICATIONS DUE | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 5/28 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Camp Counselor Training | Putnam County Extension Office |

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| 5/30 | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Cloverbud Camp | Putnam County Extension Office |
| | | **June** | |
| 6/1 | | **JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES DUE** | Fair Entry - fairentry.com |
| 6/1 | | Club dues turned in to the Extension office | |
| 6/9 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Camp Counselor Training | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 6/9 | 5:45 PM | CARteen Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 6/10 | 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM | **Skillathon Judging** — (**need to pre-register for a time online at putnam.osu.edu; will receive email when registration is open) | Putnam County Event Center |
| 6/10 | | King/Queen Interviews | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 6/12 | by 4:30 PM | **4-H Camp Early Bird Registration Closes** | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 6/12 | | Horse/Pony Fun Show - Putnam County Fairgrounds | Putnam County Fairgrounds |
| 6/13 | | Horse/Pony Fun Show - Putnam County Fairgrounds | Putnam County Fairgrounds |
| 6/14 | | Horse/Pony/PAS Show -Putnam County Fairgrounds | Putnam County Fairgrounds |
| 6/15 | 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Junior Fair Board Work Day | Putnam County Fairgrounds |
| 6/16 | 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM | **SPECIAL INTEREST & MISCELLANEOUS (STILL PROJECTS) JUDGING**<br>*All Special Interest and Miscellaneous (Still Projects) that are not judged on the 16th or 17th will need to contact an advisor to have their projects judged. | Putnam County Event Center |
| 6/16 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Jr Fair Board Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| | | **June Continued** | |
| 6/17 | | Silent Auction Items due | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 6/17 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | **MAKE-UP JUDGING (call office for appointment at 419-523-6294)** | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 6/17 | | **Fair Booth Set-Up** | Putnam County Event Center |
| 6/18 | | **Fair Booth Set-Up - By Appt Only** | Putnam County Event Center |
| 6/21 | | State Fair Livestock Entries Due* | |
| 6/20 | | Fair Parade / Booth Set-Up | |
| 6/22 - 6/27 | | **PUTNAM COUNTY FAIR** | |
| | | **July** | |
| 7/1 | | Sweepstake Awards & Woodworking Awards Due to Extension Office * | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 7/1 | | State Fair Horse Show Entry Deadline | |
| 7/1 | | **4-H Camp Registration Due*** | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 7/6 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Camp Counselor Training | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 7/9 | 10:00 AM - NOON | Camp Counselor Training/Make-up | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 7/14 - 7/18 | | **PUTNAM COUNTY 4-H CAMP** | 4-H Camp Palmer |
| 7/20-7/24 | | State Fair Packet Pick Up - replaces Orientation Meeting<br>Ohio State Fair Horse Shows Entries Due (no late entries will be accepted) | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 7/29 - 8/9 | | ***Ohio State Fair*** | |
| | | **August** | |
| 8/1 | | Secretary/Treasurer Books, Financial Report & Honor Club Application Due | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 8/11 | 5:45 PM | CARteen Meeting | Putnam County Extension Office |
| 8/24-8/28 | | Livestock Checks can be picked up | Putnam County Extension Office |

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| TBD | Interviews for Returning Camp Counselors and Junior Fair Board members | Putnam County Extension Office |
| **September** | | |
| **October** | | |
| **November** | | |
| 11/2 | Camp Counselor and Junior Fair Applications Due | Putnam County Extension Office |