

Junior Fair Beef
Market Rules-2024

County Forms due by 5pm to extension office,
Thursday February 1

Beef Feeder Tag Pick-up, Sunday April 24, 2pm

January Check-In Clinic, Saturday, January 13, 9:00
am – 12:00 pm

Skill-A-Thon: Sunday, July 21, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Carcass Drop-off: Sunday, July 21, 6:30pm at E.R.
Boliantz

Carcass Judging: Wednesday, July 24, 6:30pm at
T.L. Keller Meats

Fair Check-in: Sunday, July 28th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fair Release: Sunday, August 4th, 6:00 am-Market Animals; 11:00 am Beef Feeder; 8:00 pm-All Other
Animals

Shows: Wednesday, July 31st, 4:30 pm Market Beef Showmanship; 6:30 pm, Show Arena – Market
Beef Show

Fair Entry Requirements

1. Completion of a Quality Assurance (QA) education program by Jr. Fair Exhibitors will be mandatory to exhibit Market Beef. Those exhibitors who do not attend QA will not be allowed to show **or house** their animals at the Medina County Jr. Fair.
2. Exhibitors must file an animal entry for all project animals to be shown at the fair. Entries must be submitted online no later than 11:59 pm, June 1st of the current year.
3. All Market Beef (steers & heifers) that are to be shown at the Medina County Jr. Fair or the Carcass Class must be brought to the January Check-In Clinic. Those animals, not ear-tagged and photographed at this clinic are ineligible to show.
4. Exhibitors must have paid their \$20.00 per head fee at the Check-In Clinic.
5. Project animals must be on your farm for inspection after ear-tagging. Project animals housed at a different address than the owners must have an address on file with the Beef Committee.
6. Only animals checked in at Check-In Clinic are eligible for Jr. Fair Entry.
7. Exhibitors of eligible Medina County Born Class project animals must have their agreement (signed by the seller and the exhibitor) for each individual animal on file in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm, February 1st.
8. Market heifers cannot be bred. Bring proof of open form by the veterinarian for fair check-in.
9. All cattle must be halter broke and leadable at the Check-In clinic. No tagging or photographs will be performed on the trailer.

Animal Requirements

1. An exhibitor may show and sell 2 live Market animals AND 1 Beef Carcass in the Junior Fair Market Beef Show and Livestock Sale.
2. All Market Beef must be 100% beef blood with a 100% beef breed sire and dam.
3. All horns are 2 inches or less measured on the underside. Cattle with horns longer than 2 inches will be disqualified.
4. Market Steers with testicular tissue are disqualified.
5. All cattle must be halter broke and leadable by the exhibitor. Any animal determined to be unsafe by the Beef Committee members present will be disqualified.
6. Market animals that do not make weight (1,000 pounds at Fair Check-in) can show but are not sold unless the animal reaches mature slaughter weight by Frame Score as described in **Beef Resource Handbook**, 2:16-17.

7. _No Health Certificate is required; however, animals must show no evidence of contagious or infectious disease.

Animal Welfare

1. Review Season Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules.
2. Review Ohio Health Exhibition Rules.
3. Review General Rules and Special Rules for Exhibitors.
4. Exhibitors or family representatives are responsible for the care of their animal until it is released on the buyer's truck.

Exhibition Requirements

1. Market Beef Possession deadline is January 1st of the current year.
2. Review General Regulations for Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors.
3. Review Season Tampering Rules, 901-19-33 Prohibited Grooming Practices.
4. All Market Beef animals will be ear-tagged and photographed at January Check-in. If tags and photos of exhibited Market Beef animals do not match the "on file print" the animal will be disqualified.
5. The committee will assign stalls concerning family convenience.
6. All Market Beef projects must be shown by the Jr. Fair Exhibitor who entered the animal unless there is a class conflict of more than 1 animal in the same fair class.
7. Exhibitors cannot wear farm advertisements in the Show Ring; proper show attire is requested.
 - Clean and neat clothing along with protective footwear.
8. Cattle must be tied with a halter and neck strap or rope at the fair. Beef Committee will purchase neck straps for animals not having a neck strap and will charge the exhibitor.
 - The halter must be on the Market Beef animal for buyers.
9. Fair Chore-Time will require all animals to be cleaned, fed, and watered before 11:00 am. Evening Chores must be done between 5:00 pm-7:30 pm.
 - No feed pans or buckets may be left in front of unattended animals during the fair.
10. Daily demerits will be assessed by the Beef Committee due to stalls being unclean, feed pans and/or water buckets tied to the rail and left with your animal, as well as the animal's general care being unkempt. These demerits will be discretely posted above the animal and if 3 demerits are posted exhibitor will not be allowed to show or sell on sale day.
11. Members and family representatives are responsible for the care of their animal until it is loaded on the buyer's truck.
12. The bedding may not be removed until the animal is loaded on Sunday.
13. All stalls must be cleaned by 1:00 pm, Sunday.
14. If the project is not shown in its assigned market class, animals will not be permitted to sell in Jr. Livestock sale.
15. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure they are at the show arena prior to their assigned class entering the ring.

Skillathon

1. To receive the Premier Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must participate in the Skillathon.
2. Premier Exhibitor Award placing – See Regulations for all Livestock Exhibitors.

Carcass Contest

1. All of the General Rules and requirements for the Junior Fair Beef pertain.
2. Carcass Show animals are to be checked at the January Check-In Clinic.
3. All Carcass exhibitors are required to have completed a QA during the current project year. Those not completing QA may not participate in the Carcass Contest.

1. Carcass Class entries need to be made by 11:59 pm, June 1st.
2. ALL Beef Carcasses may be sold through the Livestock Sale as long as Carcasses meet minimum quality standards (quality grade of low select or above) as required in compliance with the Ohio Livestock Exhibition Rules.
 - Carcasses will be graded, and the appropriate stamp rolled.
 - To place Champion or Reserve, Carcass must meet minimum quality standards (low select or above).
 - Champion and Reserve Carcasses must be sold in the sale.
3. Carcass Beef must be halter broke and leadable by the exhibitor. Any Market Beef determined to be unsafe by the Beef Committee members present will be disqualified.
4. All exhibitors enrolled in the Beef Carcass project are required to complete Drug Use Notification Forms to be turned in when animals are dropped off at slaughter.
5. Market Heifers are eligible for Carcass Show but the exhibitor must present documentation from a veterinarian stating that the animal is not bred before slaughter.
6. The Champion and Reserve Champion Carcasses must be sold at the Medina County Junior Fair Livestock Sale. All other Carcasses may be sold at the exhibitor's discretion.
7. If for any reason, the Carcass does not pass State Inspection at the time of harvest, the Carcass will not be considered for placing. The Carcass becomes the sole responsibility (financial and otherwise) of the seller (4-H/FFA member), not the buyer, processor, Medina County Agricultural Society, Medina County Beef Committee, or Ohio State University Extension personnel.
8. The exhibitor must submit a video leading and setting up the calf to the beef virtual mailbox. They must answer questions picked by a committee member before carcass class.

Showmanship

1. Participation in Showmanship is highly encouraged for all exhibitors.
2. To receive Premier Exhibitor Award, you must participate in Showmanship.
3. All exhibitors must sign up for an age-appropriate Showmanship Class.
 - Winners of Advanced Showmanship will remain in Advanced Showmanship for the remainder of their 4-H/FFA membership.
 - Exhibitors must exhibit their own market beef/feeder in showmanship.
4. Age brackets: Novice 8-10, Junior 11-12, Intermediate 13-15, Senior 16-18

County Born and Raise Class

1. Exhibitors of eligible Market Beef must present the signed agreement by the seller and the exhibitor for each individual animal and be on file in the 4-H Office by 5:00 pm, February 1st.
2. \$20 Entry fee per Market Beef will be collected at the nose print clinic.

Beef Feeder Class

1. Feeder Calf Possession Deadline is May 20th.
2. Exhibitors may tag 3 feeder calves but ONLY show 2.
3. Ear Tags will be distributed by the Beef Committee. Check Beef Projects Exhibitors Important Dates and Deadlines for dates and location.
4. Feeder Calves will be tagged at the farm. Exhibitor must take picture of feeder calves with tag in the picture and return to Extension office by 5:00 pm or upload by 11:59 pm on June 1st.
5. Feeder Calves must be tagged with specific Medina County tamper proof-tags.
6. \$20.00 per tag for each calf is due at the time of tag pick up.
7. Feeder calves may be steers and/or heifers.
8. Beef feeders with testicular tissue will be disqualified.
9. All feeders must be dehorned.

10. Calves must be 100% beef breed, NO dairy breeds.
11. No nurse cows are permitted at the fair.
12. Feeder Calves must be born after Jan. 1st of the current year and before April 30th of the current year.
13. Feeder Calves must weigh a min. of 300 lbs. to a max. of 650 lbs.
14. Two weeks before Medina County Fair, a committee member will do a farm visit. The committee member will evaluate the calves and proof of vaccinations need to be present.
15. Feeder Calves will be shown by weight.
16. Feeder Calves have the option to go through the sale, "NOT TERMINAL," back to the farm.
17. 1 hour after the show, exhibitors must let committee members know if not going through the sale.
18. No market animals can be shown in the breeding class.

Beef Feeder and Market Beef Show

1. Market animals will show by weight.
 - Classes are determined after all Market animals are weighed at Fair Check-in.
2. There will be 2 Beef Committee Members in or near the Show Ring if a question arises from the judge that needs to be answered by a committee member only.
 - Ring Masters will refer all questions to the Beef Committee.
3. Exhibitors cannot wear advertisements in the Show Ring; proper show attire is requested.
 - Clean and neat clothing along with protective footwear.
4. The judge will place the Top 6 Market Animals for the Livestock Sale Order.
5. All complaints are to be submitted in writing. See General Regulations for Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors for the detailed grievances procedures.

Show Order: Showmanship Wednesday, July 31st, 4:30 pm, Show Arena

1. Market Beef Senior Showmanship – 16-18 years old by January 1st of the current year.
2. Market Beef Intermediate Showmanship – 13-15 years old by January 1st of the current year.
3. Market Beef Junior Showmanship – 11-12 years old by January 1st of the current year.
4. Market Beef Novice Showmanship – up to 10 years old by January 1st of the current year.
5. Market Beef Advanced Showmanship – all winners of Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Novice Showmanship of the current year and winner of Advanced Showmanship from previous years.

Show Order: Steer Show Wednesday, July 31st, 6:30 pm, Show Arena

6. Beef Feeder Classes and selection of Champion
7. County and raised Medina County Market Beef Classes and selection of Champion
8. Market Beef Classes
9. Carcass Results
10. Skillathon Results

11. Rate of Gain Results
12. Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef
13. Premier Exhibitor Results