

Junior Fair Dairy Beef Rules-2024

Skill-A-Thon: TBD

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

Fair Release: Sunday, August 4th , 6:00 am-Livestock Sale Animals/ 8:00 pm-All Other Animals

Show: Thursday, August 1st , 8:30 am, Show Arena

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. **To show:** Exhibitors enter into Jr. Fair Animal Entry for all dairy beef to be shown at the fair. Entries must be submitted online no later than 11:59 pm, June 1st.
 - If you are uncertain about the weight of your animal, select a lower weight on the form and the committee will adjust upon weigh-in. You will not be disqualified for checking the wrong box when estimating weights.
3. Exhibitors must attend Weigh- to enroll as a Finished Steer. See dates and deadline
 - It is highly recommended that exhibitors who possess their Dairy Beef Heavy Attend weigh-In as will. If the Heavy Feeder weighs over 1, 100 lbs. This will allow the animal to show in Finished Steer Weight Class and to become eligible for the Market Livestock Sale.
4. Exhibitors of Dairy Starter Calves, Light Feeders, and Heavy Feeders must pick up a tag from the committee by April 1st and have a photo of the animal with the tag in it's ear into 4-H online by 5:00 pm April 15th.
5. A \$15.00 per Exhibitor Fee will be collected at weigh in and tag pick up. Payment will be collected before your animal(s) can be weighed.
6. Drug Use Notification Forms must be completed on all dairy beef sold at the Livestock Sale that is intended for slaughter.
7. Exhibitors are required to turn in a 4x6 picture of the project animal at check-in for each project that is going for sale. A \$10.00 per Animal Fee will be assessed for those who fail to provide a picture.
8. Only two animals per exhibitor, per class.

Animal Requirements

1. Dairy Beef must be **100% Brown Swiss** or **100% Holstein** breeding.
2. All horns must be 2 inches or less measured on the underside.
3. Dairy Starter Calves, Feeder Calves, and Finished Steers are weighed when unloaded.
4. Dairy Starters Calves weighing less than 250 pounds will not remain at the exhibition unless it is the exhibitor's only Dairy Beef Project. It then can only be shown in Showmanship – no other class and no sale.
5. Dairy Starter Calves over 400 pounds show as Light Feeders.
6. All Starter Calves, Feeder Calves, and Finished Steers must be steers, meaning no testicular tissue is present. All castration must be done 60 days before the Fair Check-in. The Fair Veterinarian will have the final determination regarding the presence/absence of testicular tissue.
7. Dairy Starter Calves, Light Feeders, and Heavy Feeders are not intended for slaughter; they are shown and sold on a "back to the farm" basis.
8. Starter Calves and Feeder Calves will be put into classes according to weight.

9. Heavy Feeder weighing over 1,100 pounds without a photo or nose print on file by the deadline stated above in Fair Entry Requirements, rule #3 may enter a Showmanship Class only; and can sell last on a back-to-the-farm basis.
 - o It is highly recommended that exhibitors who possess their Dairy Beef Heavy Feeder by January 1st submit a photo ID to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm January 28th. If the Heavy Feeder weighs over 1,100 lbs. the photo ID or nose print will allow the animal to show in the Finished Steer Weight Class and to become eligible for the Market Livestock Sale.
10. Finished Steers registered in January that do not make weight (1, 101 pounds or more) may drop down to the Heavy Feeder Class.

Fair Animal Welfare

1. Dairy Beef must be tied with a halter and neck strap or rope. The halter must be on the animal for buyers to load and haul.
 - The Dairy Beef Committee provides halters for animals not having proper halters, at the exhibitor's expense.
2. The exhibitor must care for the animal until it is picked up by the buyer.
3. No feeding/watering equipment will be left in front of unattended animals.
4. Clean stalls by 9:00 pm, Sunday, August 7th, or a \$20.00 cleaning fee will be deducted from your Livestock Sale Check.

Rate of Gain

1. To enter the Rate of Gain Contest, the Steer must be weighed at January 14th Dairy Beef Project Weigh-in held at the fairgrounds. Members must bring a photo of their animal to weigh in. Pictures will not be taken at the weigh-in.

Skillathon

1. Participation is required to be eligible for Premier Exhibitor Award.
2. Premier Exhibitor Award placing – See Regulations for all Livestock Exhibitors.

Show

1. Dairy Beef animals are shown in the same style/manner as Beef is shown.
2. All Junior Fair animals must be shown by Medina County Junior Fair Exhibitors.
3. Dress Code: Jeans, dress shirt, and boots that will protect feet.

Showmanship

1. A Showmanship Order, including what Showmanship Class each exhibitor is entered in, will be posted with the Show Order. If there are any corrections to be made (either an error has been made or an exhibitor is not going to enter Showmanship) the exhibitor must fill out a "Showmanship Correction Card" (signed by a parent/legal guardian if under 18 years old) and give it to a Dairy Beef Committee Member by 8:00 am of SHOW DAY.)
2. Showmanship classes with more than 10 entries may be divided.
3. Members must show their animals in Showmanship.

Sale

1. Buyers receive a full refund from sellers for any animals condemned at slaughter for drug residue or substances that change conformation or temperament.
2. The Medina County Jr. Fair Livestock Committees, Medina County Agricultural Society, and Ohio State University Extension personnel are not responsible for any theft or loss.
3. Review General Livestock Sale Rules.

4. All Dairy Beef Weight Classes may sell (Starter Calves, Light Feeder, Heavy Feeder, and Finished Steers).
5. A "NO SALE" Card from the Dairy Beef Committee must be turned in to a designated committee member, "NO LATER THAN 1 HOUR AFTER THE DAIRY BEEF SHOW," if no card is turned in, eligible animals will be put in the sale.
6. Members are expected to send a Buyer Thank You and Sponsor Thank You where appropriate and to complete the required Barn Duty. A \$20.00 fee will be assessed for any member who does not complete the required Barn Duty.
7. Exhibitors may sell up to 4 animals.

Show Order

1. Senior Showmanship – 16-18 years old by January 1st of the current year
2. Intermediate Showmanship – 13-15 years old by January 1st of the current year
3. Junior Showmanship – 8 [and in 3rd grade]-12 years old by January 1st of the current year
4. First Year Showmanship (all ages) who have never shown **any** cattle before
5. Skillathon Awards
6. Rate of Gain
7. Dairy Starter Calves – 250 to 400 pounds. Classes determined after weigh-in of Champion Dairy Starter Calf – 1st and 2nd place class winners compete in Champion Class.
8. Light Feeder – 401 to 650 pounds. Classes determined after weigh-in
9. Heavy Feeder – 651 to 1,100 pounds. Classes determined after weigh-in
10. Finished Steer – 1,101 pounds or more. Classes are determined after weigh-in.