

Wayne County 4-H / FFA / Jr. Fair 2024 Beef Project Guidelines

PROJECT CHECKLIST

- Check the 4-H calendar for the most up to date information regarding our program online at: <https://go.osu.edu/wc4hcalendar>
- Enroll in 4-H** through 4-HOnline at <https://oh.4honline.com/> by April 1. (Individual clubs may set an earlier date!)
- Attend Quality Assurance Training** dates for the 2024 QA sessions: May 7th, June 4th, and a last chance Quality Assurance will be held on July 23rd (a fee will be charged for the last chance Quality Assurance). Please see the 4-H App calendar for locations and times of these QA sessions. QA must be completed by July 24th.
- Project Record Book:** Purchase, complete and **due** at Skillathon Interview Judging
- Junior Fair Book:** Obtain and read the Wayne County Junior Fair Book for rules and regulations for our county fair. Available through club advisors and online at wayne.osu.edu/jrfair
- Obtain** and care for your **Steer(s)** by January 1. **Breeding/Feeder Calve(s)** by June 1.
- Bring Cattle to tag-in (Required for Market Animals ONLY).
 - Tag-in is January 13, 2024 for steers
 - In the case of inclement weather, listen to WQKT for cancellations.
- Animal ID:** Enter **ALL** possible and eligible animals (including family back-ups) that you could possibly enter in the fair into 4-HOnline by June 1st. Help sheets are available at wayne.osu.edu/help
- Project Completion:** Attend and participate in one of the following: Wayne County 4-H Skillathon Interview Judging, State Fair Beef Skillathon, or complete the Wayne County Jr. Fair Outstanding Exhibitor Exam. Proof of State Fair Skillathon completion must be submitted to the Wayne County Extension Office by August 8th.
- Fair Entries** - Due August 1st: Make ALL fair entries online at <https://waynejrfair.fairentry.com> for your animal(s).
- DUNF:** All market and lactating animals must complete an electronic Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) before check-in at the fair – link to this form will be on our website and in the 4-H mobile app in August.
- Read and follow all rules pertaining to your project animal(s) in the Jr. Fair Book (this book should be given to you by your 4-H club advisor in July).*



Optional:

- Attend and participate in the Ohio Beef Expo. March 13 - 17
 - Get QA training and learn about showmanship, fitting, and care tips to prepare for fair!
- Attend Beef Clinic TBD
- OME:** All exhibitors who wish to participate in the Outstanding Market or Breeding Exhibitor program will take an exam. Please visit <https://go.osu.edu/wcjrfairoutstanding> to learn more details.

What's New for 2024?

- All beef (beef steers, beef breeding, and beef feeders) will show on Saturday September 7th. All dairy beef projects (dairy steers and dairy feeders) will show Tuesday September 10th.
- Skillathon Interviews will be held July 10th and August 7th. All livestock exhibitors must participate in one night of this event or complete the Outstanding Exhibitor Exam.
- Grooming chutes will be allowed to come to the fairgrounds starting at 12 noon on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend and as always no tape on the rails is permitted to hold spots. On Tuesday of Fair, no grooming chutes can be placed from the north entrance of the Coliseum Barn to the North Entrance of the Coliseum Arena so Dairy animals have room to come in and out for their show.

2024 DATES**Steer Tagging / Weigh-In: Saturday January 13, 2024 9:00 am - 12:00 pm – Fairgrounds**

*inclement weather backup date is January 20th – Fairgrounds

Beef Clinic: TBD

Wayne County Quality Assurance: Dates for the 2024 QA sessions: May 7th, June 6th, and a last chance Quality Assurance will be held on July 23rd (a fee will be charged for the last chance Quality Assurance). Please see the 4-H App calendar for locations and times of these QA sessions. QA must be completed by July 24th.

Wayne County Skillathon Interviews: July 10th and August 7th 6:30 – 9 pm at the Fairgrounds Event Center

Outstanding Exhibitor Exam: July 9th 5-9 pm – Fairgrounds Event Center

Wayne County Fair Beef Check in: Cattle may arrive Thursday Sept. 5th, 4:00 pm – Friday Sept. 6th, 10:00 am

Fair Weigh-In: Friday Sept. 6, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Steers need to be in line by 5:00pm and feeder calves will be immediately following the steers.

Important Notes

- **Sale Photograph:** Champions will continue to be the only animals to enter the sale ring. Our goal is to display a clean and professional photo of every exhibitor with their animal during the time each exhibitor is selling. It is highly recommended that all market exhibitors have their photo taken and uploaded to FairEntry along with their market class entry by Aug.1.
- **Awards:** All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other award sponsored by a donor are expected to send a Thank You note to the sponsor(s). Thank-you cards will be provided with your award. Please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the Award Box located in the Coliseum or Jr. fair office. Failure to turn in a thank you card may result in a loss of premium. The name and address of the sponsor can be found on the award. If you cannot find it, contact the Jr. Fair Office.
- **Suggested attire:** Collared shirt, nice jeans, and closed toe shoes should be worn as minimal proper attire when exhibiting your animal (please check in the Jr. Fair book for specific species dress code rules)
- For market heifers, there must be three or more entries to have a breed class.
- All feed pans must be removed after feeding. Water buckets/containers may be left after feeding if they are *secured to the wall*.
- The beef committee retains the right to order the removal of your animal from the grounds if a discrepancy is found.
- Each member may tag two beef steers, two market beef heifers, two dairy steers, two beef carcass steers, and two dairy carcass steers for a *maximum* total of *10 animals per exhibitor*. There will be a \$20 charge for each carcass steer tagged.
- An exhibitor cannot show both a market beef steer and a market heifer at the fair.
- Dairy steers are limited to steers where both sire and dam are of the same dairy breed; beef steers can be cross bred.
- Animals bred, born, and raised in Wayne County are eligible for the Bred, Born, and Raised class. However, exhibitors must complete the Bred, Born, and Raised form at January weigh-in.
- Recommended fall weights for steers are 400 to 600 pounds.
- There are two separate carcass classes, one for dairy and one for beef.
- If your animal loses a tag during the year, *contact the Extension office immediately*. You have one week to notify the Extension office of a lost tag. Once notified, a beef committee member will retag the animal.
- **Exhibition Rule:** Exhibitors must show that they can personally handle their animal and receive a “proof of exhibition” / “walk-safe” ticket to be able to show the animal at the fair. See general information for more details.

State Fair Requirements

The State Fair’s deadline for fair identification is January 15, 2024. DNA samples and 840 Electronic ID (EID) Tags are required.

- A limited number of kits that include the EID tag and DNA sample and sticker are available in the Extension office.
- If you are participating in the BEST shows before the deadline, it is recommended that you pick up your kit at the show.
- For more information, visit the Ohio State Fair website.

- The entire kit with an Extension office employee signature must be sent to: Stacey French, Ohio State Fair 717 East 17th Avenue Columbus OH 43211 by January 15, 2024

Calf Death Payment

- Available for all 4-H & FFA members enrolled in the steer or market heifer project with calves tagged at county official check-in.
- Owner must submit a dated death certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian. Death certificate must include date and cause of death.
- **DEATH CERTIFICATE AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF DEATH OF THE ANIMAL.**
- *If you receive a payment for your steers' death, you may not show in the market or Bred, Born, and Raised class.*
- Amount to be reimbursed will be up to \$500 per member per year.

Classes and Sale

- Jr. Fair Steer Show will start on Saturday September 7th at 10:30am, following the dairy judging contest, in the coliseum.
- Jr. Fair Dairy Beef Show will start on Tuesday September 10th at 5:00pm in the coliseum.
- Exhibitors selling their animal(s) at the Junior Fair Sale **MUST** send a "Thank You" note to the buyer(s). This "Thank You" note is to be delivered to the Extension Office beginning the Monday after the fair in a stamped, sealed, and addressed envelope, and no later than one week after the sale. Checks for the sale of market animals will be sent to members only after a "Thank You" note is presented to the Extension Office.

General Information

- The project animal must be in the care and possession of the member by January 1 (steer) or June 1 (breeders/feeders) of the current year and remain with the member through the fair.
- Guidelines for training and showing your animal are listed in your 4-H Beef Resource Book.
- Each family should have the 4-H Beef Resource Book. Each member needs to complete the Market Beef Project and Record Book, or Beef Breeding Project and Record Book, and participate in Quality Assurance and Skillathon in order to be eligible to exhibit at the Wayne County Junior Fair. A letter is sent to members in the spring with the Skillathon details.
- **Exhibition Rule:** In an effort to encourage youth to train their animals to be safe in the show ring and increase involvement with their projects, all market beef and market dairy beef projects are required to show/ exhibit during one of the following events:
 - **Option one:** January check in/weigh in - you (the exhibitor) can exhibit your animal at weigh in, where you will be asked to walk your animal around the arena multiple times to show you have control. **Make sure you do not leave without your Proof of Exhibition ticket!!**

- **Option two:** Winter/Spring Preview or Jackpot Show - Member must turn in a paid entry receipt to the Extension office by August 1st.
- **Option three:** Spring Show in April at the Wayne County Fairgrounds - member can show during the show or at the end of showmanship with a Beef Committee member.
- **Option four:** Exhibit a steer at the Ohio State Fair - Member must get a proof of exhibition to the Extension office by August 7th 2024.
- **Option five:** If **NONE** of these dates can work, please contact the Beef Committee as soon as possible to set up alternative methods to receive proof of exhibition tickets.
- **Any questions can be directed to the Beef Committee.**
- **The Jr. Fair will supply exhibitors a specific tag to be placed within each feeder calf's ear. The tags will be available to sign out starting at weigh in on **January 13, 2024**. Exhibitors must turn in unused tags by **June 1, 2024**.**
 - **Tags must be inserted into the animal's right ear before photos are taken. The following photos must be taken of the animal and uploaded to the Animal ID section in 4HOnline by June 1:** One left side profile, one head shot with ear tag *clearly* visible
- **Market steers must be weighed and tagged on **January 13, 2024 at the Coliseum****
- The market steer classes are a terminal show and sale. All market steers will be sold on Thursday at the Junior Fair Auction and **MUST** go to a market designated by the Senior Fair Board.
- The Wayne County Junior Fair Book is available to all 4-H members in July. The Junior Fair Book should be distributed to club members by the 4-H advisor and is available on the Extension office website. All details pertaining to the fair are listed in this book and the August "Link" newsletter, which is sent to every 4-H family.
- Mulch will be provided by the beef committee to bed your animals.
- Beef projects will be weighed again at Fair check-in **Friday, September 6, 2024 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm**. Exhibitors are responsible for seeing that their animals are weighed. No livestock can be shown or sold at the auction unless they have been weighed.
- All market and lactating animals must complete an electronic DUNF before check-in at the fair (see August Link for more information)
- Any animal project determined to be exhibiting signs of any contagious diseases, including fungus, at any time during the fair, will be dismissed with vet consultation.
- No chutes are permitted in front of the east coliseum door on the Tuesday of fair.
- No chutes are permitted on the fairgrounds until after 12 pm on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend and no tape is permitted to hold spots on the back rails by the coliseum.

***State Rule:** Drenching of livestock at the fair is prohibited unless for a medical condition, diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian. Ohio defines drenching as the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance. Instruments include hand, syringe, scoop – anything used to place a substance in the animal's mouth.*

Carcass Contest

- All the general rules and requirements of the traditional Junior Fair program pertain.
- Carcass beef/dairy beef are to be tagged on January 13th at official county check-in. Each member is also required to pay \$20.
- Carcass beef must be entered in FairEntry and turned in by August 1st (each member may only enter one steer per carcass class - beef and dairy).

- All members enrolled in the Beef/Dairy Carcass Contest project should complete the 4-H or FFA record book and must complete the Skillathon or Livestock Project Judging and Quality Assurance to meet ODA livestock quality assurance and Wayne County Jr Fair rules.
- Carcass Contest scoring shall be as follows:
 - On the rail scoring will total 90%
 - On the hoof scoring is as follows: When an exhibitor arrives at check in for the carcass contest, they will be given two options. They can show their animal for 10% or they can choose to tie their animal for 5%.
 - If the animal gets lose from the handler at any point, the exhibitor will be asked to tie their animal and will receive 7%.
 - If the exhibitor chooses to show their animal and loses control of it in the ring, it will be tied for the remainder of the class and they will receive 7%.

You must show your own steer at the Live Show to receive the full 10% handling score. (rate of gain will also be awarded).

- Live show will be Thursday August 22nd and carcass results will be Monday August 26th at HMI.
- **Additional rules:** Horns are limited to 2 inches. Steers may have no testicular growth. This is a terminal show-no exceptions.
- **Processing:** cattle will be dressed at HMI and then shipped out to be processed. Some processors you may choose from are: Marshallville Meats, Shreve Custom Meats, Butcher Block, Canaan Meats, and possibly more. Grand and Reserve Carcasses will be sold at the Wayne County Jr. Fair Auction. HMI does **not** custom butcher.
- You must designate your processor at the January weigh-in. Please contact your processor and make arrangements before this time and be sure to let the Extension office know of any changes in processing throughout the year.