TO: Current and potential 4-H & FFA Beef Project Members
RE: Market Beef Steer, Market Dairy Steers, Market Beef Heifer, Beef and Dairy Carcass Projects

All Beef Steers, Dairy Steers, Market Beef Heifers, Beef and Dairy Carcass Steers/Heifers
MUST BE TAGGED AND WEIGHTED ON
Saturday, January 14, 2017
at the
Wayne County Fairgrounds, Coliseum
10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

In case of inclement weather, listen to WQKT for cancellation.
If cancelled, the check-in date will be January 21, 2017.

Calves must be tagged and weighed on January 14th. Members need not be present, however, calves not tagged and weighed at the county check-in on January 14th will not be eligible for Wayne County Junior Fair participation. Rate of gain will be figured accordingly. NO BULL calves will be tagged. ALL calves must be castrated prior to weigh-in or will be ineligible for participation. If steers are clamped, this should already have been done in early November. Calves should be dehorned, haltered, and walked in for check-in.

New this year we will have two separate carcass classes! One will be only beef steers/heifers and the other will be only pure bred dairy steers/heifers. This now means each member may tag and weigh-in two (2) beef steers, two (2) market beef heifers, two (2) dairy steers, two (2) BEEF carcass steers or heifers, and two (2) Dairy carcass steers or heifers for a total of ten (10) animals. However, an exhibitor cannot show both a market beef steer and a market beef heifer at the fair - only 1. Dairy Steers Must Be Pure Dairy Breeds. Beef steers and heifers may be purebred or crossbred beef breeds. Beef steers and beef heifers that were born at a Wayne County residence and raised by a 4-H/FFA member in Wayne County are also eligible to be entered in the “Wayne County Born and Raised” class at the fair (see attached form due at January weigh-in). Recommended weight is 400-600 pounds in the fall.

We will again have a Market Beef Heifer class, if we reach the minimum of 5 heifers to hold the class. If less than 5, heifers will show with steers. Bred heifers will not be eligible. If animal is county born and raised, it can show in the county born and raised class with the steers. A beef or dairy steer may be tagged and weighed as both a fair show steer and as a carcass steer.

If during the year the animal loses it’s ear tag, the member must contact the Extension Office immediately. A committee member will re-tag the animal.

As a producer of a food animal you should be aware of the ODA livestock rules. For a complete list of ODA livestock tampering exhibition rules visit:
http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901-19
CALF DEATH PAYMENT
- Available for all 4-H & FFA members enrolled in the steer 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.
- Amount to be reimbursed will be up to $500 per member per year.

MEMBERSHIP
Any girl or boy, 8 years old AND in the third grade and not past his/her 19th birthday as of 01/01/17, may join a 4-H club and enroll in the steer and/or carcass evaluation projects. FFA members may enroll in the project through Ag-Ed, but must follow the same age requirements. ALL members who have tagged/weighed in their calves, MUST enroll in the steer feeding project in a local 4-H club or FFA chapter by April 1, 2017 and meet the requirements of that club or chapter. A member CANNOT carry the same project in both 4-H & FFA, nor in two different counties.

STATE FAIR REQUIREMENT
If you are considering exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, the State Fair deadline for identification is January 15, 2017. DNA samples and an 840 Electronic ID (EID) Tags are required. A limited number of kits are available in the Extension office that include the EID tag, DNA sample envelope and sticker. If you are participating in one of the BEST Shows before the deadline it is recommended that you pick up your kit at the show. For more information about the process visit http://go.osu.edu/OSFsteerENTRY. The entire kit with an Extension office employee’s signature must be sent to Stacey French, Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211 by January 15, 2017.

Please call me or a committee member listed if you have any questions. We look forward to an educational and fun year ahead as we organize for 2017!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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2017 GENERAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. All of the general rules and requirements of the traditional Junior Fair program pertain.

2. Entries in Carcass Classes are limited to 4-H and FFA members enrolled in a local 4-H club or FFA chapter.

3. Carcass calves are to be tagged and weighed in January at official county check-in. Each member must also pay $16.00 entry fee ($15.00 for maximum $500.00 (per member per year) reimbursement should your steer die, plus $1.00 check-off).

4. Carcass steer/heifer must be entered on a Jr. Fair entry and turned in by August 1st (only one steer/heifer may compete in the beef and one in the dairy Carcass Contest class).

5. Carcass steers/heifers will be shown live two Mondays prior to the start of the Fair. (August 28, 2017). Carcass viewing will be Thursday of the same week. (September 31, 2017). A letter will be mailed to Carcass steer/heifer entrants on place and time of shows. Keep alert for a letter. If you do not get one, call the Extension office for details.

6. All Carcass Contest steers/heifers will be processed by 3-D Meats. 3-D Meats will quote a price prior to the live show and will buy any carcass not already sold. Members are encouraged to have their carcasses already sold, and must notify the Beef Committee of sale decision by the live showing.

7. All members enrolled in the Steer/Heifer Carcass Contest project should complete the 4-H or FFA record book, and must complete a certified Quality Assurance training to meet ODA livestock rules.

8. Rate-of-gain champion will be awarded.

9. Horns are limited to 2” (measured on the underside).

10. Steers must not have any testicular development.

11. This is a terminal contest - no exceptions.

12. Carcass Contest scoring shall be as follows:
   - Carcass merit 90%
   - Handling 10%

The steer/heifer with the greatest number of points after the two scores are added will be declared the Grand Champion.

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF CARCASS SHOW (Live Evaluation Part)

1. All steers/heifers must be shown by the Wayne County 4-H or FFA member who enrolled in the project, unless medically unable to do so at the time of the show. A rope halter may be used.
2. Since 10% of final placing will be based on your ability to handle and lead the animal, you are to have the steer/heifer halter broke. Any steer/heifer determined to be un-safe by the beef committee members present will be disqualified.

3. Members must wear clean clothes and solid shoes or boots in the show ring.

4. Steers/heifers will be shown in an order determined by the Beef Committee.

5. All steers/heifers will be shown clean and brushed down. Fitting and grooming is not scored and is discouraged.

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF CARCASS SHOW (Cooler Evaluation Part)

1. All animals judged live will be transported for slaughter by the committee.

2. Judging of carcass will be based on a combination of USDA Quality and Yield Grades. Keep in mind that the industry accepted standard carcass weight is between 600 pounds and 950 pounds.

3. Steers/heifers will be graded and the appropriate stamp rolled.

SALE OF CARCASS CONTEST STEERS/HEIFERS

1. The Champion & Reserve Champion carcasses will be sold at the Wayne County Fair live steer sale on Thursday.

2. The buyers of the Grand & Reserve Champion carcasses will be responsible to tell 3-D Meats how to cut and wrap the meat.

3. If you pre-sell your carcass to a buyer and you should receive Grand or Reserve Carcass you must tell your buyer that they will have to purchase it at the sale or make other arrangements for buying another carcass.

4. Members are responsible for telling 3-D Meats exactly what is to be done with the carcass. This must be done on the evening of the carcass evaluation at 3-D Meats.

OTHER RULES

Other rules may be added or clarifications provided if deemed necessary by the Beef Committee.

NOTE: The carcass project is recognized as one of the most valuable learning experiences in beef production that exhibitors can take part in and is highly recommended.

The live judging is an educational session on live evaluation. There will also be an educational session on carcass evaluation prior to the carcass show.

It is also noted that this program likely will not result in the high premium prices that exhibitors in the traditional steer project have enjoyed in recent years. The program has a market price basis and exhibitors should expect a carcass price that approximates the going market rate. The Beef Committee will negotiate the best price possible, but no promise of high premium price is made.
A note from the
**Wayne County 4-H/FFA Beef Committee**

All market beef and dairy market beef exhibitors will be required to show/exhibit during one of the following options prior to the Wayne County Fair.

- **OPTION 1:** During the January check-in, the member can show his/her animal. If the animal is not calmly lead several times around the 'show area' then the committee will expect that the member return to one of the following options prior to the Wayne County Fair. Make sure you receive a show receipt from a Beef Committee member before you leave the ring show area!

- **OPTION 2:** Showing at any winter/spring preview or jackpot show (including OCA BEST show). Member must get a paid entry receipt to the Extension office by August 1st.

- **OPTION 3:** Showing at the spring show held in April at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Member can show during the regular show OR at the end of the show there will be a beef showmanship class and a dairy beef showmanship class.

- **OPTION 4:** Exhibit a steer at the Ohio State Fair. Member must get proof of exhibition to the Extension office by August 9.

Members who want to exhibit a dairy beef AND a market beef animal will need to show BOTH prior to the Wayne County Fair. Show means to lead the animal(s) several times around the arena and set up as would be expected in an actual show. **Back up animals do not need to be shown.**

If you do not show your animal(s) during any of the above opportunities, **YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT YOUR ANIMAL(S) AT THE 2017 WAYNE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR.**

This is an effort to get youth more involved with their projects and create more interest and time spent with the projects to help ensure a quality experience at the fair and to improve the quality of our show. Questions can be directed to any beef committee member:

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Exhibitor name ____________________________________________________________

4-H or FFA Club __________________________________________________________

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This form must be completely filled out and turned in at weigh-in to be eligible to be shown in the “Born and Raised” class at the Wayne County Junior Fair. You must then make an entry by August 1st on the Jr Fair entry form.

Exhibitor signature

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Parent signature

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