



August 19, 2021

To: 4-H and FFA members with Beef Carcass projects

Please read the following and, if you have questions, please call!
Refer to your Junior Fair Carcass show rules and requirements for more information.

Live Show: We will have the live show on Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Coliseum on the Wayne County fairgrounds. Trucking after the show to HMI is provided. Please arrive around 6:00 p.m. so your steer/heifer can be weighed before showing. If you do not personally show your steer at the live portion you will forfeit the 10%.

Carcass Show: The viewing of the carcasses will be on Monday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m. at Heffelfinger Meats Facility in Jeromesville. HMI is located at 469 County Road 30A Jeromesville, Ohio 44840. All Carcass contest steers/heifers will be trucked to the butcher you requested at tag-in back in March. HMI will provide a meal for all members and parents, after the viewing, starting at 7:00 pm located at 1910 County Rd. 655 Ashland OH, 44805 (down the street from HMI). If you are planning to attend the meal – please RSVP online at <https://go.osu.edu/21beefdinner>.

DUNF Forms: *Please complete the online DUNF form for your carcass steer by 5 pm Wednesday August 25th.* You may access this online form in the Wayne County 4-H Mobile App or by going online to: <https://go.osu.edu/waynedunf>.

Jr Fair Entry: You must have entered your carcass steer/heifer on FairEntry.com to receive a premium and to be eligible to participate in the Carcass Contest. This was due in by August 1st. READ FAIR BOOK FOR DETAILS!

Safety: Remember, the steer/heifer must be halter-broke. Unsafe animals will lose points from the total score from the live section but can still earn their Carcass Show points.

Selling your carcass beef: If you are going to pre-sell your carcass steer/heifer to someone, make your buyer aware that if your animal wins, Grand or Reserve Champion, it MUST sell at the fair. Your potential buyer will have to buy it at this auction! So, as you sell your carcass, please alert the buyer to this rule.

Project Records: Keep your records in a 4-H livestock feed record book or FFA SAE documents, along with records on any other steers/heifers you may be raising.

Sincerely,

Douglas S. Foxx
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cc: Beef Committee
Rick Heffelfinger

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 March at official county check-in. 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 via waynejrfair.fairentry.com by August 1st (only one dairy and one beef steer may compete in Carcass Contest).
5. All Carcass Contest steers/heifers will be harvested at HMI in Jeromesville. Then trucked to the butcher you chose in March at weigh-in.
6. All members enrolled in the dairy and beef Carcass Contest should complete the 4-H or FFA record book, and must complete the Virtual Skillathon or Livestock Project Interview and QA to meet all requirements.
7. Rate-of-gain champion will be awarded for both dairy and beef classes.
8. Horns are limited to 2" (measured on the underside).
9. Steers must not have any testicular development.
10. This is a terminal contest - no exceptions.
11. Carcass Contest scoring shall be as follows:

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| Carcass merit | 90% |
| Handling | 10% |

There will be two separate contest for the Beef and Dairy carcasses. In each, the carcass/animal 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 animals **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 unsafe by the beef committee members present may receive partial points and/or may be disqualified from the live show.
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. Absolutely no show additives i.e. adhesives, paints, etc.

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 the 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 Dairy and Beef Champion & Reserve Champion carcasses will be sold at the Wayne County Fair live steer sale on Thursday. They will be sold after live champions sell.
2. The buyers of the Champion & Reserve Champion carcasses will be responsible to tell HMI where they want the animal processed.
3. If you pre-sell your carcass to a buyer and you should receive Champion 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. Carcasses will be sent to the butcher you stated on your weigh-in sheet at the January weigh-in. If the member wants to change this, they must work with HMI and the Butchers to see if there is availability.

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 before 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.