



December 5, 2017

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 WEIGHED ON
Saturday, January 13, 2018 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 20, 2018.

Calves must be tagged and weighed on January 13. Members need not be present, however, calves not tagged and weighed at the county check-in on January 13 will not be eligible for Wayne County Junior Fair participation. Members not present however must take advantage of another opportunity to show their animal before the fair (see note from beef committee). 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.

Again this year, we will have two separate carcass classes! 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 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 have changed the requirements for the heifer class. We will again have a Market Beef Heifer class, if we reach the **minimum of 3** (instead of 5) heifers to hold the class. If less than 3, 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, provided the proper paperwork has been completed. 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 its 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 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.**
- 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 (or any youth 9 years old in any grade) and not past his/her 19th birthday as of 01/01/18, 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, 2018** 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. **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 the Ohio State Fair website. 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, 2018.**

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 2018!

Sincerely,



Stephen Heppe
4-H & ANR Program Assistant
Ohio State Extension—Wayne County

Each member must identify one market animal in his/her name. Extra (backup) animals may be signed up / weighed in under one family for all siblings in that family.

All backup animals must be added onto each child's weigh-in form.

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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 led 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 Fair grounds. 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 2018 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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NOMINATION FORM FOR "WAYNE COUNTY BORN and RAISED"
MARKET BEEF SHOW

Exhibitor name _____

4-H or FFA Club _____

| Farm Ear Tag | Wayne County Fair Tag # (Completed at Weigh-in) | PRINTED Name and Address of Breeder | Breeder Signature |
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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

Parent signature

2018 New Rules and Procedures

- Piedmontese class will be dropped, and a Red Polled class will replace
- Market Beef Heifer class only needs 3 instead of 5 heifers to have a class
- Saturday show will start no earlier than 10:30 AM
- All feed pans must be removed after feeding. Water buckets/containers may be left after feeding only if they are secured to the wall.
- The Committee has the right to keep you and your animal within the arena after weigh-in.
- If a discrepancy is found, the animal/s must be removed from the fairgrounds

New for Feeder Calves

A new requirement is in place for the 2018 fair season. The Junior Fair will supply exhibitors a specific tag to be placed within each feeder calf's ear. There will be no cost to the exhibitor for these tags and the tags will be available to sign out starting at the weigh-in in January 2018. Exhibitor must turn in unused tag by June 1st along with paperwork.

Some additional and revised requirements on the feeder calves:

- Tag must be inserted into each eligible feeder calf before photos are taken (preferably in the left ear)
- Two photos of the calf must be included on the form
 - One left side profile of the calf
 - One head shot with ear tag clear and visible
- Each form may only have one calf and one exhibitor
 - 1 form may NOT be turned in for 2 calves for 1 exhibitor
 - 1 form may NOT be turned in with 1 calf and 2 members
- An exhibitor may turn in multiple forms
- Families may share a calf between immediate family members, but MUST turn in a separate for each exhibitor
- If the beef committee requests, you will not be able to take your Steer/Feeder project out of the ring as animals are being weighed

Wayne County Jr Fair Carcass Show

2018 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. **IN 2018**, Carcass steers/heifers will be shown live Thursday, August 23rd in the coliseum at the Fair. Carcass viewing will be Monday August 27th at HMI. A letter will be mailed to Carcass steer/heifer entrants with further information this summer. 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 harvested by Heffelfinger Meats and then shipped out to be processed. The complete list will follow, but should include Marshallville Meats, Shreve Custom Meats, Butcher Block, Canaan Meats, Lone Star Butcher Shop, and possibly more. Carcasses (not including Grand or Reserve) must go back to the exhibitor or have someone to purchase it. It is not guaranteed that the butcher shops will be able to purchase any carcasses that the members do not want.
7. Members at January weigh-in must mark their paperwork with a processor of their choice from above. (HMI does not custom butcher, they will be transferred to a butcher shop)
8. 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 live-stock rules.
9. Rate-of-gain champion will be awarded.
10. Horns are limited to 2" (measured on the underside).
11. Steers must not have any testicular development.
12. This is a terminal contest - no exceptions.
13. Carcass Contest scoring shall be as follows:

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| 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 announce at the auction where the carcasses will be processed and 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 HMI exactly what is to be done with the carcass. This must be done on the evening of the carcass evaluation.

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.