

Ashland County Baby Beef Project Requirements

Revised Fall 2023

Reminders for 2024

An addendum to these rules may be distributed to all registered members in early 2024.

Required to Complete Project/Show/Sell at Fair

1. **Member must belong to a 4-H Club and be enrolled in #117BB Baby Beef project by April 15 or be a FFA member with a Market Beef project and meet all FFA requirements.**
2. **Animals must be entered and identified in the 4-H/FFA member's profile at <https://v2.4honline.com/> by January 31.**
3. **Must complete Quality Assurance Training by June 1 in order to show at the county fair.** This training is offered through Ashland County 4-H. Other QA trainings may be accepted, but you must contact the Extension office to find out for sure if they qualify. Proof of QA attendance must be provided to the Extension Office by June 1.
4. **Must complete 4-H/FFA Interview and book judging.** Members must have their project evaluated and grade submitted in order to participate in the County Fair. Satisfactory completion of the project record book will be a large part of this grade.
5. **Must participate in the Ashland County Baby Beef Skill-a-thon.** Members who complete an in-person Market Beef skill-a-thon at the Ohio State Fair may have this counted as the skill-a-thon requirement. Participation in any other skill-a-thon is NOT accepted.
6. **Must make an accurate online Junior Fair Entry by the August deadline.**

Junior Fair Exhibit and Auction

1. **All calves must be dehorned** to show at the Ashland County Fair. Each member is responsible to notify the committee if any horns are found as soon as possible.
2. At the fair, steer pens must be cleaned daily. Steers must be fed and watered by 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily, Saturday through Saturday, fair week.



3. Members are encouraged to wear boots or heavy shoes in the show ring and when working around their steers. Tennis shoes, etc. offer no protection to members' feet.
4. Members purchasing steers are responsible for showing and selling their animals during the county fair. Only a Baby Beef Member or another Ashland County Junior Fair Exhibitor may show *according to Ashland County Junior Fair rules*. **Unruly, unmanageable steers shall not be shown or sold during the sale and will be SENT HOME.** Steers in poor condition may be barred from the sale.
5. A Baby Beef auction will be held at the Ashland County Fair and will be sponsored by the Ashland County Agricultural Society Livestock Sale Committee
6. Only exhibitors and Advisory Committee members are to be in the show ring of Coliseum. No one else will be permitted beyond Coliseum gate. Parent may lead the steer to the gate. If exhibitor has two calves in the same class, one steer may be shown by another Ashland County Junior fair exhibitor. One exhibitor only is to handle each steer. With the permission of the Advisory Committee, an older Baby Beef exhibitor may walk with a younger member who needs help handling his or her steer.
7. Exhibitors will show in showmanship based on their age as of January 1, 2024. Once an exhibitor wins Supreme Showman, he or she is only allowed to show in the Supreme Showman class.
8. Before each class, please line your steers up in the make-up area according to the order on the show bill (Example, while class A is showing, class B should be lining up. No steers from class B will be allowed in the show ring until class A is finished. NO EXCEPTIONS.)
9. Exhibitors may have only one halter on to weigh steer. No neck halters allowed.
10. The Committee has the right to consolidate classes as needed, including combining breeds.

**For additional Ashland County Fair information, requirements, and rules,
refer to the 2024 Ashland County Junior Fair Book
and [State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules](#).**

If you have questions about any of the rules or the Baby Beef Program, please contact a member of the 2024 Advisory Committee:

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Ashland County Baby Beef Club

1. The Baby Beef Club shall be composed of Ashland County 4-H and FFA members who are enroll these steer projects in a 4-H or FFA club. **Each member is responsible for their 4-H/FFA Project Enrollment and online Fair Entries being completed on time.**
2. Youth officers of the club shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, and news reporter. These officers will be elected at an organizational meeting.
3. An adult shall be elected as treasurer to the club by the advisory committee for a five-year term. The treasurer may have terms succeeding each other with no years off in between. Each year the treasurer is required to submit a Financial Statement to the Committee and the Extension Office.
4. An advisory committee shall consist of the County Extension 4-H Educator, and five members to be elected by the Baby Beef Club members. Advisory committee members must become registered OSU Extension 4-H volunteers and complete all requirements of that position. This committee will take charge of buying calves for the members. They will be responsible for jobs required prior to the Ashland County Fair and may be given specific jobs during the year to ensure success of the club. Attendance at a majority (more than half) of the committee meetings is a requirement of the club and failure to attend will result in dismissal.
5. The Baby Beef Club members will elect one new member to the advisory committee each year. At time of election, the member must have a child in the baby beef club or be an immediate family member. An advisory committee member will serve one 5-year term. If someone is elected to fulfill an unexpired term, he or she is eligible for re-election. Advisory committee will submit recommendations to the club for new members of committee. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor. If not all positions are filled, it is up to the advisory committee to appoint an interested party that does not have a child or immediate family member in the club.
6. There shall be a nominating committee appointed by the club president consisting of three members. They will present a slate of 2 or more nominations for each club office plus nominations from the floor.
7. Members of the club shall buy their calves through the club in the manner decided upon by the advisory committee. All calves shall be picked up and paid for on the day members are notified or members lose their right to purchase the animal for that year. New animals are purchased for the club under the pretense that they are steers, then rechecked and dispersed to the club members as such. Any expenses incurred during this project, medical or otherwise, are the sole responsibility of the owner. Any deviation from this policy will be at the discretion of the advisory committee.
8. No member shall be allowed to have more than two steers for his or her project in any one year.
9. Members of the Baby Beef Club shall be personally responsible for the care of their project.



10. All steers purchased must be shown and sold at the county fair. The committee shall be contacted and the attached form shall be completed and signed by at least three (3) committee members before the steer is sold for any other reason.
11. Replacement of a sick or dead animal is determined by the advisory committee. **No animals will be replaced after 90 days from purchase.** Replaced animals must be purchased.
12. Expenses for any calves which have died during the first 90 days of the project are paid according to the following formula. If one to three steers die, the full purchase price of each steer will be repaid to the child as long as the amount does not exceed \$2,500. If four or more steers die, the amount paid back will be a percentage (according to the amount paid) of \$2,500. In all cases, the total amount paid out each year will not exceed \$2,500. If the member receives gain (financial, meat, etc.) from their animal, the purchase price will NOT be refunded. Funds will be dispersed by the Sale Committee.
13. Any member losing a steer must notify the committee and the County Extension Educator within 24 hours after death.
14. All Baby Beef steers should be fed and penned separately from other cattle.
15. There will be a \$10 fine for each member who does not complete and submit a 4-H or FFA project book by the deadline determined by the advisory committee. This amount will be withheld from the individual's sale check. Advisory committee will review books and award the members with the top 4-H and FFA project books. Project books may be used year after year as long as member adds to the book each year. Members are responsible for purchasing their own books.
16. The club will have a minimum of four (4) meetings/clinics for the project year. Members must attend at least two (2) meetings/clinics to be able to show at the fair. To be eligible to obtain an outstanding, members must attend a minimum of three (3) meetings/clinics for the project year. Members must get permission from a committee member to leave early.
17. Violation of any of the above listed rules shall constitute a member not being allowed to show or sell their animal at the fair for that year.
18. If a problem arises which has not been addressed above the Baby Beef Advisory Committee along with the Extension Educator has the authority to rule on the matter and make final decisions.
19. Members are responsible for knowing all Ashland County 4-H rules/FFA rules, Ashland County Fair Rules and Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition rules.



Baby Beef Steer Give-Away

1. The Advisory Committee will seek donations from outside parties to supply one or more baby beef steers. It is our intention to give away one to a new member and one to a current or former member. If we are only able to give away one steer, all members will be eligible for it. If enough money is raised to give one plus a partial payment on another, we will provide a free steer to a new member and a partially free steer to a current or former member. No money shall be taken from the baby beef checking account to provide the giveaway steer(s) unless the advisory committee decides to donate funds toward the give-away steer(s).
2. The Advisory Committee will draw for the give-away steer(s) on the pick-up day in front of members present. All members' names will be placed into the drawing unless they are ineligible.
3. It will be up to the Advisory Committee to determine how many steer(s) are given away each year.
4. If a member is the recipient of a give-away steer they must wait five (5) years to be eligible to win again.
5. If a give-away steer dies within 90 days, and there are replacement steers available, the member may purchase a replacement steer. Give away steers are not eligible for reimbursement from sale committee funds.
6. **Give away steers must show and sell at the county fair.** If a give-away steer does not sell at the fair, the member will be responsible to reimburse the club for the price of the steer. The member will be given the steer cost at pickup.

