

2020 Ashland County Market Steer/Heifer Requirements

Revised 11/19

REMINDERS FOR 2020

- **At the fair weigh-in each animal may only cross the scales once.**
- Must use designated Beef barn bedding, **if it is still available through the**

Possession Deadline is weigh-in on January 11, 2020

- Your market beef animal may be selected from the home farm or purchases. When selecting your market steer or heifer project, members should look for an animal that will be 12-18 months old at fair time. Participation begins once the member has acquired the calf.
- Dairy steers cannot show any beef breed characteristics. If there is a question as to beef or dairy, the Market Steer Committee will make a decision at the fair.

Required to Complete Project/Show/Sell at Fair

1. **Member must belong to a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and be enrolled in a market beef project.** 4-H members can enroll and projects can be registered through 4-H online starting in November.
2. **Member must bring calves to weigh in on Jan. 11, 2020.** Committee members and those helping to set up for weigh-in may weigh their children's animals and any others they haul on January 10 during set up. All members enrolled by the end of December with a market steer/heifer project through 4Honline will be sent a reminder for the weigh in.

At weigh in:

- Animals will be weighed, tagged and identified. If at any time an animal loses an ear tag, this loss must be reported to a committee member and the tag will be replaced at the Spring Show or County Fair weigh in.
- Vaccinations and worming are free to all and highly recommended
- **NO BULL calves will be ear-tagged. ALL calves must be castrated prior to weigh in** or they will be ineligible for participation. If steers are clamped, this should be done by October.
- Members are allowed to weigh in **three** animals.
- All animals **MUST BE HALTERED** at weigh in.

If an animal dies within three weeks of the January weigh in, the member may weigh in a replacement. Member must have a veterinarian's certificate of death turned into the Extension Office within 48 hours of the animal's death to be eligible to do so.

3. **Members must show at the Spring Show.** Mandatory meeting for anyone showing at the Spring Show will be held prior to the start of the Spring Show at 12:30 p.m. on April 19.
4. **Must complete Quality Assurance Training by June 15, 2020 in order to show at the county fair.** This training is offered through your 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Other QA trainings may be accepted but 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 19, 2020. If showing at OSF, training must be completed by June 14, 2020 as it must be done 45 days before the beginning of the exhibition.
5. **Must complete Interview Judging.** Members will be evaluated by their 4-H Club advisor using a rubric grade sheet and earn a superior, excellent, good or needs improvement grade as their performance dictates. Satisfactory completion of the project record book will be a



large part of this grade. These evaluations will take place at the 4-H Club/FFA Chapter level in July/early August. Advisors are to turn in the rubric grade sheets at the Extension Office by 4pm on Tuesday, August 25.

6. **Members must participate in the Beef Skill-a-thon** during any of these three dates:
Tues. Aug. 4 6-9PM at the Ext. Office
Sat. Aug. 22 9AM-1PM at FG or Sun. Aug. 23 1PM-5PM at the FG
Members who complete a Beef skill-a-thon at the Ohio State Fair may have this counted as the skill-a-thon requirement. These members must turn in their official scorecard to the Extension Office by August 14 to receive credit.
Participation in any other skill-a-thon is NOT accepted.
7. **Must turn in an accurate Junior Fair Entry by August 14, 2020.**

Family Steer

- Any family may enter an extra calf to be used as a “family steer” as deemed necessary by the family.
- The family situation, if different from mother/father/children living under one roof, must be reviewed and agreed upon by the market steer committee prior to the registration of the animal.
- At the time of tagging, each child in the approved family must list their primary steer/heifer as well as the “family steer.”
- The clerk of the committee will be notified at the time of unloading at the fair in September, which child if any, is using the “family steer.”
- Only one steer can be classified per family as a “family steer.”
- The “family steer” can be used for any reason, including a member’s second steer for the fair.
- Members are allowed to tag in three steers at the weigh in, which would include the “family steer.”

Junior Fair Exhibit Rules

1. Exhibitors are allowed to bring and sell two market steers at the fair. Exhibitors may only sell a total of two market animals, regardless of species, at the Junior Fair Livestock Auctions.
2. Per the Senior Fair Board, all members must use the designated beef barn bedding, **if still available through the committee**, at the cost of \$5 per animal paid upon weigh in at the fair. Follow fair book guidelines. Any unpaid fees will cause the member to be ineligible for future participation until fees are paid.
3. Animals must be kept clean, fed, and watered at all times for the duration of the fair. Pens should have manure cleaned out regularly and fresh bedding added several times a day. Exhibitors will receive one warning. If the pens and animals are not clean a second time, the exhibitor will be charged a \$50 clean up fee. Any unpaid fees will cause the member to be ineligible for future participation until fees are paid.
4. All market steers and heifers will be housed together at the fair.
5. Professional showmen have no place assisting junior showmen at the Junior Fair Shows. A professional showman may offer assistance by giving fitting and grooming tips at a county wide club, chapter or home farm demonstration. Exhibitors may receive assistance in grooming their animals from their mother, father, sister, brother, grandfather, grandmother or the same step family member, or any Ashland County 4-H or FFA advisor, Ashland County Junior Fair exhibitor or Market Steer Committee Member. Please ask a Committee member if you have questions. Exceptions will be looked at on an individual basis.
6. A grooming area will be designated and marked off on show day. This grooming area will be strictly enforced. Grooming outside the designated area may result in disqualification from showing and selling. Grooming at fair time should be done outside unless it is raining.

Ashland County Junior Fair Show and Livestock Auction

1. Market Steer/heifer weigh in is Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8 am-8 pm. Animal can weigh in anytime between 8 am- 8 pm, **but may only cross the scales once.**
2. Beef animals will be divided into classes by height. **Shoulder height will be measured at 8PM on Saturday, September 19. Member must be present** unless previously excused by the committee.
3. The Junior Fair Market Beef Showmanship Classes and Ash. Co. Born and Raised Show will start at 9AM on Sunday, Sept. 20. Fitting is optional for the Born and Raised Show. Market Classes will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 7PM with Dairy classes being shown first. The sale is on Thursday, Sept. 24.
4. Beef animals must weigh at least 950 lbs. and dairy steers (no dairy heifers) must weigh 1050 lbs. Any underweight animals are ineligible to participate in their height or dairy class, are not allowed to show in the feeder class, are not eligible for gain in weight winner, and may not go through the Junior Fair Livestock Auction. Underweight animals may participate in Showmanship and the Ashland County Born and Raised Class.
5. Showmanship classes will be divided by the age of the exhibitor. A Supreme Showman class will be held for all 1st place Showmanship class winners.
6. Dairy Market steers will show in a separate class. If there are more than 14 class head of dairy steers, they will be split into two classes. 1st and 2nd place winners of these classes will then show for Grand and Reserve Champion Dairy Market Steer. There is no minimum number of dairy steers needed for this designation.
7. Grand and Reserve Champion animals as well as all 1st and 2nd place height class winners (this does not include the Born & Raised class), and all rate of gain winners must sell in the Junior Fair Auction. The remainder of market beef/dairy animals are not required to sell.
8. The Rate of Gain winner will be the animal within its respective category (beef or dairy) with the highest rate of gain between the January weigh in and the September Fair weigh in.
9. The Championship Class will be placed 1-5 with rosettes going to all 5 places.
10. **Everyone must be present to sell his or her own animal.** If you are not present at the time your animal sells, you will be added to the end of the sale. If you do not come to sell your animal at that time, it will not be sold. The sale order will be as follows:

1st-Grand Champion Market Beef	7th- Fifth Place Championship Class
2nd-Reserve Champion Market Beef	8th-Remaining 1 st Place Beef Class winners
3rd-Grand Champion Dairy Steer	9th-Remaining 2 nd Place Beef Class winners
4th-Reserve Champion Dairy Steer	10th-Beef Rate of Gain Winner
5th-Third Place Championship Class	11th- Dairy Rate of Gain Winner
6th-Fourth Place Championship Class	

Ashland County Born & Raised

The Ashland County Market Steer Committee is offering a class for steers and heifers born and raised in Ashland County. The nomination form which must be signed by the original breeder, along with the nomination fee of \$20 per animal is due by the Spring Show on April 19, 2020. For more information or a nomination form, contact a Market Steer Committee member or the Extension Office.

Carcass Show

The carcass show will be held September 30. Members are responsible for selling a carcass that passes inspection when being slaughtered, whether slaughtered by a local processor or others. All animals sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Auction, that go to processors located in Ashland County, will

participate. To help emphasize the importance of carcass value, the Committee distributes cash awards to the top places. Cash amounts vary due to cash donations received for the carcass contest.

Spring Show

This showmanship show is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 at the Ashland County Fairgrounds Coliseum. This is **mandatory** to be eligible to show and sell at the County fair. To Show means to compete in the Coliseum with other market beef members until dismissed by the judge or ringman or the class is complete.

• **Absences must be excused one week in advance.** Absences will only be excused with a written medical doctor's note or veterinarian's note on letterhead. Absences for school activities will only be excused with a written note from the school official. There are many opportunities for market steer members to participate in educational beef clinics and beef shows that may be held on the **same day** as the Spring Show. To see if you might be able to attend another event as an alternative to participating in the Spring Show, please contact the Extension Office at least one week in advance of the show. **Those showing in another show must provide a picture with the member and the steer with the show's backdrop.**

- Member shows only one animal even if he/she has weighed in more.
- Member is expected to have their animal show ready and to show that animal.
- All animals **must be dehorned** prior to Spring Show.
- **Mandatory meeting at 12:30 p.m. prior to the start of the Spring Show on April 19** for anyone showing at the Spring Show

Heifers

- Market heifers may be of the beef breed or cross breed. No dairy heifers are allowed.
- Market heifers cannot be bred and show in the market heifer class. Class winners will be pregnancy checked after the show. The cost for this will be assumed by the committee. If the heifer is found to be pregnant, she will forfeit her placing, will not be allowed to sell, and the exhibitor will not be allowed to sell any market beef project that year.
- The committee has a right to do a random vet check if there is any suspicion.
- Heifers will be weighed in and measured along with steers.
- Eligible market heifers are permitted to show in the born and raised class.
- The market heifer class will show as a class as long as at least five heifers cross the scales at the Ashland County Fair in September. Otherwise, they will show with the steers.
- Market heifers will be classified as 1st and 2nd instead of Champions. They still must show in the final drive and sell at the Junior Fair Auction. If chosen as a Champion, they are terminal and required to sell.

For additional Ashland County Fair information, requirements, and rules, refer to the 2020 Ashland County Junior Fair Book and State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules.

The Advisory Committee is made up of adult members, each serving a three year term, youth members serving a one year term, and a clerk. A chairperson and secretary are selected by the committee on a yearly basis. One member will represent this committee on the 4-H Advisory Committee. Please contact a market steer committee member if you need assistance or have questions during the year.

Current Market Steer Advisory Committee Members are:

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Youth Members: Destiny LaFever and Annette Augustine