

2024 Ashland County Market Steer/Heifer Requirements

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REMINDERS FOR 2024

- **ALL animals (except poultry) must be identified under the member's profile in 4Honline. FFA members may also identify their animal in 4Honline.**
- **Market beef must be identified in 4Honline by January 19.**

Possession Deadline is weigh-in on January 14, 2024

- 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. **Must be a member in good standing in a 4-H Club and enrolled in market beef project #117M by April 15 or a FFA member with a market beef project.** 4-H members can enroll and projects can be registered at <https://v2.4honline.com/> starting in November.
2. **Members must enter and identify their market beef animal in their 4Honline profile by January 19. Must enter the entire 840 EID tag number and upload front, right and left side pictures.**
3. **Member must bring calves to be tagged and weighed in on Jan. 13, 2024.** Committee members and those helping to set up for weigh-in may weigh their children's animals and any others they haul on January 12 during set up. While you may tag your own animal with an 840 EID tag from the Extension Office, you must attend the market steer tagging/weigh in.

At weigh in:

- Animals will be weighed, tagged (if do not yet have an 840 EID tag). If at any time an animal loses the 840 EID 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. **It is against the law to remove an EID tag.**
- Vaccinations and worming during weigh in 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.



4. **Members must show at the Spring Show on April 21. Mandatory Meeting for anyone showing at the Spring Show will be held prior to the start of the Spring Show at 12:30pm.**
5. **All participants bringing a living, breathing animal to the fair must complete Quality Assurance Training by June 1 in order to show at the county fair. QA training will be offered by Ashland County.** 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 1.
6. **Must complete Interview Judging.** Members will be evaluated using a rubric grade sheet to 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. You must have current, up to date records of this year's project to present at judging.
7. **Must participate in the Ashland County Beef Skill-a-thon.** Members who complete a 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.
8. **Must submit an accurate Junior Fair Entry online through Jr. Fair Office by the August deadline.**

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.” Each child must identify the family steer/heifer in their profile in 4Honline.
- 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.”



Ashland County Junior Fair

1. 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 weight 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.
2. 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 and the September Fair weigh in.

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. For more information or a nomination form, contact a Market Steer Committee member or the Extension Office.

Spring Show

This showmanship show is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 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 must show one of their animals that was tagged and identified in 4Honline.
- 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.
- If showing in a jackpot show after November 1, prior to tag in, you will need to submit pictures of the calf with the EID tag in the ear and a backdrop picture. The EID tag numbers must be readable in the picture. If a Ashland Co. Market Steer committee member is present at the show, they can verify the steer as well.
- Mandatory meeting at 12:30 prior to the start of the Spring Show for anyone showing at the Spring Show.



Heifers

- Market heifers may be of the beef breed or cross breed. No dairy heifers are allowed. This determination will be at the discretion of the Market Steer Committee.
- Market heifers cannot be bred and show in the market heifer class. Class winners will be pregnancy checked at the discretion of the Committee 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 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, rules, refer to:**

- **2024 Ashland County Junior Fair Book**
- **State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules** <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901-19>

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.

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