November 28, 2016

Dear Beef Members, Advisors, and Parents:

All beef steers, dairy steers, scramble heifers caught at the 2016 fair, and market heifers must be weighed and ear tagged to be eligible to show as a 4-H or FFA project in 2017. Please inform anyone you know who may be interested in taking one of these projects for the first time and may not be receiving this letter.

**RESCHEDULED WEIGH/TAG Day is January 14, 2017, 8:00am – 10:00am at the Fairgrounds Beef Barn.**

A card must be completed **before** unloading animals. Someone will need to have the cards to the table as your calf is going into the chute to be tagged. Cards are available at the Extension Office prior to weigh-in or we will pass out cards as you are waiting in line to unload. Please bring your own writing pens to complete the information. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE CARDS ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY.** Mark all boxes that apply to your animal. Example, you may have a market steer and a cattlemen’s steer.

**Upon Arrival**

- Enter 2nd (from either direction) Powell Avenue Gate and cross the ditch to line up at north end of beef barn.
- Make sure you have cards completed before unloading.
- Unload animals at north end of steer barn
- Once unloaded, pull vehicle to the south side of the steer barn by turning at the sheep barn to make the loop.
- Someone must follow the animals through the barn with the cards. Please do not hold up the line by not having cards ready.
- Once your animal(s) are tagged and weighed, there will be a copy of your card available at the weigh table.

MAKE SURE THE ANIMAL TAGGED IS WITH THE CORRECT OWNER ON THE CARD. THE ANIMAL IS TO BE SHOWN AT THE COUNTY FAIR BY THE PERSON IT IS REGISTERED TO AT WEIGH-IN. NO EXCEPTIONS. A complete listing will be posted on the website (champaign.osu.edu) after weigh-in with all the information. **Please verify for accuracy at that point. No changes will be made after two weeks of posting information.**

**Cattlemen’s Class (Beef Steers & Market Heifers)**

- Cattlemen’s Certificate must be completed and turned in by the exhibitor at weigh-in. Late certificates will not be accepted. **There is a $20 nomination fee payable at weigh-in.**

**Eligibility:**

* The steer must have been born and raised on the property of a Champaign County Cattlemen’s Association (CCCA) member.
* The steer must have been transferred directly from the original CCCA member to the Jr. Fair Exhibitor.
* The CCCA member must reside within the geographical boundaries of Champaign County or its school districts. EXCEPTION: A Jr. Fair Exhibitor who attends a Champaign County School may exhibit a steer from a CCCA member who is a member of his/her immediate family, regardless of place of residence.
* CCCA membership dues for the year of the calf’s birth must be paid no later than the weigh/tag date.

Enclosed is a blank Cattlemen’s Class certificate. More are available at the Extension Office.
COUNTY FAIR – August 4-11, 2017

2017 Beef/Dairy Steer Rules
- Steers must have been born on or after January 1, 2016.
- Steers must be in the ownership of the exhibitor and on feed no later than December 17, 2016.
- A steer may not be offered for sale or sold between December 17, 2016 and the Champaign County Fair. If done, it is ineligible to be shown in any Junior Fair show on the county or state level.
- Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. at County Fair to compete in the show or sell in the livestock sale. Scramble calves are an exception to the rule.
- Exhibitors may sell only one live steer in the livestock sale, with the exception of scramble calves that are required to go through the sale.
- PLEASE NOTIFY THE EXTENSION OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF THE STEER LOSES AN EAR TAG. RETRIEVE AND SAVE THE FALLEN OUT TAG IF POSSIBLE.
- The livestock sale is terminal. Any animal going through the sale must go immediately to slaughter.
- All dairy steers must be purebred (100% dairy).
- There will be a $15/animal stall fee for any animals housed in the beef barn at the fair. A maximum of $100/family. Money is due to Extension Office by July 1, 2017. Money will be used for mulch and other beef department improvements.

STATE FAIR BEEF DNA ENTRIES –
It is the responsibility of beef exhibitors to obtain and submit DNA test packets for the 2017 State Fair. Packets can be obtained through the BEST program shows or the Extension Office. All samples MUST be returned to Stacy French no later than January 15, 2017 to be eligible to enter the state fair. If you have additional questions please contact the Extension Office or the State Fair Livestock office. THERE WILL BE KITS AVAILABLE AT WEIGH IN.

Emergencies & Snow Date
- If you have an emergency and will be late on the day of weighing, get a message to the fairgrounds or contact Melinda at 937-869-6028.
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- In the event of bad weather and the weigh in has to be postponed, a One Call will be sent out and posted on the website.
- If you are new to beef projects or have a different number than last year, please contact the Extension Office so we can update the one-call system.

Please contact the Extension Office at 484-1526 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Melinda Morrison
4-H Extension Educator

Enc: Cattlemen’s Certificate
Cc: Fairboard members: Max Perry, Wayne Cook, Tim Howell, Tom Tullis
Cattlemen Officers: Dave Clapp, Dick Sour, Dairy Adv. Pres. – Shelley Eades, County FFA Advisors