

Dear Beef Members, Advisors, and Parents:

All beef steers, dairy steers, and market heifers must be weighed and ear tagged to be eligible to show as a 4-H or FFA project in 2024 at the county or state fair. Please inform any new beef or dairy steer members interested in taking one of these projects for the first time and may not be receiving this letter.

NEW FOR 2024 All market beef projects will have an EID. It is against the law to remove these tags.







DAIRY STEERS – If you are showing a dairy steer that was shown as a feeder last year and it still has the tag, that same tag will be used for this year. If it does not have a tag, it will get an EID tag at fair.

BEEF STEERS – If a steer has an EID tag, that is the number that will be used for this year and no additional tag will be put in the ear. The steer will just be weighed. Please write the EID tag number on your weigh card if it is already in the animal's ear. If you do not have an EID tag, we will have a tag for your animal. Scramble steers will get new EID tags.

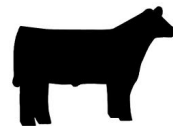
WEIGH/TAG Day is December 16th, 8:00am – 10:00am at the Fairgrounds Beef Barn.

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. Again, if you have an EID tag, write it in the tag # spot.

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) is 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.
- 🐄 Cattlemen's Certificates are available at the Extension Office, or on the Extension website: [Click here for certificate](#) or visit champaign.osu.edu.

COUNTY FAIR – August 2-9, 2024**2024 Beef/Dairy Steer Rules**

- 🐄 Steers must have been born on or after January 1, 2023.
- 🐄 Steers must be in the ownership of the exhibitor and on feed no later than December 16, 2023.
- 🐄 A steer may not be offered for sale or sold between December 16, 2023 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 with the scramble calves may go thru the premium sale an additional time.
- 🐄 PLEASE NOTIFY THE EXTENSION OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF THE STEER LOSES AN EAR TAG. RETRIEVE AND SAVE THE FALLEN OUT TAG IF POSSIBLE.
- 🐄 All dairy steers must be purebred (100% dairy).

STATE FAIR BEEF DNA ENTRIES

It is the responsibility of beef exhibitors to obtain and submit DNA test packets for the 2024 State Fair. Packets are available at the Extension Office. All samples **MUST** be returned to the State Fair no than **January 15, 2024** to be eligible to enter the state fair. January 15 is a received date and not a postmark date. Instruction and Mailing address are in the DNA Kits.

If you pick up your DNA kit prior to weigh-ins, you can bring your completed packet for signature and we will send a bulk mailing of completed kits to Columbus as a county on December 29th or you can choose to send on your own. There will be kits available at weigh-in. If you get one there and return to Extension Office before December 28th, we will mail it or you can return on your own.

If you have any questions please contact Melinda Ryan at the Extension Office

Emergencies & Snow Date

- 🐾 If you have an emergency and will be late on the day of weighing, get a message to someone at the fairgrounds or contact Melinda Ryan at 937-869-6028.
- 🐾 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 and 4-H app.
- 🐾 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.

4-Honline entries NEW FOR 2024

4-H and FFA members will make membership entries in 4honline. FFA teachers will be given instructions. **NEW for all in 2024. You will need to enter your animal identification information in 4honline.** We will be posting some training information on how and what to enter by January 1. If you plan to only show at the state fair, the member must be registered for that project in 4honline, complete that project at the county level and be in good standing to be eligible to compete at state fair.

Sincerely,

Melinda Ryan

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4-H Extension Educator

Enc: Cattlemen's Certificate



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