BEEF PROJECT
4-H & JR. FAIR REQUIREMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

(This is not a complete listing of all Jr. Fair exhibit rules. Refer to the current Ross County Fair Book for details.)

1. PROJECT BOOK & LIVESTOCK RECORDS
   - PROJECT BOOKS: Each first-year member will receive a Beef Project Book (#117) and a Beef Resource Handbook (#117R). Member must retain these books for use in future years. Replacement books can be purchased at the Extension office. Note: The Resource Handbook is given one per family and must be retained for future family members.
   - LIVESTOCK RECORD: Each member will receive a Livestock Record annually. Members are required to bring their completed Livestock Record to the Animal Project Skillathon with all information completed up to the date of the Skillathon.

2. QUALITY ASSURANCE (mandatory): All Ohio Junior Fair Market & Dairy Exhibitors must complete a Quality Assurance Training to exhibit and/or sell their animals at County, Independent or State Fairs. All Jr. Fair Exhibitors shall successfully complete QA not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate (ODA 1/2018).
   - June 1, current year: To register/exhibit at the State Fair, youth must complete QA prior to June 1.
   - June 17, current year: To exhibit and sell animals at the Ross County Fair, Jr. Fair Exhibitors MUST complete and submit proof of attendance by June 17.
   - QA Dates/Times: go to ross.osu.edu.
     o QA sessions will be offered in Ross County and other counties. Exhibitors may attend trainings at approved QA programs/clinics but must get verification by the educator of the county where the program took place and submit to Ross County Extension office.
   - QA Option Training & Test-Out (ages 15–18 as of January 1): All youth will complete QA for the current year and will then take a test. Youth scoring 70%-100% will complete (test out of) QA for their remaining 4-H/FFA career.

3. ROSS COUNTY ANIMAL PROJECT SKILLATHON (mandatory): All Ross County Jr. Fair Animal Project Exhibitors must complete an Animal Project Skillathon to exhibit their animal(s). Exhibitors may complete either the Ross County Skillathon OR the Ohio State Fair Skillathon for their species.
   - Age Categories: Exhibitors complete Skillathon according to their age as of January 1.
     o Junior (8-11 years)
     o Intermediate (12 – 14 years)
     o Senior (15 – 18 years)
   - Skillathon Dates/Time: go to ross.osu.edu
   - Skillathon Study Guides: will be posted on ross.osu.edu

PREMIER SKILLATHON: Optional event open to exhibitors ages 8-18 (as of January 1). The contest will be held during the Animal Project Skillathon. Participants will compete in a Premier Skillathon station in each specie area. Details will be in the May Family Hotline and Ross County Fair Book.

4. JR FAIR EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE: Exhibitors must adhere to the following dress requirements at all shows and sales at the fair: must wear nice jeans or slacks (no low-rise, no holes or tears); a shirt, blouse or polo with a collar and sleeves AND without slogans or advertisements (4-H club/member name is acceptable); no cleavage showing; no undergarments showing. Shoes must be closed-toe (no sandals or flip flops).
BEEF PROJECTS

2020 IMPORTANT DATES
➢ Market Steer Tagging Date: December 14, 2019
➢ *NEW in 2020 ON-LINE Non-Market Livestock Entry Forms: July 15
➢ Fair Weigh-in: Sunday of fair at 5:00pm
➢ Beef Show - Market Steers, Showmanship, Breeding: Thursday of fair at 8:00am
➢ Market Steer Sale: Saturday of fair 9:00am

1. All 4-H/FFA Livestock Projects must be in the continual care of the youth and their parent(s) during the duration of the project. All Non-Market livestock projects must be in a member's possession by May 1 of each year.

2. Project will determine your class choices for fair:
   
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   • Members must submit an on-line NON-MARKET LIVESTOCK FAIR ENTRY FORM for each Beef Breeding Animal (including Feeders) by July 15 to be eligible to exhibit at the Ross County Junior Fair.
   • Registration papers must be attached for registered animals; papers will be checked for age and breed classification.

4. Safety: Any animal found by the Beef Superintendents to be a risk to the health and wellness of exhibitors and/or fair goers will not be permitted to show or sell and can be dismissed from the fairgrounds at any time. No livestock is permitted in the campgrounds.

5. Drenching: Drenching of livestock is **prohibited** at an exhibition, unless it is for a medical condition diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian.

6. Breed Registration Papers are required for any Beef Breeding Junior Fair project that will be shown as a particular breed (example: Angus, Hereford, or Mainetainer). Registration Papers must be attached to the on-line Non-Market Livestock Fair Entry Form (due July 15).

7. Beef Breeding Show Class Change Requests: No changes to class entries will be allowed after 12:00noon Tuesday of the fair. The Beef Breeding show bill will be posted for review prior to this time and changes given to Jr. Fair Superintendents.

8. All Market animals must be tied at all times.

9. Requests for special Breeding stall requirements must be pre-approved by the Beef Superintendents.

10. Stall fan cage must be able to go down to 4 feet or animal will need to share its cage with a neighboring steer or breeding animal.

11. Grooming/Preparation: A Junior Fair exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the Junior Fair Show, provided that the assistance is limited to explanation or minimal demonstration and provided that the assistance is only by the following: Parents, legal guardian, siblings, grandparents, Ross County 4-H or FFA members, Ross County 4-H Advisors, or Ross County FFA Instructors. The exhibitor must be present.

12. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Any premiums, awards, or sale money won by such exhibitor will be withheld. Any artificial means of removing or remedying the physical defects or conformation in exhibition cattle, such as lifting and filling under the skin, use of string, artificial heels, etc. will be considered fraud and deception. The use of an artificial tail head or altering the natural color anywhere on a beef animal shall be considered fraud and deception. Neutral coloring (clear or white) only must be used. All animals giving evidence of fraud or deception will be barred from competition at the Ross County Fair.
13. **Scales:** No outside scales may be brought onto the fairgrounds. "Official" fairground scales may only be used by designated officials.

14. **Bedding:** Straw and/or Mulch are allowed as bedding in the Beef Barn. Beef exhibitors must furnish their own bedding.

15. **Fair Move-in & Weigh-in Dates/Times:** All Beef Projects must be in place by 4:00pm on the first Saturday of the fair. The Fair Weigh-in will be on Sunday of the fair at 5:00pm. Market animals will weigh first; then Feeder Steers/Heifers.

16. **Exhibitor Meeting:** A meeting for all beef exhibitors and their parents will be held the on the first Saturday of the fair at 9:15pm in the Livestock Show Arena.

17. The **Junior Fair Market Beef Show, Beef Showmanship and Beef Breeding Show** will be held on Thursday of the fair and will start at 8:00am. 
   **Open Class Beef Breeding** will be held on Friday of the fair and will start at 9:00am. To exhibit in Open Class, a Junior Fair exhibitor must pay a $3/head entry fee to the Ross County Agricultural Society.

18. All livestock exhibitors must clean their stall/pen and aisle by 12:00 noon Sunday after fair. Exhibitors not in compliance will be placed on a 1-year probation. If second offense occurs, the exhibitor will be ineligible to exhibit the following year.

**ADDITIONAL RULES FOR FEEDERS (Dairy & Beef):**

1. All Feeder projects will be weighed after Market Beef weigh-in on Sunday night of the fair. If there are 14 or more Feeder projects, the class will be divided according to weights.

2. All Feeder steers must be castrated and healed by the fair. Steers must be non-bull appearing as determined by the beef superintendents. Any feeder steer not meeting the above requirements will have a choice of being exhibited in the bull calf class or showing for grade only.

**ADDITIONAL RULES FOR MARKET STEERS & MARKET HEIFIERS:**

1. **Market Beef**
   a. Exhibitors (4-H or FFA) may take TWO Market Beef animals to the Ross County Junior Fair. The two market beef animals can be a combination of two steers, or two heifers, or one steer and one heifer.
   b. Market heifers must NOT be bred.

2. **Tag & Weigh-in:** All market calves must be weighed and tagged in December (contact Extension office for day/time) at the Ross County Fairgrounds.
   - Each exhibitor can tag in two market beef animals and the family can tag in one family market beef animal. A family with one exhibitor can tag in a total of 3 market beef animals (may only exhibit two).
   - If ear tag is lost, contact Ross County Extension Office immediately.
   - Minimum weight of calves at December weigh-in must be 450 lbs.
   - Minimum weight at the Fair weigh-in must be 900 lbs.

3. **All animals must be dehorned and castrated by the time they are weighed and identified.**
   Beef with any type of horn will NOT be tagged/weighed-in.

4. Member must have ownership of their beef project(s) and be in their continual care at all times.

5. **DUNF:** The Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) must be accurately completed and turned in at fair **CHECK-IN** to be eligible to show and sell.

6. **Market Heifers** will show in a Market Heifer Class. Steers will show in a Market Steer Class. Class winners will compete for an Overall Top 5 from the final drive, including Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

7. The final Champion Drive will **NOT** be delayed. Exhibitors with 2nd – 5th placing animals must be ready to enter the show ring at the start of the Champion Drive. Final placings will be Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd Place Overall, 4th Place Overall, 5th Place Overall.

8. The Market Beef show is a terminal show. All market beef brought to and shown in the Ross County Junior Fair will be sold and go to harvest. If exhibitor brings two market beef, the exhibitor’s highest placing market animal will be sold through the ring. The second animal will receive packer price OR be sent to the processor at the owner’s expense.

9. **Junior Fair Market Beef Sale:**
   a. Last Saturday of the fair.
   b. All market steers and heifers must have a rope or show halter on during the Jr. Fair Sale.
BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

1. Beef showmanship divisions (and age as of January 1 of current year) are:
   - Senior Division (15 years and over)
   - Intermediate Division (12 – 14 years)
   - Junior Division (8 – 11 years)
   - *Beginner Division (8 – 11 years and showing for the first time)
   - *Master

   *Notes:  a.) Any first-year showman meeting the age category has the option of entering the Junior Division and not the Beginner Division.
   b.) The Master Showmanship Contest is open to all Junior Fair Livestock exhibitors who are current or previous winners of a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior showmanship class.

2. Showmanship Show Order: 1) Senior, 2) Intermediate, 3) Junior, 4) Beginner, 5) Master Division

3. A member may win a showmanship age division only one time. Once a member has won a particular division, he/she must compete in the next age division. Once an exhibitor wins a Senior age division showmanship, he/she is allowed to continue to show in Senior Showmanship throughout their 4-H/FFA eligibility.

4. Participants must be current Junior Fair livestock exhibitors and must show one of their own current project(s).

5. Each contestant must fit and show his/her own animal. During the course of the contest, the exhibitor may be asked by the judge to show some other animal.

6. The animal used for showmanship must be one entered and shown by the exhibitor in respective production or market class in the Junior Fair.

7. Members must sign up for Beef Showmanship classes by Wednesday at 6:00pm. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the cattle barn starting the first Sunday of the fair. No exhibitors will be allowed to sign-up for / participate in showmanship after this deadline.

BEEF TEAM-FITTING CONTEST

A “Beef Team-Fitting Contest” is an optional event available to Junior Fair Beef Exhibitors.

1. Beef Team-Fitting divisions (and age as of January 1 of current year) are:
   - Junior (ages 13 & under)
   - Senior (ages 14 & over)

2. Each team will consist of (4) Ross County Beef Exhibitors who all qualify in the same age category (ex. All members of a junior team must 13 & under. All members of a senior team must be 14 & over).

3. Team members do not have to be from the same club. Basic showmanship rules apply (see above).

4. The contest will have two parts:
   - Part #1- FITTING...Animals will be brought to the ring ungroomed. Each team will fit & groom the entire (market or breeding) animal. All four team members must actively participate in grooming & fitting the animal. Each Team will have 30 minutes to fit the animal.
   - Part #2 - SHOWMANSHIP...The team will select one member to participate in the Showmanship portion held immediately following the Fitting portion.

5. The winning Junior Team and Senior Team will be based upon the combined scores of the “Fitting” and “Showmanship” parts of the contest.

6. NOTE: All contestants must enter in their appropriate age category.