

117B – BEEF BREEDING

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4-H PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

To complete a project in 4-H, member must annually:

- Enroll in 4-H Club by March 1
- Be 4-H member in “Good Standing” by completing county and club requirements
- Complete Project Book or Livestock Record Book
- Complete Livestock Skillathon
- Non-Market Beef Breeding Livestock projects must be in member’s possession by June 1

*NOTE: 4-H Members may also choose to exhibit their livestock at the Ross County Junior Fair. Members are NOT required to exhibit at the fair to complete a project in 4-H.

1. PROJECT BOOK & LIVESTOCK RECORDS

- **PROJECT BOOKS:** First-year members will receive a **Beef Project/Record Book (#117B Beef Breeding or 117BF Beef Feeder)** and a **Beef Resource Handbook (#117R)**. Members must retain these books for use in future years. 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 Project Book/Livestock Record to the Skillathon** with all information completed up to the date of the Skillathon.

2. QUALITY ASSURANCE *(mandatory for Market Beef. Not required for Breeding Beef or Beef Feeders)*

3. SKILLATHON

- All Ross County Jr. Fair Animal Project Exhibitors must complete the species Skillathon to exhibit, show and/or their animal(s). Exhibitors may complete either the Ross County Skillathon OR the Ohio State Fair Skillathon (if offered) for their species. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to submit proof of completion to the Extension office, if attending the OSF Skillathon.
- **Skillathon Dates:**
 - July 7, 5:00pm-7:00pm at Fairgrounds
 - July 18, 9:00am-11:00am at Fairgrounds
- **Age Categories:** Members complete Skillathon according to their age (as of January 1).
 - Junior (8-11 years)
 - Intermediate (12 – 14 years)
 - Senior (15 – 18 years)
- **PREMIER SKILLATHON** (all ages): Optional contest. 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*.

JR. FAIR INFORMATION

→ **This is not a complete list of all Jr. Fair rules. Refer to Ross County Fair Book for all rules.**

To exhibit, show and/or sell an animal at the Ross County Junior Fair, exhibitors must:

- ☑ Enroll in 4-H Club and/or FFA Chapter by March 1
 - 4-H members sign up through 4Honline
 - FFA members sign up with Ag Teacher
- ☑ Be 4-H/FFA members in “Good Standing” by completing county and club/chapter requirements
- ☑ Complete Project Book or Livestock Record Book
- ☑ Complete Livestock Skillathon
- ☑ Non-Market Beef Breeding Livestock – Member must have possession of animal by June 1, current year
- ☑ Submit online “Jr Fair Livestock Entry Form” by July 15.
 - One form includes Market, Breeding, and Showmanship entries

*NOTE: Members are NOT required to exhibit at the fair to complete a project through 4-H or FFA.

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

- **Market Steer Weigh, Tag, Tattoo:** December 6, 2025 at Ross Co. Fairgrounds Beef Barn
- **Jr Fair Livestock Entry Form:** July 15
- **Fair Move-in**
 - **Market Move-in:** first Saturday of fair, 5:00pm – 9:00pm
 - **Exhibitor/Parent Meeting:** first Saturday of fair, 9:15pm in Show Arena
 - **Market Weigh-in** Sunday of fair, 5:00pm
 - **Breeding:** Move-in first Saturday of fair, 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- **Beef Team Fitting Contest:** Monday of fair, 12:00noon (rules on page 4)
- **Market Beef Show:** Wednesday of fair, 8:00pm
- **Beef Showmanship:** Thursday of fair, 8:30am
- **Beef Breeding:** Thursday of fair, following Beef Showmanship
- **CBBR Show:** Friday of fair, 8:00am
- **Market Beef Sale:** Friday of fair, 6:00pm (rotate annually with Beef, Dairy Products, Goats)

BEFORE THE FAIR

1. **POSSESSION.** Beef Non-Market (breeding) livestock projects must be in a member's possession by **June 1**
2. **JR FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRY FORMS due July 15**
 - A. Exhibitors must submit an online Jr Fair Livestock Entry form to be eligible to exhibit at the Ross County Junior Fair.
 - B. Animals at the fair must match the entry form to be eligible.
 - C. Registration papers must be attached for registered animals; papers will be checked for age and breed classification.
 - D. **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).

AT THE FAIR (read all rules in the Fair Book!)

1. **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).
2. **FAIR VETERINARIAN**
The Fair Veterinarian is hired by the Ross Co. Agricultural Society per Ohio Dept. of Agriculture guidelines. Determinations related to animal health, care, and wellbeing are up to the discretion of the Fair Veterinarian up to and including animal removal and possession. (clarification that the Fair Vet gets final say)
3. **DRENCHING.** Drenching of livestock is **prohibited** at an exhibition, unless it is for a medical condition diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian.

4. **MEDICATIONS.** If a prescription is written that requires medication/treatment, a superintendent must be present each time the medicine/treatment is administered to ensure compliance with the guidance in the prescription. The superintendent must be present before any medicine/treatment is mixed through delivery.
5. 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.
6. **STALL REQUESTS.** Exhibitors can request their animals to be stalled with another exhibitor's animals, but exhibitor cannot request location. Requests for special Breeding stall requirements must be pre-approved by the Beef Superintendents.
7. Stall fan cage must be able to go down to **4 feet** or animal will need to share its cage with a neighboring animal.
8. Only ONE parent/guardian will be permitted in the makeup arena before show.
9. **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.

10. **JR FAIR CLASSES.**

Project	Classes
Breeding/Production	Junior Female Calf; Senior Female Calf Summer Yearling Heifer; Junior Yearling Heifer; Senior Yearling Heifer 2-year old Female Cow; Cow/Calf Junior Bull Calf; Senior Bull Calf
Feeder Calf (Dairy & Beef)	Feeder Calf - Steer or Heifer (may <u>not</u> be shown in any other classes)

JR FAIR BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Refer to current Ross County Fair Book for complete rules (age divisions, fitting/showing rules, show order, etc.)

Showmanship Sign-ups

1. **July 15** - Showmanship sign-ups (Beginner, Junior, Intermediate & Senior) are included in the online Jr Fair Livestock Entry form.
2. Peewee Showmanship sign-up sheets will be posted in each species' barn. Participants can sign up until the start of the Pee Wee Show.

BEEF TEAM-FITTING CONTEST

Refer to current Ross County Fair Book for complete rules

1. An optional event available to Junior Fair Beef Exhibitors.
2. Teams will consist of **2** Ross County Jr. Fair Beef Exhibitors of any age.
3. All participants must comply with the Jr. Fair Dress Code Policy.