May 24, 2021

To: Feeder Calf and Beef Breeding Exhibitor

From: Brett Rogers, Superintendent, Brown County Junior Fair Beef Department

Please share this with parent or guardian. Please note there will be no mailed copy of the letters or forms this year. All exhibitor letters and forms can be found at http://brown.osu.edu/exhibitorletters

If any of this information should change due to COVID-19 and regulations and guidelines from the state, we will notify everyone.

The Skill-a-thon is mandatory for beef exhibitors in order to exhibit, be eligible for awards, and sale of project. The exhibitors must get a score of 65% or higher to be eligible for awards. For 2021 Skill-a-Thon will be completed virtually. Exhibitors will be sent an email in July with a link to complete. You will have 11:59pm on July 17th to complete.

Quality Assurance - All members in market beef, sheep, swine; members in dairy cattle, dairy & meat goats, meat chickens, turkeys, meat rabbits, ducks and geese, are required to complete a Quality Assurance Program by July 1st. Those wishing to show at the State Fair must complete QA by June 1st. To see a list of Quality Assurance Dates/Options visit: go.osu.edu/bownqa

If you choose to attend QA through a different county or source, you are responsible for any associated fees and must submit your completed paperwork by the deadline of July 1st.

**Quality Assurance may be taught by a school’s Agriculture Education teacher. If you are in an Agriculture Education class check with your teacher to confirm.

Please hold on to this letter or mark your calendar today. This year’s feeder calf tag-in is slated for Saturday, July 17 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Feeder calf and heifer information sheet is enclosed. Please complete and bring to tag-in on July 17.

We will be tagging heifers of all ages (only exception would be cow/calves). If you have your registration papers, you need to bring them with you. A copy must be provided at weigh-in at the fair. All heifers under the age of 1 year old must be preconditioned by a certified vet. Cow/calf projects must have a farm visit prior to August 1st.

There will be an All Other Breeds class. There will also be an additional Chianina class it will be a low percentage class.

NOTE: Feeder calves, market heifers, dairy beef and heifers MUST come to tag-in to be eligible to show at the fair, and exhibitors need to complete your club’s meeting attendance requirements.

There will be no Feeder Calf Divisions.
Remember...ownership date is June 1st with possession date being July 1st.

You may tag up to three (3) feeder steers, (3) feeder heifers or three (3) dairy beef feeders (must be a steer) but only show 2 at a cost of $2.00 per tag. Dr. Cowdrey will also be on hand to give a preconditioning shot at a cost of $10.00 per animal. Please bring cash. No dehorning or castration will be done the day of tag-in. Please contact a veterinarian to have this done at your location. Preconditioning will be performed unless you have prior vet certification with you.

Heifers born after September 1, 2020 are required to be preconditioned under the state’s recognized preconditioned program. You may bring your heifer to tag-in for preconditioning, or you may have this performed at home by a certified vet. If this is done at your location by a vet, and if you do not provide them at tag-in, we will need the certification papers shown at the fair during weigh-in. You may mail them to the Beef Superintendent prior to the fair. If preconditioning has not been performed as required, you may not show at the fair.

All animals should be halter broke and be able to be led by you off of the truck.

The Brown County Born and Raised Feeder Calf and Breeding information can be found at https://brown.osu.edu/exhibitorletters. You may turn in this information, along with your payment, on or before tag-in or to the OSU Extension Office.

JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ASKED NOT TO SOLICIT BUYERS DURING THE JUNIOR FAIR SALES. PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR BUYERS BEFORE THE FAIR STARTS.

NEW IN 2021 – Feeder Calves, even champions, will not be required to sell. All calves will have the option to consign to the sale. Any calf that consigns to the sale will become property of the stockyards. There will not be a buy back option through the Junior Fair Sale Committee. To be eligible for junior fair sale premiums you must consign an animal to the sale.

All calves have the option to sell, unless they are a Junior Fair Champion or Reserve Champion.

Good sportsmanship and respect from all parties in the barn is requested. Everyone is here to learn and have fun. It is important to remember there are impressionable children around.

Please read and sign the enclosed 2021 Brown County Jr. Fair Beef Department Code of Conduct letter. This letter must be turned in to one of the Jr. Fair Adult Beef Superintendents at the July 17 beef tag-in, any of the beef skill-a-thons or at the beef check-in on Sunday of the fair. One signed form is needed per family. Each beef exhibitor and their parent(s)/or legal guardian must sign the form in order for the exhibitor to participate at the fair.

Best wishes to you with your project.

Enclosures:  
Feeder Calf/Dairy Beef and Beef Breeding Information Sheet  
Brown County Born and Raised Breeding Certificate/Show Rules  
Brown County Born and Raised Feeder Calf Certificate/Show Rules  
Feed Supplier’s Certificate

c: Head Advisors/FFA Advisors  
Dr. Brian Cowdrey  
Jr. Fair Beef Department

(file - 2021 Beef Exhibitor Letter)