



Brown County Junior Fair

DATE: November 27, 2023

TO: Beef Project Members, Rick Banyea, Tom Cornwell, Jr. Fair Beef Department, FFA Instructors,
Head Advisors, Senior Fairboard Beef Representatives

FROM: Brett Rogers, Brown County Junior Fair Beef Department Superintendent *BR*
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It's that time of year again! Time to mark your calendars for the annual steer tagging for the 2024 Brown County and State Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, December 16th between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Anyone showing a steer in 2024 must have their steer or market heifer tagged at this time. Please bring paperwork with you to expedite the tag-in process.

You will also be asked to identify the organization you will be showing under. Example: 4-H or FFA. Exhibitors should be aware that they must comply with their organization's membership requirements to be eligible to show at the fair; this includes enrolling in the appropriate project by the April 1st deadline through your respective organization. You cannot switch the organization after the tag-in on the 16th. If your animal dies, you are not able to take another steer. Three steers are considered one project. You may tag three steers, show three, sell one. You may show a maximum of three (3) steers and sell one steer or feeder calf; large Market Heifer class has been added.

- All market animals will have EID tags and will have DNA samples taken at the time of weigh-in.
- We will be using the same process as the state fair DNA testing. If your steer already has an EID tag, please bring the full tag number with you to tag-in for verification.

INFO REGARDING MARKET HEIFERS...

Market heifer projects that are born on or after January 1, 2023, will be tagged in with the steers on December 16th. They may NOT be bred in order to show at the fair. Exhibitors will be required to bring a certificate from the vet (dated no more than one month prior) to check-in at the fair stating that the animal is open. If you do not have this certificate, you will not show. Once you tag your animal in as a market heifer, you are not permitted to show her as anything else.

Please note this year ALL Exhibitors, regardless of years in Junior Fair, may show a maximum of 8 head of cattle which can be any combination of the following:

- **Three market steers or 3 large market heifers as one project**
- **Two Feeder calves or 2 market heifers (or a combination of the two) as a feeder calf project**
- **More than one breeding animal as a beef breeding project**

Completed entry form for Steers and/or Market Heifers are due at tag-in on December 16th. This is where we obtain our information, so please write legibly.

Once again, the Brown County Cattlemen's Association will be sponsoring their Born and Raised events. Rules and "Brown County Born and Raised Steer Certificate" are enclosed with this mailing. Please bring completed certificate and \$20.00 fee to tag-in with you.

Please listen to local radio station C103, check the OSU Extension Website at brown.osu.edu or the Brown County 4-H Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BrownCo4H/> regarding this event in case of inclement weather. Notification will also be sent via the 4-H Now App.

If someone is hauling another exhibitor's animal, we need the steer exhibitor's parent or guardian to send or bring the following information: (please print clearly and have complete information)

1. Member's name
2. Address
3. 4-H or FFA Chapter (which cannot be transferred after tag-in)
4. Breed of steer
5. Color
6. Identifying marks

All paperwork needs to be completed and signed or you will not be entered as a steer project. Please spread the word if you know of someone who may be joining for the first time.

If you do not make tagging, you do not show your animal at the 2024 Brown County Fair. You must also enroll in the project through 4-H or FFA by April 1st. Please make sure you double check your projects! If you do not sign up for the correct beef project(s), you will not be eligible to enter those classes. Each of those are different projects you must enroll to exhibit in the respective class (i.e. 117B Beef Breeding; 117BF Beef Feeder; 117DF Dairy Beef Feeder; 117M Market Beef).

You also have to meet Quality Assurance requirements in order to show at the fair. Quality Assurance must be completed by July 1, 2024, to exhibit at the Brown County Fair, no exceptions will be made. ***To be eligible for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair youth exhibitors must have completed QA prior to June 1st!***

Please remember if you have a champion or reserve, it goes ***directly to a USDA packer for slaughter.***

STATE FAIR INFORMATION FOR 2024: The Ohio State Fair is using a process similar to what they did in 2023. They will be using RFID tags and DNA through hair samples for registration for the 2024 OSF. Exhibitors must have all materials to the OSF by January 15th to be eligible all market beef must be owned and in full custody of the junior exhibitor by *January 1*.

***Note...All State Fair entries must be submitted online in 2024.**

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: We want to continue to provide a positive experience for Junior Fair exhibitors. All of us need to remember that we serve as role models for the youth showing, whether we are parents, advisors, or friends. The Junior Fair Beef department is concerned about behaviors that were demonstrated in the barn this year, and they have decided that they will not tolerate behavior that is obscene, vulgar and/or offensive language. Brown County has always been looked up to for the quality of our shows, and those who are involved in the Junior Fair. We ask for your cooperation to keep up the high standards. Those who can't participate in a positive manner will be asked to leave the barn or show ring, and any member showing negative behavior may be disqualified. Let's all work to make 2024 a great year for the youth!

Ohio youth enrolled in market beef projects will have the opportunity to participate in a program rewarding cattle for traits which determine value of a market beef project. The Beef Performance and Carcass Quality Show will be held during the Junior Market Beef Show at the Ohio State Fair.

This show is similar to the Muscle Quality and Performance Barrow Show at the Ohio State Fair. Cattle will be shown in a separate live show prior to the Junior Beef Show during the Fair; however, the live evaluation will not be used in the final ranking for the contest. All cattle entered into the show will be harvested at a cooperating packer to be evaluated and ranked. For further information, contact Kyle Culp at culp.1045@osu.edu or 614-247-8976.

The Skill-a-thon is mandatory for beef exhibitors in order to exhibit, be eligible for awards, and sale of project. Skill-a-thon dates in 2024 are TO BE DETERMINED.

This would also be a great time of year to thank buyers and bidders for their support.

Best wishes with your project and the coming year. See you on December 16th.

Enclosures:

- Code of Conduct
- Rules for Brown County Born and Raised Steers/Market Heifers
- Certificate for Born and Raised Steers/Market Heifer
- Brown Co. Cattlemen Membership Application

BROWN COUNTY JR. FAIR BEEF DEPARTMENT

CODE OF CONDUCT

It is required that this be submitted with all project related information at weigh-in or tag-in for respective projects. The Code of Conduct is for the safety and well-being of all program participants. Please read it carefully and contact Brett Rogers at 513.659.6965 if you have any questions. Both parents/ guardians and Jr. Fair Exhibitor must sign the form and turn it in on time. Failure to do so will result in the Jr. Fair Exhibitor's inability to participate.

The participants, parents, or legal guardians of minor participants, and advisors shall be required to follow the Code of Conduct, set forth as follows:

I will hereby be responsible for my words and actions while attending or participating in a Jr. Fair event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any advisor, parent, participant, judge, or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any advisor, parent, participant, judge, or attendee.
3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any advisor, parent, participant, judge, or any other attendee.
4. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any advisor, parent, participant, judge or any other attendee.
5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a Junior Fair event.
6. I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a Jr. Fair event.
7. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
8. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. I will treat all judges, parents, participants, advisors and all other attendees with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.
10. I will encourage my child to treat any judge, parent, participant, advisor, or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.
11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any advisor, parent, participant, judge or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any advisor, parent, participant, judge, or any other attendee.
13. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any advisor, parent, participant, judge or any other attendee.
14. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any advisor, parent, participant, judge or any other attendee.



c/o Susan Smith
7946 Fountain School Rd.
Winchester, OH 45697

2024 Brown Co. Born & Raised Market Steer (Market Heifer) Show

Rules:

1. This show is a class at the Brown County Junior Beef Show.
2. Calf must be purchased from or raised by an eligible breeder residing in Brown Co.

Breeder Eligibility

- Breeder must be current member of Brown Co. Cattlemen's Association
 - Breeder is responsible for a \$20 nomination fee per entry
 - Calf must be born on property in Brown County controlled by the breeder.
 - Eligibility will be determined by a committee appointed by the Brown County Cattlemen when a farm or property may lie on the county boundary.
3. Entry deadline is at the 2024 steer weigh-in. (Date will be 12-16-2023). Entry forms must be signed by the breeder and exhibitor. Entry forms available from Brown Co. Cattlemen's Association and OSU Extension Office.
 4. Steers (Market Heifers) must be in possession of exhibitor by the county tag-in date for the fair.
 5. All junior fair rules apply.
 6. Champions of the class will receive similar status to all other champions in the junior fair market sale.
 7. Calves entered in the Brown Co. Born and Raised Market Steer Show are eligible for the Jr. Fair Market Steer Show.

For more information, contact:

Jared Cluxton	937-618-2066
Susan Smith	937-213-0316
OSU Extension	937-378-6716



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**BROWN COUNTY BORN & RAISED
STEER (MARKET HEIFER) CERTIFICATE**

I certify that my steer, ear tag number _____, was born and raised in Brown County.

Signature of Producer: _____

(Please print name of producer)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature of Member: _____

(Please print name of exhibitor)

Name of Club or Chapter: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

To be eligible for the county born and raised award, submit this signed form at the Brown County Steer Tag-in.

Received by: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Entry fees must be paid at tag-in. Membership dues must be paid by steer tag-in.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The breeder's certificate must be signed by the producer and the exhibitor. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.



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2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Name of Farm: _____

Street, Box: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

TYPE OF OPERATION

NUMBER OF HEAD

Cow/Calf

Feeder

Purebred

Annual dues are \$10.00.

Make checks payable to Brown County Cattlemen's Association and MAIL TO:

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