

DEPARTMENT 100 — Beef Cattle

Junior Fair Beef Committee

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Exhibitors should enter their Feeder Classes in Fair Entry prior to ID Day in May.

Exhibitors will enter all other Beef Classes including showmanship and online add on sale using Fair Entry – Entry Deadline is June 1 at 11:59 pm.

All Cattle including Breeding Heifers MUST have an RFID tag in their ear upon arrival at the fairgrounds which matches their entry in Fair Entry

FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Barn Open for Arrival: Saturday July 26, 2025 at 8:00AM

Mandatory Barn Meeting: Saturday, July 26 at 6:30 PM in the Pavilion Show Ring

Weigh-In: Saturday, July 26, 7-9 PM in the Sheep Show Arena

- At weigh-ins you must identify where the animal will be going after the Fair. The only options are the MARKET TRUCK, FEEDER SALE or HOME. There will be no changes after weigh-in.

PRE-FAIR ID DAY/WEIGH IN

1. All Feeder Calves **must be identified** at ID Day in May. Exhibitors may identify 3 beef feeders and/or 3 dairy/crossbred dairy feeders but only 2 beef feeders and/or 2 dairy/crossbred dairy feeders may be shown at the fair.
2. Weigh-In of Beef Feeder calves is optional. You will only need to weigh-in if you wish to participate in the Rate of Gain Contest.
3. Dairy Beef Feeders and Crossbred Dairy Beef Feeders must be identified, weighed in, an RFID tag given (if needed) and receive a vaccination. (See rules below for more information on the vaccination.)
4. Beef Feeders needing an RFID tag can be tagged at ID day if needed.
5. Rate of Gain Contest- all feeder calves weighed at the May ID day must be **500 lbs. or less** to participate in this contest. The Top 5 animals with the most

pounds gained, as determined at the fair weigh-in, will be awarded the plaques.

BEEF SHOW DATES & TIMES:

Wednesday July 30, 2025 at 8:30 AM- Beef Showmanship
Sr. Prelims, Jr. Prelims, Sr. Finals, Jr. Finals

Showmanship Order:

1. Beef Feeders
2. Dairy/Crossbred Dairy Beef Feeders
3. Market Steers/Heifers/Dairy Steers/Breeding Heifers
4. Overall Supreme Sr. and Jr. Showmanship

The Overall Supreme Sr. Champion will represent the Beef Department in Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Wednesday July 30, 2025 (following Showmanship) Breeding & Feeder Show

Show Order:

1. Breeding Heifers
2. Beef Feeders
3. Dairy Beef Feeders and Crossbred Dairy Beef Feeders

Wednesday July 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM- Market Show

Show Order:

1. Dairy Steers
2. Market Heifer
3. CBR Market Steers
4. OOC Market Steers
5. Overall Grand Champion Market Animal

RULES FOR MARKET HEIFER, COUNTY BORN & RAISED AND OUT OF COUNTY SHOW

Market Heifers will show first in a Division of their own (CBR & OOC together.) Top 5 overall will be placed but only Grand and Reserve Champion will be eligible for the Overall Final Drive. CBR Market Steers will show next and a Top 5 will be selected. Then we will move into the OOC Market Steers show. Top 5 will be selected. Then the top 2 Market Heifers, Top 5 CBR and Top 5 OOC will then show together for the Overall Top 5 Market animal.

General Beef Rules

1. All Market and Feeder Beef Animals MUST have an RFID ear tag prior to arrival at the fairgrounds on July 26th.

2. ODA Livestock Exhibition Rules and Requirements for all livestock can be found in the Health Regulations and Inspection of Livestock section of the book.
3. All Jr. Fair Beef Animals must be on the fairgrounds and tied with neckties in their properly assigned stall by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday July 26th.
4. Stall assignments will be made by the Jr. & Sr. Fair Superintendents. You may not change your stall assignment. If there is an issue contact the Jr. Fair Coordinator as soon as possible.
5. No straw or bedding allowed in the barn; mulch will be provided. Exhibitors may be charged a fee if donations are not secured to cover costs.
6. All barn rules will be observed daily. Important announcements will be posted on the department bulletin board.
7. All cattle must be dry when weighed.
8. Exhibitors may only win 1 rate of gain trophy per beef project (Ex: 1 market beef, 1 dairy/crossbred dairy beef & 1 beef feeder) and only qualify for rate of gain, if they weighed in at the May ID day.
9. A mandatory barn meeting will be held prior to the fair weigh-in. All exhibitors must be present.
10. Exhibitors must complete the online DUNF form for each market beef and feeder calf brought to the fair. They need to be filled out prior to weigh-in on Saturday, July 26th.
11. Exhibitors will be required to designate all beef projects in Fair Entry as either: Going Home, Market Truck or Feeder Sale. Changes can be made during Saturdays weigh-in but there will be **no changes** after that.
12. Breed papers for the Breeding Heifers will be required and must be brought with the animal to the scales immediately following weigh-in to be verified by the beef committee. If an exhibitor is unable to provide the proper registration papers, the animal will be put into a crossbred class.
13. Any animal born after Jan. 1 must be shown with feeder classes. Animals born prior to Jan 1 must be shown with market animals.
14. No market heifer may be shown in the breeding classes. No breeding heifer may be shown in market classes. Animals can only be shown in one Class.
15. All Beef Cattle must be halter broken and shown with halters.
16. The limit on the number of times an exhibitor's animal can get loose in the show ring is two. If it gets loose a third time, the exhibitor will be excused from competition
17. Showmanship Contests for all divisions will expect cattle to be clean and dried.
18. Only the exhibitor and the animal they are showing shall be permitted in the staging area.
19. Grand/Reserve Champion and 3rd-5th place will be picked for each Division including breeding heifers, market heifers, dairy steers, CBR market steers, OOC market steers, beef feeders, dairy beef feeders, crossbred dairy feeders and Overall market animal.
20. When placing the top 5 in each division, if the exhibitor is called to the ring and doesn't show, he/she will be skipped and next in line will move up.

21. Showmanship classes will be limited to one animal per exhibitor. Exhibitors with entries in breeding, feeder calf or steer/heifer classes must choose the one animal to enter in showmanship. This designation must be made in Fair Entry by June 1, but you may switch classes at the July 26th weigh-in. No changes will be made after that. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
22. Paint or any other type of color enhancements will not be permissible for grooming, including hooves. Animals can be disqualified if added color is found.
23. Any animal will be disqualified if the body or appendages are altered in any way.
*The Wood Co. Agricultural Society shall have the right to require any animal (specifically the Champion & Reserve Champion of all Beef classes & showmanship classes) be subject to examination or tests to determine if a substance has been administered to the animal to change the conformation or temperament of the animal.
24. If an exhibitor decides to remove their animal(s) from the fairgrounds for any reason, they will not be permitted to return to the fairgrounds. This means no sale or premium! Exemption to participate in Wood County add on sale if the exhibitor is participating in an official Ohio State Fair Jr Fair show.
25. If no beef project is shown at the fair may not participate in the add on sale.
26. The only fans allowed in the beef barns will be hanging. All floor fans must be approved by the Sr. Fair Beef Committee.
27. No couches or furniture of any kind will be allowed in the building.
28. The Jr. & Sr. Fair Beef Superintendents will make final decisions on any rules not covered.

Rules for Market Steers/Heifers & Dairy Steers

1. Each 4-H and FFA Member may show a maximum of 2 steers/heifers at the Wood County Junior Fair.
2. An exhibitor may weigh up to 3 market steers/heifers prior to the fair but may only bring 2 to the fair.
3. All 4-H and FFA market steers/heifers must be identified, on feed, and in the members immediate possession and daily care by the December weigh in. All cattle must be dehorned and properly healed by show. (Smooth healed)
4. Dairy steers will be divided into show classes by weight at the discretion of the Jr. & Sr. Fair Board. Market Steers and Market Heifers will be divided into show classes by weight at the discretion of the Boards. Both market steers and heifers and dairy steers will be weighed on the first day of the fair. There will be an option for 1 reweigh immediately following the first weigh. The second weight taken will be the published sale weight.
5. The Overall Grand/Reserve Champions must go on the market truck and be slaughtered by the packer determined by the fair board.
6. Dairy Steers must be of a dairy breed or a cross of dairy breeds. (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey)

Rules for Dairy Beef Feeders, Crossbred Dairy Beef Feeders and Beef Feeders

1. All Feeder Calves must be identified, on feed, and in the member's immediate possession and daily care by the May ID day.
 - a. May ID Day is MANDATORY for all Dairy, Crossbred Dairy and Beef Feeders. ALL FEEDERS must come in and have RFID tags verified.
 - b. May Weigh-In is OPTIONAL for any feeders wishing to participate in the Rate of Gain contest.
2. All dairy and crossbred dairy feeders will be evaluated at the May ID/Weigh in. If determined to be a crossbred dairy feeder and the exhibitor disagrees, they do reserve the right to submit a DNA test to determine the calf to be a purebred dairy feeder at their own expense. DNA tests must be submitted by the July 26 check in at the fair.
3. All exhibitors of dairy and crossbred dairy beef feeders will be charged up to \$10 for a treatment to ensure healthy calves upon leaving the fairgrounds. This shot will be given at the May ID Day. Vet fees for these shots must be paid at the May ID day. Cash or check will be accepted.
4. Exhibitors may show a maximum of two dairy beef feeders or crossbred dairy beef feeders and/or two beef feeders in the Wood County Junior Fair. Exhibitors may initially weigh-in 3 dairy beef feeders or crossbred dairy beef feeders and/or 3 beef feeders in case of calamity.
5. Only male dairy animals may be used for dairy/crossbred dairy beef feeder projects. Calves must be castrated by May ID day. Any feeders showing evidence of testicular tissue as determined by the beef department superintendent and fair veterinarian will be removed from the fairgrounds and are therefore ineligible for awards. Beef Feeder Calves may be of any beef breed or cross between any beef breeds.
6. Dairy Beef Feeder Calves must be of any dairy breed or cross between dairy breeds (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey). Beef Feeders must be purebred or a mix of beef breeds.
7. All feeder calves must be dehorned by May ID day. Exhibitors will be notified if their animal is ineligible.
8. Dairy Beef Feeder and Crossbred Dairy Beef Feeder Calves will be shown at the fair in weight classes of approximately ten calves each. Weight divisions will be based upon weigh-in weight of the first day of the fair. There will be an option for 1 reweigh immediately following the first weight. The second weight taken will be the published sale weight.
9. A Champion and Reserve Champion Dairy, Crossbred Dairy and Beef Feeder will be selected at the fair. Awards will also be given for 3rd-5th place overall.
10. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to sell their feeder calves at the Jr. Fair Feeder Sale or they may take the feeders home.

Rules for Beef Breeding

1. Each Exhibitor may enter a maximum of 2 entries in each of the breeding classes listed in the Wood County Junior Fair.

2. All beef breeding projects must be identified, have an RFID in their ear and be in the member's immediate possession and daily care by May 1.
3. Beef breeding animals should be entered in the proper division according to breed and in the proper class according to age classifications.

BEEF BREEDING DIVISIONS

Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Maine Anjou, Mini Breeds, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Simmental, All Other Breeds, and Crossbred

An Overall Champion and Reserve Champion and places 3-5 County Born Female will be selected

Beef Breeding Classes

1. Junior Heifer Calf (Born January 1, 2025 to April 1, 2025).
2. Senior Heifer Calf (Born between September 1, and December 31, 2024)
3. Summer Yearling (Born between May 1, 2024 and August 31, 2024)
4. Junior Yearling (Born between January 1, 2024 and April 30, 2024)
5. Senior Yearling (Born between September 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023)
6. Two-Year-Old Heifers
7. Cows
8. Cow Calf Class (Calves born between April 1, 2025 and Wood County Fair).

NEW Cattle Loadout Procedure: Sunday, August 3rd at 5:30 pm

1. Animals going on the Market Truck - If available, please help load your market animal onto the market truck.
2. Any animal entered as going home will be permitted to begin the load out process a half an hour after the start of the main grandstand entertainment on the last night of the fair. Please see the Livestock release section of the Jr. Fair Rules.