**DEPARTMENT 100 — Beef Cattle**Junior Fair Committee — Supt. Mallory Kramer, Madelayne Lee (asst)

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Senior Fair Committee — Kip McDowell and Bob Strow Supt., Dave Nietz, Brad Hannan, and Justin Barndt.

Assistants: Kaye Racheter and Hannah Lang.

**Schedule of Events**

MANDATORY Barn Meeting- Saturday July 27th, 6:30 PM , Pavilion Show Arena

Weigh-In – Saturday July 27th, 7- 9:00 PM Sheep Show Arena

**Wednesday July 31, 2024**

11 AM (or immediately following Open Show)- Jr. Fair Showmanship

**Showmanship Order:**

1. Market Steers/Heifers - Sr. Showmanship (Prelims.), Jr. Showmanship (Prelims) Sr. Showmanship (Finals), Jr. Showmanship (Finals)
2. Beef Feeders - Sr. Showmanship (Prelims.), Jr. Showmanship (Prelims) Sr. Showmanship (Finals), Jr. Showmanship (Finals)
3. Dairy Beef Feeders - Sr. Showmanship (Prelims.), Jr. Showmanship (Prelims) Sr. Showmanship (Finals), Jr. Showmanship (Finals)
4. Supreme Sr and Jr Showmanship

6 PM- Jr. Fair Market Show

Show Order: Dairy Steers followed by Market Steers/Heifers

**Thursday August 1, 2024**

9AM- Jr. Fair Breeding and Feeder Show

Show Order: Beef Breeding, Beef Feeders, Dairy Beef Feeders and Dairy Cross Beef Feeders

**All exhibitors will enter fair classes including Showmanship using Fair Entry – Entry Deadline is June 1.**

**Note: The weigh-in for Market Steers and Heifers for the 2024 Wood County Fair will be Saturday, December 7th, 2024 from 8-10 AM. (No min/max weight limit)**

**Back up weather date in case of Dec 7th cancellation, Saturday December 14th, 2022.**

**General Beef Rules**

1. All animals must be in place by 7 PM on Saturday July 27th.
2. Health Requirements for the Beef Department are found at the front of the fair book.
3. All Junior Fair Beef Animals must be on the fairgrounds and tied with neckties in their properly assigned stall by 7:00 p.m. on Saturday July 27th. Stall assignments will be made by the Junior Fair and Senior Fair Superintendents. 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 cost. This bedding fee must be paid by cash or check when projects are checked in or weighed in at the fair.
4. All Beef Cattle must be halter broken and shown with halters.
5. No market heifer may be shown in breeding classes. No breeding heifer may be shown in market classes for the Junior Fair shows. Animals can only be shown in one project.
6. 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. See Jr. Fair Rule No. 39.
7. All barn rules will be observed daily. Important announcements will be posted on the bulletin board.
8. No painting allowed.
9. Senior Showmanship contestants must be 14 years or older and Junior Showmanship contestants must be 13 years and younger as of January 1 of current year.
10. One representative from the Junior Beef Department will be selected to participate in the Showmanship Sweepstakes Contest. All divisions (Dairy and Beef Feeder, Beef Breeding and Market Steers/heifers) are eligible. Following the Beef Showmanship Classes, the final drive for overall Senior and Junior Showmanship will take place. The top Senior Showman will compete for a place in the Showmanship Sweepstakes Contest. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
11. All cattle must be dry when weighed.
12. A mandatory barn meeting will be held prior to weigh-in. All exhibitors must be present. **All DUNF forms must be turned in at this time. NO DUNF- NO WEIGH!**
13. All cattle must remain in the barns at night.
14. All exhibitors of 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 in May or at time of fair weigh-in (Fair vet will determine when shot is given). Vet fees/shots for Dairy Beef Feeders must be paid at Beef Feeder Weigh-In on May 11th, 2024.
15. Only fans allowed in the beef barns will be hanging, no floor fans unless approved otherwise. All floor fans must be approved by the Senior Beef Committee.
16. Showmanship Contests for all divisions will expect cattle to be clean and dried.
17. 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 premium sale if exhibitor is participating in an official Ohio State Fair Jr Fair market show as per sale rule #6.
18. An exhibitor may weigh up to 3 market steers/heifers but may only bring 2 to the fair. It must be declared at weigh-in as to which steer/heifer will be selling (going on the fair truck), or if they will be going home. No changes after this time.
19. There will be an Overall Champion Market Beef Project. To be eligible for this award, an exhibitor must have participated in the skill-a-thon, interview judging, showmanship, and the market show. All first-year members must participate in Jr. Showmanship to be eligible for Champion Project. See Champion Project Guidelines listed elsewhere in the fair book for more info.
20. Breed papers 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. See Rule 12 of Jr. Fair guidelines for ownership information.
21. 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.
22. The County Born & Raised winner will be selected as the highest placing animal in the overall show. Appropriate awards will be provided to winners.
23. Only the exhibitor and the animal he/she is showing shall be permitted in the makeup arena.
24. No couches or furniture of any kind will be allowed in the building.
25. 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. Any animal born after Jan. 1 must be shown with feeder classes. Animals born prior to Jan 1 must be shown with market animals.
26. The Junior and Senior Fair Beef Superintendents will make final decisions on any rules not covered.
27. Exhibitors will be required to designate all beef projects in Fair Entry as either: Going Home, Sale Truck or to the Feeder Sale. Changes can be made during Saturdays weigh-in but there will be **no changes** after that.
28. **Pens must be kept clean daily. Violators will be warned. 1st offense: written warning. 2nd offense: verbal warning. 3rd offense: $25 fine (held from premium check).**
29. Grand/Reserve Champion and 3rd-5th place overall will be picked for each species including market beef, beef feeders, dairy beef feeders & dairy cross feeders.
30. Grand Champion/Reserve Market Beef, Dairy Beef, Beef Feeder must be exhibited in the Livestock Exhibition Barn 24 hours from the end of the show until sale time on Sunday.
31. 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.
32. Exhibitors may only win 1 rate of gain trophy per beef project (Ex: 1 market beef, 1 dairy beef & 1 beef feeder).
33. **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**
34. **Any beef project animal not shown may not go through the sale ring.**

**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. 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)
3. Dairy steers will be divided into show classes by weight at the discretion of the Junior & Senior Fair Boards. Market Steers/Heifers will be divided into show classes by weight also at the discretion of the Boards. Both market 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. Steers will sell at this weight.
4. The Grand/Reserve Champion steers will be determined by the ranking in the show ring from third place overall through fifth place overall. This selection will be made at the conclusion of the Jr. Beef Show.
5. Grand/Reserve Champions must go through the sale 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 4-H and FFA Feeder Calves (dairy, crossbred dairy and beef) must be identified, on feed, and in the member’s immediate possession and daily care by the May weigh in.
   1. May weigh-in is MANDATORY for all dairy and crossbred dairy feeders.
   2. May weigh-in is optional for those Beef Feeders that have a valid 840 tag permanently tagged in the ear.
      1. Must be registered in Fair entry by June 1.
      2. Pictures of the calf (front and both sides) and 840 tag must be uploaded by this date.
   3. Any Dairy/Crossbred Dairy or Beef Feeders wanting to compete for rate of gain **must be** weighed in at the May ID date.
   4. Those needing an 840 tag will need to be brought to this weigh-in at the fairgrounds.
2. Crossbred Dairy Feeders Classification performed at May weigh in.
   1. Three (3) third party evaluators will examine all dairy feeders at the mandatory May tagging to determine breed eligibility.
   2. If determined to be a crossbred dairy feeder exhibitor reserves 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 check in at the fair.
   3. Based on the number of crossbred dairy feeders checked in will determine its own division or will be shown with beef feeders.
3. Any 4-H or FFA Member 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 three dairy beef feeders/crossbred dairy beef feeders and/or 3 beef feeders in case of calamity.
4. Only male dairy animals may be used for dairy/crossbred dairy beef feeder projects. Calves must be castrated by May at weigh-in. 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.
5. 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.
6. All male feeders must be dehorned and castrated by the May weigh-in to be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion and rate of gain. Exhibitors will be notified if their animal is ineligible.
7. 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.
8. A champion/reserve Dairy Beef Feeder and Beef Feeder will be selected at the fair. Awards will also be given for 3rd-5th place overall.
9. Showmanship classes for the two Feeder Calf Classes (Dairy Beef/Dairy Cross and Beef) will be divided by age divisions. The Junior Division will be for members 9 (or third grade)-13 (as of January 1) and the Senior Division will be for members 14 and older.
10. Members will have the opportunity to sell a maximum of 2 feeder calves in any combination of Dairy Beef/Crossbred Dairy Feeder and/or one Beef Feeder at the Junior Fair Sale or they may take the feeder home and feed them out.
11. Exhibitors with dairy beef feeders/crossbred dairy beef feeders will be assessed for treatment to ensure healthy calves upon leaving the fairgrounds. The shot will be given in May at the time of fair weigh-in.

**Rules for Beef Breeding**

1. Each 4-H and FFA Member may enter a maximum of 2 entries in each of the breeding classes listed in the Wood County Junior Fair.
2. All 4-H and FFA beef breeding projects must be identified, and 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.

**Division E - Breeding Beef**

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

An Overall Champion and Reserve Champion County Born Female

**Beef Breeding Classes** (Premium $6.00 for exhibition)

1. Junior Heifer Calf (Dropped on January 1, 2024 to April 1, 2024).
2. Senior Heifer Calf (Dropped between September 1, and December 31, 2023)
3. Summer Yearling (Dropped between May 1, 2023 and August 31, 2023)
4. Junior Yearling (Dropped between January 1, 2023 and April 30, 2023)
5. Senior Yearling (Dropped between September 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022)
6. Two-Year-Old Heifers
7. Cows
8. Cow Calf Class (Calves dropped between April 1, 2024 and Wood County Fair).