

Department 1 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle

Dairy Beef Feeder Show and Showmanship:
Round Cattle Barn, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

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Round Cattle Barn, Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent in Charge: Lori King

Dairy Beef Feeder Weigh In:

- Summer weigh-in is on the second Saturday of July (Saturday, July 8th) from 8:00-10:30 a.m., at the fairgrounds. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL DAIRY BEEF FEEDERS.
- Final Dairy Beef Feeder weigh-in is Sunday of the fair (Sunday, October 8th) from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Round Cattle Barn. There will be no reweighs.

Tagging: All MARKET animals (including Dairy Beef Feeders)

- All market animals will be family tagged and any member of the family can show any animal tagged.
- As defined in [Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-01](#), "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- No tagging will be performed after the designated weigh-in/tag-in day except as listed in Rule 23 of the General Rules.
- Up to two animals and one back-up dairy beef feeder may be registered for each exhibitor in the family at weigh-in/tag-in.
- **All market animals will be tagged with an EID 840 tag. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.** All dairy beef feeders will continue to submit a DNA sample for identification purposes at the Dairy Beef Feeder Calf weigh-in in July.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the **OSU Extension Office**. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Dairy Breeding: Lease Agreement Forms, Breeding Association Registration Papers, and Livestock Housing Forms must be filed per required deadlines. These forms will be checked the day before show day. Also see Dairy Breeding Special Rules below.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Dairy Breeding Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Dairy Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 9th, 2023, to be eligible. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Dairy Beef Feeder Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Dairy Beef Skillathon on Saturday, September 9th, 2023, at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Skillathon.
 - For those who forget or don't bring their book – the book will need be completed and turned into the OSU Extension Office by Friday, September 22nd.
 - Exhibitors will who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - No books will be reviewed after September 24th.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all Dairy Beef Feeders and lactating Dairy Cows. DUNF forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of weigh in. DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in on Friday, October 6th, 2023. **Dairy Beef Feeders and Lactating Dairy Cows must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 25th. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry.

Dairy Breeding Divisions: All Other Breeds (AOB), Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey

Dairy Breeding Classes:

1. Spring Heifer Calf, born on or after March 1, 2023, and over 4 months old.
2. Winter Heifer Calf, born December 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023.

3. Fall Heifer Calf, born September 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022.
4. Summer Yearling Heifer, born June 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022.
5. Spring Yearling Heifer, born March 1, 2022, through May 31, 2022.
6. Winter Yearling Heifer, born December 1, 2021, through February 28, 2022.
7. Fall Yearling Heifer, born September 1, 2022, through November 30, 2020.
8. Junior 2-year-old Cow, born between March 1, 2021, through August 31, 2021.
9. Senior 2-year-old Cow, born between September 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021.
10. 3-year-old Cow, born between September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020.
11. 4-year-old Cow, born between September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019.
12. Aged Cow, born on or before August 31, 2018.
13. Exhibit 3 Best Females (any age)- Must be of same breed or breed characteristics.
 - No more than 1 animal may be entered per class in each Dairy Breeding Division. Animals which will be exhibited in different breed divisions (Guernsey, Holstein [including black and white and red and white Holsteins as one class], Jersey, and All Other Breeds) will be considered different classes, even if the animals are in the same age class (e.g., an exhibitor may show a Holstein Spring Heifer and a Jersey Spring Heifer because they will show in separate breed divisions despite being the same age).
 - All Fall Yearlings in milk will automatically show in the Junior 2-year-old Cow class.

Dairy Beef Feeder Division

Dairy Beef Feeder Classes:

- Exhibitors may have no more than 2 fair entries for the Dairy Beef Feeder Division.

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline. There are separate Showmanship Division for Dairy Breeding and Dairy Beef Feeders. If an exhibitor plans to participate in Dairy Breeding AND Dairy Beef Feeder Showmanship, they must make two separate showmanship entries in the respective showmanship division and class. Ages are as of January 1st of the current year.

Dairy Breeding Showmanship Classes:

1. Senior Dairy Breeding Showmanship (Ages 15-18)
2. Intermediate Dairy Breeding Showmanship (Ages 12-14)
3. Junior Dairy Breeding Showmanship (Ages 9-11)
4. Beginner Dairy Breeding Showmanship (1st year dairy exhibitor, under the age of 11)

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Arrival Times: All dairy beef feeders must be stalled by 10:00 a.m. Sunday, October 8th, 2023. All dairy breeding animals must be stalled by Sunday, October 8th at 10:00 a.m., or between 7:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Lactating dairy cows (both open and junior) have the option to arrive by 9:00 a.m. or from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday. If an animal is not being exhibited and shown in its entered class, it CANNOT be housed in the Round Cattle Barn.

Dairy Beef Feeder Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for dairy beef feeder exhibitors on Sunday, October 8th, 2023, at **11:30 a.m.** in the Round Cattle Barn.

Dairy Beef Feeders: This is a non-terminal show. See [ODA Rules 901-19-01 BB](#). Dairy Feeder Exhibitors will have the option to take home their animals. [Click here to review information to consider when making this decision.](#)

- Take homes must be declared before the animal leaves the scale during check-in (no exceptions).
- Take home forms will be available at each specie's fair/final weigh-in.
- Take home animals will lose their sale slot and will not be eligible for a premium and packer bid.
- Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.

Dairy Feeder Sale: Immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Market Beef Sale on Thursday at the Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. Please review rules on the sale page: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>.

Release Times: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- Dairy Beef Feeders: Dairy Beef Feeders who have completed a Take Home Form will be released after the Dairy Beef Feeder Show on Tuesday, October 10th from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. All Dairy Beef Feeders that qualify for the Livestock Sale or chose to sell to the packer will be released after the sale or when packer arranges for pick-up on Thursday, October 12th usually around 8:00-9:00 p.m.
- Lactating Dairy Cattle: Immediately following the show Wednesday, October 11th. All dairy cattle are to be removed from the fairgrounds Friday, October 13th after 8:00 p.m. up until 11:00 a.m. Saturday, or on Saturday, October 14th between 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not **show** that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

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Livestock Sale Exhibitor Checks: Exhibitors must submit a stamped thank you note to their advisor prior to November 1st, 2023. Advisors will be required to mail thank-you notes and maintain their buyer checklist to receive the exhibitors' checks. If a check is not cashed within the specified 90-day period from the check date, there will be a Stop Payment Fee deduction imposed and a replacement check issued to the exhibitor.

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

Dairy Breeding Special Rules

1. All dairy breeding animals must be in the exhibitor's possession by July 1st of the current year.
2. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) or leased (following lease guidelines; see Dairy Breeding Special Rule 3 below) and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on or after July 1st of the current year.
3. Exhibitors leasing heifers must obtain and file a Lease Agreement Form to the OSU Extension Office by July 1st of the current year.
4. All exhibitors showing registered/qualified animals must present registration/qualification papers when requested. Registered and grade animals the same age will show in the same class.
5. If the exhibitor's name does not appear on the animal's registration/qualification papers, then a letter from the breed association or a notarized letter stating the names of the members associated with that animal in question must be submitted to the OSU Extension Office by July 1st.
6. No bulls.
7. No horns, no scurs, polls must be healed. Clean poll ONLY, no exceptions.
8. Straw or shavings may be used for bedding.
9. All exhibitors must wear white.

Dairy Breeding Showmanship Rules

1. Showmanship entries must be entered at the time of fair entry in August.
2. The contest will be conducted in four divisions: Senior (Ages 15-18), Intermediate (Ages 12-14), Junior (Ages 9-11), and Beginners (first year dairy exhibitor under age 11). Rules apply to all divisions.
3. All previous senior showmanship winners and current showmanship winners may compete in the "Dairy Showman of Showmen" Contest (must be a current Junior Fair Dairy Exhibitor).
4. Each exhibitor must show their own animal; however, they may be asked to show another animal during the contest.
5. In making the placing, fitting will count 50% and showmanship 50%. Fitting includes condition, quality, and finish. The hide, hair, and hooves must be clean. Showmanship includes the exhibitor's appearance and knowledge of the project and the ability to properly pose the animal and move the animal in the ring as directed by a judge.
6. The senior showmanship winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest. An exhibitor can compete only once in the Super Showmanship contest representing Dairy Breeding. If the senior showmanship winner has already participated in the Super Showmanship Contest, the highest placing senior showmanship winner who has not competed in Super Showmanship will compete in the contest.

Dairy Beef Feeder Special Rules

1. All dairy beef feeders must be completely and fully owned (as evidenced by bill of sale) and in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor **by the second Saturday of July**. NO LEASING OF ANIMALS IS PERMITTED.
2. Dairy beef feeders will be tagged and weighed-in at the July weigh-in at the fairgrounds. Each dairy beef feeder will be issued one **EID 840** tag and will have a DNA hair sample taken. **If the animal already has an EID 840 tag in place, this will be used as the official fair identification.** If a dairy beef feeder loses the ear tag, the exhibitor must report the lost tag to the dairy superintendent and the Senior Fair Office immediately. Any dairy beef feeder exhibitor who fails to report a lost ear tag will not be eligible to show at the fair.
3. Dairy beef feeders must be male and castrated. These calves must be free of any testicular tissue and healed to show or sell at the fair or they will be disqualified.
4. Dairy beef feeder calves weighing less than 300 or more than 700 pounds at October weigh-in will be shown in the same class for grade only, will all receive B grades, and will be disqualified from the rate of gain contest. Exhibitors with an under or overweight feeder are still eligible for showmanship. Sale eligibility will be at the discretion of the feedlot (packer) bidder. There will be no re-weighs at fair weigh in.
5. Exhibitors are not required to wear white. Show sticks are optional.
6. No horns, no scurs, polls must be healed. Clean poll ONLY, no exceptions.
7. Dairy beef feeder calves must show dairy characteristics and color.
8. There may be an individual feedlot (packer) bid for dairy beef feeder calves and the bids may vary by breed and weight. Exhibitors must choose at or before weigh-in if they want to take their calf home. All calves going to the packer must be vaccinated at weigh-in, at the exhibitor's expense. The proper vaccines, chosen by the feedlot (packer) bidder and veterinarian, will be administered by a veterinarian.
9. There will be six sale slots for Thursday's Livestock Sale. Overall Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder will sell first and second, respectively. Dairy beef feeders will follow dairy products at the livestock sale. Any dairy beef feeder calves selling in the livestock sale, are required to take the feedlot bid. The remaining four (4) sale slots will be determined at the show with overall show placings. Except for Champion and Reserve, dairy beef feeders that are taken home are not eligible for a sale slot. For more information, visit: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>

10. If an exhibitor has both of their dairy beef feeders in the same heat/class, another qualified Junior Fair exhibitor will be used to help show their second Dairy Beef Feeder.
11. Straw or shavings may be used for bedding.

Dairy Beef Feeder Showmanship Rules

1. Showmanship sign-up is to be completed with your fair entries for each species you plan to participate in. Please look for the department, book, and class number in each species and include it as a Fair entry by the August 25 deadline. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for showmanship along with your junior fair entries.
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Dairy Beef Feeder Rate of Gain Contest

1. The actual rate of gain will be calculated by subtracting the beginning weight from the final weight and dividing the difference by the number of days from initial weigh-in in July to the final weigh-in at the fair.
2. Only one dairy beef feeder for each exhibitor will be eligible for the rate of gain contest.
3. Order of placement in regular show has no relevance to the rate of gain contest.
4. To be eligible for rate of gain awards, the dairy beef feeder calf must be exhibited and shown at the Fairfield County Fair.
5. Awards will be given to the top two dairy beef feeder calves according to the criteria listed above.