

Fairfield County Junior Fair Beef Newsletter

February 2016

This update reflects changes to the Fairfield County Junior Fair as identified by the Beef Show Committee and approved by the Junior Fair Board on 1/13/2016 and the Senior Fair Board on 1/19/2016. All changes are effective as of 1/19/2016. Please refer to the 2015 Junior Fair Book to compare any changes if needed.

- **Market Steer/Heifer Weigh-In and Tagging:** Will be Saturday, March 5th, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Fairfield Cattle Company on Bowen Road in Canal Winchester. For more information, contact Stan Smith at smith.263@osu.edu or by phone at 740-652-7265. Exhibitors who plan to show a market steer or market heifer in the 2016 Fairfield County Junior Beef Show must have their animals weighed in, tagged (with both visual and EID tags), and nose printed on Saturday, March 5 at the Fairfield Cattle Company beginning at 8:30 a.m. Forms are available for [calf registration](#) and [county bred, born, and raised](#).
- **General Rules**
 - Rule # 22 (page 6) will no longer exclude market steers and will now state - Tagging of market animals after the date set in the Junior Fair Rules for the Fairfield County Fair:
 - A. Animals in question will be allowed to be tagged at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on a date of not more than five (5) working days after the tag-in date. Arrangements are to be made through the Senior Fair Office.
 - B. Owners of animals must present to officials a bill of sale or proof of purchase for the animals at the time of tagging.
 - C. The exhibit of the animals in question will be limited to the following conditions:
 1. Animals will receive a grade only from the species show superintendent, and will not be eligible for competition in market classes.
 2. Exhibitors will be eligible for showmanship in their respective age divisions.
 3. Exhibitors will not be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor Award.
 4. Animals must sell in the auction as part of weight groups, assigned by the Show and Sale Committee.
 - D. Exhibitors must complete other guidelines of Junior Fair Rules (such as Quality Assurance and weigh-ins).
 - E. A \$10.00 late fee per animal tagged must be paid at the time of tag-in, if the exhibitor has shown in this area in a previous year.
 - F. The \$10.00 fee will not apply to exhibitors who are showing that particular specie for the first time.



- **Show Times:** The **2016 Junior Beef Show** will take place on **Tuesday, October 11th** in Feeder Creek Show Arena and will begin at **10:00 a.m.**

- **Weigh-in**
 - Rule #6 will now state – Any Market Beef Animal that is weighed in and tagged with an EID tag is required to have the EID tag in place in the ear at the Fairfield County Fair weigh-in. **If EID tag is lost, contact the Senior Fair Office immediately. EID tags will be replaced on a case-by-case basis as approved by the Senior Fair Board.**

- **Arrival Time:** All Market Beef Animals, Feeders, and Breeding Stock before 4:00 p.m. Saturday (May arrive Friday if desired). There will be an exhibitor meeting at 3:30 p.m. and Heifer Check-in 5:00-6:00 p.m. the Saturday prior to fair.

*Information: Showmanship sign-up will be available on check-in day and will likely be extended until the evening before the show, or the day of the show. This will be covered in the Beef Exhibitor Meeting and will not need to be printed in the Junior Fair Book. Other species do not specify a time of day for a showmanship sign-up in the Junior Fair Book. **Showmanship sign-up will be posted in the Junior Fair Office** (similar to swine and sheep).*

- **Entries: Up to 6 total beef animals may be entered with no more than 2 being finished market beef animals. One of the market beef animals from Class 7 may also be entered in Class 10 carcass market beef animal (steer or heifer).**

Information: This is a change of language under “Entries” within the box. Refer to the box on page 22 of the 2015 Junior Fair Book for comparison.

- **Performance/Carcass Steer/Heifer Contest:**
 - Rule #8 will now state – The top 15 carcass animals will be **brought into the show ring to announce awards.**
 - Rule #15 will now state – The Performance Carcass Steers/Heifers placing 1 through 15 **will** be sold through the Junior Fair Market Beef Auction in accordance with ODA Rule 901-19-02 D. **The Top 15 Performance Carcass Steers/Heifers will make the sale regardless of how they may place in the “live” show.**

- **Breeding Beef, Steers/Heifers, and Feeders:**
 - Rule #1 will now state - Exhibitors may show two (2) live market beef animals, but only be able to sell the highest placing animal in the individual sale. The animal not sold individually will be sold to the packer for packer bid or choose to take the animal home. The only time the exhibitor can sell **two live market animals individually is if they are selected for both a Grand and Reserve champion overall or in the County Born, Bred, and Raised; if one of the two has earned a sale slot through the Performance/Carcass Contest; or if the lower placing live animals earned a sale slot by winning Rate of Gain.**

- Rule #7 will now state - A market animal must weigh at least 1100 pounds to show **for champion** and sell **individually. There will be no re-weighs. Underweight market animals will be shown in their own class and may also be used in showmanship. Underweight animals will be offered a packer bid or may go home after the sale (and must be out of the barn by 10:00 p.m. on Thursday).**
 - Rule #15 will now state - Feeder steers and feeder heifers must weigh a minimum of **300 pounds** and not weigh more than 700 pounds.
 - Rule #18 will now state – All exhibitors showing breeding stock must present registration papers at check-in time Saturday following weigh-in for market animals. **This will be enforced.**
 - Rule #21 will be eliminated. In addition, **Registered Champion will no longer show against Crossbred Champion.** In Beef Awards:
 - Past: Grand Champion Beef Female Overall and Reserve Grand Champion Beef Female Overall.
 - **New for 2016:** Grand Champion **Registered** Beef Female Overall and Reserve Grand Champion **Registered** Beef Female Overall.
 - Rule #22 will now state - All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after the designated date (Market Beef – March 1, Breeding – July 1, Feeders – August 15). **ALL BEEF EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A HOUSING FORM FOR ALL BEEF ANIMALS BY THE DESIGNATED POSSESSION DATE LISTED. All Housing Forms will be due to the Senior Fair Office for Breeding on July 1 and Feeders on August 15. Market Beef will be due the 1st Saturday of March at tagging/weigh-in. No exceptions. (See updated attached Housing Form).**
 - Rule #28 will now state - Junior cattle are allowed to be stalled at tie outs but must be in the barn by 8:00 a.m. each day of the Fair. Junior cattle can be released to tie outs each day at 5:30 p.m. **All cattle must be moved before dark.**
 - New Rule - **The owner of any animal not being sold individually through the sale, but will be sold for packer bid, must be available to load that animal out to the successful packer bidder before, immediately after, or during the sale. If the exhibitor fails to load out animal before, immediately, after, or during sale, they will forfeit premiums, prize money, and sale proceeds and the animal will become property of the Fairfield County Ag Society.**
- **Fairfield County Bred, Born and Raised Market Animals Class:**
 - Rule #4 will now state - Immediately after the regular steer classes, the **two** highest placing County Bred, Born and Raised **Animals** in each class will come back and show for the Champion and Reserve Grand Champion County **Bred, Born, and Raised Market Animal.**

- **Rate of Gain Contest:**
 - Rule #4 will now state - To be eligible for rate of gain awards, the market animal must be exhibited and shown **in the live show** at the Fairfield County Junior Fair.
 - Rule #5 will be eliminated (as language is now included in Rule #4).
 - New Rule - **The Rate of Gain winner will sell after the last live show heat winner in the sale.**

- **Sale Order** (as printed in the box on page 22 of the 2015 Junior Fair Book): SALE ORDER: Champion Live Market Beef Animal, Reserve Champion Live Market Beef Animal, Premier Exhibitor (**must be market or carcass animal**), Champion Carcass Market Beef Animal, Reserve Champion Carcass Market Beef Animal, Champion Bred, Born & Raised, Reserve Champion Bred, Born & Raised, Heat Winners, **Rate of Gain Winner**.

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