

2025 Beef Project Information

	Market Beef	Feeder Calves	Beef Breeding
~ Requirements for the Project ~			
Limits	Can tag and exhibit 3 market beef – steers and/or heifers. This is including family animals.	Can tag and exhibit 3 calves This is including family animals.	Can register and show up to 2 animals in each class
Possession/ Weigh In, Tagging <i>All weigh-ins and taggings Will be held @ the fairgrounds</i>	Possession: Tag-in date through the fair. Tag-in will be held December 21st, 8:30-10am . All market beef will be tagged, weighed, and tattooed. State fair entries will be identified and tagged according to current OSF requirements.	Possession: Tag-In date through the Fair. Tag-In: May 3rd 8am-noon Calves will be weighed, tagged & tattooed. Note: There may be earlier possession deadlines for State Fair feeder calf entries. Please refer to State Fair rules.	<u>Possession:</u> Calf project: April 1 Heifer project: January 1 Cow project: January 1 Entries due to Extension Office by May 1. https://go.osu.edu/beefbreeding Note: There may be earlier possession deadlines for State Fair breeding project entries. Please refer to State Fair rules.
Quality Assurance	Quality Assurance and test out options will be offered several times. Must be completed by May 22. See adams.osu.edu	Quality Assurance and test out options will be offered several times. Must be completed by May 22. See adams.osu.edu	Quality Assurance and test out options will be offered several times. Must be completed by May 22. See adams.osu.edu
Skillathons <i>Required for all 4-H livestock projects. Required to receive OME awards.</i>	All skillathons will be held at the fairgrounds on May 6 & 7 from 3 – 7 p.m.	All skillathons will be held at the fairgrounds on May 6 & 7 from 3 – 7 p.m.	All skillathons will be held at the fairgrounds on May 6 & 7 from 3 – 7 p.m.
Animal Requirements	Market beef must be dehorned before the tag-in. Market beef should be born after January 1 of the year prior to the fair. Steers must be properly castrated at the time of pre-fair tag-in. Market beef weighing less than 1,000 pounds at fair weigh-in may be shown in designated classes and showmanship but may not compete for champion and may not sell in the Livestock Sale.	Feeder calves should be from the current year's calf crop. Feeder calf steers must be properly castrated at the time of pre-fair tag-in. All feeder calves must be vaccinated at or prior to pre-fair tag-in. Proof of vaccination may be provided OR exhibitors may elect to have their calves vaccinated for a fee by the veterinarian present. Calves weighing less than 300 pounds or more than 650 at fair weigh-in may be shown in designated classes and showmanship but may not compete for champion and may not sell in the Livestock Sale.	<u>Calf</u> -Secure & raise a registered heifer of a recognized breed. Must start project before April 1. <u>Heifer</u> - must be 16-24 months old. Must be started by January 1. <u>Cow</u> - Continue with heifer project or secure a new cow 20 months or older and started by January 1. All dates are of the current year.
Health Requirements	No health papers required. However, all state health rules must be followed & DUNF forms due at fair weigh-in.	No health papers required. However, all state health rules must be followed & DUNF forms due at fair weigh-in.	No health papers required but animal should show no evidence of disease, and state health rules apply.

~ Requirements for the Week of the Fair ~

Arrival Times	<i>Can enter on:</i> Saturday - All Day & Night Sunday - Until 11:00 a.m.	<i>Can enter on:</i> Saturday - All Day & Night Sunday - Until 11:00 a.m.	<i>Can enter on:</i> Saturday - All Day & Night Sunday - Until 11:00 a.m.
Weigh In/ Check In	1:00 p.m. - SUNDAY Beef Barn	1:00 p.m. - SUNDAY Beef Barn	Breeding Animals must be checked-in at their stalls immediately following beef weigh in. Exhibitors must be present.
Papers Due @ Weigh In/Check In	Completed and signed DUNF and Record Book	Completed and signed DUNF and Record Book	Will check tags and/or registration papers and Record Book
Showmanship <i>(May participate in only one showmanship class per animal specie. Must show market animal in showmanship to earn OME points.</i>	Based on exhibitor's age as of January 1: Junior - 8-10 Intermediate - 11-13 Senior - 14 and up Thursday at the Show Arena Must enter at least one hour prior to start. May only show in one showmanship class per species.	Based on exhibitor's age as of January 1: Junior - 8-10 Intermediate - 11-13 Senior - 14 and up Thursday at the Show Arena Must enter at least one hour prior to start. May only show in one showmanship class per species.	Will show in market showmanship based on exhibitor and animal age. Showmanship sign up will be open until one hour before the showmanship show.
Show	Market Beef Show: Thursday, time 7:00 or 30 minutes following the end of the Feeder Calf Show All shows in the Youth Show Arena	Thursday, 5:00 All shows in the Youth Show Arena	Thursday, 4:00 All shows in the Youth Show Arena
Sale Time	Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Show Arena	Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Show Arena	Not a Sale Animal
Release Times	Market beef not going through the sale or to the stockyards are released 10 p.m. on Thursday.	Feeder calves not going through the sale or to the stockyards are released 10 p.m. on Thursday.	Breeding cattle are released at 10 p.m. on Thursday.
Other	County Born and Raised must be designated at pre-fair weigh in.	County Born and Raised must be designated at pre-fair weigh in.	