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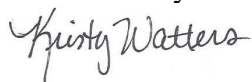
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MEMORANDUM

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To: 4-H and FFA Beef Exhibitors

From: Kristy Watters, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development



pc: 4-H Club Head Advisors and FFA Advisors

Feeder Calf Tag-In—Feeder calves will be weighed, tagged, and tattooed as on feed for the Adams County Fair on **Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.** at the fairgrounds. All calves to be tagged must be on the grounds and in line no later than 12 p.m.

Family Animal Rule:

Each large animal exhibitor will be required to designate at least one animal in his/her name. A family can tag an additional two animals of that species per Junior Fair member as “family” animals. Each exhibitor will have access to no more than three total animals in that species, including “family” animals. State Fair steers and heifers cannot be registered as a family animal. Market rabbit exhibitors must tattoo in 1 pen (2 rabbits) in his/her name. A family can tattoo one additional pen of rabbits as a “family” pen. Each exhibitor will have access to no more than two pens of market rabbits, including “family” pens. This rule does not apply to market poultry. Family is defined as junior fair eligible youth who are legally siblings, half-siblings or step-siblings.

Feeder Calf Fair Rules:

1. Feeder calves should be from the current year’s calf crop.
2. Dairy feeders must be pure dairy. No dairy beef cattle cross will be permitted in the dairy feeder classes. **Dairy feeders must be castrated males, no heifers will be shown as dairy feeders.**
3. Feeder calf steers must be properly castrated at the time of tag-in. A veterinarian will be present to check castration and will perform castrations as needed for a fee.
4. All feeder calves must be vaccinated per the preconditioned for health protocol at or prior to pre-fair tag-in. Documentation of vaccinations may be provided at tag-in OR exhibitors may elect to have their calves vaccinated for a fee by the veterinarian. Exception: Exhibitors of dairy feeder calves registered for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair must provide documentation to the Extension Office on or before July 1 that these calves meet or exceed OSF vaccination requirements. Note: Check State Fair rules and possession deadlines as they may differ from Adams County deadlines.
5. The order of show will be dairy steers, beef-type heifers, and beef-type steers.
6. There will be a grand and reserve champion feeder calf in each division. The grand and reserve champion feeder calves in each division are eligible to sell as champions in the Large Animal Sale on Saturday. Exhibitors of grand and reserve and OME champion feeder calves have the option of either selling or taking their animals home.
7. Feeder calves weighing less than 300 **or more than 650 pounds** may be shown in designated underweight classes and in showmanship but will not be eligible to compete for champion recognition and awards. Feeder calves weighing less than 300 or **more than 650 pounds** may not be sold in the Adams County Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

Feeder Calf Vaccinations and Bio-Security: The Adams County Fair has adopted the Kentucky CPH (Certified Preconditioned for Health) vaccination and worming protocol for feeder calves raised and exhibited by 4-H and FFA members. Use of the following vaccination/wormer protocol will ensure the health and well-being of your animal prior to and during the fair and back on a farm co-mingled with other cattle following the fair. It will also increase the value of your feeder calf at sale time.

- Four Way Virus Vaccine for IBR-BVD-P13-BRSV. First shot can be killed or modified live vaccine given no more than 90 days prior to the start of Fair; should be boosted with modified live at least 14 days before the Fair.
- Pasteurella Vaccine.
- Clostridial 7 Way. Should be boosted
- Deworm.

You and/or your family/representatives may administer the vaccinations/wormer yourself and document that you have done so on the enclosed form, which you must bring with you for each calf to the tag-in on May 3. Be as specific as possible when completing the form. If you are tagging three calves, you will need an additional form, which can be found on our website at <http://adams.osu.edu>. **OR you may opt to have the veterinarian administer the vaccinations/wormer at the fairgrounds at the time of tag-in.** The fair vet will vaccinate or castrate your calf if needed. Please bring money and be prepared to pay on-site.

Record Books – Members must submit a record book in order to exhibit their animal at the fair. Records should be submitted to the office by 6 p.m. on Monday of the fair.

Beef Project Guidelines - The 4-H Beef Project Information/Fair Guidelines sheet is available on our webpage at adams.osu.edu. Review the information carefully and watch for additional details in upcoming announcements. *Note: Youth enrolled in the Beef Breeding project must submit their fair entry forms to the Extension Office by May 1.*

Skillathon and Quality Assurance - 4-H beef exhibitors, including feeder calf exhibitors, are required to participate in the Skillathon on either May 6 or 7, 3 – 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Participation in Skillathon is optional for FFA members, but required for any exhibitor wishing to compete for OME.

Both 4-H and FFA exhibitors must participate in an annual Quality Assurance (QA) program. Quality Assurance will be offered several times. Quality Assurance must be completed no later than 45 days prior to the start of exhibition. Please note: Youth ages 12 and older have the opportunity to test out of quality assurance at school this year. Check with your school's FFA advisor for specific details.

Fair Rule Updates:

1. Both dairy feeders and beef feeders will have an upper weight limit of 650 pounds.
2. A separate County Born and Raised show will be held for feeder cattle as well as market beef.

Questions? Don't hesitate to ask. Contact me via email at watters.92@osu.edu or call me at the Extension Office at 544-2339.