

2020 Beef Breeding, Market Steers & Heifers, Beef & Dairy Feeders

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Erie County 4-H
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Project Numbers	Interview	Show
117M-Market Steer/Heifer	July 23 rd 5-8 pm - EHOVE	Thursday, August 13 th - 12 pm
117B-Beef Breeding	July 23 rd 5-8 pm - EHOVE	Thursday, August 13 th - 12 pm
117BF-Beef Feeder	July 23 rd 5-8 pm - EHOVE	Thursday, August 13 th - 12 pm
117DF-Dairy Beef Feeder	July 23 rd 5-8 pm - EHOVE	Thursday, August 13 th - 12 pm

Other Important Dates:

Possession of Market Steers & Heifers - December 7th
Market Steer & Heifer Tagging - December 7th, 9-10:30 a.m. @ Fairgrounds
Feeder Tagging – May 9th 9-11 a.m. @ Fairgrounds
Possession of Breeding Projects - June 1st
Animals brought to fair - August 10th, 5-9 pm
Animals released from fair – August 16th, 7 pm

Beef Committee – Eric Schippel – (419) 656-6552; Robin Cramer (419-359-1766)

Extension Educator Responsible - Mary Beth Albright

Book and Interview Requirements

Project	Required Book(s)
117M-Market Steer/Heifer	#117 Project & Record Book and #117R Beef Resource Handbook
117B-Beef Breeding	#117 Project & Record Book and #117R Beef Resource Handbook
117BF-Beef Feeder	#117 Project & Record Book and #117R Beef Resource Handbook
117DF-Dairy Beef Feeder	#117 Project & Record Book and #117R Beef Resource Handbook

****Book # 117R** only needs to be ordered once and can be used for several years. It contains essential subject matter information for beef & dairy market steers, market heifers, beef breeding, and beef and dairy feeders.

Interview Requirements

All exhibitors must be interviewed, have up-to-date records, and a complete project book in order to show and sell their animal at the fair. NO EXCEPTIONS! Interview date, time and location is listed above. If the exhibitor cannot attend interview judging on July 23rd, he/she must contact the Extension Office to schedule on one of the three alternative interview dates (listed in the 4-H calendar), which all occur PRIOR to the July 23rd interview judging.

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What you need to know for the beef skill-a-thon:

Seniors (15 +) - Book and questions; Parts of the beef animal; feeds; and feet and leg structure and meat cuts
Intermediate (12 to 14) - Book and questions; Parts of the beef animal; feeds; medication insert and wholesale cuts

Juniors (8 to 11) - Book and questions; Parts of the beef animal; feeds; medication label and breeds

Exhibit Rules and Requirements

1. Every exhibitor of a market, dairy, or breeding animal **MUST** attend a Quality Assurance program with his/her parent or legal guardian to be eligible to bring the animal(s) to fair to exhibit, show, or sell. There are no exceptions. **This Quality Assurance program must be completed after October 1, 2019 and by June 27, 2020 (45 days prior to the start of the Erie County Fair).**
2. Every exhibitor of a market or lactating animal will turn in a signed Drug Use Notification Form for each animal upon arrival and check-in at the fair.
3. All livestock trailers must be removed from the fairgrounds after animals are unloaded. No trailers are to be left on the fairgrounds.
4. A premier exhibitor will be named in each specie for juniors, intermediates, and seniors based on skillathon, live placing, and showmanship. Individuals not attending the livestock interview judging on July 23rd will **NOT** be eligible for premier exhibitor.
5. Buyers' plaques will be available at interview judging and at the sale office during the fair. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to obtain buyers plaques, attach a picture of themselves and their project animal, and present the plaque(s) to their buyer(s) at the sale.
6. Market steers and heifers should be in the exhibitor's possession by December 7th.
7. Market steers & heifers must be weighed and tagged between 9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday December 7th at the fairgrounds. The Ohio State Fair requires DNA submission and electronic identification for all market beef animals. Animals must be registered with the state fair office by January 15th.
8. Exhibitors may tag up to 4 market steers and show up to 3 at the fair. Exhibitors may tag up to 4 market heifers and show up to 3 at the fair.
 - a. In the interest of safety, all steers and heifers must be dehorned and halter broken by tag-in. Animals that are not broken and pose a potential danger (determined by Beef Committee and Sr. Fair Board) will be sent home immediately.
9. Steers must be properly castrated and dehorned.
10. Market steers, heifers, and feeders will be weighed for show classification at the fair Monday from 5-9 p.m. when animals are brought to the fairgrounds. **Re-weighs will only be permitted on animals over or under the designated weight. At 9 p.m. all weights are final.**
11. Beef steers under 1050# or over 1550#, dairy steers under 1200# or over 1700#, and market heifers under 1000# and over 1450# will be ineligible to show in a weight class. These animals can exhibit in showmanship only.
12. Market steers and heifers classes will be divided by weight, as determined by the Beef Committee.
13. Exhibitors must have possession of Feeders by May 9th.
14. Feeders must be tagged on Saturday, May 9th between 9-11 a.m. at the Fairgrounds.
15. Exhibitors may tag up to 3 beef feeders and show up to 2 at the fair. Exhibitors may tag up to 3 dairy feeders and show up to 2 at the fair.
16. All feeders must be castrated, dehorned, and on solid feed by fair time. Both beef and dairy feeders may be fitted like beef.
17. Dairy beef feeders must be a pure dairy type.
18. **Youth exhibiting breeding beef must register their animal(s) at the scales in the beef barn during fair check-in from 5 to 9 p.m. Youth should be prepared to give the birth date of their breeding beef animal at this time.**

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19. All dairy and beef feeders must weigh between 250# - 650# to be eligible for sale. Feeders under 250# over 650# will be ineligible to show in a weight class. These animals can exhibit in showmanship only. Feeder weight divisions are: Lightweights 250# - 449# and Heavyweights 450# - 650#.
20. All dairy and beef feeders will be required to have health papers documenting that they have received the following shots and vaccinations: IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, Pasteurella, and parasites (internal & external). Shots will be available at the May tagging. Within 5 weeks of the tag-in vaccinations, feeders should be given a booster. Upon arrival at the fair, feeders will receive a respiratory vaccine given by a veterinarian.
21. Exhibitors must show their own animals for showmanship.
22. Showmanship classes will be divided into 2 categories: 1- all feeder calves and any beef breeding under 650lbs.; 2 - steers, market heifers, and beef breeding 651 lbs. and over. Age divisions will be Junior 11 and under, Intermediate 12-14, and Senior 15 and over as of January 1st. Please note beef and dairy beef are combined. Exhibitors must sign up for showmanship by 8 a.m. on Thursday.
23. Grooming of animals during the Erie County Fair is limited to the Junior Fair exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family, 4-H Advisor, FFA Advisor, or livestock species committee members. Immediate family is defined as members of the exhibitor's household limited to parents, step-parents, or legal guardian, brothers and sisters. Exhibitors must be present and actively engaged during the grooming of their project animal(s). Fitting of animal(s) for showmanship is optional.
24. Drenching is prohibited. Drenching is defined as the act of using an instrument (including a bottle) placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance (Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rule 901-19-01).
25. Adding any substance to externally build up, change, or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders (Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rule 901-19-33). This includes anything with pigment to change or enhance the color of the animal, including but not limited to paint and baby powder.
26. Rope halters and neck ties are mandatory for all beef projects.
27. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding. No straw allowed. Compost/wood chips are preferred.
28. Exhibitors may not bring any tack, bedding, equipment, etc. to the fairgrounds until 8 a.m. the Saturday before the fair.
29. Exhibitors are expected to provide food and water to animals on a regular basis and keep livestock pens clean and neat. If an animal is not being taken care of or a pen is found to be unacceptable by the appropriate livestock committee, a notice will be posted on the pen. Failure to comply within 24 hours will result in the animal being sent home forfeiting the exhibitor's ability to show or sell.
30. Beef exhibitors must have their stalls cleaned out by noon the Monday after fair.
31. Grooming chutes must be removed from the barn except on show day
32. The use of an artificial tail head or altering the natural color or appearance of an animal is prohibited.
33. No water tubs are to be left in the stall with the animal unless securely attached.
34. Fans must be hanging fans or have proper safety devices. All fans must be approved by the Beef Committee to ensure safety.
35. The Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Market Beef Animals must be sold at the livestock sale and butchered at one of the designated butcher shops.
36. Exhibitors are liable and must provide care for the animal until picked up by the buyer.

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37. Market steer, heifer, and feeder calf exhibitors must furnish a rope halter to the buyer.
38. The exhibitor must show his or her own project animal(s) unless an exception is permitted by the committee. In this case, the animal(s) must be shown by another Erie County Fair Junior Exhibitor.
39. Feeder calves MUST sell in the Back to the Farm Sale on Friday in order to sell in the Junior Fair Sale on Saturday.
40. Those Exhibitors who sell their project through the fair auction will be required to submit a written thank you note(s) in order to receive their sale check. Look for further details in the 4-H newsletter and at the fair.
41. **No checks from the Livestock Sale or the Small Project Auction will be mailed! All checks will need to be picked up at the Erie County Fair Sr. Fairboard Office on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9am to 1pm. Checks can be picked up by the exhibitor or immediate family member with a valid form of ID. If the exhibitor or an immediate family member cannot pick up, anyone presenting a signed letter from the exhibitor or the exhibitor's legal guardian can pick up the check. All sale checks must be cashed by November 25th of the current year or funds are forfeited. This includes issued checks and checks held for not meeting requirements, i.e. Thank you notes or poultry cards not submitted. No exceptions allowed.**
42. Members must be appropriately dressed for all judgments, this includes livestock interviews, and the livestock sales. No shorts, no halter tops, no mid-riff tops, no tube tops, no low rise pants, and no tennis shoes are permitted. Exhibitors must wear boots or sturdy shoes for the show and sale.
43. Exhibitors must have a complete project book with up-to-date records at interview judging. Books will be checked by key leaders and any exhibitor without a complete book will not be permitted to show at fair.
44. The Beef Committee decisions as to classifications, rules, and complaints will be final. Grievances will be handled in accordance with the grievance policy which can be found at <http://eriefair.com/>

Beef Breeding Divisions (age classifications)

Junior heifer calves born after Jan. 1, 2020.

Senior heifer calves born between Sept.1, 2019 and Dec. 31, 2019.

Junior yearling born between March 1, 2019 and Aug. 31, 2019.

Senior yearling born between Sept. 1, 2018 and Feb.28, 2019.

Two year old born between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018

Cow/calf: Cow born before August 31, 2018, calf must be born on or after January 1, 2020.

***Cow/calf project: Show together in the ring. The calf cannot show in any other class.

***Possession date for Breeding projects is June 1st

Show Order

Showmanship - Feeder Calf and any Beef Breeding under 650 lbs. and under

20 minute break

Beef Breeding

Dairy Beef Feeders

Dairy Beef Steers

Feeder Calves - steers

Feeder Calves – heifers

Showmanship - Steer, Market Heifer, and Beef Breeding 651 lbs. and over

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Market Heifers

Market Steers

Champion Market Beef

***These rules are reviewed and adopted annually by the Erie County Senior Fair Board and apply to all Junior Fair exhibitors. ***

*Junior Fair projects may not be sold on the fairgrounds except through the fair project auctions. For sale signs may not be posted on projects.