2026 Greene County 4-H and FFA Beef Rules

Any/all pre-fair requirements (i.e., QA, pictures, pen assignments, etc.) MUST be completed by posted due date(s). Failure to complete any/all requirements, as required, will result in the exhibitor not being allowed to bring, able to show and/or sell livestock projects.

- Market animals must be secured, weighed and ear tagged by the Greene County 4-H and FFA Beef Committee on the first Saturday in December.
- Stall assignment falsification, and/or no show of animal, will result in three-year suspension of the privilege of keeping breeding and/or feeder calves at the fair for three years. Unless signed medical documentation from a licensed veterinarian stating why the animal(s) are not present is provided.
- All exhibitors planning on entering the Ohio State Fair will need to have a DNA hair sample turned into the Ohio State Fair office by January 15, 2026. NO requests will be taken after Jan. 8 and all requests must be in writing via email to Andi Hershey. THIS IS NOT A POST MARK DATE! Youth interested must contact Andi Hershey, The Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211 to receive information on how to take this DNA sample. Her email is a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov to request information. This must be signed by our office if a 4-H project or your FFA instructor if this is a FFA project prior to this date. We will not have the materials needed here at the County Extension Office. It is suggested that beef market animals should weigh at least 500 pounds and dairy steers should weigh at least 650 pounds as of the December weigh-in.
- Any exhibitor whose market animal loses their EID ear tag must notify the 4-H Extension Office or the Greene County 4-H and FFA Beef Committee Chairperson immediately (within 3 days after the tag is lost). A member of the beef committee will come and re-tag the animal. Market animals without an EID ear tag present will not be permitted to show at the Greene County Fair.
- Each exhibitor will be required to designate up to four market animals in his/her name. State Fair steers and heifers cannot be registered as a family animal.
- All male calves are to be neutered (castrated, lacerated, or clamped) prior to December weigh-in. No bulls or stags will be permitted to show at the fair.

- Dairy steers must be 100% dairy, selected from the following breeds: Holstein, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire or a cross between these breeds. The Beef Committee reserves the right to reject any animals of questionable heritage at the December weigh-in. If an animal is rejected by the Beef Committee, the member will be given one week to secure a new calf and bring it back to the fairgrounds to weigh in. A second rejection results in an elimination from the show.
- All market animals must be dehorned before the fair for safety of all individuals.
- Animals will be shown by weight class. Classes will be determined and posted by the Beef Committee as soon as possible. All beef animals must weigh at least 900 pounds at the Saturday weigh-in of fair to compete for champion. Beef animals weighing less than 900 pounds will be shown in an underweight class and will not be eligible for champion.
- Members (another 4-H/FFA member, or a member of the immediate family may take the member's place, if required) must lead their own market animals through the scales on weigh-in day of the fair. If the market animal cannot be led to the scales, the animal will be sent home. Animals will be weighed-in and shown in one halter only and if the animals cannot be controlled, they will be dismissed to go home.
- Once beef project is exhibited, it will only be permitted to scratch after its initial class. Exhibitor will have 5 minutes after class ends to notify beef committee member sitting on auction block about scratching. Grand and Reserve Champion market heifers and scramble calves must enter overall market beef champion drive.
- Members will turn in a Sale Card to the 4-H and FFA Beef Committee Chairperson by **NO later** than 60 minutes after the completing of the market beef weigh in. Every market beef animal will need a Sale Card, regardless of if the animal will be in the sale or not. Champions will be designated with a stall sign, no later than 8:00 a.m. after show day. These animals are not to be taken to tie-out until after 8:00 p.m.
- If a manageable halter is not on the market animals, the exhibitor will be charged $10.00 for a halter.
- Consignment animals are released on Thursday, August 6 at 8pm. No-sale animals are released on Friday, August 7 between 7am-12 NOON.

- Grand and Reserve Champions must participate in the Sale of Champions. The sale of Champions is a terminal sale.
- Exhibitors need to leave stall area presentable; manure, hay, feed, trash, etc., need to be removed. Mulch can be left. This is to avoid wrong animals being loaded onto the livestock trailer during and after the market beef sale.
- No pigmented grooming aids, color tampering, or materials can be used on beef cattle.
- Regarding grooming: No one other than parents (including stepparents), grandparents, siblings, legal guardian, other Greene County Junior Fair exhibitors, and club volunteers can help in the care of hands-on preparation of livestock during the fair.
- Bedding will not be provided; no straw allowed for beef animals.
- Exhibitors are allowed to bring their own fans **IF** they can be mounted on a fan cage. No fans will be allowed on the floor of the barn. ******ONLY 1 FAN ALLOWED PER BEEF ANIMAL*****
- There will be a $5.00 tag in fee per market animal being weighed in at December weigh- in.
- Sr. Fair board barn representatives and Committee officers will be assigning stalls, tack, grooming, and tie out areas. Exhibitors are not permitted to change or adjust those areas once areas have been marked.
- Breeding Heifers and Feeder Calves staying for the week of Fair must arrive Friday, July 31 from 6pm to 9pm. Please notify the Beef Committee chair ASAP or by July 16.
- Breeding Heifers and Feeder Calves not staying for the week of Fair must arrive on the following dates and times and will be released at the conclusion of the shows:

Monday, August 3: 7am-9am – Beef Feeder Arrival

Thursday, August 6: 7am-9am – Breeding Beef Move-In & Weigh In

#117M – Market Beef – Project Requirements

Project	Permitted to Weigh-in	Show
Market Steers	4	3
Scramble Steer	1	1
Dairy Steers	4	3
Market Heifers	4	3

*A combined total of three (market steer, scramble steer, dairy steer, market heifer) is permitted at fair

*Exhibitors may sell one (market steer, scramble steer, dairy steer, market heifer) through the Junior Fair Steer Sale, with the following exceptions: Grand and Reserve Champions market animals must always sell. **THE GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET ANIMALS WILL BE HARVESTED.**

Beef Breeding Rules

#117B – Beef Breeding – Project Requirements

- Beef breeding projects must be representative of their respective breeds. Purebred exhibitors will be required to produce original copies or electronic copies of their registration papers. Any animal not having registration papers will be shown in a crossbred class.
- Crossbred heifers will be shown by weight.

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- A maximum of two animals may be exhibited per age class.
  Age classes are as follows:
  - Late Spring Heifer Calves, born May 1, 2026, and after
  - Early Spring Heifer Calves, born March 1 – April 30, 2026
  - Junior Heifer Calves, born January 1 – February 28, 2026
  - Winter Heifer Calves, born November 1 – December 31, 2025
  - Senior Heifer Calves, born September 1 – October 31, 2025
  - Summer Yearling Females, born July 1 – August 31, 2025
  - Late Spring Yearling Females, born May 1 – June 30, 2025
  - Early Spring Yearling Females, born March 1 – April 30, 2025
  - Junior Yearling Females, born January 1 – February 28, 2025
  - Senior Yearling Females, born September 1 – December 31, 2024

- Cow 2 years and over - Cows born before August 31, 2024
- Cow/Calf Pair (May be bred or soon to be bred with any age calf at side)

- All Beef Breeding not staying all week must arrive between 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 6 and will be dismissed at the conclusion of the beef breeding show.

- Breeding projects are allowed to stay all upon the request of the exhibitor. Requests must be submitted to the Beef President or Vice President ASAP or no later than Wednesday the 16th of July. *If the animal is staying all week it will need to arrive with the Market beef on Friday the 31st July.*

Feeder Calf Rules

#117BF Beef Feeder Calves – Project Requirements

- Feeder calves must be secured, and ear tagged by the Greene County 4-H and FFA Beef Committee on the first Saturday in June. There will be a $5.00 tag in fee per head.

- Maximum of four feeder calves, born between January 1 and May 1 of current year, may be tagged in.

- Maximum of three feeder calves, born between January 1 and May 1 of current year, may be exhibited at fair.

- No feeder calves may be bulls.

- Stall assignment falsification, and/or no show of animal, will result in three-year suspension of the privilege of keeping breeding and/or feeder calves at the fair for three years. Unless signed medical documentation from a licensed veterinarian stating why the animal(s) are not present is provided.

- Feeder calves will be shown by sex and weight, depending on the number of entries.

- Feeder calves may also be the product of the cow/calf project. Calves shown as heifers in the breeding show are not permitted to show as feeder calves.

- The feeder calves will show under the show rules regarding fitting and grooming.

- All feeder calves not staying the week must arrive between 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 3 and will be dismissed at the conclusion of the feeder calf show.

- Feeders Calves are eligible to stay all week at the request of the exhibitor. All requests must be submitted to the Beef President or Vice President ASAP or no later than Thursday July 16th. *If the animal is staying all week it will need to arrive with the Market beef on Friday the 31st of July.*

#117DF Dairy/ Beef Feeder Calves – Project Requirements

- Feeder calves must be secured, and ear tagged by the Greene County 4-H and FFA Beef Committee on the first Saturday in May. There will be a $5.00 tag in fee per head.

- Maximum of four feeder calves, born between January 1 and May 1 of current year, may be tagged in.

- Maximum of three feeder calves, born between January 1 and May 1 of current year, may be exhibited at fair.

- No feeder calves may be bulls.

- Stall assignment falsification, and/or no show of animal, will result in three-year suspension of the privilege of keeping breeding and/or feeder calves at the fair for three years. Unless signed medical documentation from a licensed veterinarian stating why the animal(s) are not present is provided.

- Member will learn how to select and raise a male dairy beef animal. The animal weigh needs to be between 250 and 850 pounds at fair time. Animals who fail to fall between these weights, will be permitted to show in a separate class, but will not be eligible for champion drive.

- Calves will be exhibited in weight classes.

- Youth taking beef feeders or dairy feeders can now keep their animals at the Greene County Fair all week.
- If exhibitors elect to bring the animal for the week of fair, they must participate in the same requirements as a market animal. This includes attending Quality Assurance, the beef exhibitor meeting, and being vet

checked Friday night when market animals arrive to the Greene County Fair. These animals will be weighed-in on Saturday during market beef weigh-in.

- The feeders will be released following the show on Monday. Those feeders that have chosen to stay at fair all week, will be released on Friday.

Showmanship Rules

1. The age (as of January 1) requirements for showmanship classes are as follows:

    - Market Beef Showmanship: Senior 14 - over
Intermediate 11-13 yrs.
Junior 8-10 yrs.
    - Feeder Calf Showmanship: Senior 14 - over
Intermediate 11-13 yrs.
Junior 8-10 yrs.
    - Beef Breeding Showmanship: Senior 14 - over
Intermediate 11-13 yrs.
Junior 8-10 yrs.

- Beef showmanship class is optional grooming.
- Members must exhibit their own beef animal in showmanship class.
- **Must Sign up on Fair Entry for Showmanship.**

Homegrown Market
Steer

- Calf is to be born on land or facilities that are owned, rented, or leased by immediate family (parents, grandparents, or siblings).
- Cow and or Dam is to be owned and in the possession of exhibitor or immediate family

- Exhibitor is to have constant contact with the calf from the time it is born until exhibited.

- It is desired that exhibitor be able to experience as many stages of the calf's development as possible, from conception through cow's pregnancy, calf's birth, nursing state, castration, and dehorning, weaning, halter breaking, and calf's overall growth.

- This calf is to be part of the exhibitor's market beef project and will need to follow all regulations pertaining to market beef projects. This calf will show in the regular market beef show, according to its classification and weight.

Junior Fair Exhibitor and Beef Committee Dress Code
Applies to ALL shows and Sales

- Pants / Jeans required
    - Wear nice fitting jeans or pants.
    - NO low-rise, No holes, No Tears.
    - NO shorts or capris.
    - NO undergarments may be seen.

- Tops / Shirts
    - Polo or blouse with a collar and sleeves is recommended
    - NO slogans or advertisements; exception being a 4-H club or FFA chapter name is acceptable
    - NO cleavage showing
    - No undergarments may be seen

- Footwear
    - Wear closed toe shoes
    - NO sandals or flip-flops are permitted in the show arena.
    - For safety, a hard soled and steel toed shoe should be considered when showing the larger livestock

- Hats
    - NO ball caps permitted
    - NO hats or head wear with slogans or advertisement

- Cell Phones
    - NO cell phones are permitted on Jr. Fair Exhibitors in the show arena.
    - NO cell phones are allowed on Jr Fair Exhibitors during shows.
    - NO cell phones are allowed on Jr. Fair Exhibitors during sales.