

Dear 4-H and FFA Market Beef Exhibitors:

Enclosed you will find information concerning the 2019/2020 Greene County 4-H and FFA market beef program.

Market steers and market heifer weigh-in will be held on **Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Greene County Fairgrounds, starting at 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

All market beef projects (market steers, market heifers, scramble calves and dairy market steers) must be secured, weighed and ear tagged at this time to be eligible to show at the 2020 Greene County Fair. Also, at this time, the Beef Committee must be notified of any market animals that are being raised as "homegrown" market animals.

All market steers or market heifers planning to be entered in the Ohio State Fair will need to have a DNA hair sample turned into the Ohio State Fair office **by January 15. NO requests will be taken after Jan. 8 and all requests must be in writing via email to Stacey French.** THIS IS NOT A POST MARK DATE! Youth interested must contact Stacey French, The Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211 to receive information on how to take this DNA sample. Her email is s.french@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. For state fair eligibility, the project must be carried in the county by being registered in the project by enrollment deadline.

Project requirements: Additional requirements will be in the Greene County Fair Book. You can also link to this book from our website at www.greene.osu.edu

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

- Beef Steers or heifers should weigh at least 400lbs and dairy steers should weigh at least 550lbs as of weigh-in on December 14, 2019.
- No bull claws will be weighed.
- Dairy steers must be 100% dairy selected from the following breeds: Holstein, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, or a cross between these. The Beef Committee reserves the right to reject any animals of questionable heritage at the December weigh-in. If any animal is rejected by the committee, the member will be given one week to secure a new calf and bring it back to the fairground to weigh-in. A second rejection is elimination from the show.

There will be a \$10.00 tag in fee per market animal being weighed in at December weigh-in. All checks should be made payable to Greene County 4-H Advisory Committee

All beef animals must weigh at least 900 pounds at the Saturday weigh-in of fair, in order to sell at the Junior Fair Sale

Market animals that are not selling and breeding animals will be released after the completion of the show on Thursday but MUST be taken home by noon on Friday. Exhibitors need to leave stalls 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.

Copies of the Beef Barn rules will be given to each family at weigh-in. We are asking that a member of the family sign an acknowledgement that they received a copy at that time. We have updated and revised some rules and want to make sure that everyone is informed. Rules will also be on display during fair week for review.

Any beef exhibitor needing advice or guidance dealing with selection, raising and preparation for fair or showing should contact the Greene County Extension Office or a Greene County 4-H and FFA Beef Committee member. The extension office will provide names of committee members and their phone number upon request.

We hope to see you on Saturday, December 14.

Sincerely,

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