



December 15, 2022

To: 2022 Beef Exhibitors, FFA Advisors, 4-H Organizational Advisors, and Beef Show Committee Members:

Dear Friend,

As you begin your 4-H market beef projects for 2023, we wanted to pass along some important fair rules for market beef exhibitors. We have included information that will be helpful for market beef exhibitors at the Delaware County Fair, Ohio State Fair, and the Hartford Independent Fair. Please keep in mind that all rules are subject to final approval by the Agricultural Society in charge of each fair. A more complete listing of rules for each fair will be available in the fair's exhibitor handbook once it is published.

Market Beef and Dairy Steer tagging is Saturday, March 4, 2023 by the Dairy Barn at the Delaware County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 9:00 AM

Members must submit an enrollment at: <https://go.osu.edu/dcmktbeef> by March 2, 2023.

Advisors should contact potential new members so new members will be aware of the mandatory possession and tagging dates as this is before 4-H enrollment.

Again this year the beef committee has decided to offer a **dairy steer** division. We wanted to encourage those of you whom may not have shown a dairy feeder that you can also go purchase a dairy steer that was not shown the previous year. The Beef Committee would also like to remind you we are here to help and if you have any questions about pursuing the project we are glad to help! Members interested in participating in the **dairy steer** events at the Delaware county fair need to enroll in a **market beef project through 4-H**.

There are some very important rules for the process of entering market steers and heifers to the 2023 Ohio State Fair. Please read carefully. DNA samples must be submitted by the exhibitor to the OSF no later than January 15th. Please call the Extension Office with any questions.

Enjoy your market beef projects and we look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

Jacci Smith
Extension Educator
4-H/ ANR

Enclosure: Rules, Ohio State Fair information

For Delaware County Fair Market Beef Exhibitors

Enrollment is now open for the 2023 Delaware County Junior Fair Market Beef Program. 4-H and FFA members may enroll at <https://go.osu.edu/dcmktbeef> by Friday, March 2, 2023. Enrollment is open to any 4-H or FFA member who has not reached their 19th birthday by January 1, 2023.

Please be aware of the following important rules for Delaware County Fair Market Beef Exhibitors.

- **Quality Assurance must be completed by each member on or before July 1**
- Only 4-H and FFA members enrolled in a Market Beef Project will be eligible to show and sell a beef project at the Delaware County Fair.
- A member must have the animal(s) under daily care and penned apart from other cattle by March 1 to be eligible for the Delaware County Fair. Each member is responsible for feeding and caring for their animal(s) and parents, family members, hired workers, or others are not to feed and care for the animal(s) on a daily basis.
- Switching animals after March 1 is not permitted for any reason.
- All beef animals must be dehorned and steers properly castrated. Stags are not permitted to show at the fair.
- Market steers and heifers must be tagged and weighed on the day selected by the Beef Committee. All animals must be brought to the fairgrounds and unloaded.
- Identification and weighing will be done on **Saturday, March 4, 2023** in the **Dairy Barn** at the **Delaware County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 9:00 AM**. If you have a conflict on this day, and cannot get your market beef projects to the fairgrounds to be tagged, contact the Extension office before Feb. 14 to make arrangements to bring your animals in to be tagged at an earlier date.
- Each member may tag up to 4 market beef animals, enter 2 in the county fair market beef show, and sell 1 through the sale. (Each member may enter and exhibit at the fair up to 2 market beef animals and/or 2 beef feeders and/or 2 dairy feeders.)
- The Beef Committee reserves the right to refuse to tag unruly animals or any dangerous and uncontrollable animal not broke to lead. In the interest of safety to exhibitors and spectators, any unruly animal will be unable to show or sell. The time to break an animal is now when it is smaller. **Even though the tagging date is in March, do not delay breaking your animal to lead.**
- A dairy steer class will be available. Calves must be 100% dairy or cross from within the dairy breeds. These 5 dairy breeds are accepted without registration papers: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, & Jersey. If at any point the breed of the dairy steer is questioned; the Beef Committee has the right to request registration papers and disqualify the exhibitor; this will be determined at the time of tagging.
- Only market steers and heifers weighing over 900 pounds for beef and 1000 for dairy steers will be eligible to show and sell at the fair.
- Market beef cattle will be weighed at the fair and assigned to a show class based upon weight with no more than 10 animals in each class. Market Heifers and Steers will be shown together.
- Junior Fair exhibitors may enter and exhibit market projects in up to two Jr. Fair Departments. Exhibition of a market project in a second department is permitted for educational purposes only and is permitted with stipulations outlined in the exhibitors' handbook. Generally, exhibitors are still only permitted to sell one item or animal through a Junior Fair auction, with the possible exception of one exhibitor earning Grand or Reserve Champion with two projects that must sell. See the Delaware County Fair Exhibitors' Handbook for more details.
- Interview judging for Market Beef exhibitors will be held Saturday, September 9 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Members should bring their project books completed up to that date. Livestock exhibitors who are unable to be interviewed on September 9 will need to schedule a make-up interview with an advisor.
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals must sell through the Junior Fair sales. Other animals are not required to sell. However, an animal cannot be withdrawn from the sale after the sale program has been printed unless the Beef Committee approves.

- A member showing market beef animals and/or feeders must declare each animal's destination (Jr. fair sale, market truck, exhibitor take home) by weigh-in. If the animal being sold changes, the department head must be told by the end of the market beef show. Members not wishing to sell their market animals must also let the Beef Committee know by the end of the market beef show to avoid being listed in the sale program.
- It is exhibitor's responsibility to check the sale catalog posted in the barn for corrections.
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market Beef must be harvested after the sale in a place designated by the Sale Committee.
- The Sale Committee has the right to handle any and all matters pertaining to the sale.
- If you have not done so, it is not too late to send a thank you note to trophy donors from last year. Auctioneers, clerks, and others who donate much time deserve a thank you also.

For Ohio State Fair Market Beef Exhibitors

See enclosed information

- A member must have the animal(s) under daily care and penned apart from other cattle by January 1 to be eligible for the Ohio State Fair. Each member is responsible for feeding and caring for their animal(s) and parents, family members, hired workers, or others are not to feed and care for the animal(s) on a daily basis.
- **DNA sample must be received no later than January 15, 2023 as form of animal identification.** This is not a postmark date. Any questions email A.Hershey@expo.ohio.gov. Submitting identification by the deadline makes those animals eligible for official entry to the Ohio State Fair; entry forms must be submitted prior to June 20.
 - **OSF entries must be made online**
- Members may identify up to 8 Market Beef for the Ohio State Fair
- Members may identify the same animals for the Ohio State Fair as they identify for the county fair or may identify different animals for the state and county fairs.

For Hartford Fair Exhibitors

- For complete rules, visit www.hartfordfair.com
- All steers and ear tag and ear tattoo on **December 10** at the Hartford Fairgrounds between 8-11 AM.
- There will be a fee of \$5.00 per tagged animal.
- Hair Samples will be collected as a means of Identification.
- Bred and Owned designation will need to be made at the time of weigh-in.



2023 Ohio State Fair DNA Sample Collection and Ohio State Fair Nomination Protocol Document

I/we, the market beef exhibitor and parent/guardian (if the exhibitor is younger than 18 years of age), understand that by sealing and signing across the envelope closure of the provided DNA sample, I/we are fully responsible for the collected DNA material placed in the envelope to be of sufficient testing amount (20 – 30 hair samples with follicles) and free of any debris that will prohibit a reference match DNA test. Lack of sufficient DNA material or cleanliness of the sample for DNA verification will be grounds for disqualification of the market beef animal in question.

2023 Ohio State Fair DNA Sample Collection Instructions

Samples must be RECEIVED at the Ohio State Fair by JANUARY 15, 2023

NO requests for tags/kits will be taken after January 8th and requests MUST be in writing via email to Andi Hershey

- Open your packet of collection materials and confirm the following are included:
 - Hair sample collection envelope with Ohio State Fair logo on the front;
 - DNA Sample Collection and OSF Nomination Protocol Document;
 - Envelope seal - Ohio State Fair logo sticker (1"x1"); and
 - An **840 EID** (Electronic Identification) tag with a 15-digit number that starts with **840** (If your animal already has been tagged with a 15-digit EID tag, another tag will not be included). Note: If planning on attending a BEST show, you must have your EID tags in your calves prior to arriving at your first BEST sanctioned show.
- Remove collection envelope and fill out all the pertinent information. You will need one kit for each Steer and/or Market Heifer you plan to nominate for the 2023 Ohio State Fair. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!**

***Note:** If your Steer(s) and/or Market Heifer(s) already has an EID tag in either ear, then begin following instruction #3 and skip #4. If there is no EID tag in either of your Steer(s) and/or Market Heifer(s) ears, skip instruction #3 and follow instruction #4.
- Your Steer(s) and/or Market Heifer(s) have an EID Tag:
 - Since your Steer(s) and/or Market Heifer(s) have an EID tag in one ear, you must write the 15-digit number on your sample collection envelope. Your Steer(s) and/or Market Heifer(s) may have come from a state or breeder who require and/or use EID as a way of identification, respectively. **These cannot be removed! You cannot have two EID tags in one animal.**
 - Confirm the number is correct that you wrote on the front of the envelope. This is the identification that will be used for your Steer(s) and/or Market Heifer(s) during the 2023 OSF. Once you have documented the EID number on the front of the envelope and have confirmed it is correct, you are ready to collect your hair sample (instruction #5).
 - Since there already is an EID tag in your animal's (s) ear, please return the tag that was supplied in your kit, along with the hair sample, to the Ohio State Fair either directly or by way of your county Extension professional or FFA advisor if they are collecting them.
- Your Steer(s) and/or Market Heifer(s) does not have an EID tag:
 - Write the 15-digit EID number from the EID tag provided in your kit on the front of sample collection envelope.
 - Using a Universal Total Tagger (Red) or EID Ultra Retractable Matic Tagger from Allflex, insert the tag into your Steer(s) and/or Market Heifer(s) ear. **If you have not done this before, please ask for help from someone experienced.**

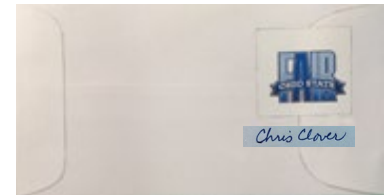
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Signature	Chris Clover Date 12.9.2017
Signature	Andi Hershey Date 12.9.2017
Signature	Dr. Miller Date 12.12.2017



- c. Once the tag is inserted it cannot be removed for any reason. This will be your Steer(s) and/or Market Heifer(s) permanent identification through the 2023 Ohio State Fair.
5. Once you have completed filling in the required information on the envelope, you can now collect the hair sample.
- a. Hair should be dry;
 - b. If hair has excess dirt and debris, please brush out;
 - c. **DO NOT CUT the HAIR!** The root of each hair strand contains the necessary information for DNA testing;



- d. Use fingers or pliers to grasp approximately 8-10 hairs close to the skin and pull;
 - e. Repeat until you have approximately 20-30 hairs with root follicles attached. Root follicles will appear clear to opaque in color and resemble the shape of a teardrop at the root of the hair strand;
 - f. Place the 20-30 hairs with root follicles attached in the envelope, and seal the envelope;
 - g. Clean hands or pliers between samples.
6. Now that you have collected a sample to submit to the Ohio State Fair and you have sealed the collection envelope, place the provided 1"x1" Ohio State Fair logo sticker across the seal of this sealed envelope.
7. Additionally sign your name across the seal of the collection envelope.
8. Lastly, your completed sample must be submitted in one of the following ways:
- a. Give to your county Extension professional for a signature, and s/he will submit it to the Ohio State Fair; or
 - b. Give to your FFA Advisor for a signature and s/he will submit it to the Ohio State Fair; or
 - c. Obtain either your FFA advisor's or Extension professional's signature and submit your collection envelope directly to:



The Ohio Expo Center and State Fair*
 c/o Andi Hershey
 717 East 17th Avenue
 Columbus, OH 43211-2698

***Note:** The hair sample envelopes must be placed in another mailing envelope addressed to the OSF address listed above. The preprinted coin envelopes for sample submission are not intended to serve as an envelope mailer. Collection envelopes for each individual animal nominated to show at the Ohio State Fair **MUST BE RECEIVED at the Ohio State Fair by JANUARY 15, 2023. THIS IS NOT A POSTMARK DATE! Submit ONE envelope PER ANIMAL.**

If you are submitting through your county Extension office or your FFA advisor, be sure to take your samples in early enough so they have enough time to submit the nominations prior to the OSF deadline. If you are sending the nominations directly, please be sure to allow enough time for your submissions to be RECEIVED by the Ohio State Fair to meet the deadline of January 15, 2023. Each animal nominated must have an individual submission (one envelope per animal), however multiple envelopes can be sent in one mailing to the Ohio State Fair. **For questions, please contact Andi Hershey at A.Hershey@expo.ohio.gov.**