



2025 Beef Breeding Project Guide

Noble County



4-H Project Book: #117B Beef Breeding or paper copy Livestock Record Book (required) *First year members should use project book. FFA – AET Records

Resource Guide: #117R Beef Resource Handbook

Project Animal Requirements: Cows & Heifers - Must be Beef breeds of Angus, Chianina, Hereford, Shorthorn, Maine Anjou, Simmental, Charolais, and other recognized beef breeds. Crosses of beef breeds will be shown as Crossbreds.

*An exhibitor may exhibit only three breeding animals per species with no more than 2 animals in a specific class. (ie. Only two animals in Under 1 yr. old class)

*Possession: **By June 1, 2025**

Pre-Fair Tag-In: NONE

Quality Assurance: Exhibitor and one parent/guardian **must** attend one of the sessions offered in Noble County or any other Ohio County **OR** youth must be tested out or completed the YQCA On-Line certification.

*See 4-H Newsletter available at the Extension Office or online at <http://noble.osu.edu> for **dates, times and locations**.

Fair Stall Reservations Due: Exhibitor must let your club advisor know how many animals you will bring to the fair. A maximum of THREE Beef Breeding animals only can be brought to the fair. Stall assignments are due **by August 7th** to your club advisor. On the stall assignment you will be asked to enter the Breed and Class for each animal.

Classes are: 1) Under 1 year old – born after July 1, 2024. 2) 1 year old and under 2 years – born between July 1, 2023 & June 30, 2024. 3) Over 2 years old – born before July, 1, 2023.

Showmanship Sign-up: If you plan to show in showmanship, a sign-up sheet will be included as part of the Stall Assignment sheets. Sign-up prior to fair with your club advisor; due **by August 7th** to your club advisor. *You will also be able to sign up for showmanship at the fair. Sign up sheets will be located on the bulletin boards on the porch of the Jr. Fair Office.

What happens at the Fair?

Time to be on Fairgrounds – Beef cattle can be brought to fairgrounds from **Sunday, August 24th @ NOON til Tuesday, August 26th @ 6:30 AM – Must be on grounds by Tuesday, August 26th @ 7:00 AM.** *Tack and bedding **only** can be brought in starting Thursday, August 21st and Friday, August 22nd. Grooming Chutes/Tents/Tack only can be brought in after 9:00 AM on Saturday and all day Sunday and Monday – **No cattle until after NOON on Sunday, Aug. 24th.**

Health Requirements: No health papers required. The Fair Veterinarian will visually inspect animals in their stalls. If they find an animal that does not meet the health requirements for exhibition (ie. Warts, Lice, Ringworm, etc), your animal may be disqualified and sent home. Decisions of the Fair Veterinarian are FINAL.

Shows – Beef Breeding Classes – Wednesday, August 27th – show will be immediately following Market Beef Classes (show starts at 6:00 PM) - *(Classes determined by Breed & Age)*

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Showmanship – Thursday, August 28th @ 8:30 AM – (determined by age - Senior Division first)

- Jr. Fair Feeder Calves will show following the Showmanship classes.

- ✓ **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** *Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves. Adding any substances externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp and powders; liquids or gas to change shape or degree of firmness; use of ice water enemas or ice packs; adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels. Using pigmented grooming aids or materials such paints, dye, powder, non-clear adhesive & foam or shoe polish. Transparent grooming products only may be used. Additionally, the member should be present while the animal is being groomed.*

Dress Code Guidelines for Beef Exhibitors:

- Full-length pants, belts are strongly encouraged. No shorts. Dark jeans with back pocket or holster to carry a scotch comb.
- Hard soled shoes or boot are suggested. No clogs, slides, sandals, or athletic shoes.
- Shirts should have collars, long sleeves, and be tucked in. No halter-tops, tank tops, or bare midriff.
- Equipment: Show stick; Show halter; Scotch comb.

What is the Premier Exhibitor Award?

High scoring exhibitor from skillathon/interview (project book required), showmanship and breeding & market class placing. Special awards, cash awards, etc.

Skillathon: *Skillathon is **OPTIONAL** for 4-H & FFA members. Skillathon will be held August 4th at the Fairgrounds. Sign-up Genius will be used to schedule a time – more information to be shared.*

What happens after the Fair?

Premium money – exhibitors are paid \$8.00/project (not animal) for completed project shown at the Fair; up to a total of 4 projects. This money will be given to you by your club advisor.

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