



2025 Market Beef Project Guide

Noble County



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

Resource Guide: #117R Beef Resource Handbook (4-H)

Project Animal Requirements: Steers and/or Heifers - Must be Beef breeds
*Born between Dec. 1, 2023 to May 1, 2024
*Steers must be *Castrated* and ALL must be *Dehorned*
*Possession: By December 30, 2024
*Fair weight limits: Minimum – 900#

Pre-Fair Tag-In: * Tags may be picked up at Extension Office starting December 1, 2024

TURN IN ID Cards with photos attached by December 30th to the Extension Office.

* Can tag-in maximum of 3 Market Beef animals, but eligible to show and sell 2

* Market Heifers may show in the Market Beef Animal show. They will show with steers in their respective weight class. Market Heifers may NOT be bred in order to show at the fair. Exhibitors will be required to bring a certificate from a veterinarian to fair weigh-in (dated no more than 30 days prior to the start of the fair) stating that the animal is open. If you do not have this certificate, the animal will not be allowed to show. Once you tag your animal in as a market heifer, you are not permitted to show her as anything else (county fair, open and/or jackpot shows).

* **FAMILY ANIMAL RULE** – To ease the burden for families to buy an extra animal for each child. **A maximum of three animals** may be tagged per member per species (ie. Can tag 3 mkt. beef) with two eligible to show and sell at the fair. **Up to One animal per exhibitor** may be tagged/weighed in the “Family” name. Each member must identify at least one or two animals as theirs at the tag-in/weigh-in if they have a “Family” animal. (One family animal can be shared by all members of the family – just put FAMILY on the ID Weigh slip). If a member tags in three animals, they can not have a family animal, because they already have an extra/spare/alternate animal. Anyone in the family can claim a “Family” animal at the fair weigh-in.

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 annual 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 Market Beef you will bring to the fair. A maximum of 2 Market Beef animals only can be brought to the fair. Stall assignments are due **by August 7th** to your club/chapter advisor.

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/chapter 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 or available on-line.

Pictures – Taken by exhibitor prior to fair. Exhibitor must provide a 4X6 color photo for the Buyer Thank You Cards handed out during the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Make sure you and your animal are in the photo and both of you are clean! Drop these off to the Extension Office by Friday before the fair or to the Jr. Fair Office by Tuesday of Fair Week. Put Name and Tag # on back of photo. You will be charged \$20 per sale lot if a picture is not turned in.

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.**

Buyer Thank you posters – make a Thank You poster to thank previous year’s buyer. Hang it in the barn above your pen/stall.

Fair Weigh-In – Tuesday, August 26th @ 10 AM. Will weigh by rows in the barn. Barn closed during weigh-in to anyone other than exhibitor and parent. Market Beef will be weighed **ONLY ONCE – NO EXCEPTIONS**. Animals will also be checked by veterinarian for castration and dehorning. Steers that still have testicular tissue in the scrotum will be rejected. Open (knife) castration at least 4 months prior to the Noble County Fair is strongly suggested. **Clamping is prohibited.** Animals must be dehorned with a maximum of 1 inch re-growth allowed or they can have scurs that are a maximum of 1 inch in length. Animals must be completely healed from either castration or dehorning. **Disqualified Market Beef animals are ineligible for show and sale. *They may be used for showmanship, unless sent home by veterinarian.**

Drug Use Notification Form (completed DUNF must be completed on-line by Friday, August 22nd.) Instructions for completing DUNF forms will be given to you by your advisor prior to the fair. All market beef must be DRUG FREE by 7:00 AM on **Wed. Aug. 27th** regardless of if they are selling or not. **Must be drug free to show.**

Shows –Market Beef Classes – Wednesday, August 27th @ 6:00 PM (Jr. Fair Beef Breeding to follow)
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.

Sale – Saturday, August 30, 2025. Each Jr. Fair member exhibitor may sell a maximum of two animals in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. Jr. Fair participants must designate 2 hours after the last show on Thursday of fair week which animals they are not taking through the sale ring or forfeit their right to pull their animal(s) from the sale. **If a Jr. Fair participant has three or more market animals** and does not designate 2 hours after the last show on Thursday of fair week which animals they will sell, then their first two animals in the sale order will sell.

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 – August 4th at the Fairgrounds. Sign-up Genius will be used to schedule a time – more information to be shared.

What happens after the Sale?

Thank/contact buyers – thank buyers by note, call, or in person. Some members present tokens of appreciation to their buyers on sale day; not required.

Sale Checks – checks are mailed directly to the exhibitors by the Noble Co. Livestock Sale Committee after payment from buyers has been made. **** Payment will be at least 30 days after the Fair.** If you have questions about your check, contact the Extension Office. ****3%** of the selling price of all livestock marketed through the junior fair sale will be deducted to cover the expenses of the sale and promotional costs.

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/chapter advisor.