

Important Dates 2024

- **Tag-in** Steer weigh/tag-in (December of the year preceding fair exhibition)
- **Enroll in 4-H online:** 4-H Enrollment Deadline is April 1st
- All Market & Lactating projects must attend ONE Quality Assurance training:
 - 3/12 6:30-7:30pm at Fairgrounds
 - 3/16 9:00-10:00am at Fairgrounds
 - 4/13 9:00-10:00am at Fairgrounds
 - 4/21 5:00-6:00pm at Fairgrounds
- Enroll in Fair Show Classes via Blue Ribbon from May 1st – June 1st.
- Livestock **Judging** and **Skill-a-thon** (July 13th 8am- noon)
- **Fair Move in** on 7/14th from 9am-2pm
- **Fair Weigh-in** on 7/14th at 7:00pm
- **Show at the Ottawa County Fair-** July 17th at 5:00pm
- **Livestock Sale** on 7/19
- **Barn Meeting** – July 12th

**Remember to
thank your
buyer(s) after
the sale!**

Beef Committee Contacts

Questions about your Beef Project?

Contact a member of the Ottawa County 4-H Beef Department

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Beef



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Considering a Beef Project?

The following are project requirements and guidelines for Ottawa County 4-H Beef projects.

Members must:

- ☐ Enroll in 4-H by the April 1st Deadline
- ☐ Possess his/her Market Steer by tagging day in December **prior to exhibition year** and weigh/tag in at that time
- ☐ Possess his/her Breeding Beef by May 1st
- ☐ Beef feeders must in possession by tag-in on May 4th.
- ☐ Attend Quality Assurance training (if taking a market or lactating project)
- ☐ Complete Project Book and attend Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon (July)
- ☐ Complete registration for fair exhibits Blue Ribbon online (register between 5/1st - 6/1st)
- ☐ Bring exhibit to the fair on July 14th from 9:00am – 2:00pm

Beef Project Categories:

- **117B Beef Breeding**
- **117BF Beef Feeder (Market)**
- **117DF Dairy Beef Feeder (Market)**
- **117M Market Beef**
- **118 Beef Carcass**

Resources for Beef Projects

Ottawa County 4-H Handbook on OSU

Website – <https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-handbook-0>

Ottawa County Fair Handbook on OSU

Website <https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/ottawa-county-fair>

Beef Resource Handbook –

available for purchase at the OSU Extension office. This book contains essential information for project evaluation.

Equipment & Cost Considerations

- Costs of steers can vary
- Cost of feeds can vary, and cattle can eat on average 3 lbs. of feed a day
- Cattle need at least a 200 sq. ft. pen, access to pasture and adequate bedding
- They need adequate exercise with brushing and washing performed regularly
- Items to bring to the fair (see next column)

Recommended Items

- Beef Resource Handbook



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Exhibiting a Beef Project

***Items needed for the fair:**

- Must provide your own waterer
- Show box that locks to keep your supplies in
- Feeder, feed tub or pan
- Feed
- Brushes, Scotch comb, rice brush
- Shampoo, soap & adhesive
- Chute and blower
- Rope halter, neck rope, & show halter
- Show stick

Showmanship is offered but not required.

Dress code: Button up, collared shirt; jeans (no holes or tears), work boots.

The Ottawa County Fair Book lists all exhibition rules and requirements. It is posted on Ottawa County Fair website and Ottawa County OSU Extension website.

Local Breeders to Contact

- Contact a beef superintendent (see back)

Beef Feeder Information

- **Possession Date:** by tagging day on May 4th
- **Weight at tagging day:** 450 pounds or less
- **Dress Code:** same as steer dress code