



Preble County Agricultural Society

Junior Fair

Fair established in 1850



2024 PREBLE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR MARKET BEEF INFORMATION

Please read carefully!

Requirements for members wishing to exhibit a market beef (market steer or market heifer) at the 2024 Preble County Junior Fair:

1. Weigh in and Tagging for market beef (market steers and market heifers) will be held on December 2, 2023 from 8-10 a.m. on the Preble County Fairgrounds. Weigh in and Tagging is **MANDATORY FOR ALL MARKET BEEF** being shown at the 2024 Preble County Junior Fair. All paperwork will be collected at the weigh in.
2. All market beef will be tagged with an EID tag and a DNA sample will be taken at the time of tagging. At the time of tagging, exhibitors may purchase tags for \$5 (If your animal is already tagged with an EID tag you will not be required to purchase one from PCJF). The DNA sample fee is \$5. Please come prepared to pay at the time of tagging. Tag fees will not be taken out of the Junior Fair sale check.
3. Each participant may exhibit a maximum of four market beef animals at the Preble County Fair. Participants may sell 1 market beef animal for a premium bid through the Junior Fair livestock sale. Junior Fair participants may enroll a maximum of four market beef animals and can bring four market beef animals to the Preble County Fair. This includes dairy steers.
4. All market beef exhibitors must be properly enrolled by the county deadlines. "Properly enrolled" includes
 - a. Bring market beef animal to county weigh in and tagging in December – **mandatory for all market beef**
 - b. Complete 4-H club enrollment or be enrolled in FFA by each organization's deadline.
 - c. Complete your club's/chapter's membership and appropriate project requirements.
5. The overall Grand and Reserve Champion market beef animals must be sold at the Sale of Champions. These animals will be loaded directly onto a trailer for immediate transport to a designated harvest house. The animals will be harvested that day and carcass inspection and processing will proceed according to ODA and USDA procedures.
6. All Junior Fair market beef animals must be born after January 1, 2023.

MARKET ANIMAL TAGGING FORM: *Please complete the Market Animal Tagging Form and bring to weigh in.*

Forms are available at the Extension Office on the bookcase outside our office door or on our website at: www.preble.osu.edu. Click on 4-H Youth Development, then Preble County Fair. Look for the link to the Market Animal Tagging Form. We will have blank forms at weigh in but completing ahead of time helps to speed the process along that morning.

FINAL NOTES: Please keep this letter for reference to ensure that you have completed the requirements. For complete Junior Fair Market Beef Rules please refer to the Junior Fair Section of the Preble County Fair Book.

2024 Ohio State Fair - All market beef animals entered in the 2024 Ohio State Fair Junior Market Beef show must have an electronic identification (EID) ear tag that has a unique 15-digit number that begins with "840" and a DNA sample. Any market beef animal that is expected to be shown at the Ohio State Fair that has a pre-existing EID tag, such as an RFID tag, will not need to have an additional EID tag placed in the animal's ear for Ohio State Fair purposes. The animal's existing 15-digit identification number will also serve as the animal's Ohio State Fair identification number. Ohio State Fair DNA samples must be **received** at the Ohio State Fair by January 15, 2024. If you have questions please contact Andi Hershey at a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov