

## **MARKET BEEF and BEEF CARCASS**

1. Market Beef, steers and heifers (no dairy blood). Market Beef must be born on or after January 1 of the previous year. (Ex: for the 2025 fair, must be born on or after January 1 2024). Market Beef must be on feed by December 1, previous to the fair. They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. All market beef must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market beef with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All male market beef must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market Beef showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
3. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose market beef that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The beef cattle judge, Senior Fair Board or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
4. Market beef must gain at least 300 lb. from the time of first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lb. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.
5. Market beef will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
6. Identification for the market beef shall be: 1) ear tag on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday in December. Procedures for weigh-in are as follows:
  - A. No market beef unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
  - B. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
  - C. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
  - D. Actual weighing to be done by Sale Committee members.
  - E. A \$3.00 per class fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
  - F. If a calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.

Market beef exhibitors may weigh/tag-in and show up to four (4) market beef.

Market beef must be checked in at the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board. Market beef will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.

7. All market beef will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
8. Exhibitors planning on exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair, **MUST** receive prior authorization from the Athens County Agricultural Society and Sale Committee. Market Beef exhibited at the Ohio State Fair then transported to the Athens County Fair to participate in the Junior Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale must be weighed on the Athens County Fair Livestock scales for the show weight. Any animal coming from exhibition from the Ohio State Fair checking in late at the Athens County Fair, **MUST SHOW PROOF** that this animal was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

9. After the sale, all market beef must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the market beef. Whatever halter is on the market beef at the time of load out, goes with the market beef and will not be returned.
10. Rate-of-Gain contest participation is encouraged for all market beef projects. Special awards will be given for rate-of-gain.