

ATHENS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

MARKET BEEF / DAIRY STEER CARCASS CLASS

1. The Athens County Junior Fair Market Beef Carcass Class is intended to be an educational experience for young producers in the beef industry. The carcass class is recognized as one of the most valuable learning experiences in beef production that exhibitors can take part in, and participation is highly encouraged. Additionally, this exclusive experience introduces youth to top performers in the industry – professors, professionals, packing management, facilities, and more.
2. The agricultural industry is shifting in Southern and Southeastern Ohio with the introduction of a Meat Science program at the University of Rio Grande, and expanding workforce development preparation goals by Ohio 4-H. By introducing a Junior Fair Market Beef Carcass Class, the local 4-H and FFA programs can support youth in “learning by doing,” and completing hands-on project work with a potential for continuing education.
3. Evaluation will be completed by a qualified meat inspector/grader and will be placed from best to last.
 - a. Exhibitors are required to be present at the processing facility for the explanation of placings and final results; date and time will be determined.
4. All general rules and requirements of the traditional Athens County Junior Fair program pertain. Junior Fair exhibitors adhere to the guidelines and expectations set forth by 4-H, FFA, and the Athens County Junior Fair.
 - a. All members enrolled in the Market Beef Carcass Contest must fulfill the annual Quality Assurance training requirement to meet ODA livestock quality assurance and Athens County Junior Fair standards.
 - b. All members enrolled in the Market Beef Carcass Contest are required to participate in a custom built Skillathon during the week of fair to be able to participate in the sale.
 - c. A customized record book must be completed and submitted upon delivery of the carcass project.
 - d. Each exhibitor must exhibit another animal of the same specie at the fair.
5. The Market Beef Carcass Class falls under the Market Beef Project and follows the rules set forth for market beef.
6. The Carcass Class will consist of Market Steer/Market Heifer/Market Dairy Steer ONLY.
7. TAG-IN: All beef MUST be checked-in/tagged-in on December 20, 2025, at the Athens County Fairgrounds from 12pm (noon) – 1pm (this includes carcass animals).
8. Minimum weight is 1000 lbs. live weight at time of slaughter.

9. There is only one (1) carcass entry per exhibitor. (You must choose beef or swine for your one (1) carcass entry, you can't do both).
 - a. Exhibitors may tag-in four market beef and declare which ONE beef that will be used as their carcass animal before they arrive at the processing facility.
 - b. Dairy projects and Beef projects will be judged together due to the lack of numbers, but the dairy projects will sell at the end of the live dairy projects in the order placed by the judge.
10. Athens County Junior Fair is not responsible for any butcher bills or other costs regarding exhibitor participation in the carcass class.
11. SALE: All carcass animals are eligible to sell but are not required if the exhibitor chooses not to do so, unless they are Grand or Reserve Carcass.
 - a. All carcass animals that plan to sell will be placed in sale order deemed by the Sale Committee and sold during the Athens County Jr Fair Livestock Sale.
 - b. All carcass animals that DO NOT plan to sell through the Athens County Jr Fair Livestock Sale – the exhibitor is responsible for any butcher bills or other costs associated with their participation in the carcass class.
 - c. Carcass animals will be sold at the conclusion of the live Market Beef Sale, in the following order Grand Champion Carcass, Reserve Champion Carcass, and the remaining carcasses in the order they were placed by the judge.
 - d. Exhibitors are allowed to sell one carcass animal and one live animal through the Athens County Jr Fair Livestock Sale.
 - e. Each exhibitor must carry a representation of their carcass project into the sale ring while the project is being auctioned.
12. ALL Athens County Junior Fair market animals are expected to be continuously drug free and should complete online Drug Use Notification (DUNF) Forms.
13. Market Beef Carcass Class will be brought to the Athens Livestock Sale Barn for weighing to meet minimum live weight requirements. They will then be transported to slaughter facility by Sale Committee representatives. (These will be determined at a later date and time). Animals MUST be able to walk off trailer and meet ODA health requirements upon delivery to slaughter facility.
14. Any questions can be directed to the Athens County Senior Fair Board Carcass Class Committee. (Chair: Calvin Jarvis)

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