

2024 Holmes County Jr. Fair Beef Project Guidelines

Project Checklist

- ☐ Check the 4-H calendar for the most up-to-date information regarding our program.
- ☐ **Enroll in 4-H** through 4-HOnline (oh.4honline.com) by April 1. Individual clubs may set an earlier date.
- ☐ **Attend Quality Assurance Training:** Check the 4-H calendar for up-to-date information. 2024 QA sessions in Holmes County will be held at Harvest Ridge on 2/20, 3/28, and 4/23. All sessions begin at 6:00 p.m. Per ODA rules, exhibitors must complete QA 45 days prior to the exhibition.
- ☐ **Project Record Book:** Purchase, complete, and bring to a Skillathon interview to be graded. Guidelines for raising and caring for your steer are available in the Beef Resource Book.
- ☐ **Tag:** All steers must be weighed and tagged on December 16, 2023.
- ☐ **Possession Date:** Obtain and care for your steer(s) by December 16, 2023, and Breeding/Feeder Calf(s) by June 1. In addition, lease paperwork must be submitted by June 1. The animal must remain in your care during the entire project period or throughout the fair.
- ☐ **Junior Fair Book:** Obtain and read a Holmes County Junior Fair Book for rules and regulations for our county fair. Read and follow all rules pertaining to your project.
- ☐ **Project Completion:** Attend and participate in Holmes County 4-H Skillathon Interviews on either July 18 or July 22, 2024.
- ☐ **Fair Entries** due by 11:59 pm on June 1: Make ALL fair entries online at <https://holmesjrfair.fairentry.com> for your animal(s).
- ☐ **DUNF:** All steers and feeder exhibitors must complete an electronic DUNF before check-in at the fair. See the Holmes County 4-H program newsletter for more information.



Important Notes for Beef Projects

- **Possession of animal:** The project must be in the care and possession of the member by JUNE 1 of the current year and remain with the member throughout the fair. Each exhibitor may bring one (1) market steer to the county fair and one (1) Feeder Calf to the county fair.
- **Steer tag-in:** Exhibitors must attend tag-in on December 16, 2023 to have their cattle weighed and tagged in.
- **Proper castration:** Retained testicles are not permitted. Ask your breeder if you are unsure or go to ODA's website for a complete list of rules for exhibitor's market animals www.state.oh.us/agr/ (click on the link for Animal Industries)
- **Sale Photograph:** Champions will be the only animals to enter the sale ring. Our goal is to display a clean and professional photo of every exhibitor with their animal during the time each exhibitor is selling. Please see the dress code and submit your photo in *landscape orientation* by July 31st to hclivestockphotos@gmail.com
- **Awards:** All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other award sponsored by a donor are expected to send a Thank You note to the sponsor(s). Thank you, cards will be provided with your award. Please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the Jr. Fair Office by the end of the fair. The name and address of the sponsor can be found on the award. Contact the Jr. Fair secretary's office if you cannot find it.
- **Outstanding Market Livestock Award:** The Holmes County Jr. Fair Outstanding Exhibitor Awards program was developed to recognize youth who go above and beyond in their species both in and out of the show ring. Exhibitors who wish to participate must enroll in the project in FairEntry, complete the skillathon/project record book judging (no make-up judging), and showmanship. Awards will be presented Saturday, August 10 at the 4-H Awards Ceremony in the Large Arena.
- **Carcass Show:** The top 10 overall Market Steers will go to Sugar Valley Meats and be entered into the Carcass Contest. The show will be held on August 15 and exhibitors are expected to participate and be at the show.

Holmes County Bred

- This show is open to Holmes County based Beef operation at the time of the insemination that resulted in the steer calf. If a farm/breeder is not known by any member of the beef committee, the beef committee reserves the right to visit the farm of the breeder, as necessary.
- The Holmes County Bred show will be before the regular market show on Wednesday.
- Members may show in the market class and the Bred class.
- Each steer shown in the Holmes County Bred class will need to ID at weigh-in and in the 4-H Online account.
- For Holmes County Bred, each member will need to declare at December tag in.