



November 8, 2023

111 East Jackson Street
Millersburg, OH 44654

TO: 2024 Beef Steer Project Members/Parents and Organizational Advisors Weigh-
RE: in and Tagging for Beef Steers
WHEN: **Saturday, December 16, 2023, 8:00 AM-10:00 AM**
WHERE: Harvest Ridge Livestock Pavilion

330-674-3015 Phone

holmes.osu.edu

Members planning to exhibit a beef steer at the 2024 Holmes County Fair must have their steer weighed and tagged on December 16th. Each member may weigh-in two steers but may only show one at the Holmes County Fair. A member's name must be given with each animal at Weigh-in. One steer may serve as a "back up" for two or more siblings.

Enclosed is a Holmes County Steer Record card. This card must accompany each steer at weigh-in. Additional cards are available at the Extension Office and weigh-in/tagging event.

- For your safety and those helping with the weigh-in, it is extremely important that all calves be halter broke at the time of weigh-in.
- The 2024 Ohio State Fair (OSF) will be requiring EID tags and DNA hair samples. If you may possibly be taking your steer to the State Fair, you will need to complete a nomination packet. We have 15 packets available in the extension office that we will be bringing to weigh-in or you can request a nomination packet from Stacey French at 614-466-8366 or s.french@expo.state.oh.us. Packets still need to be returned to 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211 by January 15, 2024. *The completed packet needs to be signed by the County Extension Educator/FFA Instructor.* It is the member's/parent's responsibility to complete and mail the packet.

**Just a reminder, sending in nomination packet in January does not enter your steer in the OSF. You must also fill out an OSF entry form and have it signed and mailed by June 20, 2024, along with the entry fees.*

- Beef Project Record books will be available at weigh-in. Please remember that members will use one project book for all beef projects. Holmes County Beef Committee will be sponsoring books this year.
- If you know of a new member or someone who did not take a steer project last year who wishes to take a steer project in 2024, please tell them about Weigh-in on December 16th and have them contact the Extension Office at 330-674-3015.
- New this year**** BVD testing will be required for all cattle participating in the BEST Program (this includes the HC Preview in March). There will be an option to have animals tested at tag in during **8-9AM** only. The Holmes County Beef Committee will be sponsoring 1 animal per family. If additional animals need tested, the family will be charged \$20 per additional animal, check or cash payments at time of services.

Sincerely,

Janessa Hill
Extension Education, 4-H Youth Development, Holmes County

Note to Advisors: An extra Steer Record Card has been included in your letter for any new youth you may have in your club interested in exhibiting a steer project. Please make copies if needed.