SECTION 8: PROJECT REQUIREMENTS – Beef Animals

STEERS

1) The Fulton County Livestock Sale Committee requires all Dairy Steers, Market Steers, Born & Raised Steers, Commercial Steers, Dairy and Beef Feeder Calves to be electronically ear tagged to be eligible to exhibit at the Fulton County Junior Fair. If you cannot bring your steer or feeder calf to Tag-In you must make arrangements for someone else to bring your animal to the fairgrounds. All steers and feeder calves must be haltered to be tagged. The cost of each tag is $2.00 exact cash only and must be paid by the exhibitor at Tag-In. During the year, tags that are lost or tampered with will be replaced at $2.00 per tag.

2) All steer project animals must be in the member’s possession by January 1 of the current year. Steer Tag-In Day is in January (see current year 4-H Calendar-Section 2) at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Each exhibitor will be allowed to tag two steers for each project. For example, an exhibitor could tag-in two Born & Raised Steers, two Market Steers, two Dairy Steers, and/or two Commercial Steers if they are enrolled in these projects.

3) All feeder calves must be in the member’s possession by June 1 of the current year. Feeder Calf Tag-In Day is in June (see current year 4-H Calendar-Section 2). Each exhibitor will be allowed to tag two Dairy Feeders and two Beef Feeders for each project carried; An exhibitor may bring 2 dairy and/or 2 beef feeder calves. Only one animal may pass through the sale ring for donation. However, one, both or none of the calves may go through the second sale or go home. Sale donation ring animal to be determined on Junior Fair Blue Ribbon Online Entry form due by August 1.

4) Members may feed and keep records for more than one steer, up to two animals can be taken per project number and exhibited at fair; however, only one animal may be sold through the donation ring at the fair.

5) Steers and all market beef animals will be weighed on Thursday at the beginning of fair week.

6) Exhibitors must provide their own storage for feed and equipment.

7) Vaccinations for feeder calves (beef and dairy) are due in July and August (see 4-H Calendar-Section 2).

8) For feeder calves to enter the fairgrounds, you must show proof of required vaccination for designated bovine respiratory diseases. These slips are supplied by your veterinarian.

9) All animal exhibitors to the Fulton County Fair must attend a required Quality Assurance Program and present a completed Drug Use Notification Form at Fairground Gate F. Quality Assurance from the Beef Expo will be accepted for Fulton County Quality Assurance Certification.

10) All interview judging for livestock projects will be done within the 4-H club before the fair to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.

11) Collection of urine in Grand Champion or Reserve Champion Steers will occur immediately and the steers will be placed in a chute until collected. Photos will have to wait.

12) Junior Fair Entries are due by August 1st and are required via “Blue Ribbon Fair Online” for ALL ANIMALS to exhibit at the Fulton County Fair. The web portal will be open for registration from July 1, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. – August 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (EST). LATE ENTRIES ONLY ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 6TH BY 4:30 P.M. AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY WITH A $20 LATE FEE. The online link and instructions will be under the “Junior Fair Entries” section of our website at https://fulton.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-forms. These instructions will assist you in completing your on-line entry. Please read and follow the instructions before entering your online entry. There is information included in these instructions to assist you through the process and make sure everything is entered correctly. There is one set of instructions for “individuals” and one for “Group” (2 youth or more).
MARKET BEEF
PROJECT & RECORD BOOK 117M

Guidelines: Project may be repeated. Begin with one or more animals in the member’s possession by January 1 of project year. If more than one animal is carried, accurate records must be kept for each one. Complete the project book Guidelines as appropriate by level, including feeding summary records.

Judging Requirements: One or two steers. Steer must be electronically ear tagged to be shown at Fulton County Junior Fair. Tag-In Date is in January (see current year calendar-Section 2). Suggested weight is between 1,000-1,400 lbs. A one-page written report of new knowledge gained must be brought to the Advisor Interview Judging each year. Bring completed project book to interview judging.

MARKET HEIFER BEEF
PROJECT & RECORD BOOK 820

Guidelines: Project may be repeated. Begin with one or more animals in the member’s possession by January 1 of project year. If more than one animal is carried, accurate records must be kept for each one. Complete project book Guidelines as appropriate by level, including feeding summary records.

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Judging Requirements: One heifer. Suggested weight range is 1000-1400 lbs. A one-page written report of new knowledge gained must be brought to Advisor Interview Judging each year. Bring completed project book to interview judging. There is no Market Heifer Class at the Fulton County Junior Fair.

BEEF BREEDING
PROJECT & RECORD BOOK 117B

Guidelines: Youth should be 11 years old and over. Begin with at least one beef heifer 4-12 months old by fair time. Complete the requirements on page 3 of project book. Complete all questions in the project book, including the feed record and breeding summary.

Judging Requirements: Heifer at least 4-12 months old by fair time. Interview with your club advisor. Bring completed project book to interview judging. Junior Heifer Calves will again be weighed in on Thursday and classes split by weights as needed.

BEEF FEEDER CALF
PROJECT & RECORD BOOK 117BF
(for purebred or crossbred steers or heifers, not Holsteins)

Guidelines: Be responsible for care and management of one or more feeder calves. Calves should be born about March 15-April 1. Animal must be in the member’s possession by June 1 of the project year. It may be a steer or a heifer.

Judging Requirements: Feeder calf must be electronically ear tagged to be shown at Fulton County Junior Fair. Tag-In Date is in June (see current year calendar-Section 2). Calves will be eligible for champion at the fair if they weigh between 350-600 lbs. A one-page written report of new knowledge gained must be brought to Advisor Interview Judging each year. Bring completed project book to interview judging. Feeder calf vaccination weeks are due in July and August. See 4-H Calendar.

DAIRY BEEF FEEDER:
PROJECT & RECORD BOOK 117DF
(Must be 100% dairy steer or heifer calf to take this project)

Guidelines: Be responsible for care and management of one or more feeder calves. Calves should be born about March 15-April 1. Animal must be in the member’s possession by June 1 of the project year. May be a steer or a heifer.

Judging Requirements: Feeder calf must be electronically ear-tagged to be shown at Fulton County Junior Fair. Tag-In Date is in June (see current year calendar-Section 2). Calves will be eligible for champion at the fair if they weigh between 350-600 lbs. A one-page written report of new knowledge gained must be brought to Advisor Interview Judging each year. Bring completed project book to interview judging. Feeder calf vaccination weeks are due in July and August. See 4-H Calendar.

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Guidelines: Project may be repeated. Begin with one or more animals in the member’s possession by January 1 of project year. If more than one animal is carried, accurate records must be kept for each one. Complete project book, including feeding summary records. Dairy beef steers must be 100% dairy. (no crossbreeds).

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Judging Requirements: One or two dairy beef steer(s). Steer must be electronically ear tagged to be shown at Fulton County Junior Fair. Tag-In Date is in January (see current year calendar-Section 2). Suggested weight is between 1000-1400 lbs. A one-page written report of new knowledge gained must be brought to Advisor Interview Judging each year. Bring completed project book to interview judging.
**BORN & RAISED STEER**

*Guidelines:* Must be born in Fulton County, Ohio school district and be certified as such by a veterinarian and the mother cow’s owner. **Animal must be in the member’s possession by January 1 of current year.**

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*Judging Requirements:* One or two steers. **Steer must have been tagged as a Use feeder calf at the previous June tag-in day. Steer must be electronically ear tagged at the tag-in day in January (see current year calendar-Section 2), if ownership has changed, to be shown at Fulton County Junior Fair.** Suggested weight is between 1000-1400 lbs to be eligible for champion at the fair. A one-page written report of new knowledge gained must be brought to Advisor Interview Judging each year. Bring completed book to interview judging.

**RATE OF GAIN/CARCASS CONTEST**

*Guidelines:* This class of market steers has been established to help youth gain feedlot type experience feeding cattle. **Youth must sign up for this contest by October of the 4-H year and also sign up on the April 4-H enrollment form. Contact Jim Savage, Delta for complete details.**

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*Judging Requirements:* Project will be completed before fair, so your project will not be going to the fair. A one-page written report of new knowledge gained must be brought to Advisor Interview Judging each year. Bring completed project book to interview judging.

**COMMERCIAL STEER**

*Guidelines:* This class of market steers has been established to help youth gain feedlot type experience raising and showing commercial cattle. Youth are able to show two steers with this project at Junior Fair if they desire. Animals should be slick shorn, see Fulton County Fair Book for specific grooming rules. Suggested weight is between 1000-1400 lbs.

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*Judging Requirements:* A one-page written report of new knowledge gained must be brought to Advisor Interview Judging each year. Bring completed project book to interview judging.