

Department 2: 4-H/FFA Beef Cattle

Showmanship, Breeding, Feeders, Market Beef, Bred, Born & Raised Market Beef

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

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Please note: Junior Fair beef will be housed in the brick L Barn.

Market/Carcass Beef Possession Date and Tagging:

- Market/Carcass Beef possession is the second Saturday of March. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after the designated date.
- Market/Carcass Beef Weigh-In is the second Saturday of March (Saturday, March 8th by appointment) at Fairfield Cattle Company. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL MARKET/CARCASS BEEF ANIMALS. Scheduling of appointments for weigh-in will be shared by OSU Extension. **New for 2025: Exhibitors participating in the August BPCQ Harvest Date will participate in early weigh-in on February 1st, 2025. Information will be shared by the OSU Extension Office.**
- Market/Carcass Beef Animals will be required to have an EID 840 tag and submit a DNA sample for identification at the Market Beef Animal Weigh-In/Tagging, the 2nd Saturday of March. If your animal already has an EID 840 tag, this tag number will be used for identification. For all Market/Carcass Beef Animals that need an EID tag, these will be provided prior to the March weigh-in. Details of that DNA collection and tagging process will be shared in February by the OSU Extension Office.

Tagging: All MARKET animals (including Market/Carcass Beef Animals)

- All market animals will be family tagged and any member of the family can show any animal tagged.
- As defined in [Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-01](#), "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- No tagging will be performed after the designated weigh-in/tag-in day.
- Each family may weigh-in up to four steers or heifers at the March weigh-in/tagging per exhibitor in the family. Each exhibitor may choose at their discretion which steer(s)/heifer(s) will be shown in the live or carcass contests from the family tag-in.
- All market animals will be tagged with an EID 840 tag. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.

Beef Breeding Possession Date and Identification:

- Beef Breeding possession is July 1st. All beef breeding animals exhibited must have been completely and full owned and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after the designated date.
- Registered Beef Breeding Identification: All registered breeding beef will submit the following by July 15th to OSU Extension Office: EID 840 Tag and/or Tattoo Number as well as DNA hair sample for each animal.
 - If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.
 - Registration Number is required at the time of fair entry and by August 29th, 2025 (FairEntry Deadline).
 - If breed registration is not completed by fair entry deadline, the animal will show as a crossbred.
- Crossbred Beef Breeding Identification: All crossbred breeding beef will submit the following by July 15th to OSU Extension Office: EID 840 Tag as well as DNA hair sample for each animal.
 - If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.
 - If needed, crossbred heifer exhibitors will be able to pick-up 840 EID tags from OSU Extension (provided by the Senior Fair Office).

Beef Feeder Possession Date and Identification:

- Beef Feeder possession is August 15th. All beef feeder animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after the designated date.
- All beef feeder exhibitors will submit the EID 840 tag number **as well as a DNA hair sample for each animal** by August 20th (within 5 days of August 15th possession date) to the OSU Extension Office for each beef feeder animal. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.
- If needed, feeder calf exhibitors will be able to pick up 840 EID tags from OSU Extension (provided by the Senior Fair Office).

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing market beef animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must report that during the DNA/tagging process (online). If later the animal must be moved to a place other than the location indicated during March weigh-in, the exhibitor must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. All exhibitors of beef feeders and breeding beef animals housing animal(s) at a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Beef Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Beef Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 6th, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Skillathon.
 - For those who forget or don't bring their book – the book will need be completed and turned into the OSU Extension Office by Friday, September 19th, 2025.
 - Exhibitors who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - No books will be reviewed after September 21st, 2025.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all market/carcass beef animals **and beef feeders**. DUNF Forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of weigh in. **For BPCQ (Carcass Beef) - Harvest Date #1 of August 19th, 2025: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on Friday, August 15th, 2025. For BPCQ (Carcass Beef) - Harvest Date #2 of September 23rd, 2025: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on Friday, September 19th, 2025. For BPCQ (Carcass Beef) - Harvest Date #3 of September 30th, 2025: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on Friday, September 26th, 2025.** For Market Beef: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in/check-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

Up to six (6) total beef animals may be entered (this excludes carcass).

Beef Breeding Division

Beef Breeding Classes:

1. Crossbred Heifer

- Crossbred heifers will show by weight.

2. Registered Heifer

- All registered breeding animals must submit registration numbers at the time of fair entry.
- Registered heifers will show by breed and will split by age at the Superintendent(s) discretion.
- Must have 2 entries of the same breed to have a breed class.

When making fair entries and adding animal data, exhibitors will be asked for breed (if registered), breed registration number, EID 840 tag and/or tattoo number. For crossbred entries, exhibitors will select this breed option when adding their animal and provide EID 840 tag number.

Market Beef Division

Market Beef Classes:

1. Market Beef Animal (Steer or Heifer) - limit of 2 entries
2. Beef Performance Carcass Quality (BPCQ) Market Beef Animal (Steer or Heifer) - limit of 1 entry

Beef Feeder Division

Beef Feeder Class:

1. Feeder Calf (Steer or Heifer) - limit of 2 entries

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Beef Showmanship Ages 17-18 | 6. Beef Showmanship Age 12 |
| 2. Beef Showmanship Age 16 | 7. Beef Showmanship Age 11 |
| 3. Beef Showmanship Age 15 | 8. Beef Showmanship Age 10 |
| 4. Beef Showmanship Age 14 | 9. Beef Showmanship Ages 8-9 |
| 5. Beef Showmanship Age 13 | |

Arrival Time and Fair Weigh-In: Market beef, feeders, and breeding stock may arrive in the beef barn beginning Friday, October 3rd, 2025, and must arrive by 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4th, 2025. Exhibitors may weigh market beef and feeder calves at any time on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the Swine Barn. There will be no re-weighs after the animals leave the scales. Heifer papers, weighing of crossbred females, and EID/tattoos will be checked from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Announcements as to how packer bidders will view the animals to make their bids will be announced later.

Beef Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for beef exhibitors on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Shelter House (east of Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena).

Market Beef Classes: This is a partial terminal show. See [ODA Rules 901-19-01 GG](#) and [ODA Rules 901-19-02 E](#). Market Beef Exhibitors will have the option to take home their animals. [Click here to review information to consider when making this decision.](#)

- Take home forms will be available at each specie's fair/final weigh-in.
- **The NUMBER of take home animals must be declared at the scale (no exceptions).**

- **Tag numbers of take home animals must be declared to the Show Superintendent within one hour of the conclusion of that species show.**
- Take home animals will lose their sale slot and will not be eligible for a premium and packer bid.
- Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.

Market Beef Sale: Thursday at the Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. **Sale order is pending.** Beef sale order is as follows: Grand Champion Live Market Beef Animal, Reserve Grand Champion Live Market Beef Animal, Premier Exhibitor (must be market or carcass animal), Grand Champion Carcass Market Beef Animal, Reserve Champion Carcass Market Beef Animal, Champion Bred, Born, and Raised Market Animal, Reserve Champion Bred, Born & Raised Market Animal, Top 3rd, 4th, and 5th Overall Market Animals, Rate of Gain Winner.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- All market beef, breeding beef, and feeder calves will be released after the Thursday Market Beef Sale according to the Sale Committee guidelines.
- **Market Beef Animals who have completed a Take Home Form will be released THREE HOURS after the Beef Show on Tuesday, and this release time window will last for TWO HOURS. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from showing that species the following year. Exhibitors must check with the Superintendent before leaving the fairgrounds to ensure animals are accounted for before the sale.**
- All animals are to be removed from the fairgrounds by 11:00 p.m. Saturday.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during the county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Beef Breeding Premiums: "A"= \$8.00; "B"=\$7.00; "C"=\$5.00
- Market/Carcass Beef Premiums: "A"= \$8.00; "B"=\$7.00; "C"=\$5.00
- Beef Feeder Premiums: "A"= \$8.00; "B"=\$7.00; "C"=\$5.00

Livestock Sale Exhibitor Checks: Exhibitors must submit a stamped thank you note to their advisor prior to November 1st. Advisors will be required to mail thank-you notes and maintain their buyer checklist to receive the exhibitors' checks. If a check is not cashed within the specified 90-day period from the check date, there will be a Stop Payment Fee deduction imposed and a replacement check issued to the exhibitor.

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

Market Beef Weigh-in

1. Each exhibitor in the family may weigh-in a total of four (4) animals. All market beef animals, both live and carcass, will be weighed, tagged, and DNA samples by the 2nd Saturday in March of the current year. Top five market animals will submit a DNA sample after the show and a random selection of DNA will be collected at the fair weigh in for testing.
2. Exhibitors do not need to declare in March which animals will be carcass. This can be determined right before the final BPCQ weigh-in in September/October. Exhibitors will be able to exhibit two (2) live market beef animals and one (1) carcass.
3. Family tagging will be used and each exhibitor in the family (definition above) may tag-in four animals and exhibitors can choose from those tagged in the family tagging.
4. Any beef breed is eligible to compete in the classes.
5. Any market beef animal that is weighed-in, DNA sampled and tagged is required to have the tag in place in the ear at the Fairfield County Fair weigh-in. If the tag is lost, contact the Senior Fair Office immediately. Tags will be replaced on a case-by-case basis as approved by the Senior Fair Board.

Beef Performance Carcass Quality (BPCQ) Steer/Heifer Contest

This contest is open to any 4-H or FFA members who have enrolled in a market beef animal project. Participation in the BPCQ contest does not affect eligibility for participation in the "live" market beef animal show.

New for 2025, a third, optional, early harvest date for participants in the BPCQ is being added for those youth with early born calves who would like to conclude their carcass-based project on August 19. The youth participating in the August harvest will weigh/tag their BPCQ calves on February 1. The two later September beef harvest dates will also be maintained and calves being harvested then will be weighed/tagged along with the 'live' beef cattle on March 8. The application process and rules for the 2025 BPCQ contest include:

1. An application/essay process for participant acceptance into the 2025 BPCQ contest is presently open and available through January 9, 2025 at <https://go.osu.edu/bpcq25>.
2. Applications must include an essay not to exceed 300 words entitled, "Why I want to participate in a livestock project that's focused on efficiently producing high quality beef that meets consumer demand." If applications exceed the capacity for entries in the contest the essays may be used to establish a priority ranking for acceptance into the 2025 BPCQ contest.

3. An exhibitor may bring either one steer or one heifer for the conclusion of the contest in August or September. There is no minimum or maximum animal harvest weight requirement.
4. The BPCQ entry calf will come from one of up to four calves exhibitors are eligible to tag/weigh in.
5. The entries will be harvested at Bay Packing on the day following the BPCQ conclusion date of the exhibitor's choice: August 19, September 23 or September 30, 2025.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for marketing the freezer beef resulting from their entry.
7. Carcasses will be evaluated by faculty, staff, or students from the Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences.
8. The BPCQ contest will be evaluated and scored based on a combination of growth and carcass characteristics which add value to a market animal and the final rank will be determined by the value the animal gains from the beginning of the project until harvest. Since three harvest dates must be used, the total value of gain will be divided by the number of days on feed for each calf and will be the basis for ranking in the contest.
9. In the event of a tie, tie breakers in order will be:
 - First: best Quality Grade
 - Second: best Yield Grade
 - Third: highest 'live' Rate of Gain
10. The calf and carcass characteristics will be valued using market grids representative of the industry ([see those grid values linked here](#)). This grid is subject to change in 2026 and beyond and will be evaluated annually as needed prior to the beginning of the project, as the market dictates.
11. An opportunity for exhibitors to see their carcasses and ask questions regarding the carcass evaluation will be available at the conclusion of the contest.
12. The BPCQ contest is a 'project' and the exhibitor must be able to walk, control, and handle the animal in order that photos may be taken at the Fairgrounds during the conclusion of the project. At the conclusion after contest animals have been assembled live at the Fairgrounds for sale photographs they will be transported to the packing house for harvest. The animal need not be fitted but should be clean and photograph ready.
13. Like the live market beef show, all BPCQ entries are eligible for the Jr Fair Livestock Sale.
14. Each animal's gain in value from the beginning of the project until harvest will be determined by using the market values/grids [linked here](#) to establish both the beginning and ending values.

Feeder Calf live weight placing values for 2025

	Steers	Heifers
300-349 pounds	3.15	2.85
350-399 pounds	3.05	2.75
400-449 pounds	2.95	2.65
450-499 pounds	2.85	2.55
500-549 pounds	2.75	2.45
550-599 pounds	2.65	2.35
600-649 pounds	2.55	2.25
650-699 pounds	2.475	2.175
700-749 pounds	2.40	2.10
750-799 pounds	2.35	2.05
800-849 pounds	2.30	2.00
850-899 pounds	2.25	1.95
900+ pounds	2.20	1.90

Carcass Value Pricing Grid

Hot carcass weight value:	\$3.00/pound
Quality Grade price adjustment:	
Prime	+0.20
Branded Program*	+0.05
Choice	0.00
Select	-0.20
Standard	-0.35
Bullock/Stag	-0.40
Hardbone	-0.40
Dark Cutter	-0.35
Over 30 months of age	-0.15
Cutability Yield Grade:	
YG 1.0-1.99	+0.04
YG 2.0-2.49	+0.02
YG 2.5-2.99	+0.01
YG 3.0-3.49	+0.00
YG 3.5-3.99	+0.00
YG 4.0-4.99	-0.12
YG 5.0+	-0.17
Carcass Weight:	
400-499 pounds	-0.30
500-549 pounds	-0.23
550-599 pounds	-0.12
600-899 pounds	+0.00
900-999 pounds	-0.01
1000-1049 pounds	-0.05
1050+ pounds	-0.16

***Branded Program specifications:**

- a. Modest 0 marbling or better
- b. Ribeye Area of 10 to 16 inches
- c. Hot Carcass Weight of 1,000 lbs or less
- d. Fat Thickness of 1.0 inch or less
- e. Free of "dark cutter" characteristics

Beef Breeding, Steers/Heifers, and Feeders

1. Exhibitors may show two (2) live market beef animals, but only one animal in the individual sale (highest placing animal). The animal not sold individually will be sold to the packer for packer bid. The only time the exhibitor can sell two live market animals individually is if they are selected for both a Grand and Reserve champion overall.
2. Market heifers may be shown. At least five (5) heifers must be weighed in for there to be a class. If there are not enough heifers weighed in to have a class of heifers only, the heifers will be shown in the market beef classes (with steers). If a heifer is entered as a market heifer, she may not be shown as breeding stock.
3. Market heifers must be open to exhibit as a market animal. All market heifers are subject to palpation at the discretion of the beef superintendent.
4. No exhibitor may exhibit the same animal in more than one class (except for the Bred, Born and Raised market animals).
5. All market animals may be weighed and submit a DNA sample at the fair to verify proper ownership.
6. Market animals will be weighed and divided into nine (9) classes fairly and evenly at the Beef Superintendent's discretion.
7. A market animal must weigh at least 1,100 pounds to show for champion and sell individually. There will be no re-weighs. Underweights market animals will be shown in their own class and may also be used in showmanship. Underweight animals will be offered a packer bid or may go home regardless of if a "Market Animal Take Home" form was completed at weigh-in. If not being used for showmanship and not being sold for a packer bid the animal may go home immediately. If shown in the underweight class and/or used in showmanship and going home, the animal must be out of the barn by 10 p.m. on Tuesday. If sold for packer bid, the animal must be out of the barn by 10 p.m. on Thursday.
8. Purpose of the Final Drive is to select the top 5 market animals. After the grand champion is chosen, the 2nd place in the winner's class will enter the show ring to vie for reserve grand champion. After the reserve grand champion is chosen, the 3rd-5th overall will be chosen from the remaining class winners & next in class standings. (Example 1- If a class winner is selected as reserve grand or 3rd overall, the next in class will be invited into the show ring. Example 2- If grand champion and reserve grand champion are selected from the same weight class, the third place in the class is invited into the show ring.)" This procedure used will be until the top 5 are selected. Once the top five have been selected, the remaining class winners may be placed to help determine sale order, and beyond 5th place will not be considered the ranking overall.
9. No bulls.
10. No horned market beef animals. Any protruding material must be cleared by the Beef Superintendent(s) or Junior Fair Director before fair check-in/weigh-in.
11. All market beef animals must be free of warts.
12. Steers showing evidence of testicular tissue are not eligible to be shown or sold.
13. Any animal that cannot be controlled (goes wild) must be removed from the fairgrounds.
14. Owners of animals that cannot be controlled will be held responsible for any loss or damage to property or persons.
15. Feeder steers and feeder heifers must weigh a minimum of 300 pounds and not weigh more than 850 pounds.
16. Feeder steers and feeder heifers must be in the exhibitor's possession by August 15th of the current year.
17. All male feeder calves must be fully castrated and properly healed.
18. All registered animals must declare their breed at fair entry. A copy of the registration paper and EID 840 tag and/or tattoo number is required when submitting online fair entries. Any animal that does not have proper breed registration paperwork at the time of fair entry will show as a crossbred. Breed classes will need to have at least two entries to be considered a class. If there are not two entries to make a class, the animals will show in AOB (All Other Breeds). All other registered non-class entries will be placed in the AOB division of breeds.
19. If the exhibitor's name does not appear on the registration papers, then a letter from that breed association or a notarized letter stating names of the family members associated with the animal in question must be submitted to the OSU Extension Office, postmarked by July 1st of the current year.
20. Registered animals without papers will show as crossbred animals.
21. Mulch is the preferred bedding for all Junior Fair beef animals regardless of which barn or tent they are housed. This mulch bedding is being provided to junior exhibitors.
22. The grand and reserve grand champion market beef animals will be slaughtered, inspected, and evaluated by Ohio Department of Agriculture officials.
23. All eligible market beef animals may be sold in accordance with [ODA Rule 901-19-02 E.](#)
24. The exhibitors of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will provide continual care through Saturday and will leave feed for the Senior Fair Board through Wednesday. Additionally, they will assist with the load out of the animals on the Saturday concluding the fair. Premiums, prize money, and sale proceeds will be forfeited if the exhibitor fails to provide this continual care.
25. The owner of any animal not being sold individually through the sale, but will be sold for packer bid, must be available to load that animal out to the successful packer bidder before, immediately after, or during the sale. The beef superintendent will post when the animals will be loaded out and we request your assistance to help load your animal.
26. No free-standing fans in the aisles or stalls of the Beef Barn.
27. Junior cattle are allowed to be stalled at tie outs but must be in the barn by 9:00 a.m. each day of the fair unless in the wash rack or outside being groomed. Junior cattle can be released to tie outs each day at 5:00 p.m. All cattle must be moved before dark.

Fairfield County Bred, Born, and Raised Market Animal Class

1. Eligibility: Fairfield County Bred, Born, and Raised are those animals born to a beef female that was bred (natural service, A-I, or embryo transfer derived from a county beef producer), stood the entire gestation in and calved in Fairfield County. Calf must be purchased from the person who owned the female when the calf was born.
2. The breeder must be a member of the Fairfield County Cattlemen's Association when the calf is weighed-in at the March weigh-in.
3. Breeder must sign the verification form prior to weigh-in and be turned in at weigh-in.
4. At the discretion of the Beef Show Committee, in consultation with the judge, either before or after the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef winners are selected, the two highest placing Fairfield County Bred, Born, and Raised Market Beef in each class will be selected and announced.

Beef Cattle Showmanship

The 83rd Annual Contest, founded by Jay E. Scholl, will be conducted in 9 classes followed by a Beef Showman of Showmen class: Ages 17-18, Age 16, Age 15, Age 14, Age 13, Age 12, Age 11, Age 10, Ages 8-9, Beef Showman of Showmen.

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each contestant must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Beef Showman of Showmen.
7. The Beef Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.
8. Each contestant must demonstrate the ability to move his or her animal about the ring as directed by the judge.
9. Both steers and females are eligible to compete.
10. Fitting of the animal is not required for showmanship; however, the judge will evaluate the cleanliness of the animal.

Rate of Gain Contest

1. The actual rate of gain will be calculated by subtracting the beginning weight from the final weight and dividing by the number of days from initial weigh-in to the final weigh-in at the fair.
2. All market animals must gain a minimum of 2.5 pounds per day during the rate of gain period to be eligible for awards.
3. Order of placement in market animal show has no relevance to the rate of gain contest.
4. To be eligible for rate of gain awards, the market animal must be exhibited and shown in the live show at the Fairfield County Junior Fair.
5. Awards will be given to the top ten animals according to the criteria listed above.
6. The rate of gain winner will sell after the last live show heat winner in the sale.