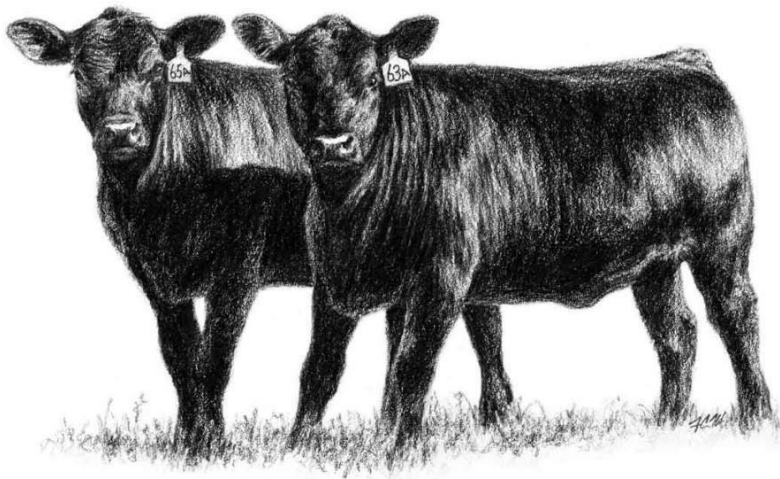


# 2025

## Stark County Junior Fair Beef Breeding Rules



**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ENTRY  
THROUGH THE ONLINE FAIR ENTRY PROGRAM.  
SHOWMANSHIP IS MANDATORY**

**DEADLINE IS JULY 25TH, 2025  
*NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED***

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## **Stark County Junior Fair – OVERALL General Rules for ALL Species**

The Stark County Junior Fair operates under the authority of and in conjunction with the Stark County Senior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board is a department of the Stark County Fair with its own objectives. These objectives in many instances, require rules or guidelines that differ significantly from those of other Stark County Fair Departments.

Any boy or girl enrolled in a Stark County Youth organization is eligible to participate in the Stark County Junior Fair. They must abide by the rules and age limitations of said youth organization (4H, FFA, Grange, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)

1. To participate in 4H activities, youth must comply with the State 4H membership policy. 4H eligibility begins at age 5 (and in kindergarten as of January 1) and ends December 31st of the year in which they attain the age of 19.
2. Exhibitors in 4H classes must be enrolled in 4H club work in Stark County. Exhibits must be from 4H projects approved by the State or Local Extension office.
3. All members are encouraged to show in open class events.
4. Health rules for the livestock exhibits are the same as those governing all open class exhibits. Health papers must be shown, if requested, to the proper person before an animal is assigned a stall.
5. The Board of Directors of the Stark County Agricultural Society will, to the best of their ability, safeguard persons, livestock and articles on the grounds, but will not be responsible for injury, damage, disease, theft or loss of any kind.
6. Animals released due to illness or injury must have a signed release from the Fair Veterinarian, Junior Fair Coordinator and/or Barn Superintendent. Any animal removed without proper permission will be subject to 1-year suspension for the exhibitor.
7. Members are required to clean stalls or pens daily and maintain a neat and presentable area. Failure to keep the area clean or properly feed and water livestock may result in the committee withholding payment.
8. Anyone assisting with showing another exhibitor's animal must be enrolled as a current 4H or FFA or other youth organization member in Stark County.
9. All animals must remain on exhibit at the fair until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, the last day of the fair.
10. All animals sold remain the property of the member and in the member's care until Fair release time, 4:00 p.m., Monday, the last day of the fair. *Please be advised, some market animals may be released to contracted Livestock Brokers prior to the 4pm release time.*

11. Animals sold are not eligible to be shown again by that exhibitor or any other 4H or FFA member in any Junior Show in the County or State or Independent Fair in the calendar year. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals are terminal\*\*. \*\*Does NOT apply to the Dairy Beef Feeder project\*\*
12. Exhibitors are responsible for their own veterinary bill.
13. Veterinarians assigned to the Fair for check-in will decide all matters of health, presence of disease and stall release.
14. The Fair Board will provide ribbons and/or appropriate awards. If the budget is exceeded, the Fair Board reserves the right to prorate cash premiums.
15. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H (clubs) and Vocational Agriculture (FFA) or be members of either organization. However, those involved in both must carry separate and distinct projects, including different animals and/or products, for each organization. Examples of distinct projects include Sheep Breeding, Market Lambs, Pullets, and Broilers. The same or similar animals or products cannot be exhibited in both organizations, even if classified under different projects or programs. Additionally, an animal or product may not be shown in more than one county in 4-H or FFA classes.
16. Stark County youth programs and the Junior Fair Board will not condone the use of alcohol or drugs by any of its members, volunteers or anyone else associated with the Junior fair. The Junior Fair Coordinator, Junior Fair Board advisors, FFA advisors, Extension office and the Senior Fair Board will contact parents or legal authorities to handle individuals caught using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
17. In the event that a project animal dies after the designated possession date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event.
18. **All Entries are Due at midnight By or On The final Friday of July - NO EXCEPTIONS - No Changes will be permitted after entry deadline.**
19. All market animal grooming must be performed by the Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor or their immediate family, as defined by Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 901-19(P). "Family" includes, but is not limited to, the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, son, daughter, step-child, or guardian. Additionally, a current Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor may assist. This rule applies to all projects entered in the Stark County Junior Fair show during the Stark County Fair from August 26, 2025, to September 1, 2025. Violation of this rule will result in the animal being ineligible for sale.

- 20. No one may handle a Junior Fair exhibitor's animal(s) without the exhibitor's permission, except in an emergency. Committee members are permitted to handle animals as part of their regular duties, including during the show, sale, weigh-in, photos, loading, and unloading.
- 21. Judges' Decisions are Final.
- 22. Any Medical/School excuses must be submitted in writing to Committee Chair and Junior Fair Coordinator.

**23. ALL Junior Fair Exhibitors are REQUIRED to attend a QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) CLINIC by JUNE 1 before the fair. Exhibitors who do not complete this requirement will be ineligible to show at the fair or bring a carcass.**

**24. Exhibitors must complete a DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF) for all market and lactating animals before the show. Failure to comply WILL result in disqualification from showing. This requirement is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture under Ohio Revised Code 901-19-06 and 901-19-07. All Junior Fair livestock must be free of drug residues on the first day of the fair unless otherwise noted on the DUNF. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their market animals until the fair concludes, the drug withdrawal period ends, or if the animal is placed under quarantine.**

**Junior Fair Coordinator**

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**Junior Fair Livestock Barn Superintendents**

Beef	Amber Shoemaker	Justin Durkin
Dairy	Justin Durkin	Dan Farnham
Goat	Jill McNeil	Mikayla Durkin
Horse	Mikayla Durkin	Justin Durkin
Poultry	Julie Nicholas	Justin Durkin
Sheep	Dave Stock	Jill McNeil
Swine	Sarah Yungen	Kevin King
Rabbit/Cavy	Jill Sterling	Julie Nicholas

(Please refer to the Fair Book for contact information or leave a message at [office@starkcountyfair.com](mailto:office@starkcountyfair.com))

## **BEEF BREEDING RULES**

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a Beef Breeding and/or Beef Feeder Calf project.
2. The Junior Fair exhibitor must have an animal which is either a purebred beef animal or a crossbred (having a beef sire) animal.
3. All Beef Breeding/Feeder Calf animals will be housed and displayed within their club's designated area during the week at the Stark County Fair.
4. Horns are permissible but are discouraged.
5. Beef breeding animals will show in classes by breed and age. Whether a championship is awarded or not, is entirely at the discretion of the judge. No project animal NOT earning an "A" grade, will be considered for a Champion award. First place class winners will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion breed honors.
6. Advertising apparel IS NOT permitted to be worn in the judging ring.
7. Members must wear clean clothes and **NO TENNIS SHOES, BOOTS ARE RECOMMENDED!**
8. The Junior Fair Beef Committee reserves the right to remove any animal from the show if that animal is unruly and a threat to the safety of other animals or people.
9. The Junior fair Beef Committee will make the determination of any grievances and class disputes.
10. All beef feeder calves will be weighed in after Market Beef – Monday at the Fair.
11. All grooming chutes and awnings must be at least twelve (12) feet from the Dairy Barn and the Goat/Sheep barn.
12. All grooming chutes must be removed from the fairgrounds by 10AM, Sunday after the shows. All awnings must be removed by 10pm Thursday, after the shows.
13. All fans must be placed at the sides or at the heads of the animals. **Absolutely no "butt" fans will be permitted.**
14. Veterinarians assigned to the fair for check-in will decide all matters of health, presence of disease and stall release.

## **PURCHASING / POSSESSION**

1. The Junior Fair animal must be in the member's care by June 1, 2025.

## **BREED CLASSES**

<b>ANGUS</b>	<b>AOB</b>
<b>CROSS</b>	<b>SIMMENTAL</b>
<b>HEREFORD</b>	<b>SHORTHORN</b>
<b>MAINE</b>	

## **BEEF BREEDING AGE CLASSES**

Class 1 Females born between January 1 – May 1 of Current year.

Class 2 Females born between September 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Class 3 Females born between May 1, 2024– August 31, 2024

Class 4 Females born between January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Class 5 Females born between September 1, 2023– December 31, 2023. If the animal has freshened, the calf must be exhibited.

Class 6 Cow with natural born Calf - Calf born after January 1, 2025

Class 7 Junior Bull Calf – born after January 1, 2025

## **BEEF FEEDER CALF RULES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. All feeder calves must be born on or between January 1 and June 1, of the current year.
2. Feeder calves will be shown by weight.
3. Beef feeders must be steers.
4. Feeder Calf steers must be castrated by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **BEEF BREEDING AND FEEDER CALF SHOWMANSHIP**

(Age as of January 1, current year) **SHOWMANSHIP IS MANDATORY.**

1. SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP – 16 years of age and over.
2. INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP – Ages 13-15
3. JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP – Ages 9-12
4. FIRST-YEAR BEEF BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP  
**(1ST YEAR IN ANY BEEF/DAIRY PROJECT NOT JUST BEEF BREEDING)**

- **Showmanship on Tuesday following the beef breeding and feeder calf show.**
- **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES CAN BE CHANGED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BEEF COMMITTEE.**

### **BEEF BREEDING & BEEF FEEDER CALF AWARDS**

1. Grand Champion Beef Breeding
2. Reserve Grand Champion Beef Breeding
3. Grand Champion Beef Breeding Showmanship
4. Reserve Grand Champion Beef Breeding Showmanship
5. Grand Champion Beef Feeder Calf
6. Reserve Grand Champion Beef Feeder Calf
7. Grand Champion Beef Breeding Bull
8. Reserve Grand Champion Beef Breeding Bull

### **SKILL-A-THON**

1. SKILL-A-THON IS MANDATORY TO SHOW
2. Skill-A-Thon will take place August 10th, 2025. 12:00PM-3:00PM, at the fairgrounds
3. Make-Up will be August 17th by appointment only