2025 JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY BEEF FEEDER RULES



Remember: You are responsible for your own entry!!

Entry Deadline is July 25, 2025 NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED All Entries will be Electronic

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 9PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

ABSOLUTELY NO STALL CLEANING DURING LOAD-OUT!

Website: www.starkcountyjrfair4h.com

Committee Facebook Page: Stark County Jr. Fair Dairy Committee

Important: Please Read ALL Rules!

2025 Rule Changes:

7.All gates, tack, feed and unused bedding must be removed by 8am Tuesday, September 2, 2025 to allow for cleaning of the barn. If your items are not removed by 8 am, you will be required to clean out your own stall by Thursday at 5pm.

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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

Julie Pinter <u>irfair@starkcountyfair.com</u> 330.455.7856

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)

DAIRY BEEF FEEDER RULES 2025

II. General Rules DBF

- Project animals must be male calves. Recommended to be born between February 1, 2025 and April 1, 2025.
- Animals weighing less than 400 pounds or more than 700 pounds at weigh-in on Monday, August 25, 2025, will be permitted to show and sell, **HOWEVER**, they will NOT be eligible to win Grand Champion or Reserve Champion. Exhibitors whose animals weigh- in within five pounds under or five pounds over these limits will have the option to re-weigh their animals **ONCE** at the end of the dairy feeder weigh –in, in order to qualify within the limits.
- The Dairy Committee reserves the right to send unhealthy animals or *animals weighing under 350 lbs. home* with a minimum vote of half of committee members.
- 4 Underweight and overweight animals will be sold alternately at the end of the Dairy Feeder Sale.
- Calves <u>must</u> be at <u>least 90%</u> one of the following breeds: Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, or Milking Shorthorn. Calves may be crosses of any of these dairy breeds. No beef crosses will be permitted. Committee reserves the right to make final decision on breed conformation of animals.
- Genetic testing at the Dairy Feeder Tag-in, the first Saturday of June, will be taken to determine all DBF projects' percentage of Dairy, testing will be a \$14.00 charge per head to the exhibitor due by cash or check to the Dairy Committee, at time of tagging. These genetic results will be use to determine the exhibitors project class DBF or DBXF. The dairy committee reserves the right to make final determination of the project animals class designation (DBF or DBXF (Dairy Beef Cross Feeder, see section XII of these rules)).
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- Animals with horns (skull attached or a growth more than a half an inch from the skin) will be sent home. (Dehorning is not just for the safety concerns of our exhibitors, but is also a requirement in many feed lots and will allow all our feeders to be more marketable to our brokers and buyers.) Also, animals with testicular tissue or unruly animals (to the point where the Dairy Committee considers it to be a safety hazard) will not be shown in the show ring. Any questions please contact a Dairy Committee Member.

- Members may exhibit and sell up to TWO calves. One extra animal per member project may be tagged in (i.e.- if you can show two animals you tag three animals. If you can show one animal you can tag two animals. Calves will be tagged in by family (same address) and not project member.).
- The use of <u>legally approved</u> growth promoting implants is permitted. The use of drugs, tranquilizers, hormones, feed additives, grooming aids, etc. should be done with extreme caution and within local, state, and federal regulations. Any losses or condemnation at slaughter, etc., resulting from use or misuse of such products will be the sole responsibility of the Junior Fair exhibitor.
- 11 Members enrolled in the Dairy Feeder Calf project are encouraged to attend any dairy beef clinic sponsored by the Junior Fair Dairy Committee. All members are encouraged to bring their project animal. Members who attend may earn up to 5 Bonus Points toward their Skill- A- Thon score.
- Dairy Beef Feeder calves will be checked by the veterinarian at the fair. Animals with warts, ringworm or horns will be sent home. (Horns reference rule #7)
- Weigh-ins for Dairy Beef Calves will begin at 7 pm -9 pm on Mon, August 25, 2025 in the dairy barn.
- 13. All deadlines, dates, rules and regulations for the Junior Fair Dairy Feeder project will be strictly enforced by the Dairy Committee.

III. Dairy Beef Feeder – Fair Rules

- 1. A member's Dairy Beef Feeder project exhibit must be stalled in the area assigned for his/her project. No other stall location will be permitted.
- 2. All animals must stay within the designated area (barn area, wash racks) during the fair. Animals cannot be outside the fence. If the animal is taken outside the fence, you will not be permitted to bring the animal back inside the fence.
- 3. Kickboards at least 6" high must be placed behind the animals. Members must clean stalls and keep area neat and attractive at all times while exhibiting at the fair.
- 4. All members should be present during tagging, weigh-in and photographs of their own animals.
- 5. Dairy Beef Feeders must be double restrained i1n the barn at the fair. One restraint is to be a halter; the second restraint is to be a collar or neck tie.
- 6. All pens must be cleaned out at the conclusion of the fair. THERE WILL BE <u>NO</u> PEN CLEANING DURING LOAD-OUT UNTIL AFTER 10PM.

All gates, tack, feed and unused bedding must be removed by 8am Tuesday, September 2, 2025 to allow for cleaning of the barn. If your items are not removed by 8 am, you will be required to clean out your own stall by Thursday at 5pm.

IV. Purchase of Animal

Project animals must be male calves born between February 1, 2025 and April 1, 2025. Project animals must be in the possession and care of the member by Tag-in on the first Saturday of June.

V. <u>Tagging In</u>

All Dairy Beef Feeders will be identified with an ear tag only on the first Saturday in June, 9 a.m. to 11am, at the fairgrounds. **REMEMBER**: Animals must have halters on. Calves must be dehorned and castrated by <u>Tag-in on the first Saturday in June</u>. Pinching is prohibited.

VI. Skillathon

Skillathon and project records are mandatory for all dairy projects. Skillathon and project books must be completed by August 17,2025. NO SHOWING OF THE ANIMAL IF SKILLATHON AND BOOK REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT COMPLETED BY THIS DATE.

Book Requirements- If you are enrolled in this project, you must take project book # 117DF that can be purchased through the Extension office. All project animals must be listed in record books to be considered complete.

VII. Load In

All paperwork and DUNF forms should be filled out prior to arriving at the fairgrounds. All tack must be brought in on Sunday, with animals only on Monday.

VIII. DAIRY BEEF FEEDER SHOW:

- 1. Calves must be broken to lead by fair time.
- 2. All dairy beef feeder show grooming must be done by Stark County Junior Fair exhibitors or their immediate family (mom, dad, brother, sister).
- 3. Dairy Beef Feeder Calves should be fitted and shown in the same manner as a beef animal. The use of show sticks is permitted. Exhibitors must wear clean jeans. A western shirt or blouse is recommended. T-shirts, slogan shirts, or clothing with advertising is highly discouraged. Solid shoes or boots must be worn, no tennis shoes or soft soled shoes.
- 4. The Dairy Committee will divide the animals into weight classes for the show and will decide the number of classes and number of animals in each class. The first and second place animals in each weight class will show for Champion and Reserve Champion (with

the exception of the Lightweight and Overweight classes.

- 5. The Dairy Beef Feeder Calf Show will be held in the Bell Stores Arena, Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
- 6. The judge will recognize every exhibitor. The judge's decision is final.
- 7. Each exhibitor is responsible for getting his/her animal in the correct class as announced.

IX. DAIRY BEEF FEEDER SHOWMANSHIP:

Dairy Feeder Showmanship will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 in the New Arena. Classes are as follows: (All ages are as of January 1 of the current year)

Senior Division 15 years and up

Intermediate Division 12 – 14 years

Junior Division 9 – 11 years

Sr. First Year Division First-year Dairy Feeder exhibitor, Age 12 and over

Jr. First Year Division First-year Dairy Feeder exhibitor, Age 11 and under

Champion of Champions

Showmanship rules are as follows:

- a. All animals shown must be the project of the exhibitor in the contest.
- b. Placing ribbons will be awarded in each division (except Champion of Champions) for the first five places.

Trophies will be awarded to the following class winners: Senior, Intermediate, Junior, First Year Divisions, Champion of Champion, Reserve Champion of Champion.

X. DAIRY BEEF FEEDER SALE:

- 1. The Dairy Beef Feeder Calf Sale will be held in the New Arena at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025. Release time for the Dairy Feeders is the same as for all other market animals. Members remain responsible for the care of their animals until release.
- 2. To cover Auction, Promotional, "Thank you's" and miscellaneous expenses, there will be a 5% commission fee for Auction committee plus \$37.00 flat fee (\$35.00 plus \$2.00 Beef Check-Off Fee) for the Grand Champion, a 2.5% commission fee for Auction committee plus \$37.00 flat fee (\$35.00 plus \$2.00 Beef Check-Off fee) for the Reserve Grand

Champion. For all other animals, \$37.00 flat fee (\$35.00 plus \$2.00 Beef Check-Off Fee) will be deducted from each check.

- On the night of the Dairy Beef Feeder Sale, each exhibitor will be receiving an envelope. Do not give it to your buyer. Inside the envelope there will be instructions (please read them) and Thank You cards for your buyer(s). Cards will need to be filled out and deposited in the box at the display in the Dairy Barn at the fair. Deadline for turning in Thank You cards is 12 noon, Sunday, August 31, 2025. Missing the deadline will result in the delay of receiving your check for your project.
- 4. The Dairy Committee will be providing a token thank-you to the buyers the night of the sale. Project members do not need to provide thank you gifts the night of the sale for their buyers.

XI. DAIRY BEEF FEEDER CALF AWARDS:

Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf
Reserve Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf
Senior First Year Dairy Beef Feeder Showmanship
Junior First Year Dairy Beef Feeder Showmanship
Junior Dairy Beef Feeder Calf Showmanship
Intermediate Dairy Beef Feeder Showmanship
Senior Dairy Beef Feeder Calf Showmanship
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Champion Dairy Beef Cross Feeder Calf
Reserve Champion Dairy Beef Cross Feeder Calf

2024-2025 DBF / DBXF Dairy Beef and Dairy Beef Cross Feeder Project Dates:

March TBD	Dairy Steer home visits (Date TBD)		
March- June	Attend a Quality Assurance event		
June 7th	Dairy Beef Fedder Tag-In and Genetic Testing- \$14.00/head		
July TBD	Dairy Projects Clinic		
July 25	ENTRY DEADLINE – Entries are due to Junior Fair Coordinator by		
	midnight! No Changes will be permitted after the deadline date.		
August 9	Dairy Projects Skill-a-thon (1-3 pm, mandatory) (Make-up Date TBD)		
August 25	Dairy Beef Feeder/ Dairy Beef Cross Feeder Weigh-in Center Aisle of the		
	DAIRY barn, 7pm.		
August 26	DBF / DBXF combined Showmanship –9am		
August 27	Dairy Beef Feeder Show with Dairy Beef Cross Feeder show immediately		
	following, begins at 9am		
August 28	Dairy Sale – (Dairy Cheese Sale, followed by the DBF and DBXF combine		
	<mark>sale)</mark>		
August 31	Buyer's Thank you's due to Dairy Committee		
September 1	Market Animal Release at TBD, all other projects and open classes at 6pm		

2025 Junior Fair Dairy Committee and Executive Committee

Aaron	Dickerhoof	Louisville	330.495.9838	Chair, Marketing Rep
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Jennie	Schulz	Alliance	330.206.2509	Secretary
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