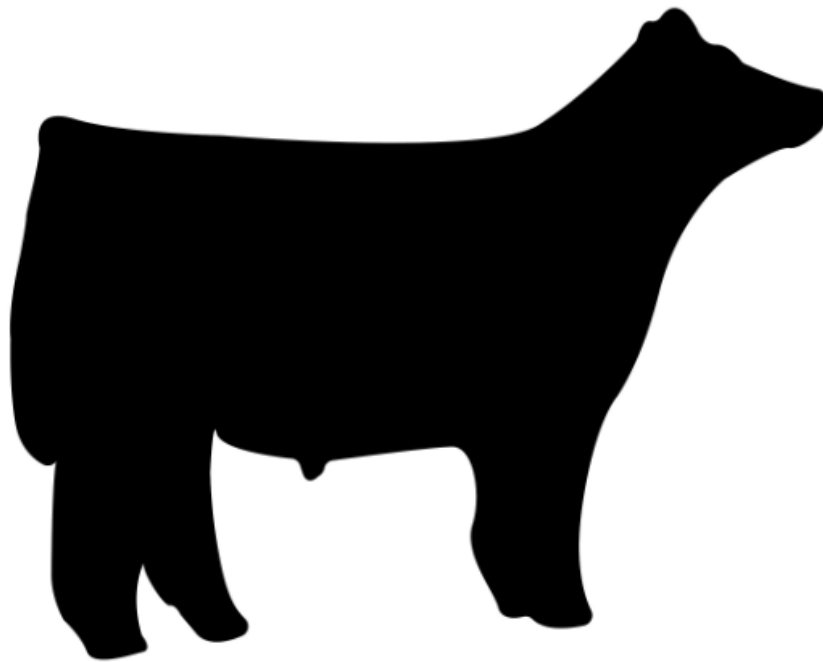


2026

Stark County Junior Fair Market Steer Rules



YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ENTRY THROUGH
THE ONLINE FAIR ENTRY PROGRAM!!

DEADLINE IS JULY 24th 2026

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 July 24th - NO EXCEPTIONS - No Changes will be permitted after entry deadline.**
19. *A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration provided by the following: Family members (as identified in OAC Rule 901-19-31; "Family" includes, but is not limited to, the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, son, daughter, step-child, or guardian; Household members; Advisors or adult volunteers of 4-H or FFA in the exhibitor's club or county; Agricultural education instructors; County extension agents; Department representatives; Veterinarians; Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organizations; and Guest speakers of the 4-H, FFA, or other youth organizations. Any person not specified in paragraph (B) of this rule who provides assistance to a junior livestock show exhibitor shall register in writing with the sponsor. The responsibility to register rests with the exhibitor. An assistant may register for more than one exhibitor. Failure to register constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the exhibitor. Assistance shall be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration.*
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 an online 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 (Subject to Change)

Beef	Amber Shoemaker	Danny Schmucker/Sarah Yungen/Justin Durkin
Dairy	Justin Durkin	Dan Farnham/Ashley Royer/Sarah Yungen
Goat	Jill McNeil	Mikayla Durkin/Dave Stock/Jill Sterling
Horse	Mikayla Durkin	Dan McCracken/Justin Durkin
Poultry	Julie Nicholas	Justin Durkin/Ashley Royer
Sheep	Dave Stock	Jill McNeil/Drew Kissel
Swine	Mikayla Durkin	Sarah Yungen/Julie Nicholas
Rabbit/Cavy	Jill Sterling	Drew Kissel/Mikayla Durkin

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

General Rules-Steer

1. All Market beef members may weigh in 4 market beef animals but may only bring TWO market beef animals to the fair. (See special rules for the Carcass show). Exhibitors may tag up to their maximum allowed beef steers under the rules and beef steers will be tagged in as a family (Family is defined as OAC Code Chapter 901-19(P))["Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, 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]. Each junior fair member must declare their animal tag number(s) on the July 24th entry deadline as their project animal.
2. Market heifers are included in this program and will show as their own market class. All rules apply, see breed clarification page for reference.
3. There will be a Stark County Born & Raised Beef class. (See special rules for Born and raised)
4. Market beef must be castrated and de-horned by the first Saturday of December of the current year. Animals not castrated and de-horned by the December tag-in will not be tagged and will be disqualified from the 2026 fair.
5. Market beef showing permanent teeth at the start of the 2026 fair may be disqualified from competition by committee action.
6. All animals with horns (skull attached), scurs (skin attached, not to protrude ½" must be rounded off), testicular tissue, or unruly animals (to the point where the Beef Committee considers it to be a safety hazard) will not be shown in the show ring.
7. Weight Requirements & Rate of Gain:
 - a. Market beef must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds and must have gained an average of at least 1.3 pounds per day, average daily gain, between the first Saturday in December at tag-in and fair weigh-in/check-in to be sold in the Market Beef auction at the fair.
 - b. Market animals not meeting BOTH requirements will not be permitted to sell in the Market Beef Auction. Exhibitors will be permitted to enter the live show, but not qualify for breed or Overall Champion. Market Animal may sell private treaty.
8. Any losses or condemnation at slaughter, etc. will be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor. Members must comply with State regulations. See advisors or the Fair Board office for current rules of health certificates.
9. All grooming chutes and awnings must be at least twelve feet from the dairy barn and the goat/sheep barn.
10. All fans must be placed at the sides or at the heads of the animals. One fan per post and must face North. ABSOLUTELY NO BUTT FANS WILL BE PERMITTED.
11. If a project animal dies after the designated entry deadline date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event (including carcass class)

12. All market beef is to be housed and exhibited in the assigned Junior Fair space. It is recommended that each club develop an attractive display and include 8-foot panels and kickboards a minimum of 2"x 6" (on edge) to separate clubs, and also, give a uniform aisle width.
13. Market beef are to be double restrained in the barn at the fair. One restraint is to be a halter; the second restraint is to be a collar or a necktie. Cross-Tie is recommended.
14. The Market Beef Show is a partial terminal sale. Grand and Reserve Champion Overall MUST go directly to slaughter by a designated fair processor and are not eligible for resale or go to the buy-back program.
15. For all market animals that will be shown, grooming (this consists of washing, blow drying and general fitting) must be done by a STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR PARTICIPANT or exhibitor's immediate family (Reference Ohio Administrative Code: Chapter 901-19) (Family= immediate family, including but not limited to, parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, or guardian.) If this rule is broken the consequence is NO SALE OF ANIMAL IN THE STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SALE. This includes all projects enrolled in the Stark County Fair from September 1 - September 7, 2026.
16. Veterinarians assigned to the fair for check-in will decide all matters of health, presence of disease and stall release.

I. Purchase and Possession of Steer

1. Steer or Market Heifer must be in the exhibitor's possession by the first Saturday in December at weigh in.

II. TAG-IN

1. All market beef will be identified, ear-tagged and weighed by the Junior Fair Beef Committee. The first Saturday of December, from 8:00am- 12:00pm at the fairgrounds. (The bad weather date will be the following Saturday).
2. The exhibitor, parent or advisor shall be required to sign an enrollment slip(weight card) acknowledging the breed and weight of the steer as it appears on the slip.
3. Single selection of breed and conformation will be completed at weigh-in. Breed characteristics can be found on page 11. If the breed of an animal is contested, exhibitors will have until the March steer check to provide papers and tattoos on animals. If papers or proof is not provided the animal will be considered a crossbred and show in the appropriate class. The Beef Committee reserves the right to make final judgment, should a question arise at a later date.
4. If a market beef loses an ear tag, the advisor and a Beef Committee member must be notified immediately so the tag can be replaced IMMEDIATELY.
5. Stark County Born & Raised class will be declared at weigh-in in December, Stark County Born & Raised Forms MUST BE TURNED IN AT WEIGH IN if it is not the exhibitor will be ineligible to compete in the Born & Raised class. ALL MARKET BEEF MUST BE BROUGHT TO WEIGH-IN INCLUDING, MARKET PROJECTS, CARCASS PROJECTS, AND BORN & RAISED PROJECTS. (see special rules on Carcass projects)

III. SKILL-A-THON

1. SKILL-A-THON IS MANDATORY TO SHOW AND SELL.
2. An All-Species Skill-A-Thon will take place Saturday, May 16, 2026, 9am-2pm in the Exhibition Hall, at the fairgrounds
3. Make-Up will be TBA and **by appointment only.**
4. Record books are to be completed and turned in at the Fairgrounds TBD. **If your record book is not completed or does not receive a passing grade, the consequence will be to sell last in the sale.**

IV. CARCASS

ALL OF THE GENERAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE JUNIOR FAIR MARKET BEEF PROGRAM PROGRAM PERTAIN TO THIS CLASS.

1. One market beef may be entered in the Junior Fair Market Beef Carcass show- per member. **This entry MUST be in addition to regular market beef show entries; market beef steer, beef breeding project or beef feeder calf.** No change is made to the number of market beef that may be nominated at the December tag-in/weigh-in. Market beef to be shown in the carcass class MUST be identified in the Fair Entry program, within the carcass class option due by the entry deadline of July 24th. The Beef Committee will strictly enforce all dates, rules and regulations.
2. To be considered for Grand and Reserve Champion, carcasses must have a hot carcass weight (HCW) a minimum of 500 pounds and must have gained at least 1.3 pounds per day, average daily gain, between the December tag-in/weigh-in and Carcass weigh-in/check-in. While there are no live weight rules exhibitors should keep in mind the relationship of carcass weight to live weight. (Carcass weight is usually 60-65% of live weight) Subject to change.
3. Carcass Drop-Off location will be 3D Meats in Dalton, OH. The date will be August 23, 2026 from 4:00PM-5:00PM. Carcass Cooler evaluation will be August 27, 2026 at 6:00PM.
4. Market beef will be graded and the appropriate stamp rolled.
5. Final placing and awards for the Carcass Contest will be determined by the carcass judge in accordance with published committee rules.
6. To be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion, MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT AT THE COOLER EVALUATION. Members must sign in upon arrival. If Junior Fair Participant is not signed in prior to the cooler evaluation their animal will not be eligible for champion or reserve. If a carcass does not grade choice or above it will be mandatory to have the cut list at the end of evaluation, if that list is NOT provided the animal will be subject to a standard cut.
7. Exhibitors are REQUIRED to make a poster to be displayed in the barn during the fair. Poster must be 18" x 18" on poster board. This will be taken into the sale ring with exhibitors. POSTERS ARE DUE AND MUST BE HUNG UP BY MONDAY AUGUST 31 AT 9:00PM. The Carcass project is recognized as one of the most valuable learning experiences in beef production, and is highly recommended. It is also noted that this program likely will not result in the high premium prices

that exhibitors in the traditional Market Beef Project have enjoyed in recent years.

8. Entry dates and deadlines are the same as Market Beef.
9. If animal grades choice or above it must be sold in the Jr. Fair Livestock Auction during the fair. Carcass steers grading choice and above will be given a standard cut, only champions will be offered a custom cut. Those animals who grade below Choice will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to find a buyer, organize the pick-up of meat, and payment.
10. Exhibitors in their last year of 4H eligibility and have taken a beef project for 4 years, they may take a carcass steer and forgo the showmanship requirement. Exhibitors **MUST** complete all other requirements; Quality Assurance, record book completion and skillathon.

V. HAUL IN/CHECK-IN

1. All Market beef animals will be Checked-In and Weighed-In for the Stark County Fair on Monday, August 31, 2026 from **5:00PM-8:00PM** in the Beef Barn.
2. Barn will be open to arrivals all day
3. All weights are final at the time of weigh-in. No re-weighs will be allowed - **The scales will not be used and are unavailable until official weigh time**
4. All entries **MUST** be checked in by 8:00PM. Any entries not weighed in will not qualify for show and must be removed

VI. BORN AND RAISED SHOW

1. Any market animal that is born in Stark County, with proof of a verification form from the breeder, may also be entered into the Stark County Born & Raised Market Beef. This will be a separate class and only a Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected.
2. All Born & Raised Verification Forms **MUST** BE turned in at the Weigh-In/Tag-In in December. If this form is turned in incomplete or not turned in at the Weigh-In/Tag-In in December, the entry will be ineligible for the Born & Raised class. All Born & Raised verification forms will be reviewed by the committee.
3. Born & Raised entries will be shown by weight only, not breed. All entries in the Stark County Born and Raised classes must show in their eligible breed class as well as in the Stark County Born and Raised class.
4. All General Rules and Rules for Live Market Beef Show apply.

VII. SHOWMANSHIP

1. ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE MARKET BEEF PROJECT MUST SHOW IN SHOWMANSHIP. SHOWMANSHIP IS MANDATORY TO SHOW AND SELL. Medical exceptions will be at the discretion of the committee. Showmanship-Thursdays, September 3, 2026. All market beef will be shown UN-Groomed. Fitting is not permitted.

2. Class order (all ages as of January 1, current year)

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP (16-18 YEARS OLD)

INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP (13-15 YEARS OLD)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (9-12 YEARS)

FIRST YEAR SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP (13 YEARS & UP)

FIRST YEAR JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (8-12 YEARS OLD)

3. Members must use their own market beef.
4. Champion of champions Beef Showman will be selected from the above listed age divisions and will represent Market beef for Showman of Showman.

VIII. LIVE MARKET BEEF SHOW

1. All market beef must be shown by the exhibitor who is enrolled in the project. Exceptions are at the discretion of the committee. In the case of an exhibitor having two animals in the same class, the second animal must be shown by an exhibitor currently enrolled in the Stark County Junior Fair Organization. *This does not apply to showmanship. Committee members must be notified in advance of the show.
2. *A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration provided by the following: Family members (as identified in OAC Rule 901-19-31; "Family" includes, but is not limited to, the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, son, daughter, step-child, or guardian; Household members; Advisors or adult volunteers of 4-H or FFA in the exhibitor's club or county; Agricultural education instructors; County extension agents; Department representatives; Veterinarians; Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organizations; and Guest speakers of the 4-H, FFA, or other youth organizations. Any person not specified in paragraph (B) of this rule who provides assistance to a junior livestock show exhibitor shall register in writing with the sponsor. The responsibility to register rests with the exhibitor. An assistant may register for more than one exhibitor. Failure to register constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the exhibitor. Assistance shall be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration.*
3. All grooming must occur within or immediately next to the 4H Beef Barn.

4. A show halter (no rope), show stick, and number card holder (back or belt) must be used. The exhibitor must wear clean clothes. Clean jeans and a button up shirt or blouses are recommended. Tee shirts, slogan shirts, ball caps or clothes with advertising on them are NOT permitted. NO TENNIS SHOES. BOOTS ARE RECOMMENDED.
5. Market beef will be shown by breed and then subdivided by weight.
6. There must be at least 3 market beef or the same breed in order to have a breed class. The Beef Committee will designate AOB class for all breeds with less than 3 market beef of the same breed. Market animals must be registered by breed at the December weigh in. Please see recognized breeds on **page 11**.
7. The Grand Champion will be chosen from all of the breed Champions. The Reserve Champion will be chosen from the remaining champions and the Reserve Breed Champions at the conclusion of the show. Placing will continue for all champions and reserves
8. All Grand and Reserve breed champions are to be displayed in champion row for the remainder of the fair. All animals are to be in place by Friday at 10:00AM.
9. The Stark County Junior Fair Beef Committee will make the final decision on questions that are raised. The Junior Fair Beef Committee will make the determination of any grievances and class disputes.
10. Any improper treatment of an animal will be up to the Beef Committee's discretion and will result in the disqualification of show and sale of the exhibitor's animal.
11. The Stark County Junior 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.

IX. SALE OF MARKET ANIMALS

1. Market beef will be sold in the order placed by the judge and Beef Committee. Any market beef not in sale order at proper time will sell at the end of the sale.
2. Clean attire, solid shoes or boots and a show halter are required to lead market beef in the sale ring. No hats are to be worn in the sale ring!
3. A commission per animal sold will be retained by the Market Beef Committee and the Auction Committee for their operating expenses and promotion. A commission of 5% of the total sale of the Market Grand Champion animal (4% to the auction committee and 1% to the beef committee), and a commission of 3% of the total sale of the Market Reserve Champion animal (2% to the auction committee and 1% to the beef committee) will be deducted from the exhibitor's check. All other exhibitors will be charged a commission of \$36.00 per animal sold. (\$31.00 going to the Beef Committee, which includes \$2.00 going to Beef Checkoff, \$5.00 to the Auction Committee). All champion animals (including Carcass Animals) will also be assessed the \$15 per buyer for the purpose of providing banners to give to the buyers. These fees will be taken out of the exhibitor's check.
4. All Carcasses that grade choice or above will be assessed the standard \$36.00 fee (breakdown being as such, \$31.00 for the Beef Committee fee which includes the \$2.00 Beef Check-Off, along with \$5.00 going to the Auction Committee for operating expenses and promotion). The Grand

and Reserve Carcass winners will also be assessed the fee of \$15 per buyer for their buyer banners.

5. Any animal not shown in the ring will not be permitted to be sold at the fair. Any exhibitor not participating in showmanship will not be permitted to sell in the auction.
6. A STAMPED THANK YOU NOTE for the buyer(s) must be turned into the committee Sunday of the fair from 1:00PM-4:00PM at the committee booth in the Beef Barn. Please make sure the envelope is addressed to your buyer and your return name and address is on the envelope. A list of names and addresses will be available from the committee. DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE, THEY WILL BE CHECKED FOR COMPLETION. NO THANK YOU CARD = NO CHECK.

X. LOAD OUT

1. Market animals are released TBD.
2. All stall decorations are to remain in place until 4:00PM.

XI. Breed Characteristics & Requirements

****Breed paperwork and corresponding ear tattoos are required at the December weigh-in**

1. Cattle without a registration and legible tattoos that correspond to the registration will be considered crossbred. Tattoos will be checked the first Saturday in December at weigh-in. If the animal has illegible tattoos they will be placed in the crossbred division. The animal will not be permitted to leave the chute and come back.
2. The following breed classes will be offered based on breed minimum percentages as listed:

Breed	Breed Requirement
Angus	Purebred
Charolais	$\frac{1}{2}$
Chianina	Breed Minimum
Hereford	Purebred
Maine-Anjou	$\frac{1}{4}$
Shorthorn	15/16
Shorthorn Plus	$\frac{1}{4}$
Simmental	$\frac{1}{2}$

3. Registered steers that do not have their own breed division offered will show in their appropriate AOB division, providing they meet their breed's minimum percentage to be eligible to show at their respective breed's national junior shows. ALL AOB steers will show in one division. Registered cattle that do NOT meet the breed percentage requirement for their respective breed's national junior eligibility requirement will show in the Crossbred division, not as an AOB.
4. It will be up to the Beef Committee's discretion to determine which breeds remain on the list of breed classes.
5. Breed descriptions the committee will base class discernment on:
 - a. Angus
 - i. Solid black and polled with no white in front of navel
 - b. Charolais
 - i. White/cream colored with pale hooves and a pink muzzle.
 - c. Hereford
 - i. rust brown to deep rich red body color with white on the face, chest, dewlap, underline, switch and legs below the knee and hock.
 - d. Shorthorn
 - i. Red, white, red and white, or roan in color.
 - ii. 15/16 breed ratio is required to show in the breed class

MARKET BEEF IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

December 5, 2025 Market Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In set up 6:00PM

December 6, 2025 Market Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In at fairgrounds 8:00AM-Noon

January 13, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00PM

February 10, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00PM

March 7, 2026 Barn Checks/Farm visits

March 10, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00PM

March 15, 2026 – 4H Online Project Enrollment Deadline 4:30pm

April 7, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00PM

May 12, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00PM

May 16, 2026 All Species Skillathon 9:00AM-2:00PM - Exhibition Hall

June 9, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00PM

July 7, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00PM

July 24, 2026 ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE FOR FAIR ENTRY

August 11, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00PM

August TBD - Record book Drop off

August 23, 2026 Carcass Drop-off/Weigh In 3D Meats 4:00PM-5:00PM

August 27, 2026 Carcass Cooler Evaluation 3D Meats 6:00PM

August 31, 2026 Fair Check-In/Weigh-In, Beef Barn, 5:00PM-8:00PM, Barn will be open all day for arrivals.

All entries must be checked-in/weighed-in by 8:00pm

September 1, 2026 Born & Raised Judging, followed by Beef Breeding Show & Open Class Beef Show 1:00PM

September 3, 2026 Mandatory Showmanship starting at 8:00AM followed by Market Show 1:00PM

September 5, 2026 Stark County Junior Fair Livestock Auctions Steer Sale- Bell Stores Arena @5:00PM

September 7, 2026 Load out Market Animals cannot leave grounds until 4:00pm

September 15, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00PM

October 13, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 6:00PM

November 10, 2026 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00PM

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JR Fair Members: Audrey Motts

VERIFICATION FORM FOR BORN & RAISED IN STARK COUNTY MARKET BEEF CLASS

This is to verify that _____ purchased this calf that was born in Stark County from a breeder that resides in Stark County. This animal will be shown in the Born and Raised in Stark County class at the Stark County Fair and will be shown by weight only. By signing this form, the breeder verifies that this calf was born in Stark County.

This form must be turned in and animal declared Born and Raised at the December weigh-in (First Saturday in December). (You must have a separate form for each born and raised animal). If this form is not turned in at time of weigh-in, animal will be ineligible for the born and raised class.

Breeder's Name (Please print)

Breeder's Address

Breeder's Phone Number

Breeder's Signature

Date

Junior Fair Exhibitor Signature