

2026 CLARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BEEF

CAREFULLY READ ALL RULES AND GUIDELINES. EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING THE MOST CURRENT JR. FAIR RULES FOR EXHIBITION!

SKILLATHON/PROJECT JUDGING & PREMIER EXHIBITOR

Skill-a-thon Pre-registration: Tue., June 23	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-Line
Skill-a-thon: Thurs., June 25 ONLY	Time: 5 PM – 9 PM	Location: Arts & Crafts
Premier Exhibitor Results Posted: Thurs., July 30	Time: Noon	Location: Expo Center/Youth Bldg.
Premier Exhibitor Awards: Thurs., July 30	Time: 3 PM	Location: Expo Center

CONTESTS

Jr. & Sr. Ambassador and Beef Queen

Entry Deadline: June 15	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-Line
Interviews: June 25	Time: 7 PM-8 PM	Location: Mercantile Bldg.
Announced: Wed., July 29	Time: 5:30 PM	Location: Expo Center

Sr. Beef and Winterhoff Beef Awards:

Entry Deadline: June 15	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-Line
Sr. Beef Award Announced: Wed. July 29	Time: 5:30 PM	Location: Expo Center
Winterhoff Award Announced: Fri., July 31	Time: 9 AM	Location: Cattle Arena

Team Beef Fitting Contest:

Entry Deadline: Thurs., July 30	Time: Conclusion of Cattleman's	Location: Expo Center
Contest: Thurs., July 30	Time: 1 hour after Cattleman's	Location: Expo Center

CLARK CO. CATTLE PRODUCER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Entry Deadline: Jan. 10	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-Line
Awarded: at Cattle Battle	Time: TBD	Location: Expo Center

BEEF BREEDING

Quality Assurance Deadline: June 1	Time: By Midnight	
Fair Entry Deadline: July 1	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-Line
Check-In: Fri., July 24	Time: 7:30 PM-8 PM	Location: Expo Center
DUNF Deadline: Fri., July 24	Time: 30 min. after check-in	Location: On-Line
Animal Arrival Deadline - Sun., July 26	Time: 8 AM	Location: Expo Center
Showmanship: Sun, July 26	Time: 9 AM	Location: Expo Center
Show: Sun. July 26	Time: Following Open Feeders	Location: Expo Center
Release: Sun., July 26	Time: Conclusion of Show	Location: Expo Center

BEEF FEEDER

Fair Entry Deadline: May 15	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-Line
Quality Assurance Deadline: June 1	Time: By Midnight	
Arrival Deadline - Fri., July 24	Time: 8 PM	Location: Expo Center
Weigh-In: Fri., July 24	Time: 8:30 PM-10 PM	Location: Expo Center
DUNF Deadline: Fri., July 24	Time: 30 minutes after weigh-in	Location: On-Line
Showmanship: Sun, July 26	Time: 9 AM	Location: Expo Center
Show: Sun., July 26	Time: Noon	Location: Expo Center
Release Going Home: Sun., July 26	Time: Conclusion of Show	Location: Expo Center
Release Packer Truck: Thurs., July 30	Time: 4 PM	Location: Expo Center

MARKET BEEF

Exhibitor Registration: Dec. 1	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-line
Tag-In/Weigh-In: Saturday, Dec. 13	Time: 8 AM -11AM	Location: Cattle Barn 3
Quality Assurance Deadline: June 1	Time: By Midnight	
Arrival Deadline - Fri., July 24	Time: 8 PM	Location: Expo Center
Fair Weigh-In: Fri., July 24	Time: 8:30 PM-10 PM	Location: Expo Center
DUNF Deadline: Fri., July 24	Time: 30 minutes after weigh-in	Location: On-Line
Showmanship: Sun, July 26	Time: 9 AM	Location: Expo Center
Commercial Market Beef Show: Wed., July 29	Time: 6 PM	Location: Expo Center
Market Beef Show: Wed., July 29	Time: follows commercial show	Location: Expo Center
Cattle Producer's Show: Thurs., July 30	Time: 10 AM	Location: Expo Center
Release Back Home: Wed. July 29	Time: Conclusion of Show	Location: Expo Center
Release Packer Truck: Thurs., July 30	Time: 5 PM	Location: Expo Center

JR. FAIR AUCTION

D. To be an FFA member in good standing, the exhibitor must:

- i. Make a valid Junior Fair Profile Entry by May 31 of the current year at <http://clarkohjrfair.fairentry.com>;**
- ii. Meet all FFA chapter requirements including payment of the FFA membership fee;**
- iii. Complete an annual Quality Assurance Program; and**
- iv. Keep up to date records for all fair beef animals in the members' AET (Agricultural Experience Tracker).**

- 3. Skill-a-thon/Project Judging:** 4-H beef exhibitors must bring up-to-date project book(s), record book(s), and feed tag(s) for all projects to skill-a-thon/project judging. All 4-H beef exhibitors must go through beef skill-a-thon/project judging to be eligible to show beef - market, breeding, or beef feeder. FFA exhibitors who wish to be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor Award must participate in Skill-a-thon/Project Judging. Age divisions (senior, intermediate, junior and beginner) are the same as for showmanship and premier exhibitor.
- 4. Outstanding Project Book:** 4-H and FFA members wishing to enter the Outstanding Beef Project Book Contest must submit their project book(s) for judging when they participate in the Skill-a-thon/Project Judging. Project books will be judged and available for pick-up by the members at beef weigh-in/check-in and during the shows.
- 5. Health Requirements:** No Health Papers! Animals exhibited must show no symptoms or evidence of any infectious or contagious disease.
- 6. Authorized Showman:** Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal(s) including during showmanship. If the exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, another currently enrolled Clark County 4-H/FFA member may show one of the exhibitor's animals.
- 7. Authorized Show Ring People:** Only exhibitors, the judge, show personnel and a designated ring person(s) permitted in the show ring. Parents and/or other adults must remain outside of the show ring.
- 8. Make Up Arena:** An additional person will be allowed to assist an exhibitor in the makeup area. If an exhibitor has animals in back-to-back classes, a maximum of two people may be at the gate to help switch out animals. This additional person must be either an immediate family member or another current Clark County 4-H or FFA member, 4-H club advisor/volunteer or FFA advisor.
- 9. Expo Rules:**
 - A. All cattle are to be tied on the same side of the aisle for the same row assigned on the pen assignments.
 - B. No cattle can be moved to a different stall without approval from the Beef Committee Chair.
 - C. Place grooming chutes only in the Expo Center.
 - D. Fans must be at least 48 inches above ground in stalls/barn areas for the safety of all. **No port-a-coolers permitted.**
 - E. Cattle equipment not allowed outside of the Expo Center building including boom boxes. Play music at a reasonable level.
 - F. **Pelleted bedding** and mulch are the only approved bedding for beef exhibitors in the Expo Center. Exhibitors must remove all bedding from stall area and place in the designated area at the conclusion of the fair. **You may only use STRAW in the TIE OUTS!**
 - G. You may rearrange stall panels, but do not remove them from any pens. Clean **and sweep** stalls and put stalls back together properly by 10 AM last Friday of Fair or there will be a \$100 fine assessed to the club.
 - H. Do not use paint, tape, nails, tacks, staples, or other materials that could damage the panels! Only use zip ties and please cut or remove zip ties at the conclusion of the fair.
 - I. Keep aisle ways clean and clear. Place manure in designated areas only. Clubs should provide wheelbarrows for their members to use.
 - J. For the safety of animals and exhibitors, it is **MANDATORY** that each exhibitor uses a halter and a necktie on each beef animal.
 - K. All beef animals must be in from the tie-out area and stand in a clean stall by 9 AM daily. Failure to follow this rule may result in dismissal from the fairgrounds.
- 10. Animal Care:** Exhibitors are responsible for caring for their animals until loaded onto the packer truck or taken home upon dismissal. Exhibitors in violation of this rule will forfeit all auction rights including packer bids and auction premiums.
- 11. Handling Requirements:**
 - A. All animals must be halter broken and easily handled by the exhibitor. The Junior Fair Beef Committee reserves the right to disqualify any beef animal at the Clark County Fair seen as uncontrollable and unsafe to the public.
 - B. The exhibitor must show and/or sell their own beef animals alone unless special circumstances gain approval from the Committee Chairman, FFA Advisor and/or 4-H Extension Educator prior to the event.
 - C. Exhibitors with special conditions, needs or circumstances need to notify the Beef Committee 30 days prior to the first day of the county fair, unless the special circumstance arises closer to the Fair.
- 12. Grooming Requirements and Prohibited Practices:**
 - A. Use of any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves; adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders; and/or pigmented grooming aides or materials is strictly prohibited. Each beef animal will be checked for paint and pigmented materials before entering the show arena. Animals giving evidence of such treatment will not compete at the Clark County Fair.

- B. All animals giving evidence of any unacceptable practices or prohibited grooming practices as outlined in 901-19-13 and 901-19-33 of Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules will be barred from competition at the Clark County Fair.
- C. Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is a prohibitive practice except as permitted for a medical condition when diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian. Drenching means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, placed in an animal's mouth to administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.
13. **Resolution Committee:** The Junior Fair Beef Committee reserves the right to rule on items or interpretations of all rules and items not stated.
14. **Jr. Fair Auctions:**
- 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have met membership and entry requirements, complete a 4-H or FFA market project, met minimum and maximum project weight requirements and participated in their respective Junior Fair Shows to be eligible to sell in the Live Sale or the On-Line Add-ons.
 - All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are **limited to one entry in the Clark County Jr. Fair Livestock Auctions.**
 - 4-H and FFA market animal exhibitors must register for the Premium Market Sale beginning May 1, 2026. At entry, exhibitors must determine if they will participate in the Live Auction or the Online Add-On Sale and project species. Registration MUST be completed prior to June 15, 2026.**
 - Exhibitors that are participating in the online add-on sale will be required to upload their own photo by midnight Thursday, July 30. The photo must be taken during the week of fair in show attire. Various locations will be available with backdrops.**
 - 4-H and FFA exhibitors MUST complete a declaration form stating whether their project is going home or on the packer truck. This form must be completed and turned into the sales office no later than 5 pm on Saturday, July 25. NO DECLARATION CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED once the form is turned in. Not fulfilling your declaration will forfeit your auction entry.**
 - Exhibitors will only receive packer resale for those animals declared on the declaration form to go on the packer truck.**
 - For complete CLARK COUNTY JR. FAIR SALE RULES, go to <https://ccjrfairsales.com/>**
15. **Rule Observance:** Ignorance of rules is no excuse for violation. The digital Clark County Jr. Fair Book, the 4-H Project Selection and Requirement Guide and/or the Clark County Fair Website <http://clarkcoag.com> outline all the rules and regulations. In the question of a rule violation, the following due process will be used:
- Fair officials will question the exhibitor involved and his/her parent(s)/legal guardians. If it is felt that a violation has occurred, Fair officials will make recommendations to the designated committee of the Agricultural Society appointed to that department. After the committee hears the allegations and/or evidence, they will decide if the case comes before the full Board of Directors.
 - In the decision of allegations brought before the Board, all parties involved will receive notification of a meeting date with all parties having the right to present their views and/or evidence. Upon hearing the case, the Fair Board will make a ruling.
 - When the Fair Board has obtained satisfactory evidence that an exhibitor violated any of the livestock rules, barring the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family from showing in any future agricultural fairs may result. The minimum number of years for a disbarment is three (3) years before the right to review. Any premiums awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Fair Board will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons, and auction money under each violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.
16. **Protests:**
- The appropriate species committees and/or Jr. Fair Auction Committee, Jr. and Sr Fair Boards will handle protests specific to department rules governing shows, events, contests, and auction.** Protests must be made in writing accompanied by a **\$50.00** check made payable to the Clark Co. Fair Board and presented to the chairperson of the specific Junior Fair Department, refundable if the protest is allowed.
 - In the event of a protest arising over the interpretation of 4-H exhibitor eligibility requirements (i.e. – skill-a-thon completion, age/grade requirements, club meeting requirements, activity fee requirements, dual projects, etc.), such a protest must be made in writing, accompanied by a \$50 check, refundable if protest is allowed and filed in the 4-H office at the Youth Building. The Clark County 4-H Extension Educator and the Clark County 4-H Advisory Committee's Resolution Committee will review the written protest and take appropriate action.
 - The team of Agri-science instructors govern FFA exhibitor eligibility and interpretation. FFA exhibitors must file written FFA protests accompanied with a \$50 check in the FFA office of the Youth Building for review, interpretation, and action.
17. **Fair Suspension:** When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Clark County Agricultural Society Board of Directors that any individual(s) has been suspended from participation in a fair or exposition, the individual(s) is suspended from equivalent participation at the Clark County Fair for a congruent period-of-time. Any person, so suspended, may appeal said suspension to the Clark County Agricultural Society Board of Directors by filing for such an appeal in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the opening of the Clark County Fair. (Enacted 3/25/92 – Clark County Fair Board)

- A. Must be heifers or steers born between January 1st and May 1st of the current year.
 - B. Must be in the member's possession and ownership by May 1st of the current year.
 - C. Must be **OWNED by the exhibitor not leased** per ODA rules.
 - D. Maximum weight for a beef feeder is 700 lbs. at Fair weigh-in to be eligible to show and be considered as an auction eligible project.
4. **Fair Entry:** Exhibitors must make entry for all beef feeders by May 15 on-line at <http://clarkohjrfair.fairentry.com> using Fair Entry. Each beef feeder entry must include an I.D. (ear tag, tattoo, RFID, 840 tag).
3. **Quality Assurance and Drug Use Notification (DUNF):**
- A. The exhibitor must have completed an annual Youth Quality Assurance program **by June 1** to show his/her beef feeders at the Clark Co. Jr. Fair.
 - B. The exhibitor and his/her parent/legal guardian must complete accurately and sign a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) on-line form by 30 minutes after weigh-in on Friday, July 24 on each of his/her beef feeders. **Failure to complete timely and submit an accurate DUNF forfeits your right to show. The DUNF link will go live on Monday, July 20 for exhibitors and parents to start completing.**
4. **Arrival, Weigh-In, Division of Classes and Show Order:**
- A. Beef feeders must be on the fairgrounds and in their stalls by 8 PM, Fri., July 24.
 - B. Beef feeders will be weighed in from 8:30 PM to 10 PM, Fri., July 24 in the Expo Center.
 - C. Beef feeders will be shown by weight. Heifers and steers will show in separate classes. Weight classes will be determined by weights taken by a 3rd party weigh master selected by the Fair Board at the Fair weigh-in.
 - D. Once weighed at the Fair, the feeder shall show until elimination or disqualification by the judge or Fair Vet.
 - E. Calves shown as beef feeders **may not be shown** in the beef breeding show.
5. **Animal Dismissal:**
- A. Beef feeders going home may leave at the conclusion of the show on Sunday.
 - B. Beef feeders going on the packer truck will be loaded out on Thursday, July 30, 4 PM in the Expo Center.
 - C. Written prior approval from the Fair Veterinarian and notification to the Jr. Fair Beef Committee is required prior to early release of any beef animals.
6. **Auction Eligibility:**
- A. Grand and Reserve Champion Beef Feeder Champion MAY sell in the Sale of Champions and must go on the packer truck if in the Sale of Champions. If an exhibitor has multiple champions, they will sell all champions.
 - B. **The Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion Beef Feeder may withdraw from the sale of champions by completing a withdraw form at the sale office by noon on Tuesday.** There will be no replacement selected and the exhibitor that withdraws is only eligible to participate in the auction (live or on-line) if they have another auction eligible project.
 - C. Overall Premier Market Beef Exhibitor may sell in the Sale of Champions but is not required to do so unless they also have the Overall Champion or Reserve Champion Market Beef, Scramble Champions or Overall Commercial Beef Champions.
 - D. Exhibitors with an auction eligible beef feeder may participate in the live or on-line sale.
 - E. For complete **CLARK COUNTY JR. FAIR SALE RULES**, go to <https://ccjrfairsales.com/>

Department – Jr. Fair Beef	Division 102 – Market Beef
Class 100 – Commercial Beef	
Class 200 – Scramble	
Class 300 – Breed Steers	
Class 400 – X-Bred	
Class 500 – Market Heifers	
Show on Wednesday, July 29, 6 PM Commercial Beef followed by Market Beef, Expo Center	

Special Note: Clark Co. Jr. Fair Beef Ambassadors, Clark Co. Beef Queen, Skill-a-thon, Project Book, and Senior Beef Awards will be announced and presented at **5:30 PM** in the Expo Center Arena.

Awards:

1st. 5th Place – Rosettes

Com. Mkt Steer Champion – Director's Chair
Com. Mkt. Heifer Champion – Director's Chair
Overall Grand Commercial Beef – Banner

Com. Mkt Steer Res. Champion – Director's Chair
Com. Mkt Heifer Res. Champion – Director's Chair
Overall Reserve Grand Commercial Beef - Banner

Junior Fair Rate of Gain Champion –Trophy
Junior Fair Rate of Gain 3rd Place - Rosette
Junior Fair Rate of Gain 5th Place - Rosette

Junior Fair Rate of Gain Reserve –Rosette
Junior Fair Rate of Gain 4th Place –Rosette

Scramble Champion - \$100 & Trophy
Scramble 3rd Place - \$50.00 & Rosette

Scramble Reserve Champion - \$75.00 & Trophy
Scramble 4th Place - \$25.00 & Rosette

Champion Breed Steer (one per breed) – Rosette

Reserve Breed Steer (one per breed) – Rosette

X-Bred Weight Class Winner – Rosette
X-Bred Champion – Director's Chair

X-Bred Weight Class 2nd - 5th Place - Rosette
X-Bred Reserve Champion – Director's Chair

3rd - 5th Overall X-Bred Steers – Director’s Chair

Market Heifer Champion – Director’s Chair

Market Heifer Reserve Champion - Director’s Chair

Overall Grand Champion Market Beef – Banner & Trophy

Overall Reserve Champion Market Beef - Banner & Trophy

Overall Grand & Overall Reserve Champion Market Beef - Belt Buckles Sponsored by Steve & Tammy Rust

3rd- 5th Overall Market Beef – Banners

Market Beef Exhibitor Rules and Guidelines:

1. Animal Requirements for Market Beef Classes:

- A. Market steers and/or market heifers must be beef purebreds or crossbreds and in the continuous possession, care, and ownership of the member from **December 1 through the Clark County Fair Auction Date. This means the market steer and/or market heifer must ONLY be shown in the EXHIBITOR’S NAME at any youth or open beef shows between December 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026.**
- B. 4-H and FFA steers and market heifers shown and sold at any previous Fairs are not eligible to exhibit at the Clark County Junior Fair.
- C. Exhibitors must register all market beef coming to the Dec. Tag-In/Weigh-In by **midnight on Dec. 1.**
- D. Market steers and market heifers must weigh-in at the Dec. Tag-In/Weigh-In at the Clark Co. Fairgrounds. The weight recorded on this date will serve as the starting weight to calculate Rate of Gain Winners.
- E. Members may weigh-in/tag-in up to 4 steers and/or market heifers but only show 3.
- F. Steers and market heifers must weigh a **minimum of 950** to show and be an auction eligible project in the Junior Fair Auction (live or on-line). The Scramble Committee will determine minimum sale weight for scramble steers. Underweight steers and/or market heifers will show in a separate class but are ineligible for Champions and are not an auction eligible project but may be loaded on the packer truck for resell.
- G. All steers and market heifers will be dehorned. No dehorning at the Fair. The fair veterinarian will rule on any questionable steer and/or market heifer for proper castration, dehorning and any infectious or contagious diseases.
- H. Stags or bulls may not show or sell at the Fair. This includes beef animals with any retained testicular tissue. In the event a veterinarian is needed to determine whether an animal is a bull, stag or steer, the Fair Vet will make the official ruling.
- I. Market heifers **may not** show in the breeding show or be bred. It is at the discretion of the beef committee to have the Fair Veterinarian palpate or blood test, as necessary.
- J. The only ID ear tags permitted in any market beef animal are RFID ear tags or Scramble Tag. Beef Committee will remove other ear tags prior to the animal crossing the scales at Fair weigh-in on Friday. Note: It is against the law to remove any EID or other USDA official animal I.D.
- K. The Beef Committee reserves the right to inspect your animal at any time. You must notify the Beef Committee Chairperson, if your animal is not housed where it has been designated on the **Market Beef Exhibitor On-Line Reg. in December.** Failure to notify the Beef Committee Chairperson could result in your disqualification from the Jr. Fair Show and Auction at the discretion of the Beef Committee.

2. Animal Replacement & Ear Tag Lose:

- A. An exhibitor may replace a steer and/or market heifer that dies up to 150 days prior to the first day of Fair, if two (2) Beef Committee members inspect the dead steer or market heifer.
- B. If a project steer or market heifer dies less than 150 days prior to the first day of the Fair, an exhibitor may exhibit, show, and sell a steer tagged by a sibling from the same household. Household means the permanent residence address of the exhibitor.
- C. If a steer or market heifer loses its ear tag, the exhibitor must make a report to the Extension Office within 24 hours, **call 937-398-7599 or e-mail house.18@osu.edu or call 937-398-7606 or e-mail elleman.30@osu.edu.** It will be the member’s responsibility to have the steer or market heifer available for retagging at the discretion of the Beef Committee.

3. Breed Steer Requirements:

- A. Each breed will show by its national breed standards for registering steers.
- B. All steers must be of a recognized beef breed.
- C. Original registration papers must be in the exhibitor’s name and turned in at the time the steer is weighed at the Clark Co. Fair. These original papers must show that the animal is registered and has the same **animal ID** that is easily read within the animal’s ear before crossing the scales. For the Simmental breed, Performance Pedigrees will be accepted as registration papers. **Acceptable animal identification methods must follow each specific breed’s registration guidelines.**
- D. Exhibitors of any breed steer class with less than two (2) steers **will be placed together in an AOB (All Other Breeds) Class.**

4. Quality Assurance and Drug Use Notification (DUNF):

- A. The exhibitor must have completed an annual Youth Quality Assurance program **by June 1** to show his/her market steers &/or market heifers at the Clark Co. Jr. Fair.
- B. The exhibitor and his/her parent/legal guardian must accurately complete and sign a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) on-line survey by 30 minutes after weigh-in on Friday, July 24 on each of his/her market steers and/or market heifers. **Failure to complete timely and submit an accurate DUNF forfeits your right to show. The DUNF link will go live on Mon., July 20 for exhibitors and parents to start completing.**

5. Market Beef Fair Entry: Jr. Fair Management will make entry for market beef class entries for all 4-H and

FFA members based on the information collected on the **2026 Clark County Jr. Fair Market Exhibitor Registration on-line survey** at <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairmarketbeefexhibitorreg> and the Beef Tag-In/Weigh-In, Dec. 13, 2025.

6. Arrival, Weigh-In, Division of Classes and Show Order for Market Steers and Heifers:

- A. All market steers and market heifers must be in their stalls by 8 PM, Friday, July 24. Any market steers and/or market heifer not stalled by this time will weigh last.
- B. Steers and market heifers will show in weight classes. Weight classes will be determined by weights taken by a 3rd party weigh master selected by the Fair Board at the Fair Weigh-in, Fri., July 24, 8:30 PM to 10 PM in the Expo Center at the fairgrounds.
- C. All classes, breed and crossbred, will have a **minimum of two (2) animals per class**. Market heifers will show in classes separate from the market steers. There will be no breed classes for market heifers.
- D. After crossing the scales, any steer checked in as a crossbred or a breed steer shall remain as such.
- E. Once weighed at the Fair, the animal shall show until elimination or disqualification by the judge or Fair Vet.
- F. Show Order will be as follows: Underweight Classes, Breed Steer Classes, Scramble Classes, **X-Bred Steer Classes**, Market Heifer Classes and Champion Drive.
- G. The Overall Championship drive will include **Top 5 Crossbred Steers**, Top Two of Each Breed and Top 2 Market Heifers.
- H. All animals in Overall Championship Drive must stay in the show ring until Top 5 have been selected.

9. Scramble Steers: The scramble steers will be eligible to show in the Cattleman's Class if entered on the Clark Co. Jr. Fair Market Beef Exhibitor On-Line Survey <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairmarketbeefexhibitorreg>. All Scramble calves become the possession of the exhibitor upon completion of the show

10. Commercial Beef:

- A. Prior to arrival at the fair weigh-in, commercial market cattle must be pre-clipped to no more than ¼" of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch, (the tail switch being no more than 12" above the end of the cartilage of the tail). Cattle will be checked for hair length at the time of check-in, if they do not meet that rule, they will be placed in the regular market beef show.
- B. Exhibitors must declare commercial class at weigh-in at the fair.
- C. Commercial beef will show by weight separately **from the breed and x-bred market steers** and market heifers. Minimum weight requirement is 950 lbs. to show for champions and be an auction eligible project.
- D. Commercial beef will show ungroomed (show and blow), but clean.
- E. Commercial beef class winners will show for separate Commercial Mkt. Steer and Heifer Champions and Reserve Champions. These champions will compete for selection of an Overall Champion Commercial Market Beef and Overall Reserve Champion Commercial Market Beef.
- F. Commercial beef champions will not compete for Overall Market Beef Top 5.

11. Animal Dismissal: Market beef going home may leave at the conclusion of the show on Wednesday. Market beef going on the packer truck will be loaded out on Thursday, July 30, 5 PM in Expo Center. Written prior approval from the Fair Veterinarian and notification to the Jr. Fair Beef Committee is required prior to early release of any beef animals.

12. Auction Eligibility:

- A. Overall Grand and Overall Reserve Champion Market Beef, Scramble Champions and Overall Grand and Overall Reserve Commercial Market Champions must sell in the Sale of Champions and be harvested. If an exhibitor has multiple champions, they will sell all their champions.
- B. Overall Premier Market Beef Exhibitor may sell in the Sale of Champions but is not required to do so unless they have the Overall Champion or Reserve Champion Market Beef, Scramble Champions or Overall Commercial Beef Champions.
- C. Exhibitors with an auction eligible market beef, commercial beef or Scramble steer may participate in the live or on-line sale.
- D. For complete **CLARK COUNTY JR. FAIR SALE RULES**, go to <https://ccjrfairsales.com/>

Department – Jr. Fair Beef

Division 103 – Clark County Cattlemen's Show

Show on Thursday, July 30, 10 AM, Expo Center

Class 100 Cattleman's Market Steers

Class 200 Cattleman's Market Heifers

Awards: Sponsored by Clark County Cattleman's

1st – 5th Place – Rosette

Top 5 Animals Selected in Final Drive

Grand Champion – Director's Chair & \$100 Cash Award

Reserve Grand Champion – Director's Chair & \$75 Cash Award

3rd-5th Overall – Director's Chair & \$50 Cash Award

Bred and Owned Champion - \$100

Bred & Owned Reserve Champion - \$50

1. Animal Requirements for Clark Co. Cattlemen's Class:

- A. Clark Co. Cattle producers must calve and raise the steers and market heifers prior to selling directly to the exhibitor. To be eligible for the Clark Co. Cattleman's Class, it is required for the breeders of the calves to be members of the Clark Co. Cattle Producers.
- B. The Clark Co. Cattle Producer must live within Clark Co.'s geographical boundaries or its school districts.

Awards:

1st – 5th Place – *Rosette*

Age Division Winner - *Trophy*

Overall Beef Showman – *Banner*

Showmanship Rules and Guidelines:

1. **Age Eligibility:** All ages are based on the exhibitor's age as of January 1st of the current year.
2. **Registration:** 4-H and FFA members must make entry for showmanship using Fair Entry On-line at <http://clarkohjrfair.fairentry.com> by July 1st.
3. **Verification:** On Friday, July 24 during breeding beef check-in and beef feeder/market beef weigh-in, exhibitors will be asked to verify their showmanship participation. Breakdown of showmanship classes for the show bill will be determined based on the verification list at the conclusion of check-in/weigh-in.
4. **Designated Animal:** The exhibitor must use his/her own beef feeder, market steer or market heifer in the showmanship contest. Exhibitors who choose to use their breeding heifer as their showmanship animal are not eligible for Premier Exhibitor points. Top 10 will be selected for each age division.
5. **Grooming Requirement:** All animals shown in beef showmanship will show dry and un-groomed.
6. **Show Order:** Oldest participants show first through to the youngest participants.
7. **Overall Showman:** The Champions from each age division will compete for the Champion Overall Beef Showman.
8. **Showman of Showmen Eligibility:** The Senior Showmanship winner will represent the beef division in the Showman of Showmen competition. If the Senior Showman Division winner declines or has already competed as the Showman of Showmen representative for Beef, the eligibility goes to the 2nd place Senior Showmanship Division exhibitor and continues through 5th place of the Senior Showmanship Division only.

Department - Jr. Fair Beef

Division 105 –Beef Contests

Class 100	Jr. Beef Ambassador	2025 Jr. Beef Ambassador – <i>Bentlee Clem</i>
Class 200	Sr. Beef Ambassador	2025 Sr. Beef Ambassador – <i>Jordan Flax</i>
Class 300	Clark County Beef Queen	2025 Clark County Beef Queen – <i>Sophia Wilson</i>
Class 400	Senior Beef Award	2025 Senior Beef Award Winner – <i>Max Krempasky</i>
Class 500	Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Winterhoff Award	2025 Winterhoff Award Winner – <i>Alex Oldham</i>
Class 600	Team Beef Fitting Contest	
Class 700	Clark Co. Cattle Producers Beef Scholarship	

Jr. and Sr. Beef Ambassador Rules and Guidelines:

1. **Requirements:**
 - A. Youth must be currently enrolled with a 4-H or FFA Beef Project.
 - B. Youth may apply within their respective age divisions:
Jr. Beef Ambassador: age 8 to 13 as of Jan. 1st of the current year
Sr. Beef Ambassador: age 14 to 18 as of Jan. 1st of the current year
 - C. Applicants must complete and submit on-line survey application by midnight on **June 15**. To apply go to <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairanimalambassadoreentry>
 - D. Applicants must participate in an interview at the Beef Skill-a-thon, June 25, 7 PM.
2. **Duties:**
 - A. Assist with Beef Shows at the Clark County Fair.
 - B. Serve as a youth representative on the 4-H and FFA Beef Committee if at least 13 years of age.
 - C. Assist with beef events and activities conducted by the 4-H and FFA Beef Committee including but not limited to Market Beef Tag-In, Spring Beef Classic, Beef Clinic, etc.
3. **Award Recognition:** Beef Ambassadors will be recognized at **5:30 PM**, Wed., July 29 at the Market Beef Show.

Beef Queen Contest Rules and Guidelines: Sponsored by Clark County Cattleman's

1. **Requirements:**
 - A. Girls must be 14 to 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.
 - B. Parent or legal guardians must be engaged in beef production or candidates must exhibit beef cattle through 4-H/FFA at the Clark County Fair.
 - C. Applicant must complete and submit on-line survey application by **June 15**. Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairanimalambassadoreentry> to apply.
 - D. The maximum 250-word essay must be written like a magazine article on the topic "Role of Youth in the Beef Industry".
 - E. Applicants must participate in an interview at the Beef Skill-a-thon, June 25, 7 PM.
2. **Duties:**
 - A. Assist with Beef Shows at the Clark County Fair.
 - B. Serve as a youth representative on the 4-H & FFA Beef Committee.
 - C. Promote Beef throughout the year at community events and activities.
 - D. Assist with the Clark County Spring Beef Classic.
3. **Crowning:** The Beef Queen crowned at **5:30 PM**, Wed., July 29 at the Market Beef Show.

Senior Beef Award Contest Rules and Guidelines:

1. **Eligibility:** Currently enrolled 4-H and FFA members participating in a beef project for 5 or more years. Eligible

- members must apply by **June 15** on-line at <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairsrbeefwinterhoffawardapp>
- Criteria:** Applicants must exhibit qualities in leadership, sportsmanship, helpfulness, and cooperation with others as well as excel in beef production. The Junior Fair Beef Committee will make the selection.
 - Awards:** Winner presented with a plaque & \$50.00 at **5:30 PM**, Wed, July 29 at the Market Beef Show.

Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Winterhoff Award Rules and Guidelines:

- Eligibility:** Currently enrolled 4-H and FFA members participating in a beef project for 4 or less years. Eligible members must apply by **June 15** on-line at <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairsrbeefwinterhoffawardapp>
- Criteria:** Applicants must exhibit qualities in leadership, sportsmanship, helpfulness, and cooperation with others as well as excel in beef production. The Winterhoff Family will make the selection.
- Awards:** Winner presented with a plaque & \$50.00 at 9 AM on Fri., July 31 at the Sale of Champions.

Jr. Beef Fitting Contest:

- Eligibility:** Currently enrolled 4-H and FFA members with 3 or 4 members per team representing at least 2 of the 4 showmanship age divisions. Team must sign up by the end of the **Cattleman’s Show**. **You do not have to be showing a beef animal to participate.**
- Animal & Equipment Requirements:**
 - Each team must furnish their own Jr. Fair Beef project to be fitted. Animals should be washed and dried but not groomed.
 - Each team must provide their own equipment. Once the contest begins, no team member may leave the contest area.
 - Teams must set up their grooming chute and place supplies in their team’s designated fitting area at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
- Grooming Requirements:**
 - Each team will be allowed 30 minutes to fit their animal.
 - Each team member must fit at least one leg, using the clippers and/or blower.
 - All fitting and grooming practices must be within the acceptable practices outlined in the Clark County Jr. Fair Beef Rules for showing in the market and/or breeding shows.
- Judging Criteria:**
 - Ability to Fit – 15 Points
 - Participation of Each Team Member – 10 Points
 - Overall Effectiveness – 10 Points
 - Knowledge & Response to questions – 10 points
 - Organization of supplies & equipment – 5 points
- Awards:** Cash and Prizes – Sponsored by the Clark County Cattleman’s and the Beef Committee

Clark County Cattle Producers Beef Scholarship

- Requirements:** Current Clark Co. Jr. Fair Beef Exhibitors that are H.S. Seniors or College Freshmen.
- Application:** Apply by **Jan. 10, 2026**, on-line at <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcocattlemenscholarshipapp>
- Scholarship Notification:** Scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the 2026 Clark County Cattle Battle, Jan. 16-18, Champion Center, Clark Co. Fairgrounds.

Department – Jr. Fair Beef		Event – Market Beef Premier Exhibitor
Class 100	Beginner Premier Exhibitor.....	Ages 8 & in the 3rd grade, 9, 10
Class 200	Junior Premier Exhibitor.....	Ages 11, 12
Class 300	Intermediate Premier Exhibitor.....	Ages 13, 14
Class 400	Senior Premier Exhibitor.....	Ages 15 and over

Awards – Presented at the Showman of Showmen Contest, Thursday, July 30, 3 PM, Expo Center
1st Place each age – Cash Award and Mini Plaque *Age Cash Award Sponsored by Clark Co. 4-H Committee*
Mini Plaque Sponsored by Clark Co. 4-H & /FFA Beef Committee
Age Division Winner – Plaque Overall Winner – Plaque & \$100 *Sponsored by Clark. Co. 4-H & FFA Beef Com.*
Overall Premier Exhibitor – Eligible to Sell in the Sale of Champions

Results Posted on Expo Center Bulletin Board and the 4-H Awards Board in the Youth Building by Noon on Thursday, July 30

Premier Exhibitor Rules and Guidelines:

- Eligibility:** Any 4-H or FFA member currently enrolled with a **beef feeder, market steer, market heifer or commercial market beef** project may compete if they participate in the Clark Co. 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon/Project Judging on June 25.
- Age:** All ages are based on the exhibitor’s age as of January 1st of the current year.
- Criteria:** Competing members earn points from Beef Skill-a-thon/Project Judging, Beef Showmanship (with a

beef feeder, market steer, market heifer or commercial beef animal) and Class Placing in the Junior Fair Beef Feeder, Commercial Beef and Market Beef Show. Skill-a-thon Score worth 30%, Project Interview 10%, Project Book 10%, Showmanship 25% and Class Placing 25%.

4. Showmanship Points: All participants will receive 20 points. Placing points awarded ONLY in the final drives of each age division – 1st = 25 points, 2nd = 24 points, 3rd = 23 points, 4th = 22 points, and 5th = 21 points.

5. Tie Breaker: In case of a tie, the following criteria will be used:

- **First Tie Breaker:** Overall Skill-a-thon Score
- **2nd Tie Breaker:** Total Tie Breaker Points in Skill-a-thon
- **3rd Tie Breaker:** Showmanship Placing
- **4th Tie Breaker:** Highest Overall Animal Rank in the Show.