

## MARKET FEEDERS

### MARKET FEEDER COMMITTEE

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**Market Livestock Weigh-In – Feeders:** Wednesday, September 2, 2026 - **Approximately 9:15 a.m.**

**Feeder Judging:** Friday, September 4, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

**Feeder Showmanship:** Friday, September 4, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

**Market Feeder Sale:** Monday, September 7 following Cheese Sale

**Place:** Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center

### MARKET FEEDER CALF GUIDELINES

January 27, 2026

#### REQUIREMENTS:

1. **ALL FEEDER CALVES MUST BE BORN AFTER JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.**
2. All youth participating in the feeder program must also follow the Junior Fair General Guidelines and Market Livestock Guidelines.
3. **MEETING REQUIREMENTS - MANDATORY**
  - **Members taking the Market Feeder Project must attend at least two Mahoning County Market Feeder meetings.**
  - Members are encouraged to attend all meetings of the County Market Feeder Club.

**SECURING CALVES:** Participants **MAY TAKE** two feeder calves in the Junior Fair Show. They may bring two of the choices listed below, but **NOT TWO OF THE SAME KIND.**

#### **DAIRY FEEDERS:**

- Dairy Feeder calves should be born between February 8 and March 10. The goal will be to reach a target weight of 400 – 650 lbs.
- Calves must be in possession by April 15, 2026
- Only the six recognized breeds, “Holstein, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, Guernsey, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn,” will be recognized as calves eligible to show as Dairy Feeders. Only purebred, full blood Dairy calves will be eligible. **NO CROSS BREEDS.**
- Dairy/Beef crosses and/or dual-purpose breeds must be shown as Beef Feeders. **STEERS ONLY – NO HEIFERS.**
- Dairy Feeder clipping is optional, to be done before the fair at home.

#### **BEEF FEEDERS:**

- Beef Feeder calves can be 50 % beef breed (½ dairy - ½ beef, or any other beef cross breed) as well as straight bred beef is permissible.
- Beef Feeder calves must be in members’ possession and weaned from cow by June 15.

#### **BEEF HEIFER FEEDERS**

- Beef Heifer Feeder must be 100% beef breed, no dairy cross breeds. Verification will be required at the discretion of the committee.
- Beef Feeder calves must be in members’ possession and weaned from cow by June 15.
- Beef Heifer Feeder will be judged as a feeder class, and not as breeding stock.

**IMPORTANT:** The Feeder Committee will maintain the right to determine whether a calf will show as a Dairy Feeder or a Beef Feeder.

1. Dairy Feeder and Beef Feeder Calves must be **CASTRATED MALES ONLY**. Members are encouraged to question method of castration and to make sure testicular tissue has been surgically removed from the calf. The committee will check for evidence of testicular tissue at tagging. If there is any evidence of testicular tissue or retained testicles on fair entry day, the fair veterinarian will be contacted to confirm the tissue. Upon confirmation, the calf will be sent home.
2. **YOUTH MUST CONTACT A FEEDER COMMITTEE MEMBER AS SOON AS CALVES ARE IN THEIR POSSESSION, SO A TAGGING DATE CAN BE SCHEDULED. ALL CALVES MUST BE TAGGED BY A FEEDER COMMITTEE MEMBER.**
3. **No person shall register, enter, or exhibit a feeder calf in Junior Fair Livestock Exhibition unless this person has owned the animal for not less than 60 days. Refer to Exhibition Rule 901-19-39.**
4. **Animals must be housed at the member’s residence, when at all possible, unless other arrangements have been made with Committee’s approval.**
5. **Market livestock animals which are tagged to be exhibited in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show and intended to be sold in the sale in the current project year, MAY NOT be exhibited in any other county junior fair market livestock show or sale.**
6. Members may tag two calves for each project or one extra calf per family for each project. Only one Dairy, one Beef and/ or one Beef Heifer Feeder shall be permitted to exhibit and be sold at the fair per member. Two feeder projects total may be exhibited.
7. Insurance will not be covered on this project through the Market Livestock Committee.
8. Market Feeder exhibitors may not use any growth hormones or implants on their Market Feeder projects.
9. Exhibitors may not use any products which tranquilize livestock animals such as Calf Calm or like products.

#### **FEEDER EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Calves must have testicles and horns removed by July 1 of that year. **Calves must be completely healed** from these procedures before the Canfield Fair; this also means no button horns. **Any calves that are not healed from either procedure, or that still have button horns, will be ineligible for Grand or Reserve Champion and will sell at the end of the sale, at the discretion of the Feeder Committee.** Calves with testicles intact or horns as determined by the fair Veterinarian will be sent home.
2. All feeder calves must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, or Health Paper) issued within **60 days** prior to the opening date of the fair. All calves must be vaccinated twice according to the label instructions with a minimum of IBR, BVD, BRSV, Pasteurella Hemolytic (e.g.: Triangle 4 PHK), and a 9 9-waylostridrial (e.g.: Cavalry 9) the last dose administered no less than **21 days** to the fair. Vaccinations must be documented on the health papers.
3. Calves must weigh at least 400#, but not exceed 650# at the official weighing to be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. Calves under the weight of 350 lbs. will be sent home. (Underweight and over-weight calves will be sold at the end of the sale at the discretion of the Committee.) **Exhibitor will be told the weight of the calf when it is weighed. One re-weigh may be requested immediately when the weight is announced at the scale, and before the next animal is weighed.**

5. **TACK BOX SIZE MAY NOT EXCEED 24x24x36 inches. Because of safety & limited space, any tack boxes exceeding this size will be sent home.**
6. All calves must be double tied at the fair.
7. Show halters with a chin chain lead must be used in the Show Ring.
8. The use of adhesives is prohibited in the fitting and grooming of feeder calves for the Junior Fair Show.
10. **Grooming and exercise will be permitted in designated area only, for safety reasons.**
11. **Calves being housed in the Dairy/Beef Breeding barns MUST be brought to the feeder tent on Monday at 8:00 a.m. to be on exhibit in one location for the buyers prior to the sale.**
12. Feeder calf exhibits will be released BEGINNING AT 4:00 p.m. thru 9:00 p.m. Monday evening. Anyone taking their animal from the exhibit area prior to this time will forfeit their premium and may not be permitted to exhibit the following year.
13. If a calf is sent home due to health reasons, the member may be allowed to use another calf to compete in showmanship, with approval of the Feeder Committee.
14. Grand and Reserve Champion calves will be required to be moved to the designated champion stalls in the feeder tent following the show and remain in these stalls for the remainder of the fair.
15. **ALL DEADLINES ARE FINAL! NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### **SELLING & SHOWING:**

1. Market Feeder Project animals will be weighed Wednesday morning following the Market Beef.
2. All feeders must be sold at auction and in the order of their placing in the show ring during the 2026 Junior Fair Show. Grand & Reserve Champion, Showmanship, and Skillathon Winners will be placed at the top of the sale order.
3. **Feeders in poor condition, unruly, or unmanageable by the exhibitor shall not be shown or sold at the fair.** Any exceptions to this guideline must be presented in writing and approved by the committee.

### **MARKET FEEDER SHOW ORDER**

**Classes:** Skillathon and Showmanship Divisions: Note – Dairy, Beef Feeder and Beef Heifer projects are combined for Skillathon & Showmanship

Junior: 8 or in third grade – 11

Intermediate: 12 – 14

Senior: 15 – 18 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)

Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder, Reserve Champion Dairy Beef Feeder

Grand Champion Beef Feeder, Reserve Champion Beef Feeder

Grand Champion Beef Heifer Feeder, Reserve Champion Beef Heifer Feeder

### **ANIMAL CARE DURING THE FAIR:**

1. **Members must use bedding provided by or approved by the committee.**
2. **MANDATORY** – The feeder calf committee will verify the cleanliness of the animals, stalls and behind the stalls at 9:00 a.m. daily. See the penalties and fees in the Animal Care General Guidelines.
3. Calves must be provided with a secured water bucket (safely, unable to spill), and bucket must be filled with fresh, clean water at all times.

### **COMPLETED RECORD BOOK & THANK YOU MANDATORY:**

1. All members taking a Dairy Feeder and/or Beef Feeder project are **required** to submit one **COMPLETED RECORD BOOK** on Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. following the Feeder Sale to a committee member in the Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center near the Junior Fair Office

**ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.**

**ANY MEMBER WHO VIOLATES THESE RULES MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM EXHIBITING THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**