

MARKET FEEDERS

MARKET FEEDER COMMITTEE

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Market Livestock Weigh-In – Feeders: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 - **Approximately 9:15 a.m.**

Feeder Judging: Friday, August 29, 2025, 11:30 a.m.

Feeder Showmanship: Friday, August 29, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Market Feeder Sale: Monday, September 1 following Cheese Sale

Place: Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center

MARKET FEEDER CALF GUIDELINES

January 28, 2025

MEMBERSHIP:

- Open to any Mahoning County Youth age, 8 and in the third grade, or 9 years of age, to 18 years old inclusive on January 1 of the current year. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the committee.
- Member must be enrolled in a local 4-H club, FFA chapter, Farm Bureau Youth, or a current member of the Mahoning County Market Livestock Club/Mahoning County Junior Fair. To exhibit in the Junior Fair, members must have enrolled in the project by March 15, 2025.
- To initiate Junior Fair participation, the Junior Fair Information & Guideline Form must be submitted online by April 7, 2025. Links to this form can be found at www.mcejfair.com on the Feeder page.

REQUIREMENTS:

- **ALL FEEDER CALVES MUST BE BORN AFTER JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.**
- **MEETING REQUIREMENTS** - MANDATORY
 - **Members taking the Market Feeder Project must attend at least two Mahoning County Market Feeder meetings.**
 - **In addition, all market livestock members and at least one parent/guardian must attend one Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program in order to exhibit and sell their Market Beef /Dairy animal(s) at the fair or fulfill the optional requirements for the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program.** The member will receive a Quality Assurance Certification Form for proof that this program has been completed. 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, 2025
- 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.

- 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.
- **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.**
- **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.**
- **Animals must be housed at the member’s residence, when at all possible, unless other arrangements have been made with Committee’s approval.**
- **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.**
- 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.
- Insurance will not be covered on this project through the Market Livestock Committee.
- Market Feeder exhibitors may not use any growth hormones or implants on their Market Feeder projects.
- Exhibitors may not use any products which tranquilize livestock animals such as Calf Calm or like products.

ENTRY FORM & JUNIOR FAIR PARTICIPATION:

- **To exhibit in the Junior Fair, member must complete and submit a Junior Fair Entry Form online by August 1. This entry form is completed to reserve pen space in the Junior Fair area.**
- **If a Junior Fair Entry Form is not submitted, then the youth will NOT be permitted to exhibit their animal in the Junior Fair Show.**
- Notification must be made to a committee member and Junior Fair Management no less than one week prior to fair entry day if an animal is not going to be exhibited at the fair. If no notification is given, Junior Fair participation with this project can be denied the next year.

EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY: Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their animal(s) prior to and during the 2025 Mahoning County Junior Fair; and are required to comply with the “Exhibitor Only” policy (located at the end of these guidelines,) which encourages youth to be the primary individual responsible for this market animal and to properly represent agriculture to the public.

2025 MARKET SALE PICTURE POLICY:

- **All members planning to exhibit Market Livestock in the Junior Fair Show MUST SUBMIT A PICTURE online by August 1.**
- **If the member has not chosen their final animal when photos must be submitted, then the member must submit photos with each animal.**
- **Photos should be landscape and saved as a jpeg file. Pictures must be clear with a quality of at least a 300 dpi.**
- **Youth must be dressed appropriately, and animals must be clean and represent a final market project. If the photo submitted is not a quality photo, the member will be notified to resubmit the photo.**
- **PHOTOS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK. IF NO PHOTO IS SUBMITTED, THE ANIMAL WILL BE SOLD AT THE END OF JUNIOR FAIR MARKET FEEDER SALE and WILL BE LISTED IN THE SALE BILL AS HAVING NO PHOTO AVAILABLE.** Youth without photos will also not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. Keep in mind that our buyers look forward to these photos to show pride in their purchase. A photo is a simple way to thank your buyer.

SHOW/SALE ATTIRE: All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress for both handling and showing of animals.

- For safety reasons, all youth must wear closed toe shoes/boots and jeans.
- As we are in the public view, dress code while working with animals should be reflective of the agricultural industry.
- During the show, and the sale, exhibitors are expected to dress in their best jeans/show pants, Market Livestock shirt for weight classes; and/or Market Livestock shirt, clean t-shirt or collared shirt, or nice button show shirt; closed toe, leather shoes/boots. No casual footwear such as sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, or rubber barn boots may be worn in the show ring. Low cut shirts, tank tops, torn clothing, novelty t-shirts, cut-offs, low cut jeans and like style clothing will not be tolerated and will not be considered appropriate show attire. Exhibitors dressed in such clothing shall not be permitted to enter the show/sale ring.
- No individual club shirts may be worn to show Market Livestock. Individual club shirts may be worn during the sale & for pictures. If a youth does not have a club shirt or special attire for pictures, then it is highly recommended they wear their new Market Livestock shirt.
- PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!!

SHOW ATTIRE: MANDATORY: ALL YOUTH WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A MARKET LIVESTOCK CLUB SHIRT COMPLIMENTS OF MILSEK FURNITURE POLISH. THIS T-SHIRT WILL BE REQUIRED IN EACH MARKET CLASS. THIS T-SHIRT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN SHOWMANSHIP OR DURING THE SALE.

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-waylostridial (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. No re-weighs.**
4. Notification must be made to a committee member no less than one week prior to fair entry day if an animal is not going to be exhibited at the fair. If no notification is given, Junior Fair participation in this project can be denied the next year.
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. **Health papers must be presented at Check-in, and then posted above the calf by 8 p.m. Tuesday.** Calves without health papers will be sent home by the Canfield Fair Veterinarian & Junior Fair Management.
9. 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. Exhibits are to be in place by 8:00 p.m. Entry Day, Tuesday. 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:

- Market Feeder Project animals will be weighed Wednesday morning following the Market Beef.
- All feeders must be sold at auction and in the order of their placing in the show ring during the 2025 Junior Fair Show. Grand & Reserve Champion, Showmanship, and Skillathon Winners will be placed at the top of the sale order.
- **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.
- **Member must show and sell his/her own market livestock animal.**
 - Exceptions will only be made for exhibitors who have submitted in writing the reason for need of a substitute.
 - The name of the substitute must be included in this letter.
 - Permission must be approved by the specific Market Livestock Committee.
 - The member must be present for either the show or the sale. **They may not request a substitute for both.**
 - Substitute exhibitors must be a current livestock club member and enrolled in the same specie. The name of the person selling for the youth will be documented by the committee.
 - If the member or the substitute is not present at the time of the auction, the project will **not** be sold.
 - If the member is not present to show and sell their animal, and they have not submitted a written request as mentioned above; then the youth forfeits the right to show and the right to sell their market livestock animal in the sale.
 - Unexpected emergencies, such as illness...etc., must be reviewed and approved by the committee.
A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld from the selling price of the animal sold.

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

MARKET LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON GUIDELINES

1. All Market Livestock Club members are eligible to participate in the Skillathon. Participation is not mandatory but is **highly recommended**.
2. Each Skillathon will be handled by the specific subcommittee.
3. Scoring for the Skillathon will be dependent on the number of stations offered, which will be determined by the subcommittees.
4. Awards for the Skillathon will be selected according to total scores. Each species will select Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Skillathon, and will Place each division to fifth place if scores are eligible.
5. The Skillathon winner will be announced during the Market Livestock Sale and winners will be placed at the top of the sale order.

ANIMAL CARE DURING THE FAIR:

- Each Market Feeder Club member is responsible for feeding, watering, bedding, cleanliness, grooming, and fitting of their steer(s) from check-in until release time of the final day of the fair.
- **Members must use bedding provided by or approved by the committee.**
- **Project animal, the stall, and the area behind your feeder calf must be completely cleaned each day during the fair before 9:00 a.m.**
- **MANDATORY - Exhibitor must check-in EACH DAY OF THE FAIR upon completion of morning chores with a feeder committee member (prior to 9:00 a.m.). Calves & pens will be checked at this time. Any exceptions must be in writing & approved.**
- Calves must also be fed on a regular schedule and cleaned periodically throughout the day. Spot checks will be made during the fair. Incidents will be documented. Two warnings will be given. The third warning will be considered animal neglect, and the calf will be sent home. Exhibitor may also be barred from future participation in Junior Fair activities.
- **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.**

\$20.00 per day will automatically be deducted from the sale check of any member who does not comply with the above animal care requirements.

VETERINARY EXPENSE:

- Any veterinary measures requested by the owner to maintain animal health, are the responsibility of the owner.
- Each youth showing Market Livestock should have a Permission to Treat Form on file, so the Junior Fair has permission to provide emergency treatment for your animal.
- All veterinary treatment required after Drug Notification Form is submitted on entry day, must be recorded at the Junior Fair Office to update Drug Notification Information.
- Any preventative veterinary measures requested by the buyer following the sale are the responsibility of the buyer; and must be approved by the Market Feeder Committee.

COMPLETED RECORD BOOK & THANK YOU MANDATORY:

- All members taking a Dairy Feeder and/or Beef Feeder project are **required** to submit one COMPLETED RECORD BOOK for the feeder project.
- These books must be submitted 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. In addition, member must write a THANK YOU note to the buyer of each animal. The committee will provide THANK YOU notes and postage.
- Both the project book(s) and thank you note(s) must be turned in to the committee before payment will be made to the exhibitor for the sale of the project animal. Members not complying can expect a delay in payment until requirements are fulfilled.

POST FAIR CLEAN UP:

- **All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their stalls after the fair.**
- Stall cleaning must be completed between Tuesday and Saturday following the fair.
- If the exhibitor does not clean prior to Saturday, then exhibitors must arrive to participate in the Market Livestock Post Fair Clean-up to be held the Saturday following the fair beginning at 9:00 a.m. Stalls must be completely stripped, and manure hauled to the manure pit. Garbage (paper, pop cans, plastic etc.) should be disposed of in garbage cans. Manure pits need to contain manure, straw & sawdust only!
- If the exhibitor is unable to return, then arrangements should be made within your club for ALL stalls to be cleaned.
- **Exhibitors not cleaning/stripping their pen between the Tuesday following the Junior Fair Show and Saturday by 9:00 a.m. will be notified of their negligence and fined \$50.00 stall cleaning fee, which will be deducted from their Market Livestock Sale check. All collected fines will be deposited in the Jim Baer Market Livestock Scholarship Fund.**

EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY - GUIDELINES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK FITTING, SHOWING, AND SHOWMANSHIP

- (A) A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.
- (B) An exhibitor may receive **assistance** in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided the **assistance shall be limited to explanation and/or demonstration** provided by the following:
 - (1) Family members;
 - (2) Household members;
 - (3) Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organization. Members providing assistance must be active youth members of the youth organization;
- (C) **Assistance will be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration, or for safety purposes.** Explanation and minimal demonstration refer to explaining and/or showing a youth how to perform the task at hand and is restricted to this assistance. **Youth exhibitors are expected to complete the task.**
- (D) Member must show and/or sell his/her own animal. **Coaching or assisting by any person outside the show ring is prohibited.** ONLY YOUTH EXHIBITORS AND/OR JUNIOR FAIR DESIGNEES AND/OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASSISTING WITH THE SHOW MAY BE IN THE RING DURING THE SHOW. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee. Any violation may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.
- (E) All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain a respectable and professional demeanor throughout the project year, and especially during the Junior Fair Show. The project year will be considered from the time an individual enrolls in their project until the next enrollment deadline. **Foul language, disrespectful, unsportsmanlike, unruly behavior and/or animal neglect will not be tolerated.** Discipline will be any or all of the following:
 - (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
 - (2) Second warning will be security escort of the individual from the premises.
 - (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years.
- (F) **All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain respectable demeanor in the use of social media with regards to the youth involved in the Junior Fair Program. Social Media use which is deemed unlawful, abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, creates a hostile environment, or creates a negative image of the Junior Fair Youth Program will not be tolerated.**
Discipline will be any, or all of the following:
 - (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
 - (2) Second warning will be removal from events/activities
 - (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years or a length of time determined by the committee, Manager of Junior Fair, and/or Senior Fair Directors involved in the Junior Fair Show.

IMPORTANT: In extreme situations, where the safety of any individual has been threatened and/or is in question, and/or if there is any evidence of the use of alcohol, drugs, or violence; the committee may waive the right of the first and/or second warning; and may immediately seek assistance in the removal of an individual from the premises. This individual will be placed on probation and the situation will be reviewed as to further participation referring to section (E) number (3) above.

This guideline shall be referred to as the "EXHIBITOR ONLY" guideline. Any additional adult assistance required by a youth exhibitor must be approved by the committee and/or Junior Fair Supervision. Infractions of this guideline shall result in the following:

- (A) If an infraction has been reported and confirmed, one verbal warning will be given immediately to the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian. Exhibitor will be expected to adhere to the guidelines;
- (B) If exhibitor refuses to adhere to the guidelines, a second warning will **result and include a \$50.00 penalty**, which the exhibitor must pay immediately, or must agree that the \$50.00 penalty will be deducted from his/her sale check. Penalty monies will be paid to the Market Livestock Committee. The penalty and/or agreement to deduct the penalty from the sales check will be attached to a signed, written agreement which states the exhibitor will adhere to the above guidelines;
- (C) A third refusal will be termed as tampering and/or misrepresentation and will result in the immediate disqualification of the exhibitor and their animal from the Junior Fair Show. After the situation is reviewed by the Senior Fair Board, this disqualification may result in the barring of this exhibitor from the Junior Fair Show for a period of up to three years.

CLEAN AREA AWARDS MAY BE PRESENTED TO YOUTH MAINTAINING A CLEAN STALL, CLEAN AREA AROUND THE STALL, FRESH CLEAN WATER PROVIDED, & ANIMAL KEPT CLEAN IN APPEARANCE.

Neither the Mahoning County Agricultural Society, nor any other youth organization involved in Junior Fair, nor their volunteers assume responsibility for exhibits/projects, including livestock, any article lost or stolen, or any injury during the fair, or any damage of person or possessions on the grounds, or the neglect of any exhibitor, patron, or employee, nor provide liability insurance to cover the exhibitor and/or livestock.

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.