

To: Ag Teachers  
2024 4-H Members with Steer & Feeder Calf Projects

Re: 2025 Junior Fair Steer Program

4-H and FFA members wishing to exhibit beef, carcass or dairy steers at the 2025 Auglaize Co. Fair must have their steers in possession by December 21, 2024, and participate in the Winter Steer Weigh-in. **Please complete the registration at the link provided below by December 10, 2024.** Feel free to share this information with any new members or have them contact our office for registration materials.

***The Winter Steer Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at the fairgrounds.*** Steers are accepted on a first come first serve basis from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. Steers will be identified and weighed for the rate of gain contest. Animals must participate to be eligible for showing and selling at the 2025 fair. Exhibitors may weigh three steers but are limited to one time through the sale unless they have more than one junior fair champion market animal. Please see additional information about the family animal rule.

**REMINDER:** The following changes will happen for the 2025 junior fair:

Market heifers will be added to the market beef show in 2025. This addition will be for beef breeds, not dairy beef. Market heifers will need to be weighed in at the December weigh in. Any heifers identified as market beef cannot be shown in breeding classes.

All beef market animals will need EID tags for the December weigh in. ***For December 2024 weigh-in – the expectation is that market animals will arrive at weigh-in with an EID tag in place. If the animal does not have an EID tag, one will be placed in the animal's ear free of charge.***

*All steers must be dehorned and castrated by this weigh-in. No uncastrated calves will be weighed, ear tagged or tattooed. If you feel it could be questioned whether a calf has been castrated, you need to bring a veterinarian's certificate stating the castration has been done.*

**Steers must be halter broken. The Junior Fair Board and Sale Committee reserve the right to refuse to register, identify and weigh any steer considered to be unruly or uncontrollable. Steers that are refused at the winter weigh-in will be ineligible for the fair.**

Sale order is determined by random sort, eartag numbers will be used for identification purposes only. Eartags will be assigned as steers are weighed since they do not determine sale order.

Exhibiting at the fair is optional, therefore members participating in the weigh-in do so at their own risk. You are responsible for any injury or sickness to your animal or self that result from your participation in this activity.

The Auglaize Co. Cattlemen's Association will again sponsor their Born and Raised show. The rules and entry forms are attached. ***You must bring this entry form to the weigh-in. DO NOT return this form to the Extension Office.***

**Complete your registration by following the link below** by December 10 and we will see you at the fairgrounds on December 21 between 7:30 and 11:00 a.m.

[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_beZJFfaSxRfS1zo](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_beZJFfaSxRfS1zo)

In the case of severe weather, listen to WCSM for cancellation information or check our website at <http://auglaize.osu.edu/> or our 4-H Facebook page. This letter will be your only reminder of this activity, save it for future reference.

Anyone planning to exhibit steers at the Ohio State Fair will need to follow the nomination procedures that are due to Columbus before January 15, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Miller  
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Auglaize County

## Family Animal Rule

**The following rule applies to market steer, market lamb and market goat exhibitors:**

A minimum of one project animal must be registered in the individual exhibitor's name at winter/spring weigh-in to be eligible to enter and show that specie at the fair. This animal may only be entered, shown and sold in that individual's name. This animal could only be transferred to another exhibitor's name using the livestock substitution rule and would not be eligible for placings if substituted.

The remaining animals registered at winter/spring weigh-ins may be listed in the family's name. These "family" animals must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family member (as defined by the Ohio Administrative Code for livestock exhibition (901-19-01 | Definitions)).

**For winter/spring weigh-in:** each family may register the maximum number of animals per department rules. For example, for steers – 3 youth in a family could register a maximum of 9 steers (3 youth x 3 steers per child), sheep and goat - 3 youth in a family could register a maximum of 15 lambs or goats (3 youth x 5 lambs/goats per child).

**Fair weigh-in:** the designated exhibitor of the family shared animal must be stated when the animal is weighed at the fair. After fair weigh-in, this animal could only be transferred to another exhibitor's name using the livestock substitution rule and would not be eligible for placings.

No animal can be exhibited (entered or shown) under more than one exhibitor's name.

*Remember: you can register your project animals per exhibitor as you have in the past. Use of "family animal" option is not required!*