

Union County Fair Market Beef Project Identification 2024

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Tag-In and Identification Deadline: 4 pm January 8, 2024

2024 Union County Fair Market Beef Exhibitors,

The Jr. Fair Committee is holding market beef Animal ID for 2024 in the online platform "FairEntry". This is for the Market Steer/Heifer Show at the Union County Fair.

THERE WILL BE NO MARKET BEEF SHOW (Market Steers, Market Heifers) at THE RICHWOOD INDEPENDENT FAIR IN 2024. A Beef Feeder class will still be available at the Richwood Independent Fair in 2024.

This is for Market Beef only. Dairy feeders will have tag in later in the spring.

4-H exhibitors should have already received an earlier message instructing them to enroll in their market beef project in 4H Online. FFA exhibitors do not need to complete this step prior to tagging in.

Attached below are the instructions to assist you through the process of entering your animal(s) in FairEntry.

This needs to be completed **no later than 4 PM January 8, 2024.**

If you will be using tags issued by the Extension Office, the tags can be picked up Monday - Thursday December 18 – 21, 27-28, OR January 2 - 4 between the hours of 8 and 4:30. If an after- hours pick up is needed, please call our office in advance to request tags be left in the dropbox. Our office is closed December 25-26 and January 1.

Thanks,

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Tag and ID Process for Beef for 2023:

Each 4-H/FFA member is responsible for identifying their own market beef online, using tags issued by the Jr. Fair Livestock Committee or EID tags from producer by **4:00 pm Jan 8, 2024**. Up to four animals may be shown per member. Each member is able to tag up to 6 Market Beef and family tagging is allowed.

Tags and taggers will be distributed at the Union County Extension Office. Unused or broken tags need to be returned to the Extension Office. Taggers must be returned within 2 days of check-out. Place the taggers into a plastic bag. They will be disinfected after being returned. If your animal(s) have EID(s) those numbers may be used in place of Livestock Committee tags.

Obtaining Tags and Tagger:

The Union County Extension Office is open Monday – Thursdays, 8:00am-4:30pm. Call ahead when you want to pick up tags/tagger to make sure a set is available. 937-644-8117.

Equipment can be picked up during evening hours in the OSUE drop box, **ONLY IF** you call ahead with names/# of tags and request a night pick up. There will also be a separate drop box to return equipment after hours at the OSUE Office if needed.

It is important to tag your animal as soon as possible. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE**. We have a limited number of taggers, so if everyone waits until the last minute, we will not have enough to go around.

NOTE: Office hours are 8:00am-4:30pm **Monday through Thursday Dec 18th-21st, Dec 27-28 and January 2nd-4th**. The office is closed Dec 25, 26 and Jan 1st.

Ear Tag Location:

Tags may be placed in either ear; however, ensure that the number faces forward so that it is easily read.

Family Tag-In Option:

For families with more than one exhibitor of the same species in the household, Family Tag-In is an option. Animals may be tagged in as a family and then matched with specific exhibitor at weigh-in. Example: John Doe and Jane Doe live in the same house and both show market beef. Twelve animals may be tagged in between the two of them and then they may decide at weigh-in who will be showing which animal of the ones they bring to the fair (maximum of 4 each). Each member that will be showing must have at least one animal linked to them, no animal entered more than once.

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Prior to logging on to the Tag-In Site:

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE LINK BELOW! Once you have read the instructions, log-in to fair entry and have ready:

1. Two pictures of each animal - one full profile and one head shot with identifying tag clearly visible and legible.
2. Be prepared to enter either the complete tag number of the Livestock Committee issued ear tag or the EID.
3. Identify whether the animals are being entered as County Bred Raised (CBR).
4. If CBR, have breeders name and contact information ready to enter.

How to Log Tag-In Information: click below

<http://UnionCountyFairOhio.fairentry.com>

How to Indicate Family Sharing when registering livestock:

- You do not need to complete any additional forms.
 - All exhibitors must be listed under the same family account in Fair Entry.
 - Each exhibitor must list at least one animal to complete the registration.
 - Each animal is listed ONLY one time.
 - All animals listed under any individual exhibitor in the same family account will be available for each family member that identified an animal in that species at Fair Entry time.
- Example from above: John would register 6 of the steers; Jane would register the other 6 steers. At time of entry, any of the steers could be designated to be shown by either family member. John and Jane can still change animals at time of weigh in as well.

Questions/Assistance

If you have any questions or feel that you need assistance with getting the market beef projects tagged correctly, please feel free to contact the Livestock Committee Members for the Beef Project.

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For assistance with Fair Entry, please contact:

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937-644-8117

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937-789-3638