



2020 Beef Department Rules & Information

Darke County Fairgrounds
800 Sweitzer Street
Greenville, OH 45331

All beef exhibitors will enter the fairgrounds through Gate 1.

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Schedule:

Thursday, July 30

- After 7 AM - Cattle can arrive at the fairgrounds
- 4-8 PM - Check-In

Friday, July 31

- 8-11 AM - Check-In
- Noon - Showmanship

Saturday, August 1

- 8 AM - Heifer Show

Sunday, August 2

- 8 AM - Market Animal Show
- All exhibitors MUST be off the fairgrounds by Sunday evening

Rules:

OYLE COVID-19 Risk & Liability Waiver

[Click here to view the waiver.](#)

****At any point leading up to and through the 2020 OYLE Beef show, rules and show information may be updated to adhere to COVID-19 best practices, guidelines and restrictions.***

Exhibitor & Cattle Eligibility

1. To be eligible to participate in the OYLE Beef Show, an exhibitor must be a resident of the State of Ohio and be a current member in good standing of either 4-H or FFA, ages 8 years old and in third grade, or 9 years old regardless of grade, as of January 1. Eligibility ends December 31 the year youth turns 19.
2. Exhibitors must have a confirmed Beef Project (Breeding or Market) entered for 2020 at the county and/or state level.
 - a. The junior exhibitor's entry will not be finalized until the confirmation is received back from either the FFA Advisor, or 4-H County Extension Profession that the entry is enrolled in the related specie project of that organization. Ineligible participants will be notified if the entry is not accepted, no refunds will be issued.
3. Exhibitors must have completed Quality Assurance in one of the following forms:
 - a. Ohio Youth Quality Assurance (county or state)
 - b. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)
 - c. Beef Quality Assurance (current year, face to face)
 - d. Pork Quality Assurance (current year, face to face)
4. All breeding & market animals must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of entry and not change ownership from entry through the OYLE show.
5. Breeding Beef animals must be born on or after September 1, 2018
6. Market Beef and Crossbred Breeding Heifers must be born on or after January 1, 2019.
7. All registered cattle must be owned by the junior exhibitor and must be registered in his/her name, no family farm names.
8. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The only exception is if an exhibitor has two animals in one class or is showing in a separate ring simultaneously. Only one exhibitor per animal in the show ring, no additional help will be permitted. Prior to show day medical excuses and Beef Committee ruling is also accepted.
9. The limit on the number of times an exhibitor's animal can get loose in the show ring is two. If it gets loose a third time, the animal will be excused from that class. The class will be considered "final" when the judge begins speaking on the microphone. If an animal gets loose during the judge's comments it will not count against the exhibitor.
10. Exhibitors must enter their class on time. Animals arriving late to their assigned class may be ineligible to participate per the Beef Committee's discretion.

11. No Farm Tags or Identifying Marks are permitted.
12. The Beef Committee reserves the right to prorate any premiums.
13. There are no dogs allowed in designated stalling areas or at the show ring during the OYLE Beef show.

OYLE Beef Code of Conduct

1. All OYLE exhibitors, their family members and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitor must display good sportsmanship and act in a courteous manner at the OYLE show. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be referred to the OYLE Beef Committee for appropriate action, if the Committee deems necessary. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include but is not limited to physical actions, threats, or outbursts of profanity, or tampering with another exhibitor's animals. Committee action is not limited to the following, but may result in the exhibitor found in violation to be barred from current or future participation in OYLE shows. The decision of the OYLE Beef Committee regarding the unsportsmanlike conduct shall be final.
2. Alcohol will NOT be permitted in the barn(s), make-up area or show ring of OYLE Beef Shows. The OYLE Beef Committee will strongly encourage local authorities to enforce legal drinking ages and open container laws.

Consent to Medical Care

I consent to first aid, emergency medical care and if necessary, admission to an accredited hospital when necessary for executing such care, and for treatment for injuries or illness that I may sustain while participating in any activity associated with the showing of livestock.

Photograph/Interview Release

I grant permission to be photographed or interviewed in connection with OYLE shows. I understand the photographs or interviews may be used for print, digital media or other media. I release and indemnify OYLE for any claims related to photographs and interviews by OYLE.

Skillathon

OYLE will NOT require exhibitors to participate in a skillathon; however, we encourage all exhibitors to complete their species' skillathon. Click here for more details: <https://bit.ly/3fPwckO>

Show Entry & Fees

1. All entries will be made online at the following URL: <https://showman.app/#/>
 - a. Please note that this is not an app, but rather a website.
2. All entries must be made and paid with a credit card by **July 10th, 2020**. No late entries or entries upon arrival will be accepted.
3. OYLE Beef Cattle Entry Fees will be \$60 per head.
 - a. This includes mulch bedding in the barn and/or electricity at the trailer parking area for either stalling and/or tie-outs.

- The committee reserves the right to make a decision on refunds. No guarantee of refunds will be made, despite a cancellation, due to show expenses that have already been incurred.

Breed Qualifications & Check-In Process

- Recognized breeds for Market and Breeding Beef will include:

	<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Steers</u>
Angus	Purebred	Purebred
Charolais	Purebred	-
% Charolais	50% - 15/16	-
Charolais Steer	-	50%
Chianina	6.25%	ACA Min.
Hereford	Purebred	Purebred (must have reg. papers)
Maine-Anjou Heifer	$\frac{3}{4}$	-
MaineTainer Heifer	$\frac{1}{4}$	-
Maine-Anjou Steer	-	$\frac{1}{4}$
Shorthorn	15/16	15/16
ShorthornPlus	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
Purebred Simmental	$\frac{7}{8}$ and up	-
Percentage Simmental	$\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$	-
Simmental Steer	-	$\frac{1}{2}$
Miniature Breed(s)	Jr. National Show Elig.	Jr. National Show Elig.
High % AOB	Jr. National Show Elig.	Jr. National Show Elig.
Low % AOB	Jr. National Show Elig.	Jr. National Show Elig.
AOB Steer	Jr. National Show Elig.	Jr. National Show Elig.
Crossbred	-	-

- The Beef Committee reserves the right to create another division or place any breed in the AOB based on divisions after check-in.
- The High % and Low % All Other Breeds (AOB) divisions offered are for registered heifers that do not have their individual breed offered as a division. Registered heifers and steers that do not have their own breed division offered will show in their appropriate AOB division, providing they meet their breed's minimum percentage to be eligible to show at their respective breed's national junior shows. ALL AOB steers will show in one division and will not be split into a High % and Low % AOB division. Registered cattle that do NOT meet the breed percentage requirement for their respective breed's national junior eligibility requirement will show in the Crossbred division, not as an AOB. The High & Low % AOB division will combine the breeds that are eligible.
- **Please note** - Low percentage Chianina and Simmental heifers will show in the Crossbred division, not the Low % AOB. Also, ChiAngus heifers and MaineAngus heifers with upgraded papers will be eligible for the High % AOB division.***
- Animals that are considered Crossbred (without a breed registration) will not be eligible for the AOB division.
- Classes will be broken per the OYLE Beef Committee after the completion of check-in.

7. Exhibitors wanting to show in breed classes must have the original registration papers available at check-in. *Electronic copies can be used if your breed makes them available online.* Visual proof (ie. on a phone) must still be presented at check-in, we will not have the capacity to look them up for you. **Registration papers which are stamped and verified by the breed organization will not be subject to an additional tattoo confirmation.**
8. Any registered animal, upon check-in, which does not have a LEGIBLE permanent identification mark corresponding to the permanent identification mark on the registration paper, is ineligible to show in its designated breed division. Exhibitors may elect to show the animal as a crossbred animal should an identification mark not be verified.
9. Breed heifers must be shown by age and crossbred heifers by weight. Steers and Market Heifers must be shown according to breed and weight.
10. **Cattle may only show one time within a show.** Dual registered cattle may show only in one breed at one show. The exception to this rule is heifers that are entered in the show as both a breeding heifer and a market heifer, providing the exhibitor has paid to dual enter the heifer in both of the shows.
11. All cattle must be brought to the check-in area during the designated check-in times for Veterinary inspection and entry confirmation.
12. OYLE Beef Show is not a terminal show.

Breeding Beef

1. OYLE Beef Committee reserves the right to determine any changes to class breaks, once all cattle are checked-in.
2. Champion and Reserve Females of each breed division offered at OYLE will be selected. Each Champion and Reserve will be eligible to compete for Top 5 Overall Female.

Registered Heifer Classes

1. Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after March 1, 2020
2. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved between January 1-February 29, 2020
3. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1-December 31, 2019
4. Senior Heifer Calves, calved between September 1-October 31, 2019
5. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, calved between July 1-August 31, 2019
6. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, calved between May 1-June 30, 2019
7. Late Spring Yearling Heifer, calved between April 1-April 30, 2019
8. Early Spring Yearling Heifer, calved between March 1-March 31, 2019
9. Junior Yearling Heifer, calved between January 1-February 28, 2019
10. Senior Yearling Heifer, calved between September 1-December 31, 2018

Market Beef Classes

1. OYLE Beef Committee will determine classes and divisions once all cattle are checked-in.
2. Champion and Reserve Market Animal of each breed division offered at OYLE will be selected and a Top 5 Crossbred Steers. Each Champion, Reserve, and Top 5 Crossbreds will be eligible to compete for Top 5 Overall Market Animal.
3. Exhibitors may choose to declare the weight on their market animal.

4. Animals that are entered in the market beef show must weigh back within 5% over or under their actual or declared weight. All first through fifth place animals will be weighed as necessary upon exit of their respective class. Animals will not re-weigh for a division or final drive.
5. Animals that do not weigh back within their 5% window above or below their declared weight **will not** qualify to return to show for their respective division or final drive. In the event that an animal is disqualified, they will forfeit their placing and/or premiums and all others in the class will move up.
6. The official OYLE scales will be open during check-in for market beef exhibitors to weigh their entries prior to submitting their declared weight. Market beef exhibitors are NOT required to weigh their animals prior to declaring their weight.
7. Weight declarations must be submitted to the OYLE Beef Committee **NO LATER THAN 11:30 AM, July 31st.**
8. Once a declaration is signed and submitted, NO changes will be permitted.

Showmanship Eligibility and Rules

1. OYLE Beef Committee will determine classes for showmanship. Any changes to showmanship must be made **no later than 10:00 AM, July 31st.**
2. Entry in showmanship is not required, ***but exhibitors must select to participate when submitting their online entries.***
3. Showmanship will be held for both Breeding and Market Beef exhibitors combined.
4. Ten age categories will be shown. Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2020. A Supreme Beef Showman will be selected from the first place of each age division winners.
 - Exhibitors age 18
 - Exhibitors age 17
 - Exhibitors age 16
 - Exhibitors age 15
 - Exhibitors age 14
 - Exhibitors age 13
 - Exhibitors age 12
 - Exhibitors age 11
 - Exhibitors age 10
 - Exhibitors age 9
5. Showmanship will be shown oldest to youngest.
6. Exhibitors must show their own animal that is entered and checked-in at the OYLE Beef Show.
7. Showmanship will be a no-fit contest.
8. Exhibitors are NOT required to wear back tags for showmanship.

Fitting Rules

1. Handling, fitting, and/or grooming of cattle may only be conducted by the following: exhibitor, another exhibitor at the OYLE Beef Show, the exhibitor's immediate family, or approved fitter.
 - a. Immediate family is defined as: a mother, father, brother, sister, grandparent, uncle or aunt of an exhibitor by marriage or by law.

- b. Approved fitter is defined as: An approved individual who has purchased and is wearing the designated wristband from the OYLE Beef Committee.
 - i. Cost of the wristband is \$250, and must be pre-purchased online in advance of the show by July 10th.
 - ii. Any individual can request to purchase an approved fitter wristband on July 11th or after for the cost of \$400.
 - iii. Any family member of an OYLE exhibitor who would like to handle, fit, or groom another (non-family) exhibitor must purchase the approved fitter wristband.
2. A wristband will be placed on any eligible exhibitor, immediate family, or approved fitter by the OYLE Beef Committee at check-in at the show office by the start of the show each day. Wristbands ***MUST*** be visible during the show preparations.
 - a. Different colors will be designated for exhibitors/immediate family and approved fitters.
3. No more than ***FOUR*** individuals will be permitted to work on a single animal at a given time. A minimum of three out of the four must be an OYLE exhibitor or immediate family of the exhibitor.
4. Any exhibitor not complying with the Fitting Rules may be ineligible to show at the discretion of the OYLE Beef Committee.
5. In the make-up arena, ***ONLY*** the exhibitor and one additional immediate family member (an approved fitter will not be permitted). Additional person must have the appropriate wristband.
6. The wristbands are sold per species, so if another OYLE specie show chooses to include the designated fitter in their rules, each specie will have a different wristband.

Livestock Tampering & Misrepresentation Rules

[Click here for a list of definitions pertaining to livestock exhibitions in the Ohio Revised Code.](#)

The exhibitors and their animals, their family members, and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitors, will follow Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Law, Chapter 901 of the Ohio Revised Code, and all rules under Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules, as set forth in Sections 901-19-1 through 901-19-21 and Section 901-19-33 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The OYLE Beef Committee reserves the right to test and/or ultrasound any animal at an OYLE Beef Show. The OYLE Beef Committee, at its sole discretion, may test and/or ultrasound winners, at random, or upon reasonable suspicion of possible violations of any of the Ohio Livestock Show Reform Law and its related rules or other OYLE Beef Rules. By participating in an OYLE show, exhibitors consent to OYLE Beef Committee members, and show management entering the tents, trailers, and other areas where animals may be housed at an OYLE show, prepared for the show, or transported to or from the show.

At the time of testing, any market animal being tested must be clear of any drug residue and be clear of any withdrawal periods. Any breeding heifer being tested must be clear of any drug residue and/or withdrawal period on performance and show enhancing drugs. Market heifers that are also showing as breeding heifers that fall into both categories must abide by the market animal residue and withdrawal parameter.

A. Pumping of Cattle is Prohibited

Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-13, an unacceptable practices mandatory rule, prohibits using a stomach tube or pump for any purpose other than relieving tympany or gas. If a stomach pump is used for medical purposes to relieve tympany or gas on the day of show, the animal will not be permitted to show that day.

B. Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited except for a medical condition at an exhibition when diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian.

C. Grooming Requirements

Based upon Rule 901-19-33, Prohibited Grooming Practices, the following grooming practices are prohibited:

- a.) Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves;
- b.) 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;
- c.) Pigmented grooming aides or materials.

In addition, colored or pigmented substances, i.e. paint, are prohibited from use on steers and heifers at all OYLE shows. Painting of the hooves is prohibited. Use of clear substances is permitted. The sponsor of the exhibition will enforce rule 901-19-33, Prohibited Grooming Practices. Any exhibitor and the exhibitor's animal OYLE show that does not follow the rule will be disqualified and all premiums and awards will be forfeited. If the disqualified exhibitor has shown the exhibitor's animals, all animals placing below them will not move up.

D. Penalties for Violation of Livestock Tampering & Misrepresentation Rules at OYLE Beef Shows

The OYLE Beef Committee may impose discipline, and/or the Ohio Department of Agriculture may take disciplinary action in accordance with O.R.C. 901.74. When determining penalties, OYLE will consider, among other factors, the fact that the OYLE Beef program is for the development of youth, the desire and necessity of maintaining the integrity of the OYLE Beef program, the severity of the violation compared to industry standards, and how similar violations have been handled in the past. OYLE Beef Committee sanctions may include, but not be limited to, the following: the participant, family members (including but not limited to siblings who are OYLE Beef participants), or business partners (including but not limited to their children who are OYLE Beef participants) associated with the specific violation(s) be barred from current or future participation in the OYLE Beef program and other OYLE events and programs. Persons found to have violated OYLE Beef rules by the OYLE Beef Committee have the right to appeal in writing within 30 days of the OYLE Beef Committee's decision to the OYLE Beef Committee and OYLE Executive Committee. The OYLE Executive Committee's decision will be communicated in writing and will be final.

OYLE Beef rule violators will be responsible for reimbursing legal fees incurred by the OYLE before they are considered in good standing with OYLE for the purposes of future event or program eligibility.

Any exhibitor and the exhibitor's animal, their family members, and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitor, that violate mandatory Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-01 through 901-19-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code (including Rule 901-19-13 G pumping of cattle) or other OYLE Beef rules not part of Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules will cause the exhibitor and the exhibitor's animals to be subject to severe disciplinary action. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's immediate family members (siblings with the same address), may also be subject to being barred from participating in an OYLE Beef show for a period of up to three years from the date of the violation. The barred exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's family may request a hearing for reinstatement with the OYLE Beef Committee at any time during the penalty period determined by the OYLE Beef Committee. The Beef Committee reserves the right to adjust the penalty period based upon the findings of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. In the final months of any penalty period, the OYLE Beef Committee, in its sole discretion, may review the facts and circumstances prior to reinstating barred exhibitors. If the OYLE Beef Committee has not notified the exhibitor of the status of reinstatement prior to the last day of the penalty period, the exhibitor will be deemed reinstated.

OYLE reserves the right to publish names of all parties, youth and/or adult involved in a rule violation through official OYLE print publications and digital communication.

E. OYLE Show Eligibility Resulting from Violations of Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules at Other Shows

Any individual and his or her immediate family or member of the individual's household who has been found by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to be in violation of mandatory Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-01 through 901-19-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has been barred for future show participation (with any species) will be barred from exhibiting cattle in any OYLE Beef show. OYLE will give all decisions of sponsors and other bodies holding fairs and shows full faith and credit and will observe and enforce such decisions coextensively at shows.

Arrival, Stalling, and Tie-outs

1. Early arrival is not permitted. Arrival is **NO** earlier than **7:00 AM, July 30th**.
2. Exhibitors will enter through Gate 4.
3. Traffic flow and parking will be designated upon arrival by the OYLE Beef Committee and volunteers.
4. Upon arrival, exhibitors must go to the show office to receive stalling assignments. Barn stalling will be first-come, first-served and will be assigned by the OYLE Beef Committee.
5. Exhibitors will have the option to stall and tie-out as follows:
 - a. Stall inside the barn and utilize the tie-outs set-up by the Beef Committee (limited).
 - b. Stall inside the barn and tie-out on/to your trailer
 - c. Stall completely off of your trailer
6. Tents may be utilized; however, they must be rented through the fairgrounds.
7. **Straw will be the only bedding permitted outside of the barn area** and must be provided by exhibitors.

8. In the event bedding other than straw is observed, exhibitors may be required to remove the bedding or they may not be permitted to show. The OYLE Beef Committee reserves the right to require non-compliance exhibitors to cover any costs associated with additional removal or clean-up.
9. Mulch will be provided in the barn with your entry.
 - a. Exhibitors may choose to add shavings, swell-pellets or other bedding of their choice to the top of the mulch provided in the barn.
10. Grooming chutes will only be permitted inside of the barn on breeding heifer and market animal show days.
11. Exhibitors are able to set up open-sided tents in designated areas by the OYLE Beef Committee.
12. Exhibitors are limited to the space behind their stall for any/all tack and equipment.
13. All fans must be overhead, no fan carts or butt-fans will be permitted inside the barn.
14. Generators are permitted for use outside of the barn and must be kept in their designated area.
15. Port-A-Cools and misting devices are able to be used in the barn; however, ALL hoses and cords must be out of walkways and traffic flow.
16. Any equipment is subject to be asked to move given circumstantial conditions or at the discretion of the OYLE Beef Committee at any time during the show.
17. Late arrivals will only be permitted in the instance of overlap with a county fair. Any exhibitor requesting late arrival ***MUST*** be pre-approved by the OYLE Beef Committee Chair no later than **July 10th**.
18. All late arrivals must be in place on the fairgrounds and cattle checked-in by the Beef Committee by **July 31st, by 8:00 PM**. Any animal that requires a weight declaration, must submit declared weight by **11:30 AM, July 31st** (written communication by text or email accepted for late arrivals only).
19. Exhibitors will be permitted to leave once they have completed showing.

Complaint or Protest Procedure

Anyone who seeks to file a complaint or protest regarding a perceived infraction of an OYLE rule must submit a fee of \$250 to the OYLE Beef Committee. The OYLE Beef Committee will not release the name of the individual filing the protest. The fee will be refunded only if the protest is sustained by the OYLE Committee. Formal protests pertaining to the OYLE must be made during the species' session in which the protest is being filed. The OYLE Committee also reserves the right to review any potential rules violation on its own without a complaint first being filed. The OYLE Committee, in its discretion, will determine the appropriate action, if any, and reserves the right to use any combination of tools and/or technology to conduct a thorough investigation pertaining to the protest.

If the results of the investigation clearly do not support the complaint or protest, the matter will be dropped. If the results of the investigation appear to support the complaint or protest, the OYLE Committee will provide the participant who is the subject of the complaint or protest with at least 10 days' notice of a meeting, where the participant and the participant's family and any other involved parties will have an opportunity to present evidence or argument in their defense. The party making the protest also may attend and present evidence or argument in support of the protest. The OYLE Committee will share the results of its investigation. Following the meeting, the OYLE Beef Committee in conjunction with the OYLE Executive Committee will make a determination and inform the participant of its decision in writing.

Committee Decisions

The decisions of the OYLE Beef Committee, subject to approval of the OYLE Executive Committee, on all issues pertaining to the OYLE Beef program and events at OYLE Beef shows shall be final.