

DEPT. 53 - STEERS

Check in: Mon., August 2, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Weigh in: Tue., August 3, starts at 7 p.m.

Show: Wed. August 4, 3 p.m.

Sale: Thurs. August 5, 6 p.m.

Place: Beef Complex

Committee Chair: Todd Drake

2010 Fairbook changes are in Italic

TROPHY/AWARDS & 2009 DONORS

Grand Champion Steer	Damascus Livestock Auction
Reserve Champion Steer	Rogers Community Auction, Inc.
Junior Steer Showmanship	Marshall Tree Farm
Intermediate Steer Showmanship	Cope Farm Equipment Inc.
Senior Steer Showmanship	Brad Strong Family
Steer Showman of Showmen, Chair	Lazy H Farm & Fence – Hoppel
Steer Rate of Gain	Winona Frozen Foods
Skillathon – Junior	Marshall Tree Farm
Intermediate	Crabb Insurance Agency
Senior	Thompson Bros. Mining Co.
Grand Champion Project Steer	Agland CO-OP
Reserve Champion Project Steer	Agland CO-OP

Rules - All species will conform to all Uniform Junior Fair Rules found on pages 6-9 of this handbook. Please read these rules.

1. Enrollment in a steer project closed Saturday, **November 14, 2009**. The Columbiana County 4H/Jr. Fair Steer Committee recommends that members be 12 years of age before taking a steer to the Fair. It is recommended that members 12 years of age and under take a beef feeder for their first beef project.

2. County wide education programs for all steer project members will be held throughout the year. Attendance at TWO of these meetings are MANDATORY. One of the mandatory clinics may be a Quality Assurance Clinic. The youth organization's activities will be carried on in the local club. An accurate record book must be kept by each youth. All pages may be scored, including those listed as optional for some ages. Members participating in the **Skill-a-thon Judging on July 10, 2010** from 9 - 12 noon at the fairgrounds will need their record book filled out 'to date,' this is part of their score. Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each division of the Market Steer Skill-a-thon contest.

(Any member not participating in the Skill-a-thon, *MUST turn in their record book to be graded at the skillathon*). Books will be evaluated on accuracy, neatness, and completeness. Skill-a-thon age division winners will automatically go to the next division, except for the senior division who will stay permanently in the senior division.

3. The Columbiana County 4-H/Jr. Fair Steer Committee will generally supervise and assist with the steer project member's work in the county. On **January 27, 2010**, a reorganization of the 2010 Columbiana County 4-H/Jr. Fair Steer Committee will be held with the election of adult members, youth members who want to serve on the committee must apply to adult committee members by **Weigh-in**. Youth members serve a one (1) year term and must re-apply each year.

4. A show will be held during the Columbiana County Fair. The show will include only steers registered with the 4-H/Jr. Fair Steer Committee. All members owning these steers must exhibit their animals in the show unless excused by the county committee and must comply with such regulations as to condition, and showing that the committee deems necessary. Any steers that weigh less than 1000 pounds at the fair weigh-in time must be sold at the end of the sale. All steers shown in the 4-H/Jr. Fair Steer Show must sell at the sale. Any animal not shown cannot be sold.

5. Any member exhibiting and selling a steer at the Columbiana County Jr. Fair cannot sell steers at any other county or independent fair.

6. There will be a **mandatory weigh-in** for all steers to be shown at the Columbiana County Jr. Fair. The steers will be tagged and eligible for Rate of Gain Contest at the Fair. **Weigh-in will be done at the fairgrounds in Lisbon on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** All steers must weigh a minimum of 350 pounds. Please do not ask to tag any underweight steer. The committee suggests the steer not weigh more than 700 pounds. (Target weight 500-600 pounds). Each exhibitor may tag one steer. Exhibitor must possess ownership of animal by tagging date.

7. At weigh-in, steers *MUST* have a **clean, nylon** beef-type rope halter on before unloading. Since **owners** are **solely liable and responsible** for their steer during weigh-in, it is best for steers to be halter broke before the November weigh-in. This will reduce the risk of loss or injury to animals and people.

8. An exhibitor may obtain a steer in one of two ways:

A: Select from the home herd.

B: Purchase steer of own choice. Animals selected shall be a recognized beef breed. Dairy or dairy cross cattle are not allowed. The committee is willing to assist members in locating project steers. All steers must meet the approval of the 4-H/Jr. Fair Steer Committee/Extension Educator.

9. All calves should be dehorned and castrated by **November 14, 2009**. **All calves must be dehorned and castrated to show at the fair**. All calves must be castrated before they are 8 months old to show at the fair. Any steer not properly castrated will not be allowed to show at the fair and must be removed from the fairgrounds ASAP. Dehorning and castration will be the sole responsibility of the owner.

10. Members note: All steers must be able to be lead and handled for show and sale. Members should use show halters for the show.

11. All steers **must** be housed and fitted in the Beef Complex.

12. Health papers and Drug Notification Forms **MUST** accompany all steers to the fair.

13. Once the steer leaves the scales, there will be no re-weighs at the Fair. The scales are calibrated and have a Certified Weighmaster.

14. GROOMING & FITTING STEERS: Current mandatory rules included in the Ohio Livestock Show Reform Act, produced by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, will be enforced. The Sr. Steer committee will report any violations to the Senior Fair Board.

A.) The following grooming practices are prohibited:

i) Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves.

ii) 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 or powders.

iii) Pigmented grooming aids or materials.

B.) Members may use white foam, Zoom Bloom, Final Bloom, adhesives etc. However, members must have all adhesives and grooming aids properly cleaned out of steers after the show. Members who fail to do this may be cited for grooming and fitting violation.

15. Buyers and Trophy Thank You letters must be turned in by 1 p.m. Sunday **(the last day of the fair)** or members will not receive their steer checks.

16. All steers must be fitted with one, ½" or larger rope halter. The halter goes with the steer when sold. Halters and neck ropes that are unsatisfactory will be replaced and the exhibitor charged. Neck rope and halters shall be left on until steers are picked up.

17. Showmanship - see Uniform Rules for Showmanship (See Table of Contents page for page #.)

18. All members can compete for Steer – Outstanding Youth Project- Grand and Reserve. Winners are determined by the combination of class placing, showmanship placing, and Skill-a-thon judging score. There is usually a *chair*, *jacket*, and savings bond awarded to the top two places.

19. Breed Show Members must commit by weigh-in on Tuesday, if they are going to show in Breed Show and must at the same time turn in original breed registration papers. For those breed associations that allow registration at a percentage less than purebred, the steers must be at least 3/4 purebred and have correct papers. There will need to be at least six entries to have a class for that breed. Breeds with less than six entries will show as usual in regular cross-bred classes by weight.

20. Fall weigh-in for the **2011 Fair Steers** will be **Saturday, November 13, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

21. *A market steer class will be added for the Columbiana County born and raised steer which will be selected at the Columbiana County Fair.*

a. Exhibitors must live in county and sign up at November weigh-in.

b. The market calf must be born in Columbiana County.

c. Class will be called back from highest place eligible calf in each weight division.

Steer Committee will have final say on eligible animals.

See Uniform Showmanship rules and classes.