



November 20, 2025

Dear Jr. Fair Steer Exhibitor,

Registration for Market Beef and Dairy Beef Steers that are to be shown at the 2026 Allen County Jr. Fair will be held on Saturday, December 27, from 8:00am to 10:00am in the Beef Barn at the Allen County Fairgrounds. All animals must arrive before 10:00 a.m. to be weighed in. Exhibitors may register and show MORE than two (2) bovine projects at the 2025 fair. **Exhibitors are still limited to TWO (2) trips through the sale ring.**

In families where more than one child is showing Market Beef or Dairy Steers, each member must register the animal(s) they will be showing at the Fair in their name. Also, a floater animal can be registered in the family's name instead of each individual weighing in an extra animal. Changes will not be made after weigh-in.

The "Born & Raised in Allen County" Market Beef Show will continue to be a part of the 2026 Allen County Jr. Fair. Animals shown in this class must meet one of the following two requirements:

1. Be born and raised at the residence of the Jr. Fair exhibitor who is a member of an Allen County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
2. If the Market Beef were purchased, the animals must have been born and raised in Allen County until purchased by the Jr. Fair exhibitor who must have the Market Beef in his/her possession on or before January 1 of the current year.

"Born & Raised" market beef must also be registered and shown in the Market steer or heifer Class. **4-H or FFA members wishing to enter the "Born & Raised" Class must provide a bill of sale or proof of purchase at the time of weigh-in.**

Animals must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds at the Fair to be eligible to show for champion or sell in the auction. Lightweight animals will be graded and receive premiums according to their grades. Exhibitors must make their own arrangements for selling lightweight animals or may select to take them home.

All animals need to be broke to lead by registration time. We don't want anyone hurt, so it is important that you are working with your animals now. The sooner you start the training process, the better the animal will lead in December.



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All market animals must be dehorned. Animals with horns will not be permitted to show at the Fair. Remember that winter months are the best time to do dehorning.

If you know of other boys and girls who were not 4-H or FFA members last year, but who are planning to show a steer at this year's Fair, please let us know. We will put their name on our mailing list and send them the necessary registration materials. If you have any questions, please call the office.

If you plan to exhibit Market Steers at the Ohio State Fair (OSF), please be aware of the following change and **we will have the Ohio State Fair packets available at weigh-in.**

DNA Samples will be required instead of nose print cards. OSF Steers will also need to be tagged with an EID Tag. These hair samples are due to the State Fair by **January 15th.** State Fair packets will be available in the Extension Office or at weigh in.

Sincerely,

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