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TO: 2019 Market Beef Exhibitors

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RE: Market Beef Tag-In

Are you ready to begin another 4-H project year? If you are interested in exhibiting a market beef at the 2020 Tuscarawas County Fair, you have probably already begun the project. Selection, housing, feeding, and winter care are all issues you are dealing with. This letter pertains to market beef tag-in and exhibiting next year. If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact me.

Market beef tag-in will be December 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Show Arena at the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds. For those with unavoidable scheduling conflicts, we have set aside December 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. You must pre-register for the 16th by calling the Extension office by December 11. If arrangements are not made by December 11, you will not be permitted to tag-in or exhibit.

Members showing at any of the BEST sanctioned shows must have EID tags in their calves prior to the first show in which they exhibit. BEST shows prior to the January 15 deadline to submit samples to OSF include:

- AGR Holiday Classic, December 7-8, Columbus
- Scarlet & Gray Midwest Showdown, January 4-5, Springfield

NEW for 2020:

Market Heifer Class – Effective for 2020, youth may choose to exhibit a heifer instead of a steer as their market beef project. All the same weight limits and rules for the steers would still apply and are outlined in this letter. Heifers will show in a separate class but would show for overall champion market beef. Once a heifer is tagged in as a market beef animal at fair, she is not permitted to be switched to beef breeding. Only one market beef animal is permitted to be exhibited.

Possession Deadline – Once a market beef animal is tagged in under a 4-H or FFA member's name for the Tuscarawas County Fair, that animal is not permitted to be shown by any other person or under another name. Not adhering to this rule will result in the member not being permitted to exhibit their animal the 2020 Tuscarawas County Fair.

Here are the 2020 tag-in procedures/guidelines:

1. Tag-in at the December date is required for all 4-H and FFA market beef and dairy market beef shown and sold at the 2020 Tuscarawas County Fair. **There is no make up date.** In case of inclement weather, please listen to WJER or WTUZ for more information.
2. You may weigh-in 1 or 2 animals with one being eligible to exhibit at the Tuscarawas County Fair, or if you have a brother/sister or half-brother/sister or unrelated children (with at least one parent residing in the home) and who are members of a Tuscarawas County 4-H club and reside in the same household who have also weighed in an animal, you may at the time of weigh-in designate a back-up animal that may be shown by:
 - a. you or any of the above-mentioned individuals
 - b. at the time of tag-in those individuals (siblings) eligible to exhibit the back-up animal must be so named at weigh-in. (Example: If there are 2 [or more] members in your family and they weigh in 1 animal per child, the extra animal can be used as a back-up for any of the children, **BUT MUST BE NAMED AT TAG-IN.**)
3. **CASTRATED CALVES ONLY!** It is suggested that you obtain a slip from your vet to verify the procedure if you had it done just prior to tag-in.
4. **CALF MUST BE WEARING A HALTER AND BE HALTER BROKE!** Animals will be dismissed that do not have a halter on in the trailer and when taken through the scales. Calves **MUST** be halter broke!
5. **The Ohio State Fair Beef Department adopted in 2015 new protocols for identifying market beef animals.** These protocols include the use of an electronic identification (EID) ear tag that has a unique 15-digit number and a DNA sample submitted for all market beef animals that exhibitors plan to enter in the 2020 Ohio State Fair Junior Market Beef Show.

The DNA collection will be in the form of a hair sample **received by the Ohio State Fair by January 15, 2020**, to meet the ownership deadlines for market beef animals. Along with the DNA hair submission, each market animal's 15-digit EID tag must also be included on the DNA packets, **which will be available at tag-in.**

You are responsible for making a State Fair entry. You are eligible to show in Open Class but must follow entry procedures in the Ohio State Fair Handbook. Obtain entry information from the Ohio State Fair web site (<http://www.ohiostatefair.com/>).

6. Please help us notify anyone who did not exhibit a market beef in 2019 but will be taking a market beef in 2020. They must bring their animal(s) to tag-in.

Additional market project reminders:

1. All market livestock exhibitors must attend a Quality Assurance (QA) Seminar in 2020. Seminars dates are to be determined as of this mailing. Look for finalized QA dates on our social media sites (web site and Facebook page). 4-H advisors will also be aware of the dates.
2. Begin record keeping as soon as you get your calf for the 2020 year. The *117 Beef Project and Record Book* is available for purchase at the Extension office. Complete guidelines will be available online or through club book order (have your advisor order your guidelines).
3. A Junior Fair exhibitor may only exhibit a total of two large animals and two small animals at the county fair. The breakdown is as follows: Large Animals – market beef, feeder calf, beef breeding, dairy cow, hog, lamb; Small Animals – rabbit, poultry, dairy goat, market goat, pack goat, pygmy goat. An exhibitor may only receive two sale-generating checks. An exhibitor may receive a fair premium on three total projects.

4. The following steps must be complete to exhibit a market beef at the county fair:
 - a. Animal tagged and weighed in on December 14 (or 16), 2019.
 - b. Enrollment turned in by April 15, 2020.
 - c. Member's attendance recorded at a QA meeting.
 - d. Member must be in good standing with the enrolled club.
 - e. Member attends Interview Judging and receives a Bronze or higher.
 - f. Member turns in a completed fair entry by the deadline.
 - g. Animal brought to the county fair by assigned time in good health condition.
 - h. DUNF is complete, accurate, and animal is drug residue free.
 - i. Animal must be properly cared for during the county fair, including bedding and feed.

Upcoming changes effective for 2021:

1. Dairy market beef will only be permitted to be shown from the six recognized dairy breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn. No other dairy market beef will be permitted to be tagged in and exhibited.
2. Tuscarawas County Bred and Fed will become Tuscarawas County Bred, Born, and Fed. Calves must be conceived, born, and raised in Tuscarawas County and no embryos will be permitted.

Please contact me at heckel.13@osu.edu or 330-339-2337 if you have any questions concerning the requirements or with your project.

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