

2025 HARTFORD FAIR

Market Steer / Market Heifer Weigh-In

- WEIGN-IN:** Saturday, December 7, 2024 (8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.)
West End of Grubb Arena, Hartford Fairgrounds
*PRE-REGISTER online no later than NOON on Friday,
December 6, 2024 at go.osu.edu/2025HartfordWeighIn
- TAGS:** We will using Electronic Identification (EID) tags in 2025.
If the calf does not already have a EID tag in place upon arrival to weigh-in, one can be purchased.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to acquire their own EID tags, prior to weigh-in at the fairgrounds.
 - For additional information on how to purchase your own tags, simply visit the following link:
www.go.osu.edu/eidtags
 - EID tags administered by the OCA Best Program, Knox / Delaware County Fair or other affiliated programs or producer are acceptable.
 - Any exhibitors who do not have EID tags in advance of arrival, must purchase tags at cost of \$5 per animal.
 - Each animal may only have one official USDA approved tag; it is also unlawful to remove an 840 EID tag once it has been placed in the animal's ear. It is intended for lifetime tracking.
- DNA SAMPLES:** Hair samples will be collected on each calf, as a means of identification beyond the recorded EID tag. Tattoos will not be administered.
- BRED/OWNED:** If your steer / heifer qualifies for the Bred & Owned class, meaning that the exhibitor owned the cow at the time that she was bred, and at the time that the calf was born, you will need to designate this during online registration for weigh-in.

Feel free to contact Ian (740.973.5629) or Kody (740.404.3676) with questions!
Thank you to the Licking County Cattleman's Association for their sponsorship of costs associated with the 2025 Hartford Fair DNA hair samples!

2025 OHIO STATE FAIR

Market Steer / Market Heifer Identification Process

IDENTIFICATION: In order for a Market Steer / Market Heifer to be eligible for entry to the 2025 Ohio State Fair, the appropriate DNA Sample and Identification Envelope must be submitted by no later than January 15, 2025.

OFFICIAL ENTRY: Submitting DNA sample materials by the stated deadline makes those animals eligible for official entry to the Ohio State Fair, entry forms must be submitted prior to June 20, 2025.
(www.ohiostatefair.com > Competitions > Jr. Livestock > Junior Beef)

DNA PACKETS: DNA packets can be obtained at your local Extension Office.

- Delaware County Extension Office 740.833.2030
- Knox County Extension Office 740.397.0401
- Licking County Extension Office 740.670.5315

The Ohio State Fair is no longer providing EID tags. Only DNA packets are provided for exhibitors. Exhibitors are expected to provide EID tag number when submitting DNA packet (by the stated deadline).

SIGNATURE: Please be aware that your county 4-H Youth Development Educator or FFA Instructor will need to sign each DNA envelope prior to submission as notification that you plan to enroll in the 4-H / FFA Market Beef project for 2025.

In order to be eligible for entry in to the Market Steer / Market Heifer classes during the Ohio State Fair, you must officially enroll in the Market Beef project through your 4-H or FFA program. Neglecting to do so will forfeit the ability to make entry to these classes. (Same rule applies to entry in county / independent fair market classes)

Feel free to contact Lisa McCutcheon
(mccutcheon.46@osu.edu / 740.670.5315) with questions!