Department 10 - 4-H & Vocational - Junior Dairy Beef Cattle

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Bedford County Fair Junior Dairy Beef Steer Guidelines - Project Year 2024
Please refer to ww.bedford-fair.com website for additional updates.

1. Dairy feeder steer calves (no heifers) must be born and tagged between **December 1st and March 1st of the current project year.** Members can tag three calves, but only two calves may be shown in the feeder classes. Animals cannot be replaced after tagging deadline. Any two from the group of three that were tagged may be shown. An exhibitor may show two dairy feeder calves and two finished dairy steers each year.

2. Project animal must be tagged by the 4H Leader or FFA Advisor. Animals must have official Bedford County Fair RFID tag. Fair Tags and project enrollment forms will be available at the Extension Office. **Project enrollment form must be returned to the Extension Office by MARCH 15th.** No late submissions will be accepted. $5 will be collected per tagged animal and returned with the project enrollment form. Checks made payable to "Bedford County Dairy Committee.

3. Project animal can be any breed of dairy, (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, or Red & White) but **MUST be pure bred dairy blood.** No crossbreeding of dairy breeds or beef parentage.

4. All Steers should be dehorned in time to be healed by the show. Calves should be castrated by May 1. Calves must be either cut or banded – Crimping will not be allowed. Dairy beef must be completely free of testicular development and healed at the show.

5. Feeder Calves must weigh a minimum of 350 lbs. and will be enforced. Must be on a grain fed diet by the Fair in order to show – Calves will be divided in three classes by weight following weigh-in: Light, Medium, and Heavy.

6. Dairy Feeders and finished steers will be weighed immediately after the Market Steers on Sunday afternoon. **Both will be shown on Tuesday afternoon, following the Junior Dairy Show.** Dairy Feeder Calves will start, followed by Finished Dairy Steers. Showmanship will occur following the Finished Dairy steer show.

7. Members **must declare at the scale** whether to sell or take their project animal home. **For Feeder Calves, the 1st place feeder calf of each class will be eligible to be sold at the Livestock Sale on Saturday. However, to follow the industry standards, NO FEEDER CALF UNDER 450 lbs. will be accepted or sold at the sale. Substitutes will be at the discretion of the Sale Committee. Also, the Grand & Reserve Finished Steers will be sold at the sale on Saturday.** All others will not be sold through the livestock sale. The dairy beef committee will seek a predetermined bid for all feeders to be sold. **Rope halters must be left with your steers for loading after the fair.**

8. Members are **responsible for their 4H Project Books or proof that the steer is entered in the FFA AET** system. Members must bring documentation with them at the time of weigh-in or you will not be permitted to show.

9. All members are responsible for health requirements. To add value of animals for the buyer:

　　A. Calves are required to be vaccinated against IBR, PI3, BVD and BRSV using one dose of modified live vaccine or two doses of killed vaccine. Examples: Bovishield & Pyramid. Consult your vet about timing and administering of vaccine.

　　B. It is recommended that calves be given a rabies vaccination.

　　C. If your steer has symptoms of ringworm within 4 weeks of Fair, you should have your animal treated by a veterinarian and a statement of date/treatment.

　　D. **A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required within 30 days prior to show. Refer to the Fair website at www.bedford-fair.com for specific animal health requirements.**

10. A substitute showman who is the same age or younger may be used if the exhibitor has more than one steer in the ring in the same class.

11. All Dairy Beef calves and Finished Steers will be housed together in the Open Show Dairy Barn (unless you are a Dairy Exhibitor). You are responsible for your own bedding, water and feed.

12. Fitting Suggestion: Slick Shearing and be sure to get all the hair removed from all locations of the body with the exception of the switch.

13. Finished Steer Class for 2024 Fair –
• **All finished Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds.**
• ALL FINISHED DAIRY STEERS MUST BE BORN ACCORDING TO RULE #1 of the previous year's Rules. TO SHOW IN 2024 – Identification of your calf must be recorded by photo ID along with official Bedford Fair ear tag shown in picture. Photo must be both sides of the calf and head shot with tag showing. Pictures are to be submitted to extension office by November 15, 2023 to qualify for the 2024 Bedford County Fair show season. You can email your pictures along with your exhibitor name to Dwayne Hay dxh42@psu.edu If pictures are not submitted by the deadline, you will NOT BE ELIGIBLE for the 2024 Finished Dairy Steer class.
• **The steer must be owned by the original Junior that showed the steer as a calf in the 2023 Bedford Fair. No transfer of ownership and/or no purchased steers will be permitted to show.** This class was created to be a two-year project for the Junior showman to have an opportunity to bring the calf back as a steer and the opportunity to show that animal two consecutive years. Steer must be shown by the Junior who originally tagged it as a steer.
• **Two finished steers may be shown in the second year, and they do not need to have been exhibited at the previous year's fair (but they do need to have been tagged for the previous year's fair).**
Class may be split depending on the class entry number at the Dairy Beef Committee's discretion.

Department 10 - Section 02C - Jr Dairy Beef Cattle
Tuesday - 1:00 p.m. (after Jr Dairy Show in Ring 1)

CLASS: $15 $13 $12 $11 $10
01 Dairy Beef Feeder Calves
02 Dairy Beef Finished Steers
(Dairy beef will be placed into groups below after weigh-ins)

DAIRY BEEF FEEDER CALVES
DAIRY BEEF FEEDER, Lightweight Group 1
DAIRY BEEF FEEDER, Lightweight Group 2
DAIRY BEEF FEEDER, Lightweight Group 3
DAIRY BEEF FEEDER, Middleweight Group 4
DAIRY BEEF FEEDER, Middleweight Group 5
DAIRY BEEF FEEDER, Middleweight Group 6
DAIRY BEEF FEEDER, Heavyweight Group 7
DAIRY BEEF FEEDER, Heavyweight Group 8
DAIRY BEEF FEEDER, Heavyweight Group 9
Lightweight Champion - Banner
Medium Weight Champion - Banner
Heavyweight Champion - Banner
Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf - Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf- Banner

DAIRY BEEF FINISHED STEERS
DAIRY BEEF FINISHED STEER, Lightweight
DAIRY BEEF FINISHED STEER, Heavyweight
Lightweight Champion - Banner
Heavyweight Champion - Banner
Grand Champion Dairy Beef Finished Steer - Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Beef Finished Steer – Banner

Department 10 - Section 02D - Jr Dairy Beef Showmanship

1. Each person who participates in the showmanship contest will receive $4.00.
2. Dairy Beef Steers - Tuesday afternoon, for age classes 8 to 10 yrs., 11 to 13 yrs., 14 to 17 yrs. & 18 yrs. and over.
3. Animals in showmanship must be the exhibitor's animal.

CLASS...$4
01 DAIRY BEEF, Jr. Showman - Steer (8-10)
02 DAIRY BEEF, Jr. Inter. Showman - Steer (11-13)
03 DAIRY BEEF, Sr. Inter. Showman - Steer (14-17)
04 DAIRY BEEF, Sr. Showman - Steer (18-Over)
Master Dairy Beef Showman will be selected from the winners of each class listed above. The Master Dairy Beef Showman will compete in the Supreme Showman contest on Friday night.

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Dairy Beef Awards
Lightweight Champion Dairy Feeder Steer - Banner sponsored by **West Central Equipment**
Medium Weight Champion Dairy Feeder Steer - Banner sponsored by **Stooges Pub & Grill**
Heavyweight Champion Dairy Feeder Steer - Banner sponsored by **Hoober, Inc.**
Grand Champion Dairy Dairy Feeder Steer - Banner sponsored by **Morrals Farm Supply**
Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Steer - Banner sponsored by **Harry Snyder Insurance**
Finished Dairy Steer Awards
Lightweight Champion Finished Dairy Steer - Banner sponsored by **Swope Tremmel Hall Auctioneers**
Heavyweight Champion Finished Dairy Steer - Banner sponsored by **Swope Tremmel Hall Auctioneers**
Grand Champion Finished Dairy Steer - Banner sponsored by **Kase Beverage**
Reserve Grand Champion Finished Dairy Steer - Banner sponsored by **Swope Tremmel Hall Auctioneers**
Dairy Beef Showmanship Awards
Jr. Showman (ages 8-10) - Banner sponsored by **Battery Boys**
Jr. Intermediate Showman (ages 11-13) - Banner sponsored by **Hines Equipment**
Sr. Intermediate Showman (ages 14 -17) - Banner sponsored by **Shetter Insurance**
Sr. Showman (ages 18 & over) - Banner sponsored by **Pyle Well Drilling**
Master Showmanship - Banner sponsored by **The Feed Box**
Reserve Master Showman - Banner sponsored by **Subway-Clark Building, Bedford**

The Bedford County Fair and its officers reserve the right to randomly drug test any livestock exhibited at the Bedford County Fair. Non-approved pharmaceuticals are 100% prohibited! This includes substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals that may be destined for human consumption. This includes the use of all products that are not FDA approved including but not limited to any unapproved growth stimulant, beta-agonists, diuretics, or other unapproved medication meant for human usage that are intended for performance enhancing purposes. All utilized pharmaceuticals should be in compliance with Pennsylvania standards, USDA, and/or USDA/Food Safety/safety standards.
If any substance found in the obtained sample is non-approved, then the individual exhibitor will be subject to the following penalties:
    (A) Disqualified from exhibiting at the Bedford County Fair for one year.
    (B) Any & all money will be forfeited.
    (C) All awards (banners, buckles, etc.) must be returned to the Department Committee immediately regardless of situation or will be billed at the Committee's discretion.
    (D) Will be responsible to pay all fees for the blood test results.