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To: 2018 Junior Fair Beef Exhibitors- Beef Projects
4-H Club Organizational Advisors
FFA Chapter Advisors

From: Beth Guggenbiller, Extension Educator – 4-H Youth and Development

What: Junior Fair Market Beef Animal Identification

When: Friday evening, November 30 from 6-8:30 PM **OR** Saturday morning, December 1 from 9-10:00 AM
*please note time change from previous years

Where: South end of the beef cattle barn at the Mercer County Fairgrounds – enter from main gate

All market beef animals must be ear tagged in order to be eligible for the 2019 Mercer County Junior Fair. This includes all market steers (beef or dairy) and market heifers. Those wishing to exhibit animals only at the state fair **and will not** show this animal or animals at county fair **will not** have to have their state **fair only** animal(s) identified at this identification clinic. This clinic is for animal that will be shown at the county fair (some animals may be shown at both the county and the state fair – which means those animals are identified at this clinic).

FOR STATE FAIR: If you are just considering showing at the state fair in 2019 and have not yet made a firm decision, I would advise you to submit the required hair samples and EID tagging requirements by the state fair's January 15, 2019 deadline. Simply providing this sample to the state fair office does not enter your animal into the state fair show. The actual entry process happens in June. However, if you do not send the required information to the state fair by January 15, 2019, your animal(s) will not be eligible to be shown and you cannot make an entry for that animal in June.

This letter is being sent to any exhibitor who was enrolled in any type of beef project in 2018. **(You received this letter because you exhibited a breeding heifer, market beef or a feeder calf at last year's fair. You DO NOT need to ID breeding heifers or feeder calves at this time, but I wanted you to have this information in case you have decided to exhibit a market beef animal for 2018).**

If you exhibited a market beef project in 2018 BUT ARE NOT taking this project in 2019, please notify me (guggenbiller.23@osu.edu or 419-586-2179). I would appreciate knowing that you are not coming to this event.

Each person may identify a maximum of 5 animals in each class (beef steer, market heifer or dairy steer) and show 2 of these animals in each class at the fair. A family may declare a family market animal if each child enrolled in beef from that family already has at least one beef animal listed in their name. If this family market animal is shown at the fair, it must be declared on a junior fair entry form listed for that exhibitor. Completed county fair entry forms are due at the beef skillathon to be held in July.

These two dates (November 30 and December 1) are the only times for identification of 2019 Junior Fair Market Beef animals for the 2019 Mercer County Junior Fair.

Questions may be directed to me at the Extension Office at 419-586-2179 or guggenbiller.23@osu.edu.