



October 22, 2020

To: 2020 Junior Fair Beef Exhibitors - Beef Projects
4-H Club Organizational Advisors
FFA Chapter Advisors

All market beef animals must be ear tagged in order to be eligible for the 2021 Mercer County Junior Fair. This includes all market steers (beef or dairy) and market heifers. An exhibitor will have 2 options to have your animals identified for the fair this year:

1. The identification clinic for market beef projects will be held at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on **Friday evening, December 4 from 6-8:30 PM OR Saturday morning, December 5 from 9-10:00 AM.**
2. You may select to have, at your own expense, your veterinarian visit your farm and tag your animals. You must pick up tags and paperwork at the Extension Office, make an appointment with your vet, have animals tagged and paperwork completed and **return this paperwork to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 4.** Animals tagged on the farm will NOT be eligible for the rate of gain class. **Please note that December 4 is a firm deadline.** In fairness to all exhibitors involved, ownership dates must be the same for everyone. Having stated that, do not wait until the last minute to make an appointment with your veterinarian.

As an alternative for those families who do not wish to bring their animals to the fairgrounds, see list below for veterinarians who have been sent tagging information.

Coldwater Animal Clinic	110 Harvest Drive	Coldwater	678-4071
Ft. Recovery Veterinary Center	119 State Route 119	Ft. Recovery	375-2684
County Animal Clinic	800 North 7 th St.	Coldwater	678-3610
Celina Animal Hospital	7100 Havemann Road	Celina	586-3109
Maria Stein Animal Clinic	8155 State Route 119	Maria Stein	925-4212
Chickasaw Vet Center	PO 144	Chickasaw	925-4910
Four Star Veterinary Service	108 West Franklin	Chickasaw	925-9300

Tags can be picked up from the Extension Office. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 PM. **You must notify us to request your tags before pick up.**

This letter is being sent to any exhibitor who was enrolled in any type of beef project in 2020. (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 2021).

If you exhibited a market beef project in 2020 BUT ARE NOT taking this project in 2021, 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.

FOR STATE FAIR: If you are just considering showing at the state fair in 2021 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, 2021 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, 2021, your animal(s) will not be eligible to be shown and you cannot make an entry for that animal in June. **If you would like EID kit, please notify our office by 10/30/2020 so we can reserve your kit.**

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Guggenbiller".

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