



SO YOU ARE TAKING A BEEF PROJECT

This page contains basic information to assist you in preparing your beef project for fair. Good luck!

	Market Steers	Breeding Beef	Beef Feeders	Dairy Beef Feeders
Recommended Breeds		Any beef breed		Holstein, Brown Swiss, Guernsey or crossbred of these dairy breeds
Recommended Age at Fair	16 months	--	6 months	6 months
Recommended Date of Birth	Jan-Mar of previous year	--	Dec-Jan	Dec-Jan
Date of Possession	November 30	April 15	April 15	April 15
Pre-Fair Weigh/Tag?	Yes-December Must be castrated and dehorned by 11/30	No	No Must be castrated, dehorned and healed by fair	Yes-April Must be castrated and dehorned by/at tagging
DUNF or Quality Assurance Required?	DUNF & QA	No	No	No
Exhibit	1 or 2		1 or 2	1 or 2
Recommended Male/Female	Steers	Heifers, cows	Heifers or Steers	Steers
Must Weigh by Fair	1000 lbs	--	350-650 lbs	350-650 lbs
Recommended Vaccinations	Blackleg, pinkeye, respiratory series (IBR/BVD/P13/BRSV), Pastorella Lice, grubs and wormer	respiratory series (IBR/BVD/P13/BRSV) Leptospirosis, Vibriosis	respiratory series (IBR/BVD/P13/BRSV) Pastorella, 7-way clostridial vaccine, wormer	respiratory series (IBR/BVD/P13/BRSV) Pastorella, 7-way clostridial vaccine, wormer
Recommended Bedding	Mulch or Shavings	Mulch, Shavings or Straw	Mulch, Shavings or Straw	Mulch, Shavings or Straw

It's almost Fair Week – What do I need to pack?

Bucket for water	Brushes	Water hose/nozzle	Thank you poster for last year's buyer	DUNF
Feed	Extension Cord	Wire	Washing supplies	Tack box
Feed Pan	Spray Bottle	Show Stick	Groom Shoot	Wheel Barrel (club may share)
Rope Halter	Show Halter	Blower		Fan

A few things to know:

- ❖ Quality Assurance training is completed by on-line YQCA and must be complete by May 1 with certification received at the Extension Office by May 2.
- ❖ Each exhibitor must register their animals for fair through the online program set up by the Livestock & Sale Committee. On-line registration is open from April 15-May 15.
- ❖ Beef animals, especially steers get to be very large! It is important to start working with your animal while he/she is still quite small. You will need to halter break, walk, and teach your animal to "set-up" or stand square for the show.
- ❖ Sale Intentions must be made! Sale Intentions are required for every market exhibitor for every market show they participate in, even if it's only one! Sale Intentions tell the Sale Committee which animals you are planning to sell through the Livestock Sale and which animals will be loaded onto the packer truck.