



JACKSON COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR
MARKET STEER CARCASS CLASS



Why a Market Steer Carcass Class?

The Jackson County Junior Fair Market Steer Carcass Class is intended to be an educational experience for young producers in the beef industry. The carcass class is recognized as one of the most valuable learning experiences in beef production that exhibitors can take part in, and participation is highly encouraged.

The live judging is an educational session on live carcass evaluation designed to teach youth about meat judging and selection. Additionally, this exclusive experience introduces youth to top performers in the industry – professors, professionals, packing management, facilities, and more. Evaluation will be completed by The Ohio State University Meats Evaluation Team and their collegiate Advisor.

The agricultural industry is shifting in Southern and Southeastern Ohio with the introduction of a Meat Science program at the University of Rio Grande, and expanding workforce development preparation goals by Ohio 4-H. By introducing a Junior Fair Market Steer Carcass Class, the local 4-H and FFA programs can support youth in “learning by doing,” and completing hands-on project work with a potential for continuing education.

Jackson County Junior Fair Market Steer Carcass Class Rules

1. All general rules and requirements of the traditional Jackson County Junior Fair program pertain. Junior Fair exhibitors adhere to the guidelines and expectations set forth by 4-H, FFA, and the Jackson County Junior Fair.
 - a. All members enrolled in the Market Steer Carcass Contest should complete the required 4-H and/or FFA record book.
 - b. All members enrolled in the Market Steer Carcass Contest must fulfill the annual Quality Assurance training requirement to meet ODA livestock quality assurance and Jackson County Junior Fair standards.
 - c. All members enrolled in the Market Steer Carcass Contest are eligible to participate in the Skillathon contest.
2. The Carcass Class is comprised of Market Steers ONLY.
3. All steers MUST be checked-in during the annual January weigh-in prior to the fair at the Jackson County Fairgrounds.

4. At the January weigh-in, the exhibitor will commit to exhibiting in the carcass class by signing a contract that states they will participate in the Market Steer Carcass Class in July. This is to ensure quality and quantity of show.
 - a. If the exhibitor does not exhibit their designated carcass steer in the live evaluation the Wednesday before the fair, that steer is NOT eligible to compete in the live market beef show during the Jackson County Junior Fair.
5. There is only one (1) carcass entry per exhibitor.
6. There is no Rate of Gain or County Bred contest for steers entered into the carcass class.
7. The Market Steer Carcass Project falls under the Market Beef Project and follows the rules set forth for market steers by the Jackson County Junior Fair Livestock Committee and Jackson County Senior Fair Board.
 - a. All steers must meet the 950lb minimum weight requirement.
 - b. All steers must be born after December 1st of the previous year.
 - c. All steers must be dehorned and castrated before reaching 8 months of age.
 - d. Carcass Steers are required to enter their animal identification data into 4-H Online and FairEntry just as any other market animal.
8. The exhibitor can only show two (2) market beef in total for the Jackson County Fair.
 - a. Ex. An exhibitor can show one (1) Carcass and (1) Market Beef.
9. The live, on-hoof show will take place the **Wednesday before the Jackson County Junior Fair at 7:00 PM**. Carcass steers must be presented in the live, on-hoof show to be eligible for the carcass class.
10. During the live, on-hoof show, ten (10) Market Steers are selected for slaughter to be exhibited in the carcass show.
 - a. 1st place carcass deemed by carcass evaluation, not live evaluation.
11. The non-selected steers can then return for the Jackson County Junior Fair to participate in the live market beef and showmanship classes.
 - a. If the non-selected steer is the exhibitor's only animal for the market beef project, the participants **MUST** return to the Jackson County Junior Fair to exhibit their project and complete their project requirements.
12. No showmanship class will be offered for carcass steer exhibitors.
13. The exhibitor/parent(s) are responsible for arranging meat pick up from the processor within five (5) days of completion. The exhibitor will need to secure a buyer for their carcass if they do not wish to take the meat home for their own personal use.

14. Jackson County Junior Fair Livestock Committee is not responsible for any butcher bills or other costs regarding exhibitor participation in the carcass class.
15. Only the designated Carcass Steer can be brought to the fairgrounds the day of the on-hoof show. NO OTHER PROJECTS ARE PERMITTED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS UNTIL JUNIOR FAIR ARRIVAL TIME.
16. All non-selected steers must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately following the show. The non-selected steers can then return for the Jackson County Junior Fair during Sunday's weigh-in to participate in the live market beef class later in the week.
17. Exhibitors are invited to the processor for the explanation of placings and final results. This will take place at **12:00 PM on Thursday of the Jackson County Junior Fair**.
18. 1st place carcass will have the option to sell through the Jackson County Junior Fair Livestock Auction during the Market Beef sale. Overall results will also be announced during this time.
 - a. Carcass class exhibitors are not required to sell their carcass steers in the live sale. If the 1st place carcass steer exhibitor does not want to sell their carcass in the live auction (and keep the meat for themselves), the opportunity will then transfer to the 2nd place carcass steer, and so on.
 - b. Exhibitors can only sell ONE market steer through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale unless an exhibitor has multiple top 10 animals.
19. ALL Jackson County Junior Fair market animals are expected to be continuously drug free and should complete online Drug Use Notification (DUNF) Forms.
20. Animals showing any signs of dairy influence or characteristics will be disqualified from the Carcass Steer judging.
21. Any steer considered to be dangerous to the exhibitor, other Junior Fair members or spectators as determined by the superintendent, Livestock Committee, and Extension Staff, will not be shown, or sold, at the Jackson County Junior Fair.

RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & OTHER RULES MAY BE ADDED OR
CLARIFICATIONS PROVIDED IF DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE LIVESTOCK
COMMITTEE



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Please sign and return this document at the Jackson County Market Beef & Dairy Steer Weigh-In in January.

I _____ agree to participate in the Jackson County Junior Fair Market Steer Carcass Class and understand the rules above.

Exhibitor Name (Print): _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name (Print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____