



Market Cattle

Registrations Due: January 9th, 2026 by 4:30 PM Weigh

In/Tagging: Sunday, January 11th, 2026, 12-1:30 PM

Makeup Date: Sunday, January 25th, 2026, 12-1:30 PM

December 15th, 2025

To: Potential Shelby County Junior Fair Market Cattle Exhibitors
Re: Market Cattle Registration Procedures, Dates, and More

This packet contains information regarding market cattle (steer/market heifers & dairy steers) registration procedures, rules, and dates for the 2026 Shelby County Junior Fair.

If you know of new 4-H or FFA members who are planning to exhibit market cattle, please pass along these procedures and dates. Additionally, *information regarding registering market cattle for exhibition at the 2026 Ohio State Fair is enclosed.*

Important Information

- All market cattle (steer/market heifer & dairy steers) must be under the care of the exhibitor by **Thursday, January 1st, 2026.**
- Cattle registrations cards are to be submitted to the Extension Office no later than **Friday, January 9th, 2026 at 4:30 PM.**
- Cattle weigh-in and tagging will be held on **Sunday, January 11th, 2026 from 12 to 1:30 PM** at the Shelby County Fairgrounds.
- In the event of inclement weather, the make-up date will be **Sunday, January 25th, 2026 from 12 to 1:30 PM** at the Shelby County Fairgrounds.
- ALL livestock exhibitors (market and lactating species) MUST attend a Quality Assurance or successfully test out of QA to be eligible to compete at the 2026 Shelby County Junior Fair. Please visit <http://go.osu.edu/shelbyQA> for details about Quality Assurance.

Registration

All market cattle registration cards (enclosed) must be mailed and received or dropped off to the Shelby County Extension Office at 810 Fair Road, Sidney, Ohio 45365. If there is no one in the office, feel free to place registrations in the locked box outside the Extension Office.

- ***If the cattle are not registered by, exhibitors will not be permitted to show or sell market cattle at the 2026 Shelby County Junior Fair.***
- Complete the enclosed card with appropriate information. (Note: EACH exhibitor in the family must fill out a separate registration card. Make sure to clearly indicate the number of market cattle to be tagged by using one line per animal).
- ******Do NOT list feeder calves on this card. Feeder calves must be born after January 1st and do not get weighed-in, tagged, or vaccinated in January ******
- This is NEITHER a 4-H enrollment card NOR a FairEntry card, but rather a market cattle registration card. 4-H members will need to formally enroll through their 4-H clubs and projects
- FFA members need to be actively enrolled in their school chapters. Additionally, all exhibitors will still need to complete the Shelby County Junior FairEntry enrollment by **June 1st, 2026.**



Important Information

- Market cattle must be dehorned prior to weigh-in/tagging. The Shelby County Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to deny entrance to market cattle that are not properly dehorned.
- All males should be properly castrated before. The Shelby County Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to deny entrance to male cattle that are not properly castrated.
- We will NOT be weighing/tagging cattle for the Ohio State Beef Performance and Carcass Quality Contest. Other arrangements will need to be made for this, either at a neighboring counties' weigh-in or at an earlier date on certified scales.
- If you have questions specific to weighing, tagging or the livestock sale, please call one of the following Livestock Sale market cattle sub-committee members:

Beef Cattle Chair: Jeff Poeppelman- (937)726-5953

Mike York- (937)538-1131

Scott Aufderhaar- (937)538-0955

DUNF Forms

- Completed Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) are required for each animal shown at the Shelby County Junior Fair. Once again, the ODA will be requiring online submission of these forms. More information will be sent out prior to the fair.
- ALL animals MUST be **free** of **any** medication **prior** to submission of the DUNF **before** the animal crosses the scale at weigh-in for the 2026 Shelby County Junior Fair!

Ohio State Fair

- Interested in showing at the 2026 Ohio State Fair? Please thoroughly read the enclosed paper! EID and DNA hair samples are required. A limited number of identification kits for the Ohio State Fair are available at the Shelby County Extension Office. Please call the office to request a kit.
- Members registering through 4-H will need the 4-H Educator's signature and those registering through FFA will need their FFA Advisor's signature.
- Entries are due in the Ohio State Fair office by Wednesday, **January 15, 2026**.

If you have any questions regarding the Ohio State Fair, please contact our office at 937-498-7239 or email at gaerke.13@osu.edu.

