

2021 Dunn County 4-H / FFA Beef Project Entry Rules

Market vs Performance Meat Animal Project:

	Market	Performance
Initial weigh in required?	No	Yes
Required to have an ultrasound scan at the fair?	Yes	Yes
Required to weigh in at the fair?	Yes	Yes
Eligible to sell in the Meat Animal Auction?	Yes – must meet species specific minimum sale criteria	Yes – must meet species specific minimum sale criteria
Eligible for Carcass Awards?	Yes	Yes
Eligible for Total Performance Awards?	No	Yes

Members may enter the following number of animals:

Species	Individual
Beef	5 (steers or heifers)

NOTE: Families can weigh in together (siblings only) and may transfer animals between them but specific ownership of the animal must be declared by final weigh in.

Market Beef Specific Entry Requirements:

1. Entry into the Dunn County Meat Animal Beef Market Project begins by submitting a completed and signed Project Entry form at weigh in on Saturday, February 6th, 2021 (if participating in the performance class) or to the Fair Office by 4:00 PM on Friday, February 5th, 2021. (If just participating in the market show).
2. **Tags:** If attending the February weigh in tags will be put into your animals. If not attending the February weigh in you must check out tags from the Fair Office when you submit your Project Entry form.
3. All beef must be born after January 1 of the year previous of the exhibit year.
4. **Breeding Animal:** Project members entering beef in the Meat Animal Project must enter, exhibit and assume responsibility for daily care by May 1 of a breeding animal. Due to the higher initial cost, first-year project members are not required to exhibit a breeding animal. For beef, a female must meet the requirements in one of the beef breeding classes.
5. Exhibitors who exhibit a dairy steer, or dairy-cross steer may exhibit in either the beef or dairy breeding show.

6. All animals must be weighed in at the Dunn County location. No exceptions. Beef will only be weighed in with a halter on and all animals must show obvious signs of castration prior to weigh-in.

Beef Specific Entry Requirements / Initial Weigh In:

Species	Date	Time	Location	Max Weight	Feed Period
Beef	2/6/2021	9 am – 11 am	Dunn Co. Rec Park	No max	165
Dairy	2/6/2021	9 am – 11 am	Dunn Co. Rec Park	No max	165
Lowline	2/6/2021	9 am – 11 am	Dunn Co. Rec Park	No max	165

A. Identification / Loss of Ear Tag: Each Beef project animal is required to have a Dunn County 982 RFID. This ear tag **MUST** be in place by February 6th.

B. Loss of Ear Tag: If an ear tag is lost on a project animal, immediately contact the Dunn County Beef Superintendents to be replaced.

C. Superintendents: The following people are Dunn County Fair superintendents in their respective areas and should be contacted for questions concerning weigh-in:

Beef	
Brooke Brantner	(715) 556-7172
Reyse Klatt	(715) 308-5231

Weigh in for all species will take place at these respective times:

Species	Date	Time	Animals must be penned by:
Beef/Dairy	Wednesday of the Dunn County Fair	4:00 PM	3:00 PM

Minimum Weights and Grades: Minimum and maximum acceptable weights and grades, *as determined by scan data*, for animals to be sold at the sale are as follows:

SPECIES	WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS	MAXIMUM PAID WEIGHT
Beef	Minimum 1100 lbs.	1500 lbs.
Dairy	Minimum 1200 lbs.	1600 lbs.
Lowline	Minimum 700 lbs.	1100 lbs.

Live Grading Requirements: LIVE GRADING: In the event ultrasound scan is not available:

SPECIES	CRITERIA <i>** Based on Live Grading **</i>	WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS	MAXIMUM PAID WEIGHT
Beef	Grade: \geq Select	Minimum 1100 lbs.	1500 lbs.
Dairy	Grade: \geq Select	Minimum 1200 lbs.	1600 lbs.
Lowline	Grade: \geq Select	Minimum 700 lbs.	1100 lbs.

Beef Project – Timelines and Tips



Beef project members have offered the following timeline and tips for beef activities. This timeline can also be used as a checklist to ensure you are completing requirements.

- **September-December – Select and purchase animal**
 - Market class animals must have been born on or after January 1st of the previous year.
 - Groom the animal at least every other day after it has been purchased.
 - Be consistent when handling the animal.
- **February – Dunn County Beef Project Entry**
 - The Optional Initial Dunn County Beef Weigh-In will be held **February 6th, 2021** from 9 AM – 11 AM. By attending this initial weigh in you will be eligible for total performance awards.
 - The animal's weight will depend on when it was purchased—there are no maximum weights; however, suggested maximum weight at weigh in is 800 lbs. for beef and 900 lbs. for dairy.
 - All ear tags **MUST** be in place by **February 6th, 2021** if you did not attend and tag your market animal at weigh-in.
- **May – Dunn County Beef Project Entry**
 - Completed and signed YQCA Certificate, Rules Form, and Project Entry Forms are due to the extension office by 4:00 on Friday, May 15th
- **September-July—Training the animal for showing**
 - It is important to be consistent in how you work with the animal.
 - The more time that you spend with your animal, the more relaxed both of you will be in the show ring!
 - Animals that cannot be controlled by the exhibitor may be removed from the show/fair by the superintendent.
- **July 1st—Completed and signed education forms are due to the Extension Office**

DUNN COUNTY FAIR (WEDNESDAY, **JULY 21TH** – SUNDAY, **JULY 25TH**)

- **Check-in** – All market animals must be penned and cleaned by the end of entry time (one hour before weigh-in).
- **Wednesday 4:00 PM – Weigh-In / Carcass Scanning** (*dependent on technician availability*)
- **Wednesday by 9:00 PM –Project Posters** - Project Posters must be hung above your market steers/heifers by 9:00 pm on Wednesday.
- **Friday 1:00 PM – Beef Show**
- **1 hour after the show – Notify Superintendent which animal you will be selling**
- **Saturday 5:00 PM – Sale – Buyer's dinner begins at 4:00 PM**
- **1 hour after the sale – Update Project Poster with buyer and sale information**

- **September—Attend the Carcass Clinic**