

BEEF PROJECT – TIMELINES AND TIPS

Beef project members are 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 to 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

- **Project Entry Forms** are due in order to be eligible for the 2023 Dunn County Beef Project and MAP Project Tags will be put in all animals at the mandatory Dunn County Beef Initial Weigh-In
 - When: **February 11, 2023, from 8-10AM.**
 - Where: MAP Scale Shed at the Dunn County Fairgrounds
 - (North end of the swine barn)
 - 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.

April – Dunn County Beef Project

- Completed and signed **YQCA Certificate** by April 23, 2023
- Handed in in person at the February 5th weigh in or emailed to millroaddel1@gmail.com no later than 4:00 PM on April 23, 2023.

September to 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.

DUNN COUNTY FAIR (WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 – SUNDAY, JULY 30)

- Check-in – All market animals must be penned and cleaned by the end of entry time (3:00 PM.)
- 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
- 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