



2025 JACKSON COUNTY 4-H **BEEF PROJECT EXPECTATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

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Important Dates for the 2025 Jackson County Fair

Date	Event
<p>Saturday, February 1st Time: 9:00 –11:00am</p> <p>Where: Jackson MSU Extension Office 1715 Lansing Ave Suite #257. Jackson, Michigan</p>	<p>PRE FAIR CHECK-IN:</p> <p>*DNA - MUST be brought to the Jackson MSU Extension Office by Feb 1st from 9-11 am to show at the Jackson County Fair.</p> <p>*PICTURES - may either be turned in with DNA OR emailed to beefdna24@gmail.com.</p> <p>*Pre Fair Check-In Form link 2025 Beef Pre Fair Check-In Form</p> <p>*REMEMBER ALL DNA, GOOGLE FORMS (MUST HAVE RFID TAG NUMBER ON FORM) AND PICTURES MUST BE TURNED IN/DONE BY 11AM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025</p>
<p>Saturday, April 26th Time: 9:00 – 11:00am</p> <p>Where: Napoleon Livestock 6810 Brooklyn Rd. Jackson, MI</p>	<p>RATE OF GAIN:</p> <p>*Only for market beef that want to be shown for Rate of Gain at the fair need to come. Project(s) will be weighed and tagged as part of the.</p>
<p>Sunday, July 13th Time: 12:00pm</p> <p>Where: Jackson Co. Fairgrounds</p>	<p>GATE & RAIL SET UP:</p> <p>*All Clubs/families with their own gates will need to bring them to the set up at 12pm</p> <p>*NO tack is to be brought in at this time as sanitation will happen after gate set up</p>
<p>Saturday, August 2nd Time: 5:00 – 8:00pm</p> <p>Jackson County Fairgrounds *Please see Load In Route Map in the August Newsletter</p>	<p>FAIR CHECK-IN:</p> <p>*Do not unload your animal(s) until it's your turn in line</p> <p>* Make sure each animal has a RFID tag in ear</p> <p>*Animal must be clean</p> <p>-Bring your YQCA certificate with you or email it beforehand to beefdna24@gmail.com</p>
<p>Monday, August 4th Time: 2:00pm</p> <p>Where: Jackson Co. Fairgrounds</p>	<p>BEEF SHOW:</p> <p>*Show order is listed later in packet</p> <p>*Class lists will be put up Sunday morning. Any changes will need to be brought to one of the superintendents by Monday morning at 9am.</p>
<p>Thursday, August 7th</p>	<p>LIVESTOCK AUCTION</p>
<p>Saturday, August 9th Begins 10:00pm</p>	<p>DECORATION TEAR DOWN</p> <p>*Decorations cannot be removed prior to 10pm</p>
<p>Saturday, August 9th Begins 11:00pm</p>	<p>LOAD OUT</p> <p>*Auction animals will be loaded first</p> <p>*The 4-H member or family member needs to be at their animal's pen and bring animal when called to load on trailer and collect their halter.</p>

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

-Market beef project must be in your **possession by February 1, 2025**

-Google Forms w/RFID #, DNA and pictures are **due on the first Saturday in February** with location TBA. All Cattle MUST have a RFID tag in ear.

-Feeder calf project must be in your **possession by June 1, 2025**

-Google Forms are due June 15th, 2025

Rate of Gain tagging and weigh in will be held at Napolean Livestock 6810 Brooklyn Rd. Jackson, MI 49201. (This is not mandatory only if you want to compete in the rate of gain class at the fair).

YQCA certificate is **mandatory!** YQCA can be done online or in person. In person option is April 2nd at 6pm. Located at the JACC for \$3. You need to register and pay by May 31st. You can register for both in person and online courses at - <https://yqcaprogram.org/>.

For Saturday night load out of auction animals the 4-H member or family member is to be at their animal's pen and bring animal when called to load on trailer and collect your halter.

BARN RULES

-Walkways/aisleways must be kept free of clutter and swept.

-Stalls and club areas must be cleaned by **9:00 AM daily**.

-Animals need to be clean and fed by **9:00 AM daily**.

-Clean up manure throughout the day, each day.

-Tack and feed need to be kept in your assigned space—no tack or personal items in the walkway/aisleways.

-Both a neck rope and halter must be on all market beef, feeders, and heifers.

-No flip-flops or open-toe shoes in the barn while working/walking cattle.

-Be kind and courteous to your fellow neighbors

-No crockpots or any other food cooking appliances allowed in the barn

SHOW ATTIRE

- No open-toed shoes or flip-flops of any kind!
- Nice long sleeve shirt that's long enough to tuck in.
- Nice clean jeans with no holes or rips.
- No low-cut tops!
- No baseball caps!

AUCTION

- All pens are to be cleaned out totally and new bedding put down **by 9 AM** that morning.
- Each participant should help set up the arena and help serve the auction dinner.
- You need to be ready with your animal, clean and dry, and be in line when your name is called.
- All champions must go through the auction! If you choose to pull your animal out of the auction (except champions), you must notify the superintendents within **one hour** after the beef show.
- Feeder calves are allowed to be sold in the auction this year. More information on paperwork to come.

SHOW DAY- SHOW ORDER

CLOVERBUDS AGES 5-7 YRS

BREEDING STOCK

SHOWMANSHIP: SENIOR AGES 16-19 YRS

SHOWMANSHIP: INTERMEDIATE AGES 12-15 YRS

SHOWMANSHIP: JUNIOR AGES 8-11 YRS

CHAMPION OVERALL SHOWMAN

DAIRY FEEDER CALVES – 250LB TO 700LB

BEEF FEEDER CALVES – 250LB TO 700LB

CHAMPION DAIRY AND BEEF FEEDER

BREAK (AS PER JUDGES DISCRESSION)

HOMEGROWN MARKET DAIRY – 900LB MINIMUM WEIGHT

MARKET DAIRY- 900LB MINIMUM WEIGHT

HOMEGROWN MARKET BEEF- 900LB MINIMUM WEIGHT

MARKET BEEF – 900LB MINIMUM WEIGHT

AFTER CHAMPION SELECTION BEST 3 HEAD FROM EACH CLUB