



MARKET STEER WEIGH-IN

- Saturday, December 16, 2023
- 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- Pike County Fairgrounds Beef Barn
- **Emergency snow date: Monday, December 18 from 5-7 pm*

Dear Steer Exhibitor:

The Junior Fair “**Market Steer Weigh-in**” will be **Saturday, December 16, 2023**, between **8:00 and 10:00 a.m.** at the **Pike County Fairgrounds**. All market steer projects must be identified and weighed on this day to be eligible for the 2024 Pike County Fair. Alternate bad weather date will be Monday, December 18 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Listen to local radio or log into the 4-H Facebook page for bad weather change information.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:

- Attached to this letter is a **Steer Weigh-in Form**. You must complete this form and bring it with you to the weigh-in. You may weigh in three (3) steers but can show and sell only two (2) at the fair provided you do not take any other market animal. Steers must be born on or after January 1, 2023. The minimum fair weight for your steer(s) to be eligible to show for awards or sell is 1050 pounds.
- **Worming** will be available at a cost of \$2.00 per steer and is optional.
- **Participation in the “Farm to Fork”** must be noted on the weigh-in form. This is the only time that entries will be received. Read the back of this letter for more information about the Farm to Fork contest.

If you plan on showing a market steer at the **Ohio State Fair**, please call the Extension Office for the DNA kit and further instructions.

Sincerely,

Joy Bauman
4-H Youth Development Extension Educator
Pike County/Ohio Valley EERA



Pike County Farm to Fork Program

Purpose: to provide youth beef exhibitors with real world experiences in carcass quality, yield, and value.

- Participants must designate participation in program by **AT DECEMBER TAGGING ON THEIR WEIGH-IN FORM.**
- Steers will show in regular classes at Pike County Fair and the exhibitor will go through the ring to receive sale ring premium. They will not receive stockyard bid rather it is the responsibility of the participant to market the steer/beef or use for home consumption.
- All steers entered into the Pike County Fair are terminal and will be trucked to Just Meats for harvest.
- A date will be established to view carcasses with a meats specialist and learn how dressing percent, yield grade, and quality grade are determined.
- Prizes will be awarded based on carcass value.



MARKET STEER TAGGING/WEIGH-IN FORM and FARM TO FORK ENTRY

Complete the information requested below and give this form to the recorder **BEFORE** your steer is tagged and weighed. Please make sure the information on this form is complete and accurate!

Exhibitor's Name: _____ Age (1/1/24) _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street or Box Number Town Zip

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____ Phone _____

Club/Chapter _____

	STEER 1	STEER 2	STEER 3
BREED			
BIRTHDATE (Month/Day/Year)			
TAG #			
WEIGHT			
✓ CHECK IF STEER NEEDS WORMED (\$2.00)			
EVERY EXHIBITOR MUST SELECT <u>ONE</u> OF THESE STATEMENTS →	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I plan to enter ONE steer into the Farm to Fork program.</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I plan to enter TWO steers, <i>if spots are available</i>, into the Farm to Fork program.</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No, I am not entering the Farm to Fork Program</div>		

SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR FARM TO FORK:

Participants must abide by OSU 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT and the PIKE COUNTY 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT, as well as rules set forth by the PIKE COUNTY SENIOR FAIR BOARD. Pike County Extension professionals and Pike County Senior Fair Board shall have the authority to interpret and enforce all rules. These governing bodies will determine the eligibility of any youth in question. If you and your child agree to abide by said rules (as listed in the Pike County Fair Book), please sign below:

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____