

## **MARKET DAIRY STEER and CARCASS**

1. Market Dairy Steer must be on feed by December 1, previous to the fair. Market Dairy Steer must be born on or after January 1 of the previous year. (Ex: for the 2025 fair, must be born on or after January 1 2024). They must be under the care and ownership of the member exhibiting. Care includes a complete set of records.
2. All market dairy steer must be dehorned and healed, with a maximum re-growth of no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market dairy steer with horns maximum growth must be no more than two (2) inches from the hairline to the tip of the horn. All market dairy steer must be castrated and completely healed prior to fair. Market Dairy Steer showing testicular signs and/or more than two (2) inches of horn growth/re-growth will be removed from the fairgrounds.
3. The Sale Committee recommends that exhibitors choose market dairy steer that have quiet dispositions, initially, to avoid risk of injury at the fair. The judge, Senior Fair Board or the Sale Committee will have the authority to dismiss cattle from the show due to bad disposition and unruliness that may be dangerous to the exhibitor and/or spectators. Dismissal from the show could result in not being eligible for sale.
4. Market dairy steer must gain at least 300 lb. from time of first weigh-in to the county fair, weigh at least 1000 lb. at weigh-in of the fair and meet all other qualifications to be eligible for sale.
5. Market dairy steer will be sold as placed by the judge, except where rules indicate otherwise.
6. Identification for the market dairy steer shall be: 1) ear tag on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday in December. Procedures for weigh-in are as follows:
  - a. No market dairy steer unloaded until Sale Committee is ready.
  - b. Violation of the rules subjects the calf to elimination and/or dismissal from the show and/or sale.
  - c. Final elimination decided by full committee within the determined amount of time.
  - d. Actual weighing to be done by Sale Committee members.
  - e. A \$3.00 per class fee will be paid by the exhibitor at the time of tagging.
7. If a calf loses its' ear tag, it must be reported to a member of the Sale Committee immediately. The tag will be replaced by members of the Sale Committee. It is important to try to recover the missing ear tag for identification purposes. An unreported missing ear tag could result in the exhibitor and the animal being eliminated from the market show and sale.

Market dairy steer exhibitors may weigh/tag-in and show up to four (4) market dairy steer.

Market dairy steer must be checked in at the fair at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.

Market dairy steer will be stalled as designated by the Senior Fair Board.
8. All market dairy steer will be weighed for final weight by the Sale Committee at the designated time set by the Senior Fair Board.
9. After the sale, all market dairy steer must be secured with a minimum 3/8 inch rope halter. This halter will go with the market dairy steer. Whatever halter is on the market dairy steer at the time of load out, goes with the market dairy steer and will not be returned.
10. Rate-of-Gain contest participation is encouraged for all market dairy steer projects. Special awards will be given for rate-of-gain.

11. All market dairy steer must be calves from one of the five (5) recognized American Dairy Association breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (red or black) and Jersey. Crossbred calves must be crossed with the five (5) recognized breeds only, no beef blood. Exhibitors must request a document from the seller at time of purchase, stating that the calf is of the five (5) main breeds, stating which breed(s) the calf is, and listing the seller's name and address. This document must be signed and dated by the seller. This paperwork must accompany the calf at tag-in on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday of December. Calves without the proper documentation will not be allowed to tag in and will not be eligible to participate in the market show or in the Athens County Junior Fair Livestock Sale.