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TO: 4-H AGENTS PLEASE DISTRIBUTE IN YOUR COUNTY
FROM: OHIO CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
RE: OCA BEST PROGRAM and 2009 OHIO BEEF EXPO
DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2008

The Ohio Cattlemen's Association BEST Program is underway for the 2008-09 show season. With 15 sanctioned shows remaining on the schedule, there is still plenty of time to sign up for the BEST program. The next BEST show is the Ohio AGR Holiday Classic that will be held December 13 and 14 at the Ohio Expo Center (state fairgrounds) in Columbus. Our office recently mailed several copies of the new BEST brochure to every Extension office. Please contact OCA or check the website at www.ohiocattle.org if you need more information on the BEST program.

There is also still time to register youth from your county who are interested in attending the Leading the BEST Conference on January 23-25 at the Ohio State University. The conference is open to all industry youth between the ages of 11 and 21 and the registration fee is \$105, which includes lodging and all meals. Check the OCA website at www.ohiocattle.org for a registration form and schedule of events. We will extend the registration deadline, but interested participants are encouraged to call the OCA office ASAP at 614-873-6736.

The dates of the remaining Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Programs are as follows:
Jan. 23-25 – Leading the BEST Conference, Columbus
March 21 – Ohio Beef Expo, Columbus – 1:00 p.m.
April 5 – Buckeye Classic, Dover – 8:00 a.m.

These BQA sessions are open to all junior exhibitors, regardless of whether or not they are participating in the BEST program. As in the past, OCA will provide you with documentation of attendance for all youth who participate from your county. These sessions meet the new state requirements.

The OCA BEST Fitting Contest will again be held at the Ohio Beef Expo on Friday evening March 20. Check the website at www.ohiocattle.org for entry forms, rules and prize information.

Plans are also underway for the 2009 Ohio Beef Expo BEST Junior Show. The show is scheduled for March 21 and 22 at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. All entry fees must be paid upon stalling, at which time you will receive your registration card. Enclosed is a copy of the 2009 Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show Rules. Also, as a reminder, all exhibitors must be OCA members to show. OCA family memberships are \$60. Also, **NO CATTLE WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS BEFORE 6 A.M. WED., MARCH 18, 2009.**

If you have any additional questions please contact the OCA Office at 614.873.6736 or email at beef@ohiobeef.org. All of this information is also available on our websites at www.ohiocattle.org or www.ohiobeefexpo.com. Thank you for your assistance in distributing this information to beef industry youth in your county.



2009 OCA BEST Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show

**** All Steers and Market Heifers will show by weight****

**** No Cattle Permitted on the Grounds before 6 a.m., Wed., March 18 ****

The 2009 Ohio Cattlemen's Association BEST Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show is scheduled for Sunday, March 22 in Cooper Arena at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Brandon Callis will judge the market animal show and Daniel Shike will judge the breeding heifer show. Showmanship will be held Saturday, March 21 at 3 p.m. The junior show will be Sunday, March 22. The market animal show will begin at 8 a.m. with Angus steers and the breeding heifer show will begin at 9 a.m. with Angus heifers. Steers and market heifers will be showing in one ring while breeding heifers will be showing concurrently on the other side. *New for 2009, market heifers will show before crossbred steers.*

All cattle must arrive by 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 21. No prior entries are required. *Starting Thursday, March 19 at 1 p.m. cattle will be stalled by show management, at which time all entry fees must be paid.* Any exhibitor stalling without the permission of show management will be asked to move. Exhibitors not cooperating with this request will be ineligible to show. All cattle must remain in the barn or at designated tie-outs at all times. No health papers are required for animals entered in the junior show. Check-in will be on Friday from 1-6 p.m. and on Saturday from 8-11 a.m.

Co-chairing the event are John Friedline at 937-313-5111 and Brett Rogers at 513-659-6965. Other committee members include Mark Bihl, Terrie Bonfiglio, Korre Boyer, Trish Cunningham, Allen Gahler, Chris Gilbert, Melissa Henwood, Darrin Johnston, Eric King, Gail Martindale, Jake Osborn, Chad Payton, Todd Ricker, Patrick Saunders, Andy Stirm and Sara Wilson. For additional information, contact the Ohio Cattlemen's Association at 614-873-6736 or visit the Expo web site at <www.ohiobeefexpo.com>.

Show Committee is Not Responsible for Accidents.

1. Entries: (No prior entries required.)

- All entry fees (stalled inside the barn or at the viaduct) are \$45 per head. **All exhibitors must be current OCA members.** OCA family memberships are \$60.00. All entry fees must be paid upon stalling. The entry fee includes stalling and tan bark bedding in the barn. Tan bark is not provided for exhibitors stalling at the viaduct. The OCA membership must be in the name of the junior show exhibitor's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as a membership in the parents' name or the membership has the same address of record as the junior show exhibitor.
- The junior show is open to Ohio junior exhibitors only.
- Juniors purchasing heifers in an Expo sale are permitted to enter them immediately after the sale providing the bill of sale is in the junior's name and verification of pedigree and age. Heifers purchased at an Expo sale are eligible to be nominated for the BEST program and receive points at the show.

2. Stalling information:

- No cattle are permitted on the Ohio Expo Center grounds prior to 6 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18.**
- No access to the barn for stalling will be permitted until 1 p.m. Thursday, March 19. All junior show exhibitor trailers must be parked in the trailer lot north of 17th Avenue.
- Bedding is provided in the barn. Available for purchase in the viaduct.
- Cattle will be stalled by show management only after all entry fees are paid. Any exhibitor stalling without the permission of show management will be asked to move. Exhibitors not cooperating with this requirement will be ineligible to show.
- No alterations to stalls will be allowed. Damages caused by alterations will be billed to the exhibitors.
- No reserving of tie out space will be permitted. Tie out space will be on a first come basis. *Any signs posted will be removed and any pens chained shut will be cut.* When at tie out, all cattle must be tied. **There will be a 12-head minimum required in each viaduct bay.**
- Exhibitors will forfeit any possible premiums if tied out in a non-designated area.
- No grooming chutes will be permitted beneath the viaduct.
- All tents must be on the west side of the viaduct with the east side of every tent completely open.**
- Fitting will be permitted in front of the viaduct on show day.

3. Make-up Ring:

- Entry into the make-up ring during the Sunday show will be limited to the exhibitor and one additional person.**

4. Exhibitor age requirements:

- It is a junior show; eligible exhibitors are anyone 8 years old as of January 1, 2009 but not older than 21 years of age as of January 1, 2009.

5. Cattle age requirements:

- Steers and market heifers born on or after January 1, 2008.
- Breeding heifers born on or after September 1, 2007.

6. Breed Classes:

- Exhibitors must have original registration papers at time of check in. No copies or faxes will be accepted-NO EXCEPTIONS. The original registration certificate must be in the name of the junior exhibitor who is exhibiting the animal. The show committee reserves the right to evaluate all breed steers and heifers for breed standards.
- Cattle without registration papers and legible tattoos that correspond to registration papers will be considered crossbred. Each animal can only be entered in the show once.
- The following breed classes will be offered based on breed minimum percentages as noted below:

<u>Breed</u>	<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Steers</u>
Angus	purebred	purebred
Chianina	ACA Minimum*	ACA Minimum*
Hereford	purebred	purebred
Maine-Anjou Steers		1/4 (Green or Brown Papers)
High % Maine Heifers	3/4 (Brown Papers)	
Maine Tainer Heifers	1/4 (Green Papers)	
Shorthorn Plus	3/8	3/8
Shorthorn Purebred	15/16	3/4
Simmental Purebred	7/8 and up	
% Simmental Heifers	1/2 to less than purebred	
Simmental Steers		1/2
All Other Breeds (any animal with registration papers, but not listed above).		

Animals with registration papers, regardless of the percentage, that do not have a breed division listed above, may show as AOB. If the animal qualifies for a breed division, it must show in that division. * (sire or dam registered with ACA)

7. Premiums:

- Market Animal (Steers and Market Heifers) - Top Five - \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100 and awards
- Heifers - Top Five - \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100 and awards
- Steers & Heifers - \$100 for Champion and \$50 for Reserve Champion Breeds, AOBs, crossbreds, and market heifers.

8. Show Classifications:

- Steers will be shown by weight and breed.
- Market heifers will be shown by weight
- Crossbred breeding heifers will be shown by weight.
- Registered breeding heifers will be shown by breed and age from youngest to oldest
- **No reweighing after initial check-in.**

9. State of Ohio's Livestock Tampering

Exhibition Rules

The show will enforce all mandatory rules under Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules as set forth in Chapter 901-19 of the Ohio Administrative Code and the optional rules 901-19-33 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

A. General Information

The Ohio Department of Agriculture may provide mediation, dispute resolution, and arbitration service involving any violation of a rule for exhibiting livestock. In addition, to any discipline imposed by the sponsor of a OCA Best show the Ohio Department of Agriculture may take disciplinary action in accordance with R.C. 901.74.

B. Grooming Requirements

901-19-33 Prohibited Grooming Practices:

The following grooming practices are prohibited:

- a.) Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves;
- b.) Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example, but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders;
- c.) Pigmented grooming aides or materials.

In addition, colored or pigmented substances, i.e. paint, excluding clear substances, are prohibited from use on steers and heifers at all OCA BEST sanctioned shows. Painting of the hooves is prohibited. The sponsor of the exhibition will enforce rule 901-19-33 of the Prohibited Grooming Practices. Any exhibitor at an OCA BEST sanctioned show that does not follow the rule will be disqualified and all premiums and awards will be forfeited. If the disqualified exhibitor has shown their animals, all animals placing below them will move up accordingly. OCA BEST members that do not follow rule 901-19-33 will be disqualified as described above from that show only and their points for that particular show will not count in the OCA BEST program.

C. OCA BEST Participation

Any exhibitor that violates mandatory Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-01 through 901-19-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code will be barred from participating in an OCA BEST sanctioned show for a period of three years from the date of the violation.

10. Show eligibility:

Any exhibitor and his or her immediate family or member of the individual's household who has been found guilty on charges stemming from acts of tampering or violations of other exhibition rules (with any species) will be barred from exhibiting cattle at the Ohio Beef Expo. All decisions of sponsors and other bodies

holding fairs and shows shall be given full faith and credit and will be observed and enforced coextensively at shows sponsored by the Ohio Cattlemen's Association. Any individual and his or her immediate family or member of the individual's household who has been found guilty on charges stemming from acts of tampering or violations of other exhibition rules involving a livestock exhibit is barred from participating in any shows sponsored by the OCA for a minimum period of three years, and may not be reinstated without express written permission which may only be granted following a review at the end of three years by the OCA board of directors.

11. Showmanship:

- Showmanship competition will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 21 in Cooper Arena. *New for 2009, two showmanships will be conducted. Two age divisions with two judges in each ring will run simultaneously. A surrogate judge in each ring will work the heats while the two judges silently evaluate the heats and select participants to return for their final drives. Two sets of finals for each age division will be shown (one final drive for each of the judges in each ring). Thus, two sets of showmanship points will be awarded. The judges in one ring will evaluate two divisions, while the judges in the other ring will evaluate three age divisions.*
- Showmanship will be ungrouped. The following five age divisions will be offered in showmanship: Novice Division 8-13 (must be first year in BEST), Beginner Division 10 and under, Junior Division 11-13, Intermediate Division 14-16 and Senior Division 17-21. Age divisions will be as of January 1, 2009.
- Participants must show their own animal and that animal must be entered in the show. Participants who make the final cut(s) must show the same animal that they showed in their heat.
- Class breaks will be posted and exhibitors must show in their posted class.
- Sign up is required by 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 21 at the conclusion of check-in. **Sign up for showmanship will be on the show entry cards.**
- Showmanship order will be youngest to oldest starting with Novice and ending with Senior.
- Exhibitors will be required to wear a back number for showmanship.

12. No Health Certificates Required:

- No health certificates will be required for steers or heifers in the 2009 junior show.
- The Expo show committee reserves the right to excuse cattle showing visible signs of communicable disease.

13. Committee Decisions:

The OCA Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show Committee has the final decision on all issues pertaining to the show. The OCA Junior Show is not responsible for accidents.

14. Headquarters

The OCA Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show hotel headquarters will be the Ramada Plaza at I-71 North and Sinclair. Visit www.ramadaplazacolumbus.com or phone: 614-846-0300.