



Sign up for the BEST Program Today! Intent to Participate Form

This year, the Ohio Cattlemen's Association BEST (Beef Exhibitor Show Total) program is going about sign-up for the BEST program in a little different manner. In past years, there has been an extensive amount of paperwork to complete at the first show when BEST participants sign-up and this year we are trying to cut down on the paperwork and also be more "green" at the same time.

All potential BEST participants are being asked to complete the intent to participate form below. Provide one form for each calf that you wish to nominate and return it to the OCA office via USPS, email or fax. If you are mailing the form, be sure it is postmarked by no later than November 10, 2011 to ensure the information can be entered before the first BEST sanctioned show. Please duplicate this form as many times as needed to submit all the cattle you are considering showing for the 2011-2012 BEST show season. Once this form has been submitted, the information you provide will be added to a database that will be on hand at all of the BEST sanctioned shows. At your first show take your calf to check-in as normal, have the tattoo checked if it is a breed animal or have it tagged if it is a crossbred. Verify the information provided in the intent to participate form with the BEST representatives, pay your nomination and collect your sign-up gift. It is as simple as that.

If you change your mind about the calves you plan to nominate for the BEST program, it is not a problem. You can submit another intent

to participate form prior to the show or provide new information at show check-in. You may also nominate additional cattle on site at any BEST sanctioned show at any time throughout the year using the standard BEST nomination forms. There is no cost to submit the intent to participate form and submitting it does not obligate you to sign-up for the BEST program.

You are encouraged to utilize the intent to participate form as it will reduce your time standing in line at check-in. These forms will also help BEST staff to be more prepared for check-in and they will help make the turn-around time faster on getting points posted following the first BEST sanctioned show.

If you have any questions about the new process or filling out the paperwork, please contact OCA BEST Coordinator, Stephanie Sindel at the OCA office. ssindel@ohiobeef.org or 614-873-6736. Please submit the form to:

Ohio Cattlemen's Association
BEST Program
10600 US Highway 42
Marysville, Ohio 43040

Email a scanned copy to:
ssindel@ohiobeef.org

Fax a copy to: 614-873-6835

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Why BEST?

You might be asking "What does it cost to become a BEST participant?" There is a \$30 per head one-time BEST nomination fee and if your family is not already an OCA member, they will also need to join the association for 2012 as a \$60 producer member. And if you have brothers or sisters, one \$60 annual OCA membership covers your entire family! Remember, if you plan to show at the Ohio Beef Expo, OCA family memberships are required for all exhibitors, BEST and non-BEST.

For a \$30 per head one-time BEST nomination fee ... You Get:

- A sign-up gift for each exhibitor when you nominate an animal
- A \$5.00 per entry discount at every BEST sanctioned show
- A year-end participant gift. Past gifts include luggage, apparel and coolers
- Opportunity to attend the Leading the BEST Conference
- Entered in the drawing to win a year's use of an Eby Trailer
- Eligibility to submit a BEST scholarship application and compete in the BEST video and photography competitions
- Free Registration to the BEST Awards Banquet in June
- *Skills, Experiences and Memories that will last a lifetime!*

For a \$60 OCA Family Membership ... You Get:

- Coupons for discounts at agri-business companies such as Tractor Supply Company
- 6 issues of the *Ohio Cattleman Magazine*
- Free listing in *The Ring* directory for Seedstock and Club Calf Producers
- Various Insurance and Prescription Drug Discounts
- Discounts on advertising and OCA event registrations
- Seedstock marketing opportunities through the Ohio Beef Expo Sales and the OCA Seedstock Improvement Sales
- *Expert Legislative and Regulatory Representation to Protect our Business, Promote our Product and Provide for our Tomorrow!*

Full Name _____ Age as of January 1, 2012 _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parents / Legal Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail Address _____ Cell Phone _____

This e-mail address and cell phone belong to the PARTICIPANT or PARENT/GUARDIAN Can we text the cell phone number provided? YES • NO

Do you have Facebook? YES • NO If yes, what is your username? _____

Do you have Twitter? YES • NO If yes, what is your username? _____

Shirt / Jacket Size: **Youth** Small Medium Large OR **Adult** Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large

Have you participated in the BEST program before? YES • NO Intend to nominate: STEER • MARKET HEIFER • HEIFER

This nomination is a: CROSSBRED • REGISTERED - If the nomination is registered, what breed? _____

OCA Membership will be under whose name? _____

Local Newspaper _____

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