

Contest Registration

**Registration due by
Sept. 30, 2026.**

**All cattle must be on feed
by Nov.1, 2026.**

Participants can enter no more than 5 head. They must own the cattle at the time of entry and tag each animal with an 840 EID tag. All participants must pay \$50/head registration fee for every animal entered in the contest. Harvest, grading, and processing cost to be paid by youth participants and/or freezer beef customer.

Please be prepared to provide the 840 tag numbers of your cattle upon entry. You will also be asked to select the cattle division you wish to compete in and specify the packing plant where you want your cattle to be slaughtered and graded.

Scan to complete
contest registration



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Ohio Beef Youth Council presents

Fed Cattle Contest

*Coordinated by the Ohio Cattlemen's
Association & Ohio Beef Council*

Contest Timeline

Cattle will be harvested at the processing plant selected by the participant. Harvest dates will be scheduled by each participant along with their plant of choice by determining an optimal harvest date.

Participating plants will utilize USDA graders or the remote USDA grading system to collect carcass data.

All cattle must be harvested by **May 31, 2027**

Awards presentation will be held Summer 2027.

Contest Key Details

Contest Divisions

Participants will select the division they want to enter for each animal(s), providing total entries do not exceed 5 head.

- 01

Beef Steers (including Beef x Dairy)
- 02

Beef Heifers (including Beef x Dairy)
- 03

Dairy Steers

Participation Guidelines

People and cattle



Eligible participants

Eligible participants include youth 8 and 21 years old as of Jan. 1, 2027.

All participants must attend and participate in the following events that will include additional points for overall contest placing.

Quality & Yield Grading Seminar

- Will be held in conjunction with the Buckeye Cattlemen's Summit Jan. 23, 2027 in Wooster.

Oral Interviews to present plan for marketing beef

- Will be held in conjunction with the 2027 Ohio Beef Expo.

Contest Evaluation

All carcass will be evaluated the same regardless of division and packing plant.

All carcasses will be evaluated following US Beef Grading System

Grading Scale (ranked highest to lowest)

- 1) Prime
- 2) Top choice
- 3) Low choice
- 4) Select
- 6) Standard

There will be no minimum or maximum carcass weight. Any carcass defects are subject to being penalized.





Eligible cattle

Eligible calves include steers or heifers born from Jan. 1 through May 31, 2026. Cattle must meet the specific requirements for one of the three contest divisions. All cattle must have an 840 EID tag upon registration.



Packing Plants

Participant must select which packing plant they want their cattle to be slaughtered and graded. USDA grading may be performed by either in-person or camera-based assessments.

- 01

ER Boliantz Packing Co
Ashland
- 02

The Stockyards Packing Co
Oxford
- 03

R & C Packing Inc.
Bidwell
- 04

Curly's Custom Meats
Jackson Center