

Q: Are crossbred cattle eligible?

A: No. Only registered animals born in Ohio.

Q: I'm in the BEST program and have cattle that are eligible for Buckeye Breeders Series (BBS). How does that work?

A: BBS eligible cattle are a separate points division within the larger BEST program.

Q: Who can nominate cattle for the Buckeye Breeders Series?

A: The breeder listed on the calf's registration paper or the junior exhibitor can pay the one-time \$25 per head BBS nomination (it must be paid by the junior participant's first BEST show) and the junior exhibitor must also pay a one-time \$60 per head BEST nomination.

Q: Is there a deadline to make BBS nominations?

A: BBS nominations can be made throughout the BEST season, but all nominations for the Ohio Beef Expo must be made by March 1, 2025.

Q: Does the Ohio breeder have to be an OCA member to nominate BBS cattle?

A: Yes. Both the Ohio breeder and the BEST exhibitor must be current OCA members for the BBS animal to accumulate BEST points.

Q: How does the breeder or exhibitor nominate cattle?

A: Nomination forms will be available on www.ohiocattle.org under BEST Program, Buckeye Breeders Series.

Q: Can I nominate cattle with a "registration pending" status?

A: Yes, as long as the registration is complete and in the exhibitor's name at the next BEST show.

Q: Can I nominate ET calves or calves out of purchased bred heifers/cows for Buckeye Breeders Series?

A: Yes. ET cattle and calves out of purchased bred heifers/cows can be nominated for Buckeye Breeders Series as long as the breeder listed on the registration nominates the calf and is in Ohio.

Q: If I buy an embryo or bred heifer/cow from out-of-state and the calf is born in Ohio, can I nominate that calf?

A: No. All cattle, ET or natural, must be bred by an Ohio breeder to be eligible for the program, even if the purchaser of the embryo is in-state, the breeder who must make the nomination must be from Ohio.

Q: Where are Buckeye Breeders Series nominated cattle eligible to show?

A: All OCA BEST Shows and Ohio Beef Expo.

Q: Can I nominate cattle for the Buckeye Breeders Series program after they have been sold?

A: Yes. You can simply fill out the cattle nomination form that can be found at www.ohiocattle.org

Q: Can my farm nominate our own cattle for our own kids / grandchildren to show?

A: Yes. The nominated cattle will need to be registered and entered in the show in the exhibiting junior's name.

Q: I purchased a calf from an out-of-state trader that was raised in Ohio and registered. Can the calf be nominated for Buckeye Breeders Series?

A: Yes. The breeder of the calf will need to nominate the calf for Buckeye Breeders Series, not the trader.

Q: I have a dual registered calf. Can it be nominated to show as both registered breeds?

A: No. The nominated calves will only be eligible to show in one breed per show.

Q: I have a heifer that will be eligible to show for 2 show seasons, do I need to nominate her prior to each show season?

A: Yes. Fall born heifers will need to be nominated prior to the start of each show season.

OUT-OF-STATE JUNIORS WITH BBS CATTLE

Q: Are out-of-state exhibitors eligible to participate in the Buckeye Breeders Series Program?

A: Yes – providing they meet all requirements to be a BEST participant that are in the BEST rules.

Q: Will out-of-state exhibitors be eligible for BEST points?

A: Out-of-state exhibitors will only be eligible for BBS points with their BBS eligible animal.

Q: What are the fees for out-of-state BBS exhibitors?

A: Out-of-state exhibitors will pay a \$75 OCA family membership, \$60 one-time per head BEST nomination fee, and a \$25 one-time per head breeder nomination fee that can be paid by the exhibitor or the breeder.

Q: Are out-of-state BBS exhibitors eligible for end of the year awards?

A: Yes. Out-of-state BBS exhibitors are eligible for BBS awards at the end of the year banquet.

Q: Will out-of-state BBS exhibitors participate in showmanship?

A: Out-of-state exhibitors are eligible to participate in all BEST showmanship competitions with the exception of the Ohio Beef Expo.

Q: Can out-of-state BBS exhibitors accumulate showmanship points?

A: No. Out-of-state BBS exhibitors are only eligible for BBS points.

Q: Can out-of-state BBS exhibitors show at the Ohio Beef Expo?

A: Yes. To be eligible to exhibit at the Ohio Beef Expo, out-of-state BBS exhibitors must have exhibited in at least one previous BEST sanctioned show for the current season.