

**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, 2022.

**Q: How does the breeder or exhibitor nominate cattle?**

A: Nomination forms will be available on [www.ohiocattle.org](http://www.ohiocattle.org) under Youth Activities, 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 Jr'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 cattleman 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](http://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: Will there be a separate show for the Buckeye Breeders Series cattle at any BEST Show and Expo?**

A: Yes. The Buckeye Breeders Series show will take place within the actual show with points accumulation. There will be special recognition at the Clark County Cattle Battle and Ohio Beef Expo following each breed division.

**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.

**Q: Will an overall champion be picked out of the Buckeye Breeders Series breed winners?**

A: No. The top placing cattle nominated for Buckeye Breeders Series in each breed division will not return for a final drive for an overall Buckeye Breeders Series champion.

## NEW FOR 2021-2022: 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.