



Best of the Buckeye FAQ's

Q: Are crossbred cattle eligible?

A: No. Only registered animals bred and born in Ohio.

Q: I'm in the BEST program and have cattle that are eligible for Best of the Buckeye. Can I show them in both programs?

A: Yes. Eligible cattle are welcome to show in BEST and Best of the Buckeye.

Q: Who can nominate cattle for Best of the Buckeye?

A: The exhibitor may turn in the Breeder and Exhibitor nomination forms and fee; however, the breeder listed on the calf's registration paper must sign the Breeder Nomination Form verifying the calf's Best of the Buckeye eligibility. Both the Breeder and Exhibitor must be an OCA member or reside at the same address as an immediate family member with a current OCA membership at the time of the nomination.

Q: What if I am eligible to show at the Expo, but am too old to show in the Jr. Show at the Ohio State Fair?

A: The exhibitor may be 8-21 years old to participate in the Ohio Beef Expo; however, to be 4-H eligible to show at the Ohio State Fair, the exhibitor must be 8 and in the 3rd grade through age 19 as of January 1 of the current year. Please make show nominations according to show eligibility.

Q: How does the breeder nominate cattle?

A: Nomination forms will be available on www.ohiocattle.org under the Youth tab.

Q: What is the cost to nominate cattle and when are the nominations due?

A: The cost to nominate each calf is \$25 per show or \$40 for both the Expo and State Fair. Nominations are due on March 1 prior to the Expo and June 20 for the State Fair. If you wish to nominate after the early nomination deadline, the cost of each nomination is considerably increased to \$75 per head.

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

A: No. The animal must be transferred and registered in the Jr. Best of the Buckeye exhibitor's name prior to the Best of the Buckeye nomination.

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

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

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 Best of the Buckeye nominated cattle eligible to show?

A: The Ohio Beef Expo and the Ohio State Fair.

Q: I'd like to put additional money toward premiums for junior Best of the Buckeye Exhibitors. How do I donate?

A: You can donate directly to the Ohio Cattlemen's Association, with the breed and show you choose to support specified. Donors will receive recognition for their added contributions.

Q: If my Best of the Buckeye nominated cattle are also in the BEST program, does the nomination fee need to be paid for both BEST and Best of the Buckeye?

A: Yes, but your OCA membership will only need to be paid once.

Q: Can I nominate cattle for the Best of the Buckeye 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 Best of the Buckeye?

A: Yes. The breeder of the calf will need to nominate the calf for Best of the Buckeye, 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 calf that is eligible for a breed show at the state fair, but does not have a division offered at the Expo. Can I still show it at the Expo?

A: Yes. Registered cattle that do not have a breed offered at the Ohio Beef Expo or Ohio State Fair may compete in the All Other Breeds (AOB) division.

Q: If I have a Miniature Hereford and a Lowline Angus, will they show together in the same division?

A: Yes. They will show together in the Miniature Breeds division offered at the Ohio Beef Expo; however, would show in the appropriate breed division offered at the Ohio State Fair. Breeds for the current state fair will be announced when the show information is posted at www.ohiostatefair.com, prior to entries being made.

Q: Will there be a separate show for the Best of the Buckeye cattle at the Expo and State Fair?

A: No. The Best of the Buckeye show will take place within the existing show. Best of the Buckeye champions will be named immediately following each breed's champion drive in an additional drive if necessary.

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. Heifers eligible to show for multiple years will need to be nominated prior to the start of each show season.

Q: Will an overall champion be picked out of the Best of the Buckeye breed winners?

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