DTS Cupid Classic – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Special Announcements

<mark>****OPEN TO THE WORLD****</mark>

Show Entries may be made starting the Monday prior to each show.

New for the 2020-21 BEST Show Season

OCA Membership – Rule Change for 2020-2021

To exhibit at a BEST sanctioned show, the exhibitor and/or their family must be current members of OCA. This rule pertains to all exhibitors both in-state and out-of-state residents, BEST and non-BEST participants. The OCA membership must be in the name of the exhibitor's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as a membership in the parents' name or the membership has the same address of record as the exhibitor. For new OCA BEST participants, the OCA membership must be paid at the time the BEST nomination is made. For renewing OCA members, all BEST participants will be required to have a current year OCA membership paid in full by January 1, 2021 to remain in the program and to continue earning BEST points, and to be listed in the final point standings and be eligible for awards. A one-time annual $75 OCA family membership will be added to the first show entry fee for all show exhibitors when they enter a BEST sanctioned show through the online entry system. If more than one junior within a family exhibits at a BEST sanctioned show, only one OCA membership is required.

Beef Quality Assurance - Rule Change for 2020-2021

All BEST participants must have a current BQA certification when they sign-up for the program and/or complete a BQA certification to be in the BEST points standings following their first show, and to be eligible to receive BEST awards and to be listed in the BEST final points. BQA certification is available through in-person trainings at BEST shows, bqa.org or yqca.org. These trainings are good for up to three years from the date of completion. BEST participants that attended an in-person or YQCA BQA training last year are certified for three years from the date they attended training.

Buckeye Breeders Series Points Division – New for 2020-2021

The Buckeye Breeders Series (BBS) BEST points division, formerly known as the Best of the Buckeye program, features cattle bred in Ohio and runs throughout the BEST show season. Only registered cattle that were bred by an Ohio breeder are eligible. Crossbreds are not eligible to participate in the BBS. Beginning with the Scarlet & Gray Midwest Showdown and continuing at every BEST show throughout the season, cattle entered in the BBS program will have their own separate set of points that will run parallel to the BEST program, like the Novice and Bred & Owned Divisions whose points are a subset of their regular class points. The program will end at the Ohio Beef Expo and will recognize both breeders and exhibitors of the top placing BBS cattle at the OCA BEST Awards Banquet on May 1, 2021. The BBS program will not be a part of the Ohio State Fair.

BEST participants will enter cattle eligible for the BBS through the BEST program's online nomination and show entry website at no additional cost beyond the $60 per animal BEST nomination fee. Entries for the BBS may be made for eligible cattle at any point throughout the season and BBS points will accrue with their first show.

For cattle to be eligible for BBS points, they must be registered and bred by an Ohio cattleman. ET calves and calves out of purchased bred cows are eligible if they list an Ohio cattleman as the breeder. Please note that if BBS eligible cattle are registered in multiple owners' names, as-long-as one of the owners listed on the registration paper is from Ohio, the animal is eligible for nomination.

For the Ohio Beef Expo BEST Show following each breed division champion drive there will be a BBS champion drive. The top 2 animals from each class will come back immediately following the breed's final drive to show for the BBS final drive. The judge will pick the top 2 heifers and steers in each breed division with additional premiums paid to

the Champion and Reserve Champion BBS cattle in each division. Breed associations may make additional premium donations to their breed's BBS cattle. All breed association premium donations will be recognized. BBS placings and points will coincide with the show's original class placings.

For more information see the Buckeye Breeders Series on the OCA BEST website at ohiocattle.org.

Stockmanship Division - Updated for 2020-2021

The OCA BEST program's Stockmanship Division provides a pathway for youth to participate in the BEST program without showing an animal. It expands BEST participants' knowledge of cattle and provides youth with an opportunity to showcase their abilities and talents outside of the show ring.

The Stockmanship division is comprised of beef industry-focused events and competitions that are in conjunction with BEST shows. This division of the BEST program is open to all Ohio youth regardless of whether they show cattle during the BEST show season. If an existing BEST participant would like to sign up for the Stockmanship division, they will do so under their BEST user profile at best.ohiocattle.org for no additional cost outside of existing cattle nominations. If age-eligible individuals would like to participate in the Stockmanship division but don't have cattle enrolled in the 2020-2021 BEST program, they should create their username and profile at best.ohiocattle.org (if they don't have an existing account either BEST or non-BEST) and elect to participate in the Stockmanship division. Non-cattle exhibiting BEST Stockmanship participants will need to have a current $75 family OCA membership and will pay a one-time participation fee of $60. Individuals may sign up for the Stockmanship program at any point throughout the season.

2020-2021 Stockmanship Contests

- Prepared Speaking - held at the Scarlet & Gray Midwest Showdown - Saturday, January 2, 2021
- Salesmanship - held at the Weekend Spectacular - Saturday, January 16, 2021
- Cattlemen's Challenge Competition (OCA's version of a skill-a-thon) - held at the Clark County Cattle Battle - Saturday, January 30, 2021
- Fitting Contest - held at the DTS Cupid Classic - Sunday, February 14, 2021
- Judging Contest - held at the Ohio Beef Expo - Friday, March 19, 2021

*Individual contests may prorate the number of awards based on the number of participants.

Stockmanship contests will include their own registration and rules for each event and top-placing awards will be given at each competition. Please note that individual and team awards for qualifying events will be presented at the contest. Overall Stockmanship awards will be presented at the OCA BEST Awards Banquet on May 1, 2021. The top five individuals in the following divisions will be recognized: Beginner, Junior, Novice, Intermediate and Senior. Age breaks will follow that of the BEST program's showmanship rules. To qualify for the end of year Stockmanship awards, the participant must have completed two contests, be a current OCA member by January 1, 2021 or at the time of Stockmanship sign-up and have completed their Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification. Stockmanship participants may complete their BQA at any session offered at a BEST sanctioned show, online at BQA.org or at YQCA.org.

A cumulative points scale for the Stockmanship division will be utilized for overall finishes and end of year point tabulation.

EID Tags Required for all Cattle - ALL cattle participating in any BEST sanctioned show, BEST and non-BEST, will be required to have an EID tag (this includes registered cattle). BEST cattle will be tagged at their first BEST show; however, all non-BEST cattle are encouraged to have an EID tag in place prior to arriving at their first BEST show. Non-BEST and out-of-state entries that do not have an EID tag in place prior to their first show will be tagged onsite for a fee of $20 per tag.

Online BEST Nomination – ALL show entries will be made online. Exhibitors will be given the option to pay for their entries via credit card online when the entries are made, or by cash or check once they arrive at the show. All show

participants, BEST and non-BEST, will initially fill out their participant registration and log their cattle into the system. EID tag numbers will be scanned into the system at the animal's first BEST sanctioned show. The participant and cattle information will be stored in the software program and can then be used to make online entries for any show for the remainder of the year. Participants may use their smartphone, tablet or PC and make show entries for BEST shows starting the Monday prior to the show, including the Ohio Beef Expo. Utilizing EID tags will provide a more efficient process. At their first show cattle will be checked-in and have their EID tag recorded and have the tattoos of any registered cattle checked. Then for remaining shows cattle will only need to have their EID tag scanned at check-in and they will automatically be placed into the show program. For more information regarding the BEST program, visit ***www.ohiocattle.org.***

For more information regarding online BEST nominations and show entries visit **best.ohiocattle.org**

Showmanship Divisions

Age divisions are as of January 1, 2021

- Beginner Division - 10 and under
- Junior Division - 11 to 13
- Novice Division – 11-16 (see below for more details)
- Intermediate Division - 14 to 16
- Senior Division - 17 to 21

BEST shows may close showmanship to BEST only participants. The Novice showmanship division is offered exclusively to first or second year BEST participants ages 11-16. In addition to being in their first or second year, they can't have previously finished in the Top Ten Overall Novice Market Animal, Heifer or Showmanship points standing. 11-16 year old Novice BEST participants may choose to compete in either their designated age division OR the Novice division; however, they must choose one or the other, not both.

Reminder – All exhibitors, BEST or non-BEST must comply with BEST sanctioned show rules. Read the BEST rules here.

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Schedule

Saturday Heifers and DOUBLE POINTS SHOWMANSHIP

Sunday Market Animals and STOCKMANSHIP FITTING CONTEST

Friday, February 12:
9:00 a.m. - Cattle may arrive
4:00-8:00 p.m. - Check-In

Saturday, February 13:
8:00 a.m. - Heifer Show Ring A begins.
TBA: Showmanship will begin after the completion of the Ring B Heifer Show.

3:00-5:00 p.m. – Market Animal Check-in

DOUBLE POINTS SHOWMANSHIP

Sunday, February 14:
8:00 a.m. - Market Animal Show Ring A begins.
TBA: Stockmanship Fitting Competition will begin after the conclusion of the Ring B Market Animal show.

Premiums
The show reserves the right to prorate any / all premiums based on the number of head in the show.

Heifer and Steer Premiums Ring A

Champion $500
Reserve $250
3rd Overall $150
4th Overall $100
5th Overall $50

Heifer and Steer Premiums Ring B – Prorated by number of entries.

Other Information

- Entry fee $100 for both rings, $50 single ring for non-BEST participants; $90 for both rings $45 for single ring for BEST participants.
- Health papers must comply with state requirements.
- Steers and market heifers born after 1/1/20
- Breed heifers born on or after 9/1/19
- Steers & Market Heifers and Crossbred Heifers shown by weight
- Breed heifers shown by age
- No heaters or generators allowed in the barn
- Show supplies will be available
- Show is not responsible for accident injury or loss
- Show committee decisions are final
- Wheel barrows or muck carts are encouraged due to the location of the manure pits and the size of the indoor facility
- Tent Rental
    - Grand Rental Station – 937.599.2078 (Collin Watson or Rhonda Wilson)

Hotels

Comfort Suites
121 Raydo Circle
Springfield, OH 45506
Call for reservations: 937.322.0707

Hampton Inn
101 W. Leffel Lane
Springfield, OH 45506
Call for reservations: 937.325.8480

Camping is available for $30 per night per hookup. Electric only. This includes trailers with or without living quarters that are plugged into electric outside of the building. Please pay at the show office upon arrival. The fairgrounds staff will be checking the outdoor use of electrical units and may collect payment on site.