

Welcome New Members and Families to the Walworth County Junior Beef Project!

We are pleased that you are interested in learning about raising and showing beef cattle. The junior beef project year begins with a November meeting, where new members are introduced, the past year is reviewed and goals are set for the new year. There is a presentation/speaker and social time with a pizza party. This is an important first meeting for everyone, and especially new members. Then the first Saturday of February is the weigh-in for any steers that you plan to show at the fair. DNA is pulled and if interested, you may sign up for the carcass contest. In March we hold a clipping, fitting and showmanship clinic at the fairgrounds which offers a hands-on experience for members. Throughout the year there are also other opportunities for you to attend clinics and shows.

Very important for all members and families is to read and keep your newsclip which is always online. Each issue contains information needed to help make your year successful. We also maintain a Facebook page called "Walworth County Junior Beef Project." Although the first year may seem overwhelming, everyone started where you are and is ready to help you. Members of your club who may show cattle, your district leader or junior beef committee member, and superintendent are people to call on. They are listed below.

Whether you choose breeding stock or steers, this year long project requires commitment of time and resources, and is very rewarding. As you can see online, there are some mandatory requirements: YQCA training, one mandatory meeting which may be the November meeting or March clinic, and everyone must work at the steak cookout. For those of you who don't know, this special event started in 2011 and raises money that supports and enhances our project.

Good Luck! Doc Sterken, Junior Beef Superintendent (262-949-5890)

Committee Members:	Marleen Siegler, Mark Polyock, Ken Babcock, and Jeff Reed.
District Leaders:	Tom Cook (Central), Lorie Knoll (NW), Cindy Rehberg (NE), Ann Brost (SW), and
	Marleen Siegler (SE).