



Walworth County Junior Beef Weigh-in 2021

The annual Walworth County Junior Beef Weigh-In will be held on **Saturday, February 6** in the calf barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds from **9:00 a.m. to noon**. The snow date is February 13. All steers must be weighed and tagged on this date in order to be exhibited and sold at the 2021 Walworth County Fair. Steers will be weighed on a family basis (rather than a member basis). The steers will then be identified by member at weigh-in during fair week.

Due to COVID-19 meeting guidance, this year's event will run differently than in past years. PLEASE READ ALL THE GUIDELINES THAT FOLLOW VERY CAREFULLY.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- **Only two persons per truck/family may attend.** Generally, these two people should be a member and parent/guardian. No more than 10 people are allowed in the weigh-in area at any time. Eight individuals will be working the weigh-in and will provide assistance with unloading if needed.
- The adult on each truck should assist the member in getting their animal(s) unloaded, into the chute, and reloaded, as appropriate.
- **You must bring all of your paperwork to the event as COMPLETED as possible.** Materials will be mailed to you via the USPS shortly before the event. **If one or more of your animals will have an 840 tag in their ear when they arrive for weigh-in, be sure that you have recorded the entire fifteen digit 840 number on your weigh-in form.**
- **Remain in your truck until it is your turn at the scales.** A volunteer will meet you at your truck to collect paperwork and provide you with instructions.
- **Facial coverings must be worn whenever you are outside of your truck at the event. Social distancing will also be required.**
- Understand that UW-Madison Division of Extension faculty, staff and volunteers may require that program participants leave the event based on health concerns associated with COVID-19. Please stay at home if you are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or have had known contact with anyone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days. If you are unable to attend weigh-in due to sickness or have general safety concerns related to COVID-19, please contact Junior Beef Superintendent, Doc Sterken, at 262-949-5890.

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE IN THE WEIGH-IN LINE AS FOLLOWS:

- **9:00-9:45 a.m. -- Member last names beginning with A-H**
- **10:00-10:45 a.m.—Member last names beginning with I-RE**
- **11:00-11:45 a.m. – Member last names beginning with RF-Z**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- For everyone's safety, all steers must be broken to lead at the time of this weigh-in.
- Each member can weigh up to eight steers.
- All steers must be dehorned prior to weigh-in, or they will not be weighed or identified.
- Steers brought to weigh-in with bull leads or wires through noses will not be allowed to weigh.

- Members must report to the recording table while their steer is in the chute. Make sure all information on the weigh-in forms you bring to the event is accurate. **BE sure your PREMISE ID for your animals' housing location is included.**
- If someone other than you will be bringing your steer/s, be sure that person has your completed forms with them to turn in.
- Know ahead of time if you wish to make a *Carcass Contest* entry. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee for carcass entries. Carcass steers count as one of the eight steers you can weigh. Dairy beef and dairy steers are also eligible for *Carcass Contest* and must be identified at the weigh-in. Carcass Contest entry checks should be made payable to *Walworth County Fair*.
- Walworth County steers will have DNA drawn at weigh-in.
- Following weigh-in, any lost tags must be reported to Superintendent Doc Sterken as soon as they are noticed. Steers will be retagged and replacement tag numbers will be recorded.
- If weigh-in must be cancelled due to inclement weather, the cancellation will be posted on the *Walworth County Jr. Beef Project* Facebook page. Additionally, an email will be sent to 4-Hers enrolled in the Beef Project, FFA advisors, and FFA members who showed market beef in 2020.
- Tattoos will be read prior to the show.
- Steers being shown at both the county fair and State Fair may tag and have DNA drawn at the county weigh-in, and it WILL count for both shows.

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Virtual educational meeting options will be available to members shortly. Watch the *4-H News Blog*, your email inbox, and the *Junior Beef Project Facebook* page for updates.
- Walworth County members must be YQCA certified in order to register for Junior Beef classes at the 2021 Walworth County Fair. YQCA certification information will be announced soon.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Junior Beef Superintendent Doc Sterken at [262-949-5890](tel:262-949-5890).



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