



Walworth County Junior Beef Weigh-in Guidelines--2023

The annual Walworth County Junior Beef Weigh-In will be held on **Saturday, February 4** in the calf barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds from **9:00 a.m. to noon**. The snow date is February 11. All steers must be weighed and tagged on this date in order to be exhibited and sold at the 2023 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.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- **Bring all of your paperwork to the event as COMPLETED as possible.** Materials will be mailed to you via the USPS by January 20. **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.**
- **Please remain in your truck until it is your turn at the scales.** A volunteer will meet you at your truck to give you DNA envelopes to complete for each animal being weighed. Each envelope must be signed by a parent/guardian. The signature of the member(s) who may be exhibiting the animal is/are also needed.
- If you are unable to attend weigh-in, plan to send your market animals to weigh-in with someone else. Make sure you send your completed paperwork with them, as well. They will be required to sign DNA envelopes on your behalf.

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.
- A family member 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 and FFA advisors.
- 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 ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

In order to show at the 2023 Walworth County Fair Junior Beef Show, members must...

- 1) Attend at least one educational project meeting/event
- 2) Assist with the 2023 Steak Cookout as detailed in the “Welcome to the 2023 Junior Beef Project” document
- 3) Be YQCA-certified (details to be announced)

QUESTIONS?

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

