Columbiana County Jr. Fair Steer and Beef Project Book Requirements

Fair Show and Showmanship Age Divisions for 2020

Bantam: 8-10
Junior: 11-12
Intermediate: 13-15
Senior: 16-18

Please read thru book carefully. Most parts need completed by all age groups. It is understandable that Beginner level may not write as much or explain as detailed as the more advanced members.

***Make sure to fill out front of book**. Read and Sign **pages 4 and 5**.

***Page 7**: Select 3 goals and ways to reach the goals. Use reference manual for ideas

***Page 8-9**: Select as least 1 topic and write about it. Beginners: a couple sentences will be acceptable, intermediate and Advances should include more details in paragraph form.

***Page 10-11**: select activities based on Level: again reference the resource manual for ideas

***Page 12-13**: pick 2 experiences

***Page 14-15**: Pick 2 activities

 ***Pages 16-32** are Quality Assurance and must be completed by everyone. This material will be on the skillathon test in July. Use Resource manual.   (pg. 25 is just reference and does not need completed). (You will need to fill out a DUNF at fair)

* Records pages: **34-37, 44, 46-49, 51, 53, 56-59**. If you do records electronically, just print and staple to the corresponding pages.

***Pages 38 and 41** are for Beef Breeding Only.

***Pages 39 and 40** are Int/Advanced Beef Breeding

Pages 52 only for Intermediate/Advanced Beef Projects

***Page 55** only if using Pasture

Books will be graded/reviewed by the steer committee at skillathon in July. FFA members, you need to print off your AET records and bring with you. If you do not make it to skillathon, You will have it graded on check-in day at the fair. Just have as much info completed as can by Skillathon, we understand some parts of records cannot be completed until the fair.   Most of the info that needs studied comes from the Beef Resource Manual that needed purchased separately from the project book. We would recommend at least 1 manual per family if you haven't already purchased one. All skillathon info is found in the resource manual. Please contact your advisor or the extension office for book ordering.

Beef Skillathon Info

Skillathon is used to test the knowledge the member has of the project. Beef skillathon is open to all Beef projects. Below is a list of areas that you will want to make sure you study. There are stations with posters/labels and there are some written questions. All the material comes from the Beef Resource Manual.

Skillathon will be in July at the fairgrounds.

1. Be able to label a medication label and an insert (QA)

2. Be able to identify the Main Beef Breeds and traits

3. Be able to label all the correct external Body parts of Beef animal

4. Correctly label Feet and leg structure

5. Identify main feed samples/grains/minerals

6. Be able to identify cuts of meat

7. Understand and be able to explain proper animal handling (QA)

8. Know the reproductive parts of Beef.

9. Written questions will come from reference book. Have a basic understanding of cattle, cattle terms, and health, housing and nutritional needs.

10. Everyone will also answer written questions to be used in the case of a tie.