It is time to TAG

Market Beef Steer, Market Heifer & Holstein Beef Steer!!

ANIMALS MUST BE: (1) In member's possession:. . . .by January 1, 2013
(2) Tagged & Registered: . . . . . by January 15, 2013

RATE-OF-GAIN => January 5, 2013, 10 am-Noon, Lenawee County Fairgrounds

- All beef animals (Market beef, Holstein beef & heifers) must be halter-broken and have a halter on in order to be weighed. The entry fee: $5.00 per animal.
- **Sponsor $$ amounts:**

1st Place:	**$100 minimum**
2nd Place:	**$50 minimum**
3rd Place:	**$25 minimum**

YOU MAY ALSO TAG BEEF ANIMALS AT THIS TIME— Tags cost $5.00 each)

General Tagging Guidelines:

- Leaders may ***NOT*** tag their own child's animals. A Beef Club leader, Vo-Ag instructor, Community Club Leader, or adult Jr. Livestock Board member must witness the tagging and sign the registration form.
- Tags must be placed with the number on the outside of the animal's right ear, close to the center. Make sure it is secure. Re-tagging must be done by a Jr. Livestock Board adult beef superintendent.
- When the animal is brought to Fair, tag number in the animal's ear must match the January registration tag number.
- Swing Steer: Each beef project member in the family is required to tag one beef steer or Holstein beef steer in their own name. One additional steer can be tagged under all the beef project members in their immediate family (brothers/sisters). The animal tagged as the "swing steer" can be shown at Fair as a second animal for any of the children it is registered under.
- **In addition to the Jr. Livestock Tag, all beef animals are required to be tagged with a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag.**

General Rules:

- Holstein beef animals are not eligible for county bred classes.
- Any 4-H/FFA youth enrolled in the 4-H beef project may enter 1 animal for sale at the Jr. Livestock auction.

Market Beef Steers:

- Minimum weight for a market beef steer to show at Fair is 900 lbs.

Holstein Beef Steers:

- Only Holsteins (**no cross-breeds**) are eligible and must exhibit dairy characteristics. If superintendents have doubts, the animal will show in the market beef class.
- Minimum weight for a market Holstein steer to show at Fair is 1,000 lbs.

County-Bred Class:

- A copy of the bill of purchase must be turned in with registration forms.
- The County-Bred Class is run like a jackpot show. There is a $25 per animal fee for showing in this class. It is preferred that the breeder pay the fee, not the youth. (Fee must be paid by May 1st.)
- The following payout will occur for this class: Champion 25%, Reserve 15%, 1st in Class 4%, 2nd in Class 2%. The rest of the money will be divided equally among all participating youth.
- County-Bred Champion does not sell as Grand Champion in the Jr. Livestock auction.

Market Heifer:

- Members may tag a total of 2 market heifers; only one can be brought to Fair and sold at auction.
- This is a "Market" Heifer Class which will be judged as a "MARKET ANIMAL", **not** a "BREEDING ANIMAL".
- All other market beef steer rules & regulations apply.

Please contact your beef directors or the 4-H office if you have any questions.

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