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## **Department F- Market Beef updates**

ALL MARKET BEEF TAG REQUESTS ARE DUE TO YOUR AGENT OR ADVISOR BY FEBRUARY 14TH SO TAGS CAN BE DISTRIBUTED.

Ownership deadline for all market beef animals is March 1, 2025.

Performance Steers MUST be tagged and weighed in by **March 15th**. The State Fair of West Virginia has requested that all animals be weighed on certified scales deemed certified by WV Division of Labor-Weights & Measures. FFA Advisors and WVU Extension Agents MUST turn in animal info/tagging sheets to Josh Peplowski at Greenbrier County Extension by March 21st.

**Any animals weighed and/or tagged after March 15th will be considered ineligible for the Performance Steer division at The State Fair of West Virginia. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The Performance Steer division will follow all General Rules and Regulations listed in the Livestock Exhibitor Guide and any additional rules listed under Department F.

### Rules:

- Minimum weight is 1000 lbs. If there is any question concerning the actual weight, the animal must be re-weighed immediately before it is taken back to the barn.
- Exhibitors are limited to three (3) market beef animals.
- Animals must be halter broken. SFVW staff reserves the right to dismiss any animal we deem as dangerous to exhibitors, other animals or the public.
- No use of adhesives for the Performance Steer Division – blow and show only.
- The rubric for judging will consist of three (3) categories: Average Daily Gain, On Foot, and Ultrasound.
- The Ultrasound will be performed by a Certified Ultrasound Technician and will be analyzed and sent off to The CUP Lab in Ames, Iowa.
- Grand Champion Performance Steer and Reserve Grand Champion Performance Steer are terminal. Mountain Steer Meat Company will be sponsoring the processing fee.
- All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals will be subject to chemical testing and analysis of saliva, urine, blood, other excretions or tissues to determine whether a substance or drug has been introduced to interfere with the testing procedure. Positive tests will result in immediate disqualification of the animal, forfeiture of ribbons, trophies, show and sale premiums. The exhibitor of that animal and the exhibitor's family may be barred from participation in future SFVW events. Random drug testing may be conducted for any Junior Market Animals.

If you have any questions, please call Greenbrier County Extension at 304-647-7408 or The State Fair Office at 304-645-1090.

We look forward to seeing you at the 100th Anniversary of The State Fair of West Virginia, August 7-16, 2025!