

**Official Ballot
Proposed Amendment to the
Ohio Beef Marketing Program**

This referendum is being conducted in accordance with Chapter 924 of the Ohio Revised Code in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Proposal

In order to carry out the provision and intent of the Ohio Beef Marketing Program an assessment of two dollars (\$2.00) per head shall be collected from all producers on all cattle which they market. This will result in a change to the total checkoff dollars collected, an increase from one dollar (\$1.00) to two dollars (\$2.00).

VOTE

Do you favor the above proposal?

YES

NO

**2014 Ohio Beef Marketing Program Referendum
Ballot Verification**

Please complete in full (print please):

Name

Address

City, State and Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

County of residence: _____

I am a cattle producer _____ Yes _____ No
(I marketed cattle in the 2013 calendar year)

I do hereby affirm the above information is correct and accurate. I understand that missing information and false information will invalidate my ballot.

Signature

Title

Name (Print)

Title (Print)

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE VERIFICATION OR FALSE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN A VOID BALLOT

Copies of the proposed program changes are available at all polling locations, as well as the Ohio Cattlemen's Association. Ballots may be cast at the polling locations March 18, 19 and 20 2014. Completed mail-in ballots should be returned to:

Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Beef Marketing Program Referendum, 8995 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Any and all ballots that have a postmark date after March 20, 2014 will be void.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. Each person who produced and marketed cattle subject to the checkoff in the 2013 calendar year is entitled to one (1) vote.
2. For an individual to be eligible to vote, the cattle must have been marketed in that person's name. For both a husband and wife to be eligible to vote, each must have marketed cattle in their own name. If the cattle were marketed by a corporation or partnership, the eligible voter is the corporation or partnership and the corporation or partnership has one (1) vote. A corporate officer must vote for the corporation. The majority partner must vote for a partnership.
3. Beef and Dairy producers are eligible to vote if they meet the above requirements.
4. 4-H and FFA members that have marketed cattle in the 2013 calendar year are eligible to vote.
5. There is no minimum age for voting, as long as the individual can affirm they have marketed cattle in the 2013 calendar year.
6. All Ohio beef producers are eligible to vote, if they meet the above requirements. It does not matter where they market their cattle. Even if an Ohio beef producer markets all of their cattle out of state, they are still eligible to vote in the referendum.
7. Out of state beef producers who market cattle in Ohio are also eligible to vote, if they meet the above requirements. They can vote by requesting a mail ballot, or voting in person at any polling place.
8. Referendum ballots may be cast at any polling place, regardless of county of residence.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Carefully complete the ballot verification by typing or printing. Both the ballot and the ballot verification must be fully and properly completed.
2. Voting will take place at designated offices on March 18, 19, and 20, 2014 during the normal business hours of each polling location.
3. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by March 20, 2014.
4. Postage due envelopes will not be accepted by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
5. Written requests for additional ballots must be received by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Beef Marketing Program Referendum, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, no later than 5:00 p.m. March 18, 2014. Ballots may also be picked up at this location.
6. If you have questions or to request a ballot, please call 1-800-282-1955 and request the Ohio Beef Marketing Program Referendum.