



# MOOSLETTER

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## Upcoming Event: OVIDBA Meeting

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**10:00 AM -12:00 PM**

**The Mill Restaurant (inside Buehlers)**  
3540 Burbank Road  
Wooster, OH. 44691

Join us as we finalize plans and form committees in preparation for the 2024 OVIDBA Show!

Wear your **green!** Youth that are present can look forward to a St. Patrick's Day Flame activity and a sweet treat. One **lucky** youth's name will be drawn for a prize.

Additionally, you can look forward to the announcement of the winning show shirt and its designer!



**100% irish**

## What do leprechauns barbecue on St. Patrick's Day? Short ribs

It's that time of year again! As Spring approaches, it's also nearing Showtime! The warmer weather and greener grass signal the ideal moment to start preparing cattle for the show. Here are some key steps you can implement now:

- Train your cow with a halter and show stick: Familiarize your cow with the halter and show stick early on as they are crucial for guiding your cow during the competition. This will help keep your cow calm throughout the showing process.

Halter breaking requires patience and practice. Take it slow and avoid rushing the process to build trust and respect with your animal. Developing a bond with your animal takes time, so be gentle, compassionate, and dedicated to teaching your animal to respect the halter.

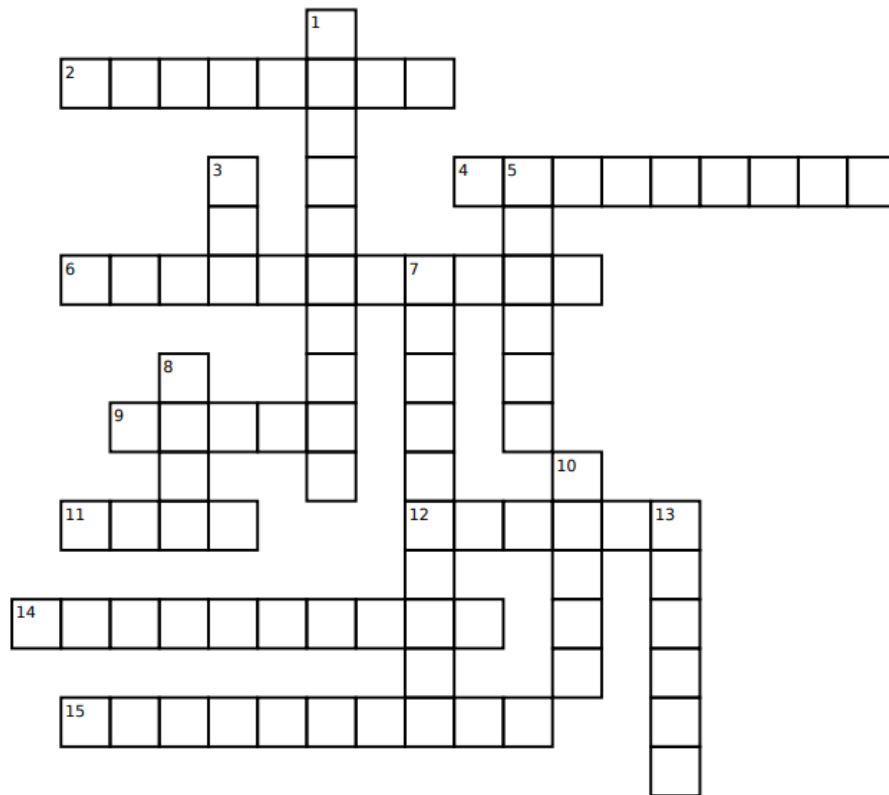
A show stick is a valuable tool for teaching your animal how to present itself. Ensure the front feet are aligned beneath the shoulders and the hind leg closest to the judge is slightly positioned back. Aim for balance, not stretching out the animal. Be prepared to discreetly and gently reposition its feet during the judging process.

Establish a feed regimen: Proper feed selection and management are essential for getting your cow in the right condition. If choosing the grain method, nutritionists recommend starting a feed regimen 45-60 days before the show, with feed amounting to 2.5-3.0% of body weight and medium-quality grass hay.

- Keep show cattle away from winter mud: Muddy conditions are tough on cattle, causing stress and affecting their health and weight gain. Remove mud and manure balls by washing them with shampoo and warm water a month before the show. Clip the winter coat and train the top line hair to ensure easier management closer to the show date.

By initiating these steps now, you'll set the stage for a successful show day!

# Cattle Show Crossword Puzzle



## Down:

1. An individual in charge of performances or presentation in a ring.
3. The mature female of domesticated cattle.
5. A young female cow that has not borne a calf.
7. An item used to place the animal's hair back in place after the judge has run their hands over the animal's hide.
8. An uncastrated male bovine animal.
10. A young castrated male bovine primarily raised for beef.
13. A type of contest in which you buy a ticket for a chance to win a prize.

## Across:

2. An area where animals are displayed for sale or competition.
4. An item used to assist in placing the animal's feet.
6. The ability to present your animal to the best of its genetic ability.
9. An individual who carefully analyzes livestock and measures them against a standard that is commonly accepted as being ideal.
11. A young bovine animal, especially a domestic cow or bull in its first year.
12. Headgear that is used to lead or tie up livestock.
14. An event where cattle are exhibited and judged on certain breed traits.
15. The highest award or distinction, as the first prize in a contest.





# COW COSTUME CONTEST

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, OH

6:30 PM

- ✓ Open to all ages -not just the youth!
- ✓ Prizes and ribbons awarded
- ✓ Idea: be a part of your cow's costume



Prepare your Dexter for the  
next Cow Costume Contest!

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