

4-H BEEF CATTLE DEPARTMENT

4-H Beef Team

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SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 20

7:00 a.m. Earliest Beef can arrive
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Check-in Beef (check weights/check-in cards,t-shirts and exhibitor numbers distributed) - Livestock Pavilion
2:00 p.m. Beef must be in
5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting - Livestock Pavilion

Friday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Breeding Heifer Show - Show order: Alphabetical by breed followed by commercial heifers - Livestock Pavilion
After Show Breeding Beef released

Saturday, August 22

9:00 a.m. Market Steer & Market Heifer Show - Show order: Alphabetical by breed followed by crossbred steers, market heifers - Livestock Pavilion
After Show Market Beef released
7:00 p.m. Beef must be out

ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 10 through 4hOnline

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. The entry fee is \$35 per head and must be paid with entry. No refunds.
Common bedding will be used in the barns for all beef cattle. The stalls will be bedded by the Iowa State Fair Maintenance staff with the fee included in the entry fee. No alternative bedding will be allowed on the grounds.
3. Each animal entered must be identified through the 4hOnline program (Feb 1 for Market Beef, June 1 for Breeding Beef).
4. Blocking chute space must be reserved for \$15 a chute with entry. Only one chute per family may be reserved. Stalls will be designated as such. No chutes will be allowed in aisles. **Counties and 4-H'ers are strongly encouraged to share chutes.**
Chute stickers will not be mailed to County Extension Offices. Exhibitors who reserved blocking chute space on their entry form can pick up their chute sticker in the Cattle Barn Office upon arrival at the show. No chute stickers will be sold at the show.
5. Animals exhibited in the Beef Department must be housed in stalls designated by the Superintendent. All beef animals will be stalled by county groups.
6. Tack stalls will be provided depending upon available space and size of county delegation. Blocking chutes will not be allowed in any stall not reserved by a 4-H'er and designated by the Superintendent. It shall be the prerogative of the Superintendent to reduce the number of stalls assigned to a county to the number actually required. Exhibitors are encouraged to minimize the use of extension cords as much as possible. Cords used must meet safety standards. **Each county will be limited to one set of metal dividers, one at each end of the cattle stalls.**
7. Fitters Guards, or similar equipment, will not be allowed in stalls or tie-outs.
8. The exhibitor number with the rate of gain, which is furnished by the show, will be worn so it is visible to the judges. The exhibitor card must be worn in both the Market and Breeding divisions.
9. Painting, dyeing and use of color agents on beef animals is not condoned by show Officials. Beef projects which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified. Exhibitors can use colored grooming aids on hooves only. All division champions will be wiped with a towel to check for color or coloring agents prior to entering the show ring for the championship drive.
10. No artificial aides such as tail head or tail fins will be permitted. No artificial tails/switches will be permitted.
11. No icing or artificial means of cooling an animal will be allowed in the Pavilion.
12. Each exhibitor may be accompanied by one person in the check-in area. This person MUST be an immediate family member or a current Iowa 4-H'er. However, the exhibitor is solely responsible for all grooming of the animal from the time they enter the check-in area to the time they exit the ring.
13. After a class has been placed in the show ring, officials reserve the right to re-inspect animals for color or sharp practices. If such is found, the animal will be barred from further championship competition and forfeit all premium money.
14. All beef animals must be on a halter at all times. Absolutely no loose beef animals will be allowed.
15. Cable halters will not be allowed in the show ring.
16. All 4-H Beef animals as well as show equipment must be removed from the barn by 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22. Failure to do so will result in exhibitors forfeiting their premium money.
17. **NEW FOR 2020:** Each entry will receive a ribbon (purple, blue, red or white) in each class. Monetary premiums will be paid to the top 3 entries in each class.
18. Ear tags with farm names or advertisements will be clipped out of the ear. Only tags bearing numbers will be allowed.
19. For both the Market and Breeding Divisions, should a first place beef animal be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division championship; the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division. If a second place animal is disqualified, the third place animal will move up.
Should a division Market Beef Champion be disqualified after winning its division, but before selection of Grand Champion Market Steer or Market Heifer, the reserve division champion will move up to champion and compete for Grand Champion. In this case, no attempt will be made to replace the division reserve champion. If a division reserve champion animal is disqualified, no shifting upward will occur and no attempt to replace the reserve champion will be made.

**MARKET BEEF PROJECT
RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this division. Also, see general rules for 4-H Beef Cattle Department.
2. Market beef entries are open to animals enrolled this year in the Market Beef Project.
3. Positive identification is required on all market beef. All market beef must be weighed and tagged at an official verification site, as well as had retinal images collected from nominated animals. Any evidence of tampering with the official 4-H tag will be scrutinized. In addition, all market beef must have been identified through the 4hOnline program by February 1. Entry in breed classes must follow the Iowa Junior Beef Breed Association classifications. Breed steers must have breed designated in 4hOnline by February 1 or will show as crossbred. A 4-H member is limited to six market beef identified in 4hOnline.
4. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of two market beef animals.
5. **NEW FOR 2020: DECLARED WEIGHTS.** A declared weight system will be used for official weights. A weight card obtained from the superintendent's office must be filled out by all Market exhibitors and turned in by the designated time. The weight turned in will become the official weight. If weight cards are not turned in by the deadline those animals will not be eligible to show in their respective shows. Once the weight card is submitted by the deadline, no changes can be made.
Scales will be provided in the Livestock Pavilion for exhibitors to test weights upon arrival before turning in their card. These scales will also be used for show weigh-backs.
The top two animals in each class will be weighed immediately following their class to determine if they are eligible to return for division champions. Market Steers and Market Heifers not weighing within 5% of its official weight will be disqualified. All market beef are subject to be selected to be weighed.
6. All market beef are subject to mouthing. Any market beef having the permanent central incisor teeth up in wear are not eligible to show. Such animals are considered as having reached an age beyond that consistent with the intent and purposes of this show.

**MARKET STEERS - DIVISION 02
SPECIAL MARKET STEER RULES**

1. **NEW FOR 2020:** Exhibitors with registered (breed) steers will indicate on their declared weight card the breed along with 4-H ear tag and tattoo number. Registration papers (no copies or faxes) will be required to be presented when submitting the declared weight card to check-in officials. Steers without necessary registration papers will be shown in the crossbred division. Tattoos will be checked on selected animals as they are shown after their class is completed. Animals with illegible or fresh tattoos will be disqualified. Re-tattooing at the show will not be permitted. (If steers need to be re-tattooed after February 1, contact your County Extension Office for specific instructions.)
2. The show will appoint a committee to determine if steers exhibit sufficient characteristics of the breed. Steers that do not will be declared ineligible. If the owner of a 4-H Market Beef animal has a protest as to eligibility in a breed division as made by show officials, this protest must be filed within 24 hours after the decision is made (see also Livestock General Rules and Regulations). All expenses of proof must be paid by the party filing the protest. Blood tests of both sire and steer will be necessary.
3. All market steers must weigh 900 pounds or more. Market steers weighing less than 900 pounds regardless of breed, will be shown separately as feeder steers and will not be eligible to compete for championships. Ribbons will be awarded in the feeder steer class but no premiums will be paid.
4. Steers will qualify for the purple and blue award groups only if they have an average daily gain (ADG) of 2.3 pounds or more from the beginning weigh date to the show weigh date. ADG formula will be (show weight - Beginning weight) / days on test.
5. Market steers will be divided into the following divisions:

CLASS	CLASS	CLASS
• Angus	• Limousin	• Shorthorn
• All Other Breeds	• Maine-Anjou	• Shorthorn Plus
• Charolais	• Miniature Hereford *	• Simmental
• Chianina	• Polled Hereford	• Crossbreds
• Gelbvieh	• Red Angus	• Market Heifers
• Horned Hereford	• Salers	

Within each division, classes will be made by show weight.

* Miniature Hereford steers are exempt from ADG requirements.

6. First and second place in each class within a division will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Champion. Champion and Reserve for each division will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion Steer. Three honorable mention awards will also be presented.
7. If less than five head of one breed check-in at the show, all of the breed's steers will be shown in the All Other Breeds Division.
8. Market steers will be placed on individual merit from market standpoint, taking into consideration conformation, quality, finish, weight for frame size and gain ability. Potential for future development will be considered only in placing feeder steers weighing less than 900 pounds.
9. In the event of formal protest concerning questionable parentage of steers entered in breed divisions, the show reserves the right to secure a blood sample from the animal and its sire and have it tested. Premiums and sale proceeds will be withheld pending the final determination of eligibility.

**MARKET HEIFERS - DIVISION 03
SPECIAL MARKET HEIFER RULES**

1. Open to all market heifers of any breed which have been weighed and tagged at an official verification site, as well as had retinal images taken from the nominated animal.
2. All breeds and crossbreds will be shown together.
3. All market heifers must weigh 850 pounds or more. Market heifers weighing less than 850 pounds will be shown as feeder heifers and will not be eligible to compete for championship. Ribbons will be awarded in the feeder heifer class, but no premiums will be paid.
4. Ribbons awarded in the Market Heifer Division will be purple, blue, red and white. Heifers will qualify for the purple and blue award groups only if they have an average daily gain of 2.1 pounds or more from the beginning weigh date to the show weigh date. See Market Steer rule #4 for ADG formula.
5. **NEW FOR 2020:** Market heifer classes will be divided by declared weight.
6. Market heifers will be placed on individual merit from market standpoint, taking into consideration conformation, quality, finish, weight for frame size and gain ability. Potential for future development will be considered only in placing feeder heifers weighing less than 850 pounds.
7. First and second in each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Champion. One honorable mention award will also be presented.

**4-H FOUNDATION BEEF HERD
BREEDING HEIFERS - DIVISION 04
SPECIAL RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this division. Also, see general rules for 4-H Beef Cattle Department.
2. All heifers shown in the breed classes will follow the breed classification requirements of the Iowa Junior Beef Breed Association.
3. All purebred and commercial heifers must be tattooed. Calfhood vaccination tattoo is not acceptable as the official tattoo. **AGAIN FOR 2020:** A secondary identification method is required for all breeding beef. This can include one of the following: 1) Registration Number (if registered through a breed association); 2) Calfhood vaccination number; or 3) Official Iowa 4-H ear tag. Both the tattoo and secondary method of identification must be recorded in 4-H Online by June 1.
4. A class for commercial breeding heifers is available for non-registered breeding heifers.
5. **NEW FOR 2020:** Commercial heifers will show by declared weight as indicated on their weight card along with appropriate identification. Exhibitors can utilize the scales in the Pavilion to check weights prior to submitting their official card. After each class is completed, the top two heifers in each class will be re-weighed. The weight must be within 5% of the declared weight.
6. Heifers shown in this division cannot be shown in any Market Beef Class.
7. All heifers to be eligible shall be born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019.
8. Limitations - An exhibitor may enter a maximum of two breeding heifers.
9. **NEW FOR 2020:** Registered heifers will submit a check-in card listing the breed, tattoo number, and provide registration papers to check-in officials. Original registration papers **MUST** be provided (no copies, faxes, or applications for registration will be accepted). Animals whose registration papers are not approved will be shown in the Commercial Heifer Class.
10. **NEW FOR 2020:** Tattoos will be checked **AFTER** the show class has completed on selected animals to verify identification. Breeding heifers that have illegible tattoos or fresh tattoos will not be allowed to show. Re-tattooing at the show will not be permitted. (If heifers need to be re-tattooed after June 1, contact your County Extension Office for specific instructions.)
11. If less than five head of one breed check-in at the show, all of that breed's heifers will be shown in the All Other Breed's Division.
12. The youngest class will be shown first with heifers put in order of age as the class starts - with the youngest animal first.
13. Breeding heifers will be divided into the following divisions:

<p>CLASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Angus ● All Other Breeds ● Charolais ● Charolais Percentage ● Chianina ● Gelbvieh ● Horned Hereford 	<p>CLASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Limousin ● Lim-Flex ● High % Maine-Anjou ● Maintainer ● Miniature Hereford ● Polled Hereford ● Red Angus 	<p>CLASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Red Angus Foundation ● Salers ● Shorthorn ● Shorthorn Plus ● Simmental ● Foundation Simmental ● Commercial
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14. Entries will be placed numerically as well as in ribbon groups.
15. In the event of questionable parentage of purebred registered beef heifers, the show reserves the right to secure a blood sample from the animal and have it tested.
16. A Supreme Breeding Heifer Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the champion of each breed shown in the Breeding Heifer Show. Three honorable mention awards will also be presented.

4-H BEEF CATTLE SPECIALS

To Be Announced