

**FFA BEEF CATTLE DEPARTMENT**

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**Thursday, August 6**

8:00 a.m. Beef may arrive (Cattle Barn)  
1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Health paper, registration paper and drug affidavit check in  
2:00 p.m. Beef must be in

**Friday, August 7**

9:00 a.m. Breeding Beef health and registration papers must be checked in  
Noon Exhibitor Meeting (Pavilion)

**Saturday, August 8**

10:00 a.m. Breeding Beef Show (Pavilion) - Bulls, Cow-Calf Units, Registered Heifers, Commercial Heifers, Selection of Supreme and Reserve Supreme  
After Show Beef released  
7:00 p.m. Beef must be out

**DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. General rules and regulations and health requirements listed on the Iowa State Fair website and in the FFA section apply in this department, with special emphasis on the following sections: Member Eligibility, Supervision and Lodging, Good Conduct Policy, Medication and Drug Testing and Showing and Fitting Ethics.
2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before June 1 (Breeding Beef and Cow-Calf).** No fee is required to nominate Breeding Beef or Cow-Calf.
3. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 10.** Entry fee is \$35 per head/pair. Animals not entered will not be permitted to show.
4. **All Commercial Heifers, Crossbred, Grade and Registered Cows and Registered Bulls and Heifers must be tattooed on or before June 1. Animals with fresh tattoos will not be permitted to show. Tattoos must be legible and can be read without question. Calfhood vaccination tattoos are not acceptable for I.D. Animals may have ear tags but they are not required. USDA issued tags are acceptable.**
5. ALL breeding cattle must have official individual identification and be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists official identification. Examples of acceptable official identification are: a USDA approved alphanumeric tag, Brucellosis (calfhood) vaccination tag with the tattoo, or purebred registry tattoo, or USDA approved RFID or 840 series tag.
6. Common bedding will be used in the barns for all beef cattle. The stalls will be bedded by Maintenance staff. No alternative bedding will be allowed on the grounds. Exhibitors will be allowed to purchase additional bedding to freshen stalls, but there will be a standard depth maintained.
7. Animals exhibited in this division must be housed Thursday, August 6 - Saturday, August 8 in stalls designated by the FFA Beef Supervisors or forfeit all premiums earned. Beef entries from a school will be assigned adjacent stalls.
8. Exhibitors must attend the exhibitor meeting at noon on Friday, August 7 in the Pavilion.
9. All cattle must be in their stalls from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., each day of exhibition.
10. Exhibitors must keep the space in the rear of their stalls clear and clean; all litter must be thrown where indicated by the supervisors of the department. Exhibitors are requested to cooperate in the use of blocking chutes, using the minimum number of chutes per school and placing in an area designated by the cattle supervisors. Exhibitors are not to purchase extra stalls for blocking chutes. **Each FFA Chapter will be limited to one set of stall dividers.** Failure to cooperate will result in withdrawal of premium money from beef classes. **No tack may be placed in the barn prior to 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 6. Tack space is on a first come first serve basis. The use of butt fans is prohibited in all barns (see General Livestock Rules). Limit of one fan per animal on halter side.**
11. Fitters Guards, or similar equipment, will not be allowed in stalls or tie-outs.
12. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. **No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, drench gun, IV) will be allowed.** All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.
13. **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. Animals subject to toweling.**
14. No artificial aides such as tail head or tail fins will be permitted.
15. 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.
16. **Each FFA member shall take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animal(s). If assistance is needed it should be intended to help the FFA member learn new skills. FFA members can be assisted by an immediate family member, fellow active Iowa FFA member and/or chapter advisor in fitting and grooming their cattle. No other assistants will be permitted. Anyone found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.**
17. Exhibitors should be to the show ring in a timely manner. Ring staff reserves the right to close the class as deemed appropriate. Absolutely NO entries may enter the ring once a class has begun to be placed.
18. Only the exhibitor and one helper will be allowed into the holding area once the cattle are checked in for the show.
19. All beef animals must be on a halter at all times. Absolutely no loose beef animals will be allowed.
20. Cable halters will not be allowed in the show ring.
21. A purple, blue, red or white ribbon will be awarded to each entry. Rosettes will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each division. **Only purple and blue ribbon winners can be named Champion of a show/division/class.**

**BREEDING BEEF  
SPECIAL RULES**

1. Breeding beef exhibitors must follow FFA Beef Department rules listed above.

2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before June 1.** A maximum of 20 heifers and bulls may be nominated. Classes will be determined at the Fair during check in.
3. All FFA Breeding Heifers and Bulls must be owned by the nomination due date and ownership maintained through the date of exhibition at the Iowa State Fair by the exhibitor, or in a partnership, school cooperative or a corporation.
4. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 10.** Entry fee is \$35 per head. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of eight heifers and bulls in the Breeding Beef show.
5. Registration, transfer papers and ear tattoos will be checked; and Commercial Heifers will be on Friday, August 7. Registration papers and health papers will be checked prior to check in. Papers will be checked in the morning.
6. In each registered beef class, heifers and bulls will enter the show ring in order by birth date.
7. Registered heifers born from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and from September 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 may be exhibited. FFA registered heifers will be divided into classes as determined by the Beef Committee. There are no classes for registered heifers born after December 31, 2019. There are to be no more than 12 heifers in a class.
8. Commercial heifers born from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 may be exhibited. Commercial Heifers will be divided into classes according to weight instead of age. The supervisor reserves the right to determine classes.
9. Registered bulls born January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 may be exhibited. There are no bull classes for commercial animals.
10. **A breed must have at least four head to have a breed show under the divisions of heifer, cow/calf and bulls.** A breed may have a separate sub-class under its class if it has four or more entries. Otherwise, they will be combined and show in the All Other Breeds (AOB) class.
11. Heifers and bulls will be judged on the basis of breeding condition, breed characteristics, quality and conformation. Probable usefulness as a breeding animal will be stressed. The breed association's determination of what is classified as purebred or registered in that breed will be accepted.
12. Premiums will be paid to the top three in each class. Premiums paid will be: \$40, 25, 15.
13. **PRODUCE of DAM** - Heifers and bulls must be the produce of a dam presently or formerly enrolled by the member as a FFA project. Heifers entered as such must be shown in their respective breed class. For those heifers and bulls the judge declares to be worthy of recognition at the time of placing the class and that were entered as Produce, \$5 will be added to the premium awarded in the class. To be eligible for this incentive premium, "Produce" must be indicated on the entry form.

**HEIFERS - DIVISION 1**

BREED	CLASS
Angus.....	1
All Other Breeds.....	2
Charolais.....	3
Charolais Percentage.....	4
Chianina.....	5
Gelbvieh.....	6
Horned Hereford.....	7
Limousin.....	8
Lim-Flex.....	9
High % Maine-Anjou.....	10
Mainetainer.....	11
Miniature Hereford.....	12
Polled Hereford.....	13
Red Angus.....	14
Red Angus Foundation.....	15
Salers.....	16
Shorthorn.....	17
Shorthorn Plus.....	18
Simmental.....	19
Foundation Simmental.....	20
Commercial.....	21

**BULLS - DIVISION 2**

BREED	CLASS
Angus.....	22
All Other Breeds.....	23
Charolais.....	24
Charolais Percentage.....	25
Chianina.....	26
Gelbvieh.....	27
Horned Hereford.....	28
Limousin.....	29
Lim-Flex.....	30
High % Maine-Anjou.....	31
Mainetainer.....	32
Miniature Hereford.....	33
Polled Hereford.....	34
Red Angus.....	35
Red Angus Foundation.....	36
Salers.....	37
Shorthorn.....	38
Shorthorn Plus.....	39
Simmental.....	40
Foundation Simmental.....	41

**COW-CALF  
SPECIAL RULES**

1. Cow-Calf exhibitors must follow FFA Beef Department rules listed on previous pages.
2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before June 1.** A maximum of five cow-calf units may be nominated.
3. The cow which gave birth to the calf must have been owned by the FFA exhibitor at least 60 days before calving. Ownership must be maintained through the date of exhibition at the Iowa State Fair by the exhibitor, or in a partnership, school cooperative or a corporation.
4. **Cows must be tattooed; ear tags are fine but will not be required. Each calf must be ear tagged or tattooed. Cows with fresh tattoos will not be permitted to show.**
5. Calves must have been born January 1 through June 30, 2020 and may be either female or male. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf.
6. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 10.** Entry fee is \$35 per cow-calf unit. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of two cow-calf pairs.
7. **Classes will be based upon breed of the cow.** The breed must be designated on the nomination form and registration papers must be presented at the Fair to exhibit in those listed breed classes.
8. Exhibitors must provide registration papers on all registered cows.
9. The cow and calf must both be broke to lead and will both be tied at the show.
10. Each class must have at least four entries or classes will be combined. A breed may have a separate sub-class under its class if it has four or more entries.
11. Classes will be judged on breeding quality of the dam and productivity efficiency of the dam (50%). The quality and growth of the calf will also be evaluated (50%). Cow/calf classes will be split by the age of the cow.

12. Premiums will be paid to the top three in each class. Premiums paid will be: \$40, 25, 15. No cow-calf units will receive produce-of-dam premium money.

**COW-CALF - DIVISION 3**

<b>BREED</b>	<b>CLASS</b>
Angus .....	42
All Other Breeds .....	43
Charolais .....	44
Charolais Percentage .....	45
Chianina .....	46
Gelbvieh .....	47
Horned Hereford .....	48
Limousin .....	49
Lim-Flex .....	50
High % Maine-Anjou .....	51
Mainetainer .....	52
Miniature Hereford .....	53
Polled Hereford .....	54
Red Angus .....	55
Red Angus Foundation .....	56
Salers .....	57
Shorthorn .....	58
Shorthorn Plus .....	59
Simmental .....	60
Foundation Simmental .....	61
Commercial .....	62

**SUPREME AND RESERVE SUPREME HEIFER**

A Supreme Champion FFA Heifer and Reserve Supreme Champion FFA Heifer will be selected from the champion of each breed shown in the breeding heifer show.

- Supreme Heifer .....Banner
- Reserve Supreme Heifer.....Banner

**SUPREME AND RESERVE SUPREME COW/CALF**

A Supreme Champion FFA Cow/Calf and Reserve Supreme Champion FFA Cow/Calf will be selected from the champion of each breed shown in the cow-calf show.

- Supreme Cow/Calf .....Banner
- Reserve Supreme Cow/Calf.....Banner

**SUPREME AND RESERVE SUPREME BULL**

A Supreme Champion FFA Bull and Reserve Supreme Champion FFA Bull will be selected from the champion of each breed shown in the breeding bull show.

- Supreme Bull .....Banner
- Reserve Supreme Bull .....Banner

**FFA BEEF CATTLE SPECIALS**

To be announced.