

Division A – Jr. Fair Beef

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Dates:

Market Steer Tagging & Weigh In:	Saturday, January 9
Beef Fair Check-In:	Friday, July 8 @ 5-9PM
Jr. Fair Beef Show:	Monday, July 11 @ 6PM
Non-selling animal release:	Saturday, July 15 @ 6-9pm

Divisions:

Showmanship

101 Beef Showmanship

*Breeding Classes**

102 Junior Heifer Calf – born on or after Jan 1, 2022

103 Winter Heifer Calf – born between Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2021

104 Senior Heifer Calf – born between Sept 1 – Oct 31, 2021

105 Late Summer Yearling – born between July 1 – Aug 31, 2021

106 Summer Yearling – born between May 1 – June 30, 2021

107 Late Junior Yearling – born between Mar 1 – Apr 30, 2021

108 Junior Yearling – born between Jan 1 – Feb 28, 2021

109 Senior Yearling – born between Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2020

110 Cow/Calf (calf must be younger than 6 months)

*Market Classes***

111 Beef Feeder Calf

112 Dairy Feeder Calf

113 Start A Steer (feeder)

114 Market Beef

115 Market Heifer

116 Market Dairy Steer

*Registration papers are required for all beef animals showing in breed classes. Registered animals MUST have the name of the exhibitor, immediate family or family farm/operation on their papers. Animals without papers must show as crossbreds. NO BULLS ALLOWED

Breeds: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Maine, Simmental, % Simmental, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Crossbred

*If there are not at least 3 animals in a particular breed then an AOB Class may be added, otherwise those heifers will be shown as Crossbred.

**Beef Feeder and Start A Steer (year 1) will compete for Overall Champion Feeder

**Market Steers, Start A Steer (year 2), & Market Heifers will compete for Overall Champion Market Beef.

Jr. Fair Beef General Rules & Regulations

1. Market Steer/Heifer animals must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds and must be born after Jan. 1 of the previous year to sell. Dairy Feeder and Beef Feeder calves must weigh a minimum of 350 pounds and not more than 899 pounds to be eligible to sell. Dairy and Beef Feeders will not be sold for slaughter. Start-a-steer must weigh between 200 and 550 pounds, as well as be born after Jan. 1 of the current year.
2. Breeding animals must have their registration papers under the name of the exhibitor.
3. All cattle must be polled or dehorned. Dehorned cattle must be healed by exhibition. Scurs can be no longer than 1/4-inch.
4. All market steers, market dairy steers and market heifers must be owned by the exhibitor and on feed by Jan. 1. They must participate in the late December or early January weigh-in, as well as be enrolled through 4-H or FFA.
5. Exhibitors found guilty of abuse or unethical practices anywhere on the fairgrounds may be prohibited from selling and showing at future shows. The judge will be instructed to disqualify an exhibitor who is abusing his/her animal in the ring.

Start A Steer

In the first year of the project, the exhibitor will be eligible to enter the Premium Sale and still maintain possession of the feeder. In the second and final year of this project, the exhibitor can choose to sell or keep the steer. If, however, the exhibitor chooses to maintain possession of the steer at the completion of this project, they will not be permitted to participate in the Premium Sale. In the first year of this project, all of the other rules that apply to the beef feeder project, with the exception of "weigh a minimum of 350 pounds to sell in the Premium Sale" and "have possession by May 1", apply to this project. In the second year of this project, all of the other rules that apply to the Market Steer Project including but not limited to weighing in at the pre-Fair weigh in apply to this project. Before the exhibitor participates in the Premium Sale, each exhibitor will be asked to sign a letter of intent that he /she will bring the feeder back as a steer to the next year's fair.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: If a calf is born in January and is creep fed while still on the cow he could exceed the maximum weight. A calf with a small birth weight born after May 1 will likely have trouble meeting the minimum weight. The best time frame for meeting the weight requirements is to purchase a steer born between Feb. 15 and April 15. It is also recommended that a steer be castrated (not clamped) to ensure that the calf is a steer and not still a bull.

GUIDELINES:

1. Must be a steer
2. Must be born after Jan. 1 of the current year
3. Must be weaned, halter broke and on feed by the fair
4. Must be 100% BEEF
5. Must return to the next year's fair as a steer
6. There will not be a market for this feeder calf (It must go home with the exhibitor at the conclusion of the fair, however, the exhibitor can participate in the premium sale).
7. The weight range for the first year of the project is 200 to 550 pounds

8. Must have possession of the feeder steer by June 15.

Beef Showmanship

PURPOSE:

The purpose of a showmanship contest is to encourage exhibitors to acquire the skill and knowledge of handling animals and to obtain information and practice in fitting and grooming them for show.

1. Market animals must be shown in showmanship in order to sell, however if an exhibitor chooses to enter his/her Breeding Project into Showmanship, then that will make their Market Project eligible for the Premium Sale. Entry in showmanship is mandatory.
2. Each exhibitor must fit and show his/her own animal and during the course of the show may be asked by the judge to exchange his or her steer/heifer with another exhibitor.
3. The animal used for showmanship must be one entered and shown by the exhibitor in respective production or market classes.
4. The winner of the beef Showman of Showmen contest will participate in the Grand Showman of Showmen contest. If however, that person is unable to show then the second place Showman will take their place.
5. Please consult the showmanship section of the fairbook for age and class breakdowns for showmanship. You will also find the progression to the Grand Showman of Showman in that section.
6. Alteration of animals is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to paints, dye, powder, nonclear adhesive, foam, or shoe polish. Also banned are artificial tail heads, switches, polls, hair, heels. It is prohibited to administer, feed, give or inject any substance or drug to an animal exhibited, except when medically necessary or when the drug used has been approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Rate of Gain Contest

(Market Beef) Exhibitors must enter the contest during the market beef weigh-in held in late December/early January. Two animals may be weighed during the pre Fair weigh-in, but only one animal per exhibitor will be eligible to place in the contest. Also the exhibitor must decide before the first animal is weighed at the final weigh-in which animal is going to be in the contest.