

## Division A – Jr. Fair Beef

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### Dates

Market Steer Tagging & Weigh-in	Saturday, January 11
Beef Fair Check-in	Friday, July 4 @ 6-8pm
Jr. Fair Beef Show	Monday, July 7 @ 6pm
Non-selling animal release	Saturday, July 12 @ 6-9pm

### Divisions

#### Showmanship

101 Beef Showmanship

#### Breeding Classes\* (Divided by animal's date of birth)

- 102 Born on or after Jan 1, 2025
- 103 Born between Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2024
- 104 Born between Sep 1 – Oct 31, 2024
- 105 Born between Jul 1 – Aug 31, 2024
- 106 Born between May 1 – Jun 30, 2024
- 107 Born between Mar 1 – Apr 30, 2024
- 108 Born between Jan 1 – Feb 28, 2024
- 109 Born between Sep 1 – Dec 31, 2023
- 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 breeding classes. Registered animals MUST have the name of the exhibitor, immediate family or family farm/operation on their papers. Animals without papers must be shown 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 class, then an AOB (all other breeds) class may be added, otherwise, those heifers will show as Crossbred

\*\*Beef Feeder and Start a Steer (year 1) will compete for Overall Champion Feeder.

Market Steers, Start a Steer (year2), and Market Heifers will compete for Overall Campion Market Beef.

### **Jr. Fair Beef General Rules and Regulations**

1. Market Steer/Heifer animals must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds and must be born after January 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 Beed Feeders will not be sold for slaughter. Start-a-Steer must weigh between 200 and 550 pounds, as well as be born after January 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 ¼-inch.
4. All market steers, market dairy steers, and market heifers must be owned by the exhibitor and on feed by January 1. They must participate in January weigh-in, as well as be enrolled through 4-H or FFA.

### **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 the other rules that apply to the beef feeder project, except for “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 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 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 Guidelines**

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 their 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 their own animal and during the show may be asked by the judge to exchange their steer with another exhibitor.
3. The animal used for showmanship must be one entered and shown by the exhibitor in respective reproduction 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 show in their place.
5. Please consult the showmanship section of the Fair book for age and class breakdowns for showmanship. You will also find the progression to the Grand Showman of Showmen 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.