

DEPARTMENT C—BEEF CATTLE
Beef Breed Judging: Wednesday

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BEEF / MARKET ANIMALS

1. All market animals entered into the Fair must have been weighed and identified on the first Saturday of February (inclement weather date to be 3rd Saturday of February you may have up to 5 animals identified if desired).
2. All cattle must have an RFID tag in their ear before coming on the fairgrounds.
3. Pen sheets are required for any animal coming to fair.
4. All beef cattle should arrive between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Sunday, pre-fair. All Feeders and Market Animals will be weighed upon arrival. Animals must be on fairgrounds and in line to weigh before 4:30 pm on Sunday before fair.
5. No animals, including any market ready animals may be taken off Fair grounds without permission from Fair Manager.
6. All market animals must be dehorned. Horn stumps must not be over 2 inches in length from the clipped hairline.
7. You may show two (2) market steers at fair, if space is available, but may sell only one unless they are both Grand and Reserve Champions.
8. All animals will be exhibited in their proper weight class. If the animal is below a weight of 900 lbs. it may not exhibit in a market class or sell.
9. Homegrown will be determined by the following: Youth member must own and care for the dam at the time of calving. If the calf is an embryo calf, the member must own and care for the recipient cow at the time of calving. Homegrown must be declared at February weigh-in to be able to show at fair.
10. Fitting Rules will be as follows: (these will override Rules for Livestock)
 - a. You MUST be with the animal the entire time the animal is being fit.
 - b. There will be no adding of hemp or hair.
 - c. There will be no paint above the navel.
 - d. There will be no artificial fill.
 - e. All fitting, clipping etc. of cattle will be done in the beef area only. Example: Fenced in area north of the barn, fenced in area east of barn, beef wash rack area or in the Walker Barn.
11. Morning chores must be done by 9:00 am, which includes pens cleaned, cattle fed and watered, presentable and in pens by 9:00 am. Evening chores must be done by 8:00 pm, which includes feeding and watering. If hot, offer more water throughout the day. No animals in tie out area after 8 pm. Wash rack closes at 10 pm.
12. All cattle must be fed and watered twice daily outside of the barn the entire week of fair.
13. You must be able to demonstrate the ability to properly tie slip knot before being able to weigh in steer.
14. All cattle must have a necktie on during the fair and properly tied with a slip knot.
15. In the event of death to a beef project animal between weigh-in and June 15th, participants member may replace project animal with a sibling's back-up animal. If no back-up animal was weighed in for that family, the participant may purchase another beef member's back-up animal that was tagged and weighed in. The market beef superintendent must be notified and approve backup animal purchase as well as be allowed to view animal to confirm death.
16. Members who have a heifer calf may show in either breeding stock section or feeder section, not both sections with same animal.
17. Only grand and reserve beef animals must sell. Participants have the option of putting a "no sale" on their animal and must let superintendents know by 6:00 pm Sunday pre-fair if they are not selling their animal.
18. All animals must have halters that will ship with them.
19. All breeding stock, feeder, and dairy animals will be released at 6:00 am and out of the barn by 9 am. Members must obtain superintendent's permission to release their animal.
20. Failure to comply with any of the rules, or lack of care of a participant's animal, may result in, removal of the exhibit and forfeiture of sale privileges and/or loss of exhibiting privileges for not more than 2 years at the Eastern Michigan State Fair.
21. Sunday morning, clean out area, help power wash barn starting at 7 am.

FEEDER MARKET BEEF

1. All feeders must be born after October 1st of the previous year.
2. Weight ranges for Feeders will be enforced as 300 - 750 lbs. If feeder is above or below weight, the member may show in feeder showmanship but not in feeder market class.
3. Each member may show 2 feeders.
4. Feeders will be weighed upon arrival on Sunday, pre-fair, between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.
5. All feeder beef must be castrated, dehorned and healed prior to fair. Horn stumps must not be over 2 inches from the clipped hairline.
6. All youth entering a Feeder Market Beef class are encouraged to submit a Record Book according to Beef Program Guidelines.
7. Feeder ownership deadline is June 1st of the current year. Proof of ownership may be required at fair weigh-in.
8. Top two feeder beef will be eligible to sell in livestock auction.

BEEF BREEDING STOCK

1. Breeding stock must be registered for the bred class they wish to show in.
2. Breeding stock must be 6 months old.
3. If there are 2 or less breeding stock for the breed they will go in All other breeds.
4. Breeding stock show will be after feeder show.
5. Breeding stock will be shown by the following breed categories:

Division 1 – ANGUS

Division 2 – CHAROLAIS

Division 3 - CHIANINA

Division 4 - HEREFORDS

Division 5 - LIMOUSIN

Division 6 - MAINE D'ANJOU

Division 7 – SHORTHORN

Division 8 – SIMMENTAL

Division 9 - REGISTERED MINATURE BREEDS

Division 10 - ALL OTHER BREEDS

Division 11 – COMMERCIAL BREEDING STOCK

Class 1001: Cow & calf pair; cow, two years old and over with calf

Class 1002: Heifer: yearling over 18 months

Class 1003: Heifer: yearling 12-18 months

Class 1004: Heifer calf: 6-12 months

Awards: 1st-6th placings Ribbons

Grand Champion from classes 1001 - 1004 in each breed

Reserve Champion from classes 1001 - 1004 in each breed

Supreme Champion Overall

Reserve Supreme Female award only

Division 12 - RATE OF GAIN

Class 1005: Rate of Gain Contest

Awards: 1st-6th placings Ribbons

Division 13 - BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

To participate in this section, the exhibitor must have made entry in breeding stock or market class. Any showmanship class of 10 or more entries will be split. The judge will call back the showmen of his choosing to compete for the final placing in each class. Any heifer being shown must be 6 months of age or older. Showmanship will follow market beef show.

Class 1006: Junior (8-10 years)

Class 1007: Intermediate (11-13 years)

Class 1008: Senior (14-16 years)

Class 1009: Advanced Senior (17-19 years)

Class 1010: Over the hill (20 years and over)

Awards: 1st-6th placings Ribbons

Supreme Overall Showman

Division 14 - MARKET BEEF ANIMALS

Superintendents will assign class breakdown.

Class 1011: Dairy market steers

Class 1012: Beef market steers

Class 1013: Home-grown steer

Class 1014: Market heifer

Awards: 1st-6th placings Ribbons

Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion

Top 5 market animals will be placed and will be chosen from the first and second from each market class with the exception of homegrown.

Division 15 - BEEF RECORD BOOKS

1. Beef Project Record Books are not mandatory but are encourage in order to show and sell animals at the Fair, including feeder program.
2. Record books will be judged on a project year basis.
3. Records should be kept for Market and Feeder Projects from purchase continuous to weigh-in at Fair. Breeding stock records begin at time of purchase/birth through entry day at Fair.
4. All Record Books should have a completed entry tag attached to the front of the record book.
5. Exhibitors must turn in a completed record book to the Beef Superintendents by 7:00 pm Sunday.
6. The judge will determine the top six record books; the judge will select the top six (6) placings.
7. Record Book Award winners will be announced and given to participants when Showmanship Sweepstakes and the Scholarship recipients are announced. (Please check Fairbook for specific times.)

Class 1015: Beef record book

Class 1016: Feeder record book

Awards: 1st-6th placings Ribbons

Division 16 - FEEDER MARKET BEEF

Judging: Wednesday after Sprouts

Class 1017: Dairy base feeders by weight

Class 1018: Beef base feeders by weight

Awards: 1st--6th placings Ribbons

Grand Champion Feeder from classes 1017-1018

Reserve Grand Champion Feeder from classes 1017-1018

Division 17 - FEEDER SHOWMANSHIP

To show in this section, the exhibitor must have made entry and shown in class 1017 or 1018

Class 1020: Junior (8-10 years)

Class 1021: Intermediate (11-13 years)

Class 1022: Senior (14-16 years)

Class 1023: Advanced Senior (17-19 years)

Awards: 1st-- 6th placings Ribbons

Division 18 – BEEF SPROUTS EXHIBITION

Wednesday, following Market Beef Show

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1. Beef Sprouts must be 5 to 7 years of age.
2. Beef Sprouts may bring their own calf, use one of the Feeder Calf entries or another calf of their choosing not over the maximum feeder calf weight of 750 lbs.
3. Sprouts will enter the showing with their calf and must be accompanied by a parent who will assist them at the halter.
4. Sprouts will parade their animals with their assistant and be introduced to the audience.
5. All Sprout participants will receive a participation ribbon.
6. Interested participants may turn in a Sprout Record Book; participation ribbons will be given.

Class 1024: Sprout Exhibition

Awards: Sprout Ribbons

Division 19 - BEEF SKILLATHON

Rules: To be held at posted date and time

Class 1035: Junior Beef Skillathon (8-13 years)

Class 1036: Senior Beef Skillathon (14-19 years)