

BEEF

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Premiums: A=\$6.00; B=\$4.00; C=No Premiums

Judging: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Location: Beef Arena

Set Up: Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Check In: Sunday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

See "Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors; Retag Policy; Show Ring Code of Ethics; Junior Livestock Sale Rules & Regulations; Wholesome Meat Assurance Program; Livestock Care Agreement; Livestock Dress Code; and Livestock Drug Testing Authorization. "

Fair Exhibit Requirements:

1. Each entrant may exhibit only one market steer.
2. Heifers can show in showmanship, if exhibitor has no market steer. Prospect beef will only be allowed in showmanship if exhibitor does not have steer or heifer. Steer will be your primary choice and only may be switched out with permission of the superintendent.
3. All animals must be tied with suitable rope halter and neck rope.
4. Showmanship classes to be divided at Superintendent's discretion.
5. Steers will be weighed as they are unloaded, must unload in gated area. No walking in from parking lot.
6. Coloring agents (paint, dye, etc) may only be used below the flank. Changing the color pattern of the animal is strictly prohibited.
7. No forced administration of fluids to create gut will be allowed. Please read The National Show Ring Code of Ethics.
8. Steers will be evaluated for marketability for the sale. Those exhibitors determined to have "no-sale" animals will be notified by Noon Tuesday of the fair.
9. It is highly recommended to have rubber mats or pieces of plywood under the front legs of cattle. **All mats and sand must be covered with straw at all times.** Exhibitors should also have milk crate or wooden box to hold water pail fastened to wall.
10. Every youth may have limited assistance in clipping and grooming by a Leader, parent, and other active St. Clair County 4-H Beef project youth only. Eligible helpers must be willing to help everyone not just one youth. Assistance will be allowed as a show how, not by doing. The older you are the less assistance you get. Violation may result in the disqualification of the entry and exhibitor.
11. All cattle moving to a show, sale, or exhibition are required to have an official radio frequency device (RFID) ear tag.
12. In January each youth will weigh-in and tag a primary steer, with an option to weigh-in and tag one (1) extra steer per family. No youth can take someone else's primary steer. If you don't tag an extra steer, you still have the re-tag policy.
13. At least two people (Leaders/Parents) from each club must be with beef during Sunday load outs to help load beef. Must be available at 6:00 a.m. Sunday.

14. No wheelbarrows in beef barn walk ways during Sunday morning while loading of beef.

15. Home Grown Class Market Class must be bred and raised on the exhibitor's farm.

16. Dairy steers for first year exhibitors in the beef project will be allowed.

17. Steers must be owned by exhibitor by January 1st.

18. No horns over 2".

Prospect Beef:

1. A prospect beef calf (feeder calf) is an immature male bovine animal, usually not over seven months of age that has been raised on a diet of milk, milk replacers, grains and/or roughage.
2. As part of the calf's diet, calf may receive milk from cow (run on cow), but must be weaned by the time of fair.
3. All prospect calves need to be castrated and dehorned and fully healed before the fair to be exhibited. If there are signs of horns, only 1 inch maximum will be allowed. No swelling, signs of decay, trauma, drainage, no hanging, etc. allowed.
4. **Prospect beef will not be sold at Livestock Auction.**
5. Prospect beef can be shown in Showmanship, only if the child does not have a steer or heifer.
6. Prospect beef will be weighed in on Sunday at the same time as beef steers. The maximum weight is 600 lbs.
7. Exhibitor will show animal like a steer.
8. Prospect calves may be a beef, dairy, or dairy-beef crossbred to exhibit in the show. If planning on showing as a fair steer the following year it can only be a beef breed.
9. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the superintendent.
10. An RFID tag must be in the animals ear.
11. Prospect beef will be shown along with Breeding Stock during the beef show.

DIVISION 1201 - SHOWMANSHIP

Class 01 – Senior Showmanship, 17+ years.

Class 02 – Junior Showmanship, 15 & 16 yrs. Old

Class 03 – Intermediate 13-14 yrs. Old

Class 04 – Young 11-12 yrs. Old

Class 05 – Novice 9 & 10 yrs. Old

****Overall Showmanship. No Premiums. (Grand and Reserve Champion and 1st Alternate picked.)**

Clover Sprouts (8 yrs. old as of Jan. 1 only)

See Clover Sprout eligibility

DIVISION 1202 - BREEDING STOCK

All breeds shown together

Class 05 - All Breeding Stock females 12 months and younger

Class 06 - All Breeding Stock females over 12 months

Class 07 - Cow and calf

****Grand and Reserve Champion Female**

RATE OF GAIN

All projects entered automatically. Rate of Gain cash award donated by the Livestock Committee. 1st Place = \$50.00

CLUB HERD

To be shown between showmanship and market class, Wednesday evening. Three steers are to be selected by each participating club (from within the club) with four possible showmen (3 to exhibit and an additional as herdsman). Clubs with two or fewer steers may merge with another club to compete in this class. \$25 cash award.

DIVISION 1205 - MARKET STEER CLASS

All breeds shown together

Class 10 - Market Steer. Will be split at the discretion of the Superintendent. All steers will be shown in this class.

Class 11 – Home breed steers, must be bred and raised on exhibitor's farm.

**Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and 3rd Best.

CLUB AWARDS

Best Decorated Club - Club with the best decorations for the week of the fair (Plaque). All clubs entered. \$25 cash award.

Best Educational Display - Judged on the best educational display as a Club (Plaque). All clubs entered. \$25 cash award

Clean Barn Award - Cash award given to the club that keeps their area of the barn the cleanest all week. \$25 cash award

DIVISION 1207 – PROSPECT BEEF

Class 15 – Prospect Beef- to be divided at superintendent's discretion.
