

BEEF CATTLE

Superintendents:

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Judging Time: Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Project Set Up: Friday 6-8:30 p.m.

Check in Time: Sunday Noon to 5 p.m.

Check Out Time: Saturday at 9 p.m.

Judging Location: Show Arena

Premiums: A=\$6; B=\$4; C=No premiums.

Project Requirements:

1. Each entrant may exhibit only 1 market steer or market heifer.
2. Heifers can show in showmanship, if exhibitor has no market steer. Prospect beef showmanship for exhibitors if they have a prospect beef only. Exhibitor must enter beef showmanship with steer/heifer if they are exhibiting a steer/heifer and prospect beef.
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/Market heifers 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. 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.
8. 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.
9. Every youth may have limited assistance in clipping and grooming by a leader, parent or 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.
10. All cattle moving to a show, sale or exhibition are required to have an official RFID ear tag.
11. In January each youth will weigh in and tag a primary steer, with an option to weigh in and tag 1 extra steer per family. No youth can take someone else's primary steer. If you don't tag an extra steer, you will have the re-tag policy.

12. At least 2 people (leaders/parents) from each club must be with beef during Sunday load outs to help load beef. Must be available at 6 a.m. Sunday.
13. No wheelbarrows in beef barn walkways during Sunday morning while loading of beef.
14. Home grown class market class must be bred and raised on the exhibitor's farm.
15. Steers must be owned by exhibitor by January 1.
16. Beef animals with horns over 2" and/or warts will not be permitted to be shown.

Prospect Beef:

1. A prospect beef calf (feeder calf) is an immature bovine animal, usually not over 7 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. Male prospect calves need to be castrated and dehorned and fully healed before the fair to be exhibited. If there are 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 exhibitor does not have a steer or heifer.
6. Prospect beef will be weighed in on Sunday at the same time as beef. 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 market animal the following year it can only be a beef breed.
9. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the supt.
10. A RFID tag must be in the animal's ear.
11. Prospect beef will be shown along with breeding stock during the beef show.

Division 1201 – Showmanship

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| Class 01 | Beef Senior Showmanship 17 yrs. & older |
| Class 02 | Beef Junior Showmanship 15 & 16 yrs. old |
| Class 03 | Beef Intermediate Showmanship 13-14 yrs. old |
| Class 04 | Beef Young Showmanship 11-12 yrs. old |
| Class 05 | Beef Novice 8-10 yrs. old |
| Class 06 | Prospect Beef Showmanship 8-11 yrs. old |
| Class 07 | Prospect Beef Showmanship, 12-14 yrs. old |
| Class 08 | Prospect Beef Showmanship 15 yrs. & older |
| Class 09 | Clover Sprouts bringing your own animal |
| Class 10 | Clover Sprouts not bringing your own animal |
- Grand & Reserve and 1st alternate chosen for Sweepstakes Showmanship.

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(Clover Sprouts who are bringing their own beef to fair exhibit in Class 09. Clover Sprouts who are borrowing a beef animal from another exhibitor exhibit in Class 10.)

Division 1202 – Breeding Stock

- Class 11** All Breeding Stock females 12 months or younger
- Class 12** All Breeding Stock females over 12 months
- Class 13** Cow & Calf
- Class 14** Clover Sprout Beef breeding bringing your own
- Class 15** Clover Sprout Beef breeding borrowing animal

Division 1205 – Market Steer Class

- Class 16** Market Steer/Market Heifer
Will be split at the discretion of superintendent. All steers/market heifers will be shown in this class.
- Class 17** Home Bred Steer/Market Heifer
Must be bred & raised on exhibitor's farm.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

- Best Decorated Club** – Club with the best decorations for the week of the fair. \$25 award. Clubs do not have to sign up.
- Best Educational Display** – Judged on the best educational display as a club. \$25 award. Do not have to sign up.
- Clean Barn Award** – Club that keeps their area of the barn cleanest all week. \$25 award. Do not have to sign up.
- Rate of Gain** – All market steers/heifers entered. \$50 Award

Division 1207 – Prospect Beef

- Class 18** Prospect Beef, divided at supt. Discretion
 - Class 19** Clover Sprout bringing your own animal
 - Class 20** Clover Sprout borrowing an animal
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