

4-H/FFA HALTER BEEF DEPARTMENT

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GENERAL RULES FOR HALTER BEEF DEPARTMENTS (Market Beef, Scramble, Ultrasound, Breeding Beef, Prospect Calf)

General Rules for Animal Departments, Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, and Schedule of Activities are in the front of this book.

1. Eligibility to enter halter beef in 4-H & FFA shows at the Clay County Fair are contingent on the good standing of 4-H & FFA members in the county in which they are members and the identification requirements being met for beef projects.
2. Calves must not have changed ownership during the current club year after being identified as a 4-H /FFA project. (A calf which has been offered for sale in an auction at a fair or show is considered to have changed ownership whether sold or not.)
3. **Grooming:** Responsibility for grooming animals for show is primarily the responsibility of the exhibitor.
 - a) Clipping, trimming, and grooming should be done by the exhibitor. Exhibitors who need assistance may have help.
 - b) All clipping, trimming and grooming must be done in the assigned blocking chute area. No blocking chutes will be allowed in the barn. Tent covers for the blocking chutes, that take extra space, will not be allowed.
 - c) There shall be no graphite or dust of any kind used on any part of the animal.
 - d) Upon violation of above rules, exhibitor is automatically disqualified from the show and forfeits all premium money.
4. **Painting and Dyeing Beef Animals:** Fair officials do not condone painting or dyeing of beef projects. Grooming agents can not alter the natural color of the calf. **Painting above the hocks is not allowed.** Department superintendents have the option to wipe any of the calves entered in the 4-H/FFA beef shows. No artificial heads or tail fins will be permitted. **No artificial hair like substance may be added to the animal.**
5. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump) will be allowed. Exhibitors will be disqualified from all 4-H/FFA beef shows if there is evidence of such treatment.
6. Halter beef must use **double ties** in the tie-outs and between 6:00pm and 7:00am in the Beef Barns. It is recommended that halter beef be doubled tied in the Beef Barns.
7. **There may only be one fan per calf in the barn. Only overhead hanging fans will be allowed. NO BUTT FANS.**
8. Dividers will be allowed, but they **MUST** remain within the stall space assigned to the exhibitor. Dividers or post and frame units taking up more space than has been assigned to the exhibitor will need to be removed.
9. Common bedding will be used in the barn for all beef cattle. Straw will not be permitted as bedding in the beef barns. The Clay County Fair Maintenance Department staff will bed the stalls using the fee included in the entry fee.
10. Feed and water must be removed from in front of the animals by 9 a.m. after morning feeding and by 7 p.m. in the evening.

4-H & FFA MARKET BEEF

Roger Clarke and Roger Zieman
(Market Steers and Market Heifers Co-Chairs)

1. Calves must have been weighed and ear tagged prior to February 1 of the current year, at an official county weigh-in. Calves born before January 1 of the prior year are not eligible to show in the market beef class. All district market beef must pass a dental inspection to verify age and the opinion of the person making the inspection will be final. County calves must pass a tag inspection.
2. Four is the maximum number of market beef an individual exhibitor can enter. Market beef project members who are in both 4-H & FFA are considered a single exhibitor and must follow the individual limit. This number includes a member's scramble calf, market steers and market heifers.
3. Classes will be established by height so nearly equal numbers will be in each class.
4. Market beef exhibitors must present a completed and signed drug withdrawal affidavit before the calf will be weighed in at the fair. Beef exhibitors need to tell 4-H staff if they plan to sell their calf (calves). County and District market beef will not sell unless the ear tag numbers of the beef to be sold are turned in to the office by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the show.
5. **Minimum weight is 950 pounds for heifers and 1000 pounds for steers. Calves that do not meet this requirement are eligible to show in showmanship and the market beef show but may not sell through the auction. No re-weighs.**
6. Clay County 4-H & FFA member's market steers must gain at least 2.2 pounds per day and market heifers 2.0 pounds per day to be in a purple award group. Exhibitors must wear rate-of-gain patches during the show. District market beef have no daily rate of gain requirements.
7. All calves must be DEHORNED and free of warts and ringworm to exhibit.

8. A Clay County 4-H'er or FFA member must exhibit one market beef in the County Show in order to enter the District Show. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of three market beef in the district show, but these calves cannot be entered in the County Show. Calves for the District Show must be entered on a district card before the fair entry deadline and be accompanied by district fees.
9. **There will be five market beef championship drives: Scramble Calf, County Born, County, District, & Supreme Champion.**
10. The top two county born calves in each market class will compete in a county born championship drive. The top five county born calves will include champion, reserve, 3rd, 4th and 5th. The county born championship drive will take place prior to the selection of the Grand Champion County Market Beef. County born calves are defined as calves born in Clay County or born on the farm of a Clay County 4-H/FFA member.
11. The County Born Champion will be displayed in the alley of champions until the Market Beef Sale.
12. In the County and District Market Beef Shows, the Market Heifer Champion and Reserve will compete against the division steer champions and reserves. The County Market Heifer Champion will compete for County Grand Champion Market Beef. The District Market Heifer champion will compete for District Grand Champion Market Beef. There will be no Supreme Market Heifer drive.
13. **The County Grand Champion and County Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef will be on display in the alley of champions during the entire fair.** (Sunday release) The Overall Scramble Calf Champion and Beef of Merit Champion will be displayed in the alley of champions until the 4-H & FFA Market Beef Sale.
14. 4-H/FFA beef not selling will be released after 5 p.m. according to the schedule at the front of the fair book. Exhibitors must obtain a written release from the 4-H/FFA office with the release specifically mentioning the exhibitor by name and also the number of animals. This release is to be shown at the gate.
15. Exhibitors will not be able to "no sale" an animal once they have entered the sale ring.
16. **All cattle sold through the ring will be consigned to the packer or buyer with the highest bid prior to the auction, the exception being cattle harvested by approved lockers.**
17. All calves will be sold on weigh-in weight minus 4% shrink.
18. County Grand Champion, County Reserve Grand Champion, District Grand Champion and District Reserve Grand Champion do not have to sell. If the exhibitor chooses to sell, the sale order will be as follows: Top five county market beef starting with the County Champion, County Reserve Champion followed by 3rd through 5th followed by the District Champion, District Reserve Champion remaining county champions will follow.
19. Premium money, in addition to premium paid on ribbon placing, is as follows for the District and Supreme Champions: The premium money for the District and Supreme Champions will come from the \$10 stall fee

Supreme Grand Champion	\$200
Supreme Reserve Grand Champion	\$100
District Division Champions	\$ 80
District Division Reserve Champions	\$ 50
District Champion Market Heifer	\$ 80
District Reserve Champion Market Heifer	\$ 50

SCRAMBLE CALF PROJECT

Clay County 4-H & FFA MEMBERS only

Mike Schoning, Clint Hoermann and Dan Sorenson (Scramble Calf Co-Chairs)

1. **All Halter Beef and Market Beef Department rules apply.**
2. The purpose of the Scramble Calf project is to provide an educational beef production experience for beef project members, to assist new and younger beef project members to become involved, and to provide a mentoring opportunity.
3. Clay County 4-H & FFA beef project members who are new to the beef project are encouraged to participate. The class is limited to youth who have exhibited market beef projects in the 4-H & FFA shows at the Clay County Fair for five years or less.
4. 4-H & FFA beef project members will form partnerships with mentors. Each partnership will submit a signed financial, insurance, and responsibility agreement to the Clay County Extension Office before the county winter beef weigh-in. Guidelines from the Extension Office can be used in making decisions regarding the project arrangements.
5. Each beef project member may designate one steer calf for the scramble calf project. Calves must be identified as a "Scramble Calf" on the identification sheet at the official county winter weigh-in. Calves must be designated as either a 4-H or FFA project. Calves should weigh approximately 450 to 600 pounds at the beginning weigh-in.
6. The member will be required to provide the best care possible and keep an accurate feed record. Participants are encouraged to obtain feeding guidelines from an ISUE Beef Field Specialist, animal nutritionist, or beef producer partner. Accurate feed records may be recorded on forms 4-H 228-Jr, 4-H-228-WS, or on a spreadsheet designed by the 4-H/FFA member.
7. The member is encouraged to communicate with his/her beef producer partner. Extra points will be given at the end of the project for letters written to the producers. Copies of the letters need to be included in the project record book.

8. The beef producer partner will make two person-to-person contacts with the youth member during the project year. Communication is an important part of this project and the sponsor needs to be available for the 4-H/FFA member. Points will be given for the partner visits.
9. To complete the project the calf must be exhibited at the Clay County Fair. Bonus points will be given to members who exhibit calves at any show prior to the Clay County Fair. Participants need to notify the Clay County Extension Office after exhibiting at beef shows and record show participation in the record book.
10. Calves will be evaluated using ultrasound. Beef of Merit Contest winners will be determined using ultrasound information and points given based on ranking. The champion will be announced at the market beef show.
11. Calves will be sold at the Clay County Fair beef auction. A check for the sale value will be split with 50% sent to both partners. Partnerships will have the option to not go through the sale ring.
12. The sale of any calf before the Clay County Fair needs to be agreed upon between the 4-H/FFA member and beef producer partner. The division of the meat needs to be made before the calf is harvested or sold. (In case of emergency, the 4-H/FFA member is to make every attempt to contact the partner and one committee member before harvest of the steer.)
13. Partnerships will be recognized at the Clay County Fair and awards presented during the county market beef show.
14. **The Overall Scramble Calf champion will be displayed in the alley of champions until the sale.**

Scramble Calf Scoring System

<u>CATEGORY:</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Letters (1 per month - January - August)	15
Record book (must be turned in at fair weigh-in)	20
Showmanship	10
Average Daily Gain (A.D.G.)	formula
Live placing	15
Beef of Merit	20
Show calf at another show	10
Bonus point by committee	5
Partner visits	10

Record books should include: Cover page to include: member name, grade, club/chapter, partner's name; feed records; copy of signed partnership financial, insurance, and responsibility agreement; copies of letters sent to partner, story or summary of the project. (Pictures are a nice addition but optional)

Completed record books are due at the Clay County Fair final weigh-in.

BEEF OF MERIT CONTEST (Includes County Market Steers and Scramble Calves)

1. **All Halter Beef rules apply.**
2. Exhibitors may enter calves that are entered in the 4-H & FFA Market Beef Show. Calves which meet the requirements to show in the live market beef divisions are eligible to enter this contest.
3. Exhibitors must bring calves to the fair weigh-in during the designated time for an ultrasound scan. Calves will need to have clean, dry hair for the ultrasound.
4. The Halter Beef Committee will designate a single marketing grid to be used for the beef of merit contest.
5. Collected data, equations, and final placing for the beef of merit contest will be printed and distributed prior to the start of the beef of merit contest.
6. Clay County Bankers Association will provide the following premiums: First place will receive a \$100 savings bond, second and third place will receive \$40, fourth through eighth place will receive \$30, ninth and tenth will receive \$20 each. Only youth who bring the top ten calves to the show ring for the beef of merit will receive premiums.
7. Exhibitors are encouraged to use ultrasound information when visiting with prospective buyers before the 4-H & FFA market beef sale.
8. **The beef of merit champion will be displayed in the alley of champions until the 4-H/FFA market beef sale.**

4-H/FFA PUREBRED AND COMMERCIAL BEEF HEIFER DEPARTMENT Roger Zieman and Roger Clarke (Breeding Beef Co-Chairs)

1. **All Halter Beef rules apply.**
2. Entries in the department are open to purebred registered and commercial heifers born after January 1st of the previous year.

3. Commercial heifer identification must include birth date along with either an individual ear tag number and ear tagged or individual tattoo number and ear tattooed.
4. Purebred heifer identification must include tattoo number, ear tattooed, birth date, breed, and registration number. The name on the registration papers must show evidence that the member holds some degree of ownership in the animal and that the member has logical relationship to the name on the registration paper. Tattoos will be checked at fair check-in.
5. Final ID for all breeding and commercial heifers must be designated by May 10. If a market heifer is switched to a breeding heifer, it must be done before May 10 by submitting new paperwork and returning the original ear tag to the Clay County Extension Office.
6. Completed and signed identification reports must be on file with the Extension Office for 4-H members and with FFA advisors for FFA members by May 10.
7. An exhibitor may enter and show four breeding heifers.
8. Heifers shown in this division cannot be shown in the market beef division or vice-versa. Heifers exhibited as purebreds may not be shown as commercial and vice-versa.
9. Breeding heifers will be judged on breed characteristics, type, quality, and conformation; with future usefulness as breeding cows being considered.
10. Classes will be provided for any breed. Breeds will show in alphabetical order, starting with county heifers, followed by district. The age classification breaks will be decided at the show and official classes determined by the superintendents. Heifers will be led in with youngest heifer first, following in order by age with the oldest heifer last.
11. There will be a county and district show for commercial heifers. The superintendents will determine the number of classes necessary for judging convenience. Commercial heifers will be divided by height only.
12. There will be three Breeding Heifer Champion drives: County, District and Supreme.

Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer	\$100.00
Supreme Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer	\$50.00
13. **The County Breeding Champion Heifer will be displayed in the alley of champions until breeding heifer release time.**

4-H/FFA PROSPECT CALF SHOW

Rick Follon and Lee Seaman (Prospect Calf Co-Chairs)

1. **All Halter Beef rules apply.**
2. Calves to be exhibited in this division must be identified with an individual ear tag number or legible tattoo, birth date, and sex. Individuals may identify up to ten prospect calves. Completed and signed identification reports must be on file with the Clay County Extension Office for 4-H members and with FFA advisors for FFA members on or before June 10.
3. Calves must be born in current year and must be broke to lead.
4. Calves do not need to be castrated.
5. There will be a class for both heifers and steers.
6. Exhibitors may enter and show a limit of six prospect calves. If a member is entered in both 4-H & FFA they are considered a single exhibitor and are limited to six total prospect calves.
7. Classes will be divided by weight. Class division will be at the discretion of the superintendents.
8. Prospect Calf Show order: county heifers, district heifers, supreme heifer, county steers, district steers, supreme steer.
9. The supreme prospect heifer will be selected immediately following the district prospect heifer show. The supreme prospect steer will be selected immediately following the district prospect steer show.
10. The County Champion prospect steer and County Champion prospect heifer will be displayed in the alley of champions until prospect calf release time.
11. Part of the entry fee will be jackpotted back to county and district winners.

4-H & FFA BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

1. **All Halter Beef Rules apply**
2. Clay County Showmanship Contest will be held and open to Clay County 4-H & FFA beef exhibitors. Beef project members intending to participate in the county contest should complete and submit an entry card with fair entries. Premiums will be awarded for county showmanship.

3. A district 4-H & FFA showmanship contest will be held and is open to any 4-H or FFA beef exhibitor (district or county) showing beef at the Clay County Fair. Beef project members intending to participate in the district contest should sign up the day of show. No premiums will be awarded for district showmanship.
4. 4-H & FFA beef project members must enter the showmanship contest with their own market beef, breeding heifer, or prospect calf projects. Halter beef used for showmanship must be entered as 4-H or FFA exhibits at the current Clay County Fair.
5. Age divisions are by grade on the day of the show:
 - Junior Division - Grades 5 - 8
 - Senior Division - Grades 9 and above
6. The beef showmanship contest will begin with the senior division followed by the junior division.
7. Members are encouraged to fit and show their own animals.
8. Judging will be done according to the following guidelines:
 - Exhibitor** - appearance, attitude, interest
 - Animal** - condition, cleanliness, grooming/clipping
 - Presentation** - leading, posing, response to direction and use of equipment
9. The top show people in each division will be recognized.
10. A traveling trophy will be presented to the Clay County Senior and Junior Division champions. The recipient is responsible for adding his/her own brass name plate to the trophy before the subsequent fair. Please contact Spencer Trophy and Awards to add a matching name plate.