

FFA/4-H CLAY COUNTY JUNIOR FEEDERS DEPARTMENT

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

1. To be eligible for exhibition, all animals must have been weighed and tagged at the official Clay County weigh-in prior to March 20.
2. **Youth may weigh-in three or four same sex calves per pen at initial weigh-in.**
3. **At fair time a pen of heifers or a pen of steers will consist of three animals. If an exhibitor has two pens, there must be six head. Exhibitors may show a pen of two animals but will be discounted when given ribbon placement. Pens will consist of same sex calves.**
4. Two pens per individual may be shown if housing is available. Exhibitors may be limited to one pen in future years.
5. All junior feeder animals must be dehorned.
6. Junior feeders will be weighed in and scanned at the Spencer Livestock Sale Barn facilities upon fair check-in.
7. Junior feeders evaluation criteria:
 - A. Each individual of the pen must gain at least 2.5 lbs. per day to be in a purple award group.
 - B. Rate of gain will be based on starting and fair weights.
 - C. Live appraisal is based on quality, cutability and uniformity.
 - D. Carcass evaluation based on pounds of retail product per day on feed.
 - E. A pen must consist of three animals for be eligible for champion, reserve champion and rate of gain awards.
8. Exhibitors will be asked to nominate their pen for a marketing window when they weigh the animals in at the Clay County Fair. The judge will also ask this information.
9. Pens will be sold by sealed bids. The exhibitor will have the option of accepting the bid and selling, or rejection of the bid and taking the animals home. **Exhibitors MUST accept or reject bids by 1:00pm the Friday before fair or the highest bid will be assumed acceptable.**
10. Superintendents will establish time of delivery to packer.
11. Clay County Cattlemen and the Clay County Bankers Association will pay for the trucking. These associations reserve the option to limit the distance trucking expenses will be paid
12. Trophies will be presented to the exhibitors placing 1st and 2nd on live appraisal in each window. A trophy & plaque will be presented to the 1st & 2nd place rate-of-gain pen.
13. The superintendents will release junior feeders not selling.
14. Release times for the junior feeders will be announced at the show.

JUNIOR FEEDER CLASSES

Class 18 - Live appraisal

Class 19 - Carcass Evaluation - Carcass results will be determined using Real-Time Ultrasound and Value-Based Marketing principles.

The Clay County Fair and the Clay County Bankers Association will award premiums on carcass results.