

4-H and FFA BEEF DEPARTMENT

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Beef Clarifications

1. All information must be complete on the Verification Forms.
2. Tattoos and registration Numbers are required for all registered animals on LS 106 verification forms.
3. Registration papers must be in the 4-H'ers name OR show a logical family relationship (eg: Jones Family Farms is acceptable for Sam Jones, but S & G Farms is not acceptable).
4. If any tattoo or registration numbers are missing on the verification form after January 30, the animal will show crossbred.
5. Commercial heifers MUST be tattooed.

BOTTLE/BUCKET CALF CLASS

Class 1 – Bottle/Bucket Calf- 1st year

Purpose:

1. Design a cattle project to fit the physical size and maturity level of younger 4-H'er.
2. Teach proper health care and nutrition requirements of young cattle.
3. Teach basic beef management skills without a large investment.
4. Teach basic record keeping skills and communication skills.
5. Provide a better understanding of the feeder cattle industry.

Guidelines:

1. Calves will be stalled in the livestock barns. Show time will be with the Beef Show in the 4-H Livestock Ring.
2. Washing and brushing is the only preparation needed. There will be no clipping and no dressing applied.
3. Quality of the calf will not enter into the judging. Judging is based on how well the questions are answered in the interview and how the exhibitor handles the calf and how the calf responds to the owner.
4. Exhibitor Criteria:
 - a. Jr. Division – 4th grade by September 15th of the previous year, through grade 6.
 - b. Int/Sr Division – 7th-12th grade by September 15th, of the previous year.
 - c. Must be enrolled in a 4-H Club.
 - d. Must be enrolled in beef or dairy project by May 1, of current year.
 - e. Bucket calves must be ear tagged and identified on 4-H Bucket Calf Livestock ID form and filed at the Buena Vista County Extension Office by May 15th.
5. Calves must be born between March 1st and May 15th of current year and be bucket or bottle fed, no nursing. Member must care for orphan calf within two weeks of birth.
6. Exhibitor can tag two calves but show only one at the fair.
7. Calves must be shown on a halter in the ring and broken to lead and tie.

8. Calves must have a beginning weight and will be weighed when brought to the fair.
9. Exhibitors must have an interview record completed before the interview.
10. Each exhibitor will have a personal interview with a committee member in the 4-H Auditorium. Exhibitor will be notified of time.
11. Parents will not be allowed in the show ring with an exhibitor.
12. Exhibitor must wear a 4-H T-shirt, hard shoes, and jeans or slacks in the ring when showing the calf.
13. Exhibitors are encouraged to keep the animals for breeding or market classes the following year.
14. All members meeting the above requirements will be awarded ribbons.
15. Calves will be released on Sunday, the last day of the fair, at 12 noon.

Evaluations will be based on the following guide:

- Completed Written Record - 10 pts.
- Knowledge of subject - 20 pts.
- Exhibitor's appearance and courtesy toward other exhibitors - 20 pts.
- Response of exhibitor to judge and ring man's instructions - 20 pts.
- Calf washed and combed: response of calf to exhibitor - 30 pts.

(Note: Confirmation and quality of the calf will not be considered)

2nd YEAR BOTTLE/BUCKET CALF CLASS

Class 2 – Bottle/Bucket Calf- 2nd year

Purpose:

1. Teach proper health and nutrition requirements of dairy/feeder cattle.
2. Teach basic record keeping skills.
3. Provide better understanding of the feeder cattle industry.
4. Design a dairy/beef exhibit to encourage continued involvement in the dairy/beef Industry.

Guidelines:

1. Year Bottle/Bucket calves from the previous year are eligible to be exhibited as a Year Bottle/Bucket calf.
2. Calf must remain in the care of the 4-H'er from the beginning of the project until the fair.
3. The exhibitor may identify and exhibit up to two animals as 2nd Year Bottle/Bucket Calves.
4. Records must be kept from December weigh-in to fair for ALL Year Bottle/Bucket calves. Records are **DUE** to the Extension Office, but will be returned.
 - 2nd Year Bottle/Bucket calves shown in Beef Show as a Market Steer or Market Heifer must be weighed at the December Beef Weigh-in.
 - Breeding heifers and dairy heifers have the option to be at December weigh-in.
5. Calves will be exhibited in their own class at the fair, as well as:
 - 2nd Year Bottle/Bucket Calf Market Heifers, Market Steers, and Dairy Steers can be incorporated into the regular Market Beef Classes.
 - 2nd Year Bottle/Bucket Breeding Heifers can show in regular Breeding Beef Class.
 - 2nd Year Bottle/Bucket Calf Dairy Calves will show in their own class in the Dairy Show.

6. Exhibitors will complete a report of their exhibit which will be due at the 4-H Fair Office at noon on the day of the show.
7. Evaluation will be based on:
 - 50% record keeping and 50% show ring evaluation.
8. Ribbon placement will be awarded after each class.
9. Division winners will be eligible to compete for Grand Champion.

BEEF HEIFER AND COW

1. Heifers entered in these classes **may not** compete in market beef classes.
2. Purebred heifers will be shown by breeds if there are three or more head of the breeds, and age. A copy of the original registration papers must be attached to the ID sheet and turned in to the B.V. County Extension Office.
3. Commercial heifers will be shown by age ONLY.
4. Purebred heifers MUST have registration papers and tattoos available for inspection at the fair.
5. Cows in Class #6 must be safe with calf or have a calf at foot plus exhibited in prior years.
6. Show will be Saturday of the fair.
7. Places will be blue, red or white ribbon groups.
8. Calves in Class #7 cannot be shown in Class #8.
9. There will be an Overall Champion Feeder Calf from Class #7 and #8.
10. Calves in class #8 will be brought in for the show only. **(Must be properly ID'd and entered)**
11. Weaned Feeders class # 8C, D & E, must stay for the duration of the fair. These are weaned feeder steers, heifers and dairy calves that will be shown in separate classes and can not to be nursing from a cow.

PUREBRED BEEF HEIFER CLASSES

Class 3 – Junior Yearling - Summer Yearling

- Jr. Yearling, dropped between January 1 and April 30, of the previous year.
- Summer Yearling, dropped between May 1 and August 31, of the previous year.

Class 4 – Senior Calf

- Dropped between September 1 and December 31, of the previous year.

COMMERCIAL BEEF HEIFER CLASSES

Class 5 – Commercial Breeding Heifer Class (to be shown as one class)

- Jr. Yearling, dropped between January 1 and April 30, of the previous year.
- Summer Yearling, dropped between May 1 and August 31, of the previous year.
- Senior Calf, dropped between September 1 and December 31, of the previous year.

Class 6 – Cow with calf (refer to rule #5)

Class 7 – Calf only from above class born after January 1, of the current year.

Feeder Calf Classes

Class 8.1 – Feeder Calf – Heifer

Class 8.2 – Feeder Calf – Steer (Bull)

Class 8.3 – Weaned Feeder Heifer

Class 8.4 – Weaned Feeder Steer (Bull)

Class 8.5 – Weaned Dairy Steer

MARKET BEEF CLASSES

Class 9 – Special Beef Calves

Class 10 – Market Heifers

Class 11 – Market Steers

1. A 4-H member may enter six (6) animals in this division.
2. For the safety of the exhibitor, all beef **MUST BE** dehorned.
3. Cattle will be exhibited in weight classes based on weigh-in weights at the fair.
4. Weigh-in time will be enforced.
5. All Class Champions and Class Reserve Champions including Special Beef Champion and Reserve Champion will compete for Overall Champion.
6. Calves in each weight class will be placed in blue, red, and white groups.
7. Rate of gain contest award will be given.

PEN OF THREE CLASSES

Class 12 – Background Calves (Pen of 3)

Class 13 – Junior Feeders

1. Members having this project have the opportunity to feed cattle on a business-like and practical basis. Emphasis is placed on economy of gain and return per dollar invested for Junior Feeders.
2. Members feed three head of cattle, either steers, heifers, or mixed, all to be fed as one unit. Members **may** exhibit two (2) pens if room permits per division.
3. For the safety of the exhibitor, all Jr. Feeders **must be** dehorned.
4. Weigh-in times will be enforced. Members will then be required to fill out the stall card for their pen.
5. Club members **MUST** have a copy of the scale tickets available, showing weight of cattle and purchase price when started on feed. In cases where the calves were purchased from the home herd, an appraisal price will be accepted, providing it meets the approval of the 4-H Executive Committee and is comparable to the price of similar cattle at the time the project was started.
6. The show is Saturday of the fair. Pens will be placed in blue, red, and white ribbon groups. Uniformity, grade and dressing percentage will be primary points on consideration.
7. The judges may pick two of the top pens and declare them Champion and Reserve Champion. This does not carry additional premium.
8. 4-H'ers are responsible for the sale of their own animals.

MARKET BEEF CLUB GROUPS

1. Each organized 4-H Club is eligible to show a group of five (5) market beef of any breed with the money won to be given to their local club treasury.