

# 2009 Linn County Fair



## Beef Department

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**Judging**—Sunday July 12, 2009 • 8:00am

### Order of showing

- Cow/Calf Pairs
- Breeding Heifers
- Market Beef
- Showmanship

**Rules** (Note: All General Rules and rules for Animal Division apply)

1. Market beef and breeding heifers will be stalled between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Friday July 10. Market beef weigh-in and check-in of breeding heifers will be on Saturday July 11, after the dairy show.
2. **MANDATORY** – Exhibitors will be charged \$5.00 per calf for bedding. The money will be collected during the county fair at steer weigh-in and heifer check-in (cow/calf \$5.00 per pair). **Note:** Stalls will be assigned to members. Unoccupied stalls will be assigned as needed by the committee if you reserve a stall space and do not bring an animal you are responsible for the bedding fees.
3. All market and breeding beef must be dehorned, no exceptions.
4. Two head per class minimum. Less than 2 animals per class will be reassigned to All Other Breeds (AOB) class
5. Out of respect for the **dairy** exhibitors, absolutely no grooming chutes or reserved stall cards in the dairy barn until announced by Beef Committee.
6. Any animal not selling in the auction is released at 7:00 p.m. Sunday night. Not before.
7. No health certificates are required for beef animals; they will be checked by a veterinarian as they arrive at the fair.
8. Calves will be shown as identified on 4-H animal identification form at the beginning of the project. Breed identities will be defined by the 2008 Breed Classification for IJBBA Sanctioned Show. No changes allowed at the fair.
9. A halter and necktie are mandatory for all calves left overnight. (Fri., Sat., Sun.) (This does not pertain to the cow/calf exhibits.) **Note:** All livestock must remain in the barns at night. **No tie outs at the trailers or elsewhere on the grounds. Barn curfew for beef is 10:00 p.m. (See Animal Division Rule 14)**
10. Beef exhibitors are to wear proper 4-H or FFA shirt in any competition and during the auction. This includes the beef show, showmanship, auction, obstacle course, grooming contest and bucket bottle interviews.
11. It is the intent that the exhibitors take responsibility for caring and grooming their own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the exhibitor learn new skills and be done by an immediate family member (father, mother, brother, sister, grandparent), legal guardian, Linn County 4-H club leader, current Linn County 4-H or FFA member, or department committee member. Any exceptions must be pre-approved by the department committee and an Extension staff member. **All beef exhibitors must submit a list of people eligible and their relationship to the 4-H/FFA member that will be grooming on their calf/calves show day at the time of Steer/Heifer weigh/check –in.**
12. Non-compliance with any rule and/or any practice deemed unethical by the committee will result in being disqualified and barred from showing and selling.

## Market Beef

1. A member may have weighed in six market beef animals on December 20, 2008, but only three may be exhibited as market individuals at this fair.
2. Heifers and steers are eligible for the market beef class.
3. Heifers shown in market beef classes may not be shown in any breeding class. All market heifers must have been weighed in on December 20, 2008.
4. All market animals must be dehorned and castrated before weigh-in.
5. All market beef must be ear tagged with an official 4-H tag. The tag must be put in the ear at weigh-in and must be in the ear when beef are brought to the fair. If a tag is lost, it is the member's responsibility to contact a member of the beef committee and have it replaced. Calves without tags in their ears will be ineligible to show.
6. There will be no artificial filling of calves or any other practice deemed unethical by the beef committee.
7. All market beef entries must weigh 850 pounds or more.
8. Breed/crossbred classes will be broken by weight as needed.
9. A) For State Fair Breed Steers, the exhibitor must present the breed, tattoo and the location, sire's name and registration number at county fair weigh-in in December. Steers without necessary information at the weigh-in will be shown in the crossbred division. Tattoos will be checked.  
B) Breed steers for County Fair must exhibit predominate characteristics of the breed (according to IJBBA) and have a sire registration number at December's weigh-in. Where heredity is questionable, the beef project committee has the authority to transfer animals to the crossbred classes.
10. If an animal does not show in the beef show it will not be able to sell in the auction.
11. Market beef selling in the auction must be signed up to sell by 5:00 p.m. on show day. All feed and water must be taken away from animals by 9:00 a.m. on Monday. All beef equipment must also be removed by 9:00 a.m. from the barn. All auction beef will be reweighed at noon on Monday. After the auction, exhibitors are to stay with their animal until it is picked up.
12. All market beef weighed in December will be eligible for rate of gain ribbons and premiums. Rate of gain will be calculated and must be shown on the stall card. Pro-rated premiums will be paid on the following basis:
  - 2.5 lbs. per day and above Blue Award
  - 2.20 to 2.49 lbs. per day Red Award
  - Under 2.20 lbs. per day No Premium
13. "Home raised" is a calf raised on your family farm from birth, shown by a son or daughter of the family and identified at the Linn County weigh-in as such.
14. Champion and reserve champion market heifers are eligible to compete for grand champion market beef honors.

**Classes in order of showing**

- 101DA—Home Raised Market Steer
- 101DB—Home Raised Market Heifer
- 101DC—Angus
- 101DD—Charolais
- 101DE—Chianina
- 101DF—Hereford
- 101DG—Limousine
- 101DH—Maine Anjou
- 101DJ—Red Angus
- 101DL—Saler
- 101DM—Shorthorn appendix
- 101DN—Shorthorn Purebred
- 101DO—Simmental
- 101DP—All Other Breeds (AOB)
- 101DQ—Cross Bred Market Steer
- 101DR—Market Beef Heifer
- 101DS—Top Ten Rate of Gain Market Beef

**Beef Breeding Heifers**

1. Heifers must be born between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.
2. Animals which are registered are eligible for competition in breed classes and must have a visible tattoo prior to the fair. Tattoos will be checked. No illegible or fresh tattoos will be allowed to show. Retattooing at the fair will not be allowed.
3. Registration papers must be presented at check-in time.
4. A class for commercial breeding heifers is available for non-registered breeding heifers.
5. Heifers shown in any breeding beef classes may not be shown in any market class.
6. Each exhibitor is limited to three heifers.
7. All commercial and home raised heifers must have a visible tattoo or eartag.
8. Breed/commercial classes will be broken by age as needed.
9. "Home raised" breeding heifer is a calf raised on your family farm from birth and shown by a son or daughter of the family.

**Classes in order of showing**

- 101BA—Home Raised Breeding Heifer
- 101BB—Angus Heifer
- 101BC—Charolais Heifer
- 101BD—Chianina Heifer
- 101BE—Hereford Heifer
- 101BF—Limousin Heifer
- 101BG—Maine Anjou Heifer Low %
- 101BH—Maine Anjou Heifer High %
- 101BI—Red Angus Heifer
- 101BJ—Saler Heifer
- 101BK—Shorthorn Heifer appendix
- 101BL—Shorthorn Heifer Purebred
- 101BM—Simmental Heifer Low %
- 101BN—Simmental Heifer High %
- 101BO—All Other Breeds (AOB)
- 101BP—Commercial Heifer

**Beef Cow-Calf Pairs**

1. Entry includes cow and her "NATURAL BORN" calf shown as one pair.
2. Class 101AA is open to females shown as a heifer and identified as such with tattoo at the 2008 Linn County Fair. This includes all breeds and commercial heifers.
3. Aged cow/calf class (101AB) is open to females shown as breeding heifers at the Linn County Fair prior to 2008 and identified as such with a tattoo. This includes all breeds and commercial or crossbred cows.
4. The SAME exhibitor must show heifer or cow as when previously shown at the Linn County Fair.
5. A member may have a maximum of two pair in the cow/calf division.
6. Cow and calf must be broke to lead. Cow and calf must be clean. Grooming is optional.
7. Cow/calf pairs will be stalled on Friday July 10, between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. Cow/calf pairs ONLY are released after they show in their respective class on Sunday morning.
8. No Market Heifers are eligible to be shown in the Cow/Calf division.

**Classes in order of showing**

- 101AA—1<sup>st</sup> Calf Heifer with Calf
- 101AB—Aged Cow with Calf

**Showmanship Classes in order of showing** (Refer to general guidelines)

- 101EA—Advanced
- 101EB—Seniors - Grades 9-12
- 101EC—Intermediates - Grades 7-8
- 101ED—Juniors - Grades 4-6

### **Livestock Auction**

Refer to general guidelines for auction policies. Each beef member selling in the auction will pay \$7.00 per animal to cover the buyer's ribbon, Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) Check-Off, auctioneer donation, and "thank you" for buyers.

### **Special Awards**

The Linn County Cattlemen's Association will give a \$10.00 premium to each presentation or working exhibit related to the beef industry, from hoof to table. If the topic is food, the commodity must be the major ingredient. A \$10.00 additional premium will also be given if the presentation or working exhibit is selected for State Fair. (Refer to Communication Department guidelines.)

### **Special Premium**

A \$10.00 premium will be given by the Linn County Cattlemen's Association to those 4-H members who complete a beef record which includes a **Beef Project Record and Animal Project Worksheet**. All books must be turned into the Extension Office by **September 15, 2009** to receive this money. These books will only be reviewed by the Beef Committee.

### **FFA Members**

For those enrolled in both 4-H and FFA, be advised that your total Market Beef project must be declared either 4-H or FFA. You cannot show one market beef in 4-H and another in FFA. Likewise, the entire Breeding Heifer project must be declared either 4-H or FFA. However, you may choose to do Market Beef project for 4-H and Breeding Heifer project for FFA or the reverse.

### **"All-Around" Beef Exhibitor Award**

**Purpose**—To recognize members who are active in the many different activities the beef program offers

**Object of Award**—To earn points; not necessarily win a championship

**Goal of Award**—To increase involvement and knowledge of the beef program

**Who sets Standards for this award**—The youth on the Beef Committee are to review and must approve all changes to this award

### **Eligibility Guidelines for "All Around" Exhibitor Award**

1. Open to all 4-H and FFA Beef Project Members.
2. Three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior according to 4-H guidelines. A Champion and a Reserve Champion will be named in each division.
3. Member must use their own animal which is recorded on the 4-H identification form for all contests.
4. To be eligible for the "All-Around Award" the member **MUST** attend at least one Linn County Beef workshop away from the county fair.
5. A completed beef record from the previous year or the current year can earn five points.
6. To further be eligible for the "All-Around Award" the member **MUST** compete in a minimum of four of the following events taking place at the county fair:
  - Exhibit in the beef show • Obstacle Course Contest
  - Showmanship class • Team Grooming Contest
  - Judging Contest • Beef Quiz Bowl Contest
7. Dress code Note: Refer to rule #10 General Beef Rules.

Points will be totaled and winners named prior to start of the Livestock Auction on Monday.