

2011 Linn County Fair



Beef Department

Superintendents—Kim Lewis, Jennifer Horning

Judging—Sunday July 10, 2011 • 8am • Cattle Show Arena

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 9:00pm on Friday July 8. Market beef weigh-in and check-in of breeding heifers will be on Saturday July 9, after the dairy show.
2. **MANDATORY** – Exhibitors will be charged a bedding cost to be determined by the Fairboard. The reservation form providing number of animals that will come to the fair is due by June 15th, 2011 to the Extension Office. **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. No refunds will be granted.
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 7pm Sunday night.
7. No health certificates are required for beef animals. A veterinarian will check the cattle 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 current year 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.
12. Generators will be allowed and will be placed for use only after contacting the beef committee for procedure.
13. 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 18, 2010, 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 18, 2010.
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 should weigh 850 pounds or more in order to sell.
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 must be taken away from animals by 8:00 a.m. on Monday. All beef equipment must also be removed by 8:00 AM. 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 **101DL**—Saler

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

Beef Breeding Heifers

1. Heifers must be born between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.
2. Animals that 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. No tattooing 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 ear tag.
8. Breed classes will be broken by age as needed. Commercial classes by weight.
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	101BI —Red Angus Heifer
101BB —Angus Heifer	101BJ —Saler Heifer
101BC —Charolais Composite Heifer	101BK —Shorthorn Heifer Plus
101BD —Chianina Heifer	101BL —Shorthorn Heifer Purebred
101BE —Hereford Heifer	101BM —Simmental Heifer Foundation
101BF —Limousin Heifer	101BN —Simmental Heifer High %
101BG —Maine Anjou Heifer Maintainer	101BO —All Other Breeds (AOB)
101BH —Maine Anjou Heifer High %	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 2010 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 2010 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 8, between 6:00 and 9:00pm. 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 st 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

You will only be able to sell only 2 in the 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 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, 2011** 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

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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
 - Showmanship class
 - Judging Contest
 - Obstacle Course Contest
 - Team Grooming Contest
 - Beef Quiz Bowl Contest
7. Dress code Note: Refer to rule #10 General Beef Rules.
8. A new addition to the “All-Around Award” is the requirement that all members competing for it must participate in an age-specific interview. Contact the beef committee for questions.

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