

~~ Beef ~~



Market Beef Rules

1. These Market Beef Rules apply to the Rate of Gain Contest, Market Beef Performance Class and Market Beef Classes.
2. Members must have weighed, ear tagged and identified their calves on the December date set by the 4-H Committee. Exhibitors must attend the weigh-in date in Benton County or receive permission from the Benton County Extension Office to attend another county weigh-in.
3. An individual may weigh a maximum of six (6) 4-H and/or FFA market beef.
4. Calves must weigh a **minimum** of 800 pounds at Fair. No re-weighs will be allowed per class.
5. Members may exhibit a maximum of **three (3)** animals in either the Market Beef or Market Beef Performance Classes. Members who exhibit in both a Market Beef Class and Market Beef Performance Class may exhibit a maximum of **four (4)** animals.
6. Grade, crossbred and purebred animals may be shown. Bulls, stags, and heifers intended for breeding purposes are barred.
7. Champion Market Heifer will compete for Grand Champion Market Animal.
8. Premium Ribbons will be as follows unless otherwise noted Blue, Red & White. First and second place will receive purple and lavender in each weight division. Champion receives purple and Reserve Champion receives lavender ribbons for each division. Grand Champion will receive a purple rosette ribbon and Reserve Grand Champion will receive lavender rosette ribbon.

Rate of Gain Contest

1. See Market Beef Rules.
2. All calves entered in classes 1700, 1600 and 1870 are eligible for rate of gain awards.
3. Rate of gain will be determined by dividing the number of days on feed into the difference between December weigh-in weight and the fair weight.
4. A trophy and non-premium ribbons will be given to 1-5 placing and 6-10 placing will receive non-premium ribbons only.

Class 1700 -- Market Beef Steers

1. See Market Beef Rules.
2. The superintendent will divide the entries into divisions and classes based on ending weight.
3. First and second place animals in each class must gain 2.4 pounds per day or more.
4. Each exhibitor will wear into the show ring a card showing the animal's rate of gain.

Class 1600 -- Market Beef Heifers

1. See Market Beef Rules.
2. The superintendent will divide the entries into divisions and classes based on ending weight.
3. First and second place animals in each class must gain 2.2 pounds per day or more.
4. Each exhibitor will wear into the show ring a card showing the animal's rate of gain.

Class 1870 -- Market Beef Performance

1. See Market Beef Rules.
2. The animals will be shown without a halter.
3. Live placing will be in numerical order.
4. All calves in the class must sell grade and yield to the place designated by the Benton County Cattlemen's Association.
5. Final placing will be made on the basis of carcass value added per day on feed.
6. Must be weighed Thursday morning of Fair week between 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

7. Live and Carcass -- Non-Premium Ribbons -- 10 placing.
 - Exhibitors of the top ten live animals will receive premiums of \$10, \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5, \$4, \$3, \$3, \$3.
 - Exhibitors of the top ten performance animals will receive premiums of \$25, \$20, \$15, \$12.50, \$10, \$7.50, \$5, \$2.50, \$2.50, \$2.50.

**** Premium Money sponsored by the Benton County Cattlemen's Association ****

Class 1125 -- Purebred Breeding Heifers

1. Purebred Breeding Heifers must be identified by breed, birth date, registration number and tattoo number by May 15.
2. Identification of all purebred heifers including registration papers will be checked at the scales on entry day. All papered heifers will show in their respective breed class. Heifers will not be stalled or shown without proper identification.
3. Members may exhibit a combined maximum of **three (3)** beef heifers in classes 1125 & 1410.
4. Superintendent(s) reserves the right to combine classes if the numbers are insufficient as they see necessary.
5. Superintendent will combine classes with 2 or less head entered.

Class 1410-Commercial Breeding Heifers

1. All heifers must have been born during the previous calendar year.
2. Commercial Heifers must be ear tagged and tattooed if planning on attending the Iowa State Fair at the location and time designated by the 4-H Committee.
3. Commercial Heifers will be shown in classes determined on the basis of weight on fair entry day.
4. Members may exhibit a combined maximum of three (3) beef heifers in classes 1125 & 1410.
5. Beef Superintendents reserve the right to break classes if numbers warrant.

Class 1560--Beef Heifer Produce of Dam Recognition

1. This recognition is for the Beef Heifers whose dams were former 4-H or FFA Heifers enrolled by the same member.
2. The Exhibitor must have identified these animals as eligible for produce of dam recognition prior to May 15.

~ Cow and Calf ~

Class 1000 -- Commercial Breeds

Class 1050 -- Purebred Breeds



1. Entries are to consist of a cow and her calf.
2. Calves must have been born after January 1 of the current year.
3. Cows must be identified by a 4-H ear tag or tattoo by May 15.
4. Entries must be haltered for the show.
5. Premium Ribbons -- Blue, Red, and White. Champion purple and Reserve Champion lavender for both classes.