

# Cass County Beef Weigh-In

Saturday, December 29 at the Fairgrounds in Atlantic

## COUNTY FAIR MARKET BEEF

- All Market Steers & Market Heifers must be weighed.
- There is NO maximum weight.
- Calves must be born after 1-1-07.
- Member may weigh up to six **market** beef.
- All calves will be tagged in the animal's right ear. Old tags will be cut out.
- Contact Beef Superintendent Bryce Potter with questions.
- Animals entered in the Carcass Contest can not weigh over 1500 lbs. at July weigh-in!  
Select your animals accordingly



### 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

CAM FFA  
Atlantic FFA  
Benton Blue Ribbons  
Brighton  
Grant  
Groovy Grovers  
Grove HOT  
Lincoln Guys & Gals  
Washington GEM

### 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

Bear Grove Blazers  
Cass Coed Clan  
C & M Champions  
Griswold Clubsters  
Griswold FFA  
Pleasant-Noble United  
Pymosa  
Union Leaders  
Union Lucky Clovers  
Atlantic Go-Getters  
G & L Clovers

Please remember to bring \$1 per head for ear tags

## COUNTY FAIR BREEDING BEEF

- Breeding Heifers are NOT required to weigh-in.
- **ALL** Breeding heifers must be tattooed by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Purebred registration numbers are acceptable.
- We will tattoo commercial heifers at weigh-in, otherwise it will be **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to get that done.
- Breeding Heifer ID's are due May 15, 2008 to the Extension Office.
- Tattoo numbers and birthdates must be on ID sheet.

You must decide by the December 29 county weigh-in if you want to nominate Market Beef for the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.

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# **IOWA STATE FAIR and AK-SAR-BEN**

## **MARKET BEEF REGULATIONS**

All Market Beef nominations for the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben will be made at weigh-in on **December 29 at the Cass County Fairgrounds.**

4-H Animals nominated for the **Iowa State Fair** will have Retinal Images taken.

4-H Animals nominated for **Ak-Sar-Ben** will have a DNA sample taken.

Animals being nominated for **both** shows will have **both** a Retinal Image and DNA sample taken. There will be **NO** nose prints taken of 4-H animals.

FFA Animals nominated for the Iowa State Fair will be nose printed and have a DNA sample taken. Please talk to your FFA advisor **BEFORE** weigh-in to assure that they have the proper supplies on hand. The Extension Office will **NOT** have FFA supplies!

### **Verification Process**

All market animals will be verified with nose prints, DNA samples, ear tag and proper paperwork. Exhibitors will be limited to nominating a total of 6 market beef for both the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.

Cass County Beef Superintendents will:

- Insert official 4-H ear tag
- Take a Retinal Image of animals nominated for the Iowa State Fair
- Collect a hair sample for DNA testing of animals nominated for Ak-Sar-Ben
- Weigh the animal

4-H members AND parents will:

- Pay for each animal verified:
  - \$5 verification fee for state fair OR Ak-Sar-Ben
  - Additional \$1 for the same animal verified for both state fair AND Ak-Sar-Ben
  - \$1 charge for ear tag
- Complete the 4-H verification form
- Signatures of the 4-H Exhibitor AND Parent or Legal Guardian will be **required** on the verification form, the envelope containing the hair sample and the Nose Print card.
- Individuals showing breed steers must have tattoo and sire information included on the verification form at December weigh-in – If you have a breed steer apply NOW for your tattoo number.
- If the 4-H member or the parent is unable to attend the weigh-in, a waiver form **must** be signed **before** the weigh-in date.

**Breeding Heifers** which show at the Iowa State Fair will NOT require Retinal Imaging. They will require tattoos and completed ID forms which are due on May 15.

<p>The Iowa State Fairboard requires that all beef exhibitors at the Iowa State Fair have a Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) certificate. FSQA classes will be scheduled soon. Check future newsletters for training dates.</p>
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