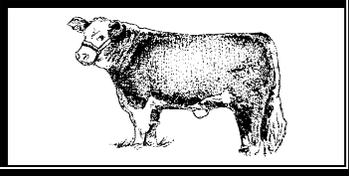


**BEEF  
SHOWMANSHIP  
SCORE CARD**



(100 points possible)

**A. APPEARANCE OF CALF**

Perfect Score 40 points

**1. Cleanliness 10**

- a. Hair and switch clean and free of stains.
- b. Hide clean and free of dust and dandruff.
- c. Legs and hooves clean.
- d. Halter clean and properly adjusted.

**2. Grooming 20**

- a. Hair handled in a manner best suited to the individual calf. Long hair may be curled or it may be pulled forward and blocked. Short, stiff hair may be shown smooth. In some cases, areas may be brushed smooth, while other areas, such as the rounds may be fluffed or pulled up to emphasize thickness or perhaps minimize some deficiency.
- b. Hooves trimmed and shaped so that the animal can stand straight; trimming done early enough so the animal's feet are not sore and so the animal has had time to adjust. Trimming to cause excessive straightness is discouraged. Hooves should be oiled. The addition of unnatural color or other compounds should be discounted.
- c. The switch may be left natural, fluffed, ratted or formed at twist height.
- d. The addition of natural or synthetic hair or hair-like materials will not be allowed.
- e. No coloring agents allowed.

**3. Clipping 10**

- a. Major clipping done about one week before show.
- b. Head clipped on polled or dehorned market calf, never clipped on horned animal but may be trimmed and cleaned up if necessary. Head clipped from ears forward and over top of poll, if desired. Ears or eyelashes never clipped. Hair blended from clipped to unclipped part.
- c. Head of polled breeding heifer clipped unless breed custom dictates. Head of horned breeding heifer not clipped.
- d. Tail clipped from a point above the twist upward to the tailhead. Tailhead never clipped but long hairs trimmed and area from clipped to unclipped parts blended.

**B. SHOWING CALF**

Perfect Score 40 points

**1. Parading and Changing Positions 10**

- a. Calf led from left side; lead strap held in the right hand from 1 to 2 feet from the head and at height of calf's poll. Extra length of lead strap balanced between left and right hands or carried in the form of several large folds in right hand. Extremely short lead straps may not require folds. Wrapping strap around hand should be severely discounted. Exhibitor never leads calf while walking backwards.
- b. Backward pressure applied with the lead strap and by pressing on the point of the shoulder to back calf out of line.
- c. Halter should be properly adjusted and show stick of suitable length.
- d. Calf may also be moved out of line by leading forward and then back through the line.
- e. Calf led in clockwise direction when necessary to parade it or move it to a different line.

- f. About 6 feet space maintained between exhibitor calf and the next calf in front.

2. Posting in Ring                      15

- a. When pulled into line, showman keeps calf in position at least 3 feet from calf to the left.
- b. Exhibitor faces calf and holds lead strap in left hand while showing.
- c. Calf stands alert with head up, back level and legs placed squarely under the body.
- d. Show stick used to place calf's hind feet. Either show stick or exhibitor's foot used to place calf's front feet.

- c. Works quickly but not abruptly.
- d. Alert and responsive to judge's and ringmaster's requests.
- e. Not distracted by persons and things outside ring.
- f. Shows calf, not himself/herself.
- g. Does not leave ring until released by ring official.
- h. Displays a courteous and sportsmanlike attitude while at the show.
- i. Prepared to give prompt answers to questions related to the 4-H beef project (i.e.; age, breed, nutrition, pregnancy status, performance and carcass value).

C. APPEARANCE AND MERITS OF EXHIBITOR

Perfect Score                      20 points

1. Appearance                      10

- a. Exhibitor well groomed and clothes clean and neat.
- b. It is suggested that no headwear be worn in class. However, the final decision on headwear is left to the individual show.
- c. Dark blue jeans are preferred. Shorts are not considered appropriate. Extremes in colors and fit are not appropriate. A belt should be worn with trousers with carriers or loops.
- d. White shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron, a 4-H T-shirt or official shirt (or blouse) provided by show management are considered appropriate. However, the final decision on dress code is left to the individual show.
- e. Hard soled shoes or boots should be worn. Other footwear not considered appropriate.

2. Merits                              10

- a. Brings calf into ring promptly.
- b. Recognizes quickly and corrects faults of calf.