

## **BEEF**

**Superintendent:** Jessi Reiher

Beef Committee: Brittney Lentz, Mischa Matthias, Todd Neil

Judging: Thursday, July 27; 9AM – Show Arena

Must be entered in 4H Online, (FFA on file at the Extension Office) by May 15, of the current year

Must be entered in <https://bremer.fairentry.com> on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>, of the current year

Entry fee \$2.00 per entry

### **General Rules**

1. 4-H and/or FFA members must be in good standing with their respective clubs.
2. All livestock exhibits identification forms must be filled out and on file (FFA) or entered in 4-H online (4- H) in the Extension Office by May 15th, of the current year.
3. Exhibitors must be YQCA Certified by July 1, of the current year, in order to exhibit beef at the (Current Year) Bremer County Fair.
4. Calves must not have changed ownership or have been offered for sale during the current year after being identified as a 4-H/FFA project.
5. Each Exhibitor will be limited to a total of 8 beef entries, excluding suckling calf.
6. There may only be one fan per calf in the barn. Only overhead hanging fans will be allowed. **NO BUTT FANS.**
7. Grooming
  - a. It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the 4-H/FFA member learn new skills and be done by a family member and/or another current Iowa 4-H/FFA member.
  - \*Immediate family members include guardian, siblings, parents, stepparents, grandparents, and/or Aunt/Uncles*
  - c. All clipping, trimming, and grooming must be done in the assigned blocking chute area. No blocking chutes will be allowed in the barn.
  - d. Dividers will be allowed in the barn but they **MUST** remain within the stall space assigned to the 4-H/FFA exhibitor or they will be removed.
  - e. Tent covers for the blocking chutes, which take up extra space, will only be allowed if space is available; this is at the discretion of the beef superintendent/CYC if space is available.
  - f. Painting, dyeing and use of color agents on beef animals is not condoned by Fair Officials. Beef projects which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified. Exhibitors can use colored grooming aids on hooves only. No artificial aides such as tail head or tail fins will be permitted. No artificial tails/switches will be permitted.
8. Common bedding will be used in the barn for all beef cattle. Straw will not be permitted as bedding in the barns.
9. Only polled or dehorned cattle may be exhibited. All cattle must be free of warts and ringworm to exhibit.
10. To show in the breed steer classes/breed heifer class, steers/heifers must be registered with their breed association. Registered steers/heifers must present the original registration papers at check in time (No Copies). Steers/heifers without necessary registration papers at check in will be shown in the crossbred division.
11. The beef classes will be shown in alphabetical order unless Beef Superintendent deems it necessary to change.
12. There will be **NO** tagging or tattooing at the fairgrounds. If this is observed exhibitors will be asked to take animals home and forfeit their premiums. No fresh tattoos at check-in.
13. **\* No reweighs at check-in scale will be made.** After an animal leaves the scale no reweighs will be offered.

### **Breeding Heifer Classes**

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Entries in this department are open to purebred registered and commercial heifers born after September 1st, two years prior to the current fair.
3. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of two breeding heifers

4. All purebred heifers must be tattooed. (Calfhood vaccination tattoo is not acceptable as the official tattoo.) Both the tattoo and registration number must be recorded in 4-H Online by May 15th.
5. All commercial heifers will be exhibited by weight.
6. Breeding classes will be divided by breed and commercial heifers will be divided by weight as the superintendent deems necessary.
7. Cow Calf pairs should be stalled by 12:00 pm Wednesday and released Friday between 8:00-10:00 am.
  - a. You may use the calf from the cow-calf pair in the feeder class but you must identify in the 4honline.com and on <https://bremer.fairentry.com>.
8. When filling out the July 1<sup>st</sup> fair online entry, list breeds and date of birth, tag number, and tattoo.

## Feeder Calves

1. All General Rules apply
2. Feeder calves may be bulls, steers, or heifers.
3. Classes will be divided by heifers and steers/bulls, then weight.
4. Calves must be born in the 2023 calendar year.
8. You may use the calf from the cow-calf pair, but you must identify it in 4honline.com and on <https://bremer.fairentry.com>.

## Market Beef

1. All General Rules apply.
2. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of three market animals.
3. Market calves must have weighed at an official designated Bremer County weigh station by December 17, 2022 to be eligible to show and must have approved Iowa 4-H ear tags or Iowa State FFA tag. Any evidence of tampering with the ear tag shall constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics. If a tag becomes lost, notify the Extension Office immediately. The animal must be retagged before the Bremer County Fair by Extension Staff or the Beef Superintendent.
4. Market Beef Forms need to be **\*entered on 4-H Online (4-H) by the family** or on file at the Extension office (FFA) by **February 1, 2023**.
5. All Market animals wishing to show in the Bremer County Born and Raised Class must have the form signed by the producer and the exhibitor returned to the Bremer County Extension Office by **December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. If the form is not filed, the animal will not be allowed in the Bremer County Born and Raised class.
6. Only purebred and crossbred heifers, not to be used for future breeding purposes may be shown in the market classes.
7. Market classes will be divided by weight as the superintendent deems necessary.
  - a. Any breed with less than 3 entries for market beef may be put into an all other breeds category as deemed necessary by the superintendent.
8. Each Market animal will be entered in regular live classes and in addition will participate in the rate of gain contest using weigh in and fair weights.
9. **Scramble Calves** (BCFA programs) must enter into the Scramble class. Exhibitors can also exhibit in the Crossbred class OR the Bremer County Born and Raised class.
10. The Bremer County Beef Committee/Superintendent/CYC will determine if steers exhibit sufficient characteristics of the breed. Steers that do not will be placed in a crossbred class. If the owner of a 4-H market beef animal has a protest as to eligibility in a breed division as made by show officials, this protest must be filed within 24 hours after the decision is made.

## Junior Bottle/Bucket Class

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Bottle/Bucket Beef Class is an entry level class, open to all Junior Level 4-H Members (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade).
3. Class is open to any orphan or weaned calf, steer or heifer, beef or crossbred.
4. Calf must be born between February 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
5. The calf must be fed on a bottle/bucket before the calf is two weeks of age, by the exhibitor.
6. Calf must be properly identified.
7. Animal must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15 and entered in Fair Entry by July 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to show.
8. Show halter and show stick must be used in the show ring. Fit or no fit is acceptable.
9. If needed, Bottle/Bucket class will be divided by grade level.
10. Exhibitors are subject to in-ring interview by the judge to share experience and knowledge. This class is to

provide entry level experience to exhibitors and judging will consist of showmanship and developmentally appropriate knowledge of animal, animal care, breed characteristics, and nutrition.

## **Showmanship**

1. All General Rules apply
2. Showmanship is open to all 4-H and FFA beef exhibitors.
3. 4-H and FFA beef project members must enter the showmanship contest with their own market beef, breeding heifer, or feeder calf.
4. It is not required to sign up for showmanship in 4-H online, decision to show in showmanship can be determined at check in at fair.
5. Showmanship contest will begin with Advance Showman will be any member who has already received Senior showmanship award in previous year, Seniors 9th-12th grade, Intermediate 7th-8th grade, and Junior 4th-6th grade.
6. Judging will be done according to the following guidelines:
  - a. Exhibitor: Appearance, attitude, interest
  - b. Animal: Condition, Cleanliness
  - c. Presentation: Leading, posing, response to direction and use of equipment
7. \* Exhibitors showing any beef animals are eligible to participate in beef showmanship.

## **Rate of Gain**

Steers will qualify for Champion or Reserve designations only if they have an average daily gain (ADG) of 2.3 pounds or more from the beginning weigh date to the Bremer County Fair weigh date. Heifers will qualify for Champion or Reserve designations only if they have an average daily gain (ADG) of 2.1 pounds or more from the beginning weigh date to the Bremer County Fair weigh date.

**Department: Beef**

**Division: 201: Breeding Beef**

**Class:**

20100: Angus Breeding Heifer  
20101: Charolais Breeding Heifer  
20102: Chianina Breeding Heifer  
20103: Foundation Simmental  
20104: Hereford Breeding Heifer  
20105: Hereford, Miniature Breeding Heifer  
20106: Maine-Anjou Breeding Heifer  
20107: Maintainer Breeding Heifer  
20108: Red Angus Breeding Heifer  
20109: Shorthorn Plus Breeding Heifer  
20110: Shorthorn Breeding Heifer  
20111: Simmental Breeding Heifer  
20112: Other Breeds Breeding Heifer  
20113: Commercial Breeding Heifer  
20114: Bremer County Born & Raised Breeding Heifer  
20115: Cow/Calf-All Breeds

**Department: Beef**

**Division: 202: Market Beef**

**Class:**

20200: Feeder Heifer Calves (All Breeds)  
20201: Feeder Steer Class (All Breeds)  
20202: Market Beef Heifer (All Breeds)  
20203: Angus Breed Market Steers  
20204: Charolais Breed Market Steers  
20205: Chianina Breed Market Steers  
20206: Crossbred Market Steers  
20207: Dairy Market Steers  
20208: Foundation Simmental  
20209: Maine-Anjou Breed Market Steers  
20210: Red Angus Breed Market Steers  
20211: Shorthorn Breed Market Steers  
20212: Shorthorn Plus Breed Market Steers  
20213: Simmental Breed Market Steers  
20214: Other Breeds Breed Market Steers  
20215: Bremer County Born & Raised Steers  
20216: Scramble

**Department: Beef**

**Division: 204: Junior Bottle/Bucket Calf (All Breeds)**

**Class:**

20400: Junior Bottle/Bucket Calf (All Breeds)

**\*\*\* Sign up for showmanship at check in of the show\*\*\***

Beef Showmanship - Junior

Beef Showmanship - Intermediate

Beef Showmanship - Senior

Beef Showmanship - Advanced

