

# **BEEF**

**Superintendent:** Jessi Reiher

**Beef Committee:** Brittney Lentz, Sydney Schwartz, Mischa Matthias, Todd Neil

**Check in:** Tuesday, July 30, 6-8AM

**Judging:** Thursday, August 1; 9AM- Show arena

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

**Entry fee:** \$2.00 per entry

Exhibitors **must** be YQCA certified by June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year to exhibit at the Bremer County or Iowa State Fair

## **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 15<sup>th</sup>, of the current year.
3. Exhibitors must be YQCA Certified by July 1<sup>st</sup>, of the current year, to be able 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) eight 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 Aunts/Uncles*
  - b. All clipping, trimming, and grooming must be done in the assigned blocking chute area. No blocking chutes will be allowed in the barn.
  - c. 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.
  - d. 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.
  - e. 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 cross bred division.
11. The beef classes will be shown in alphabetical order unless CYC/Beef Superintendent/Judge 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 re-weighs at check-in scale will be made.** After an animal leaves the scale, no re-weighs will be offered.
14. The official fair veterinarian may inspect animals when unloading on the grounds. If for any reason the veterinarian determines the animal may be a health risk to other animals, it will be disqualified and will need to be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

## Breeding Heifer Classes

1. All **General Rules** apply.
2. Entries in this department are open to purebred registered and commercial heifers born after September 1<sup>st</sup>, two years prior to the current fair.
3. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of (2) 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 [4honline.com](http://4honline.com) 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 CYC/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 [4honline.com](http://4honline.com) and on <https://bremer.fairentry.com>.
8. When filling out the July 1<sup>st</sup> online Fair Entry, list breeds, dates of birth, tag numbers, and tattoos.

## Market Beef

1. All **General Rules** apply.
2. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of (3) three market animals.
3. Market calves must have weighed at an official designated Bremer County weigh station by December 16, 2023, to be eligible to show and must have approved Iowa 4-H ear tags or Iowa State FFA tag. Any evidence of ear tag tampering shall constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics. *\*If a tag becomes lost, notify the Extension Office immediately. The animal must be re-tagged before the Bremer County Fair by Extension Staff or the Beef Superintendent.*
4. Market Beef Forms must be **\*entered on 4-H Online (4-H) by the family** or on file at the Extension office (FFA) by **February 1, 2024**.
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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. 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 CYC/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 the Scramble class. Exhibitors can also exhibit in the Crossbred class OR the Bremer County Born and Raised class.
10. The Bremer County CYC/Beef Committee/Superintendent 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 and follow protest rules under general fair.

## 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 2024 calendar year.
5. You may use the calf from the cow-calf pair, but you must identify it in [4honline.com](https://4honline.com) and on <https://bremer.fairentry.com>.

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

**Department:** Beef

**Division:** 202: Market Beef

**Class:**

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

**Department:** Beef

**Division:** 203: Feeder Calves (All Breeds)

**Class:**

20300: Feeder Calves Heifer (All Breeds)
20301: Feeder Calves Steer/Bull (All Breeds)

**Department:** Beef

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

**Class:**

20400: Junior Bottle/Bucket Calf (All Breeds)
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**\*\*\* Sign up for showmanship at check in of the show\*\*\***

Beef Showmanship - Junior

Beef Showmanship – Intermediate

Beef Showmanship - Senior

Beef Showmanship - Advanced