

Beef Rules

Buchanan County Fair 2023

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REGISTRATION DEADLINES

DEC 10	Pre-Fair Market Beef Weigh-In – Winthrop Vet Clinic, 6AM-11AM
FEB 1	All Market Animals entered in 4hOnline by 4-H members
MARCH 1	Mentor & lease paperwork needs to be turned in.
MAY 15	All Clover Kids and 4-H members must CONFIRM ANIMALS ON 4hONLINE. FFA members will be directed to a separate online registration, provided by the Extension Office. Breed Heifers and Breed Steers must have registration papers turned in to Extension Office. Local Origin forms turned in. YQCA Completed
JUNE 15	Animal Entries completed on Fair Entry. All bedding, scanning and entry fees are due to the Extension office.

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. It is strongly encouraged that a parent or supervising adult be present with 4-H/FFA members while animals are present at the Buchanan County Fair.
3. Deadline for submission is June 15 on Fair Entry. **No exceptions or refunds.** Extra stalls will be allowed to exhibitors if space allows, NO refunds will be issued.
4. Programs: For all species that weigh in, exhibitors will have a two-hour time frame to meet with their committee members to view and submit any changes to the show program. This will take place in each species barn and times will be decided by the committee at the pre fair meeting and will be posted on the 4-H fair office door at the beginning of fair week. There will be no further changes made to the show program after the two-hour review period.
5. Grooming chutes will not be allowed in the beef barn until 6:00 pm before day of show. Chutes may remain in the beef barn until after the beef show and returned to the designated area. Chutes may be used the day of the auction, day of master showmanship, and then should be returned to designated area. Designated area will be by the west end of the Garden Gate Building. Signs will be posted.
6. Tack stalls will be provided depending upon attending entries and size of club/chapter. Grooming chutes will not be allowed in any stall not reserved by a 4-H'er and designated by the Beef Committee. Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of stalls assigned to a club/chapter to the number actually required. Exhibitors are encouraged to minimize excessive feed, tack and other items due to space reservation.
7. **Extra stalls will be allowed to exhibitors if space allows, NO refunds will be issued.**
8. **THE USE OF FANS ON THE GROUND IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN THE BEEF BARN.**
9. All animals must be under control while on the fairgrounds. Animal behavior will be evaluated by the Beef Committee, and exhibitors may be asked to remove said animal from the show ring or fairgrounds, if deemed a danger to people or livestock on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors should be able to handle their animal with minimal help from adults.
10. All animals are required to have rope halters while on the fairgrounds. All animals are required to be double tied with a neck rope during overnight hours. Nylon halters and non-rope double ties will not be permitted.
11. All breed classes with a single entry may be combined into an All Other Breeds class. This will be determined by Beef Committee.
12. **New 2023: At the judges and or beef committee's discretion, top 3 animals may be selected out of any breed or market division, for consideration in the top 5.**
13. Besides Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer and Market Animal, three honorable mention awards will be presented during the respective championship drives.
14. Cattle may leave the fairgrounds early for a National Junior Breed show, as long as Extension office has notification in writing by June 15. Name of show and date must be included and approved by the Extension Office and Fair Board.
15. Failure to comply with these rules are grounds for forfeiture of all entry fees, ribbons, championships and premiums awarded.
16. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be open to all beef exhibitors. Exhibitors choosing to participate are not required to be signed up ahead of time. There will be three divisions: Junior - Grades 4-6; Intermediate - Grades 7-8; Senior - Grades 9-12. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The judge will place 5 exhibitors in the showmanship class. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the show and recipients will receive awards at that time. The decision of the showmanship judge is final. There will be no interference, and no one is allowed in the ring. The champion will be asked if they would like to participate in Master Showmanship. If the champion has already participated in Master Showmanship and won in their age division, they must pass on to the next exhibitor after the champion.
17. **Livestock Auction:** Exhibitors interested in selling their market heifer or steer at the auction **must sign up at check-in.** Beef must weigh at least 900 pounds at fair to sell in the auction. One animal per species per exhibitor may be offered for sale. All

auction animals must be an exhibit at the current fair. All ear tags must remain in the animals’ ear until the animal is released or the exhibitor will not be able to auction an animal in that species. Exhibitors are still responsible for the daily care of all beef cattle (including action beef) until the animals are loaded on the truck.

BREEDING FEMALES

1. All females will be weighed at the county fair. However only commercial females will be shown by weight.
2. Heifers entered for this project cannot compete in Market Beef classes.
3. Breed identities will be defined by the current year’s breed classification for IJBBA Sanctioned Show.
 - a. Rules may be found here: <http://ijbba.com/breed-rules/>
4. For breeding heifer project, members may exhibit **one to three** heifers born between Jan. 1-Dec. 31 of the previous calendar year.
5. Each animal entered must be identified through the 4hOnline by May 15 **AND** Fair Entry by June 15.
 - a. PUREBRED BREEDING HEIFERS
 - i. **Registration Papers: All Breed heifers must have date of birth, tattoo and registry number of animals listed in 4hOnline by May 15. Registration papers to the extension office by June 15.** Any heifer without registration papers will automatically be entered in the Commercial class.
 - ii. **Tattoos: All purebred heifers and cows MUST have tattoo matching registration paper and will be checked at the fair. Animals without readable tattoos, or with fresh tattoos will not be permitted to show.** Re-tattooing at the fair will not be allowed. Calfhood vaccination tattoo is not acceptable form of primary identification.
 - b. COMMERCIAL HEIFERS
 - i. **New 2023- Commercial females MUST have tattoo matching recorded identification OR a USDA approved ear tag for identification in 4hOnline by May 15 and Fair Entry by June 15 deadlines and will be checked at the fair.** Animals without readable tattoos, or with fresh tattoos will not be permitted to show. Re-tattooing at the fair will not be allowed.
 - ii. All Commercial heifers will be weighed. Class breaks will be determined by weight at Beef Committee discretion.
6. Breeding Beef Cow/Calf: Calves must be born during the current calendar year.
7. Exhibitors will not be allowed to switch the breed of their breed heifer after June 15, with the exception of switching to Commercial class.

Breeding Department Classes

Angus Heifers
Charolais Composite Heifers
Chianina Heifers
Gelbvieh Heifers
Hereford Heifers
Limousin Heifers
Maine-Anjou Heifers

Red Angus Heifers
Salers Heifers
Shorthorn Heifers
Shorthorn Plus Heifers
Simmental Heifers
Miniature Hereford Heifers
Belgian Blue Heifers

Simmental Percentage Heifers
White Park Heifers
Maintainer Heifers
Charolais Composite Heifers
British Cow/Calf Pairs
Continental Cow/Calf Pairs
Commercial Crossbred Cow/Calf Pairs
Commercial (Crossbred) Heifers

MARKET STEERS

1. There will be no re-weighs at check-in scales, unless there is a discrepancy and Beef Committee members and the Extension office deem it necessary to re-weigh.
2. Entries are open to Market Beef projects weighed and identified at the official beef weigh-in and entered on Fair Entry completing the animal entry form before June 15.
3. All market steers need an official USDA ear tag to be identified. Registered steers also need a tattoo and registration papers.
4. Breed identities will be defined by the current year’s breed classification for IJBBA Sanctioned Show.
 - a. Rules may be found here: <http://ijbba.com/breed-rules/>
5. For market animal project, members may exhibit **a maximum of six head.**
6. All market steers must weigh 900 pounds or more. Market steers weighing less than 900 pounds, regardless of breed, will be shown as feeder steer and will not be eligible to compete for championships.
7. **New 2023 - A minimum rate of gain of 2.2 pounds per day is required for steers to receive a blue ribbon, market heifers 2.0 pounds per day. Rate of gain red ribbon calves are not eligible for class or champion trophies.**
8. Each animal entered must be identified through the 4hOnline by May 15 **AND** Fair Entry by June 15.
 - a. REGISTERED STEERS
 - i. **Registration Papers:** Registered steers must have registration paper from respective breed association. **A copy of registration paper MUST be turned in to the Extension office by June 15.** Any steer without registration papers will automatically be entered in the Crossbred class.

- ii. **Tattoos:** Breed steers **MUST** have tattoo matching registration paper and recorded tattoo in and will be checked at the fair. Animals without readable tattoos, or with fresh tattoos will be shown in the Crossbred division. Re-tattooing at the fair will not be allowed.
9. Exhibitors will not be allowed to switch the breed of their breed steer after February 1, with the exception of switching to Crossbred division.
10. Crossbred classes will be divided by fair weigh-in weights at the discretion of Beef Committee.

MARKET HEIFERS

1. Market Heifers will be composed of heifers weighed and recorded at Pre-Fair Beef Weigh-in for market purposes.
2. All breeds and crossbreds will be shown together.
3. Market heifers must weigh 900 pounds or more. Market heifers weighing less than 900 pounds will be shown as feeder calf and will not be eligible to compete for championships.
4. Market heifer classes will be shown by weight, and classes divided at discretion of the Beef Committee.
5. First and second place heifers in each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Champion.

Market Department Classes

Market Heifer (All Breeds)

Charolais Market Steers

Charolais Composite Steers

Hereford Market Steers

Maine-Anjou Market Steers

Salers Market Steers

Shorthorn Plus Market Steers

Belgian Blue Market Steers

Dairy Beef Market Steers

Crossbred Market Steers

Angus Market Steers

Chianina Market Steers

Limousin Market Steers

Red Angus Market Steers

Shorthorn Market Steers

Simmental Market Steers

White Park Market Steers

LOCAL ORIGIN

Local Origin is a class designed to promote breeding and raising beef animals locally. Local Origin Forms to be turned in in by May 15th.

1. Animal must be a market beef animal, not a breeding beef animal.
2. Eligibility criteria for location of where the animal was born and raised:
 - a. Born and raised within the Buchanan County line;
 - b. Born within the Buchanan County line, but raised on exhibitor's property located outside of the Buchanan County line; OR
 - c. Born and raised on exhibitor's property, but the exhibitor does not live within the Buchanan County line.
3. The Local Origin Form, listing breeder, exhibitor information, and signature was submitted to the Extension office at pre-fair weigh-in.
4. During beef show, local origin recognition will be given to showman and breeder.
5. In the event Champion Local Origin is not chosen within the Top 5 Market Steers, a separate class will be held to choose Champion Local Origin. Only highest-placing Local Origin steers in each breed will be permitted to show.
 - a. Breed Champion or Reserve; if none qualify, then
 - b. Highest placing Local Origin steers of each breed class will compete.

BEEF CARCASS CLASS

The Beef Carcass Class helps exhibitors to develop a better sense of carcass value for their market animal and ties exhibitors to all production phases, especially the consumer market. The scanning data may also serve as an educational tool in selecting breeding stock.

1. Eligibility Requirements:
 - a. Market Beef entries in the Carcass Class must be weighed at the winter pre-fair weigh-in and the county fair weigh-in.
 - b. Must have paid the \$15.00 scanning fee per head.
2. Scanned information will be computed differently for each of the carcass classes using current market prices.
3. All carcass class exhibits will be scanned at the beef fair-weigh-in, starting after the swine and sheep carcass scanning.
4. Placings will be determined by standard carcass grade and yield formulation, along with rate of gain data.

6. Premiums for the Market Steer and Market Heifer classes are donated by the Buchanan County Cattlemen’s Association. Premiums for the Dairy Beef class are donated by the Buchanan County Dairy Producers.
7. No ribbons, trophies, or standard fair premiums will be awarded to beef Carcass Class participants.
8. Exhibitors may scan breeding heifers for informational purposes only. There will be no breeding heifer Carcass Class at the fair. A scanning fee will be assessed to all exhibitors planning to scan breeding heifers at the county fair. This fee of \$15.00 per head must be paid to the Extension office by June 15th.

Carcass Department Classes

Market Steer Carcass

Market Heifer Carcass

Dairy Beef Carcass

FEEDER CALF

1. Calves must be steers or heifers that weigh between 300 lbs-899 lbs. at fair, and must be in the exhibitor’s ownership, possession, and care by **May 15th**.
2. Feeder calves will be tagged before or on May 15. \$4.00 fee per tag and can be picked up at the office.
3. Must be identified on 4hOnline on or by May 15, 11:59 pm. First step.
4. Completed next step of logging onto Fair Entry and completing the animal entry, which was filed by June 15.
5. A **maximum of ten head** of feeder calves may be entered per exhibitor.
6. All animals are to be on the grounds no later than 11:00 am day of check-in. Exhibitors need to be in the barn until their weigh-in process is complete.
7. Dairy Beef class will be provided. The Dairy Beef class is open to steers that show dairy characteristics. No crossbred dairy allowed. Changes may be made by the committee and superintendent at the fair weigh-in if the animal shows more dairy or beef characteristics.
8. The superintendent reserves the right to divide any class he/she deems too large.
9. The Beef Committee will divide the classes by fair weigh-in weights.
10. Animals should have no horns, males **MUST** be castrated, calves **MUST** be weaned, and free of ringworm and other parasites. Animals are subject to a vet check and can be asked to be removed from the grounds at the veterinary’s discretion.
11. Grooming of animals should be done by the 4-H/FFA member and his/her immediate family/guardian, or if a signed mentor agreement from the Extension office is completed, another 4-H/FFA member or a designated mentor may assist.
12. **Feeder calves are not eligible to be sold in the livestock auction and will be released to the exhibitor final day of fair.**

Feeder Calf Department Classes

Beef Feeders

Dairy Beef Feeders