

BEEF – YQCA Required **Superintendent: Will Maurer (563-419-0558)**

OVERALL BEEF RULES: (Be familiar with General Livestock Rules)

- 1) **The use of Optaflexx is PROHIBITED in the production of your fair animal.**
- 2) All calves must be dehorned. Any scur must be under 1" AND must be unattached (not solid).
 - a. Unless you are participating in the Cow/Calf and Breeding Beef on the Farm class. These animals will be allowed to have their horns. They are not allowed to come to fairgrounds per the definition of class.
- 3) All beef exhibitors need to have their current Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification by June 15th.
- 4) Animals must meet health requirements as listed under the General Livestock Rules.
- 5) No feed pans or water permanently left in front of cattle in the barn.
- 6) Bedding (Sawdust) will be provided for use in stalls by beef exhibitors.
- 7) **Superintendent reserves the right to combine or split classes.**
- 8) Livestock will be placed on individual merit from a market standpoint taking quality and finish into consideration.
- 9) If an animal is uncooperative in the show ring, the exhibitor has the right to receive help from another Chickasaw County 4-H or FFA member. If the animal gets away and is a danger for exhibitors and/or the audience, it may be removed from the ring at the discretion of the beef superintendent, judge, and/or fair staff. The removed animal will not receive a ribbon or premium but will remain eligible for the auction if later settled and deemed safe by staff and/or superintendent.
- 10) **Check-out for Beef will be Monday afternoon beginning at noon. Livestock that will not be sold in the auction may leave the fairgrounds Sunday at 4:30 pm, but Exhibitors MUST return on Monday before noon to help with clean-up. See General Livestock Rules for more on the check-out process.**

BREEDING BEEF

1. Exhibitors must own and care for animals by May 15 of the current year and be identified in 4-H Online by May 15. No more than 10 head can be identified.
2. All breeding animals must have their birthdate and some type of identification (ear tag or tattoo) in 4-H Online. The animal's identification will be checked at fair during the weigh-in process.
3. This year if there are 2 or more registered breeding heifers of a specific breed they will show in separate class and winners of the specific class will compete against other breed winners and our commercial class to pick a Grand Champion Breeding Beef animal.
4. Example of classes that could appear this year might be Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Horned Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Simmental, or all other breeds.
5. Registered purebred heifers must be registered in the 4-H or FFA exhibitor's name.
6. Animals in this division are not eligible for the market beef auction and cannot be shown in the market heifer class.
7. Exhibitors may show no more than two entries per class.
8. All breeding heifers will be shown by birthdate.
 - **20120: Summer Yearling -- May 1st - August 31st, 2022**
 - **20130: Junior Yearling -- January 1st - April 30th, 2022**
 - **20140: Senior Yearling -- September 1st - December 31st, 2021**

On the Farm Cow-Calf and Breeding Heifer

1. Entries open to purebred or commercial cows with calf at side dropped in the present year prior to May 15
2. Cow-Calf must be owned by May 15th or had the exhibitor complete a livestock lending program form.
3. A foundation breed cow-calf project will be considered one entry.
4. Exhibitors may show no more than two entries per class.
5. Both cow and calf or breeding beef, do not have to be halter broken.
6. The breeding of both the cow and the calf and its resulting combination will be considered in the evaluation.
7. Birth date of the calf must be included on the entry.
8. Calf can be a natural born or an embryo calf.
9. The Cow-Calf or Breeding Beef entry does not need to be dehorned.
10. Judge will arrive at the facility that you have provided the office of where you would like your cattle to be judged.
11. It does not have to be at your home if you do not have the facility on your home farm.
12. You must be present when the judge is there with your animal, or you will be disqualified from this class.
13. Animals must be clean, but they do not have to be clipped or fitted to participate in this class.
14. Any animal that is entered in this class is not allowed to be brought to the fairgrounds.
15. We will provide the results to winners during the Beef Show at the fair and present you with your ribbons and awards.
16. This class will be judged before the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show Beef Show, but awards will be given to the participants in this class during the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show Beef Show.
17. The date will be released to participants and Superintendent after June 15th.
 - **20150: On the Farm Cow-Calf and Breeding Heifer**

Beef Cow-Calf:

- 1) Entries open to purebred or commercial cows with calf at side dropped in the present year prior to May 15.
- 2) Cow-Calf must be owned by May 15th of the current year, and both must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15.
- 3) A foundation breed cow-calf project will be considered one entry.
- 4) Exhibitors may show no more than two entries per class.
- 5) Both cow and calf must be halter broken.
- 6) The breeding of both the cow and the calf and its resulting combination will be considered in the evaluation.
- 7) Birth date of the calf must be included on the entry.
- 8) Calf must be natural born, not an embryo.
- 9) The calf may also be shown in either the Prospect Breeding Beef or the Prospect Market Beef Calf class.
- 10) Cows in this class cannot be shown in Breeding Beef Heifer classes.
 - **20160: Two-Year-Old Cow/Calf** (Purebred, Commercial, or Crossbred)
 - **20170: Three-Year-Old (or older) Cow/Calf** (Purebred, Commercial, or Crossbred)

Prospect Breeding Beef - Open to Prospect Breeding animals born between September 1, 2022, through May 15, 2023.

- 1) Calves must be heifer calves.
- 2) Classes may be divided by age.
- 3) The prospect calf may also be shown with the cow in the Cow/Calf breeding class.
 - **20180: Prospect Breeding Beef**

Prospect Market Beef – Open to Prospect Market animals born between September 1, 2022, through May 15, 2023.

1. Calves may be either bull or steer calves.
2. Classes may be divided by age or breed genetics.
3. The prospect calf may also be shown with the cow in the Cow/Calf breeding class.
4. Exhibitors may enter a dairy prospect calf into the beef show. The dairy prospect calf cannot be shown in the Bottle Bucket Division.
5. Class winners will not be eligible for market championships.
6. These cattle are not eligible to be sold in the livestock auction.
 - **20210: Prospect Market Beef**
 - **20211: Dairy Prospect Market Beef Steer**
 - **20212: Dairy Prospect Market Heifer**

MARKET BEEF

1. Exhibitors must own, care for, and feed animals by January 1st of the current year.
2. Calves must not have previously been shown in other county 4-H or FFA market beef competitions.
3. Each exhibitor may weigh in six animals for 4-H and six for FFA. Exhibitors can only show three for 4-H and three for FFA in the combined classes of market steer, market heifer, and dairy beef.
4. Calves must be weighed in at the official county weigh-in and properly identified in 4-H Online by February 1 of the current year.
5. Calves must be ear tagged. Ear tags will be checked at fair weigh-in. If an exhibitor's calf loses a tag prior to fair, the exhibitor should contact the Extension Office immediately to have their calf properly re-tagged by county staff or the beef superintendent.
6. Cattle will qualify for purple and blue award groups only if they meet or exceed an average daily gain (ADG) of their breed/sex from weigh date to Achievement show weigh date. .
 - Beef Steers = 2.4 pounds
 - Beef Heifers = 2.2 pounds
 - Dairy = 2.0 pounds.
7. **New in 2023:** Cattle weighing less than 1000 lbs. (except Miniature Market Cattle) will not be eligible to receive any higher than a red ribbon and will not be allowed to be sold in the Auction or scanned for Carcass Contest.
8. **New in 2023:** Scanning is available for carcass entries and will be invoiced to the exhibitor after fair. Cost \$20. The entry must also **MUST** weigh 1,000 lbs. to qualify for scanning and our Carcass Competition.
9. Chickasaw County Cattlemen will be covering the cost of one livestock scan per exhibitor if the exhibitor attends the Carcass Scan Presentation. The exhibitor will have to cover the cost of the rest of the cattle entries to be scanned.
 - a. For example, if an exhibitor is bringing 4 head of cattle, 2 for 4-H and 2 for FFA, the Cattleman will cover the cost of 1 of those cattle scans for 4-H and 1 for FFA. The exhibitor will have to pay the cost of the other 2 if all your animals meet the weight requirement of 1,000 lbs.

10. Market Heifers may not be shown in Breeding Beef Classes. You may change the market heifers that identified as of Feb 1st to the breeding beef classes by the FairEntry deadline of June 15th. If any questions about this rule please contact Extension Office before FairEntry June 15th deadline.

- **20220: Market Dairy Heifer**
- **20221: Dairy Beef**
- **20222: Market Heifer**
- **20223: Market Steer**
- **20224: Miniature Market Cattle – hip height requirement, no ADG**

Carcass Competition - All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to participate in the carcass contest.

1. Exhibitors must be present for scanning.
2. Exhibitors are limited to two entries, 2 for 4-H and 2 for FFA.
3. **New for 2023:** Animals must weigh at least 1000 lbs. for heifers and steers to be scanned.
4. Chickasaw County Cattlemen will be covering the cost of one livestock scan per exhibitor if the exhibitor attends the Carcass Scan Presentation. The exhibitor will have to cover the cost of the rest of the scanning fees.
 - a. For example, if an exhibitor is bringing 4 head of cattle, 2 for 4-H and 2 for FFA, the Cattleman will cover the cost of 1 of those cattle scans for 4-H and 1 for FFA. The exhibitor will have to pay the cost of the other 2 if all your animals meet the weight requirement of 1,000 lbs.
5. The results of the scanning will not be used during the conformation classes and will be announced during an educational program either during or after the fair. Youth will be notified as to when and where this meeting will be held. Chickasaw County Cattlemen will pay the scanning fee pending meeting attendance.
 - **20230: Carcass Competition**

Market Beef Pens - This class consists of 5 market beef animals, any breed, that are all exhibited by members of one 4-H club or FFA chapter.

1. Two 4-H clubs may go together to make one club pen of 5 if there are not enough exhibitors in their club to make a pen.
2. A pen may not consist of more than 2 calves owned, fed, and cared for by one exhibitor.
3. Limit to one pen of 5 per club or chapter.
4. If an exhibitor has 2 animals in this class, he/she may have another 4-H or FFA member lead the second animal. No more than 7 members of a club or chapter may be in the ring at any time, five 4-H'ers or FFA members as livestock leaders and two ring people.
 - **20240: Market Beef Pen of 5**

Rate of Gain Contest – Evaluation of market calves ADG from the winter weigh-in to the official end weights obtained at the fair weigh-in. Youth are automatically entered.

LOCAL ORIGIN BEEF – Local Origin awards will be given to calves which fit the following local origin description:

1. Local-origin calves must be bred, born, and raised in Chickasaw County.
2. Calves may be purchased from a breeder or breeding herd in Chickasaw County.
3. Local-origin beef **MUST** be identified as county raised in 4-H Online **OR WILL NOT** be eligible for the Local-Origin class.
4. You must sign up for Local Origin Class in FairEntry in order to be considered.
5. A champion local-origin class will be organized if the grand or reserve champion market beef are not of local-origin. The top placed local-origin animal in each class would be judged for the special banner in this case.
 - **20300: Local Origin Beef**

2022- Livestock Lending Program- Beef (only bucket/ bottle or prospect calves)

- This class is specific for exhibitors who have entered into an animal sharing agreement with a local producer. These agreements can be requested from the Extension Office and must be returned by April 15.
- Exhibitors may only enter one animal in each eligible specie in the Livestock Lending program.
- All exhibitors completing grades 4-12 must have current Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification by June 15.
- Animals must be identified on 4-H Online by May 15 and entered in Fair Entry by June 15.
- Exhibitors that participate in the livestock lending program will show in the class or division of which the animal is supposed to show in. **THERE** is no separate class for people that participating in the Livestock Lending Program
- Exhibitors may also exhibit their animals in their respective showmanship class.
- Exhibitors are not allowed to sell any of the animals in the auction that participate in the Livestock Lending Program.

SHOWMANSHIP - (see General Showmanship Contest rules) – Exhibitors will be automatically entered into the appropriate Showmanship class and should notify the Superintendent or Fair Staff if they choose not to participate on the day of the show. **Beef animals shown in showmanship must be shown in an exhibition class by the exhibitor.**

- **Senior Showmanship**
- **Intermediate Showmanship**
- **Junior Showmanship**

The **Herdsmen of the Year** will be announced at the Fall Awards Program. This award will be given to the Overall Herdsman of the year based on these criteria:

1. Attend at least one beef workshop.
2. Show leadership by assisting other exhibitors.
3. Club Herdsmanship scores considered.
4. Showmanship placings considered.

NEW IN 2023: Celebrity Beef Showmanship Contest- sponsored by the Youth Development Committee and Livestock Committee. This contest is open to any adult age 19 or older who is not currently a 4-H or FFA member. Participants will be required to work with beef animals that have been vet checked and housed at the Chickasaw County 2023 Achievement Show by a 4-H or FFA member. Participants will be judged based on their ability to show a beef in a showmanship class and may be asked questions by the judge. Appropriate show attire is expected. Registration forms are available at the Extension Office beginning June 1st. The cost to enter is \$100. The winner will receive a \$50 cash award. All other proceeds will go towards improvements to livestock departments selected by the livestock and youth development committees.

Division	Class	Award	
201: Breeding Beef	20180	Prospect Breeding Beef	Ribbon
	20120		Ribbon
	20130		Ribbon
	20140		Ribbon
	20150	On the Farm Cow-Calf/ Breeding Heifer	G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette
	20160		Ribbon
	20170		Ribbon
	<i>20160 – 20170</i>	<i>Grand and Reserve Cow/Calf</i>	<i>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</i>
<i>20180, 20120, 20130, 20140, and 20160-20170</i>	<i>Supreme and Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer</i>	<i>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</i>	
202: Market Beef	20210	Prospect Market Beef	Ribbon
	20211	Dairy Prospect Steer	Ribbon
	20212	Dairy Prospect Heifer	Ribbon
	<i>20210-20112</i>	<i>Grand and Reserve Prospect Market</i>	<i>G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette</i>
	20220	Market Dairy Heifer	Ribbon
	20221	Dairy Beef	Ribbon
	<i>20220-20221</i>	<i>Grand and Reserve Dairy Beef</i>	<i>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</i>
	20222	Market Heifer	Ribbon
	20222	Grand and Reserve Market Heifer	G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner
	20223	Market Steer	Ribbon
	20223	Grand and Reserve Market Steer	G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner
	20224	Miniature Market Cattle	Ribbon
	20230	Carcass Competition *Winners announced at beef meeting*	G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner
	20240	Market Beef Pen of 5	<i>G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette</i>
	20250	Rate of Gain Dairy Beef *Top 10 Walk Through the ring during this "class" to be recognized*	G: Purple Banner
20251	Rate of Gain Market Beef *Top 10 Walk Through the ring during this "class" to be recognized*	G: Purple Banner	
20300	Local Origin Beef *Class Organized IF the Grand or Reserve Market Beef are Not Local Origin*	G: Purple Banner	
209: Beef Showmanship	<i>20901</i>	<i>Junior Beef Showmanship</i>	<i>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette</i>
	<i>20902</i>	<i>Intermediate Beef Showmanship</i>	<i>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette</i>
	<i>20903</i>	<i>Senior Beef Showmanship</i>	<i>G: Choice Award R: Pink Rosette</i>