

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).
- 3) All beef exhibitors need to have current Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification by June 15th.
- 4) Animals must meet health requirements as listed under 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 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 weight-in process.
- 3) Animals may be purebred, grade, or crossbred.
- 4) Registered purebred heifers must be registered in the 4-H or FFA exhibitor's name.
- 5) Animals in this division are not eligible for the market beef auction and cannot be shown in the market heifer class.
- 6) Exhibitor may show no more than two entries per class.
- 7) All Breeding Heifers will be shown by birthdate.

20120: Summer Yearling -- May 1-August 31, 2020

20130: Junior Yearling -- January 1-April 30, 2020

20140: Senior Yearling -- September 1- December 31, 2019

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) Exhibitor 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, 2020 through May 15, 2021.

- 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, 2020 through May 15, 2021.

- 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) Exhibitor 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 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) **NEW IN 2021:** 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. In calculating ADG, all market cattle will be provided a 3% shrink factor due to hauling loss. ADG will be $([\text{Fair wt.} + (\text{Fair wt.} \times .03)] - \text{beginning wt.})$ divided by days on test.
 - Beef steers = 2.4 pounds
 - beef heifers = 2.2 pounds; &
 - Dairy = 2.0 pounds.
- 7) Cattle weighing less than 950 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) Scanning is available for carcass entries and will be invoiced to the exhibitor after fair. Cost \$20 if you do not attend the Carcass Award Presentation, if you do attend the Chickasaw Cattleman will cover the cost of the scanning.
- 9) **See Auction section for new rules. Animals that are shown in any of the Market Classes are eligible to be sold in the auction. Cattle weighing less than 950 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. If an animal is not exhibited in a market class, it will not be allowed to sell in the auction. Beef not sold through the auction can be trucked to the Waverly Sale Barn and sold under the exhibitor's name.**
- 10) Market heifers may not be shown in breeding classes.

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) **NEW IN 2021:** Exhibitors must be present for scanning.
- 2) Exhibitors are limited to two entries.
- 3) Animals must weigh more than 950 lbs in order to be scanned.

- 4) 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 fair. Youth will be notified as to when and where this meeting will be held. Chickasaw County Cattleman 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 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 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 plaque in this case.

20300: Local Origin Beef

NEW IN 2021- Livestock Lending Program

- 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.
- All breeds and ages of the animal are entered into their respective specie's Livestock Lending class.
- Class winner will be chosen by ability to handle their animal, as well as time spent on the producer's farm working with the animal. An interview session with the judge will be held during the judging. Examples of questions:
 - What the member has learned about raising and caring for the animal.
 - The grooming and cleanliness of the animal.
 - General health, management and condition of the animal and exhibitor's knowledge of this area.
 - Confirmation or quality of the animal is **NOT** to be considered.
- Exhibitors may also exhibit their animal in their respective showmanship class.

20400: Livestock Lending Class- Beef (only bucket/ bottle or prospect calves)

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

Division	Class		Award
201: Breeding Beef	20120	Summer Yearling	
	20130	Junior Yearling	
	20140	Senior Yearling	
	20120-40	Grand and Reserve Breeding Heifer	G: Plaque R: Plaque
	20160	Two-Year-Old Cow/Calf	
	20170	Three-Year-Old Cow/Calf	
	20160-70	Grand and Reserve Cow/Calf	G: Plaque R: Plaque
	20180	Prospect Breeding Beef	
	20180	Grand and Reserve Prospect Breeding	G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette
202: Market Beef	20210	Prospect Market Beef	
	20211	Dairy Prospect Steer	
	20212	Dairy Prospect Heifer	
	20210-12	Grand and Reserve Prospect Market	G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette
	20220	Market Dairy Heifer	
	20221	Dairy Beef	
	20221	Grand and Reserve Dairy Beef	G: Plaque R: Plaque
	20222	Market Heifer	
	20222	Grand and Reserve Market Heifer	G: Plaque R: Plaque
	20223	Market Steer	
	20223	Grand and Reserve Market Steer	G: Plaque R: Plaque
	20224	Miniature Market Cattle	
	20230	Carcass Competition *Winners announced at beef meeting	G: Plaque R: Plaque
	20240	Market Beef Pen of 5	G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette
	20250	Rate of Gain Dairy Beef * Top 10 walk through the ring during this "class" to be recognized	G: Plaque
20251	Rate of Gain Market Beef * Top 10 walk through the ring during this "class" to be recognized	G: Plaque	
203: Local Origin Beef	20300	Local Origin Beef * Class organized IF the Grand or Reserve market beef are not LO	G: Plaque
205: Livestock Lending	20400	Livestock Lending Program- Beef	TBD
209: Beef Showmanship	20901	Senior Showmanship	G: Choice Award R: Pink Rosette
	20902	Intermediate Showmanship	G: Plaque R: Pink Rosette
	20903	Junior Showmanship	G: Plaque R: Pink Rosette