

Beef Projects

1. All market animals must be weighed at an approved 4-H Beef Weigh-In and be verified in 4-H Online by February 1st. Each exhibitor may weigh-in no more than ten (10) market beef animals.
2. Any beef entry, which has not been properly trained, or becomes unmanageable during the fair, will not be eligible for exhibit in the show ring or sale in the auction.
3. Beef animals cannot be altered prior to or any time during the fair. If animals show signs of alteration, they will be sent home. This includes the use of artificial aids such as tail heads, artificial switch or tail fins.
Extension staff must be notified of any animal receiving veterinary care (including chiropractic care) while at the fair. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, air, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition. **NO DRENCHING UNLESS PERFORMED BY THE COUNTY FAIR VETERINARIAN ON THE GROUNDS.**
4. Grooming and fitting is a part of the Beef show. **No outside groomers except immediate family (brothers, sisters, parent/guardians, grandparents, or aunts/uncles of exhibitor) will be allowed.** 4-H and FFA members eligible to show at the current Dubuque County Fair may help other exhibitors. Exhibitors may apply for an exemption. Any request for exemptions are due prior to check in and will be reviewed by Extension Office personnel and the Beef Committee. Any violation of the rule will result in the exhibitor being disqualified from all Beef Department classes in the current fair. **Grooming definition: actively combing, applying grooming products or clipping hair, as well as anything else deemed grooming.**
5. Grooming chutes will not be allowed in the 4-H beef barns.
6. All beef entries (including cow-calf and beef heifer projects) must be checked in and inspected by the Fair veterinarian before entering the beef barn. All Beef projects and exhibitor must cross the scale on Monday, July 22nd, starting at 1:00 p.m.
7. Grand and Reserve Market Champions will be drug tested.
8. Violations of the rules by 4-H families will be incited as an injunction. The reprimand may include: non-sale, going home, or banned from the Dubuque County Fair. Final decision will be made by the Animal Science Coordinator, County Youth Coordinator, and by appointed committee.
9. Please use neck ties in addition to the halter to tie animals in the barns.

10. Stalls may be set up either on Sunday, July 21st from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or Monday, July 22nd after 11:00 a.m. No exceptions.
11. No letters or names allowed on ear tags. Numbers only.
12. Animal Science Coordinators and the Dubuque County Extension Staff reserve the right to re-allocate stall assignments as needed to fairly accommodate all exhibitors and exhibits. **Special stalling requests are to be submitted to the Extension Office before July 1st.**

MARKET BEEF

CLASS 20304: Dairy Beef

CLASS 20306: Market Beef—Registered Breed Steers

CLASS 20301: Market Beef – Home Raised Animal

CLASS 20303: Market Beef – Market Heifer

CLASS 20302: Market Beef – Purchased Animal

CLASS 20305: Market Beef – Feeder Calf

Sub-categories to be determined according to fair weight.

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2. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Market Beef Project on 4-H Online by May 15th.
3. Only two market beef animals will be eligible for sale in the 4-H & FFA livestock auction. Auction weight will be determined by check-in weight established Monday, July 22nd with a 3% allowance for shrink.
4. Awards for rate of gain will be given to the top five places.
5. Steers need to gain at least 2.2 lbs per day to be eligible for a blue ribbon. Heifers need to gain 2.0 lbs per day to be eligible for a blue ribbon. Animals which do not make the rate of gain will be shown in a separate feeder calf class and will not be able to receive higher than a red ribbon. Rate of gain will be written on exhibitor's show number. (Miniature Hereford breed is excluded from the rate of gain requirements.)
6. Animals entered in Class 20304: Dairy Beef must be a dairy cattle breed and not crossed with a beef breed (ex. Holstein x Angus).
7. Animals entered in Class 20301: Market Beef – Home Raised Animal must have been BORN AND RAISED on exhibitor's primary guardian's farm, and the cow must be owned at the time of the calf's birth. **Home Raised verification form must be submitted to Extension Office before Feb 1.**

8. After the weigh-in of all market beef entries at the fair, weight sub-classes and the show order will be established.
9. The ear tag number will be used as the auction identification number. Sale order will be determined by champion placing then by sale order number drawn at the time of weigh-in.
10. Top five market animals will be placed.

FOUNDATION BEEF HERD (BEEF HEIFER PROJECTS)

CLASS 20121-20138: Registered Breed Beef Heifer

CLASS 20150: Commercial Breed Heifer

1. Exhibitors may enter up to three heifers in the above beef heifer classes.
2. All commercial heifers must be TATTOOED, and entered on the Livestock ID report in 4-H Online by May 15. All heifers (purebred and commercial) must be in exhibitor's possession by May 15 and thereafter.
3. Entries must be registered in exhibitor's or family's name.
4. Animals will be exhibited by breed.
5. These animals must have been born between September 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018.
6. Heifers entered for this project cannot compete in Market Beef classes.
7. Judging order will be alphabetical by breed followed by Commercial Beef Heifer class.
8. Show classes may be established according to age or weight for each breed and is up to the discretion of the most senior member of the Extension staff present and/or Animal Science Coordinators.
9. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each Beef Heifer class.
10. Top five breeding heifers will be placed.

Beef Showmanship

Master Showmanship will be for those Exhibitors who have won Champion Showmanship in their age group and who are not eligible to show in their age division.

Champion and Reserve Champion Showman will be selected from the following:

Senior Showmanship (grades 10, 11 & 12)

Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7, 8 & 9)

Junior Showmanship (grades 4, 5 & 6)

Novice Showmanship (first year member showing)

Exhibitors can win Champion Showmanship only once in each age division and can participate only in their age group. Exhibitors can only compete in one showmanship division. The animal must be the exhibitor's own animal. The committee reserves the right to break classes due to participation. Youth will sign up for showmanship during check-in at fair.

BEEF COW/CALF

CLASS 20221-20238: Registered Breed Cow & Calf

CLASS 20250: Commercial Cow & Calf

CLASS 20260: Aged Cow

1. Exhibitors may enter up to three entries in the above Beef Cow/Calf classes.
2. For *Classes 20221-20238, 20250* the cows must have been born during 2016, be exhibiting with their first calf and must have been shown as a beef heifer or market heifer at the 2018 Dubuque County Fair.
3. For *Class 20260* the cows must have been born prior to Jan. 1, 2017 and been shown at the Dubuque County Fair in a previous year.
4. Cows entered in a registered breed class must present registration papers and have calves eligible for registration. Registration papers must be available on request to verify breed purity and age. All other entries will be placed in *Class 20250: Commercial Cow & Calf*.
5. Show classes may be established according to age for each breed and is up to the discretion of the most senior member of the Extension staff present and/or Animal Science Coordinators.
6. Judging order will be alphabetical by breed followed by the Commercial Cow & Calf.