

4-H / FFA BEEF CATTLE

General rules, regulations, health requirements apply.

1. Market beef exhibits will be weighed on state approved scales at the fairgrounds. Market animals will be weighed one time only, no reweighing to make class.
2. At fair weigh-in, registered animals must present the original registration papers and tattoos at check-in time. (No Copies) Those without necessary registration papers will be shown in the crossbred division. Tattoos are checked!
3. Stall assignments will be designated by the superintendents.
4. **GROOMING CHUTES** will not be allowed in the beef barns.
5. Common bedding will be used in the barns for all beef cattle. The stalls will initially be bedded by the Jefferson County Fair Board and the fee is included in the entry fee. **NO ALTERNATIVE BEDDING WILL BE ALLOWED.** A stockpile of bedding will be available for exhibitors to freshen stalls during fair. The Jefferson County Fair Board will clean out stalls after the fair.
6. Tack stalls will be designated and show boxes must be placed in the designated locations. Show boxes cannot be placed with the exhibitors cattle. **NO FEED STORAGE ALLOWED IN BEEF BARNs.** Feed cannot be placed in the designated Tack Stall locations.
7. Tack may be placed beginning Monday at noon. (At the owner's risk; barns will be unattended.)
8. Only one fan per animal will be allowed. All fans must be pointed toward the nonjudge side/animal's left side (when standing behind).
9. **ALL ANIMALS WILL RUN THROUGH THE WEIGH-IN CHUTE AND HEIFERS AND PREBRED CATTLE WILL HAVE TATTOOS CHECKED.**
10. Steers must be castrated or banded by winter weigh-in.
11. Heifers showing in the market heifer classes will not be eligible to be shown in the breeding beef classes, and vice versa, of the current year.
12. Weight divisions will be determined by the superintendents.
13. Calves will be shown in classes determined by breed, sex, and weight. Number of classes will be determined by fair weigh-in weights.
14. Previous years' Bottle Bucket calves are only eligible to compete in appropriate Return Bottle Bucket classes or appropriate market or breeding classes; not both.
15. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight.
16. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor/4-H or FFA family to monitor the show's progress and be ready to enter the ring when the class is called; after the final call, judging will commence.
17. Superintendents have the right to combine classes.
18. Painting, dyeing and use of color agents on beef animals will not be condoned by Jefferson County Fair. 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. All division champions will be wiped with a towel to check for color and coloring agents prior to entering the show ring for the championship drive.
19. Double tie must be done on all cattle at night.
20. It is an expectation that you maintain daily clean up of tie-out area and completely clean up tie-out area at the end of the fair and check out with beef superintendents.

MARKET BEEF

1. Market steers and heifers must have been weighed and ear tagged during a winter weigh-in. Identification of animals must be done in 4-H Online by February 1. Entering animals in classes on Fair Entry must be done by Fair Entry Deadline.
2. Each exhibitor may weigh and identify up to ten market animals (steers & heifers) at the winter Weigh-In. A maximum of three may be exhibited at fair in the show ring and an additional three can be exhibited in the Advance Feeding Pen of 3 class. These animals must be designated at weigh-in.
3. The following will compete for the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef Award: Champion and Reserve Farm Raised Market Animal, Champion and Reserve Market Heifer, Champion and Reserve from each breed class, Champion and Reserve Crossbred Market Animal
4. All market steers/heifers weighing less than 850 pounds will be shown in a special feeder class. Animals shown in the feeder class will not be eligible for Overall Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef Awards.
5. Special divisions will be provided for registered steers. Entry in these classes must follow the Iowa State Fair

- rules. To be eligible for the special breed division, breed information of the sire's name and registration number must be provided at the winter weigh-in; the calf must have a tattoo to read at the fair weigh-in.
6. All breed and crossbred market heifers show together.

ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDING Class 20201

1. A member may feed three (3) to five (5) head, either steers or heifers, not mixed.
2. Animals will be exhibited at the fair in a pen of 3. These animals will be checked in and released under the guidance of the superintendents.
3. At winter weigh-in, animals must be weighed, tagged and designated as Advanced Cattle Pen. Not eligible to switch to another class.
4. Animals do not need to be broke to lead or fitted. However, they must not be wild. Superintendent of beef barn will determine animal's disposition.
5. Judging will be conference style with cattle in pens right before market portion of the show. Evaluation of the project will be based on record keeping, interview with judge, and knowledge of project.
6. Accurate feed records must be kept and brought to the fair as part of the exhibit. Project information (rate of gain, cost per pound of gain, and feed cost) must be displayed on pen for the duration of the fair.
7. The Advanced Cattle Feeding Pen of 3 animals will not be calculated into the regular market rate of gain, as it is part of the scoring for the class.
8. All three animals will be weighed and ultrasounded and carcass data will be collected before fair at the scheduled date of Cattlemen's Carcass Challenge. No ultrasounding of beef will be done at the Fair.
9. Ultrasounding will be sponsored by the Jefferson County Cattlemen.

CARCASS BEEF OF MERIT Class 20241

1. Each exhibitor will be allowed one (1) market beef (heifer or steer) in the Carcass Beef of Merit class.
2. Additional animals may be scanned via ultrasound at the exhibitor's expense.
3. Placing is determined using ultrasound method.
4. Results will be released during the Beef Show.
5. No ultrasounding of beef will be done at the Fair. All beef will be done before fair at Cattlemen's Carcass Challenge.
6. Beef animals entered in this class do not have to bring the animal to the fair to enter this class, but exhibitors must meet the qualifications as set forth in the 4-H/FFA rules & regulations, which includes weighing-in animals, entry into Fair Entry, and completion of YQCA by the deadline. Animals not brought to fair will not be recognized at the Premium Auction, as stated in the auction rules.
7. Ultrasounding and prizes will be sponsored by the Jefferson County Cattlemen.

CLUB GROUP Class 20200

1. A club group will consist of three (3) market steers (no heifers) of any breed exhibited from one 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
2. Each club or chapter is limited to one (1) group.

FARM RAISED MARKET BEEF Class 20203

1. Calves entered in this division are not eligible to compete in other market or breeding divisions.
2. Champion Farm Raised will compete for Overall Grand Champion.
3. Calves must be weighed and identified at winter weigh-in and designated for the Farm Raised Division. The calf is not eligible to change to another division.
4. The calf must have been born on the exhibitor's family farm and the exhibitor and/or family must have owned the Dam at time of calf's birth.
5. Steers and heifers compete in separate classes.

MARKET HEIFER Class 20211

MARKET STEER Class 20221

1. Individual Market Steers will be divided into sub-classes based on breed:

Angus	Limousin	Belgian Blue
Maine Anjou	Charolais	Salers
Chianina	Shorthorn	Gelbvieh
Simmental	Hereford	Other
Hereford, Mini	Commercial	

BREEDING BEEF

1. Identification of animals must be done in 4HOnline by May 15th. Entering animals in classes in Fair Entry must be done by Fair Entry Deadline.
2. Open to breeding females and male prospect calves.
3. A member cannot exhibit more than a total of five breeding beef entries, with a maximum of two in any one class. Cow/calf counts as 1 entry.
4. Purebred animals will be shown by breed.
5. Stall assignments are designated by the superintendents.
6. All Breeding Beef animals must be checked in with Beef Superintendents at the time of fair check-in.
7. Birth date and breed must be shown on stall card.
8. Classes may be divided at discretion of superintendents.
9. If questionable situations arise, final breed determination will be made by superintendents.
10. First place breeding beef heifer in **each division and breed** will compete for Champion Breeding Heifer.
11. First place breeding cow/calf in each breed will compete for Champion Breeding Cow/Calf.
12. Breed Champion will be selected for each breed. This selection will be made at the end of each Breed Show.
13. Prospect and senior calves will each have sub-classes of heifer calves and male calves.
14. Yearlings and Senior Yearlings will have sub-classes divided by breed.

PROSEPT CALVES Class 20110

1. Heifer, bull or steer calves born by May 15th of the current calendar year. The calf CAN BE the calf of a cow/calf pair exhibit.

SENIOR CALVES Class 20111

1. Heifer and steer calves born between September 1 and December 31 of the previous year. NO bulls allowed.

JUNIOR YEARLINGS Class 20121

1. A heifer born between January 1 and August 31 of the previous year.

SENIOR YEARLINGS Class 20141

1. A heifer born between September 1 and December 31 of 2 years previous. (2020)

COW/CALF PAIR Class 20161

1. All cows with calves must be shown in this class.
2. The calf may also show in the prospect calf class.
3. A male calf may remain a bull when entered as a cow/calf pair.

RETURNING BOTTLE-BUCKET CATTLE

*ANIMALS EXHIBITED IN PRIOR YEARS
IN A BOTTLE BUCKET CALF CLASS*

1. Market steers and heifers must have been weighed and ear tagged during weigh-in in December and identified in 4-HOnline by February 1. Breeding heifers and cow/calf must be identified in 4-HOnline by May 15. Entering animals in classes in Fair Entry must be done by Fair Entry Deadline.
2. Animal must have the original tag from previous year or the tag must be produced if it has fallen out. Tag numbers will be verified in prior years' records.
3. Classes will be designated by superintendents.
4. Classes may be combined.
5. All ages will show in each class.
6. The first-place exhibitor in each of the return bucket bottle classes will complete against the first-place

exhibitors of the respective classes. (Example: return bucket bottle cow-calf will compete against the first place cow/calf in each breed for the Champion Breeding Cow/Calf trophy)

Class 20301 - Returning Breeding Heifer

Class 20302 - Returning Cow/Calf

Class 20303 - Returning Market Heifer

Class 20304 - Returning Market Steer

BEEF CATTLE SHOW ORDER

1. Cow/calf
2. Return Bucket-Bottle Cow/calf
3. **Champion Cow/calf**
4. Male Prospect Calves
5. Heifer Prospect Calves
6. Senior Calves
7. Junior Yearling Heifers
8. Senior Yearling Heifers
9. Return Bucket-Bottle Breeding Heifer
10. **Supreme Breeding Heifer**
11. Advanced Cattle Feeding Conference Judging
12. **Carcass and Top Rate of Gain**
13. Male Prospect Calves
14. Farm Raised Market (heifers, then steers)
15. Market Heifers
16. Return Bucket-Bottle Market Heifers
17. **Champion Market Heifer**
18. Market Steers by Breed
19. Return Bucket-Bottle Market Steers
20. **Champion Market Steer**
21. **Grand Champion Market Beef**
22. **Club Group**
23. **Showmanship**