



DEPARTMENT 4 - YOUTH BEEF

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Premiums: A=\$6.00; B=\$4.00; C=No Premiums

Judging: Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Location: Beef Arena

Objective: Gain knowledge about the importance of one or more of the following about beef cattle: economics in a livestock operation, breeding, feeding, meat quality assurance and management.

Set Up: Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Check In: Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

See "[Livestock Rules and Regulations & Livestock Care Agreement](#)"

Fair Exhibit Requirements:

1. Each entrant may exhibit only one market steer. No heifers in showmanship. All animals must be tied with suitable rope halter and neck rope.
2. Showmanship classes to be divided at Superintendent's discretion.
3. Steers will be weighed as they are unloaded.
4. Coloring agents (paint, dye, etc) may only be used below the flank. Changing the color pattern of the animal is strictly prohibited.
5. No forced administration of fluids to create gut will be allowed. Please read The National Show Ring Code of Ethics.
6. Steers will be evaluated for marketability for the sale. Those exhibitors determined to have "no-sale" animals will be notified by 5 p.m. Wednesday of the fair.
7. It is highly recommended to have rubber mats or pieces of plywood under the front legs of cattle. **All mats and sand must be covered with straw at all times.** Exhibitors should also have milk crate or wooden box to hold water pail fastened to wall.
8. Every youth may have limited assistance in clipping and grooming by a Leader, parent, and other active St. Clair County 4-H Beef project youth only. Eligible helpers must be willing to help everyone not just one youth. Assistance will be allowed as a show how, not by doing. The older you are the less assistance you get. Violation may result in the disqualification of the entry and exhibitor.
9. Starting March 1, 2007, all cattle moving to a show, sale, or exhibition are required to have an official radio frequency device (RFID) ear tag.
10. In January each youth will weigh-in and tag a primary steer, with an option to weigh-in and tag one (1) extra steer per family. No youth can take someone else's primary steer. If you don't tag an extra steer, you still have the re-tag policy.
11. At least two people (Leaders/Parents) from each club must be with beef during Sunday load outs to help load beef. Must be available at 6 AM Sunday.
12. No wheelbarrows in beef barn walk ways during Sunday morning while loading of beef.

13. Showmanship will be judged first.

14. Home Grown Class Market Class must be bred and raised on the exhibitor's farm.

SECTION - 1 SHOWMANSHIP

Class 01 - Senior, 15-18 yrs. old

Class 02 - Junior, 13-14 yrs. old

Class 03 - Intermediate, 11-12 yrs. old

Class 04 - Young, 8-10 yrs. old

**Overall Showmanship. No Premiums. (Grand and Reserve Champion and 1st Alternate picked.)

SECTION 2 - BREEDING STOCK

All breeds shown together

Class 05 - All Breeding Stock females 12 months and younger

Class 06 - All Breeding Stock females over 12 months

Class 07 - Cow and calf

**Grand and Reserve Champion Female

SECTION 3 - RATE OF GAIN

All projects entered automatically. Rate of Gain cash award donated by the Livestock Committee. 1st Place = \$50.00

SECTION 4 - CLUB HERD

To be shown between showmanship and market class, Wednesday evening. Three steers are to be selected by each participating club (from within the club) with four possible showmen (3 to exhibit and an additional as herdsman). Clubs with two or fewer steers may merge with another club to compete in this class. There will be a trophy awarded to the winner.

SECTION 5 - MARKET STEER CLASS

All breeds shown together

Class 10 - Market Steer. Will be split at the discretion of the Superintendent.

*Home breed steers will be put in their own market steer class and split if necessary.

**Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and 3rd Best.

SECTION 6 - CLUB AWARDS

Best Decorated Club - Club with the best decorations for the week of the fair (Plaque). All clubs entered.

Best Educational Display - Judged on the best educational display as a Club (Plaque). All clubs entered.

Clean Barn Award - Cash award given to the club that keeps their area of the barn the cleanest all week.