

DEPARTMENT 4

BEEF CATTLE

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GENERAL RULES

1. Livestock exhibitors must be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the department. Please refer to the MDARD web site www.michigan.gov/mdard and Exhibition Requirements for Livestock. At the time of check in all cattle must be identified with radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags.
2. All animals will be health checked off the trailer at Fair check in. Once animals pass health check they will be allowed in stall.
3. Animals showing any signs of ringworm, warts, foot rot, pink eye, sore mouth or any other contagious or infectious disease, cannot be exhibited. You must take it home.
4. Beef Cattle will be judged Tuesday evening starting at 4:30 pm.
5. Pen fee of \$7.00 per animal and Barn Space Form are due May 1st to Superintendent.
6. All Market Beef must be tagged in from January 15th to February 15th, with pictures and forms to be given to the Superintendent by February 15th of the current year, or they are not eligible for show or sale. Market Beef animals must be owned by the exhibitor by February 15th of the current year. Tagging forms and tags will be made available in January at the Eaton County MSU Extension Office.
7. Exhibitors are allowed to tag in up to 5 Market Beef .
8. Youth are limited to exhibiting 5 breeding animals, (2 market beef steers and/or heifers, 2 feeders and 1 carcass steer or heifer) per exhibitor.
9. All Market Beef will be weighed in on Sunday, July 7, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
10. All Market Beef must be castrated and healed by Fair check-in.
11. All Market Beef must be dehorned or have horns 2" or less in length.
12. Market Beef are not required to sell unless they are Champion or Reserve Champion Market Animals.
13. Market Beef Steers must weigh 900 lbs. and Market Beef Heifers must weigh 800 lbs. If under they will be put in the Heavyweight feeder class and will not be able to sell in the JLA auction.
14. When entering feeder or market cattle, indicate the section but no class number. This will be determined after animals are weighed.
15. Market Classes will be decided by weight of animal at weigh in and will be assigned to a weight class by the superintendent.
16. Beef shown in a market class cannot be shown in a breeding class.
17. Both registered and commercial (non-registered) heifers can be shown. All heifers will be shown by date of birth.
18. All registered breeding heifer entered in the show must be registered with the official breed association in the name of the exhibitor prior to May 1st of the current year. All non-registered breeding animals must be owned by the exhibitor or co-owned with immediate family by May 1st of the current year. Registration and transfer papers must be approved by the superintendent at check-in time. Animals that are not registered or whose registration papers are not approved will show in the commercial class.
19. Showmanship age as January 1st of the current year.
20. There will be a peewee showmanship class. Registration prior to Fair is not required. Peewee showmanship will follow exhibitor showmanship. Peewee's need to be accompanied into the ring by an older exhibitor or adult.

21. Each exhibited is responsible to care for his or her market animal until release time.
22. Grooming chutes are to be set up in designated area.
23. No unethical fitting or procedures of animals will be allowed.
24. Club aisle duty is the responsibility of individual clubs to assign youth in that club.
25. No water buckets/barrels will be allowed to be left under or next to water sources.
26. Exhibits removed by any person or persons prior to release without permission and early release form signed by superintendent and fair board liaison will forfeit placements, ribbons or trophies for that exhibit and will not be allowed to enter exhibits the following year.

SECTION 57 - SHOWMANSHIP

Ribbons

Classes will be divided by age. Show order - oldest to youngest.

Class

600. All Beef Showmanship
609. Novice Showmanship
610. Champion and Reserve Champion Showman

SECTION 58 - CLUB HERD

Ribbons

Class

611. Club Herd (consists of 4 club beef animals, either market and/or breeding exhibited by at least two members from one club. One entry per club). This must be an entry on the club's entry form not the individual entry form.

SECTION 59 - HEREFORD

Ribbons

Class

612. Junior Heifer Calf (calved after 1-1-19)
613. Late Senior Heifer Calf (calved 11-1-18 through 12-31-18)
614. Early Senior Heifer Calf (calved 9-1-18 through 10-31-18)
615. Late Summer Yearling Heifer (calved 7-1-18 thru 8-31-18)
616. Early Summer Yearling Heifer (calved 5-1-18 thru 6-30-18)
617. Late Jr. Yearling Heifer (calved 3-1-18 through 4-30-18)
618. Early Jr. Yearling Heifer (calved 1-1-18 through 2-29-18)
619. Senior Yearling Heifer (calved 9-1-17 through 12-31-17)
620. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer

SECTION 60 – SHORTHORN

RIBBONS

Classes same as in Section 59

SECTION 61 – ANGUS

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**SECTION 62 – ALL OTHER REGISTERED BREEDS
RIBBONS**

Classes same as in Section 59

**SECTION 63 – COMMERCIAL AND CROSSBRED
RIBBONS**

Classes same as in Section 59

**SECTION 64 – ALL BREEDS
RIBBONS**

Class

- 621. Junior Bull Calf (calved after January 1ST this year)
- 622. Cow with natural calf of current year (not eligible for champion)
- 623. One bred & Owned heifer (heifer bred and raised on exhibitor's family farm)
- 624. Supreme and Reserve Champion over all Breeds (female)
- 625. Champion Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Female over all breeds.

**SECTION 65
MARKET & FEEDER CATTLE (All Breeds)
Ribbons**

Class

- 626. Beef Market Steer
- 627. Beef Market Heifer
- 628. Calves bred in the county and purchased by a county exhibitor also includes calves bred and raised by the family of the exhibitor. Proof of ownership should be submitted in the form of a bill of sale, registration paper, or in the case of a family owned herd, a letter with animal ID, signed by member, parent and leader.
- 629. Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef
- 630. Champion and Reserve Champion County Bred Market Beef
- 631. Lightweight Feeder
- 632. Heavyweight Feeder