

DEPARTMENT 4
BEEF CATTLE
Superintendent - Amanda Heinze 517-622-8054

GENERAL RULES

1. Livestock exhibitors must be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the department. Please refer to the MDA web site www.michigan.gov/mdafairreqs. At the time of check in all cattle must be identified with radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags. Animals will not be allowed with official metal ear tags or official registered breed tattoos as their identification.
2. Judging will be on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.
3. Both registered and commercial (non-registered) heifers can be shown.
4. Showmanship age as of January 1st of the current year.
5. Limited to 5 breeding animals, 2 market beef (steers and/or market heifer), 2 feeders and 1 carcass steer or heifer per exhibitor. Limit of 2 in the same class unless noted.
6. 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 their respective commercial class. The British Breed Commercial Class will include non-registered Angus Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, Polled Shorthorn and Red Poll. The Exotic Breed Commercial Class will include all other breeds.
7. Check-in ALL breeding animals on Monday between 10:00 a.m. and noon at the scales. Club aisle duty will be posted.
8. All market beef must be owned by the exhibitor by January 28th of the current year and be weighed-in and tagged on January 28th, or they will not be eligible for show or sale.
9. All market beef must be dehorned or have under 2" length, or they will not be eligible for the show.
10. Market beef will be weighed off the truck on Sunday from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Monday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.
11. All carcass animals must be broke to lead.
12. Market beef will be eligible for show.
13. First market class to start at 900 lbs. for steers and 800 lbs. for heifers.
14. When entering feeder or market cattle, indicate the section but no class number. This will be determined after animals are weighed.
15. Each exhibitor is responsible to care for his or her market animals until release time and help load them on the truck.
16. Beef shown in a market class cannot be shown in a breeding class.
17. Grooming chutes to be set in designated area.
18. No unethical fitting or procedures of animals will be allowed.
19. There will be a manure disposal fee of \$5 per animal. Fees are due with the barn space forms on May 1st. There is an additional \$10 species fee per family, that will be go towards additional species expenses.
20. There will be a peewee showmanship class. Youth showing in this class must be accompanied into the show ring by a parent or

legal guardian.

SECTION 57 - SHOWMANSHIP

Ribbons

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

Class

600. All Beef Showmanship
 - Showmanship 1
 - Showmanship 2
 - Showmanship 3
 - Showmanship 4
 - Showmanship 5
 - Showmanship 6
 - Showmanship 7
 - Showmanship 8
 - Showmanship 9
 - Showmanship 10
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 on an individual's entry form.**

SECTION 59 - HEREFORD

Ribbons

Class

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

SECTION 60 - BEEF SHORTHORNS

Classes same as in Section 59

SECTION 61 - ABERDEEN ANGUS

Classes same as in Section 59

SECTION 62 - SIMMENTAL

Classes same as in Section 59

SECTION 63 - CHIANINA

Classes same as in Section 59

SECTION 64 - LIMOUSIN

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Classes same as in Section 59

SECTION 65 - BRITISH COMMERCIALS

Classes same as in Section 59

SECTION 66 - EXOTIC COMMERCIALS

Classes same as in Section 59

SECTION 67 – ALL BREEDS

Classes same as in Section 59

Class

- 621. Junior Bull Calf (calved after 1-1-12)
- 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)

SECTION 68

Class

- 624. Supreme and Reserve Champion over all Breeds (female)
- 625. Champion Bred and Owned Female over all breeds

SECTION 69

MARKET & FEEDER CATTLE (All Breeds)

Ribbons

Class

- 626. All market feeders will be placed in one of the following classes after weigh-in.
 - 627. Lightweight Market Heifer
 - 628. Heavyweight Market Heifer
 - 629. Light Lightweight Steer
 - 630. Middle Lightweight Steer
 - 631. Heavy Lightweight Steer
 - 632. Light Middleweight Steer
 - 633. Middle Middleweight Steer
 - 634. Heavy Middleweight Steer
 - 635. Light Heavyweight Steer
 - 636. Middle Heavyweight Steer
 - 637. Heavy Heavyweight Steer
 - 638. Extra Heavyweight Steer
- 639. 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.
 - Lightweight
 - Middleweight
 - Heavyweight
 - Extra Heavyweight
- 640. Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef
- 641. Lightweight Feeder
- 642. Heavyweight Feeder

SECTION 70 - RATE OF GAIN CATTLE

Sliding Scale

Class

- 643. Pounds gained from January 29th to July 8th or 9th
- 644. Best rate of gain
Rate of gain should be posted above animal while being exhibited at the fair. Exhibitor's highest gaining animal is eligible.