

JUNIOR BEEF DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT - 202

Rules

1. Animals may be grade or purebred.
2. A maximum of five (5) animals may be exhibited by a member, two of which must be owned by exhibitor. Animals shall be tagged (a maximum of three (3) steers per exhibitor may be tagged) with official Fair tags available from the Fair office and numbers listed on entry form. Once the steer has been tagged, it is MANDATORY to take a set of photos of the steer (both profiles and clear headshot w/visible tag) and either mail it to the Fair Office (506 Lincoln Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186) or submit it into the appropriate breed submission form found on the Fair's [Entry Info](#) page. Photos should include exhibitors name and be sent no later than April 30th to be eligible to sell the steer at auction.
3. Feed must be furnished by the exhibitor.
4. **Age Classification:**
 - Cow/Calf Pair**
 - Bucket Calf** is one born on or after January 1st of this year. The calf must be under 4 months old.
 - Junior Calf** is one born January 1st – Fair (year of Fair). The calf must be at least 4 months old at Fair time.
 - Senior Calf** is one born September 1st - December 31st the year prior to Fair.
 - Summer Yearling** is one born May 1st - August 31st the year prior to Fair.
 - Junior Yearling** is one born January 1st - April 30th the year prior to Fair.
 - Senior Yearling** is one born September 1st - December 31st 2 years prior to Fair.
 - 2-year-old** and older is one born before September 1st two years ago and shall have calved during the past year.
5. All animals must meet state health regulations listed under Wisconsin County, District and State Fair Animal Health Rules and Regulations in this book.
6. Horns – There are no regrowth of horns allowed more than 3 inches after dehorning prior to the winter/spring weigh-in.
7. For Market Class steers to qualify for Rate of Gain Competition, they must participate in a weigh-in held early in the year. Date and time TBD. Market Class steers are weighed 1 time at the weigh-in and a final weight is recorded on Wednesday of Fair. Weights recorded are final at both weigh-ins. No additional or alternate weigh-ins will be administered.
8. Market Class animals will be divided into classes by weight. Divisions will be determined by the Superintendent. Enter steers in **Market Class** by respective breed and approximate weight group. Up to two (2) market steers may be entered in any class listed. If entering two animals in the same class, be sure to enter the class two times. See the [Livestock Auction Rules](#) for more details.
9. Market animal pictures, tags, and/or registration identification will be allowed a 1 week (7 day) penalized extension after the last day in April. This penalized extension has a firm \$100 fine per animal entry and the animal/exhibitor will not be eligible to participate in rate of gain. Absolutely no late entries will be allowed after this penalized extension nor will they be allowed to sell at the auction. All Livestock Animal Rules must be abided by. See the [Livestock Auction Rules](#) for more details.
10. All livestock animals (market, breeding stock, etc.) must be in place by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday (market class for weighing).
11. All animals must remain in barns or show area/wash rack. No tie outs are allowed.
12. Pop-up tents will be acceptable ONLY for temporary needs – fitting, show preparation, creating shade, or specified purpose and taken down promptly when use is no longer needed. Superintendent has final decision on acceptability.
13. Release time for livestock animals purchased at the auction will be Sunday at 7:00 p.m.
14. Animals sold at auctions that will be shown at State fair must have the buyer sign a buyer release form.
15. Entry fee is \$15.00 per animal (non-refundable).
16. Beef will be judged Thursday.
17. Exhibitors will include breed information with submitted photos with ear tag no later than April 30th through the appropriate breed submission form found on the Fair's [Entry Info](#) page. Three photos are required to be submitted for the breed submission form – a profile photo of each side of the animal along with a clear and visible head shot with legible ear tag. Any class breed (steers) may be put into **Division: Any Other Breed** at the discretion of the superintendent to combine classes. There will be a minimum of 5 animals to make a breed class. All classes can be combined or split at the discretion of the Superintendent.
18. There will be no breed changes or exhibitor changes accepted after June 15th.
19. Judges' decision is final once awards are presented to exhibitor. No one may approach or question the judge after judging is completed.
20. Drenching – There will be no drenching without prior permission from the Superintendent, Livestock Director and Fair Veterinarian.

21. Junior beef exhibitors may receive assistance in fitting their animal ONLY from immediate family members (father, mother, brother, sister), or by approved Waukesha County Registered 4-H volunteers, Waukesha County FFA Advisors while at the fairgrounds. Any questions, please contact the Superintendent or Livestock Director.

DIVISION: JR. ANGUS

DIVISION: JR. HEREFORD

DIVISION: JR. SHORTHORN

DIVISION: JR. ANY OTHER BREED

DIVISION: JR. CROSSBRED

Class No.	Blue	Red	White	Pink
	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00
1. Bull calf, junior				
2. Bull calf, senior				
3. Bred & owned Bull calf				
4. Heifer calf, junior				
5. Heifer calf, senior				
6. Bred & owned Heifer calf				
7. Heifer, summer yearling				
8. Heifer, junior yearling				
9. Bred & owned Heifer				
10. Heifer, senior yearling				
11. Two-year-old and older				
12. Bred & owned Two-year-old and older				

DIVISION: BUCKET STEER CALF

Rules

1. Beef calf must be born after January 1 of present show year.
2. Dairy calf must not be born after September 1 of previous show year.
3. Calves must be castrated (cleanly, and completely healed).
4. Calves must be halter broke.
5. Cows are not allowed in the ring

Class No.	Blue	Red	White	Pink
	9.00	8.00	7.00	5.00
1. Steer Calf				
2. Steer Calf				
3. Steer Calf				
4. Bred & owned Steer Calf				

Champion Male – By Breeds (any grade) **Ribbon Only**
 Reserve Champion Male – By Breeds (any grade)
 Champion Female – By Breeds (any grade)
 Reserve Champion Female – By Breeds (any grade)

DIVISION: MARKET CLASS (Must be in place by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday)

Exhibitors may enter a maximum of three (3) market steers total. Up to two (2) market steers may be entered in any class listed below. If entering two animals in the same class, be sure to enter the class two times.

Class No.	Blue	Red	White	Pink
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
1. Angus Steer				
2. Any Other				
3. Dairy Steer				
4. Crossbred Steer				
5. Hereford Steer				
6. Bred & owned Market Steer				

(Sub-divided by weight)

**Championship Ribbons Awarded as Judge desires.
CHAMPIONS**

Ribbon Only

Champion Steer by Breed Groups
Reserve Champion by Breed Groups
Grand Champion Steer
Reserve Grand Champion Steer

DIVISION: RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

No.

1. Rate of Gain

Champion and Reserve Champion

Banner

DIVISION: SHOWMANSHIP

Class No.

Blue	Red	White	Pink
6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

1. Beginner (11 yrs and under)
2. Junior (12 – 14 yrs)
3. Senior (15 yrs and over)

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