

## Department 02 - Beef Cattle Junior Division

Superintendents: Julie Yonker and Shelbee Woods



Check-In Time & Day – 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesday of the Fair

Weigh-In Time & Day – 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday of the Fair. Weigh-ins are completed in the following order: Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef

Ultrasound Time & Day – Begins at 5 p.m. on Wednesday of the Fair. Ultrasounds are completed in the following order: Beef, Swine, Goats, Sheep

Judging Time & Day – 10 a.m. on Friday of the Fair

Check Out – 4 p.m. on Sunday of the Fair

### ADDITIONAL RULES OF ENTRY

- Youth eligible to exhibit in this department are those enrolled in a 4H, FFA, or other approved youth group carrying a similar supervised program in a Beef Cattle project area.
- Only one entry may be entered under each lot number.
  - o Exception: Class D: Beef Market Steer Class

### REQUIREMENTS, REGULATIONS & RULES:

A complete list of animal exhibit rules can be found in the 'General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors' section of the premium book. All rules within that section of the premium book apply, in addition to the information documented herein.

#### Animal Identification:

- Beef cattle to be exhibited at the fair must be identified on the 'Beef Cattle Pre-Identification' form.
  - o A copy of this form is available on the Oconto County Youth Fair website.
  - o This form is to be turned into the Superintendents during check-in on entry day, at which time the identification of the animal will be verified.
  - o This procedure meets the fair's record keeping requirement under Wisconsin DATCP
  - o This document must be signed and fully completed, NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Exhibitors are to list the permanent identification and birth date of the animals in each class that they intend to show.
- Permanent identification may be breed registration papers, sketch or photo of spotted cattle with birth date, dam and sire identification information, tattoo, or ear tag.
- Exhibitors using ear tags for identification are responsible for replacing lost tags and reporting old and new tag numbers to the department Superintendent.

#### Required Records or Documents:

- Exhibitors must turn in record keeping documents from their project to the department Superintendent at check-in.
  - o 4-H Project Record Book pages or FFA SAE Award Application qualifies.
    - Other record forms need to be submitted to the Fair Board in advance of the Fair for approval.
  - o 'Livestock Managerial Project Agreement' form if the animal is not owned by the exhibitor.
  - o 'Beef Cattle Pre-Identification' form.
  - o 'Youth Livestock Project Record' form (choose the correct grade).
  - o Proof of registration of animals entered in purebred classes (bull calves) must be submitted to the superintendent at the time of check-in.
- All records must be signed and fully completed, NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Animal Health:**

- All health requirements set by the State of Wisconsin DATCP must be met before the animals are allowed entry at the Fair.
- Exhibited animals will be inspected at check-in on the trailer for ringworm, mange, warts, and other health conditions.
  - o Suspect animals will be isolated and checked by the Fair Veterinarian
  - o Infected animals will be sent home by the Fair Veterinarian

**Barn rules:**

A complete list of barn and display rules can be found in the 'General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors' section of the premium book.

- Clubs across alleys are jointly responsible for maintaining a clear and clean 8-foot alley.  Areas along the inside walls of alleys to the wash racks are not to be used for feed storage or show boxes.
- Tack room is allowed as space permits. This is subject to the Superintendents and Fair Board.

**Additional Rules for Exhibits:**

- To show in the dairy steer market class, animals must be of one of the seven major U.S. dairy breeds:
  - o Holstein, Red and White Holstein, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, or Milking Shorthorn
- Steers of all breeds except Milking Shorthorn may be registered or grade. Milking Shorthorn steers must have registration papers that verify that the steer is from a Shorthorn dairy line.  Determination of breed status will be made by an outside judge at the time of spring weigh-in based on physical breed characteristics.
- Real-time ultrasound will be used to determine carcass measurements on all market steers. Ribbons will be awarded to exhibitors of all market steers for the ultrasound-derived carcass ranking.  If an animal is identified to be a stag at any time during the fair, the animal will be disqualified and removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
- Beef cattle with horns longer than 1" (measured from the hair line), will not be permitted to show. Loosely attached spurs (not attached to the skull) are allowed.
  - o Exception: If the horns are the breed standard such as Scottish Highlanders or Texas Longhorns. The showing of these animals with other animals in class will be left to the discretion of the judge.
- Feeder Calves must be castrated and fully healed; band and testicles dropped and wound fully closed and healed.

**Weigh-In Requirements and Performance Standards:**

- Steers must be weighed on test and identified at the time and place specified by the Oconto County Youth Livestock Committee and Fair Board.
- Exhibitors are responsible for transporting their steers to the fairgrounds to be weighed.  Exhibitors may weigh in four (4) steers and may show two (2) animals in the market class.  Livestock market project animals will be weighed off test (i.e., move through the scale) only one time. Preliminary weighing or reweighing of underweight animals at the Fair is prohibited.  The following standards must be met for steers to qualify for the Sale of Champions:
  1. Steers must be under 2 years of age at Fair time as determined by mousing. Steers should be born after January 1st of year preceding this year's Fair.
  2. Steer performance standards:
    - Minimum average daily gain on test 2.0 pounds.
    - Minimum live grade USDA low choice.
    - Steers must weigh a minimum of 1100 pounds off test to qualify to sell.

**Department Definitions (as defined by ATCP 160.08 and the Fair Board):**

- Junior Calf: Born on or after January 1 of the exhibit year and shall be at least 4 months old at the time of the exhibit.

- Senior Calf: Date of birth is between September 1 and December 31 of the year preceding the exhibit

- year.
- Summer Yearling: Date of birth is between May 1 and August 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
- Junior Yearling: Date of birth is between January 1 and April 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
- Senior Yearling: Date of birth is between September 1 and December 31 of the second year preceding the exhibit year.
- 2 year-old or Older: Born between September 1 of the second year preceding the exhibit year and which has calved during the past year.
- Feeder Calf: Date of birth is between January 1 and May 31 of the exhibit year.  Beef Breed: Refers to the recognized beef breed, crossbred of beef breeds, or beef breed.  Dairy Breed: Refers to animals where both parents are dairy breeds.
- Dairy-Beef Cross: Refers to animals where one parent is a dairy breed, one a beef breed.

### AWARDS - ELIGIBILITY, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

#### Sale of Champions

Youth exhibiting in any beef market steer class can qualify for the Sale of Champions if all requirements are met.

- Exhibitors must meet all requirements outlined in 'General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors' section of the premium book.
- Exhibitors must enter and show at least two (2) animals in the beef cattle show at the Oconto County Fair.
  - o The two animals shown must be breed specific from the below listed options:
    - Beef animal
    - Dairy market animal. A dairy feeder calf can count as a second animal.
    - Dairy-beef cross market animal. A dairy-beef cross feeder calf can count as a second animal.
  - o The animals shown may both be of the same breed option, or a combination of two.
- Exhibits must meet all weigh-in requirements and performance standards.
- A minimum of four (4) beef breed steers and four (4) dairy breed steers, and four (4) dairy-beef cross steers or 50 percent (50%) of the number of qualifying steers (the calculated number rounded up) will be sold at the Sale of Champions, if qualified.
  - o The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Ultrasound carcass contest steers of the beef, dairy and dairy-beef cross steer classes will sell, if qualified.
  - o Additional steers to sell will be the top-ranked qualified beef, dairy and dairy-beef cross steers in the Market Steer Class judging.

#### Bred and Owned (Ribbon Only)

- Exhibitors with registered beef animals owned and bred by the exhibitor.
- The exhibitor must show registration papers as they enter the show ring.

#### **Lot Number:**

**1.**

#### Other Awards

- Awards will be presented to the following individuals:
  - o Receiving top blue ribbons in each division in Beef Showmanship.
  - o Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the beef breed, dairy breed, crossbred market steer class.
  - o Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the beef breed, dairy breed, crossbred steer ultrasound carcass class.
  - o Receiving Best of Show of the beef show.
  - o Producing the highest rate of gain on test with a sale-qualified market dairy and beef breed steer.

CLASS A - FEEDER CALF

PREMIUMS: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th  
9.00 8.00 7.00 5.00

Lot Numbers:

1. Beef breed calf, lightweight
2. Beef breed calf, heavyweight
3. Dairy breed calf, lightweight
4. Dairy breed calf, heavyweight
5. Dairy-beef cross calf, lightweight
6. Dairy-beef cross calf, heavyweight

CLASS B - BEEF BREEDING CATTLE, ANY BREED OR CROSSBREED

PREMIUMS (Lots 1-2): 1st 2nd 3rd 4th  
9.00 8.00 7.00 5.00

PREMIUMS (Lots 3-6): 1st 2nd 3rd 4th  
11.00 9.00 7.00 5.00

PREMIUMS (Lot 7): 1st 2nd 3rd 4th  
8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00

PREMIUMS (Lot 8): Ribbon Only

Lot Numbers:

1. Bull calf, junior, must be purebred
2. Heifer calf, junior
3. Heifer calf, senior
4. Heifer, summer yearling
5. Heifer, junior yearling
6. Heifer, senior yearling
7. Cow, 2 years & over
8. Cow and calf (Cow 2 years & over)

CLASS C - ULTRASOUND CARCASS CONTEST

PREMIUMS: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th  
6.00 5.00 4.00 3.00

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must meet all market animal requirements and steer performance standards.
- Maximum number of entries is one (1) animal per exhibitor.
- Animal may be also entered in Beef Market Steer Class.

Lot Numbers:

1. Steer, beef breed
2. Steer, dairy breed
3. Steer, dairy-beef cross

CLASS D - BEEF MARKET STEER CLASS

PREMIUMS: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th  
8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must meet all market animal requirements and steer performance standards.
- Maximum number of entries is two (2) animals per exhibitor in all market classes.

- Classes will be broken by weight of animal, as the superintendents determine class size.
- This class will use the Regular Judging system.

Lot Numbers:

1. Steer, beef breed
2. Steer, dairy breed
3. Steer, dairy-beef cross

CLASS E - BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th  
3.00 2.50 2.00 1.50

REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:

- Exhibitors in beef cattle showmanship must show one of their project animals in the showmanship class.
- This class will use the Danish Judging system.
- Showmanship order: Senior, Intermediate, Beginner.
  - o Show order and weight breaks may be changed at the discretion of the judge.

Lot Number:

1. Beginner, Grades 3-5
2. Intermediate, Grades 6-8
3. Senior, Grade 9 & up

