

## Department 2 – Beef Cattle

Project Numbers 20101, 20102, 20103

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**Entry Day** – 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday of the fair. Market steer entries must be checked in by 3:00 pm. Steers will be weighed and ultrasounded between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

**Judging Day** – Friday of the Fair

**Judging Time** – 1:30 PM Friday

**Judging Order** – Feeder calves, breeding stock, market steers (beef, then dairy) showmanship

**Check Out** - Begins at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday and must be removed by 6:30 p.m.

### Additional Rules of Entry –

- Youth enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, or other youth groups in a supervised beef project are eligible to participate in this project.
- Beef cattle to be exhibited at the Fair must be identified on the forms provided by the UW Extension office. Exhibitor is to list the permanent identification and birth date of the animals in each class that they intend to show. This form is to be turned in to the superintendents during check-in on entry day, at which time, the identification of the animal will be verified. This procedure meets the Fair's record keeping requirement under Wisconsin DATCP animal health rules. 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 UW Extension office.
- Animals that cannot be controlled by the exhibitor will, at the direction of the superintendent and/or judge, be tied at the side of the ring to be judged.
- Proof of registration of animals entered in purebred classes (bull calves) must be submitted to the superintendent at the time of check in.
- All health requirements must be met before the animals are entered.
  - See WDATCP Animal Health Rules and Requirements Section of this book.
  - Inspection of exhibit animals at 8 pm Thursday evening. The superintendents and representatives of the livestock committee will go through the barn to inspect exhibit animals for ring worm, mange, warts and other health conditions. Suspect animals will be checked by the fair vet. Those found to be infected by the vet will be sent home.
  - In the event an exhibit animal is sent home for health reasons, a replacement exhibit identified on the exhibitor's pre-entry identification form can be checked in to replace it.
  - Exhibitors are to call their own veterinarian for emergency or non-emergency animal health issues with their animals while at the fair. Exhibitors calling the fair veterinarian to see animals at the fair will be charged that doctor's normal stop charge plus treatment costs for the call.
- Exhibit decorating rules can be found in General Rules.
- Beef entries will be accepted between 1 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. **Market steer entries must be checked in by 3:00 pm. Steers will be weighed and ultrasounded between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.**
- **No beef cattle are to be unloaded from trailers on entry day until after a superintendent has checked them in.**
- For class definitions, see WDATCP Chapter ATCP 160.08 and 160.09 printed in the premium book.
- 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.
- **ONLY TOUCH-UP** clipping will be allowed at the fair. Touch-up clipping does not include major body clipping. Clipping and grooming of any animal on the fairgrounds must only be done by the exhibitor or immediate family. Immediate family includes: parent, step-parent, legal guardian of

the exhibitor, a sibling or a step-sibling. Exhibitors in violation of clipping rules will be sanctioned with a pink ribbon.

- 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.
- In class listings, beef breed refers to recognized beef breed, crossbred of beef breeds or beef breed and dairy breed crossbred. Dairy breed refers to animals where both parents are dairy breeds.
- Feeder calf entries must be born between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the fair.
- Feeder calves must be castrated and fully healed, i.e. band and testicles dropped and wound fully closed and healed.

## AWARDS

### **SALE OF CHAMPIONS**

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

- Youth exhibiting in any beef market steer class can qualify for the Sale of Champions by meeting the requirements outlined in this section.
- Youth must exhibit two beef animals at the Oconto County Fair in order to be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions.
- 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. An exhibitor may show two (2) animals in the market class. The following standards must be met for steers to qualify for the Sale of Champions.
  - Steers must be under 2 years of age at fair time as determined by mousing. Steers should be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of year preceding this year's fair.
  - Steer performance standards:
    - a) Minimum average daily gain on test                      2.0 lbs
    - b) Minimum live grade    USDA low choice
- Livestock market project animals will be weighed off test (i.e. move through the scale) only one time. Preliminary weighing or re-weighing of underweight animals at the fair is prohibited.
- Exhibitors must complete and sign production and financial records on the forms provided and turn them in to the beef superintendent or Fair Extension office before the market class judging begins.
- Exhibitors are required to enter and participate in the appropriate beef showmanship class.
- Exhibitors must certify that they have participated in a minimum of three training, educational, or project activities; or the equivalent, during the current project year. To qualify a beef animal for the sale, one educational activity must be specific to the beef project. No duplicate activities, i.e. two jobs, three ag classes, etc. will be allowed as separate educational requirements--must be three different types of activities. A list of suggested activities meeting this requirement has been developed by the Youth Animal Sciences committees and is available from the Oconto County UW Extension office
- **Meat Animal Quality Assurance Training (MAQA)**- The County Youth Animal Project Committee has ruled that all large meat animal exhibitors (beef, swine, sheep, meat goats) must participate in MAQA training to qualify to sell.
- A minimum of four beef breed steers and four dairy breed steers or 50 percent (50%) of the number of qualifying steers (the calculated number rounded up from zero) will be sold at the Sale of Champions. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Ultrasound carcass contest steers of the beef and dairy steer classes will sell if qualified. Additional steers to sell will be the top ranked qualified beef and dairy steers in the Market Steer Class judging.
- Exhibitors are responsible for insuring the safety and wholesomeness of the meat animals they are producing and exhibiting. All exhibitors and their parent or guardian must certify, on forms provided, to proper withdrawal of all additives and medications in the animal(s) being shown. The exhibitor will be responsible for financial losses incurred due to condemnation of carcasses for illegal residues and may be liable for additional sanctions under state and federal regulations.

The Youth Animal Science Committees and Fair Board may, at their discretion, order testing of samples from animals sold at the Sale of Champions for illegal residues at the expense of the exhibitor.

- Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions. An individual qualifying for more than one exhibit for the sale will elect the exhibit they wish to sell; the next ranked qualifying exhibit would then be eligible to sell. Exhibits must earn a blue ribbon to be eligible to sell. Exhibitors eligible to sell more than one exhibit must decide which to sell and report their decision to the chairman of the sale of champions or Extension agriculture agent no later than one hour following the end of the last show of the fair. If the exhibitor does not comply, the Sale of Champions committee will make the decision.
- Exhibitors selling in the Sale of Champions will receive the amount bid for their exhibit, minus a commission determined by the Youth Animal Science Committee and Fair Board. The commission covers awards, advertising and other expenses of the market class and sale. Exhibitors will be paid as soon after the fair as all expenses are calculated and commission is determined.
- **An extra two-percent (2%) will be deducted from the checks of sellers who fail to help set-up and take down for the auction and be present to help with clean-up of the fair on the Monday following the fair.**

#### **Other Awards:**

Trophies will be awarded to the individuals:

- Receiving top blue ribbons in each division in Beef Showmanship
- Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the beef breed and dairy breed market steer class
- Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the beef breed and dairy breed steer ultrasound carcass class
- Receiving Best of Show of the beef show
- Producing the highest rate of gain on test with a sale-qualified market steer

The name of the group receiving the top blue beef herdsmanship ribbon has its name inscribed on the permanent beef herdsmanship plaque displayed in the beef barn.

#### **AGE CLASSIFICATIONS:**

Junior Calf:	January 1, 2009 to April 17, 2009
Senior Calf:	September 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008
Summer Yearling:	May 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008
Junior Yearling:	January 1, 2008 to April 30, 2008
Senior Yearling:	September 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007
Cow, 2 yrs. & over:	Born before September, 2007

#### **BEEF SHOW ORDER**

Feeder Calves

Male breeding classes

Selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion breeding males

Breeding female classes.

Selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion breeding females.

Market beef steers

Market dairy steers

Senior Showmanship

Intermediate Showmanship

Beginner Showmanship

Class runner up to the Grand Champion may be brought in to be judged for the Reserve Champion

### CLASS A—FEEDER CALF

<b>PREMIUM</b>	<u><b>1st</b></u>	<u><b>2nd</b></u>	<u><b>3rd</b></u>	<u><b>4th</b></u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

Lot Numbers

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Beef breed calf, lightweight | 3. Dairy breed calf, lightweight |
| 2. Beef breed calf, heavyweight | 4. Dairy breed calf, heavyweight |

### CLASS B--BEEF BREEDING CATTLE, ANY BREED OR CROSSBREED

<b>PREMIUM</b>	<u><b>1st</b></u>	<u><b>2nd</b></u>	<u><b>3rd</b></u>	<u><b>4<sup>th</sup></b></u>
Lot Numbers 1 & 2	9.00	8.00	7.00	5.00
Lot Numbers 3 – 6	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00
Lot Number 7	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
Lot Number 8	Ribbon Only			

Lot Numbers

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

### CLASS C—ULTRASOUND CARCASS CONTEST

Maximum number of entries is one (1) animal per exhibitor. May be also entered in Beef Market Steer Class

<b>PREMIUM</b>	<u><b>1st</b></u>	<u><b>2nd</b></u>	<u><b>3rd</b></u>	<u><b>4th</b></u>
	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

Lot Numbers

1. Steer, beef breed
2. Steer, dairy breed

### CLASS D—BEEF MARKET STEER CLASS (Regular Judging)

(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)

<b>PREMIUM</b>	<u><b>1st</b></u>	<u><b>2nd</b></u>	<u><b>3rd</b></u>	<u><b>4th</b></u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

Lot Numbers

1. Steer, beef
2. Steer, dairy

### CLASS E—BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

<b>PREMIUM</b>	<u><b>1st</b></u>	<u><b>2nd</b></u>	<u><b>3rd</b></u>	<u><b>4th</b></u>
	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50

Lot Numbers

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1. Beginners, Grade 3-5    | Showmanship order: Senior, Intermediate, and Beginner<br><b>Show order and weight breaks may be changed at the discretion of the judge</b> |
| 2. Intermediate, Grade 6-8 |  |
| 3. Senior, Grade 9 & up    |  |

**CLASS F—BRED AND OWNED**

Beef animal owned and bred by exhibitor. Must show registration papers as you enter the show ring.

Lot Numbers

1. Bred and owned

Ribbon Only

