

Department 2 – Beef Cattle

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Requirements:

1. Youth enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, or other youth groups in a supervised beef project are eligible to participate in this project.
2. 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.
3. **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, but will be judged.**
4. Proof of registration of animals entered in purebred classes (bull calves) must be submitted to the superintendent at the time of check in.
5. All health requirements must be met before the animals are entered.
 - A. See WDATCP Health Requirements Section.
 - B. 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.
 - C. 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.
 - D. 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.
6. Exhibit decorating rules can be found in General Rules.
7. Beef entries will be accepted between 9:00 a.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. To prevent long lines at the scale, exhibitor families will draw numbers after check-in to determine weigh-in and ultrasound order.**
8. **No beef cattle are to be unloaded from trailers on entry day until after a superintendent has checked them in.**
9. Beef cattle may be removed from the fairgrounds after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday and must be removed by 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.
10. For class definitions, see Chapter ATCP 160.08 and 160.09 printed in the premium book.
11. 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.
12. Animals that cannot be controlled by the exhibitor will, at the direction of the superintendent or judge, be tied at the side of the ring, but will be judged.
13. **ONLY TOUCH-UP** clipping will be allowed at the fair. Touch-up clipping does not include major body clipping.
14. 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.

15. 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 both parents of dairy breeds.
16. Feeder calf entries must be born between January 1st and May 31st of the year of the fair.
17. Feeder calves must be castrated and fully healed, i.e. band and testicles dropped and wound fully closed and healed.
18. **Sale of Champion Eligibility Requirements and Procedures:**
 - a. Youth exhibiting in any beef market steer class can qualify for the Sale of Champions by meeting the requirements outlined in this section.
 - b. 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-on four (4) steers. An exhibitor may show two (2) animals in the market class.
 - c. 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:

a) Minimum average daily gain on test	2.0 lbs
b) Minimum live grade	USDA low choice
 - d. 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.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Exhibitors are required to enter and participate in the appropriate beef showmanship class.
 - g. 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 hog for the sale one educational activity must be specific to swine. 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. 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 Youth Development office.
 - g. 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.
 - h. 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.

- i. Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions. An individual qualifying more than one exhibit for the sale will select the exhibit they wish to sell. The next ranked from the class not selected by the champion will then be eligible to sell.
- j. 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.
- k. 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, 2008 to April 17, 2008

Senior Calf - September 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

Summer Yearling - May 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007

Junior Yearling - January 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007

Senior Yearling - September 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

Cow, 2 yrs. & over - Born before September, 2006

BEEF SHOW ORDER

1. All male breeding classes
2. Selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion breeding males
3. Breeding female classes.
4. Selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion breeding females.
5. Feeder Calves
6. Market dairy steers
7. Market beef steers
8. Senior Showmanship
9. Intermediate Showmanship
10. Beginner Showmanship

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

CLASS A—FEEDER CALF

PREMIUM

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

Lot Nos.

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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

PREMIUM

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Lot Nos 1 & 2	9.00	8.00	7.00	5.00
Lot Nos 3 – 6	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00
Lot No 7	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
Lot No 8	Ribbon Only			

Lot Nos

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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

PREMIUM

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

Lot Nos

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

PREMIUM

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

Lot Nos

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| 1. Steer, beef | 2. Steer, dairy breed |
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CLASS E—BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUM

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

Lot Nos

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

Showmanship order: Senior, Intermediate, and Beginner

Show order and weight breaks may be changed at the discretion of the judge.