

# BEEF - SECTION 001

4-H Beef Judging – Thursday, 8/1/24, 2 p.m.

4-H Superintendent: Melissa Fetterman

Judge-Cassandra Ploetz

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. NO WATER HOSES TO TOUCH THE GROUND, INCLUDES BARN AND WASH RACK
2. Backflow devices MUST be used on all hoses
  - a. Any gated connector or Y connector must have a backflow preventer before and after the connection.
  - b. If you do not have a backflow preventer, please go to the Fair office and sign one out.
3. Wheelbarrows, buckets, any open containers cannot be left with manure where it can collect rainwater.
4. If you have any question about Health Department Requirements please reach out to the fair office.

### Rules

1. All cattle must be identified by USDA approved official ear tag.
2. All cattle must be tested for BVD/PI. See animal health requirements, for additional information.
3. The range of weights for each steer group will be determined by a sort of the weights of the entered animals. Based on this sort, entries will be divided into equal weight groups (light, intermediate, medium, light heavy and heavy).
4. The minimum weight of the lightest group will be 800 lbs.
5. Only two animals per class, (unless group classes) per exhibitor.
6. No bulls born before January 1 of the current year.
7. Group class animal entries, may be owned by the same farm/family.
8. All beef animals coming to County Fair must be entered and shown in their respective class(es).
9. All beef animals must have a halter tie and a neck tie. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Steer will be named.
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11. A Supreme Champion (Best of Show) will be selected from all Grand Champion animals.
12. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their steers to weigh-in times!
13. Cloverbuds only permitted to show in Cloverbud Showmanship

### Showmanship Classes - MANDATORY

Past Master Showmanship winners are exempt.

4-H'ers must enter this class and list their ages as of January 1 of the current calendar year. The Superintendent reserves the right to adjust the class size as necessary. An Intermediate Showman will be chosen from the class winners aged 13 and under. The Intermediate Master Showman winner will compete for the Master Showman. First and second place winners older than age 13 will return to the ring to compete for Master and Reserve Master Champion Showman.

### Class No.

- 249 Cloverbud Showmanship – 5 through 8-year-old members with one-on-one supervision by an adult or experienced older teen who maintains ultimate control of the animal
- 250 Novice Fitting and Showmanship - any member showing beef for the first time at the Otsego County Fair
- 251 Junior Fitting and Showmanship – ages at least 9 and less than 14 years as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
- 252 Senior Fitting and Showmanship – ages must be at least 14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.

### **Herdsmanship Classes – MANDATORY**

4-H animal exhibitors are encouraged to maintain clean, attractive, educational displays. Using the Danish System, all animal exhibits will be evaluated daily on cleanliness and neatness of the area, availability of food and water to the animal, and the 4-H exhibitor's appearance and availability to the public. Decorations and ornaments will not be evaluated as part of these classes.

#### **Class No.**

- 005 Cloverbud 5 through 8-year-old members Receives a ribbon.  
007 Junior-ages at least 9 and less than 14 years as of January 1st of the current year.  
008 Senior- ages must be at least 14 years old as of January 1st of the current year.
- 300 Cow Class – Cow can be any age, does NOT have calf at side, cow may be open or bred, may be divided by age of cow.\* not eligible for NYS Fair  
301 Cow-Calf Class - Cow can be any age. Birth date of calf must be January 1 of current year or younger. Calf must be cow's natural calf, not an embryo transplant. Application for registration/ entry to calf must be on file with respective breed association before show day. Owner of cow must be recorded owner of calf. If there are large classes, cow/calf entries will be divided according to age of cows. Calf may be shown in individual classes.  
302 Pair of calves, born in current year, can be any combination from the same farm/family  
303 Pair of yearlings, born in previous year, can be any combination of heifer or steer from the same farm/family  
304 Get of Sire - shall consist of three animals which are the offspring of the same bull. This can be any combination of cows, calves, heifers, steers, and bull. No more than one of the animals may be a bull, which must have been born on or after January 1 of the current year.  
305 Produce of Dam-produce shall consist of two animals of any age or sex which are the offspring of that one cow. Either 2 heifers, or 1 heifer and 1 bull (bull must be born on or after January 1 of the current year.  
306 Best breeding animal owned & bred by exhibitor  
307 Feeder Steer
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  2. The minimum weight of the lightest group will be 800 lbs.
  3. Only 2 animals per class, per exhibitor, will be allowed after final wt./class breaks are made.
- 309 Market Steer  
310 Best market animal owned & bred by exhibitor  
311 Costume Class

#### **\*\*Dairy Market Animals\*\***

This is for feeder or market animal with 100% dairy breeding, steers or heifers

312. Steer or heifer, under 750 lbs.  
313. Steer or heifer 750-900 lbs.  
314. Steer or heifer over 900 lbs.

HE = Hereford  
OT = Other

AN = Angus  
\*C/U = Crosses or Not registered

WP = White Park  
SI = Simmental

Classes	HE	AN	WP	OT	C/U	SI
Bull Calf born between January 1 & March 31 of current year	253	260	267	274	281	288
Bull Calf born after April 1 of current year	254	261	268	275	282	289
Junior Heifer Calves born after Jan. 1 of current year	255	262	269	276	283	290
Senior Heifer Calves born between Sept. 1 & Dec. 31 of the preceding year (9-12 mos.)	256	263	270	277	284	291
Summer Yearling Heifers born between May 1 & Aug. 31 of the preceding year (13-16 mos.)	257	264	271	278	285	292
Junior Yearling Heifers born between Jan. 1 & Apr. 30 of the preceding year (17-20 mos.)	258	265	272	279	286	293
Senior Yearling Heifers born between Sept. 1 & Dec. 31 of the second preceding year (21-24 mos.)	259	266	273	280	287	294