

Department 2 – Beef Cattle
Project Numbers 20101, 20102, 20103
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Entry Day – 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday of the fair. Market steer entries must be checked in by 9:00 am

Judging Day – Friday of the fair

Judging Time – 1:30 p.m.

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 cattle 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. Exhibitors are 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.
- For class definitions, see *WDATCP Chapter ATCP 160.08 and 160.09* printed in the premium book.
- In class listings, beef breed refers to recognized beef breed, crossbred of beef breeds or beef breed and dairy breed crossbreds. Dairy breed refers to animals where both parents are dairy breeds.
- 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 *Animal Health Regulations for Fairs and Shows in Wisconsin* section of this book.
- Exhibited animals will be inspected at check-in on the trailer for ringworm, mange, warts, and other health conditions. Suspect animals will be isolated and checked by the fair veterinarian. Infected animals will be sent home by the vet.
- 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 Jr Fair General Rules section of 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 Is Allowed On The Fairgrounds. Major body clipping and grooming needs to be done at home before the fair for best results. Final grooming, including touch-up clipping may be done on the fairgrounds. The exhibitor must be the primary groomer with assistance from other current junior exhibitors. Family members may help with an exhibitor's final grooming, especially at younger ages, but the exhibitor is expected to be actively involved. Family includes parents/step-parents, legal guardians, siblings/step siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.
- 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.
- 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.
- Feeder calf entries must be born between January 1st and May 31st 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 1st 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, or educational activities; or the equivalent, during the current project year. To qualify market steers for the sale one educational activity must be specific to beef cattle. See *Educational Point Requirements for Oconto County Fair Animal Project Exhibitors* document in this premium book for details.
- **Meat Animal Quality Assurance Training (MAQA).** The County Youth Animal Project Committee has ruled that all large meat animal exhibitors (beef, dairy, 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) 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 exhibitor is 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 exhibitor qualifying a champion or reserve champion must sell the champion.
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 - An exhibitor qualifying two champions or two reserve champions will decide which exhibit to sell.
 - Exhibitors qualifying more than one non-champion entry will decide which exhibit to sell.
 - When an exhibitor qualifies more than one entry for the Sale, the next ranked qualifying entry in the class not sold from the same show will be eligible to sell.
 - Exhibitors who must decide what entry to sell must report their decision to the department superintendent or chairman of the Sale of Champions committee no later than one hour following the end of the last animal 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.

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 dairy and beef breed 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: Note: These dates are for the 2016 Fair. Add one year to all classes for 2017

Junior Calf:	January 1, 2016 to May 6, 2016
Senior Calf:	September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Summer Yearling:	May 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015

Junior Yearling: January 1, 2015 to April 30, 2015
 Senior Yearling: September 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
 Cow, 2 yrs. & over: Born before September 2014

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

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

Lot numbers

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

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

PREMIUM	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</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

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

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

Lot numbers

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

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 numbers

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

CLASS F—BRED AND OWNED

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

PREMIUM - RIBBON ONLY

Lot numbers

1. Bred and owned