



## Department 2 – Beef Cattle

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**\*\*\*The Official Fair Schedule will be posted on The Oconto County Youth webpage\*\*\***

### 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.—Dairy breed refers to animals where both parents are dairy breeds. Dairy crossbreds are if the animal is a cross of any dairy and beef breed.
- To show in the dairy steer market class, animals must be of one of the seven major U.S. dairy breeds (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. Determination of breed status will be made by an outside judge at the time of spring weigh-in based on physical breed characteristics. Milking Shorthorn steers must have registration papers that verify that the steer is from a Shorthorn dairy line.
- 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.
- 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.
- Animal exhibits 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 fair veterinarian.
- 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 the Junior Fair General Rules section of the premium book.
- The fair expects exhibitors to maintain neat displays, focus exhibits on displaying cattle, and maintain adequate alley space for safely moving cattle and Fair visitors. To meet these goals:
  - Feed stored in the display area is limited to what space allows. Additional feed may be stored in trailers in designated parking areas.
  - Club show boxes may be placed at the outside of gates on ends of the barn.
  - Clubs across alleys are jointly responsible for maintaining a clear and clean 8-foot alley.
  - Areas along the inside walls of alleys to wash racks are not to be used for feed storage or show boxes.
- 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 **Oconto County Youth Fair** 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 hairline), will not be permitted to show. Loosely attached spurs (not attached to the skull) are allowed. The only exception to this rule will be if the horns are the breed standard such as Scottish Highlanders and/or Texas Longhorns. The showing of these animals with other animals in class will be left to the discretion of the judge.
- 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 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 colored beef animals at the Oconto Youth County Fair in order to be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions.
- Youth must exhibit two dairy market animals at the Oconto County Youth Fair in order to be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions. (a Dairy Feeder Calf will count as a second market animal)
- Youth must exhibit two crossbred market animals at the Oconto County Youth Fair in order to be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions. (A Crossbred Feeder Calf will count as a second market animal.)
- 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 mouthing. 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
    - c) Steers must weigh a minimum of 1100# off test to qualify to sell
- 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 into the beef superintendent 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.
- Exhibitors of beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine must participate and complete in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training to qualify to sell in the Sale of Champions.
- A minimum of 4 beef breed steers and 4 dairy breed steers, and 4 crossbred 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 the 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 ensuring the safety and wholesomeness of the meat animals they are producing and exhibiting. All exhibitors and their parent or guardian must certify, on the 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 the condemnation of carcasses for illegal residues and may be liable for additional sanctions under state and federal regulations. 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 percentage determined by the Youth Animal Science Committee and Fair Board. The percentage 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 percentage is determined.

### Other Awards:

Awards 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, dairy breed, crossbred market steer class
- Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the beef breed, dairy breed, crossbred 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.

### CLASS DEFINITIONS:

<b>JUNIOR CALF</b>	<b>one born on or after January 1 of exhibit year (at least 4 months old at time of show)</b>
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<b>SENIOR CALF</b>	one whose date of birth is between September 1 and December 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year
<b>SUMMER YEARLING</b>	one whose date of birth is between May and August 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year
<b>JUNIOR YEARLING</b>	one whose date of birth is between January 1 and April 30 of the year preceding the exhibit year
<b>SENIOR YEARLING</b>	one whose date of birth is between September 1 and December 31 of the second year preceding the exhibit year
<b>2 YEAR OLD OR OLDER COW</b>	is one born before September 1 of the second year preceding the exhibit year

#### **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.

**Bred & Owned**

Market beef steers

Market Dairy Crossbred 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**

##### **1st**

8.00

##### **2nd**

7.00

##### **3rd**

6.00

##### **4th**

5.00

##### **Lot Numbers**

1	Beef breed calf, lightweight	4	Dairy breed calf, heavyweight
2	Beef breed calf, heavyweight	5	Dairy Crossbred calf, lightweight
3	Dairy breed calf, lightweight	6	Dairy Crossbred calf, heavyweight

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

<b>Premiums</b>	<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup></u></b>
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)	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 years & 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>Premiums</b>	<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4th</u></b>
	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

### **Lot Numbers**

1	Steer, beef breed	3	Dairy, beef crossbred
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>	<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4th</u></b>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

### **Lot Numbers**

1	Steer, beef breed	3	Dairy, beef crossbred
2	Steer, dairy breed		

## **CLASS E—BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**

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

### **Lot Numbers**

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

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 (Ribbon Only)**

- Beef animals owned and bred by exhibitors. Must show registration papers as you enter the show ring.