



**Entry Fees and Deadlines:**

\$10 per entry                      Due May 15, 2026  
 \$20 per entry                      After May 15, 2026

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# DEPARTMENT 15

## Youth Market Beef Show

### Showmanship

**American System of Judging**

Cash Awards for classes 4, 5 and 6

**Showmanship Rules**

1. All exhibitors will be entered in Showmanship, no pre-entry required.
2. FFA members in Class 1 will automatically be entered in class 6.
3. Only animals owned, fitted and properly entered for competition by youth exhibitors are eligible, except those horses may be leased. Exhibitors must use their own animals for showmanship.
4. Exhibitors are to wear official show attire.
5. Exhibitor's birthdate must be entered in the online entry platform.
6. The winner of Junior Master Showmanship from previous years may opt to enter in an older age class and compete for a chance to qualify for Advanced Master Showmanship.

### Special Awards

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| 4-H Advanced Showmanship     | Award, Rosette |
| 4-H Intermediate Showmanship | Award, Rosette |
| 4-H Junior Showmanship       | Award, Rosette |
| 4-H Beginner Showmanship     | Award, Rosette |
| FFA First Year Showmanship   | Award, Rosette |
| FFA Advanced Showmanship     | Award, Rosette |

| <b>AWARDS - Showmanship</b> |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b>       | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> |
| \$30                        | \$25                  | \$20                  | \$18                  | \$15                  | \$10                  | \$7                   | \$5                   |

## DIVISION

### A. Showmanship

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## CLASS

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1. FFA First Year Project Members (Ribbon Only)  
Open to members exhibiting that species of livestock for the first time ever. If an exhibitor has exhibited the project in another organization, he/she is not eligible for this class. First year project exhibitors may show in class 6 as well.
2. 4-H Beginner (Ribbon Only)  
Open to members 9-10 years old as of December 31, 2025. Top three winners in this class compete in the next age group.
3. 4-H Junior (Ribbon only)  
Open to members 11-13 years old as of December 31, 2025. Winner of class qualifies for Junior Master Showmanship. Previous Junior Master Showmanship winners may show in Intermediate.
4. 4-H Intermediate (Ribbon and Cash Award)  
Open to 4-H members 14-15 years old as of December 31, 2025. Top three winners in this class will compete in the next age group.
5. 4-H Advanced (Ribbon and Cash Award)  
Open to 4-H members 16 and over as of December 31, 2025. Winner of this class qualifies for Master Showmanship.
6. FFA Advanced (Ribbon and Cash Award)  
Open to FFA members. Winner of this class qualifies for Master Showmanship.

## Market

### American Judging System

Cash awards (non-sale animals only)

Market Ready: \$30

State Rule IV-6 Does Not Apply

### **Market Rules**

1. All Market beef must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds at the fair weigh in. No maximum weight, but animals will only be paid to 1,300 pound in the Junior Livestock Auction.
2. Management reserves the right to combine classes/organizations based on the number of animals pre- tagged.
3. At the discretion of management, each class will be broken down further by live weight. Management will determine the number of market classes to be judged after weigh-in.
4. **Slick Shorn Guidelines:** All slick shorn market steers must be slick shorn to within 1/4" of length. (approximately 7 to 10 days prior to arrival at the fair). The entire steer must be shorn, excluding the leg area from knee & hock down, tail head, switch, ears and poll. The tailhead and leg hair can be fitted for the show.

## Special Awards

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Supreme Champion Market Beef | Award, Banner, Rosette |
| Reserve Champion Market Beef | Award, Banner, Rosette |
| 4-H Grand Champion           | Award, Banner, Rosette |
| 4-H Reserve Grand Champion   | Award, Banner, Rosette |
| FFA Grand Champion           | Award, Banner, Rosette |
| FFA Reserve Grand Champion   | Award, Banner, Rosette |

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## JUDGING STANDARDS MARKET BEEF SCORECARD

### GRADE

#### Market Ready

Market Ready and Not Market Ready

Market beef projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime, Choice, or Select+ grades.

#### Not Market Ready

Market Beef lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. Market beef projected to grade USDA Select- or lower. NOT ELIGIBLE TO SELL.

### DIVISION

- B. FFA
- C. 4-H

### CLASS

1. Entry – Classification by weight

### Pair of Market Beef

#### American System of Judging

Owned by one exhibitor and judged as Market Beef individuals

### Special Awards

Champion each class  
1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> each class

Award  
Rosette

| AWARDS – Pair of Market Beef |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| \$30                         | \$25            | \$20            | \$15            | \$10            |

### DIVISION

- D. Pair of Market Beef

### CLASS

1. FFA Pair of Market Beef
2. 4-H Pair of Market Beef

## Chapter/Project Group

**No entry fee – Ribbon Only**

No more than two owned by one exhibitor. Only one entry per group may be entered. Animals must have been judged as market individuals. Judged on uniformity and quality.

### **Special Awards**

Champion each class  
1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> each class

Award  
Rosette

#### **DIVISION**

#### **E. Chapter/Project Group Awards**

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#### **CLASS**

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1. Any Three FFA Market Beef
2. Any Three 4-H Market Beef

### Bred by Exhibitor

**No entry fee – Ribbon Only**

Exhibitor must own the cow prior to breeding, select bull, assist with calving, and raise beef to market weight. These classes will be judged after the completion of the Market Show.

### **Special Awards**

Champion each class  
1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> each class

Award  
Rosette

#### **DIVISION**

#### **F. Bred by Exhibitor**

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#### **CLASS**

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1. 4-H/FFA Bred by Exhibitor Market Beef
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## Feeder Beef

### American System of Judging

Exhibitor must own the cow prior to breeding, select bull, assist with calving, and raise beef to market weight.  
These classes will be judged after the completion of the Market Show.

### Special Awards

Champion each class  
1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> each class

Award  
Rosette

| AWARDS – Feeder Beef |                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| \$30                 | \$25            | \$20            |

### DIVISION

#### G. Feeder Beef Show

### CLASS

1. 4 - H / FFA Feeder Beef (350-999 pounds)