

4-H DAIRY FEEDER STEER CALF**Show Time: 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, 2008****Beef-Dairy Area****LEADER: MIKE LEE****ASST. LEADERS: BRIAN & JEAN YERGER, ERICA BRENNEMAN,
BECKY WILLIAMS, TRENT HOSTETLER, KEN METZLER****PROJECT LEADERS: ALEX BRENNEMAN, BRAD MOREHOUSE****RULES**

1. Calves must exhibit distinct color markings of their respective dairy breeds. No crossbreeds will be allowed. Milking shorthorn must be accompanied by valid breed registration papers.
2. Calf eligibility will be determined on the first Saturday of May when calves will be tagged and weighed. Calves must be weighed at this time. Calves will be pictured for identification purposes.
3. Two calves may be tagged and entered, only one calf may be exhibited at the County Fair. More calves may be tagged if showing at the State Fair, see a leader for rules.
4. All calves must be castrated and dehorned. Castration and dehorning can be taken care of at any time, but must be done far enough in advance to be healed by fair week. Cryptorchids and improperly castrated calves will be placed last in class and will not sell.
5. Calves will be subject to all health regulations required by State Fair rules.
6. Calves will arrive at the fairgrounds between Friday and 8:00 a.m. Monday. Health papers will be checked at the time of unloading by state veterinarian.
7. Calves will be displayed and judged by beef steer guidelines. No blocking, or balling of tails please. Exhibitors should be neatly dressed in long pants and sturdy shoes. Show sticks and black leather show halters are highly recommended.
8. Classes will be determined by weight on Monday of fair week. If the initial weight of a calf at weigh-in is 225 pounds to 500 pounds, that weight will be recorded as the official weight and may not weigh again.
9. Calves not meeting the minimum weight of 225 pounds by the end of weigh in on Monday of Fair Week will be sent home. If the initial weight of a calf at weigh in is 220-224 pounds, the 4-H'er may attempt to put weight on their calf to meet the minimum cut off and weigh again by the end of the time allotted for general weigh in. If the initial weight of a calf is less than 220 pounds, that weight will be recorded as the official weight and may not weigh again.
10. All calves weighing over 500 pounds at weigh-in on Monday of fair week will be put into an overweight class and will not be eligible to compete for grand or reserve grand champion. They will sell at auction for a maximum of 500 pounds. If the initial weight of a calf at weigh-in is 501 to 510 pounds, the 4-H'er may opt to walk off the excess pounds and reweigh at the end of the time allotted for general weigh-in. If the initial weight of a calf is over 510 pounds, that weight will be recorded as the official weight and may not weigh again.
11. Class winners (except for the overweight class) will compete for division champions and reserve division champions. Division champions will compete for grand and reserve grand champion.
12. Vaccinations and health regulations will be subject to annual review. Consult your leaders for yearly rules.
13. Calves may be sold in the auction on Friday. Only calves that are exhibited at the fair and are properly vaccinated, castrated and dehorned will be eligible to be sold. 4-H'ers also have the option of taking their calf home.
14. All 4-H'ers are responsible for **good** care of their calf at the fair. If a 4-H'er does not show responsibility for the care of their calf during the fair, they may receive one warning. If the 4-H'er continues to not show responsibility for their calf, they may be asked to remove their animal from the fairgrounds and forfeit their right to auction their calf.

15. Calves will be numbered for sale in the order selected at the April 4-H meeting.
16. 4-H'ers selling the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion calves will furnish two tickets for the Dairy Banquet to the buyers of their calves.
17. Fair Board policy calls for exclusive use of shavings for bedding. Additional supplies will be available.

SHOWMANSHIP

Honor Group of five to be selected in each class with champion to be chose from Honor Group.

Grade level is previous school year.

1. **Greenhand** – Grades 3 & 4
2. **Beginner** – Grades 5 & 6
3. **Junior** – Grades 7 & 8
4. **Senior** – Grades 9 & 10
5. **Master** – Grades 11 & 12

Winners of each group will move up to next level the following year regardless of grade. The winner of the Master Showmanship class will compete in the Round Robin Showmanship contest.

4-H DAIRY FEEDER CALF AWARDS

1. The exhibitors of the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Master Showman will receive a banner.
2. **Achievement Awards**- will be selected based on involvement and activity in club.
3. **Herdsmanship Awards**– will be given based on quality of fair exhibit.