

## 4-H BEEF

Superintendent: Randy Faber

Committee: Steve Florschuetz, Jeff Svendsen

1. All rules (pages 6-11) apply.
2. All purebred animals must have registration papers on grounds throughout the fair.
3. Health papers must be stamped by the Fair Veterinarian on Wednesday from 8-9 p.m., or Thursday, noon-1 p.m.
4. All steers, and females entered in the Beef Performance Tested classes will be weighed on by the superintendent and divided into classes according to weight.
5. All steers must carry baby teeth. The Beef Committee reserves the right to mouth all steers.
6. Steers may be purebred, grade, or crossbred. Steers exhibited must be shown in the class for which they show dominant characteristics as determined by the Beef Superintendent and his decision will be final.
7. All heifers showing in the purebred classes must be registered.
8. A heifer shown in the Market Heifer class cannot be shown in the Breeding Heifer class and vice versa.
9. A clean clipped natural look should be the goal of fitting. "No false tail head will be permitted and artificial color added to the hair is not permitted." Animals may be given a white towel test at the discretion of the committee.
10. Animals must be owned and personally cared for by exhibitor.

Ownership Dates: Cows-Jan. 1, 2009      Steers-Feb. 1, 2009      Heifers-June 1, 2009

	Jr. Calf either sex Born in 2009	Sr Heifer Calf Born Sept 1 - Dec 31, 2008	Summer Yearling Heifer Born May 1- Aug 31, 2008	Jr Yearling Heifer Born Jan 1-Apr 30, 2008	Sr Yearling Heifer Born July 1-Dec 31, 2007	Cow Born before Sept. 1 2007 with a calf @ side	Steer Born after Dec 31, 2007 (T) Breed Type
Angus Purebred	110	111	112	113	114	115	116 (T)
Maine Anjou & Maine Crossed	120	121	122	123	124	125	126 (T)
Hereford Purebred	130	131	132	133	134	135	136 (T)
Shorthorn Purebred	140	141	142	143	144	145	146 (T)
All Other Breeds & Crosses	160	161	162	163	164	165	166 (T)

### Breed Division with classes:

**Market Heifer Class** - Born after December 31, 2007 (all breeds shown together).

### Beef Performance Tested Division:

**Summer Yearling Heifer Class**– born May 1-August 31, 2008.

**Junior Yearling Heifer Class** – born January 1- April 30, 2008.

**Cow Class** – born before September 1, 2007 with calf at side.

1. The purpose of the Performance Tested classes are to promote the use of performance-tested breeding stock,, with the ultimate purpose being the improvement of efficiency and quality of cattle in Lee County.
2. Performance testing records must be obtained as a part of a Breed Association or State Performance Testing Program. A copy of the performance record must be presented to the Beef Superintendent on Show Day, a 365-Day (yearling) weight is encouraged.
3. Animals must be in 4-Hers name and possession by January 1, 2009.
4. Animals must have originated within an Illinois herd.
5. All performance heifers will be weighed at the steer weigh-in during the fair.

### **Rate of Gain Class**

1. Steer calves must be initially weighed in February. At initial weigh-in, each 4-Her was allowed to weigh a maximum of 3 head, each with a min. weight of 450 lbs. and a max. weight of 900 lbs.
2. Placing will be made on basis of Rate -of-Gain per day from weigh-in to weigh-out.
3. All steers must be halter broke, and tied during judging.
4. Final weights will be taken on Monday morning at Premiere weigh-out or at steer weigh-in at the fair.

### **Beef Premiere Class**

1. Minimum weight of 450 pounds at February weigh-in. Maximum weight of 900 pounds.
2. An exhibitor may enter one steer from the original weigh-in held during February 2009.
3. Steers must be weighed out on Monday morning, July 14 before being delivered to Country Village Meats in Sublette for slaughter. Notification of weigh-out will be given to those registering for class.
4. Entries must weigh a min. of 875 lbs. at the time of weigh-out. No upper weight limit.  
To be eligible for placing, carcasses must meet the following standards:
  - a. Minimum USDA Quality Grade of low choice.
  - b. USDA Yield Grade of lower than 4.0.
5. Carcasses will be placed on the basis of adjusted retail yield per day on feed.
6. Ribbons and premiums paid on rail placing.
7. The top 3 qualifying carcasses (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>) will be sold at auction on Friday evening, July 24.
8. Owners are responsible for deposition of their carcass, either having it processed at the plant, taken home, or selling it.

### **Club Group of Three Class**

1. No premium is paid for this class. Trophy will be given to top group.
2. Club groups should be 3 animals, can be of mixed breed, any age, steers or females.
3. Two or more different exhibitors per group may enter club group day of show.

### **Bucket Calf Class**

1. Open to 4-Hers between the ages of 8 and 13 as of Sept. 1, 2008 enrolled in beef or dairy.
2. The calf may be orphaned or newborn calf, male or female, beef, dairy or cross, fed on bottle or bucket.
3. Member should own and care for the calf within two week of its birth.
4. Calf needs to be born between February 1 and May 1 of current year.
5. Calves should be halter broke and able to tie.
6. Completed Livestock Project Record sheets need to be turned into the Fair Office before 10:00 A.M.
7. Grooming with adhesives, etc., and clipping are prohibited. Calf only needs to be washed and clean.
8. Calves must be de-horned and fully healed prior to show.
9. Judging will be done by conference method.
10. Final ranking will be based on 4-Hers knowledge of the calf (25%), completed record sheets (25%), general health and appearance of calf (25%), and showmanship (25%).

### **Showmanship Division:**

**Junior Beef Showmanship Class** – ages 8-13 as of Sept. 1, 2008

**Senior Beef Showmanship Class** – ages 14-18 as of Sept. 1, 2008

2007 & 2008 Showmanship winners will be ineligible to compete in the same division in 2009.

	<u>Junior Showmanship</u>	<u>Senior Showmanship</u>
2007	Lydia Draper	Lea Koning
2008	Cassidy Koning	Shane Hussey

### **Animal Science Class**

Written report or display. This class is for 4-Hers who may or may not have an animal but are enrolled in beef project. See General Projects Department for requirements.

Champion ribbons will be presented for top female and steer in breed classes, and other classes at the discretion of the superintendent and judge.

Trophies will be presented to:

Grand Champion Beef Female	Champion Beef Premiere
Grand Champion Steer	Grand Champion Performance Tested
Club Group of Three	Breed Female Champions
Breed Steer Champions	Champion Jr. Beef Showmanship
Champion Sr. Beef Showmanship	