

MARKET CALVES

Rule 1: All calves must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor through the state FFA/4-H steer validation program by June 30 of the year preceding the show. Each exhibitor must personally feed and care for his or her animal as of that date forward. These animals must be fed and groomed by the exhibitor as a project under the supervision of a Vo-Ag teacher or County Agent. Every exhibitor must be enrolled in his or her respective FFA or 4-H Club or Chapter by October 1st of the year preceding the show.

Rule 2: Grooming guidelines will be followed by the major show rules (Houston and San Antonio Shows)—1/4 inch long hairs will be the “maximum” length on market steers from the hoof up, except for the tail switch. Steers will be checked at the time of weigh-in.

- The tail switch should be clipped to no more than 12 inches from the tip of the cartilage of the tail. Any exhibitor not in compliance will have the opportunity to re-clip and present the steer back to the weigh-in crew. Steers will not be allowed to show if they are not in compliance.

Rule 3: Not more than two calves (steers only) may be entered by one exhibitor in the market calf show.

Rule 4: All steers must be halter broken. The steer committee reserves the right to remove an unruly steer from the show ring at any time.

Rule 5: Calves may not be shown in more than one class (except the County Bred Steer class).

Rule 6: All calves will be weighed and assigned to their proper weight class as they go over the scales. Classes will be divided by weight as close to equal as possible. Should there be an uneven number, the livestock committee will designate the class it/or they shall show in.

Rule 7: Steers weighing at the time of weigh in, 849 pounds or less will immediately be reweighed before being sifted and not allowed to show if both weights are 849 pounds or less. The beef committee will sift for grubs in all cattle categories.

Rule 8: All steers will weigh in as designated on schedule. Steers will be classified **before** they cross the scales. Weigh in for steers and check-in for heifer papers will be done at the scale. Any breed changes must be made at weigh in. Should a reweigh be called for it must be done at the time the steer crosses the scale, **not** after it has left the scale. If there are four (4) head or less to be shown in the various breeds in any division (i.e. American, British or Exotic), the breeds will be lumped together and shown as one class, regardless of weight.

Market Calf Classes: Steers will be showing in three (3) classes. An American Class, Exotic Class, and British Class. There will be a county bred class.

American, All Others, and English Classes: At eight (8) the class will break into two (2) weight classes and at twelve (12) the class will break into three (3) weight classes and at sixteen (16) the class will break into four (4) classes.

The American Class will consist of purebred or crossbred steers from the following breeds that represent a minimum of 3/8 Brahman Blood-Brahman, Brangus, Santa Gertrudis.

The British Class will consist of purebred steers from the following breeds: Hereford, Polled Hereford, Black Angus, Red Angus, Shorthorn.

The All Other Class will consist of steers, which do not fit the description of steers for the American or British Class of Steers.

If circumstances arise where the breed of a steer is in question, it shall be left to the discretion of the steer committee as to which breed the animal represents. It shall also be the discretion of the steer committee to designate weight classes as necessary. The decision of the committee shall be final.

Rule 9: Cattle exhibits should be spread out so that each club or chapter will have enough room to store boxes and equipment in empty stalls. This should make for a neater exhibit. Animals that have not been entered in the Guadalupe County Youth Show and will not be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member will not be allowed to occupy stall space.

Rule 10: No extra ear tags will be permitted. Breeder's ear tags will be removed at weigh in/classification.

Rule 11: All cattle will be moved out of the barn two (2) hours after judging is complete.

BREEDING BEEF

Rule 1: All calves must be validated with proof of ownership and/or registration by November 1st of the year preceding the show. Transfer of registration into the exhibitors name must be completed prior to November 1st. The animal and the registration must be in the exhibitor's possession by November 1st and the exhibitor must personally feed and care for his/her animal as of that date forward. These animals must be fed and groomed by the exhibitor as a project under the supervision of a Vo-Ag teacher or Guadalupe County Agent. Each exhibitor must be enrolled in his or her respective FFA or 4-H Club by October 1st of the year preceding the show.

Rule 2: ALL HEIFERS MUST BE VALIDATED BY STATE GUIDELINES. All exhibitors must present original registration papers with heifers at time of check-in. If a heifer is a scramble heifer, a copy of papers stamped with "Scramble Heifer" is acceptable. PAPERS AND TATTOOS OR BRANDS WILL BE CHECKED AT TIME OF CHECK IN. HEIFERS WITH INCORRECT TATTOOS OR BRANDS AND REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SHOW. TATTOOS OR BRANDS MUST MATCH REGISTRATION PAPERS.

Rule 3: All heifers must be tattooed with a legible tattoo when presented at validation time. Heifers that are not tattooed at validation will not be validated.

Rule 4: The heifer show will be "blow and go." No grooming products will be allowed.

Rule 5: All calves must be halter broken. The steer committee reserves the right to remove an unruly animal from the show ring at any time.

Rule 6: Calves may not be shown in more than one class, EXCEPT IF HEIFER IS COUNTY BRED, THEN SHE MAY SHOW IN COUNTY BRED HEIFER CLASS

Rule 7: Animals entered in the department must meet the requirements of their respective breed association, except those cross bred heifers to be shown in the cross bred class.

Rule 8: Beef Heifer Classes: Heifers will be shown in four (3) classes. American Class, BRITISH Class, Exotic Class, County Bred Class

Rule 9: Classes will be:

Heifer Calves

1. Calved on or after April 1, 2023
2. Calved March 1-31, 2023
3. Calved February 1-28, 2023
4. Calved January 1-31, 2023
5. Champion Heifer Calf
6. Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

Junior Heifers

7. Calved November 1- December 31, 2022
8. Calved September 1 – October 31, 2022
9. Calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
10. Calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
11. Champion Junior Heifer
12. Reserve Champion Junior Heifer

Senior Heifers

13. Calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
14. Calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
15. Calved September 1 – December 31, 2021
16. Champion Senior Heifer
17. Reserve Champion Senior Heifer
18. Grand Champion Heifer
19. Reserve Champion Heifer

Rule 10: First place in each group will compete for Breed Champion. Breed Champion will compete for Grand Champion. Reserve Breed Champion from the class producing the Grand Champion will then compete with Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion.

Rule 11: Animals will be placed in each group and all breeding stock will receive awards. There must be three (3) items in a category to receive awards. Awards will be given to Champions and Reserve Champions in each division.

Rule 12: No Breeding Beef will be allowed to sell in the auction.

Rule 13: All Breeding Beef will be released to return home immediately following the show.

Rule 14: Cattle exhibits should be spread out so that each club or chapter will have enough room to store boxes and equipment in empty stalls. This should make for a neater exhibit.

Rule 15: All cattle will be moved out of the barn two (2) hours after judging is complete.