



DIVISION I: BEEF

Superintendent: Robyn Burbridge

Please see Rule # 23 Unethical Practices, under MESA COUNTY 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE section.

Note: A record book is required for this project. Market and Breeding animals may be in one e-record book. Record books must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by September 10, 5:00 p.m.

There will be a \$5 entry fee for market and breeding projects to be collected at first weigh-in, in February.

1. To be eligible for competition, Market beef must have been the property of the exhibitor and officially tattooed or ear tagged approximately 180 days prior to the fair.
2. Breeding Beef ownership of 60 days prior to the fair. Breeding Beef animals may be leased if a written lease agreement is on file in the extension office at least 60 days prior to the fair. Leased animals must be in the primary care of the 4-H or FFA member during the term of the lease. If the breeding animal is under the direct ownership of the exhibitor, a copy of the bill of sale or the brand inspection needs to be on file with the extension office 60 days prior to fair.
3. Each market exhibitor is allowed to weigh, tag, and enter three market beef and show two market beef. The third tagged market beef may be shown in a prospect class if nominated for the Colorado State Fair at the initial weigh-in. Cattle for the prospect class must be designated at the fair weigh-in.
4. Market beef will be weighed in and set in class assignment according to weight.
5. After all market beef are weighed and sifted, they will be divided into class according to weight as near equal as the superintendent deems feasible. Those not grading for the market class will show in the feeder class, and will not be eligible for the market sale. The class breaks and the approximate number of animals in each class will be left to the discretion of the superintendent.
6. All beef will be mouthed for age. Beef may have permanent teeth (middle incisors) up but not in wear. All Breeding animals class assignments will be based off their birth dates and how they mouth out by age.
7. Beef are to be in the show barn from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily**.
8. Brand inspection certificates in all beef must be available at all weigh-ins and turned in at final fair weigh-in, prior to being weighed.
9. All bulls over 12 months shall be shown with a nose lead.

MARKET BEEF

Class 1: **FEEDER/MARKET**
OTHER MARKET CLASSES ARE SET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Class 2: **4-H and FFA pen of three**

Class 3: **Rate of Gain- Sponsor: Fruita Co-op** (awards to the top ten placing.)
All 4-H and FFA exhibitors with a market beef entered for placing at the Mesa County Fair are automatically entered in competition. Weigh-in for this contest will be conducted with initial weight-in at least 180 days prior to the fair and the final weight upon entry at the fair. Any animal gaining an exorbitant amount of weight will be subject to investigation by the Rules Committee. All beef not gaining at least 2 pounds per day will receive no gain points in the final calculation.

Class 4: **BEST OF MESA COUNTY (Home Grown).**

To be eligible for this class, entries must be born and raised in Mesa County. This class will be formed after the Grand Champion Market selection. The class will be composed of the top TWO placing animals from each market class (excluding the overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals). All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent.

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Class 1:	Novice Showmanship
Class 2:	Junior Showmanship
Class 3:	Intermediate Showmanship
Class 4:	Senior Showmanship
Class 5:	Breeding Beef Showmanship
Class 6:	Parent Showmanship

**** ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP IS LIMITED TO MARKET BEEF ANIMALS ONLY!****

BREEDING BEEF SHOW

BREEDING BEEF CLASSES (with the exception of Catch-A-Heifer) WILL BE SET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT ACCORDING TO ENTRIES AT FAIR.

Class 1:	Catch-A-Heifer—Heifer
Class 2:	Catch-A-Heifer—Cow/Calf

PREMIER BREEDING BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

SPECIAL RULES:

Eligibility: Any member enrolled in 4-H or FFA that is enrolled in breeding beef is eligible for participation in the Premier Breeding Beef Showmanship. At the point that the exhibitor fails to complete any of the categories listed below, they will be ineligible for further completion of the project for that year. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A 4-H LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK; NO FFA RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. All record books are due to the Extension office by September 10th.

1. There will be no daytime stalls for cow/calf pairs. Participants will tie pairs in designated areas no later than 9:00 am and not return them to their stalls until 7:00 pm. EXHIBITORS will need to let their calf nurse every 2 to 3 hours during the day. There will be a panel of selected judges watching to see that proper care is given to your animals.
2. The breeding beef participants will have a separate showmanship class which they must participate in.
3. All Premier Breeding Beef participants will have an oral interview, testing their knowledge of the project. This will be held in conjunction with achievement night interviews in October.
4. **POINTS WILL BE AWARDED BASED ON:** The participant's care of their animal(s) at fair as well as their willingness to help others. **(100 points possible)**. Class placing in the breeding **SHOWMANSHIP (100 points possible)**. The record books count for **100 points possible**. The oral interviews count for **100 points possible**. A total of **400 points are possible**. All four categories must be completed and the total points from all areas will determine the winners.
NOTE: Prizes for the Premier Breeding Beef program will be awarded to the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion.

BEEF CARCASS CONTEST

Sponsored by: **Mesa County Cattlemen's Association**

Superintendent: Robyn Burbridge

THE MARKET BEEF CARCASS CONTEST IS A ULTRA SOUND CONTEST. THE BEEF ENTERED IN THE CARCASS CONTEST WILL BE ULTRA SOUND AT THE BEGINNING OF FAIR.

1. This contest is open to all 4-H and FFA Youth exhibitors who are enrolled in the market beef project. There will not be an open division for this contest.
2. Steers entered in the market beef carcass contest must be 2 of the 3 market beef tagged at initial weight in.
3. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to enter 2 carcass animals.
4. All exhibitors will be automatically entered into the carcass contest.
5. Carcass entry must make sift.
6. Weigh in for Carcass animals will be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the Wednesday (July 21st).
9. Data results will be announced at the Parade of Champions.
10. Placing will be 1-5 including a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.
11. Awards will be presented at Parade of Champions: Friday, July 23 at 8:30 pm – Location Showring.

DAIRY CATTLE

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Females may be pure bred or high grade.
2. No **DAIRY** bull over one year will be shown. Dairy bulls under one year will be dehorned and shown with a nose ring.
3. Proof of ownership 60 days prior to fair.

-DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP-

ALL DAIRY CLASSES WILL BE SET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERINTEDENT BASED ON ENTRIES AT FAIR.



BUCKET CALF SHOW (OPEN SHOW)

Superintendent: Ryan and Jenny Hudson



SPECIAL RULES:

The Bucket Calf Program will be an OPEN SHOW. The animals will arrive Friday morning prior to the start of the beef show. This class will show immediately before the Grand Champion selection and must check out after the show.

- 1) Any youth 5-10 years old (as of July 23, 2010) and has not shown a 4-H or FFA beef project is eligible to enter.
Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Mesa County 4-H Cloverbud program
- 2) Exhibitors must sign up by May 1, 2010 at the Mesa County Extension Office.
- 3) The animal must be in possession of the exhibitors 60 days prior to fair. The animal will be tagged with an official Mesa County ear tag.
- 4) The animal must be born after January 1, 2010 and before April 30, 2010
- 5) Any breed of cattle as well as either sex is eligible for show.
- 6) Only one animal may be shown per exhibitor. Likewise only one exhibitor per animal.
- 7) The calf must have been or currently be fed by bucket or bottle.
- 8) The calf must be halter broke.
- 9) The Bucket Calf Class will be judged on showmanship only.
- 10) All dress code rules listed in the General Rule section will apply.