

DIVISION 1: BEEF

Superintendent:

There will be a \$5/ animal 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. 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 show two market beef.
4. After all market beef are weighed and will be divided into class according to weight as near equal as the superintendent deems feasible. **Those not grading as market ready per the judge 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.
5. All beef will be mouthed for age. Market Beef will be mouthed at first weigh-in and 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 at the fair weigh-in. Breeding females will be pregnancy checked by the veterinarian at Fair check-in. There will be separate classes for bred and open females if entries allow. Exhibitors not wishing to have female checked by the fair veterinarian must present a certificate from their veterinarian as to whether the female is bred no longer than 30 days prior to fair.
6. All exhibitors must observe designated feed times. Feeding must take place and be completed before 10:00 am and cannot begin again until after 7:00 pm. If unable to feed during these times, Exhibitor must supervise the feeding by staying with the animal until it is through eating or drinking. Unsecured feed pans and unsecured waterers must be removed from pens outside of these times.
7. 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.
8. The beef show will be a **"Blow N Go" Show**. Animals are expected to be cleaned and groomed however the only products/ dressings that will be allowed at fair are Show Sheen/ Pink Oil. Use of any other dressing or fitting products such as adhesives will not be allowed. Any animal found to have such products will be immediately disqualified.
9. Exhibitors are expected to keep their animals hydrated while tied out during the day; however there will be no feeding of any kind allowed in the tie out area.

SECTION 1: MARKET BEEF

Class #1: **FEEDER BEEF** (*not necessary to pre-enter*)

Class #2: **MARKET BEEF**

OTHER MARKET CLASSES ARE SET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Class #3: **4-H AND FFA PEN OF THREE** (*not necessary to pre-enter*)

Class #4: **RATE OF GAIN Sponsor: Fruita Co-op** (awards to the top ten placing.) (*not necessary to pre-enter*)

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 #5: **Home Grown** (*not necessary to pre-enter*)

To be eligible for this class, entries must be calved and raised by the exhibitor/ immediate family. This class will be formed after the Grand Champion Market selection (and Best of Mesa County). The class will be composed of the top TWO placing animals from each market class. A Homegrown animal may also show in the Best of Mesa County class. All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent.

Class #6: **BEST OF MESA COUNTY** (*not necessary to pre-enter*)

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. All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent.

Class #7: **Catch- A- Calf**

SECTION 2: BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

(Market and Breeding together) (All exhibitors required to enter Showmanship)

Class #1: Novice Showmanship

Class #2: Junior Showmanship (ages: 8, 9, and 10)

Class #3: Intermediate Showmanship (ages: 11, 12, and 13)
Class #4: Senior Showmanship (ages: 14 and up)
Class #8: Parent Showmanship

SECTION 3: BREEDING BEEF SHOW

NOTE: All bulls over 12 months shall be shown with a nose lead. Only two entries per exhibitor per breeding class will be allowed.

Class #1: Catch-A-Heifer—Heifer
Class #2: Catch-A-Heifer—Cow/Calf
Class #3: Breeding Heifer Bred 0-18 months
Class #4: Breeding Heifer Open 0-18 months
Class #5: Breeding Heifer Bred over 18 months
Class #6: Breeding Heifer Open over 18 months
Class #7: Cow/Calf Bred
Class #8: Cow/Calf Open
Class #9: Dry Cow
Class #10: Bull Calf Under 12 Months
Class #11: Bull Calf Over 12 Months

Order of Beef Show (Starts at 9 AM)

Novice Showmanship
Breeding Classes
Market Classes
Showmanship Classes
Champion Showmanship- 5:30 PM
Champion Market
Best of Mesa County
Home Grown

SECTION 4: MESA COUNTY CATTLEWOMEN'S BEEF ADVOCACY AWARD

Sponsored By: **Mesa County Cattlewomen's Association**

The Mesa County Cattlewomen is sponsoring the 6th Annual Beef Advocacy Award for the 2017 Mesa County Fair. Details of the award are as follows:

Objective – Encourage 4-H & FFA members to increase their knowledge of the beef industry and the challenges that face it on a local, state, and national level and their role in communicating with consumers and peers about those challenges.

Components – Written test - 50%
Oral Interview – 50%

Record Book – must be 70% complete to be eligible for award Showmanship – tie breaker

Prizes – Prizes awarded in Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Divisions

Eligibility – All members showing either Market or Breeding Beef at the Mesa County Fair are required to participate.

Resources for information – Written test will be 20-30 questions, multiple choice and True/False. Interviews will be conducted by members of the Mesa County Cattlewomen's Group. Some of the information for the test and the interview will be taken from the website www.ExploreBeef.org. A speaker will be presenting information in Mesa County during the April Beef Workshop. The current Beef manual may be another source of information. Current events affecting the industry would also be a possible topic of the interviews.

More Information – This information will be available on the Mesa County 4-H website and FFA Advisors will be updated with any new information. Contacts with the Mesa County Cattlewomen are Janie VanWinkle and Verla Rossi.

Class #1: Junior
Class #2: Intermediate
Class #3: Senior

SECTION 5: BEEF CARCASS ULTRASOUND

Sponsored by:
Superintendent:

1. This 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 project.
2. Steers entered in the market beef carcass must be 2 of the market beef tagged at initial weight in.
3. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to enter 2 carcass animals.
4. Exhibitors must designate this class on pre-entry forms to be entered into the carcass ultrasound.

5. Carcass entry must make the judges sift and be eligible for the sale.
6. Weigh in for Carcass animals will be on Monday (July 24th).
7. The ultrasound will be held on Friday (July 28th) Time- TBD
8. This program will be for education only and no prizes or placing will be awarded. There will be a presentation following the ultrasound to educate participants on data interpretation.
9. All beef entered will have a small area shaved to improve accuracy of the ultrasound. (This happens after the show)

Class #1: Beef Carcass Contest

SECTION 6: 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.

Class #1: Bull Calf 12 months and younger

Class #2: Heifer Calf Current Year

Class #3: Heifer Calf Previous Year

Class #4: Cow

SECTION 7: DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

Class #1: Junior

Class #2: Intermediate

Class #3: Senior

SECTION 8: ON THE RAIL BEFF CARCASS CONTEST

Sponsored by: D&M Meats

1. This 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 project.
2. Beef entered in the on the rail carcass contest must be 1 of the 2 tagged at initial weigh in.
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed 1 entry in on the rail carcass animal.
4. Exhibitors must designate this class on pre-entry forms to be entered into the on the rail carcass contest. The specific animal will not need to be designated at pre-entry.
5. Carcass entry must make the sift.
6. Beef entered into the on the rail carcass contest cannot go through the Junior Livestock Sale.
7. Designation of market beef to be entered into the on the rail carcass contest will be after the market beef show has ended Thursday July 27th, 2017 by the exhibitor.
8. All market beef entries into the on the rail beef carcass contest will be allowed to participate in the ultrasound carcass contest Friday July 28th, 2017.
9. All market been entries in the on the rail carcass contest will be hauled from the fairgrounds to D&M Meats Friday July 28th 2017 for slaughter.
10. Judging of this class will take place the week following the 2017 Mesa County fair at a later determined date.
11. All slaughter fees for this contest will be donated by D&M Meats. Even if member decides to take their animal to a different processor after the contest is over, they will not be responsible for slaughter fees.
12. If a member decides to utilize a different processor for the cutting of their animal, they will be responsible for transportation of that carcass to their designated processor.

BUCKET CALF SHOW (OPEN SHOW)

Superintendent: Monica Hylton and Kiffaney Ridings

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 between the breeding and market shows and must check out after the show.

- 1) Any youth 4-8 years old by the day of the show and has not shown any other species of animal in a 4-H or FFA show is eligible to enter.
- 2) Exhibitors must sign up by March 1 at the Mesa County Extension Office.
- 3) The animal must be in possession of the exhibitors by April 1. The animal will be tagged with an official Mesa County ear tag.
- 4) The animal must be born after January 1 and before March 31 of the current year.
- 5) Any breed of cattle as well as either sex is eligible for show. There will be no bull calves allowed.

- 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 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.
- 11) Exhibitors will be required to attend all bucket calf meetings in order to show at fair. Exceptions will be made directly through the superintendent.