Department – Beef Cattle
Check-in Wednesday, August 2, 5-7 p.m.
Exhibitor Meeting Wednesday, August 2, 7 p.m.

Director ................................................................. Ken Schwoerer
Superintendents ............................................. Curt Glaser, Greg Mohr, Gina Schaefer
Assistant Superintendents .................. David Baer, Justin Burkhart, Taylor Donelson, Anna Lyons, Anna Swearingen, Mollie Thomas

Rules: (all beef classes)
A. Any animal requiring more than one person to lead will not be shown.
B. Tie outs will be allowed at superintendents’ discretion. Exhibitor is responsible for gates and clean-up. Fans and generators deemed unsafe by superintendents, show directors or 4-H staff will not be allowed.
C. Artificial color, or spray paint, added to the hair and artificial hair are not permitted.
D. All animals must comply with general health and eligibility rules. In addition, all state fair rules related to animal care/preparation will be enforced.
E. All animals must meet state fair breed eligibility requirements.

Awards donated by:
(4H50) Champion Dairy Steer –
(4H50) Champion Market Heifer –
(4H50) Champion Angus Steer –
(4H50) Champion Hereford Steer –
(4H50) Champion Simmental Steer – Matt and Mollie Thomas
(4H50) Champion Shorthorn Steer – Timeless Clovers Alumni Association
(4H50) Champion All Other Breeds Steer –
(4H50) Champion Purebred Steer – Brunswick Animal Hospital
(4H50) Champion Crossbred Steer – Robin & Richard Siebert
(4H400) Grand Champion Market Animal – Evergreen FS, Inc.
Reserve Grand Champion Market Animal –
(4H20) Beef Showmanship: Ages 8-10 – Dennis Mennenga
(4H20) Beef Showmanship: Ages 11-13 – Windy Ridge Farm
(4H20) Beef Showmanship: Ages 14 & Over – Blain’s Farm & Fleet of Bloomington

Please see pages 15-17 for showcase details.
Division: Beef/Dairy Costume Contest
See page 33 for details.

Division: Beef Showmanship Contest
Open to anyone showing beef females or steers except previous first place winners (in their individual age class in showmanship). Entry may be made when making all other show entries or when checking into ring.

Classes:
- Ages 8-10
- Ages 11-13
- Ages 14 & Over

Division: Beef Market Show
Thursday, August 3, 12:30 p.m.

Rules:
A-F: See page 22

Additional rules for the following classes:

G. Each exhibitor will be limited to a maximum of two entries per class.

H. Animals must have been born after January 1, 2016.

I. Each member will be responsible for weighing his/her own animal on Wednesday, August 2 during check-in. Animals will be shown by weight, divided into classes.

J. Animals must have been the exhibitor’s property by February 1, 2017 and have been tattooed in February by beef committee.

K. Registration papers in 4-H member’s name will be required on all purebred steers.

L. Market heifers cannot be shown as a breed heifer in the breeding class.

M. All calves will be mouthed at the fair. Calves must have all milk teeth in place and no permanent teeth showing.

N. Dairy steers cannot be crossbred and the McLean County Pride Eligibility Form will be needed to validate breed purity.

O. Prior to the show, the Superintendents will split these classes based upon weight at check-in.

Classes:
- **Dairy Steers (1001)**
- **Beef Heifers (1004)**
- **Angus (1006)**
- **Hereford (1008)**
- **Simmental (1010)**
- **Shorthorn (1012)**
- **All Other Breeds (1015)**
- **Crossbreds (1018)**

Remember: Junior Show class numbers are in parenthesis following the 4-H class name.
Division: Beef Heifer Show
Thursday, August 3, following beef market show

Rules:
A-F: See page 22  (all heifer classes)

Additional rules for the following classes:
P. All heifers must be registered or recorded with respective breed associations.
Q. Exhibitors are limited to two entries per class.
R. Calves must be shown according to their birthdate:
   Junior Heifer born Jan. 1-June 1, 2017
   Senior Heifer Classes born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2016
   Summer Yearling born July 1-Aug. 31, 2016
   Junior Yearling born May 1-June 30, 2016
   Spring Yearling born March 1-April 30, 2016
   Winter Yearling born Jan. 1-Feb. 28, 2016
   Fall Yearling born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2015
   Senior Yearling born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2015
   1st Calf Cow/Calf
   Aged Cow/Calf
S. Registration papers or transfer papers must show ownership by the exhibitor by June 1, 2017. Tattoos and registration papers will be checked Wednesday, August 2 during check-in.
T. Calves in cow/calf classes must be born between September 1, 2016 and June 1, 2017 and must be led to the show ring with halters.

Additional rules for Commercial Breeding Heifer classes:
V. Each exhibitor will be limited to two entries.
W. All heifers will be weighed and classes divided by weight. Class division will be made by the superintendent after weighing.
X. Heifers must have all milk teeth in place and no permanent teeth showing.
Y. Commercial heifers will be weighed and mouthed ASAP following steer weigh-in.

Awards donated by:
(4H50) Champion Hereford Heifer – Montel B. Metzger Insurance Agency
(4H50) Champion Angus Heifer – Gaye & Randal Siebert
(4H50) Champion Simmental Heifer – Dr. Jon Quinton
(4H50) Champion Shorthorn Heifer – Timeless Clovers Alumni Association
(4H50) Champion All Other Breeds Heifer – Evergreen FS, Inc.
(4H50) Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer – Loeffler Farms
(4H400) Grand Champion Female – Reserve Grand Champion Female –
Classes:

**Angus:** Junior Heifer (1021), Senior Heifer (1022), Summer Yearling (1023), Junior Yearling (1024), Spring Yearling (1025), Winter Yearling (1026), Fall Yearling (1027), Senior Yearling (1028), 1st Calf Cow/Calf (1029), Aged Cow/Cafe (1030)

**Simmental:** Junior Heifer (1031), Senior Heifer (1032), Summer Yearling (1033), Junior Yearling (1034), Spring Yearling (1035), Winter Yearling (1036), Fall Yearling (1037), Senior Yearling (1038), 1st Calf Cow/Calf (1039), Aged Cow/Cafe (1040)

**Shorthorn:** Junior Heifer (1041), Senior Heifer (1042), Summer Yearling (1043), Junior Yearling (1044), Spring Yearling (1045), Winter Yearling (1046), Fall Yearling (1047), Senior Yearling (1048), 1st Calf Cow/Calf (1049), Aged Cow/Cafe (1050)

**Hereford:** Junior Heifer (1051), Senior Heifer (1052), Summer Yearling (1053), Junior Yearling (1054), Spring Yearling (1055), Winter Yearling (1056), Fall Yearling (1057), Senior Yearling (1058), 1st Calf Cow/Calf (1059), Aged Cow/Cafe (1060)

**All Other Breeds:** Simmental: Junior Heifer (1061), Senior Heifer (1062), Summer Yearling (1063), Junior Yearling (1064), Spring Yearling (1065), Winter Yearling (1066), Fall Yearling (1067), Senior Yearling (1068), 1st Calf Cow/Calf (1069), Aged Cow/Cafe (1070)

**Commercial Breeding Heifer** (1071)
**Commercial Cow/Calf-Young** (1075)
**Commercial Cow/Calf-Aged Class** (1078)

**Division: Beef Cattleman Award**

**Rules:**

A. All beef exhibitors are automatically entered in the Beef Cattleman contest.

B. The judging will be based on the following:

This contest awards the cattleman who is not only knowledgeable about their beef project, but also displays the sportsmanship and attitude of a true champion. Contestants will be evaluated equally on the following criteria:

   a. A test will be given to 4-H members on their knowledge of the beef industry.
   b. An interview with the superintendents on the exhibitor's knowledge of their beef project.
   c. Observation of the care in which the 4-H members take of their animals and stalls.

C. A written test will be given following check-in on Wednesday, August 2. Interviews will be conducted on Thursday, August 3 beginning at 6 p.m. by a panel of three judges, in the beef barn.

D. The top three cattleman will be awarded premiums in each Senior and Junior division. Division will be by age. There will be one top Senior Beef Cattleman and one top Junior Beef Cattleman. The winners will be announced during the Showmanship Classic.

**Awards donated by:**

(4H50) **Senior Beef Cattleman**-Burkhart & Sons Trucking
(4H25) **Junior Beef Cattleman**-McKeon Farms

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Remember: Junior Show class numbers are in parenthesis following the 4-H class name.