

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL STEER SHOW

ENTRY DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2021

Superintendent: John Mack

Assistant Superintendents: Jay Peters

SHOW SCHEDULE

Arrival:	SCP will be open twenty-four hours a day starting at 3 PM on February 8. All Projects must arrive at Salado Creek Property before entering East Gate. <i>(Note: No animals may be unloaded at SCP at any time.)</i>			
Staging Begins:	Monday	February 21	6 AM	SCP
Barn unloading begins:	Monday	February 21	6:30 AM	AB
Arrival deadline:	Monday	February 21	9 AM	SCP <i>(Cattle not having arrived at SCP by 9 AM are subject to disqualification)</i>
Record Books Due:	Monday	February 21	10 AM	AB
Weigh & Ultrasound Orientation:	Monday	February 21	10 AM	AB
Weigh & Ultrasound:	Monday	February 21	10:30 AM	AB
Beef Science Orientation & Test:	Monday	February 21	4:30 PM	AB
Live Evaluation & Public Speaking:	Tuesday	February 22	7:30 AM	AB
Awards Dinner	Tuesday	February 22	6:30 PM	AB

OBJECTIVE

Highlight the commercial cattle industry and provide 4-H and FFA members a learning experience emphasizing selection, record keeping, feeding, animal health, industry standards, public speaking and technical knowledge.

This show is subject to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo General Rules, the Junior Livestock Show Rules and Special Rules listed in this section.

SPECIAL RULES

- Entry:** An entry fee made payable to S.A.L.E. is required. Entries must be submitted online and official. San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo entry forms must be completed. Each junior exhibitor may enter a maximum of one pen of two (2) steers. One steer may constitute a pen; however, it will result in an immediate deduction of 20 points. Replacement steers will NOT be accepted.
- Ownership:** Steers of any beef breed are eligible to be entered. Exhibitors in this division must have owned their steers on or before September 15, 2019, and the steers must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor from the date of acquisition through the Junior Commercial Steer Show. Steers should be designated as "A" and "B" at the time of purchase. This designation should be utilized throughout the feeding period for record keeping purposes and during final judging at the Junior Commercial Steer Show.
- Stalling:** Steers will be pre-stalled according to the order posted in Auction Barn. Stalls must remain clean and neat at all times. Failure to comply will result in point deductions at the Superintendents' discretion.

4. **Eartags:** All eartags will be removed during weigh-in. Animals will be tagged with an official San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo eartag at that time.
5. **Substitute Exhibitors:** Substitute Exhibitors are not allowed.
6. **Mandatory Attendance:** Exhibitors must attend all orientations, seminars and activities related to their project. Failure to comply will result in point deductions (see point breakdown).
7. **Feeding:** Steers are to be fed in a separate feed pen from other livestock when placed on full feed. The beef industry recommends that cattle be on feed 150 days for optimal performance.
8. **Weighing:** Weights will be calculated as follows:
 - a. **Initial Weight:** Steers must be individually weighed between September 6-15, 2021, on a certified livestock scale by a certified weigh master. This weight will be the "initial weight" for the feeding records. The official scale ticket should include: weigh date, individual animal weight, animal identification (i.e.: eartag, brand), breeder of the animal, buyer of the animal, signature of the certified weigh master. The official scale ticket should be retained and submitted with the Record Book upon arrival at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.
 - b. **Record Weight:** Steers must be officially weighed, individually, on a certified livestock scale by a certified weigh master between February 5-15, 2022, with a three percent (3%) pencil shrink. This weight will be the "record weight" for the feeding records. The official scale ticket should include: weigh date, individual animal weight, animal identification (i.e. eartag, brand), and signature of the certified weigh master. The official scale ticket should be retained and submitted with the Record Book upon arrival at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.
 - c. **Check-in / Sale Weight:** Steers will be officially weighed, individually, on a certified livestock scale by the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Special Sales Sub-Committee. Steers must be presented for weighing and an ultrasound according to order posted in Auction Barn. Steers not presented at the scales promptly will be disqualified. Each steer must weigh-in between 1,000 and 1,599 lbs. inclusive. Failure to comply will result in point deductions (see point breakdown). There will be NO reweighs. Cattle will be sold on the "check-in/sale weight."
 - d. **Days on Feed:** Days on Feed will be calculated as follows:
 - i. Day 1 = Initial Weigh Date
 - ii. Ending Day = Record Weigh Date
9. **Record Books:** Exhibitors must maintain an Official San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Commercial Steer Record Book including feeding, animal health, income and expense records regarding their Commercial Steer project. An Official Commercial Steer Record Book may be obtained [here](#). The Official Commercial Steer Record Book must be completed and submitted upon arrival at the Show. All receipts and related records must be attached. Record Books should be complete, neat and accurate. Exhibitors must submit their Record Book for judging, in person. All calculations are to be rounded to the hundredth decimal point from the beginning of the project.
10. **Live Ultrasound Evaluation:** An ultrasound technician will collect data and grade the Junior Commercial Steers based on the USDA standard quality and yield grades for slaughter steers. Steers must be presented for Live Ultrasound Evaluation according to order posted in Auction Barn.
11. **Live Visual Evaluation:** A committee of judges will grade the Junior Commercial Steers based on the USDA quality and yield grades for slaughter steers. Steers must be presented for Live Visual Evaluation according to order posted in Auction Barn.

- 12. Quality and Yield Point Schedule:** The following point schedule will apply to both Live Ultrasound Evaluation and Live Visual Evaluation:

QUALITY & YIELD POINT SCHEDULE

<u>Quality Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Yield Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
Prime	7	Yield Grade #1	3
Choice-Average/High	5	Yield Grade #2	2
Choice-Low	4	Yield Grade #3	1
Select	2	Yield Grade #4	0
Standard	1	Yield Grade #5	0

- 13. Public Speaking/Questions:** Each exhibitor must recite a memorized speech lasting a minimum of three (3) minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes regarding their project, what they learned, and how it relates to the industry. There will be a point deduction of 1/4 point per 15 seconds the exhibitor is shorter or longer than the allotted speech limit. Exhibitors will present their speech during the Live Visual Evaluation of their cattle. Each exhibitor will be required to answer verbal questions regarding their project following delivery of their speech.
- 14. Beef Science Test:** Exhibitors will be administered a written Beef Science Test. Only exhibitors may enter the test area. Study Guide links will be available [here](#). The Beef Science Test will be composed of questions derived from this Study Guide and any other sources listed.
- 15. Horns:** Steers must have horns tipped with no more than three inches of horn growth beyond the base of the head.
- 16. Medication:** Please refer to General Rule #28c.
- 17. Blow Dryers:** No blow dryers will be allowed.
- 18. Fans:** No fans will be allowed.
- 19. Terminal Show:** This show is terminal; all steers entered in competition will be marketed as determined by Show Management.
- 20. Premiums and Awards:** Exhibitors will be placed according to their cumulative point total. All placing exhibitors are eligible for Premium Awards. The following Premium Schedule will apply:

Grand Champion	Reserve Champion	3rd	4th	5th
\$1,000	\$900	\$850	\$800	\$750
6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$700	\$650	\$600	\$550	\$500

- 21. Tie-Breakers:** If exhibitor point totals result in a tie for any specific portion of the contest, final placing will be based off the points awarded to the exhibitors by the judges of the Live Visual Evaluation for their answers to the verbal questions asked at the conclusion of their Speech. A maximum score of twenty points is possible.
- 22. Scholarships:** Refer to the Junior Livestock Show Scholarship section of the 2020 Livestock Premium List.
- 23. Scoring:** The Commercial Steer Show will be comprised of Animal, Exhibitor and Record Book components. A maximum score of 130 points is possible (40 Animal, 70 Exhibitor and 20 Record Book). Discount Points will be deducted as stated in the scorecard. The following scorecard will apply:

EXHIBITOR SCORECARD**Animal****Possible Points****Ultrasound Data**

Yield Grade (Steer A)	7.00
Yield Grade (Steer B)	7.00
Quality Grade (Steer A)	3.00
Quality Grade (Steer B)	3.00

Visual Evaluation

Yield Grade (Steer A)	7.00
Yield Grade (Steer B)	7.00
Quality Grade (Steer A)	3.00
Quality Grade (Steer B)	3.00

40.00**Exhibitor**

Beef Science Test	35.00
Public Speaking/Questions	35.00
(- 1/4 point deduction per 15 seconds above or below allotted speech time limit)	
	<i>70.00</i>

Record Book

Record Book (Complete, Neat, & Accurate)	8.00
Cost of Gain (Pen of 2 head)	4.00
Average Daily Gain (Pen of 2 head)	4.00
Feed Conversion (Pen of 2 head)	4.00

20.00**TOTAL*****130.00*****Discounts**

Pen of One (1) Head	-20.00
Missed General/Ultrasound Orientation	-10.00
Missed Live Evaluation Orientation	-10.00

Weight

Below Weight Target: (two point deduction per 25 lbs.)

975-999	-2.00
950-974	-4.00
925-949	-6.00
900-924	-8.00
899 and Less – two point deduction per 25 lbs.	

Above Weight Target: (one point deduction per 25 lbs.)

1501-1525	-1.00
1526-1550	-2.00
1551 and More – one point deduction per 25 lbs.	

**2020 San Antonio Livestock Exposition
Commercial Steer Show
Public Speaking Evaluation Form**

ENTRY#

NAME:

COUNTY/CHAPTER:

	Poor									Best
Delivery & Technique	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Difficulty of Topic & Speech Content	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Audience Engagement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Structure of Speech & Creativity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall Speech Performance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Comments: _____

End of Speech Judge Evaluation

TIME (-1/4 point deduction per 15 seconds **above or below time limit**) Max Points 10

Accuracy of Answers (Max Points 10)

TOTAL SCORE: _____

(Possible 70 Converted to 35 Points on Master Score Sheet)

PASTURE TO PACKER CONTEST

SPECIAL RULES

Insofar as possible, a Pasture to Packer Contest will be conducted in which case all commercial steers will be processed for information.

Minimum Standards

1. Minimum and maximum for hot carcass weight, 600 to 1,000 pounds, respectively.
2. Minimum fat thickness, .25 inches.
3. Minimum ribeye area, 11.0 square inches.
4. Maximum USDA Yield Grade, 3.5.
5. Maximum USDA maturity, A100.
6. Minimum USDA marbling requirement, Slight 00 and minimum USDA Quality grade, Select 00.
7. "Dark-Cutters", if severe enough will be disqualified. Severe dark-cutting is defined as that sufficient to result in at least one full-grade reduction in the USDA quality grade.
8. Disqualification will result if carcasses had excessive bruises and evidence of tampering or questionable injection(s).

Each carcass achieving the above standards will be placed on the scoring system below. The scores for the two carcasses within each pen of commercial steer carcasses will be added together to determine the total score. Ties will be broken on the basis of visual appraisal by the official judge.

Carcasses Scoring System Grand Total 160 points per carcass and 320 points per pen.

	<u>Maximum Score per Carcass</u>
USDA Quality Grade	60 Points
USDA Yield Grade	60 Points
Carcass Weight	20 Points
<u>Ribeye Area</u>	<u>20 Points</u>
Total Per Carcass	160 Points