

4-H BEEF CATTLE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

July	Livestock Interviews
Tuesday, August 13	
By 10:00 AM	All steers, heifers & cows in place. Barn #5.
10:00 AM	Market steers weighed, Beef cattle health inspection. All exhibitors must have health papers at scale. Barn #5.
11:30 AM	Beef Exhibitors meeting – Showplex, with Meat Goat Exhibitors.
Wednesday, August 14	
11:00 AM	4-H Market Steer Show & NYBBR Show, Market Steer Showmanship, Beef Breeding Cattle Showmanship, Heifer and Cloverbud Show - Showplex
Friday, August 16	
6:45 PM	Beef Exhibitors Meeting - Showplex
Saturday, August 17	
11:00 AM	Special Awards and Announcements prior to auction.
11:30 AM	4-H Market Auction – Showplex (Order: Swine, Goat, Lamb Beef)
6:00 PM	Exhibitor Hot Dog Roast put on by the Erie County Fair Board of Directors – 4-H Parking Lot
Sunday, August 18	
6:00 PM	4-H Breeding Beef Released (all exhibitors will receive a release ticket stating specific time of release)
8:00 PM	4-H Market Steers Released

NEW in 2024 –
Cloverbuds (5-7 years
old) may show a junior
heifer calf.

BEEF RULES

- All beef health records must accompany animals to the Fair.
- All steer participants must have submitted a beef identification card listing state tag number and other ear tag information along with a negative BVD report by January 5, 2024.
- Steers and heifers must have a state ear tag (RFID) which is to be used as positive identification on the official beef entry form and health papers.
- All cattle must have been tested and had a negative result for BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhea).
- Steers must weigh at least **1,000 lbs.** at time of Fair weigh-in or they will not be eligible for the show or sale. All steers will be weighed **ONE TIME ONLY** and **NO SUBSTITUTIONS** will be allowed. If a member registered a spare steer on January 5, 2024, that animal may be weighed if the primary steer does not make weight and it is present on the fair grounds.
- Beef tie-outs – All steers are required to be housed in the 4-H Beef Barn throughout the Fair. Heifers may be tied out in the area provided at the owner's discretion. However, 4-H members must sign a waiver before tie out is permitted.
- Breeding Animals **MUST** submit a copy of the registration at the conclusion of the exhibitor meeting on August 13, 2024.
- Market steers must have been administered a rabies and shipping fever vaccine on or before July 24, 2024 in order to adhere to the 21 days withholding period.
- All exhibitors must be able to lead/control entered beef animals at all times. Members who cannot control their animals may be asked to take uncontrollable animals' home. This decision will be made by the Beef Advisory Committee and Extension Educator to ensure the safety of all exhibitors and the general public.
- Breeding Beef exhibitors must be 5 as of January 1, 2024.
- Market Steer exhibitors must be 9 as of January 1, 2024.
- All exhibitors must have given a public presentation prior to May 2024.
- All exhibitors must have participated in a livestock interview in July 2024.
- All fans must be securely hung at a safe height. No butt fans or fan stands will be allowed. This rule has been put into place for the safety of the program participants as well as the fairgoers. No more than 1 fan per 4-H family, all fans must be blowing to the sides of all cattle
- Market Steers will be sold on Saturday, August 17, 2024. ALL exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibit until released by the 4-H program on Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 8:00 PM. Failure to do so will result in not being able to participate at The Erie County Fair in the future and forfeit of premium checks. (See CCE regulations in your hand book)**
- No colored mulch may be used for bedding. Only shavings, straw or bark (non colored) is acceptable.
- Coaching from the side lines will not be permitted. Spectators or fellow 4-H member found coaching a youth in the show ring will be asked to leave by the show personnel.
- Steers that are not shown in the beef show (animals pulled from the show at the owner's discretion) must leave the fairgrounds and are not permitted on a 4-H hired trailer.
- Steers weighing 999 lbs. or less may stay to be shown in the non-sale light weight class and showmanship but are NOT eligible for the sale.
- The use of "Phantom" show halters is strongly discouraged.
- CLOVERBUDS** (5-7 years old) are eligible for showmanship and breeding classes, are not eligible to compete in any champion classes and may show only a single entry, Junior Heifer Calf. Cloverbuds are required to have an adult with them in the show ring.
- All exhibitors selling a market animal in the auction are required to attend at least 2 Marketing Workshops (held January-March) and at least 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, on being species specific to be eligible to sell.

NON-SALE MARKET STEER RULES:

***There is no class number for this section, all steers will be signed up through Class #1: Project Market Steer**

Market steers of exhibitors that do not make the sale minimum weight of 1,000 pounds at the time of weigh-in will be eligible to stay at the fair to be shown in showmanship and non-sale class provided:

- a) Exhibitors must meet all program requirements
- b) The steer must weigh 999 lbs. or less to be eligible for the non-sale light weight class and are not eligible to compete in the championship drive.
- c) Member will participate in the appropriate showmanship class with other members.
- d) This market steer is not eligible to sold through the 4-H/FFA Market Auction.
- e) Members may not post "for sale" signs on pens of non-sale market steers.
- f) Steers qualifying for the non-sale class must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor on Sunday, August 18 as designated on the release ticket.
- g) Non-sale market steers are NOT eligible for transportation to a processor on a 4-H hired trailer.
- h) This opportunity has been put in place to educate members and parents for a positive outcome the following year.

No setting up of exhibits will be allowed until 6:00am on Tuesday August 13, 2024. No cattle are to arrive until 6:00am and must remain on the trailer until the NYS Veterinarian has completed the health inspection.

PROJECT MARKET STEER

CLASSES

Class # 1 - Project Market Steer (Beef Steer Class)

Awards: Blue \$14.00 Red \$12.00 White \$10.00

Project Champion Award donated by: 4-H Beef Advisory Committee, In memory of Mr. Philip Taylor & Mr. Chet Kruszka

MARKET STEER SHOWMANSHIP

Market Steer Showmanship

All ages for showmanship are as of January 1 of the current year. All Beef breeds show together. Cloverbuds – see Cloverbud section.

Awards: Blue \$12.00 Red \$10.00 White \$8.00

Class # 3 – Senior Showmanship - 16 – 18 years old as of 1/01/2024

Class # 4 – Intermediate Showmanship - 13 – 15 years old as of 1/01/2024

Class # 5 – Jr. Showmanship - 9 – 12 years old as of 1/01/2024

Class # 6 – Novice Showmanship - Open to first year exhibitors, with no prior experience in showing and fitting beef cattle, up to 13 years of age as of 1/1/2024

**All first place and second place showmen must return to the show ring for Champion & Reserve Champion Market Steer Showman.*

Champion Market Steer Showman:

Previous winners of Champion Showman must compete in the age class in which they would normally compete.

Entries for this class are limited to the 1st & 2nd place showman in classes 3-6.

BEEF BREEDING CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

Beef Breeding Cattle Showmanship

Awards: Blue \$12.00 Red \$10.00 White \$8.00

- a) Mandatory for all beef breeding cattle exhibitors.
- b) Any member exhibiting a cow/calf pair may have another 4-H member lead the calf by the cow's side during this class.
- c) Exhibitors must be 5 years old as of January 1, 2024.

Class # 9 – Sr. Beef Breeding Cattle Showmanship - 14 – 18 years old as of 1/01/2024

Class # 10 – Jr. Beef Breeding Cattle Showmanship - 8 – 13 years of age as of 1/01/2024

Champion Beef Breeding Showman:

Previous winners of Champion showman must compete in the age class in which they would normally compete.

Entries for this class are limited to the 1st place showman in classes 9-10.

CHAMPION BEEF CATTLE SHOWMAN

To consist of the 2024 Champion Market Steer Showman and the 2024 Beef Breeding Showman.

MASTER SHOWMAN

Entries limited to previous Erie County Fair Master Beef Showmen and 2024 Champion Beef Showman.

Class # 13- Past Master Beef Showman – if you have **received** a Master Showman title, please register for this showmanship class.

BEEF BREEDING PROJECT ANIMALS

Beef Breeding Project Animals

Awards: Blue \$14.00 Red \$12.00 White \$10.00

- a) All breeding projects must be owned or leased and cared for by the exhibitor by June 1, 2024.
- b) All commercial beef breeding projects and leased projects must have an animal registration form on file in the 4-H office by June 3, 2024 to be eligible to compete at the fair.
- c) Exhibitors must be 5 years old as of January 1st of the current year.
- d) All exhibitors must have given a public presentation by May 2024
- e) All exhibitors must have submitted a halter video to the 4-H office demonstrating control of your heifer on the rope and show halters by June 3, 2024.

Section A – Registered Heifer

Section B – Commercial Heifer

Class #

- 14. Jr. Heifer Calf** – born between 1/1/2024 and 5/1/2024
 - 15. Sr. Heifer Calf** – born between 9/1/23 and 12/31/23
 - 16. Summer Yearling Heifer** – born between 5/1/23 and 8/31/23
 - 17. Jr. Yearling Heifer** – born between 1/1/23 and 4/30/23
 - 18. Sr. Yearling Heifer** – born between 8/1/22 and 12/31/22
 - 19. Cow & Calf Pair** – calves born in 2024
- All first-place females will need to return to be chosen for champion.

Cloverbuds please see
Cloverbud Section at the end
of the beef.

OTHER BEEF COMPETITIONS

Class #27 – Beef Educational Poster – Participants shall construct an educational poster to educate the general public about an aspect of the beef industry. Exhibitors may use any suitable materials or photographs on their posters with accurate information. Posters will be evaluated on content, illustration, organization, clarity, visual appeal and readability.

Beef Herdsman Contest (no registration required)

A \$20.00 premium, donated by the Fair, will be awarded to exhibitors selected as the outstanding herdsman in the Jr. Beef Cattle Show.

New York Bred, Born, and Raised Market Steers

Class # 30

This class is for 4-H and FFA members that have purchased a market animal from a producer within New York State. Exhibitors must list name and address of NY producer and name of sire on the beef identification card due in the 4-H office on January 5, 2024. Animals participating in the NYBBR contest will be identified with a sticker on the 4-H members show number. These animals will be recognized during our market steer show and placed accordingly. At the end of the steer show all 1st and 2nd place animals will return for the selection of our Grand and Reserve Champion NYBBR Market Steer.

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbud participants (5-7 years old as of 1-1-2024) must meet all the breeding animal requirements listed above. Cloverbuds are limited to showing a Junior Beef Heifer calf and must have an adult at their side while in the show ring and when working with their calves at the fair. Our Cloverbud show will be held right after the selection of our Master Showman.

Class #40 - Beef Cloverbud Showmanship

Class #41 - Beef Cloverbud Junior Heifer calf born between 1/1/2024 and 5/1/2024