

Georgia National Junior Preview Market Beef Show (Steer & Market Heifer)

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Arrival & Check-in Time

Thurs., Oct. 7, 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

(No animals allowed on grounds before 8:00 am on Thurs.)

Must be in barn by *Thurs., Oct. 7, 7:00 pm*

Release Time

Sun., Oct. 10 following show

Show Time

Show: *Sun., Oct. 10, 10:00 am*

Arena

Sutherland Arena

Weigh-in: All Market Beef will be weighed by show officials on Thurs., Oct. 7 5:00-7:00 pm

1. Junior Show exhibitors must abide by all General Rules and Regulations printed in the beginning of this book.
2. **HEALTH CERTIFICATES:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in this Premium List and current Georgia Department of Agriculture regulations are required on all animals.
3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Exhibitors are eligible from the State of Georgia only. Classes open only to 4-H and FFA members 4th grade through 12th grade in school (and at least nine years old by entry deadline). No exhibitor who has graduated from high school is eligible to show in regular classes or in showmanship.
4. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS** will be required for premium checks.
5. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** All livestock entries will be ONLINE ONLY. Entry deadline remains September 1st. All entries will be paid for through the online process, using a credit/debit card. There is a processing fee of \$1.50 per exhibitor. The Livestock show information can be found at www.georgianationalfair.com - Animals - Livestock Competitions.
Please Note: Livestock Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, the office is closed on Saturday & Sunday. If the entry deadline of September 1, falls on the weekend or a Holiday there will be no one in the office to assist you. The deadline will not be extended.
6. **REFUNDS:** There will be no refunds.
7. **SIGNATURES:** The online entry process has a place that you have to agree to the rules, by marking the check box will serve as required signature. There is an Advisors form that all 4H/FFA advisors are required to send in for their counties/clubs.
8. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** No more than four (4) market animals, steer &/or market heifer combined can be entered by any one exhibitor.
9. **OWNERSHIP:** Steers must have been owned by the exhibitor since September 1, 2021. A description of the calf, including breed, birth date and tattoo number, must be listed. This is a feeder steer calf show and it is suggested that all calves be born on or after August 1, 2020. The Show Committee reserves the right to mouth all steers. The exhibitor must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide daily care for the steer(s) from September 1, 2021 to show time.
10. **IDENTIFICATION:** All Steers, Commercial Heifers and Market Heifers must have a STATE ear tag number listed on the entry. The ear tag number in the animals ear must match ear tag number on entry form when the animal is weighed in (tattoo numbers are not accepted for ear tag number on entry form). Only one (1) tag per animal. Steer and Commercial Heifers will require STATE ear tags purchased through your Agriculture Education Teacher or County Agent, no other tags will be accepted. If an animal loses a tag, notify the GNFA Livestock office, no later than 7 days after tag is lost.

TATTOO: Required on all Jr Beef Cattle

11. The GNF steer show will be structured so that divisions will be separated into breeds which will further be divided into classes based on weight.

The Divisions will be composed of:

A. **Crossbred Division.** This division will consist of calves of varying percentages of British and Continental breeds.

B. **Breed Divisions.** Any breed with a minimum of seven steers after check-in and classification will be considered a breed division. If a breed division does not make for 2 consecutive years they will show in Crossbred.

C. Any breed division (including Brahman derivative) with less than seven steers will show in the Crossbred division.

E. **Steer Classifications Guidelines:**

***Continental Breeds:** Steers must show a predominance of characteristics indicating that the animal is approximately 50% or more of the breed entered. Continental breeds include (but are not limited to) Charolais, Chi-Influenced, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine-Anjou and Simmental.

***British Breeds:**

Angus: Must show all the characteristics of the Angus breed; black in color with no white above the underline, or on leg, foot, or tail (white is allowed in front of the navel.) Smooth polled, nor scurs.

Hereford: Hereford steer should exhibit typical Hereford color markings, breed character, and phenotypic expression of frame size, muscle and structure (Freckles, dark eye pigmentation and small ticks will be included.) Horned and Polled Herefords are eligible (horned steers must be dehorned).

Shorthorn: Must show all characteristics of the Shorthorn breed. Color typically should be red, white or red/white roan. No black or blue/white roans allowed.

**Exhibitors will declare Division/Breed on the entry form based on the breed characteristics of their steer.*

**A committee of three classifiers will evaluate the animal, if two or more disagree with the breed declared on the entry form, the entry will automatically be moved to the Crossbred Division. Their decision will be final and no appeals will be allowed. Registration papers will not be considered in the classification process of entries.*

12. **WEIGH-IN:** All steers will be weighed by show officials on Thursday, Oct. 8, between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. No reweighs after steers leave the scales. Class winners will not be reweighed.

13. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** The 1st and 2nd place Market animal in each class will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the respective breeds.

14. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN:** Animal must be shown by owner. Substitute showman will be allowed when exhibitor has more than one animal in a class. The substitute showman must be a 4-H or FFA member and must be approved by the show superintendent.

If an exhibitor is unable to show his/her animal due to a disability, a substitute showman will be allowed to show for that exhibitor. The exhibitor with the disability must be present at the show-ring when the substitute showman and animal enter the ring. The substitute in all cases must be a 4-H or FFA member and the substitute must be approved by the show superintendent at the time of animal check-in. No adults other than officials of the show will be allowed in the show-ring.

No substitute showman will be allowed to show in showmanship

15. **CONTROL:** All cattle must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly can be dismissed from the show-ring at the discretion of the judge or the show superintendent. Any steer that breaks loose from the exhibitor three (3) times while in the show-ring will be disqualified.

16. **FILLING OF CATTLE** with any substance is prohibited.

17. **ALL CATTLE MUST BE DEHORNED.** Any regrowth of horns should be rasped and made presentable for the show.

18. **FALSE TAILHEADS** and false switches will not be permitted. All heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. **NO GRAPHITE MAY BE APPLIED.**

19. No hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied to the animal.

20. No nose tongs can be used in exhibiting cattle.

21. **STALLING: All counties must stall 4H/FFA together. Stalling will be the responsibility of the barn manager, changes may be made at their discretion.**

22. **BEDDING:** Wood chip bedding will be provided for the first bedding. No straw, sand or other material will be allowed in the beef barn complex.

23. **TACK AREAS** will be assigned on an available basis depending on the number of animals *actually checked in.*

24. **NECK ROPES** must be used for tying cattle and provided by the participant.
25. Exhibitors must keep the part of the building occupied by them neat and attractive in appearance. Ribbons won at this and other shows may be used to decorate the area. Paint or any other substance that will mar or deface the stalls WILL NOT be tolerated.
26. **NO BLOCKING CHUTES** will be allowed in the arena area.
27. **NO BUTT FANS ALLOWED.** No fans allowed in alleyways. All fans must be attached to tie panel in stalling area and cannot be attached by extension to hang beyond 42 inches from the tie panel.
28. **TIE-OUTS:** Outside tie space is available on a “first come, first served” basis. Cattle only allowed in tie-out areas. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type bedding they so desire (natural products only) in the designated tie-out area. No equipment of any kind allowed, fans, generators, tents, etc. Pens may be placed along chain link fence. Vehicles permitted for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tie-out area.
29. **PASSES:** Complimentary passes must be picked up at the Livestock Credentials Office at the East Gate of the Fairgrounds upon arrival.

Breeds will be shown in the order as listed below:

<u>Division # - Breed</u>	<u>Division # - Breed</u>
2 American	7 Limousin
1 Angus	8 Maine-Anjou
3 Charolais	5 Crossbred
4 Chi-Influence	9 Shorthorn
6 Hereford	10 Simmental
11 Market Heifer	

Note: Any breed with a minimum of seven steers after check-in and classification will be considered a breed division

2021 Georgia National Fair Show Steer Breed Classification Guidelines

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To an outsider or novice, placing a steer in a breed class might appear to be relatively simple. Just read the specifications for a class and then find an animal that meets the criteria-right? Please keep in mind, registration papers, breeder affidavits, or other paperwork is not considered in the classification process. Eligibility for the class is determined only by visual appraisal, as evaluated by classifiers appointed by show management.

Classification Terms:

Ideal Characteristics: Characteristics in combination that most accurately represent the breed

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: Characteristics that represent the breed

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics: Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to disqualification.

Absolute Disqualifications: Unfavorable visual characteristics resulting in removal from a breed division

Considerations: The following will be considered at the discretion of the classification committee: birthmarks or scarring (due to hot iron branding, freeze branding, or injury-caused discoloration)

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BRITISH TYPE

This group includes cattle that appear to be purebred Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, and Shorthorn.

Angus

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Angus
- Solid Black
- Polled
- Needs to have a tight sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground
- *Angus*-type ear set, small to moderate ear size high on the head

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Continental breed type structure (being coarse about his joints, not to be confused with big-boned cattle) and head
- Bumps where horns would be on a horned animal
- Birthmarks or white hair in the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (black skin color is acceptable; white or pink skin is a disqualification)

Hereford

Ideal Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford
- Some white on the back of both ears
- Red body with white face, white underline, and white-marked legs
- Traditional feather on crest
- Horned Herefords must show evidence of being dehorned

Acceptable Breed Characteristics -These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating

- Dark red color
- Red neck
- Solid red ear(s)
- Excess white on legs
- Excess white above the underline
- Eye pigment
- Black hair in tail, or ear of animal
- Freckling on the nose
- White above switch in tail
- White across rump above the twist

Non-Angus-type ear set (Ear set and excessive ear size as in Continental breeds)

- Large navels and angular sheaths

Absolute Disqualifications:

- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in the front of the navel (White on the navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot or tail
- Horns or scurs
- Brindle
- Diluter color pattern
- Dehorning scars
- Double muscling

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Solid white ear(s)
- Questionable ear size and shape
- Straight-line white markings on legs or tail above the switch
- White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
- Excess pigment or color around the eyes
- Red neck in combination with excess white on legs
- Line back
- Coarse joints, head, or ribs

Absolute Disqualifications

- Solid black nose
- Diluter color pattern
- Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
- Brindles
- Double muscling; extreme muscle definition
- Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

Shorthorn

Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn
- Solid red; solid white with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, anus or tail; or any combination of red and white, with the red and white color pattern bleeding together

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Motley face or brockle face
- Orange or light red color
- Black nose pigment
- Coarse head
- Coarse joints

Absolute Disqualifications

- Diluter color pattern, such as yellow or yellow roan
- Blacks, blue roans, or grays
- Brindle
- Solid white with no red pigment on the ears, tail, or anus
- Double muscling

CONTINENTAL or EXOTIC TYPE

Included here are Charolais (half-blood and higher), Limousin, Maine-Anjou (half or higher), and Simmental (purebred).

Charolais

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a half-blood purebred Charolais
- White, yellow gray, or silver (moderate dappling allowed)
- Expression of diluter gene
- Minimal painting or spotting less than 20%
- Skunk tail, line back, baldy

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Excessive painting or spotting (over 20%)
- Double muscling
- Brindles
- Frail bone work and frail general appearance
- Light red color or orange
- Short, stubby head
- Overly refined, narrow head
- Excessive dark pigmentation (eyes, nose, ears, and anus)
- Excessive dappling

Absolute Disqualifications

- Black, red, dark smuts
- Showing no diluter gene, unless solid white
- Excessive painting or spotting

Limousin

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Limousin
- Solid black, red/orange, light red, charcoal black, chocolate black, orange or brockle- face
- Bald face
- Tend to be smooth shouldered
- Head
 - Eye – Deeper socket, prominent brow, light pigment around eye on reds
 - Poll –Needs to have a wide poll
 - Ear – Tends to be smaller and rounder
 - Muzzle – Tends to be short
- Sheath
 - Tend to have a forward angle
- Legs/foot
 - Tend to be smooth jointed
 - Tend to be flat boned

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Coarse joints, skeleton, and head
- Course open shoulders
- Brindle
- Pencil sheath, hanging straight down
- Pointed poll
- Excessive crest
- White Switch

Absolute Disqualifications

- Stocking legs
- Spotting above the underline
- Roans
- Yellow, Blonde, Grey, Silver
- Diluter Gene
- Red Cattle with Black noses
- Monkey/Parrot mouth

Maine Anjou

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Solid red
- Solid black
- Red and white
- Black and white
- Heavy skeletal structure

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- None

Absolute Disqualifications

- Brindle
- Roan
- Diluter color pattern
- Appears to be more than 50% of any other breed

Simmental

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Appear to physically exhibit characteristics of a purebred Simmental
- Solid black, red, red and white, yellow and white, black and white
- Some painting or spotting above the underline
- Bald, blaze, or streak face
- Typically longer head, larger ears

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Motley/Brockle face
- Excessive white above the underline

Absolute Disqualifications

- Brindle
- Roans
- Smut or gray, white, smoky, silver or any combination of these
- Skunk tail

Classification Glossary

- American breeds.** Breeds created in the United States by interbreeding existing breeds, including at least one tropically adapted breed (most often American Brahman).
- Bald face.** Appearance when white covers most of the face.
- Blaze or streak face.** A wide strip of white down the face to the muzzle.
- Bos indicus** (zebu). Subspecies of cattle originating in south Asia; has a prominent hump on top or in front of shoulder.
- Bos taurus.** Subspecies of cattle; originated in west Asia but is usually called European.
- Brindle.** A streaking of black, brown, or white on the body of the steer (tiger stripe).
- British/English.** Cattle originating in the British Isles; Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn are most numerous in the United States.
- Brockle or motley face.** Red or black spotting on a white or bald face.
- Continental.** Breeds originating in Continental Europe; sometimes called European or Exotic.
- Diluter gene.** A gene that determines color. Cattle that carry both copies of the gene will appear white. Non-diluter cattle will appear black or dark red, whereas those carrying a single diluter gene will appear gray or yellow.
- Discriminatory Breed Characteristics.** Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to disqualification.
- Horned.** Horns are solidly attached to the skull, or there is evidence of dehorning.
- Painting.** Large white markings covering a major portion of the steer.
- Pigmentation.** Dark skin coloring on the points of the steer (eyes, nose, ears, anus, tail).
- Polled.** Naturally hornless.

Purebred. Showing visual characteristics of a particular breed and none of any other breed.

Scurs. Horny tissue or rudimentary horn attached to skin but not the skull.

Sheath score. Scoring system from 1 to 5 based on the length of the sheath (1 = little sheath; 5 = excess sheath).

Smut. Dark gray color pattern.

Spotting. White spots on the steer.

Summary

In the commercial beef industry, most cattle are sorted by visual characteristics into numerous groups for marketing purposes. Similarly, during livestock shows, participating steers are sorted into breed classes based on visual characteristics. As you can see, in most classes there are generally few factors that will absolutely disqualify an animal, and those are usually easily identified. Instead, most disqualified animals have more than one subjectively evaluated discriminatory characteristic.

Steers should be selected and shown based only on their visual appearance because that is how they will be evaluated for classification. Remember that classifiers are asked to exercise their judgment. If your steer is classified out, it doesn't mean that the classifier or anyone else is accusing you of lying, cheating, or being unethical. Nor does it mean that the steer cannot be the breed you say it is. Look at breed classification as the first stage of judging. Don't be too upset if the classifier makes (or you think he or she has made) a mistake. It's all a matter of judgment.