

MARKET STEER DIVISION



Grand Champion Market Steer – Jorge Gomez – Edinburg Vela FFA

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 14, 2022

ENTRY FEE - \$30 per exhibitor

DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS – 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, March 14
and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday, March 15

SCALES OPEN – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 15

SIFTING/CLASSIFYING – 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 15

JUDGING – 8 a.m., Friday, March 18

SHOWMANSHIP – Following Judging, Friday, March 18

LOAD OUT – 9 a.m., Sunday, March 20

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MARKET STEER DIVISION RULES

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

All sifted steers must be removed from the Showgrounds immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and or buyer to the processing plant, individual, etc. assigned by the Show Management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. All steers must have been validated on or before June 30, 2021, with a legible nose print, ear tag, ear tattoo and completed Validation Form. Validation tags must be in steers ear prior to arriving on showgrounds. **ONLY VALIDATION TAG SHOULD BE PRESENT IN THE EAR. REMOVE ALL OTHER TAGS BEFORE SIFT.** Steers without an official Texas Steer Validation will be ineligible to show. A copy of the validation form must be attached to the Entry Certification Form.
2. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school and reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy counties.
3. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old, but under twenty years of age as of January 1, 2022.
4. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the "Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee" in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agricultural Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species-Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.
5. An exhibitor may enter only one steer.
6. Any animal which is found to have entered in another show under a different exhibitor's name, other than the name entered in this Show, will be declared ineligible. Any animal that has been sold in a terminal auction at another show is ineligible for this Show. Market Steers found to have evidence of more than one validation will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership Forms are recorded, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled
7. Exhibitors must declare animal weight at the time of sift and classification. The weight listed on the weight card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weigh back and selling purposes. Exhibitors must complete the weight card to include declared weight and state validation tag number
8. Any steer showing more than normal fill at weighing time will be sifted by Show Officials
9. The act of artificially filling animals internally by stomach pumping is prohibited and will result in disqualification of the animal
10. Steers must meet the following requirements or be sifted:
 - a. Must weigh at least 1050 pounds. There will be no top weight limit.
 - b. Must be creditable from standpoints of types, quality finish and breed characteristics

- c. Must be free of grub or grub damage
- d. Must be dehorned and show no secondary horn growth
- e. Must be trained to lead and handle properly. Nose leads will be permitted during sifting and judging. Any steer that is wild or requires handling by more than one person at weighing and sifting may be sifted. During the show, such animals may be removed from the ring.
- f. All steers must be shorn prior to arrival at the showgrounds. Hair must not exceed ¼" on any location of the body excluding the tail switch. Tail switch is defined as no more than 10" above the end of the cartilage of the tail. No trimming on the grounds with power equipment will be permitted. ALL STEERS MUST BE CLEAN AT THE TIME OF SIFTING

11. A steer which in the opinion of the classifiers does not have predominant breed characteristics of the class in which it is entered may be sifted from the Show or, with the approval of the Division Superintendent and Show Management, be moved by the classifiers to the class which in their opinion the animal is eligible to be entered.
12. No change of the major color pattern of a steer by painting or dyeing will be allowed. Any steer groomed with material that allows color to come off the steer will not be allowed in the Show
13. Decision of Official Veterinarian, classifier and/or sifter will be final and no protests will be considered by the Show Management
14. Any steer may be designated for reweigh at any time determined by the Steer Superintendent. Any steer weighing more or less than 5% of his initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing. All Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions will be reweighed before Grand Champion judging
15. No one but exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the show ring or on the Arena Director's stand during sifting and judging. There is to be no feeding, drenching or watering in the arena during judging.
16. Steers must remain in their assigned stalls from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., except during sifting, judging or being prepared for judging. Stalls will be located in the Middle Barn
17. Crossbreed is defined as a steer whose sire and dam are of different breeds
18. After sifting and weighing, steers will be divided by breed and put in classes as nearly equal in number as possible according to the following schedule. All steers of the same weight will be put in the lower weight group.
 - 1-10 entries – 1 class
 - 11-20 entries – 2 classes
 - 21-35 entries – 3 classes
 - 36-50 entries – 4 classes
 - 51 & Over – 5 classes
19. All Market steers will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid. Sifted steers must be removed from the showgrounds immediately after sifting

20. First place steers in each breed class will compete for Breed Champion, second place winner in class which produced the Breed Champion will compete with remaining first place steers of the breed for Reserve Breed Champion
21. The Steer Committee may collect a hair and/or blood sample from any steer entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any steer not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of this hair sample compared to the DNA analysis of the hair sample taken from it at the time of enrollment in the validation program will be disqualified
22. Judging of the Market Steers will take place Friday, March 18, at 8 a.m. in the Event Center Arena. Showmanship will follow.

MARKET STEER BREEDS

Eligibility for the following classes will be based solely on visible characteristics as determined by classifier(s) appointed by the Show Management. See Rule 11

- SANTA GERTRUDIS – Steers must show a predominance of Santa Gertrudis characteristics indicating the animal is 50% or more Santa Gertrudis
- SIMBRAH – Steers must have a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ and/or maximum $\frac{3}{4}$ Simmental and Brahman characteristics and features with no other breed represented. No identification or registration numbers will be required
- ABC STEERS – AMERICAN BREEDS AND CROSSES – This class will encompass the American Breeds and their crosses such as Brahman, Brahmousin, Red Brangus, Black Brangus, Charbray and Beefmaster
- CHAROLAIS – Steers must show a predominance of Charolais characteristics indicating the animal is 50 % or more Charolais
- CHIANINA STEERS – Must exhibit Chianina influence in head and skeleton; Any shade of black, red, gray or yellow; Brindles, baldies, blaze face and motleys; Head tends to be narrow through the center part of the skull and exhibits a longer muzzle; Muscle conformation tends to be smooth, not course or excessively round. Skeleton tends to be lighter and smoother jointed.
 - DISCRIMINATORY BREED CHARACTERISTICS – Coarse joints or skeleton; Excessive spotting above the underline.
 - ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATIONS – Appears to be purebred of any other breed
- MAINE-ANJOU STEERS – Steers must be $\frac{1}{2}$ blood of more Maine-Anjou and must exhibit predominant characteristics of the breed
- AOB STEERS – ALL OTHER BREEDS – This class will encompass those steers that have European or British bloodlines and all crosses between them with no visible evidence of Brahman blood allowed.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 40 also apply.

AWARDS

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champions – Scholarship, Buckle, Banner & Rosette

Reserve Breed Champions – Rosette

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUM AWARDS

- 4th place - \$42
- 5th place - \$41
- 6th place - \$40

STEER DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors of steers are eligible to compete. Exhibitor must show own steer for showmanship and exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

- Juniors – Ages 8 to 11
- Intermediate – Ages 12 to 14
- Seniors – Ages 15 and older

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

Awards will be made on the basis of showmanship, neatness of exhibitor, show condition and behavior of animal. Prizes will be awarded in each age group as follows:

- 1st place \$100 & Buckle
- 2nd place \$75 & Ribbon
- 3rd place \$50 and Ribbon