

MARKET STEER DIVISION

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 13, 2023

ENTRY FEE - \$30 per exhibitor

DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS – 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 13
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

SCALES OPEN – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

SIFTING/CLASSIFYING – 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

JUDGING – 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 17

SHOWMANSHIP – Following judging, Friday, March 17

LOAD OUT – 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 19

GRAND CHAMPION BUCKLE SPONSORED BY WANDA ECHOLS

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. 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
2. Exhibitor must be in the third grade or nine years old, but under twenty years of age, as of January 1, 2023
3. All steers must have been validated on or before June 30, 2022, 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. **All market steers entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags.** 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. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
4. An exhibitor may enter only one steer
5. 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 Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County- Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock

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. All Market Steers must have a legible county tattoo

8. Steers must meet the following requirements or be sifted:
- Must weigh at least 1050 pounds. There will be no top weight limit
 - Must be creditable from standpoints of types, quality finish and breed characteristics
 - Must be free of grub or grub damage
 - Must be dehorned and show no secondary horn growth
 - Must be trained to lead and handle properly. Nose leads will be permitted during sifting and judging. **No cable halters will be allowed.** 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
 - All steers must be shorn prior to arrival at the showgrounds. Hair must not exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ "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**
9. There is to be no feeding, drenching, or watering in the arena during judging
10. Steers must remain in their assigned stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except during sifting, judging or being prepared for judging. Stalls will be located in the Middle Barn
11. 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
12. Any steer showing more than normal fill at weighing time will be sifted by show officials
13. 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
14. The act of artificially filling animals internally by stomach pumping is prohibited and will result in disqualification of the animal
15. Decision of official veterinarian, classifier and/or sifter will be final and no protests will be considered by the show management
16. Crossbreed is defined as a steer whose sire and dam are of different breeds

17. 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 to 10 entries – 1 class
 - 11 to 20 entries – 2 classes
 - 21 to 35 entries – 3 classes
 - 36 to 50 entries – 4 classes
 - 51 entries & over – 5 classes
18. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a steer, there will be immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. No clippers requiring an electrical cord are allowed to be used once the animal has arrived on the showgrounds. Touch up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch up clipping and the steer is subject to disqualification. No change of the major color pattern of a steer by painting or dying will be allowed. Any steer groomed with material that allows color to come off the steer will not be allowed in the Show
19. No corded blowers will be permitted during the Junior Market Shows.
20. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging
21. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing. Regardless of any disqualifications, any market animal will remain under consignment contract and will be sold at the end of the event.
22. 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
23. 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
24. 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
25. 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

26. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Market Steer Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

MARKET STEER BREEDS

Eligibility for the following classes will be based solely on visible characteristics as determined by state guidelines and the classifier(s) appointed by the show management. See rule 13

- SANTA GERTRUDIS
- SIMBRAH
- ABC STEERS – AMERICAN BREEDS AND CROSSES
- CHAROLAIS
- CHIANINA
- MAINE-ANJOU STEERS
- AOB STEERS – ALL OTHER BREEDS

AWARDS

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champions – Scholarship, Buckle, Banner & Rosette

Reserve Breed Champions – Rosette

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Breed Champions and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placing projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

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

- Junior – Grades 3rd -5th
- Intermediate – Grades 6th – 8th
- Seniors – Grades 9th – 12th

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:

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3rd place - \$50 & Ribbon