



Market Steer Judge: Brandon Bratcher, Elizabeth, IN

#### Class 1

4-H Market Steers 1140 lbs. – 1160 lbs.

**1<sup>st</sup> – Colton Callaway – Cuyama Valley 4-H** - For the first class I'm going to lead off with the more structurally correct smoke steer. I think the pair are both adequate in terms of their muscle. The smoke reads softer middled, and I think as he finishes out, he'll have the advantage.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Kade Fetterman – Cuyama Valley 4-H** - The second-place steer in this class probably has the advantage in terms of his look, really easy to look at on the profile. When he sets him in motion, he's just too straight on both ends for me and wants to roll over in his pasterns.

#### Class 2

4-H Market Steers 1215 lbs. – 1275 lbs.

**1<sup>st</sup> – Carson Cerda – El Camino 4-H** - For me this steer sorts himself to the top of this trio fairly easy. He checks a lot of boxes for a show steer, really neat and extended in his front third, good topped with a nice hip and we set him in motion is where he really excels in this class.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Gavin Townes – Lompoc Valley 4-H** - The second place steer most closely resembles the class winner but just gets a little bigger shoulder and not quite as sleek in his front third. Where I really struggle with this steer is he wants to run up hill from his hooks to his pins and roach his tail head up. This is evident on the move and wants to drive his back two into the ground a little quick.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Nelson Ramirez – Lompoc Valley 4-H** - Rounded out the class with this next steer who is giving up some muscle and natural thickness to the two steer ahead of him. I think if this guy was a little more correct and got around better on the move you could make an argument for putting him in the two hole.

### Class 3

4-H Market Steers 1300 lbs. – 1390 lbs.

**1<sup>st</sup> – Adam Beck – Lompoc Valley 4-H** - Two exceptional steers at the top of this third class, I'm leading off with the BWF steer, he's just my kind. He is smoother made and better balanced than the steer behind him. I like his level hip and the way his neck comes high out of his blade.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Lawson Mendez – Lompoc Valley 4-H** - The next steer will come a very close second to our class winner, I think this steer probably has an advantage to his top and the turn to that rib but just doesn't balance up as nicely as the class winner and when we set him in motion he wants to get outside his skeleton a tick.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Camila Ramirez – Lompoc Valley 4-H** - The third-place red steer is one with not a lot of holes in him, just a little plainer in his front third and lacks some of the bells and whistles the two steers ahead of him have.

**4<sup>th</sup> - Nolan Andersen – Lucky Clover 4-H** - This fourth-place steer grew on me the more I watched him. The steer carries probably the most condition in the class but one that surely can get out and move, I really appreciate that about him and I think that is what moves him up ahead of the two rounding out the class.

**5<sup>th</sup> – Marc Westall – Lucky Clover 4-H** - I used the next steer for fifth even though he is probably the lightest muscled steer in the class, he reads to be a good feeding one with his soft middle. Really appreciate the bone and foot size in this calf.

**6<sup>th</sup> – Grant Solem – Lucky Clover 4-H** - Rounding out the class is a steer that I think will hang a high quality grade carcass but one that just doesn't have the balance, dimension and structural correctness to get him up there with the five ahead of him.