

Market Steer Judge: Brandon Bratcher, Elizabeth, IN

Class 1 FFA Market Steers 1219 lbs.

1st – Luis Guerra – Santa Maria FFA - Single entry, lighter weight steer in this first class but one that has a lot of quality. I like the balance and overall smoothness this steer has. He's adequate in his bone and foot size and when he is set in motion he moves about nicely. A solid single-entry steer.

Class 2 FFA Market Steers 1240 lbs. – 1284 lbs.

1st – Pilar Diaz – Santa Maria FFA – This steer is going to lead off this trio and he does so in terms of his power. Is he the most structurally correct steer in the class, no, he wants to get outside himself when in motion and comes up about a half stride short but he is the heaviest muscled, biggest hipped and topped steer.

2nd – **Jessica Gudino** – **Santa Maria FFA** - The second-place steer is the softest made steer in the class but giving up a lot of dimension and power to the steer that wins the class. I think when you analyze the top pair from behind is where they sort themselves out. This steer wants to break in hip loin junction which does give him an advantage in his reach of stride but sure would love to strengthen his top up.

3rd – **Max Mader** – **Orcutt/Sisquoc Grange** - Rounding out the class is probably the most structurally correct steer of the three but just flatter in his dimension and rib compared to the two ahead of him. I think later down the road this one has the correctness to carry that finish that will come and will be more competitive in the months to come.

Class 3 FFA Market Steer 1445 lbs.

1st – William Hughey – Arroyo Grande FFA - Another single-entry steer, one that is rugged in his design. Big boned, big footed heavy muscled kind of steer. One that is very correct in shoulder and extended in his front but wants to slope off from hooks to pins and when he is set into motion wants to tuck under.