

JUNIOR BEEF DEPARTMENT 102

Jr. Superintendent – Doc Sterken 262-949-5890

Director in Charge – Tom Cook

JUDGING DAY: THURSDAY of Fair at 8:00 am - BEEF WILL BE SHOWN IN BREEDS

Showmanship – THURSDAY at the end of the Junior Beef Show

Live Carcass Evaluation – Sunday, August 23, 2026 - Weigh In 1:00 PM Show 2:00 PM

Fairgrounds Activity Center

Carcass Evaluation – Wednesday, August 26, 2026 prior to Fair @ 6:00 PM at Sorg's

Current Walworth County Fair overall Rules & Regulations apply and are at: walworthcountyfairgrounds.com.

RULES GOVERNING BEEF EXHIBITS

1. An exhibitor may exhibit six beef animals with no more than three (3) of those animals being steers. (3 steers in live show or two in live and 1 in carcass). Only two animals (both can be steers) may be sold at the Meat Animal Sale, this includes Grand & Reserve Carcass steers.
2. Each exhibitor must be YQCA certified and meet mandatory meeting requirements in order to exhibit at the Walworth County Fair.
3. All exhibitors must fulfill two requirements: 1. Attend one educational meeting or participate in another junior beef event. (Exhibitors must contact the superintendent within one week of attending the event to ensure it meets the qualifications of the beef project). 2. Help with the Junior Beef Annual Steak Cookout in mid-July.
4. There will be a mandatory exhibitors' meeting at 5:00 PM on Tuesday evening immediately preceding weigh-in and breeding stock check in.
5. Steers must be born after January 1st of the preceding year in which they are coming to the Fair, properly identified and weighed according to regulations will be allowed to exhibit and sell. Dairy steers and Dairy Cross steers (at least 50% Dairy breeding) must weigh a minimum of 1150 lbs. to sell. All other steers must weigh a minimum of 1050 lbs. to sell (with the exception of Belted Galloways, Murray Grays and Highlands at 950 lbs). All decisions made at the scale and mouthing chute and decisions of the veterinarian(s), grader and mouther in charge are final.
6. Mouthing and weighing will be from 5:30-7:00 PM on Tuesday evening.
7. In Crossbred classes, only beef crosses will be allowed to be exhibited. EXAMPLE: A. A steer sired by a Hereford bull and born to an Angus cow should be shown in this class. Only "purebred" animals will be allowed to enter in breed classes, "purebred" will be defined by each breed organization.
8. Steers will be grouped by weight to give equal size classes and classes will be posted.
9. No exhibitor in the Junior Department will be allowed to compete in a Showmanship Contest which he/she has won the previous year. Winners of their age division must advance to the next age division the following year. They may not regain eligibility within the age group where the award took place, except in the Senior Division, where the winner will not be required to sit out. SHOWMANSHIP MUST BE PRE-ENTERED IN THE DIVISION THE YOUTH IS TO SHOW IN ACCORDING TO THE RULE ABOVE. EXHIBITOR MUST USE OWN ANIMAL IN SHOWMANSHIP.
10. The Walworth County Fair Board reserves the right to randomly drug test all steers including the Champion and Reserve Champion steers for drug violations. Random DNA samples will be pulled from steers at weigh-in. The Champion and Reserve Champion steers will have mandatory DNA tests.
11. All steers must be tagged with a Walworth Co. Meat Animal Sale tag or WI State Fair tag and DNA samples must be submitted for each to be eligible to show at the Walworth Co. Fair.
12. No bulls will be weighed or tagged. Leaders and advisors will notify exhibitors of weigh-in date. All animals will be identified by some means determined suitable by the committee. Bull leads or wires through noses will not be permitted at the spring weigh-in.
13. Exhibitors must state breed of animals at this weigh in. In "Any Other Breed" divisions – specify Breed.
14. No breaking halters permitted in show ring.
15. The beef calendar year will run from Spring Weigh-In to the Walworth County Fair.

16. All steers must be haltered and double tied with neck collars.
17. All steers must be dehorned by Spring weigh-in. Regrowth must not be more than 3" at the discretion of the Junior Beef Committee.
18. All steers must be halter broke to lead at spring weigh-in – no breaking halters allowed.
19. Fitting – Cattle may be towed when entering the show ring. Cattle showing evidence of having their natural color altered on the body proper will be prohibited from showing. No foreign matter or use of additional hair will be allowed on any beef entry. No artificial filling of animals will be allowed. Fittings should be done in designated Jr. Area.
20. Animals not under control by exhibitor may be dismissed at the discretion of the ring personnel. Judge may still award premium.
21. Fans will not be permitted in the aisles of the breed exhibit.
22. All steers must be stalled in the Jr. Beef Barn.
23. Clipping and grooming on exhibits while on the fairgrounds is to be done by the Junior Exhibitor, his/her immediate family, Walworth County 4-H and FFA leaders or advisors and/or other Wisconsin Junior Beef Members.
24. No drenching of exhibitors' cattle on Show Day without written permission from a veterinarian.

AGE CLASSIFICATIONS:

1. A junior calf is one born on or after January 1 of exhibit year. The calf must be at least 4 months old at the time of exhibit.
2. A senior calf is one born during the period September 1 to December 31 of year preceding exhibit year. It must have all eight temporary incisor teeth firmly in place.
3. A summer yearling is one born during the period May 1 to August 31 of year preceding exhibit year. It must have all eight temporary incisor teeth in place.
4. A junior yearling is one born during period January 1 to April 30 of year preceding exhibit year. It may have the two center temporary incisor teeth replaced by permanent incisors. These permanents must not be in wear. The remaining six temporary incisor teeth must be in place.
5. A senior yearling is one born after September 1 of the second-year preceding exhibit year.

Division Letter:

- A. Black & Red Angus**
- B. Shorthorn**
- C. Shorthorn Plus**
- D. Hereford – Polled Hereford**

- E. Simmentals**
- F. Maine - Anjou**
- G. Any other Breed**
- H. Crossbreds ** (excluding Class 1 & 2)**

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$9.00 2nd - \$8.00 3rd - \$7.00 4th - \$5.00

Class #:

CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
1. Bull Calf, Junior	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$5
2. Bull Calf, Senior	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$5
3. Heifer Calf, Junior	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$5
4. Heifer Calf, Senior	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
5. Heifer Summer Yearling	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
6. Heifer Junior Yearling	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
7. Heifer Senior Yearling	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5
8. Cow 2 years and over	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5

MARKET STEERS

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$9.00 2nd - \$7.00 3rd - \$6.00 4th - \$5.00

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- 2. Shorthorn**
- 3. Shorthorn Plus**
- 4. Hereford – Polled Hereford**
- 5. Simmentals**
- 6. Maine - Anjou**
- 7. Any Other Breed**
- 8. Crossbreds****
- 9. Dairy Beef Cross**
- 10. Dairy Steer**

Division J. – Bred and Owned

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$9.00 2nd - \$7.00 3rd - \$6.00 4th - \$5.00

Class #:

- 1. Heifer
- 2. Bull

Division K. – Feeder Calves

Class #:

- 1. Feeder calf any breed, heifer or steers (no bulls) born Jan. 1 and before June 1 of the current year.
- 2. Pair of calves, any sex, owned by one exhibitor (for breeding only) All Breeds Compete

CHAMPION and RESERVE CHAMPION MALE & FEMALE (ea. Breed) RIBBON
 GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE (overall).....RIBBON
 GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL (overall).....RIBBON
 CHAMPION STEER (each breed)RIBBON
 RESERVE CHAMPION STEER (each breed)RIBBON
 GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER (overall).....RIBBON

Showmanship – Danish Judging

Must be pre-entered (All Breeds to Compete)

Senior Champion has the privilege of showing in Master Showman Contest on Saturday in Activity Center.

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$6.00 2nd - \$5.00 3rd - \$4.00 4th - \$3.00

Division L – Showmanship

Class #:

- 1. Junior, 8-10 yrs. of age
- 2. Junior, 11-12 yrs. of age
- 3. Intermediate, 13-14 yrs. of age
- 4. Senior, 15 yrs. and over

Awards:

- 1. Top showmen of Polled Hereford or Hereford Cattle Awards in 4-H, FFA, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions donated by WPHA Women.
- 2. Champion Angus Steer Trophy donated by the Chuck Kopsell Family.
- 3. Champion Angus Female Trophy donated by Tom Strause Family
- 4. Champion Shorthorn Steer Trophy donated by Tim & Dawne Meyer.
- 5. Champion Shorthorn Female Trophy donated by Roger & Ann Williams
- 6. Champion Shorthorn Plus Steer Trophy donated by Dan and Crystie Cowan Family
- 7. Champion Shorthorn Plus Female Trophy donated by Dan Schutt Family
- 8. Champion Hereford Steer Trophy donated by the Oak Shade/Ed Wieners Family.
- 9. Champion Hereford Female Trophy donated by the Siegler Grading & Excavating
- 10. Champion Simmental Steer Trophy donated by the Coyle Haven.
- 11. Champion Simmental Female Trophy donated by the Lance Ellsworth Family.
- 12. Champion Maine-Anjou Steer Trophy donated by Cook Logistics.
- 13. Champion Maine-Anjou Female Trophy donated by Armbrust Family.
- 14. Champion Any Other Breed Steer Trophy donated by Reed's Construction.
- 15. Champion Any Other Breed Female Trophy donated by Kegley Farms.
- 16. Champion Crossbred Steer Trophy donated by Kegley Show Supplies.
- 17. Champion Crossbred Female Trophy donated by Cook Logistics.
- 18. Champion Dairy- Beef Cross Steer Trophy donated by Big Foot FFA.
- 19. Champion Dairy Steer Trophy donated by Fredrich Farms.
- 20. Champion Bred and Owned Male Trophy donated by Simons Seeds and Feeds, & Champion Bred and Owned Female Trophy donated by the Jeff Slack Family.
- 21. Reserve Grand Champion Overall Female trophy donated by Farmer Wally Worth. Exhibitor will also receive a banner, donated by Sorg Farm Services, and a wood box with plaque from Balsis Awards & Engraving.
- 22. Top Five placing overall female exhibitors each receive a banner donated by the Ganhs, Siegler, Smith & Rehberg Families.
- 23. Reserve Grand Champion Overall Steer Trophy donated by John and Susan Holmes. Exhibitor will also receive a banner, donated by the Yates Family, in memory of Joshua Yates. Ann Brost Family – Wood box with plaque.
- 24. Top Five placing overall steer exhibitors each receive a banner donated by the Ganhs, Siegler, Smith & Rehberg Families.

25. Grand Champion Overall Female Trophy donated by Chuck Kopsell Family. Exhibitor will also receive a banner, donated by the Siegler Family in memory of Michael Siegler, and a metal wall hanging from Scharine Group.
26. Grand Champion Overall Bull Calf Trophy donated by Chuck Kopsell Family.
27. Grand Champion Overall Feeder Calf Trophy donated by Grant Wiswell Family
28. Grand Champion Overall Steer Trophy donated by Doc Sterken Family. The exhibitor will also receive an award donated by the Bob Key Family and an embroidered jacket from PFI Fashions, along with a metal wall hanging from Scharine Group.
29. Champion Showmen Trophies for Senior, Intermediate, Junior (11-12) and Junior (8-10) divisions donated by Farm City Elevator/Roger Wuttke. Champion Showmen also receives a metal wall hanging from Scharine Group. Reserve Showman Senior, Intermediate, Junior (11-12) and Junior (8-10) receive banners, donated by Roger and Ann Williams.
30. Champion Rate of Gain Trophies in live show: Angus – Hueber Show Feeds, Shorthorn – Dakota Siegler, Herefords – Badger FFA, Simmental – Elkhorn FFA Alumni, Maine-Anjou – John Holmes Family, Any Other Breed – Marty Speth, Crossbred – East Troy FFA, Dairy Steer – Simon Feed & Seed, Dairy Cross – tba, Shorthorn Plus – Booth Family Farms.
31. In addition, each Rate of Gain breed winner will receive a feed pan donated by Jerry and Marleen Siegler.
32. Champion Carcass Overall Rate of Gain Trophy donated by Sam Brummel Family.
33. Champion Bull of each breed receives a banner. In addition, the top three placings receive a banner donated by Cheerful Acres Shorthorns, Joe & Julie Leonard Family, Schutt Farms and Baker's Polled Herefords.
34. Champion Overall Rate of Gain donated by Lakes Brick and Block.

Division M. – Performance and Carcass Evaluation All Ages

PREMIUMS: 1st - \$6.00 2nd - \$5.00 3rd - \$4.00 4th - \$3.00

Class #

1. Carcass Evaluation

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RULES:

1. The Junior Beef Carcass contest is open to any Junior exhibitor in the Junior Beef project and must be pre-entered.
2. Straight beef, beef crosses, dairy beef, and straight dairy steers will be permitted to enter in the show.
3. Exhibitors must choose their carcass steer from the steers identified at the Spring Weigh-In.
4. Each entry will be charged a \$5.00 entry fee, paid at Spring Weigh-In. The fee will not be refunded and no late entries will be accepted. This will be used as part of the premium money for the show. The Walworth County Fair will contribute \$550.00. The Walworth County Junior Beef project will donate an additional \$500.
5. Animals will be weighed in Spring at the Fairgrounds, for an average daily gain for each entry. All animals must weigh at least 1050 lbs. for beef cattle & 1150 lbs. for dairy & dairy cross steers (with the exception of Belted Galloways, Murray Grays, and Highlands at 950 lbs.) on Junior Beef Carcass Show Day. Only one animal allowed per exhibitor.
6. All animals must be shown live and led by a youth exhibitor to be awarded a carcass placing.
7. Following the live evaluation, cattle will be trucked to a locker plant. Carcasses will be evaluated at Sorg's on (date and time). Exhibitors are expected to attend the Awards Meeting. First and Second year Junior Beef project members should attend the Carcass Evaluation Meeting to better understand the Beef project.
8. Special recognition will be given for live carcass and overall placings. Placings will be determined by:

Average Daily Gain.....	Points
Live Placing	Points
Quality Grade	Points
Yield Grade	Points
9. The Champion and Reserve carcass must grade Choice and will be sold on live weight per pound at the Meat Animal Sale.
10. The carcass placing prize money will be based on the number of entries in the show.
11. Animals exhibited in this class are not to be fitted for the live show, only clipped, washed, and dried. All animals violating the above will be disqualified from the entire contest.
12. Champion Live Carcass Trophy donated by Wilson Country Meats.

13. Reserve Champion Live Carcass Trophy donated by the Kollwelter Family.
14. Grand Champion Carcass Trophy donated by Tom Leonard Family, and a metal wall hanging from Scharine Group. Grand Champion Carcass will also receive a large banner, donated by PATS Services, Inc.
15. Reserve Grand Champion Carcass Trophy donated by Fredrich Farms, and wood box with plaque from Friends of the Walworth County Jr. Beef.
16. Champion Overall Performance Trophy donated by Ellsworth Limousins.
17. Reserve Champion Overall Performance Trophy donated by Cook Logistics.