

# JUNIOR COMMERCIAL STEER FEEDING & MANAGEMENT SHOW

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The Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show is designed to encourage 4-H & FFA members to participate in a practical beef production program. Emphasis on feeding economy is not only recommended, but is a prerequisite for entry in this show.

This program is part of the Junior Livestock Division, however 4-H and FFA members can show and sell in this program as well as in the Junior Livestock Sale. Example: you can sell a pen of steers in addition to a barrow, carcass hog, colt, fryers, rabbits, steer, turkey, or goat.

## **2026 Important Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday, February 22	6:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Orientation (VIP Building)
Saturday, March 21	8:00 a.m.	Initial Weigh-In (Cattleman's Brenham Livestock Auction)
Sunday, August 2	6:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Mandatory Meeting (VIP Building)*
Sunday, August 16	6:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Mandatory Meeting (VIP Building)*
Saturday, September 5	8:00 a.m.	Final Weigh-In (Cattleman's Brenham Livestock Auction)
Friday, September 11	4:30 p.m.	Recordbook and Point Money Due (Fair Office)

\*Exhibitors must attend and participate in one of the Mandatory Meetings to be eligible to show at the Fair.

- 1. Online Registration/Entry deadline is March 15, 2026. Please refer to the JLA rules for all dates, policies and procedures that pertain to online entries and fees.**

2. Commercial Steer entries will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations and the Jr. Livestock Division Rules except where they conflict with the rules of the show, in which case, Show Rules will prevail.
3. Commercial Steers Initial Weigh-In will be on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 8 a.m. Steers will be weighed, ear tagged, and tattooed. If the ear tag is lost during the feeding period, the exhibitor must notify the Chairman within seven (7) days of loss.
4. Steers of any beef breed are eligible to be entered in this show. Exhibitor must have owned their steers prior to Saturday, March 21, 2026. Steers must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor from the date of acquisition to the closing day of the Fair.
5. Entry of one (1) pen per exhibitor will be accepted. It will be a pen of two (2) steers and they are to be fed in a separate feed pen from other livestock when placed on full feed. Replacement steers will not be accepted.
6. Exhibitor and parent/guardian will be required to sign record book kept on the pen of steers.
7. Steers MUST weigh 900 lbs. or less at initial weigh-in and weigh more than 1200 lbs. with a maximum 1650 lbs. at final weigh-in. Any steer weighing under 1200 lbs. or over 1650 lbs. will be re-weighed immediately. Steers weighing under 1200 lbs. or over 1650 lbs. will NOT be eligible to arrive at the fairgrounds for the contest. If the exhibitor should have one (1) steer make weight and one (1) steer that does not, the record book must still be calculated for two (2) steers. If both steers are less than 1200 lbs. or over 1650 lbs., then the exhibitor and steers are ineligible to participate in the Commercial Steer contest.
8. If the steer should die or become ineligible during the feeding period, the exhibitor may show and sell the remaining steer. If an exhibitor should have a steer die during the feeding program, the record book would be completed as follows: All costs incurred by the exhibitor from the initial weigh-in date until the date the steer died would be divided by two (2) and the remaining days would only show cost for the remaining steer.
9. Alternate steer may be brought to initial weigh-in but must be present on grounds in the event a steer is heavier than 900 lbs. and will be immediately tagged and weighed on Saturday, March 21, 2026.
10. Steers will be weighed at the final weigh-in and will be sold at the same weight.

11. Steers need not be halter broken; however, no wild or unruly animals will be accepted at the Washington County Fair. Rule will be enforced.
12. Steers must be dehorned (NOT tipped) and not have any scurs. Otherwise, they will not be accepted in the show.
13. Each exhibitor must certify that these steers were legally withdrawn from all chemicals and drugs in accordance with the United States Food and Drug Administration regulations and comply with all state and federal regulations pertaining to livestock.
14. All steers will be ear tagged on Saturday, March 21, 2026. The exhibitor or a representative of the exhibitor must be present at the initial and final weigh-in, on Saturday, September 5, 2026.
15. All exhibitors must collect a minimum of \$500 in point money to receive ANY of the point money distribution. All point money must be turned in by Friday, September 11, 2026 with the ENTIRE sponsor sheets filled out completely. Point money should be turned in to the Fair Office. Exhibitors must complete all phases of the contest in order to sell their steers and receive premium monies including point money collected.
16. A committee of judges will grade the Junior Commercial Steers based on U.S.D.A. Standard Quality and yield grades for slaughter steers.
17. Steers receiving ribbons will be sold in overall high point order at auction. Steers entered will be sold at auction. A 6% sales fee will be deducted from sale price. A market price will be determined by current value market of that week. Exhibitors will receive the market value of the steer, all monies above the market value will go into the point money. However, if the steer does not make market value, the commission will be taken out of the sale price. Exhibitor will be paid sale price.
18. The official scoring system used in this division based on one hundred (100) points will be scored as follows:
  - a. Quiz - 25 pts
  - b. Oral Interview - 25 pts
  - c. Steer Grade - 10 pts
  - d. Cost/Pound of Gain - 5 pts
  - e. Feed Conversion - 5 pts
  - f. Average Daily Gain - 5 pts

- g. Record Book – 15 pts
- h. Meat Identification Test – 10 pts

19. Record books are to be turned in to the Fair Office on Friday, September 11, 2026 by 4:30 p.m. After the grading of the record books and if there is a question about the grading/judging, it is to be directed to committee representative by EXHIBITOR ONLY.

20. Ribbons will be awarded to all steer grading as follows:

**Points Per Steer:**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>PRIME</b>	<b>CHOICE</b>	<b>SELECT</b>
Yield Grade – 1 to 2	Blue 5	Blue 5	Red 3
Yield Grade – 3	Blue 5	Red 4	White 2
Yield Grade – 4 to 5	None 4	None 1	None 1

21. Grand and Reserve Champion Commercial Steer Pens will be given.

22. The Glenwood Wendler Commercial Steer Award, donated by Jason Wendler, will be awarded to the top places in the Commercial Steer Contest. The award for 2026 will be \$1,025. The award will be paid as shown below:

Champion Pen	\$250
Reserve Pen	\$200
3 <sup>RD</sup>	\$150
4 <sup>TH</sup>	\$125
5 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100
6 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100
7 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,025</b>