

Beef Carcass Contest

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The Box Butte County carcass contest is held so that 4-H and FFA members may learn more about carcass values, efficient feeding & management techniques, and marketing. 4-H and FFA Members with carcass contest animals will meet on a scheduled date prior to fair week to have their entry weighed. The exhibitor will be required to participate in a short interview where the individual will be judged on their knowledge of the project. An optional record book may be submitted for additional points. The animal entries will be shipped to a beef plant where carcass data will be collected at the time of harvest. Exhibitors will receive payment based on a value-based grid in which the carcasses were sold. Carcass Data will be used to determine placings for the carcass entry as well as a separate placing for the exhibitor for their interview and their record book. All three scores (carcass value, interview & record book) will be combined for overall Champion and Reserve Champion Carcass Contest exhibitor. Placings will be announced during the Beef Show at the fair. Exhibitors are encouraged to be present at the Beef Show even though their entries are not present.

- A. A Champion and Reserve Champions will be selected at the discretion of the Judge. **Only purple ribbons will be considered for Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons, Awards and Prizes.**
- B. **Dress Code-** When showing animals, exhibitors must wear the official 4-H Council approved t-shirt or FFA shirt. Blue jeans and closed-toed shoes are appropriate.
- C. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**—Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through the yqcaprogram.org website. (See Livestock Handbook for more information).
- D. **Livestock Handbook Agreement-**ALL exhibitors and one parent must review, sign and return, to the Extension Office, the Large Animal Handbook Agreement, to be eligible to show and sell livestock at the Box Butte County Fair. This must be complete by July 1 of the current year.
- E. See the Livestock Handbook for more information.

Livestock Sale for Carcass Animals

No white ribbon carcass will be eligible to sell. Carcass animals are sold on a value-based grid to a packer prior to the county fair. Each exhibitor receives a check from the packer for the value of their market animal on the grid. At the BBC livestock sale, an exhibitor selling their carcass animal does not have an animal to sell as they have already been harvested and processed. However, the exhibitor may participate in the livestock sale for a “premium” for their carcass animal. The auction will determine the dollar per head that the exhibitor receives, it will no longer be a dollar per pound auction for carcass animals. A carcass animal sold in the livestock sale will count as one of the two animals each exhibitor is allowed to sell through the sale. For sale order purposes carcass animals will sell with the small animals.

Class:
G025018 Market Beef Carcass

The following table will be used for ribbon placings for beef carcass:

Placing	Grade	Yield Grade
Purple	Prime	1, 2, 3, 4
	Choice	1, 2
Blue	Choice	3, 4
	Select	1, 2
Red	Prime	5
	Choice	5
	Select	3, 4, 5
	Standard (No Roll)	1, 2
	Dark Cutter	
*White	Standard (No Roll)	3, 4, 5
	Utility	
	Bullock	

*Ineligible to sell in sale