

# BEEF

(Revised Information for 2021)

## DEPARTMENT G - DIVISIONS 10-28, 49-51 - BEEF CATTLE DIVISION

### GENERAL BEEF SHOW RULES

- A. See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
- B. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER INDIVIDUAL** - An exhibitor may show a maximum of 4 market beef animals, 4 breeding beef, 2 feeder calves, 2 suckling calves, 1 bucket calf plus one and 1 bucket calf. The cow-calf entry will count as one event in the breeding beef class. The calf will be counted as a separate entry only if it is entered in the Suckling class. Showmanship and Group of Three classes do not count as an entry.
- C. All Purebred (registered) animals must have a copy of their breed Registration Paper** submitted to the Extension Office by closing on **June 15<sup>th</sup>** in order to exhibit in a purebred class.
- D. GROOMING OF ANIMALS:** the entire Nemaha County **4-H Beef Show will be Blow and Go**; animals are clipped, blown and brushed or combed to enhance their appearance.
- Guidelines for the Blow and Go show:**
1. 4-H beef animals will be shown free of any compounds that are applied by aerosol propellants.
  2. Alcohol, water or any water – or alcohol based products with no adhesive qualities are permitted.
  3. Any compounds that have adhesive qualities or alter the color and/or shape of the animal are forbidden.
- E. IDENTIFICATION**
- Market Beef** - Market beef competing in rate of gain must be weighed on Weigh-in Day and ear tagged with the official 4-H ear tag by an UNL Extension Staff member or appointed volunteer. **Weigh-In is not required unless you want to participate in the rate of gain contest.** Any market beef eligible to be exhibited at State Fair and/or Aksarben must have DNA collected and tagged with an official USDA EID tag. **UNL Extension staff member or appointed volunteer must witness DNA collection and tagging of the animal.** Animal nomination and payment must be submitted online via Show Stock Manager livestock database by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Extension office for instructions. (State Fair Only: British breed steers must be owned by the exhibitor, be identified by a legible ear tattoo, recorded on ownership affidavit by April 1. See State Fair Book for more breed specific ID rules for SF.) **Market Beef must be weighed (if competing in rate of gain), ear tagged, and DNA collected prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>.** All identification of market beef must be documented on an Identification/Ownership Affidavit and submitted to the Extension Office. (4-Hers and parents have to sign the DNA envelopes before they are sent to Aksarben.)
- Breeding Beef** – All breeding heifers must have a tattoo and identification of breeding beef (registered/commercial) must be documented on an Identification/Ownership Affidavit submitted to the Extension Office by closing on **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. At county level heifers must be identified as either market or breeding beef as no individual heifer may show in both market and breeding classes. Breeding Beef going to State Fair or Aksarben must complete the online breeding heifer nomination entry submitted through official online database by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Extension office for instructions. At State level heifers may be nominated as both market and breeding, provided the online nominations have been selected, completed (both market and breeding) with full payment and DNA samples have been collected and submitted according to the assigned deadlines. This option does not allow the animal to be shown as both market and breeding at the same show. Any heifer not having a legible tattoo or that shows evidence of a fresh or recent tattoo, will be disqualified from the show. A calf-hood vaccination tattoo is not considered an official identification tattoo. Only breeding heifers recognized as registered and eligible to show by their respective state Breed Associations will be allowed to compete in the breed classes. Commercial breeding heifers must have a known birth date and be identified by an ear tattoo to be able to show.
- Suckling Calf/Bucket Calf** - All suckling calves and bucket calves must be tagged using appropriate 4-H tags and identification must be documented on an Identification/Ownership Affidavit and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Cannot ID a calf as both suckling and bucket—if it is still with the mother it is a suckling calf; if its sole source of nourishment is from a bucket or bottle, it is a bucket calf.
- Bucket Calf Plus One** – Animals shown in the Bucket Calf Plus One class must have been shown by the exhibitor in the 4-H Bucket Calf class at the Nemaha County Fair in the preceding year. Animals to be shown in market class must retain their original 4-H ear tag until when the animal will be tagged with an official 4-H ear tag. Animals to be shown as Breeding Heifers will need an ear tattoo by June 15. All market or breeding must be documented on an Identification/Ownership Affidavit submitted to the Extension Office by closing on **June 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- Feeder Calf** – Animals shown in the feeder calf class must be tagged with an official 4-H ear tag and identification documented on an Identification/Ownership Affidavit and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. A feeder calf is needing additional feeding to fatten.
- F. PRE-ENTRY** - All Beef exhibits, including Showmanship, to be eligible to show at the county fair must be pre-entered on a GREEN Entry Sheet available at the Extension Office and due by closing **June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## G. SUCKLING CALF RULES

1. **See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
2. Any calf (heifer, steer or bull) of beef type born between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
3. Suckling calves are still nursing on the cow. Calves may be brought to the fairgrounds and taken home on the day of the show if not accompanied by its mother.
4. A Division Champion and Reserve Champion calf will be selected.
5. A copy of the official breed registration papers must be on file at the Extension Office by June 15 for registered animals.

## H. FEEDER CALF RULES

1. **See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
2. Any calf (heifer, steer or bull) of beef type born between June 16<sup>th</sup> of the previous and June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
3. Feeder calves are needing additional feeding to fatten.
4. A Division Champion and Reserve Champion calf will be selected.
5. A copy of the official breed registration papers must be on file at the Extension Office by June 15 for registered animals.

## I. BREEDING BEEF RULES

1. **See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
2. **Any heifer** not having a legible tattoo or that shows evidence of a fresh or recent tattoo will be disqualified from the show.  
**State Fair / Ak-Sar-Ben Only:** All breeding heifer exhibitors must complete the online breeding heifer nomination entry submitted through official online database by June 15.
3. **COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK** - Commercial breeding heifers must be identified with a legible ear tattoo **OR an EID tag** and be recorded on an Identification/Ownership Affidavit form by June 15 of the current year.
4. **REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK** –To be eligible to show in a registered class a breeding animal must be owned by the exhibitor and be recorded on an Identification/Ownership Affidavit by June 15 of the current year and be identified with a legible ear tattoo that corresponds with the registration papers. A copy of the official breed registration papers must be on file at the Extension Office by June 15. Breeding heifers must be recognized as registered and eligible to show by their respective breed associations to show in the registered classes.
  - a. Angus Heifers- Must be registered in the American Angus Association.
  - b. Charolais Heifers- Must have an American-International Charolais Association (AICA) registration certificate and must be 100% purebred Charolais.
  - c. Composite Charolais Heifers- These heifers must have an AICA Charolais-Cross Record and must be at least ½ blood or more Charolais influence, i.e. be sired by a registered purebred Charolais bull or be out of a registered purebred Charolais female.
  - d. Chianina Heifers- Must be registered in the American Chianina Association. Includes Chiangus, Chianina, Chiford, or Chimaine.
  - e. Gelbvieh Heifers- Must be registered in the American Gelbvieh Association.
  - f. Balancer Heifers- Must registered with the American Gelbvieh Association and be 25-70% Gelbvieh and 30-75% Red Angus or Angus.
  - g. Hereford and Polled Hereford Heifers- Must be registered with the American Hereford Association.
  - h. Limousin Heifers- Must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation.
  - i. LimFlex Heifers- Must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation and must be 25-75% Limousin and 25-75% Red Angus or Angus.
  - j. Maine Anjou Heifers- Must be registered with the American Maine-Anjou Association and must be ¾ blood and above. Chimaine are not accepted.
  - k. Mainetainer Heifers- Must be registered with the American Maine-Anjou Association and be 1/4 to 5/8 blood Maine-Anjou.
  - l. Red Angus Heifers- Must be registered with the Red Angus Association of America.
  - m. Shorthorn Heifers – Must be registered with the American Shorthorn Association and must be 15/16 registered purebreds.
  - m. Shorthorn Plus Heifers- Must be registered with the American Shorthorn Association and must be 1/4 blood and up to and including 7/8 blood Shorthorn.
  - n. Simmental Heifers- Must be registered with the American Simmental Association and must be 75.1% or higher.
  - o. Foundation Simmental Heifers- Must be registered with the American Simmental Association and must be 50-75% Simmental.
  - p. All Other Breeds (AOB) Heifers- The AOB division may include registered heifers for which a separate division is not listed, but which meet their state breed associations' criteria for exhibition, or

- registered heifers with registration papers not meeting the state's breed association requirements listed above. Heifers entered in the AOB class must have appropriate registration papers.
5. Crossbred and grade breeding heifers will be shown in the commercial heifer class and registered heifers will be shown in the registered heifer classes.
  6. A champion and reserve champion of each registered breed and a champion and reserve champion commercial breeding heifer will be selected. A Supreme Champion will be selected from these division champions. First and second purple places from each division will be eligible to compete. Aged cows, cow/calf pairs and the stocker feeder female champions are not eligible in this selection.
  7. **Each breed of purebred heifers will show separately regardless of number of entries within their breed.** Classes will be established for any breed when those heifers meet the registration requirements of their respective breed associations.
  8. Classes of the same breed with less than 5 entries may be combined into groups of at least 5 head at the discretion of the superintendent.
  9. Breeding females will be shown from youngest to oldest for the complete breed. Breeds will be shown in alphabetical order beginning with Angus.

#### J. MARKET BEEF RULES

1. **See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
2. Market Heifers are not to be bred.
3. Steers and heifers (purebred, grades and crossbreds) born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year are eligible to show in this class.
4. **WEIGHT REQUIREMENT** - No requirement at county level.  
**State Fair requirements**--Market steers and heifers must meet the following weights:
  - A. Market Steers weighing under 1000 lbs. will be removed from the show.
  - B. Market Heifers weighing under 900 lbs. will be removed from the show.
5. **SELECTION OF GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS** - A grand and reserve champion will be selected from the market heifer division, British breed steer division, crossbred steer division and Bucket Calf Plus One steer and heifer divisions. The British breed division will be subdivided into Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn steer classes. First and second purple / blue places from each class will compete for champion and reserve champion of the British breed division. An over-all grand champion and reserve champion market animal will be selected from the division champions. **Bucket Calf Plus One steer and heifer divisions are not eligible to come back for the over-all grand and reserve champion market animal.**
6. **REGISTRATION OF MARKET LIVESTOCK** – To be eligible to show in a British steer class the market animal must be owned by the exhibitor, be identified by a legible ear tattoo, recorded on ownership affidavit/identification form by April 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. A copy of the official breed registration papers must be on file at the Extension Office by June 15. Any breed steer not having a legible tattoo, or shows evidence of a fresh or recent tattoo, will not be allowed to show in the British Breed classes, but may be allowed to show in the crossbred classes. Appendix Shorthorn / Shorthorn Plus steers will not be allowed to show in the purebred Shorthorn steer class.
7. Classes with less than 5 entries may be combined into groups of at least 5 head at the discretion of the superintendent.

#### K. BUCKET CALF PLUS ONE

1. Follow guidelines under Beef.
2. Calves shown as Bucket Calves at previous years Nemaha County Fair.
3. Steers and heifers will be shown separately with no breakdown of breed for market or breeding classes but if needed class breaks will be determined by weight for market classes.
4. Classes are part of Market Beef and Breeding Heifer show.
5. Exhibitors are eligible for Showmanship class.
6. Classes are part of 4-H Beef Show.

#### L. RATE OF GAIN CONTEST RULES

1. Premiums will be paid on only the first five places in each class.
2. **Only market beef animals that went through Weigh-in day are eligible.**
3. The average daily gain will be determined using the weigh-in weight plus date and the County Fair weight plus date.
4. Final Rate of Gain results will not be given out until after the Beef Show.

### DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 10 - BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Division 10 Classes 910 - 930

Pay Category J

**SF)CLASS 910** Senior Division - 14-18 years of age

**SF)CLASS 920** Intermediate Division - 10-13 years of age

**C) CLASS 930** Junior Division - 8-9 years of age

## DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 51 – SUCKLING CALVES

Division 27 Classes 901 - 906

Pay Category F

- C)CLASS 901** British Breed Calf – Female
- C)CLASS 902** British Breed Calf – Male
- C)CLASS 903** Crossbred Calf – Female
- C)CLASS 904** Crossbred Calf – Ma
- C)CLASS 905** All Other Breeds (AOB) – Female
- C)CLASS 906** All Other Breeds (AOB) - Male

## DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 50 – FEEDER CALVES

Division 50 Classes 901-918

Pay Category F

### BRITISH BREEDS

- C)CLASS 901** Bull Calf (Jan-Mar 15 current year)
- SF)CLASS 902** Steer Calf (Jan-Mar 15 current year)
- SF)CLASS 903** Heifer Calf (Jan-Mar 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 904** Bull Calf (Mar 16-Jun 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 905** Steer Calf (Mar 16-Jun 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 906** Heifer Calf (Mar 16-Jun 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 907** Bull Calf (Jun 16-Dec 31 previous year)
- C)CLASS 908** Steer Calf (Jun 16-Dec 31 previous year)
- C)CLASS 909** Heifer Calf (Jun 16-Dec 31 previous year)

### CROSSBREDS

- C)CLASS 910** Bull Calf (Jan-Mar 15 current year)
- SF)CLASS 911** Steer Calf (Jan-Mar 15 current year)
- SF)CLASS 912** Heifer Calf (Jan-Mar 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 913** Bull Calf (Mar 16-Jun 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 914** Steer Calf (Mar 16-Jun 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 915** Heifer Calf (Mar 16-Jun 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 916** Bull Calf (Jun 16-Dec 31 previous year)
- C)CLASS 917** Steer Calf (Jun 16-Dec 31 previous year)
- C)CLASS 918** Heifer Calf (Jun 16-Dec 31 previous year)

### NON-BRITISH PUREBREDS

- C)CLASS 919** Bull Calf (Jan-Mar 15 current year)
- SF)CLASS 920** Steer Calf (Jan-Mar 15 current year)
- SF)CLASS 921** Heifer Calf (Jan-Mar 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 922** Bull Calf (Mar 16-Jun 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 923** Steer Calf (Mar 16-Jun 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 924** Heifer Calf (Mar 16-Jun 15 current year)
- C)CLASS 925** Bull Calf (Jun 16-Dec 31 previous year)
- C)CLASS 926** Steer Calf (Jun 16-Dec 31 previous year)
- C)CLASS 927** Heifer Calf (Jun 16-Dec 31 previous year)

## DEPARTMENT G - DIVISIONS 12-14, 16-19, 21-26 - BEEF BREEDING HEIFERS

Divisions 12-14, 16-24, 26-27 Classes 909 - 990

Pay Category E

- DIVISION 12** Angus Heifers
- DIVISION 13** Charolais Heifers
- DIVISION 14** Chianina Heifers
- DIVISION 16** Gelbvieh Heifers
- DIVISION 17** Hereford & Polled Hereford Heifers
- DIVISION 18** Limousin Heifers
- DIVISION 19** Maine Anjou Heifers
- DIVISION 20** Red Angus Heifers
- DIVISION 21** Shorthorn Heifers
- DIVISION 22** Simmental Heifers
- DIVISION 23** All Other Breeds (AOB)
- DIVISION 26** Commercial Heifers
- DIVISION 27** Bucket Calf Plus One Heifers

**BREEDING HEIFER CLASSES** (Each breed will show separately except Bucket Calf Plus One.)

- C)CLASS 909** Bucket Calf Plus One Breeding Heifers
- SF)CLASS 910** Yearling Heifers - Calved Aug - December, two years ago
- SF)CLASS 920** Yearling Heifers - Calved January - February, last year
- SF)CLASS 930** Yearling Heifers - Calved March - April, last year
- SF)CLASS 940** Yearling Heifers - Calved May - June, last year
- SF)CLASS 950** Yearling Heifers - Calved July - August, last year
- SF)CLASS 960** Heifer Calves - Calved September - October, last year
- SF)CLASS 970** Heifer Calves - Calved November - December, last year

**COW-CALF & AGED COW CLASSES**

- C)CLASS 980** Cow-Calf
- C)CLASS 990** Aged Cow, Born on or before July 1, two years ago

**DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 11 - MARKET BEEF**

Division 11 Classes 920 - 986, 988-989, 987 (Club Premium)

Pay Category E

- SF)CLASS 920** Market Heifers
- C)CLASS 989** Market Heifers – All Other Breeds (AOB)
- C)CLASS 921** Bucket Calf Plus One Heifers
- SF)CLASS 960** Market Steer - Angus
- SF)CLASS 970** Market Steer - Hereford
- SF)CLASS 980** Market Steer – Shorthorn
- SF)CLASS 985** Market Steer – Crossbreds
- C) CLASS 988** Market Steer - All Other Breeds (AOB)
- C)CLASS 986** Bucket Calf Plus One Steers
- C) CLASS 987** Club Group of Market Beef - (Group of 3 steers or/and 3 market heifers with ownership by more than 1 exhibitor)

**DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 28 - RATE OF GAIN**

Division 28 Classes 901 - 902

Pay Category E

- C)CLASS 901** Steers
- C)CLASS 902** Heifers

**DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 49 - BUCKET CALF PROJECT**

Division 49 Classes 910 - 930

Pay Category F

**GENERAL BUCKET CALF RULES**

- A. See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
- B. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** - An exhibitor may show only one bucket calf. Calves shown in the bucket calf class will not be allowed to show in any other classes during the current fair. This includes the showmanship classes except Bucket Calf Plus One. The show will be divided based on the 4-Hers age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- C. IDENTIFICATION** - Identification of bucket calves must be documented on an Identification/Ownership Affidavit Form and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on **June 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- D. PRE-ENTRY** - All bucket calf exhibits, to be eligible to show at the County Fair must be pre-entered on a GREEN Entry Sheet available at the Extension Office due by closing on **June 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- E. BUCKET CALF** is an **orphan calf**, male or female, bottle or bucket fed, and born between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- F. RECORD BOOKS** - Bucket Calf Record Books must be given to the Bucket Calf superintendent or an Extension staff member at check-in. The judge will evaluate completed records before the show begins.
- G. SCORECARD** - (Dairy and beef quality of the calf will not be considered.)
  - Evaluation of the completed record..... 35%
  - Evaluation of member’s knowledge by interview..... 35%
  - General health & well-being ..... 15%
  - Showmanship & fitting..... 15%
- H.** A show stick is not to be used in showing the 1<sup>st</sup> year bucket calf. Second year bucket calves may use a show stick.

**DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 49 - BUCKET CALF SHOW**

Division 49 Classes 910-930

Pay Category F

- C)CLASS 910** Bucket Calf - Senior Division (14 -18 years of age)

**C)CLASS 920** Bucket Calf - Intermediate Division (10 - 13 years of age)

**C)CLASS 930** Bucket Calf - Junior Division (8 - 9 years of age)

**BUCKET CALF PLUS ONE**

See Bucket Calf Plus One rules under General Beef Show rules.