

Department J – BEEF

4-H and FFA

All beef animals must be in place by 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 9.

Make sure to read “General Rules for Livestock” and the National Code of Show Ring Ethics at the beginning of the Department J - Animal Science section. All animals will remain on exhibit throughout the fair unless otherwise noted.

Grooming

All Beef shows, including Showmanship, will be Blow and Go. Guidelines for the Blow & Go show:

1. All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.
2. Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through, or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. These products include, but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Natural Hold, Ultra White Touch-Up, Black Touch Up, Black Finisher, black show foam, and baby powder.
3. Alcohol, water, oil, foam, or any water or alcohol-based products with no adhesives or glue qualities, or artificial colorings are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom Pink Oil, white show foam, Freshen Up, Silk, and Sudden Impact.
4. Any animals found to have prohibited products applied (adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products) will be disqualified from competition. Any premiums will be forfeited.

All beef will be subject to visual inspection and toweling (before and/or after entering the show ring) for the presence of adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. Toweling of the animal may include, but is not limited to: the topline, legs, chest, belly, flank, and cod/udder areas. If, after inspection, the animal is found to have adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products applied, it will be disqualified from competition. Any premiums will be forfeited.

General Health Requirements

Read the rules about General Health Requirement at the beginning of the Department J - Animal Science section.

Dress Code

Follow rules outlined in the General Livestock Rules section of the fairbook plus, beef exhibitors are not permitted to wear number harnesses.

Division 7 - Beef Production

Pay Category #1

The Beef Production division is open to breeding beef animals previously enrolled as 4-H and FFA project animals. Animals may be shown as individuals in other established classes as well as a pair in the production class. (Ex. A breeding heifer calf or feeder calf can show as an individual and show again as a cow and calf pair). Animals may be registered or grade. An exhibitor is limited to one entry. The entry may consist of: Bred Heifer, Cow-Calf, or any combination.

Exhibitors must pick up a Beef Production record book from the Extension Office as soon as possible. Record books for beef production animals must be turned in to the Extension Office by 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 19.

A personal interview will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, at the Seward County Extension Office. Beef Production displays will be exhibited on the 4-H member's assigned pen at the fair. The instructions for this display are in the 4-H Beef Production record book.

Class 1 Beef Production Class

Division 8 - Beef Showmanship

Pay Category #9 – no premium awarded

Class 1 **Senior** (ages 16-18)

Class 2 **Intermediate** (ages 12-15)

Class 3 **Junior** (ages 8-11)

Class 4 **Beef Partners** (non-competitive) — youth must also register for division 25

Class 5 **Clover Kids** (non-competitive)

Division 9 - Bucket Calves

Pay Category #2

The Bucket Calf project is a beginning project for youth ages 8-12. Record books can be picked up at the Extension Office or downloaded from the Seward County website.

Record books for the bucket calves must be turned into the Extension Office by, 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 19. A personal interview will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, at the Seward County Extension Office. The Bucket Calf project is designed to teach proper health care and nutritional requirements of young cattle. Also to teach the basic beef management skills without a large investment and to learn some basic record keeping skills. Emphasis in judging will be on knowledge rather than calf quality. Showmanship is a part of the bucket calf entry. Bucket calves are not eligible to exhibit in another showmanship class.

Bucket calf entries are open to any calves dropped between January 1 and June 15 of the current year, that were raised as a bucket or bottle calf, without a mother cow. These bucket calves can be either a bull or steer dairy calf; a dairy/beef cross bull, steer or heifer calf; or a beef bull, steer, or heifer calf (feedlot calves are eligible). All bucket calves must be ear tagged with an EID tag and identified on ID affidavits by June 15. All bucket calves will remain on exhibit during the fair.

Class 1 **Bucket Calf (exhibitor 8-9 years old)**

Class 2 **Bucket Calf (exhibitor 10-12 years old)**

Bucket Calf Come-back classes

Calves must have been bucket calves shown in the year prior. These calves cannot show in the market or breeding class in addition to the Bucket Calf Come-back class, but will be eligible to show for Champion and Reserve Champion in the overall show. Calves must be shown by the same exhibitor from the previous year.

The calves shown in the Bucket Calf Come-back class are eligible to show in the showmanship class in the respective age division of the 4-H exhibitor.

Class 3 **Bucket Calf Come Back – Heifer** – Animal must have been shown as a bucket calf in the year prior

Class 4 **Bucket Calf Come Back – Steer** – Animal must have been shown as a bucket calf in the year prior

Division 10 — Feeder Calves

Pay Category #2

Feeder calf entries are open to any calves dropped between January 1 and June 15 of current year. Calves must be identified on appropriate ID affidavits and ear tagged with an EID tag by June 15.

All feeder calf exhibitors ARE REQUIRED to verbally check-in their entry with beef superintendents at check-in on Thursday, August 10. A physical check-in of animals will take place one hour prior to the show.

On the Pre-Fair Entry Forms, exhibitors must designate if their feeder calf will be stalled for the entire fair or if the animal will leave after the show. If calf is weaned, it will stay. Unweaned feeder calves will be released after the Beef Show. The exhibitor must notify the Beef Superintendent or Extension staff prior to removing them from the fairgrounds.

Feeder calf exhibitors must be: a. enrolled in a Stocker-Feeder Project, or, b. the result of a 4-H or FFA Breeding Project where dam is identified by June 15.

Class 1 **Feeder Heifer**

Class 2 **Feeder Steer or Bull Calf**

Division 11 – Market Beef

Pay Category #1

Entry will be shown in respective classes of steers and heifers.

Must be born after January of previous year. Cannot be 2 years old or older.

A market beef animal may have the two center temporary teeth replaced by permanent incisors. The remaining six temporary incisors must be in place and there be no evidence of eruption of any permanent incisors other than the centers. Market animals failing to meet the above requirements will be ineligible for the live show championship.

No animal may show in both market and breeding classes.

Class 1 **Market Heifer**

Class 2 **Market Steer**

Division 11a — Market Beef Bred and Owned

1. Exhibitor must be the breeder and owner on registration papers or proof of breeder and owner if commercial.
2. The cow must be bred and owned by the exhibitor.
3. Exhibitor must show proof of cow ownership at the time the calf is born.
4. Exhibitor must turn in Home Grown Market Livestock Verification Form by June 15th.
5. To be eligible for a purple ribbon, the exhibitor must turn in the provided Home-Grown Beef record sheet following weigh-in at the Seward County Fair.
6. Forms may be picked up at the Extension Office or downloaded from the Seward County website.

Class 1 **Market Bred and Owned Heifer**

Class 2 **Market Bred and Owned Steer**

RATE OF GAIN

Sponsored Class/No Premium

Market animals must participate in the initial weigh-in date scheduled prior to the fair. Animals will be weighed again at fair. The animal with the highest Rate of Gain will win this title. Only Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer and Steer will receive award money.

Divisions 12-23 — Beef Breeding Heifers

Pay Category #1

Animals without registration papers will show in the commercial class only. A calfhood vaccination tattoo is not considered an official identification tattoo.

Breeding beef animals will be shown by breed and age classes. Champions and Reserve Champions will compete for Supreme and Reserve Supreme Breeding Heifer.

All exotic breeds must be at least 3/4 of the breed and be registered or else be shown in the commercial class.

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| Division 12 | Angus |
| Division 13 | Charolais |
| Division 14 | Chianina |
| Division 15 | Commercial |
| Division 16 | Gelbvieh |
| Division 17 | Hereford & Polled Hereford |
| Division 18 | Limousin |
| Division 19 | Maine Anjou |
| Division 20 | Red Angus |
| Division 21 | Shorthorn |
| Division 22 | Simmental |
| Division 23 | Breeds not listed (Indicate breed on entry. Must be 3/4 blood.) |

Each breed will be broken down into the following classes, but classes may be combined for the show depending on number of entries:

Heifers: (born in 2022 unless otherwise noted)

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| Class 1 | Calved January 1 - February 28 |
| Class 2 | Calved March 1 - April 30 |
| Class 3 | Calved May 1 - June 30 |
| Class 4 | Calved July 1 - August 31 |
| Class 5 | Calved September 1 - October 31 |
| Class 6 | Calved November 1 - December 31 |
| Class 7 | Calved January 1, 2023 - June 15, 2023 |

Bulls: (born in 2022 unless otherwise noted)

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| Class 8 | Calved January 1 - February 28 |
| Class 9 | Calved March 1 - April 30 |
| Class 10 | Calved May 1 - June 30 |
| Class 11 | Calved July 1 - August 31 |
| Class 12 | Calved September 1 - October 31 |
| Class 13 | Calved November 1 - December 31 |
| Class 14 | Calved January 1, 2023 - June 15, 2023 |

NOTE: Classes 7 & 14 enable exhibitors with breeding heifer and bull calves to show their animals as breeding animals rather than feeder calves if animals are intended as future breeding stock. If calf is weaned it will stay. Unweaned calves will be released after the beef show.