

**DEPARTMENT 2 - BEEF CATTLE**  
**Market Weigh-In Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and Fair Week Wednesday @ 1:00 – 3:00PM**  
**Judging: Fair Week Thursday @ 9:30AM; Progress Hall**  
**Superintendent –Don Larsen & Jamle Meister**

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- It Is Strongly suggested That All Animals Be Double-Tied
- Only 2 market animals may be shown by one exhibitor & they must be in different weight classes.
- Only one animal may be sold at the Live Market Animal Sale.
- Showmanship is required for Live Market Animal Sale
  - Market Classes: (a) General. A fair board may establish market beef entry classes under pars. (b) and (c). Animals entered in market beef entry classes shall be raised to be sold at market and shall be shown by weight. Entries may include beef, crossbred beef, dairy beef cross or dairy beef breeds. A fair board may establish weight limits for each entry class but may not limit entry classes by breed or sex. If 16 or more animals are entered in any entry class, that class may be divided into 20 or more approximately equal subclasses and each subclass may be judged as a separate entry class. An exhibitor may not enter more than one animal under this subsection.
  - Market heifers may not be shown in the breeding stock classes
  - Feeder Calves need to be banded or surgically cut (castrated). No crimping.

**AGE CLASSIFICATION - (All Classes)**

**SENIOR CALF** - born during the period Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 (fall) of year preceding exhibit year

**JUNIOR CALF** - born on or after Jan. 1 of exhibit year (spring). Calf shall be at least 3 months old at time of exhibit

**SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER**- born during the period of May 1 to Aug. 31 of year preceding exhibit year.

**JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER** - born during the period Jan. 1 to April 30 of year preceding exhibit.

**SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER**- born during the period Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 of 2nd year preceding exhibit year.

**YEAR-OLD COW & OVER WITH CALF 7 MOS. OR YOUNGER, PUREBRED OR GRADE** - born before Sept. 1 of second year preceding exhibit year with calf 7 months old or younger

**BEEF CLASSES-** Market Animals numbered lots of 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 must be weighed in at county wide weigh-in, dates above.

- Beef classes will be broken down by weights after all steers have been weighed in.
- Classes may be split into more than one group if classes are too large.

**CLASS 1 – MARKET ANIMALS ITEMS #'S**

**Premiums:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$8.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$7.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$6.00; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$5.00

**1. MARKET STRAIGHT BRED BRITISH (Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn) BEEF STEER** (Both Parents Must Be Same Breed)

**2. MARKET STRAIGHT BRED EXOTIC BEEF STEER** (Both Parents Must Be Same Breed)

**3. MARKET CROSSBRED BEEF STEER** (Both Parents Beef Breed)

**4. MARKET DAIRY-BEEF CROSS STEER** (Animal must be at least 50% dairy) Any animal that is a dairy/beef crossbred must be shown in the dairy/beef crossbred show unless animal is 100% dairy.

**5. MARKET DAIRY STEER** (Both Parents are Dairy Breeds)

**6. MARKET HEIFER – not breed specific**

**7. FALL FEEDER CALF MARKET** – Born from September 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup> of year preceding exhibit year.

**8. SPRING/SUMMER FEEDER CALF MARKET**-Born between January 1<sup>st</sup> of exhibit year(spring) Calf at least 3m. old at time of exhibit.

**9. PAIR OF SUMMER MARKET ANIMALS** – by same exhibitor

**BREEDING CLASSES**

**Awards:** Champion & Res. Champion BEEF FEMALE-All Breeds-Ribbon & Trophy - Each Breed

Premiums	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Junior & Senior Bull Calf; Junior Heifer Calf	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00
Senior, Summer, & Junior - Yearling Heifers	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$5.00
Cow – 2 yr & over with calf – 7 mos. Or less	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00

**BREEDING CLASSES**

**Breeding classes will include both polled and dehorned.**

Class 10- Angus	Class 11- Charolais	Class 12- Gelbvieh	Class- 13 Hereford
Class 14- Limousin	Class 15- Maine-Anjou	Class 16- Red Angus	Class-17- Shorthorn
Class 18- Simmentals	Class 19- Any Other Breed	Class 20- Crossbreds	

**Item # and Description of Class (ALL Classes are purebred or crossbreds)**

1	Junior Heifer Calf	5	Senior Yearling Heifer
2	Senior Heifer Calf	6	Cow 2 yr + with calf – 7mos or younger
3	Summer Yearling Heifer	7	Jr. Bull Calf
4	Junior Yearling Heifer	8	Sr. Bull Calf

**CLASS 25 - BEEF SHOWMANSHIP** – must enter with registration online

**Premiums:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$3.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$2.50; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$1.50.

1. Grades 3-5	2. Grades 6-8	3. Grades 9-10	4. Grades 11+
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**CLASS 300 – CARCASS ULTRASOUND SHOW** – See rules above.

**Premiums:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$6.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$5.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$4.00; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$3.00

1. Animal one	2. Animal two
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Club Herd: 4 animals shown by 2 or more exhibitors from the same club. Sponsored by Otter Creek Farm

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Thieding & Family Traveling Trophy – Dan Thieding and family, Rock Springs, present a traveling trophy to best showman in beef, Junior Fair. An exhibitor must win trophy three times (not consecutive) to become a permanent owner. Return trophy to fair office the next year.

**Educational Display:** See Dept. 10,