
DIVISION: BEEF

4-H'ers in a beef project may do one or both of the following:

- Participate in the beef show (details on this page).
- Prepare an Animal Study Exhibit (Division: Animal Science) for display in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES:

Ogle County 4-H will be adhering to the following guidelines developed by the University of Illinois, Illinois 4-H, and approved by the Ogle County Health Department. Changes to these guidelines will be sent to families if Illinois reaches Phase 5 or goes back to Phase 3.

1. Our office will only offer a virtual option if someone is not comfortable with attending in person judging. Livestock Virtual Judging request must be made by June 30th by completing the Reasonable Accommodation paperwork provided on our website.
2. Adhere to 50 people maximum in a defined space if in Phase 4, or 25 people maximum in a defined space in Phase 3.
3. Phase 4 Safety Protocols are as follows:
 - Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside).
 - Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
 - Handwashing and/or sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
 - Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191. We can discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

BEEF DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

Check-in – Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. All animals stalled by 8:00 p.m.

Weigh-in – Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Judging – Thursday, July 29, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Check-out – Sunday, August 1, 2021 2:00 p.m. (*Families with last names beginning with E – L*)

Check-out – Sunday, August 1, 2021 3:00 p.m. (*Families with last names beginning with M – Z*)

Check-out – Sunday, August 1, 2021 4:00 p.m. (*Families with last names beginning with A – D*)

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BEEF RULES

1. All *General Rules* and *Animal Department Rules* apply.
2. Consult the *2021 Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements* for information about health papers. **STEERS DO NOT** need a CVI (Health papers).
3. **ATTENTION ALL 4-H'ers:** All youth showing beef are required to have a current certification in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) during the current show year. Certification must be completed by May 1st.
4. All beef exhibitors must follow the 4-H YQCA policies. (No painting or altering of the animals).
5. All animals must be controllable; consequences decided by Beef Committee.
6. Any animal neglected during the fair will result in consequences decided by the beef committee with support of the fair board and 4-H staff.
7. All animals will be stalled in the barn from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. daily, unless they are at the rinse rack.
8. All animals stalled outside of the assigned barn are the responsibility of the 4-H member.
9. Members enrolled in the Market Beef classes will be split by weights, which will be determined after weigh-in on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

10. 4-H members are limited to receive one premium per weight class exhibited in premium-eligible projects.
11. Chutes will only be allowed on show day in the beef barn and west end of the beef barn.
12. No artificial filling before weigh-in.
13. No pets in the barn.
14. No feed bunks allowed in the barn.
15. No fans without shield and covers will be allowed!
16. **Only** one fan per 2 animals will be allowed, unless exhibitor elects to operate additional fans from a generator.
17. All generators must be next to the beef barn, and away from the other barns.
18. All exhibitors must rake bedding away from wire panels before leaving the fairgrounds. (See superintendent at end of fair.)
19. All trailers left on the fairgrounds **MUST** be left in the trailer parking area located on the Northwest corner of the fairgrounds. Cattle tie-outs will be provided across the driveway of the barns on the fairgrounds, where they have been previously located.

Breeding Animals

1. See Health Regulations.
2. All breeding animals must be registered in the member's name by May 1 to show in a purebred class; otherwise, they will be shown in a grade class. Exhibitors will be required to produce registration certificates on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, during weigh-in.
3. Bull calves will be permitted on the grounds only if nursing a cow entered in the production class.
4. Registration and health certificates will be checked during weigh-in.
5. Breeding classes will be broken using the futurity system.
6. Bred and owned breeding beef dams must have been registered in the exhibitor's name at the time of breeding. Class will be a combination of all breeds--bred and owned.
7. Cows for **Production Class** must have been born before July 1, 2019 (must be two years old).
8. **Production Class:** is with calf at side, still sucking. Can be bull or heifer calf. Must be halter broken. Class will be a combination of the champions from each breed.
9. You may show both in bred and owned and in breed classes.
10. Each exhibitor may show five breeding beef animals (any breed or crossbreed), but are limited to receive one premium in any one class.

Market Beef

1. All steers will be weighed in on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, between 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Registration certificates and health papers will be checked.
2. Registration papers are not required, but you must have a signed certificate from the seller stating the calf was sired by a purebred and calved by a purebred dam.
3. All market heifers must weigh at least 900 lbs., and all steers must weigh at least 1000 lbs. to be shown.
4. All market animals must have been weighed and tattooed on February 20, 2021.
5. Market classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries.
6. Market Animals are eligible for the Rate of Gain and Quality Beef 2000 contests.
7. A 4-H Herdsman Award will be given to the top individual herdsman in memory of Dr. John Clayton.
8. Each exhibitor may show three market beef animals (any breed or crossbreed), but are limited to receive one premium in any one weight class.

Showmanship Rules

1. Junior Showmanship will be for youth ages 8 – 11 years old as of September 1, 2020.
Intermediate Showmanship will be for youth ages 12 – 14 years old as of September 1, 2020.
Senior Showmanship will be for youth ages 15 – 18 years old as of September 1, 2020.
2. All 4-H'ers are eligible for showmanship.
3. Pre-registration is required in Fair Entry to receive a premium. Last minute entries may not receive a premium.
4. When an exhibitor wins showmanship, they may continue to compete in future years in the same class.

Beef Class Definitions:

Calf (Born 9/1/20-6/1/21; after 1/1/21 any sex nursing cow)
 Late Summer Heifer (Born 7/1/20 - 8/31/20)
 Early Summer Heifer (Born 5/1/20 - 6/30/20)
 Spring Yearling Heifer (Born 3/1/20 - 4/30/20)
 Junior Yearling Heifer (Born 1/1/20 - 2/28/20)

Senior Yearling Heifer (Born 9/1/19 - 12/31/19)
 Cow/Calf (Calf born after 1/1/21)
 Pair of Heifers (owned by members of a family, any breed)
 Pair of Steers (owned by members of a family, any breed)

Breeding Beef Classes

101 Angus Calf	120 Shorthorn Senior Yearling Heifer
102 Angus Late Summer Heifer	121 Shorthorn Cow/Calf
103 Angus Early Summer Heifer	122 All Other Breeds Calf
104 Angus Spring Yearling Heifer	123 All Other Breeds Late Summer Heifer
105 Angus Junior Yearling Heifer	124 All Other Breeds Early Summer Heifer
106 Angus Senior Yearling Heifer	125 All Other Breeds Spring Yearling Heifer
107 Angus Cow/Calf	126 All Other Breeds Junior Yearling Heifer
108 Hereford Calf	127 All Other Breeds Senior Yearling Heifer
109 Hereford Late Summer Heifer	128 All Other Breeds Cow/Calf
110 Hereford Early Summer Heifer	129 Crossbred Calf
111 Hereford Spring Yearling Heifer	130 Crossbred Late Summer Heifer
112 Hereford Junior Yearling Heifer	131 Crossbred Early Summer Heifer
113 Hereford Senior Yearling Heifer	132 Crossbred Spring Yearling Heifer
114 Hereford Cow/Calf	133 Crossbred Junior Yearling Heifer
115 Shorthorn Calf	134 Crossbred Senior Yearling Heifer
116 Shorthorn Late Summer Heifer	135 Crossbred Cow/Calf
117 Shorthorn Early Summer Heifer	136 Pair of Breeding Heifers--All Breed
118 Shorthorn Spring Yearling Heifer	137 Bred & Owned Heifers
119 Shorthorn Junior Yearling Heifer	138 Production Cow/Calf

Market Beef Classes

139 Angus Market Steer	144 Market Heifer
140 Hereford Market Steer	145 Crossbred Market Beef
141 Shorthorn Market Steer	146 Pair of Steers
142 All Other Breeds Market Steer	147 Bred & Owned Steers – All Breeds
143 Dairy Market Steer	

QUALITY BEEF 2000 CONTEST

Beef 2000 will be evaluated on two things: 1. Rate of Gain (60%) and 2. Market Ready Condition (40%). The Ogle County Beef Association will give out ribbons to the top 10 exhibitors.

DAILY RATE OF GAIN

This competition is based on daily rate of gain from the period February 20, 2021 until the market animals are weighed in at the fairgrounds. The weigh-in time for the market beef showing at the live show will be July 28, 2021, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Beef carcass animals will be weighed in from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at Nordman Feedlots, 1154 S Blackhawk Road, Oregon.

4-H BEEF AWARDS

Champion Jr. Showmanship	Champion Hereford Female	Res. Grand Champ. Female Overall
Ch. Intermediate Showmanship	Champion Shorthorn Steer	Champion Dairy Market Beef
Champion Sr. Showmanship	Champion Shorthorn Female	Ch. All Other Breeds Female
Grand Champion Market Beef	Champion Crossbred Market Steer	Champion All Other Breed Steer
Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef	Champion Crossbred Female	Daily Rate of Gain
Champion Production Cow/Calf	Ch. Bred & Owned Heifer	Quality Beef 2000
Champion Angus Steer	Ch. Bred & Owned Steer All Breeds	Dr. John Clayton 4-H Herdsman
Champion Angus Female	Champion Market Heifer	Award
Champion Hereford Steer	Grand Champion Female Overall	

DIVISION: BUCKET CALF

BUCKET CALF DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

Pre-Show Clinic – Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 5:00 p.m. in the beef show ring.
Check-in – Thursday, July 29, 2021, 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Judging – Thursday, July 29, 2021, ~ 6:30 p.m. (between the Steer and Heifer show).
Check-out – Thursday, July 29 after show is complete

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2. All bucket calf entries must adhere to the Ogle County 4-H Bucket Calf Project guidelines. The calf may be any breed. All 4-H members must be ages 8 – 13 years old to show a bucket calf.
3. All calves must have been born between February 1 and May 1 of the current 4-H year. There is a limit of one calf entry per exhibitor.
4. All bucket calf exhibitors are required to attend a mandatory pre-show clinic on Wednesday, July 28th, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the beef show ring. During this clinic, show ring expectations will be discussed. **Up-to-date records must be turned in at the conclusion of this clinic for judging. Do not bring your calf to the clinic.** Records should include: Attachment A **AND** the 4-H Bucket Calf Project Record sheet. Records will be returned to exhibitors on show day.
5. All bucket calves must arrive on the fairgrounds between 5:00 – 6 p.m. on show day. Show ring judging will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. All calves will be dismissed from the grounds following the show, upon release by the superintendent.
6. Calves must be shown on a rope halter. All animals must be controllable; consequences will be decided by the Beef Committee.
7. Bucket calves will be shown only once. Final ranking will be based on 4-H'ers completed record sheets (25%), knowledge of the calf (50%), and general health and appearance of the calf (25%).
8. Grooming with adhesives, etc., and clipping are prohibited. Calves just need to be washed and clean.
9. Project calves must be bottle fed.
10. Bull calves must be castrated and completely healed prior to the fair.
11. Bucket calf classes may be subdivided at the discretion of the Beef Committee based on the number of entries.

BUCKET CALF CLASSES

- 201 Jr. level entry (Exhibitors 8-10 years of age by Sept 1, 2020)
- 202 Sr. level entry (Exhibitors 11-13 years of age by Sept 1, 2020)

BUCKET CALF AWARDS

- Champion Jr. Bucket Calf
- Champion Sr. Bucket Calf