

Beef Cattle

Superintendent: Lauren Patterson

Exhibit Schedule

Entries Close

Arrival - Health Check - Charolais Barn

Weigh In - Charolais Barn

Exhibitor Meeting - O'Connor Field House

Beef Cattle Show (Market) - O'Connor Field House

Market Beef Photos - Photo Tent

No Sale Forms due one (1) hour after exhibitors last market class

Fair Final Drive - Selection of Grand Champion Market Steer

Beef Cattle Show (Breeding & Showmanship) - O'Connor Field House

Early Breeding Animal Release (approval required)

Market Livestock Sale - Fair Building

Cornhole Tournament - O'Connor Field House

Tack & Equipment Removal (by hand only)

Animals Released

Monday, June 16

Tuesday, July 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 24, 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 24, 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 24, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 25, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 26, 6:00-8:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 26, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 26, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 27, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 27, 10:00 p.m.

1. General rules listed in this guide apply to all exhibitors.
2. **SHOW LIMIT** - The number of beef cattle exhibited at Fair will be limited to four per exhibitor (maximum of two market steers).
3. **ARRIVAL** - Stock trailers with beef cattle are to line up facing west on Stock Trail Road, enter Gate 4 and exit Gate 1 off of 22nd Avenue. Please bring all large equipment and feed on Monday, July 21, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
4. **RELEASE** - Exhibitors may begin removing tack and equipment by hand only at 8:30 p.m. Trailers will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds through Gate 6 beginning at 10:00 p.m. and will load cattle and exit through Gate 5. No livestock will be allowed to move until the Fairgrounds have been cleared of patrons. **NEW for 2025:** Exhibitors **DO NOT** have to strip all bedding to the center of the aisle onto the asphalt, but are required clean all trash in exhibitor area before released. **BREEDING ANIMAL RELEASE** - Breeding livestock can be released early on Saturday, July 26, 6:00-8:00 a.m. Exhibitors must request early breeding release on their entry; however, approval of request is not guaranteed. Superintendents will assign exhibitors their release time between 6:00-8:00 a.m. Trailers will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds through Gate 6 and exit through Gate 5.
5. **HEALTH INSPECTION** - Upon exiting the trailer and before going to their stalls, all beef cattle will be inspected by a veterinarian. Any animal that has an obvious contagious medical condition in which they have received a certificate of veterinarian inspection - dated within 2 weeks of the Fair from a veterinarian outside of the Fairgrounds - must present the certificate at check-in. The veterinarian at check-in will further inspect the animal to ensure that the certificate is still valid based on the present state of the animal's health. If the veterinarian deems the animal unacceptable, the animal will not be allowed to remain on the Fairgrounds. This decision will be final.

6. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS, BRUCELLOSIS** - All female cattle four months of age or older must have a legible brucellosis vaccination tattoo. Non-vaccinated females over twelve months of age must have a negative brucellosis test within thirty days of entry into the Fair. Beef Superintendent will be checking and recording brucellosis tattoos at the Fair.
7. **BRAND INSPECTION** - The process for submitting your brand inspection will be changed for the 2025 Canyon County Fair. Please watch for updates from your Beef Superintendent for this process. Every steer is still required to have a brand inspection, even if it comes from the exhibitor's own herd. ONLY the process for submitting these will be changed.
8. **PROHIBITED FEED** - No feed containing animal protein by-products (meat or bone meal) may be fed to ruminant animals. Packers are requiring that a "Prohibited Feed" affidavit accompany all beef animals to be slaughtered. This document will be collected at the declaration deadline. No animal will be allowed to sell without this completed document on file with the Market Livestock Sale Committee clerk. Copies are available from the Canyon County Fair.
9. **HANDLING & SAFETY** - Beef cattle may only be walked prior to the Fair's opening, no later than 10:30 a.m. Please consult Beef Superintendent for designated areas. All beef animals may be shown with nose tongs or a ring and will not be penalized for it. All beef animals must have a neck rope in addition to a halter when tied, with the halter secured on the left side and the neck rope on the right. Each animal must be manageable by the exhibitor, with assistance if necessary. Upon arrival, a 3-person committee will inspect cattle as they are unloaded; animals deemed a safety risk will be sent home. If an animal poses a safety threat during any part of the Fair, it may be required to leave. Beef cattle that escape the Fairgrounds will not be permitted to return.
10. **FITTING REQUIREMENTS** - All beef in showmanship, breeding and market classes may be fit. Exhibitors are required to wash their cattle after showing and after the sale to remove adhesives. No products that alter the animal's natural color pattern (including dye, paint, or similar substances) are permitted. Market steers found with adhesives at the butcher may forfeit sale proceeds. Generators will be allowed on show days, but cannot be stored in livestock stalling areas or obstruct walkways.
11. **FEED & TACK** - No extra feed shall be stored in the stall areas due to limited space. Cattle must be monitored while being fed and watered. No buckets, troughs, or feed pans are to be left in the stalls throughout the day or when you are not supervising your animal.
12. **CLASS BREAKS** - Any class may be split at the discretion of the superintendent to accommodate size of classes or range of ages. **BREEDING CLASSES** - classes in each breed will be determined after all entries are in and based on total number that check in at Fair. A breed must have at least five head to have a division. If less than five head of one breed check-in at Fair, all of that breed's entries will be shown in the All Other Breeds class. In order to show in a breed show, registration papers must be provided to the Beef Superintendent upon check in. If an animal is not registered, it will be shown in the All Other Breeds class.
13. **TIE OUTS** - Cattle tie outs are available in the pens located behind the Caldwell Night Rodeo Arena. You must reach out to the beef superintendent to reserve tie out spaces. Email lauren patt94@gmail.com between June 1 and June 30 with the number of head you need tie out space for. If you do not email the Beef Superintendent during this time, you will not get tie out space. Cattle must be out of their tie out pens by 9:00 a.m. every morning, and pens and alleys need to be clean by this time as well. Please be aware that individual families need to reserve their own tie outs to ensure cattle that have lived together are the only ones in their tie out pen.

If you are reserving tie out space for a chapter/club, please designate the number of families or households you are reserving for. Cattle are released to tie outs daily at 9:00 p.m.

14. Halters will be picked up by the Beef Superintendent after Fair. Please watch for communication regarding when to pick these up from the Beef Superintendent.

Division 10A - Beef Cattle Showmanship

Refer to livestock showmanship section for general rules and information on round robins.

Class

- 01 FFA

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion FFA Showman

- 02 Novice (Youth 8-10 years of age as of January 1, 2025 and first year showing any animal)
- 03 Junior (Youth 9-10 years of age as of January 1, 2025)

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Junior Showman

- 04 Intermediate (Youth 11-13 years of age as of January 1, 2025)
- 05 Senior (Youth 14-16 years of age as of January 1, 2025)
- 06 Advanced Senior (Youth 17-18 years of age as of January 1, 2025)

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Senior Showman

Division 10B - Breeding Beef

Class

- 01 Beef Female, born on or after 03/01/2023

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Beef Female

- 02 Cow/Calf Pair

Champion & Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair

Division 10C - Market Beef

1. Minimum weight at final weigh-in is 1050 lbs. Animals weighing under 1050 lbs. will be in the feeder class are not eligible for the Market Livestock Sale or Final Drive.
2. Beef steers and heifers - 22 months of age and younger

Class

- 01 Market Beef

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer

Beef Carcass Information

Carcass data for market beef animals sold through the sale will be collected and judged against a set of standards. Standards and results will be emailed out to beef exhibitors following Fair. The purpose of this information is for exhibitors to understand how their animal fits the beef industry's emphasis on customer satisfaction with the finished product. For questions, please contact the Canyon County Extension Office.

Special Beef Awards

Black Angus Ultrasound Carcass Award - The Idaho Angus Association sponsors two \$100 cash awards and plaques to the highest placing Black Angus Carcass and Ultrasound Black Angus Carcass in the state. Judging will be based from the CAB (Certified Angus Beef) formula. Carcasses meeting these criteria from the Canyon County Fair will be entered into the state contest by the Extension Office.

The Idaho Angus Auxiliary - Outstanding Angus Market Project - A rope halter is presented to either a 4-H or FFA member (only one award). The exhibitor must own the animal. Both quality and showmanship are to be considered. If there is not a Black Angus project entered then a crossbred animal is eligible providing it is a 50% Black Angus (verified Black Angus sire or dam). An exhibitor may receive the Outstanding Black Angus Market Project award more than once, but not two years in a row.

The Idaho Angus Auxiliary - Outstanding Black Angus Breeding Project - Steers are not eligible. An award is presented to either a 4-H or FFA member (only one award). The exhibitor must own the animal. (Both quality and showmanship are to be considered). If there is not a Black Angus Project entered then a crossbred animal is eligible providing it is 50% Angus (verified Black Angus sire or dam). An exhibitor may receive the Outstanding Black Angus Breeding Project more than once, but not two years in a row.

Western States Angus Auxiliary - The Western States Angus Auxiliary, will present an award to the outstanding 4-H exhibitor or outstanding FFA exhibitor. The selection of the winner is based on show ring placing of individual animals, placing in showmanship and educational display. The following point system must be followed.

Conformation point placing:

Grand Champion	40
Reserve Champion.....	30
First Place	20
Second Place.....	15
Third Place	10
Showmanship Participation.....	6
Education Display promoting the Angus Breed.....	25

If steers and breeding animals are both exhibited, points may be combined to select a winner. For breeding animals, the animal must be registered with papers. This is open to exhibitors with one or more breeding and/or market animals. Winning the award in previous years shall not exclude an exhibitor from winning again. For market steers this award should go to the highest placing predominately black steer, the sire must be Angus. It must be kept in mind that the purpose of this award is the promotion of the Angus breed. It is important therefore, that Angus breeding animals should take precedence over market animals.

Idaho Cattle Association Superior Beef Belt Buckle Award - The Idaho Cattle Association will present an engraved belt buckle to one FFA and one 4-H exhibitor for a Superior Beef Project.

- The award recipient should be a well-rounded individual that exhibits the best combination of performance, sportsmanship, and citizenship. The winner is not necessarily the individual with the winning beef project.
- Award recipients must be enrolled in a beef project in the year the award is presented.
- The Superior Beef Belt Buckle Award should be awarded to an individual only once.
- The Superior Beef Belt Buckle Award should be determined by the standing county awards committee, in cooperation with local agricultural education instructors and county extension educators.