

Junior Market Beef

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Ribbons for 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion
1. Market-beef must have all their temporary incisors. No beef will be permitted to show that has lost its temporary teeth at the time of sifting. All beef will be checked by the Livestock Committee and the official fair Veterinarian. Their decision will be final.
 2. **800 lbs.** minimum weight, no top weight.
 3. Market Heifers are allowed to enter and show.
 4. Market beef will be divided into classes by weight not hip-height or breed. The market beef will be listed by consecutive weights. The livestock Beef Superintendent and Show Secretary will divide the beef into classes based on the consecutive weights.
 5. Classes will be divided by weight.
 6. For each beef the space allotted is 4 ft. All fans and stands must fit inside the 4 ft space.
 7. For stalling, dividing panels can be between 8-10 feet long.
 8. Beef neck ropes are mandatory for the safety of the animal, exhibitor and public. All beef animals are mandated to wear a neck rope while in stalls.
 9. Judging for Champion of breed-only 1st place animals will be considered. Judging for Reserve Champion of breed-only 2nd place animals in the class from which the Champion was selected, will be eligible to move up for Reserve Champion consideration.
 10. Fitting Regulations: This is a full fit show.
 11. Any clippings will need to be properly disposed of or a \$50.00 clean up charge will be imposed.
 12. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. Cattle are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
 13. **Cattle with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject cattle showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as "fungus") abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

Junior Livestock Production Steers

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
- Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion
- **Premium/Scholarship** Overall Grand Champion
- **Premium/Scholarship** for Reserve Grand Champion

1. This is a premium/scholarship show. Animals in this class will not be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale. Rule 7 of the Junior Livestock Sale Rules does not apply to this class.
2. All exhibitors who wish to show in the production steer show must declare for the show on tag day. All participants and parents will sign a consent form acknowledging this is a terminal show. The top 6 head placed during the live show will be slaughtered the day following the show at the designated processor.
3. Production class steers must be no older than 30 months of age. Any steer determined by the carcass judge to be over this age will not be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champions. The decision of the carcass judge will be final. Minimum live weight for production steers will be 900 pounds.
4. The space allotted for each steer is 4ft. All fans and stands must fit inside the 4ft. space.
5. Beef neck ropes are mandatory for the safety of the animal, exhibitor and public. All beef animals are mandated to wear a neck rope while in stalls.
6. The Production Steer Class is a "Slick Show". NO artificial coloring, glues, or adhesives will be allowed, no exceptions, while on the Valencia County Fairgrounds. All production show steers must be sheared to a hair length of no more than 1/4 inch including ears and tail head. Hair may be left 10 inches from the bottom of the tail.
7. Any clippings will need to be properly disposed of or a \$50.00 clean up charge will be imposed.
8. All participants will be judged in the ring and on the rail. Grand and Reserve Champions will be determined by a combination of live evaluation and carcass performance, with an emphasis on carcass quality grade and yield grade. The carcass judge will be evaluating quality grade and yield grade for each contestant. Exhibitors will be required to go through the cooler with the judge once he/she is finished with an explanation of how they have been evaluated per industry standards. Grand and Reserve Champions will be awarded and announced at the awards ceremony.
9. **Live Evaluation Criteria:** Steers must be halter broke and shown to be placed.
10. **All processing fees and disposition of the processed animal (top 6 head) are the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Beef Superintendent will provide the designated carcass processor with the exhibitor's contact information. VFMC is not responsible for finding a buyer for the carcass.**
11. **Carcass Criteria:** To be eligible for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion are as follows:
 - A. Minimum hot carcass weight: 560 lbs.
 - B. Maximum hot carcass weight: 950 lbs.
 - C. Minimum 1.6 square inch of Rib Eye Area per 100 lbs. of hot carcass weight
 - D. Yield Grade: grade not to exceed 4.0.
 - E. Minimum Final Carcass Grade: Select 70
11. Final Determination of Grand Champion will be determined by adding the total points received by the exhibitor. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - A. Live Evaluation: 6 points for 1st place, 5 Points for 2nd place, 4 points for 3rd place
 - B. Quality Grade: 6 points for highest quality grade, 5 points for 2nd place , 4 points for 3rd place
 - C. Yield Grade: 6 points for best yield grade, 5 points for 2nd place, 4 points for 3rd place
 - D. Any tie breaker needed will go to the animal with the highest quality grade.
12. All animal/carcasses must comply with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act. Any violation of the Wholesome Meat Act will result in disqualification and will void any sale.

13. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. Cattle are to be maintained by the exhibitor

throughout the show. Making sure they are well kept, well-groomed and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must

be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.

14. **Cattle with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject cattle showing signs of sickness,

lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as “fungus”) abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality

or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded.

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Livestock Breeding Heifer Class

Registered Cattle or Crossbreed

J-7	Junior Heifer Class	0 to 6 months
J-8	Heifer Class	7 to 12 months
J-9	Heifer Class	13 to 18 months
*J-10	Heifer Class	19 to 24 months
*J-11	Heifer Class	25 to 36 months

*Could be bred

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1. Sale slots to be determined based on number of entries and as placed in the Grand Drive. Only animals in the Grand Drive are eligible for sale. **Any heifer to be sold must provide a negative preg check.**

2. * Cattle 19 months and older could be bred heifers.

3. Fitting Regulations: This is a full fit show.

4. The following breeds will be recognized-Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Herford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn, Simmental, Commercial, AOB (All other breed) and crosses.

5. The date and time for classification for Breeding Heifer will be announced and posted. If you are not there, you must make prior arrangements for someone to weigh your Breeding Heifer for you. You are responsible for having your heifer washed and cleaned before classification

6. Heifers will be divided by breed within each age division.

7. Any class of three (3) or more will make their own breed class. If there are less than three (3), they will fall into an AOB class.

8. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. Cattle are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the Show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.

9. **Cattle with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject cattle showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as “fungus”) abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

Ranch Heifer Class

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1. The Ranch Heifer Class is a “blow and show” show. Heifers will be shown in a natural state. NO artificial coloring, glues, or adhesives will be allowed, no exceptions, while on the Valencia County Fairgrounds.
2. All exhibitors who wish to show in the ranch heifer show must declare for the show on tag day. If the heifer is determined to exhibit “club” type characteristics by the judge at the show, it will be disqualified from the Ranch Heifer show but will be eligible for the Breeding Heifer Class. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL.**
4. Sale slots are to be determined based on number of entries and as placed in the Grand Drive. Only animals in the Grand Drive are eligible for sale.
5. Classes will be as follows:

H-7	Junior Heifer Class	0 to 6 months
H-8	Heifer Class	7 to 12 months
H-9	Heifer Class	13 to 18 months
H-10	Heifer Class	19 to 24 months
H-11	Heifer Class	25 to 36 months
6. Any cattle 19 months and older could be bred heifers.
7. The following breeds will be recognized-Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Herford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn, Simmental, Commercial, AOB (All other breed) and crosses.
8. The date and time for classification for Ranch Heifer will be announced and posted. If you are not there, you must make prior arrangements for someone to weigh your Ranch Heifer for you. You are responsible for having your heifer washed and cleaned before classification.
9. Heifers will be divided by breed within each age division.
10. Any class of three (3) or more will make their own breed class. If there are less than three (3), they will fall into an AOB class.
11. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles are always clear. Cattle are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the show, making sure they are well kept, well-groomed and in show condition. Public aisles

and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.

12. **Cattle with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject cattle showing signs of

sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as “fungus”) abscesses, ulcerations,

abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded.

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Junior Livestock Dairy Cattle

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
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1. All exhibitors are required to wear white shirts while exhibiting animals in the ring.
 2. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor and verified on tag day.
 3. If there are any questions about the age, identification or breed of any dairy animal, the Dairy Superintendent and the fair Veterinarian will make the appropriate determination about eligibility.
 4. Bring registration paper or Bill of Sale to check in at the fair.
 5. Registered cattle cannot be entered unless they have been recorded in the recognized book of records for the respective breeds. Exhibitors of such cattle must take available certificates of registry to the Dairy Superintendent at any time during the fair.
 6. Grade cattle must be accompanied by a certificate from the breeder of the animal stating sire, dam and birth date. A bill of sale is also required. There will be no crossbred cattle. Grade cattle must meet general breed standards and be purebred.
 7. Where there is no competition, animals may be awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd or no premium according to the merit of the animal.
 9. Sale slots to be determined based on number of entries and as placed in the Grand Drive. Only animals in the Grand Drive are eligible for sale.
 10. If there are not enough grade animals to make a separate class (minimum of 3 animals to make a class), registered and grade animals will compete in the same class. This is to be done at the total discretion of the Superintendent. Classes smaller than 3 entries will be combined at the discretion of the Superintendent. The Grand and Reserve will be selected from the First and second place of each class.
 11. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles are always clear. Cattle are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the Show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.

12. Cattle with sickness or abnormalities: The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject cattle showing signs of

sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as “fungus”) abscesses, ulcerations,

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Classes For Replacement Dairy Heifers:

All breed groups:

1. Spring Heifer Calf born March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025
2. Winter Heifer Calf born December 01, 2024 – February 28, 2025
3. Fall Heifer Calf born September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024
4. Summer Yearling Heifer born June 1, 2024– August 31, 2024
5. Spring Yearling Heifer born March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024
6. Winter Yearling Heifer born December 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024
7. Fall Yearling Heifer born September 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023

Heifers in class 6 & 7 must be bred.