

# LIVESTOCK DIVISION

## BEEF DEPARTMENT

Superintendents: Jim Nelson & Eric Sanny

### ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDER DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Mike Cory

Assitant: Lucas Nelson

1. Entries and dress code - See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. Animals sold early, or left at home, will be discounted in the on-hoof judging, but will be considered in final record evaluation with premiums paid.
3. Ribbons and trophies will be presented at the fair based on the following score card:
  - Rate of gain (From Weigh-in date)
  - Appearance
  - Uniformity and finish
  - Number of head per pen 4.
4. The animals will be exhibited, graded and sold according to plans developed by the Advanced Feeder Superintendent.
5. Pens of Heifers will be judged separately from Pens of Steers.
6. Excess mud and manure must be removed from cattle prior to weigh in or cattle will not be eligible for rate of gain.
7. Exhibitor may show a pen calf as an individual halter calf but must specify at the December Weigh-in. The calf must be sold as part of the pen and not as an individual.
8. ALL ADVANCED FEEDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 8:00 am WEDNESDAY unless prior arrangements have been made with ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDER Superintendent.
9. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT AT AUCTION FOR LIVESTOCK TO BE SOLD UNLESS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE PRIOR TO SALE WITH ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDER SUPERINTENDANT.
10. All Cattle must be dehorned prior to their arrival at the Polk County Fair.
11. All cattle must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.
12. ALL cattle showing in the Polk County Produced need to have an Affidavit turned in to the extension office by July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Affidavits can be found at the extension office or at [polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms)

#### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

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| 21 | Advanced Cattle Feeder Steer pen of 4 cattle (on hoof)       |
| 22 | Advanced Heifer pen 4 cattle (on hoof)                       |
| 23 | Polk County Produced Feeder Steer pen of 4 cattle (on hoof)  |
| 24 | Polk County Produced Feeder Heifer pen of 4 cattle (on hoof) |

#### Only wood chips are allowed for bedding.

1. Entries and dress code - See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. Champion ribbons will be given only if merited.
3. All Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be selected at the end of each show.
4. Note weigh-in and check-in times at the front of this Fair book.
5. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE BY 7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY. (Only exception Class 9 Bucket/Bottle Class - see time below.)
6. All livestock must remain in stalls until release time of 4:00 P.M. Sunday.
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10. **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**
  - a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
  - b. There will be Reserve Showmanship honors awarded.
  - c. Previous Showmanship Champions are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
  - d. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
    - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
    - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
    - iii. Senior - grades 9 – 12

#### MARKET BEEF

1. Market beef have to be started, weighed-in and ear tagged at the County weigh-in date.
2. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of four head of Market beef animals.
3. All breeds and crossbreeds will show together in classes by weight.
4. Market Steers will be placed on individual merit from market standpoint, taking into consideration conformation, quality, finish and gain ability
5. **Polk County Produced Classes** - Only beef born in Polk County are eligible for these classes.
6. The order of the show will be posted PRIOR TO THE SHOW (check with the office in the youth livestock building). Champions will be selected at the end of each show.
7. Rate of Gain of 2.2 lbs/day or better for Market Steers and 1.8 lbs/day or better for Market Heifers is required to receive a Blue ribbon.

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| 1 | Market Steers                      |
| 2 | Market Heifers                     |
| 3 | Polk County Produced Market Heifer |
| 4 | Polk County Produced Market Steer  |

**RATE OF GAIN**

1. Trophies will be presented to the top two entries having highest rate of gain.
2. Rate of gain will be figured on the basis of official starting weight recorded at the time of ear-tagging and the weigh-in at the County fair. Excess mud must be removed prior or weigh-in to be considered for rate of gain.

**BREEDING BEEF**

1. An exhibitor may enter a total of four animals in this department. A cow and calf are considered as one animal. The calf must be at the cow's side in the cow and calf class.
2. All animals will be judged from the standpoint of breed characteristics, type quality, and conformation with future usefulness as a breeding cow considered.
3. The Champion and Reserve Champion animals in each division will compete for Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion at the end of the show.
4. All beef heifers and cow-calves will show in one show.
5. If individual heifer classes are too large, the beef heifer superintendent will break the classes into a reasonable number.
6. To show the calf from a cow/calf class that calf has to be entered in the spring class.
7. All cattle must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.
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9. For breed classes:
  - a. Minimum 4 per breed. If there are not 4 eligible they will just be shown in the cross bred class.
  - b. Registration papers must be submitted to the Superintendent's at the Fair to be eligible. Registration Papers need to be in the exhibitors or Families name.
  - c. Rosettes will be provided to Champion and Reserve of each breed.
  - d. Champion and Reserve of each breed will show for Supreme against Commercial Females.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION  
Polk County Produced Breeding Beef**

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| 9  | Polk Co. Spring Heifer Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year. |
| 10 | Polk Co. Spring Male Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.   |
| 11 | Polk Co. Fall Heifer Calf, dropped 9/1/last year - 12/31/last year         |
| 12 | Polk Co. Junior Yearling Heifer, dropped 5/1/last year - 8/31/last year.   |
| 13 | Polk Co. Senior Yearling Heifer, dropped 1/1/last year - 4/30/last year.   |
| 14 | Polk Co. Breed-Jr. Yearling Heifer - dropped                               |

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|    | 5/1/last year - 8/31/last year.   |
| 15 | Polk Co. Breed- Sr. Yearling Heifer - dropped 1/1/last year - 4/30/last year. |
| 16 | Polk Co. Cow-calf pair, cow dropped prior to last year.                       |

**Breeding Beef**

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| 17 | Spring Heifer Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.    |
| 18 | Spring Male Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.      |
| 19 | Fall Heifer Calf, dropped 9/1/last year - 12/31/last year.           |
| 20 | Jr. Yearling Heifer - dropped 5/1/last year - 8/31/last year.        |
| 21 | Sr. Yearling Heifer - dropped 1/1/last year - 4/30/last year.        |
| 22 | Breed-Jr. Yearling Heifer - dropped 5/1/last year - 8/31/last year.  |
| 23 | Breed- Sr. Yearling Heifer - dropped 1/1/last year - 4/30/last year. |
| 24 | Cow and Calf - cow dropped prior to last year.                       |

**OPEN CLASS - BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF  
Superintendent: Mike Cory**

**Entry and ground fees will be collected July 3.**

1. Entries and dress code – See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
3. Any newborn or orphan calf (bucket or bottle fed, no nursing), steer, heifer, dairy or beef that is calved between January 1 and May 31, this year may be shown.
4. The animals will be exhibited according to plans developed by the Bucket/Bottle Calf Superintendent. (Exhibitor will be interviewed in regards to management and care of calf.)
5. Calves will be shown at halter.
6. Stalls will be available at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Stalling will be in the Beef Dept. Area.
7. Calves must be in pens and checked in by 3:00 P.M. Thursday. (Health certificates are due at this time.)
8. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
9. Parent or guardian must be present during show.
10. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
11. All cattle must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.

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| 8 | Bucket/Bottle Calf |
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