

Advanced Cattle Feeder Department

Superintendent: Greg VandeLune
Assistant: Mike Cory & Ann VandeLune

1. Entries and dress code - See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. Ribbons and trophies will be presented at the fair based on the following score card:
 - a. Appearance
 - b. Uniformity and finish
3. Number of head per pen 4.
4. The animals will be exhibited, and graded 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. Advanced Cattle Feeders show will take place at the Colfax Sale Barn.
9. All Cattle must be dehorned prior to their arrival at the Polk County Fair.
10. 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.
11. ALL cattle showing in the Polk County Produced need to have an Affidavit turned in to the extension office by July 1 Affidavits can be found at the extension office or on the [Polk County Fair Website](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms) (polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms)
12. For 2020, Polk County Fair Record keeping for Advanced Feeders is an optional class. In 2021, record book will be required for each pen entered.
13. For 2021, Polk County Fair exhibitors not completing record book will not eligible for awards.

Class Number and Description

101	Advanced Cattle Feeder Steer pen of 4 cattle (on hoof)
102	Advanced Heifer pen 4 cattle (on hoof)
103	Polk County Produced Feeder Steer pen of 4 cattle (on hoof)
104	Polk County Produced Feeder Heifer pen of 4 cattle (on hoof)
105	Junior Advanced Feeder Record Book
106	Intermediate Advanced Feeder Record Book
107	Senior Advanced Feeder Record Book

Beef Department

Superintendents: Eric Sanny & Jim Nelson
Assistant: Erik Olesen & Chris Heydon

1. Only wood chips are allowed for bedding.
2. Entries and dress code - See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
3. Champion ribbons will be given only if merited.
4. All Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be selected at the end of each show.
5. Note weigh-in and check-in times at the front of this fair book.
6. All Cattle must be dehorned prior to their arrival at the Polk County Fair.
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.
8. ALL cattle showing in the Polk County Produced need to have a Polk County Produced Affidavit turned in to the extension office by July 1. Affidavits can be found at the extension office or on the [Polk County Fair Website](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms) (polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms)
9. Heifers Need to be identified as market or breeding by entry deadline. Do not sign the same animal up for both classes.
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:

Class Number and Description

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 5-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12 & FFA

Market Beef

1. Market beef have to be weighed in and ear tagged at the Polk County Weigh in or accommodations made to attend another County's weigh-in.
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 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.

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.

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101	Market Steers
102	Market Heifers
103	Fall Steer Prospect dropped 9/1/last year - 12/31/last year.
104	Polk County Produced Market Steer
105	Polk County Produced Market Heifer
106	Polk County Fall Steer Prospect dropped 9/1/last year - 12/31/last year.

Breeding Beef

1. An exhibitor may enter a total of four animals in this department. A cow and calf are considered as one animal.
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 heifers will compete for Supreme Champion Female and Reserve Supreme Champion Female at the end of the show.
4. Cow/Calf are treated as their own division will not be considered for Supreme Champion Female and Reserve Supreme Champion Female.
5. Breeding animals will be broke into classes by birth date.
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.
8. ALL cattle showing in the Polk County Produced need to have an Affidavit turned in to the extension office by July 1. Affidavits can be found at the extension office or on the [Polk County Fair Website](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms) (polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms)
9. All breeding classes can be split into breed classes. If requirements are met. To sign up for a breed class you must indicate breed and registration number on June 1 ID.
10. For breed classes:
 - a) Minimum 3 per breed. If there are not 3 eligible they will just be shown in an All Other Breeds 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

201	Polk County Spring Heifer Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.
202	Polk County Spring Male Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.
203	Polk County Fall Heifer Calf, dropped 9/1/last year - 12/31/last year
204	Polk County Junior Yearling Heifer, dropped 5/1/last year - 8/31/last year.
205	Polk County Senior Yearling Heifer, dropped 1/1/last year - 4/30/last year.
206	Polk County Senior Fall Heifer- dropped 9/1/2017 - 12/31/2017.
207	Polk County Cow-calf pair, cow dropped prior to last year.

Breeding Beef

208	Spring Heifer Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.
209	Spring Male Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.
210	Fall Heifer Calf, dropped 9/1/last year - 12/31/last year.
211	Junior Yearling Heifer - dropped 5/1/last year - 8/31/last year.
212	Senior Yearling Heifer - dropped 1/1/last year - 4/30/last year.
213	Senior Fall Heifer- dropped 9/1/2017 - 12/31/2017.
214	Cow and Calf - cow dropped prior to last year.