DEPARTMENT 4 – BEEF

* Breeding Beef exhibitors may exhibit total of four (4) entries, not more than two (2) which were purchased. Others must be your own breeding. An exhibitor may show two (2) breeds and two (2) animals per class.
* Market Beef Steers and Heifers have a minimum weight of 900 pounds. Market Dairy Steers and Heifers have a minimum weight of 1,150 pounds, except Jersey and other small dairy breeds. Jersey and Other Small Dairy Breeds have a minimum weight of 900 pounds. Market Feeder Beef weights are 300 to 600 pounds.
* Market Feeder Beef animals weighing less than 300 pounds or exceeding 600 pounds will be allowed in showmanship and may be shown in non-market feeder class without option to sell.
* Lightweight market steers/heifers will be shown as non-market feeders and will NOT be able to sell at Livestock Auction.
* Lightweight and heavy weight livestock used for showmanship only will incur a trucking fee, if transported.
* All Beef MUST HAVE an MDARD RFID tag in ear.
* All Market Beef participants MUST ATTEND the Market Beef Ultrasound Class to take place on the Wednesday of fair at 1 p.m. at the Livestock Barn. If exhibitor fails to attend class the market beef will not be allowed to sell at fair auction.
* All Market Beef/Market Feeder Beef MUST HAVE a market tag issued by the MSU Montcalm Extension office.
* A Market Feeder (prospect Beef Cattle) is an immature Beef, Dairy, or Dairy Beef Crossbred Calf. The Calf must be weaned by June 1st of the current year.
* Market Feeder Beef may be a Heifer or a Steer. Bulls are NOT permitted.
* Market Feeder Beef must be born December 1st or after.
* Market Feeder Beef are to be exhibited like a Beef animal, with a show stick.
* Market Feeder Beef may sell at the Livestock Auction. Champion and Reserve Champion MUST sell.
* Market Feeder Beef Exhibitor may arrange to buy back for second year project as Market Steer.
* Exhibitors may NOT show both a Market Feeder Beef and a Market Beef project.
* Red Flag Rule applies to all livestock species. Please see the Exhibitors Responsibility for Care and Feeding on 4-H Livestock Youth Class Rules page for specific rules.

DIVISION 1 – BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

All classes up to 8th place ribbons.

* All showmanship classes will be divided by exhibitor’s age after registration.
* Look for posting of show order prior to show.
* All showmanship class 1st and 2nd place winners will complete for overall showmanship class champion.

Champion Beef Showman – Trophy and Rosette
Reserve Champion Beef Showman – Rosette

Class #
401 Beef Showmanship

DIVISION 2 – MARKET CATTLE

All classes up to 8th place ribbons.

* Market classes will be determined after weigh in. Look for posting of show order prior to show.

1st place winner of each class – Medallion and Rosette
Grand Champion Market Beef – Trophy and Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef – Rosette
Grand Champion Market Dairy – Trophy and Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Market Dairy – Rosette

Class #
402 Market Beef
403 Market Dairy
404 Market Beef Ultrasound Class

DIVISION 3 – MARKET FEEDER BEEF

All classes up to 8th place ribbons.

* Must be 9 – 13 years of age, or if age 14 or over, be a first year beef exhibitor.
* Market Feeder Beef that do not make weight may be moved into the Breeding Cattle/Non-Market Feeder Beef classes by superintendent only!

All classes up to 8th place ribbons.

* Market classes will be determined after weigh in. Look for posting of show order prior to show.

DIVISION 3 – MARKET FEEDER BEEF (Continued)

Grand Champion Market Feeder – Trophy and Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Market Feeder – Rosette

Class #
405 Market Feeder Cattle – All Breeds

BREEDING CATTLE/ NON-MARKET FEEDER BEEF

DIVISION 4 – ANGUS
DIVISION 5 – SHORTHORN
DIVISION 6 – SIMMENTAL
DIVISION 7 – DAIRY ½ BEEF CROSS
DIVISION 8 – OTHER BREEDS
DIVISION 9 – CROSSBREDS

All classes up to 8th place ribbons.

Grand Champion Breeding Cattle – Trophy and Rosette
Reserve Champion Breeding Cattle – Rosette Grand Overall
Champion Breeding Cattle All Breeds – Trophy and Rosette
Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Cattle All Breeds – Rosette

Class #
406 Junior Bull Calf (born after March 1st this year)
407 Junior Heifer Calf (born after January 1st this year)
BREEDING CATTLE/
NON-MARKET FEEDER BEEF (Continued)

Class #
408 Heifer Calf (September 1st last year to December 31st last year)
409 Summer Yearling Heifer (May 1st last year to August 31st last year)
410 Junior Yearling Heifer (January 1st last year to April 31st last year)
411 Senior Yearling Heifer (August 1st year before last to December 31st year before last)
412 Cow 2 Years and Over (before July 31st year before last)

DIVISION 10 – CLUB/CHAPTER HERD

* The club/chapter herd must consist of at least three (3) animals, either market or breeding, and must be owned by three (3) different exhibitors.
* The class is to be judged at the conclusion of each species judging.
* Entries must be made in the club name.

Class #
413 Beef Club Herd

DIVISION 11 – HERDSMANSHP

* All species will be judged during the entire fair and will be checked for the cleanliness of the animals and stalls, neatness, attractiveness and creativity of the Club’s Display Area.
* The main cleaning of each species area should be done by 9:00 a.m. and all club signs must be easy to identify, readable, and have eye appeal.
* Entries must be made in the club name.

Class #
414 Beef Club Herdsanship

DIVISION 12 – BEEF RECORD BOOK

* Still Exhibit Card MUST BE attached to your record book when you turn it in.
* Record Books are due Monday of fair week from 4 – 6 p.m. to the Record Book Superintendent at Livestock Arena.

All classes up to 8th place ribbons.
Overall Champion Beef Record Book – Trophy and Rosette
Overall Reserve Champion Beef Record Book – Rosette

Class #
415 Market Cattle Record Book
416 Market Feeder Cattle Record Book
417 Breeding Cattle Record Book
418 Non-Market Feeder Cattle Record Book