

**Beef/Tack/Displays released Saturday night 10-11pm & Sunday 9 am to noon
No Beef/Displays/Tack to be taken down/packed up/removed from building before 10 pm
Saturday (Includes decorations, tools, supplies, animals, etc.)**

**BEEF EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT SUNDAY morning to clean up/fold/stack pens.
Then, sign out with Department Superintendent.
EXHIBITORS who fail to comply with the above or fail to sign out will
FORFEIT PREMIUMS**

**DEPARTMENT 21 - BEEF
AMY WEINREICH & EMMA FOSTER
Co - SUPERINTENDENTS**



SPECIFIC RULES:

1. **Note:** All entries are subject to Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland. Exhibitors must comply with all General Rules and Regulations and all Livestock Department Rules and Regulations.
2. **Show Attire:** 4-H exhibitors must wear approved uniforms at all times while in show ring, as clearly stated in [Rule #23 of the General Rules and Regulations](#).
3. A \$2.00 fee will be assessed for each animal entered. **THESE NON-REFUNDABLE FEES MUST BE MAILED TO Valerie Harlan by June 1st.** This fee is separate from the tagging fee assessed by the MD 4-H Program to purchase the animal ear tag.
4. Market steers must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must have been owned and registered with the County Extension Office by January 1 of current year.
5. Breeding heifers must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must have been owned **and registered with the appropriate Breed Association** in the name of the exhibitor by July 1 of the current year. **Leased beef heifers** must comply with Livestock Department General Rule #4. The Sponsor must sign the section on Lessee Compliance in the Lease Agreement and **a copy of the signed Lease must be mailed to Valerie Harlan.**
6. **All exhibits must be in place on Thursday by 9 am.**
 - Animal Exhibitors must have registration and health papers available at all times.
 - ALL REQUIRED EAR TAGS (farm tag, 4-H tag, RFID tag, scrapie tag) **MUST BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR GROUNDS.** Animals without required tags upon arrival to the Fair Grounds will not be permitted on the grounds. In the event that any animal loses the tag prior to the Fair, the 4-H Extension Educator must be notified immediately.
 - In addition, all Cattle (registered or commercial) must have the US official RFID tag via the producer or vet as required by MDA. **NO NON-RFID TAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
7. Exhibitors may enter a total two animals per class in Sections B to I.
8. Weight class by breed determined after weights received.
9. Entries in Breed classes with less than 3 entries will be shown in Class #2106 Crossbred Market Steer, or Section G, Other Breed Heifers, as appropriate.
10. All 1st & 2nd place Market Animals must be presented for selection of Grand & Reserve Grand Champions.
11. Grand Champion Steer must grade and be sold at the Livestock Sale. Exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Steer may elect to sell if the animal grades. The animals must meet quality standards and be graded by the Grading Committee.
12. All Beef exhibitors who sell in the Livestock Sale must comply with the Livestock Sale rules. Only steers exhibited in the show may sell if they meet quality standards as determined by the Grading Committee.
13. The number of animals that the exhibitor may sell will be determined by the Grading Committee.
14. An exhibitor who wins Champion Fitting and Showing twice may thereafter only show in the Champion Fitting and Showing class.
15. A neck lead is required on all beef animals. Animals must be kept in their pens or designated areas at all times except for show time or walking to the wash racks. Animals should never be walked in other areas of the barns or Fairgrounds. This is for the safety of both the General Public and the animal.

Proposed Premium - \$16 participation per animal shown.

SECTION A - FITTING AND SHOWING (No Fit Show)

Classes

21101	Novice – 1 st year showing, any age
21201	Jr. Fitting and Showing
21301	Int. fitting and Showing
21401	Sr. Fitting and Showing

ONLINE ENTRIES—be prepared to type
Animal Name
Breed Code from Dept List
Sire/Dam (Breeding & Registered Mkt)
Breed Registry #
Tattoo/Ear Tag#
4-H Ear Tag # for Market Steers
DOB – date of birth

SECTION B – MARKET STEERS

(Registration papers from the Breed Association must be available for review.)

Note: Weight classes will be determined after weigh-in for each breed of Market Steers

Classes

2101	Registered Angus Market Steer
2102	Registered Hereford Market Steer
2103	Registered Shorthorn Market Steer
2104	Registered Simmental Market Steer
2105	Registered Other Breed Market Steer
2106	Crossbred Market Steer

REGISTERED BEEF HEIFERS

SECTION C – ANGUS BEEF HEIFERS

SECTION D – HEREFORD BEEF HEIFERS

SECTION E – SHORTHORN BEEF HEIFERS

SECTION F – SIMMENTAL BEEF HEIFERS

SECTION G – OTHER BREEDS BEEF HEIFERS

Classes

2107	Junior calf born 1/1/2018 or after
2108	Late senior calf born between 11/1/2017 & 12/31/2017
2109	Early senior calf born between 9/1/2017 & 10/31/2017
2110	Late summer yearling born between 7/1/2017 & 8/31/2017
2111	Early summer yearling born between 5/1/2017 & 6/30/2017
2112	April junior yearling born between 4/1/2017 & 4/30/2017
2113	March junior yearling born between 3/1/2017 & 3/31/2017
2114	Junior yearling born between 1/1/2017 & 2/28/2017
2115	Senior yearling born between 9/1/16 & 12/31/16
2116	Cow with natural calf at side, calf born after 1/1/2018

SECTION H – COMMERCIAL BEEF HEIFERS

Class

2117	Classes will be divided by weight
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SECTION I – BULL CALVES

Class

2118	Bull Calf, Calved after January 1, 2017
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SECTION J - 4-H CLUB GROUP

Class

2119	4-H Club Group, to consist of 3 animals owned and exhibited by 3 different club members belonging to the same club. May be breeding or market animals and they do not have to be of the same breed.
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HERDSMAN AWARD

COW PALACE BEEF, DAIRY, GOAT, SHEEP AND SWINE HERDSMAN AWARD

Sponsored by the Warns Family

Exhibitors automatically entered

Each category is worth 10 points each. Exhibitors' areas will be judged approximately 3 times per day unannounced, at any time of the day, by unbiased individuals as well as the Dept. Superintendents. The scores from each day will be totaled at the end of the fair and the winner will be announced. Exhibitor's name must be clearly identified to be judged.

Judging Criteria:

1. **Cleanliness and care of Animal**
2. **Cleanliness of Bedding**
3. **Cleanliness of Feed/Tack Area & Central Aisle**
4. **Attractiveness of Exhibitor's assigned area**
5. **Breed Promotion / Educational Display**
6. **Assigned area and Display identified with exhibitor's name**