

Production Steer

Superintendent: Phillip Borden

1. Production Steers must meet all requirements of the Junior Market Steer Project. Open to all steers exhibited by Curry County 4-H and FFA members that are current in Beef Quality Assurance training. To be current, training must be completed within the current year. (or as determined by board)
2. Steers must be owned and verified by January 15 of the current year by an FFA advisor or 4-H agent. Exhibitor must set up a time with the FFA advisor or 4-H agent to have the steer(s) verified. Visual verification will include a home visit or video. Must be verified for safety precautions.
3. All performance steers will be:
 - a. Shown in one class and must be halter broken and clean groomed
 - b. Eligible to show in the junior market steer show
 - c. Required to be on the fairgrounds by 11:30 am on Monday. Steers will be scanned. Scan time TBA.
 - d. Steers will not be required to be dry-lotted for a period of time. Steers will be calculated at an industry standard rate of 4% shrinkage rate.
 - e. Weighed on the same date using the same set of scales for all weight measurements (no exceptions). Steers will be weighed twice to estimate ADG: 1) at designated required weigh in date and 2) at weigh in for the fair. *Note: Superintendent reserves the right to refuse entry to any steer if it does not appear thrifty or has a dishonest fill.*
 - f. All steers will be scanned via real-time ultrasounds to estimate carcass characteristics at fairgrounds by a qualified ultrasounds technician(s). *(All steers scanned on the non-show side (left side of animal) parallel to and between the 12th and 13th rib and also perpendicular to the 12th and 13th ribs to estimate ribeye area, back fat, and intramuscular fat).*
4. Production steers will be judged for visual appraisal by a panel of 3 judges. (No Grooming Products allowed; steers will be shown clean and dry. Steers will be checked prior to entering the judging area).
5. Production steers will be presented in a separate individual class prior to the Junior market steer show and results will be announced on Friday during the sale meeting
6. Interview/exam times will take place at a designated time after all livestock check-ins on Monday. Study manuals will be distributed to exhibitors prior to County Fair. Scores will be compiled by a 2-3 person board.
7. Contestants are required to participate in all parts of the contest in order to be eligible for awards.
8. Placing will be a combined index score including:
 - a. Avg. Daily Gain 35%
 - b. Grid Carcass Value 35%
 - c. Visual Appraisal 20%
 - d. Interview/Test 10%

9. Placing will be the highest overall index score to lowest. Scores will be computed and verified by a three-person board. Overall Champion Curry County Production Steer will be the steer with the highest overall score.
10. Ties will be broken in order on:
 - a. Grid carcass value (Total dollar value; determined by ultrasound scan)
 - b. Average Daily Gain
 - c. Visual Appraisal
11. Premium money and awards will be based on the number of entries and donations received.
12. All general rules apply.