

## **MARKET CATTLE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**MARKET STEERS:** CATEGORY: A4      CLASS NUMBER: 1000  
**MARKET HEIFERS:** CATEGORY:              CLASS NUMBER: 1100

1. Weigh-in of market calves will be Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds from 8 am to 10 am.
2. No vaccinations or implants will be available at weigh-in. Calves will be weighed and ear tagged only. Absolutely no one will be allowed in chute during weigh-in of calves.
3. Exhibitors may weigh-in up the three (3) animals in February.
4. Calves should be born on or after January 1 of the previous year and owned by exhibitor on or before the February weigh-in. Calves will be subject to mouthing at the fair weigh-in to check for age. The calves must have a full set of baby teeth.
5. Calves must be dehorned before the February weigh-in date to be eligible to enter and show.
6. Minimum starting weight for calves will be 600 pounds at February weigh-in. This rule will be strictly enforced.
7. Exhibitors are allowed two entries in the market calf class at the Lincoln County Fair.
8. Minimum weight to sell at the fair is 1000 pounds. Calves will be shown on Wednesday at 8pm or at the conclusion of the market lamb show.
9. Upon arrival at the fairgrounds contact should be made with the livestock superintendent for the respective market division. Do not unload any animals until given permission by the superintendent or barn chairman.
10. Calves may arrive on Monday from 6pm until 8pm. Fair weigh-in will begin at 6pm. The exhibitor or a family member must be present at the cattle weigh-in to bring animal to scale area and return animal to tie. An exhibitors meeting will be held following weigh-in on Monday. All exhibitors must attend this meeting.
11. All exhibitors will be responsible for the care of their animals and for the cleanliness of pens.
12. Calves will be broken into classes to be shown by weight. No minimum number will be required for a class.
13. No unethical fitting practices permitted under the discretion of committee.
14. The use of artificial tail fins or the addition of hair or hair-like substance to the animal's body will not be permitted.
15. Animals are to be clipped and groomed by the 4-H or FFA cattle exhibitor with assistance from the immediate family or other 4-H or FFA cattle exhibitors only. All animals will be clipped and groomed in barns or area immediately adjacent to the barns. Exhibitor must be an active participant in the grooming procedures.
16. No ice, ice water, or alcohol may be used externally or internally as a fitting practice for 4-H/FFA calves.
17. Once a market calf has been led into the show holding area no additional clipping or grooming by show assistants will be allowed. The class closes when the first animal on the class list enters the ring. Late animals will be classified into one of the three award areas and awarded a ribbon but will not be eligible for championship drives.
18. No artificial filling of any cattle will be allowed. No pumps will be allowed. Violation of this rule will constitute immediate forfeiture of participation at the Lincoln County Fair.
19. No premiums are paid for live placing of market animals, rate-of-gain placing, ultrasound scan placing or carcass placing for cattle, lambs, or hogs.

20. Showing:
  - a. All 4-H/FFA shows will have an exhibitor meeting prior to the show.
  - b. All market calves must be halter broke. Any animal which shows evidence of being unmanageable may be dismissed from the ring at the discretion of the superintendent.
  - c. Exhibitors must exhibit their animals. Barn Chairman may permit another Lincoln County junior exhibitor to show an animal in case of illness or physical handicap.
  - d. After a class has been placed in the show ring, officials, including the judge, reserve the right to re-inspect any animal.
21. The members of the cattle barn committee have set up the following meetings for the year:
  - a. Required Annual calves Meeting
  - b. Troy FFA Jackpot Show: tentative date is first Saturday in June. This is an excellent opportunity to gain show experience.
  - c. Showmanship clinic held by Matt McCrory, tentatively set for the Wednesday of fair week at 11 am in the show arena. Plan on attending the meeting dates as indicated above. Hardship cases will be dealt with on an individual basis by the committee. Contact John Schumacher at 636-262-0955 or Melanie Webb at 636-295-9149..
22. As part of the Livestock Exhibitor Agreement, every exhibitor is responsible for working a minimum of one (1) work night per livestock project area (as an example; if you are in more than one livestock project, let's say cattle and lambs, you will be responsible for working on the cattle work night and on the lamb work night). The work night scheduled by our 4-H club or FFA Chapter does not count as a livestock work night as it is counted as a club meeting night to meet the requirement for club attendance. Work nights will be established for the market calves project.
23. Show Me Quality Assurance meetings will be held for members at a date to be determined. The Show Me Quality Assurance is a STATE rule requiring certification for all exhibitors.