FFA BEEF CATTLE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Tuesday, August 18

6:00 AM -7:45 AM	All steers, heifers & cows in place.
8:00 AM	Market steers weighed, Beef cattle health inspection. All exhibitors must have health papers at scale.
12:00 NOON	Beef Exhibitors meeting – Showplex, with Sheep and Meat Goat Exhibitors.
2:00 PM	Erie County Fair Livestock Judging Contest, Livestock Arena

Wednesday, August 19

12:30 PM	Exhibitor Hot Dog Roast put on by the Erie County Fair Board of Directors- 4-H/ FFA Parking Lot

Thursday, August 20

9:30 AM	4-H/ FFA Market Steer Show, Market Steer Showmanship, Beef Breeding Cattle Showmanship, Heifer Show – Livestock Arena

Friday, August 21

1:00 PM	NYBBR Show- Livestock Arena
3:00 PM	Exhibitors Meeting- Livestock Arena

Saturday, August 22

1:00 PM	4-H/ FFA Market Steer Auction (Beef, Meat Goat, Lamb) – Showplex

Sunday, August 23

7:00 PM	4-H/ FFA Breeding Beef Released
9:00 PM	4-H/ FFA Market Steers Released

BEEF RULES

a) All beef health records must accompany animals to the Fair.

b) Steers and heifers must have a state ear tag (RFID) which is to be used as positive identification on the official beef entry form and health papers.

c) All cattle must have been tested and had a negative result for BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhea).

d) Steers must weigh at least **1,000 lbs.** at time of Fair weigh-in or they will not be eligible for the show or sale. All steers will be weighed **ONE TIME ONLY and NO SUBSTITUTIONS** will be allowed. If a member registered a spare steer, that animal may be weighed if the primary steer does not make weight and it is present on the fair grounds.

e) Beef tie-outs – All steers are required to be housed in the 4-H Beef Barn throughout the Fair. Heifers may be tied out in the area provided at the owner's discretion. However, 4-H/ FFA members must sign a waiver before tie out is permitted.

f) Breeding Animals MUST submit a copy of the registration at the conclusion of the exhibitor meeting on August 18, 2020.

g) Market steers must have been administered a rabies and shipping fever vaccine on or before July 27, 2020 in order to adhere to the 21 days withholding period.

h) All exhibitors must be able to lead/control entered beef animals at all times. Members who cannot control their animals may be asked to take uncontrollable animals home. This decision will be made by the Beef Advisory Committee and Extension Educator to ensure the safety of all exhibitors and the general public.

i) Students in grades 7th -12th who are active in the school they attend's FFA Chapter and have paid State and National Dues are eligible to show.

j) Exhibitor MUST wear FFA Official dress when showing their animal.

k) All fans must be securely hung at a safe height. No butt fans or fan stands will be allowed. This rule has been put into place for the safety of the program participants as well as the fairgoers. No more than 1 fan per family, all fans must be blowing to the sides of all cattle

l) **Market Steers will be sold on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 1:00 PM. ALL exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibit until released by the 4-H/ FFA program on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 9:00 PM. Failure to do so will result in not being able to participate at The Erie County Fair in the future and forfeit of premium checks.**

m) No colored mulch may be used for bedding. Only shavings, straw or bark (non colored) is acceptable.

n) Coaching from the side lines will not be permitted. Spectators or fellow 4-H/ FFA member found coaching a youth in the show ring will be asked to leave by the show personnel.

o) Steers that are not shown in the beef show (animals pulled from the show at the owner's discretion) must leave the fairgrounds and are not permitted on a 4-H hired trailer.

p) Steers weighing 999lb. or less may stay to be shown in the non-sale light weight class and showmanship but are NOT eligible for the sale.

NON-SALE MARKET STEER RULES:
***There is no class number for this section, all steers will be signed up through Class #1: Project Market Steer**

Market steers of exhibitors that do not make the sale minimum weight of 1,000 pounds at the time of weigh-in will be eligible to stay at the fair to be show in showmanship and non-sale class provided:

- **a) Exhibitors must meet all program requirements**
- **b) They must weight 999 lbs. or less to be eligible for the non-sale light weight class and are not eligible to compete in the championship drive.**
- **c) Member will participate in the appropriate showmanship class with other members.**
- **d) This market steer is not eligible to sold through the 4-H/FFA Market Auction.**
- **e) Members may not post "for sale" signs on pens of non-sale market steers.**
- **f) Steers qualifying for the non-sale class must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor on Sunday, August 23rd at 7:00pm**
- **g) Non-sale market steers are NOT eligible for transportation to a processor on a 4-H hired trailer.**
- **h) This opportunity has been put in place to educate members and parent for a positive outcome the following year.**

No setting up of exhibits will be allowed until 6:00am on Tuesday August 18, 2020. No cattle are to arrive until 6:00am and will be enforced by both 4-H/ FFA and the Erie County Fair.

PROJECT MARKET STEER

CLASSES

Class # 1 - Project Market Steer (Beef Steer Class)
Awards: Blue $14.00 Red $12.00 White $10.00

MARKET STEER SHOWMANSHIP

Market Steer Showmanship
All ages for showmanship are as of January 1 of the current year. All Beef breeds show together.

Awards: Blue $12.00 Red $10.00 White $8.00

Class # 3 – Senior Showmanship - 16 – 18 years old as of 1/01/2020
Class # 4 – Intermediate Showmanship - 13 – 15 years old as of 1/01/2020
Class # 5 – Jr. Showmanship - 9 – 12 years old as of 1/01/2020
Class # 6 – Novice Showmanship - Open to first year exhibitors, with no prior experience in showing and fitting beef cattle, up to 13 years of age as of 1/1/2020
**All first place and second place showmen must return to the show ring for Champion & Reserve Champion Market Steer Showman.*

Champion Market Steer Showman:
Previous winners of Champion Showman must compete in the age class in which they would normally compete.
Entries for this class are limited to the 1st & 2nd place showman in classes 3-6

BEEF BREEDING CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

Beef Breeding Cattle Showmanship
Awards: Blue $12.00 Red $10.00 White $8.00

a) Mandatory for all beef breeding cattle exhibitors.
b) Any member exhibiting a cow/calf pair may have another 4-H member lead the calf by the cow's side during this class.
c) Exhibitors must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2019

Class # 9 – Sr. Beef Breeding Cattle Showmanship - 14 – 18 years old as of 1/01/2020
Class # 10 – Jr. Beef Breeding Cattle Showmanship - 8 – 13 years of age as of 1/01/2020

Champion Beef Breeding Showman:
Previous winners of Champion showman must compete in the age class in which they would normally compete.
Entries for this class are limited to the 1st place showman in classes 9-10.

CHAMPION BEEF CATTLE SHOWMAN

To consist of the 2020 Champion Market Steer Showman, and the 2020 Beef Breeding Showman.

MASTER SHOWMAN

Entries limited to previous Erie County Fair Master Beef Showmen and 2020 Champion Beef Showman.

Class # 13- Past Master Beef Showman

BEEF BREEDING PROJECT ANIMALS

Beef Breeding Project Animals
Awards: Blue $14.00 Red $12.00 White $10.00
a) All breeding projects must be owned or leased and cared for by the exhibitor by June 1, 2020.

Section A – Registered Heifer
Section B – Commercial Heifer

Class #
14. Jr. Heifer Calf – born between 1/1/2020 and 5/1/2020
15. Sr. Heifer Calf – born between 9/1/19 and 12/31/19
16. Summer Yearling Heifer – born between 5/1/19 and 8/31/19
17. Jr. Yearling Heifer – born between 1/1/19 and 4/30/19
18. Sr. Yearling Heifer – born between 8/1/18 and 12/31/18
19. Cow & Calf Pair – calves born in 2020
All first-place females will need to return to be chosen for champion.

OTHER BEEF COMPETITIONS

Beef Herdsman Contest (no registration required)
A $20.00 premium, donated by the Fair, will be awarded to exhibitors selected as the outstanding herdsman in the Beef Cattle Show.

Top FFA Beef Exhibitor
A chair will be awarded at the auction to the top FFA Beef exhibitor.

New York Bred, Born, and Raised Market Steers
Class # 30
This class is for 4-H and FFA members that have purchased a market animal from a producer within New York State. Exhibitors must list name and address of NY producer and name of sire on the beef identification card due in the 4-H office on January 6, 2020.