

# STEER RULES



## Steer Dates:

Friday, July 24, 2020	Entry Forms due to the fair office by 5:00pm
Saturday, August 8, 2020	Initial Steer Tag In 8:00am-10:00am
Friday, February 12, 2021	Steer Weigh-In 11:00am-4:00pm ( <i>Weight: &gt;930</i> )
Tuesday, February 16, 2021	Steer Show 7:00pm
Friday, February 19, 2021	Steer Showmanship 7:00pm
Saturday, February 20, 2021	Steer Auction 5:00pm

## Steer Rules:

1. Each exhibitor must have completed and exhibited a Beef or Dairy project in any sanctioned State or County Fair. Above requirement(s) must be certified by either the 4-H coordinator or the FFA Advisor **prior to submitting intent to show**. Exhibitors who have exhibited a 4-H /FFA Chapter cattle or cattle under 4-H supervision may be eligible if they have cared for the animal for at least 90 days prior to the show and the 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor certifies this fact to the committee. **Exhibitors must be eight (8) years of age or older by September 1, 2020.**
2. Steers must be in possession of and cared for by the exhibitor from initial tag in until the final weigh-in. **All steers must be tagged in, there is no required minimum weight, however we recommend you start off with a 730LB steer by tag in. Steers must weigh at least 930 pounds when entering the show.** Any steer that weighs more than 1350 pounds may show and sell, paying up to 1350 pounds. **There will be ONLY ONE (1) final weigh-in.** (*Shrinkage due to the stress of travel and weigh-in is considered in the minimum weight requirements.*)
3. Each exhibitor will be limited to weighing-in and exhibiting one (1) steer. All steers entered in the show must go to sale and slaughter. Each steer will be ear tagged and hair removed for DNA testing at initial tag in.
4. **All Steers 18months and older must have an OFFICAL ID TAG. See rule #41 in the Livestock General rules.**
5. **All exhibitors and steers must be at the initial tag in on Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 8:00am-10:00am and weigh-in on Friday, February 12, 2021 at the fairgrounds.** The Livestock Committee will check each steer at this time to ensure it is of acceptable show quality. No Dairy Crosses allowed. Each steer is weighed only one time.
6. All Steers will be entered into a Carcass contest.
7. Steers will be divided into classes based on their final weight by the Livestock Committee. All exhibitors not in line during the specified time will not be weighed-in unless there is a phone call notifying us as to the reason for the delay.
8. All steers must have a suitable halter and be double tied in the barn with one rope on the neck, and one rope on the halter. A proper show halter must be used to exhibit all cattle in the ring. All steers must be halter-broke and de-horned. No horns beyond one (1) inch of the hairline will be allowed.

9. Grooming is limited to brushing, wiping down, blow and go and cleaning prior to shows. There will be no professional fitters permitted to assist any exhibitor in show prepping once on Fair property. Wash days will be announced at the mandatory Livestock meeting on February 13, 2020 at 2:00pm. Result in failure to abide by this will result in immediate disqualification.
10. Any exhibitor that can NOT handle their steer will NOT be allowed to show their market animal if it is not handled by 5pm Sunday the animal MUST be removed by opening of fair on Monday. If they can NOT handle their animal, they may NOT use another animal for showmanship. Using another exhibitor's animal is ONLY allowed if one dies, crippled, and or did not make weight.

**11. Awards and Premiums:**

<b>Award:</b>	<b>Premium:</b>
Market Grand Champion	\$40.00 +Buckle, Banner and Trophy
Market Reserve Champion	\$35.00 + Buckle, Banner and Trophy
Blue Ribbon	\$30.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> in Class Winner)
Red Ribbon	
White Ribbon	
Junior Showmanship	Rosette +Buckle, Banner and Trophy
Senior Showmanship	Rosette +Buckle, Banner and Trophy
Junior Herdsman	TBD
Senior Herdsman	TBD

The Martin County Fair & Youth Livestock Show reserves the right to alter premiums and awards and or change categories.

12. Order of sale: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Blue Ribbon winner classes chronologically followed by Red and White winners, in that same order.
13. Effective as of January 2005, the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. will, in the event that the exhibitors buyer DOES NOT pay for the purchase of the Steer or Swine sold at the Martin County Fair and Youth Livestock Show Auction, sell the animal through the 4-H Association or FFA Chapter, based on current market price and the exhibitor will receive the monies from that sale only, or the seller has the option of keeping the meat.

**NOTE: Steers must have a health certificate. (See state requirements)**

\*\* Exhibitors will be judged several times each day by a Livestock Committee Member on the appearance of your steer's surrounding area. All feces should be removed promptly, and shavings replaced. You should act courteous to others and to the public. The Herdsman Award is based on how well you present your area, steer project and your conduct during the fair.