

4-H BEEF DEPARTMENT



PREMIUM BOOK

**** Beef & Dairy BARN MEETINGS will be held to explain changes on Sunday & Thursday Afternoons. Time will be announced. ****

MAJOR REVISIONS

6.11.09

**PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENTS AT FAIR –
CHANGES MAY HAVE BEEN MADE TO
CLASSES AND PREMIUMS**

Sportsmanship's
10 Commandments

1. “Golden Rule” – Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.
2. Enjoy yourself and promote enjoyment for others.
3. Be responsible for your actions.
4. Have an open mind to others’ weaknesses and have a forgiving attitude.
5. Have pride in one’s performance and one’s school.
6. Be a friend, not an enemy, and create a positive environment.
7. Encourage others to do or be their best.
8. Sportsmanship should be contagious.
9. Remember it is a privilege to participate.
10. Practice sportsmanship in all situations at all costs.

Sportsmanship Takes Teamwork!

*** Sportsmanship is not only teamwork and good behavior, but how you respectfully handle and take care of your animals. Make sure you are treating your animals with respect and good care. Remember – you are a role model for 4-H!**

**NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets
Division of Animal Industry
1 Winners Circle, Albany, NY 12235**

**2009 FAIR SEASON
ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

FAIR INSPECTION PROCEDURES

Beginning with the 2001 fair season, county fair officials are responsible for reviewing all certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI) for compliance with state regulations and for verifying individual identification of exhibited animals presented on a valid CVI. (Currently, a CVI is required for cattle, sheep, goats, swine, deer, llamas, monkeys, elephants and miscellaneous ruminants.) The county fair official is responsible for rejecting any animal that does not meet the documentation requirements or is not properly identified. A rejection document must be issued for all rejections. The county fair official must sign and date all satisfactory CVI's.

Division of Animal Industry (DAI) veterinarians and veterinary technicians are responsible for conducting an animal health inspection of all animals at the fair with the exception of horses. (see below) The initial inspection will be conducted at or shortly after the arrival of the animals. Specific animal arrival and inspection schedules must be established and adhered to.

Daily walk-through inspections will be conducted by DAI personnel. Fair officials are responsible for bringing any animal health concerns to the attention of the DAI veterinarian.

Horse show personnel are responsible for reviewing EIA and rabies vaccination documentation for all horses entering the grounds and completing the horse show report supplied by DAI. Any equine health concerns must be reported to DAI personnel.

ANIMAL HEALTH REJECTIONS

ANY ANIMAL THAT IS DETERMINED TO BE UNFIT FOR EXHIBITION BY THE DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS AND WILL NOT BE JUDGED OR RECEIVE PREMIUMS.

All animal rejections for health reasons must be made by the DAI veterinarian. Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection.. Confirmed diagnosis is not required since timely removal of suspicious animals is necessary to protect the remaining animals. All decisions are final. Fair personnel will be notified of all rejections and are responsible for removal of the animals from the grounds immediately. The State Veterinarian retains the authority to order the removal of all animals originating from the same premises when a potentially serious communicable disease is suspected in any animals in the group. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern. Animals listed on the same CVI or originating from the same address are assumed to be from the same premises.

PREPARATION FOR THE FAIR

- ❖ **Contagious Diseases:** All animals must be free from contagious disease. Examples of contagious diseases for which animals have been denied entry or rejected from fairs includes the following: ringworm, warts, mange, sore mouth, respiratory infection and contagious hoof infections.
- ❖ **Animal Identification:** Animals must be uniquely identified. Acceptable identification allows positive matching of the animal to all accompanying documents including papers with laboratory test results and vaccination statements. Acceptable forms of unique identification include official ear tag, registration tattoo, electronic identification or a sketch or photograph signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian who has inspected the individual animal. Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars and other markings. Llama drawings, as for horses, must positively identify the individual animal. A name or statement of color without additional distinguishing features or man made identification is not acceptable identification. USDA approved scrapie identification is required for all sheep and goats.
- ❖ **Follow Drug and Vaccine Withholding Times.** In order to prevent the contamination of food products, labeled withholding times should be strictly adhered to in food producing animals that have been treated with any chemical (drug) or have had vaccine administered.
- ❖ **Isolation:** In addition to the possibility that the stress of moving can result in a healthy animal becoming ill, assembling groups of animals increases the chance of exposure to contagious disease. *All animals returning from a fair or show should be isolated from the herd or flock (no direct or indirect contact) for at least two weeks after returning to the premise of origin*

❖ **Proof of Vaccination:** A signed, written statement from the attending veterinarian is required as proof of vaccination. A valid animal health certificate which has the vaccination (s) listed and is signed by the issuing veterinarian is acceptable proof of vaccination. The date of vaccination must be listed on all certificates.

❖ **Reasons for Fair Entrance denial in Past Years:**

- ❖ **Testing requirements not fulfilled**
- ❖ **Test time constraints not met**
- ❖ **Forged documents**
- ❖ **Mange, ringworm, Warts, Respiratory Disease or other contagious disease**
- ❖ **Required vaccination(s) not administered**
- ❖ **Inadequate proof of vaccination**
- ❖ **Lack of or incomplete identification**
- ❖ **Identification between documents varies for the same animal**
- ❖ **Invalid Interstate Charts**

Disease status can change. Stay informed about developing animal health issues. Fair entrance requirements may need to be modified. Fair entrance requirements may need to be modified.

Don't wait until the last moment to prepare your animal(s) for the fair. If you have any questions or comments about entrance requirements, you can contact your regional state veterinarian/veterinary technician or NYS Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, Albany, NY at 518-457-3502.

CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI)

❖ **New York State Animals:** A valid New York State intrastate CVI (form AI 61) is required for: *Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Llamas, Deer, Monkeys and miscellaneous ruminants.* Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the health chart. The CVI must be issued by an Accredited Veterinarian on or after May 1 of the current year.

❖ **NON-New York State Animals:** All animals entering New York State must satisfy import health and test requirements for that species. The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance with regard to entrance into New York State. During the fair season (July 1 through Labor Day) valid interstate CVI's can be used multiple times for entrance into fairs. The initial entrance into a fair must be within 30 days of issuance. In order for this certificate to be used at a later fair, it must be initialed and dated by a fair official. If it was issued greater than 30 days prior to movement and is not initialed, the animal will be denied admission. *In addition to state entrance requirements, animal(s) must satisfy individual fair admission requirements. After entry into New York State, an interstate health chart can serve as a fair health certificate if fair requirements (in addition to the interstate requirements) have been fulfilled.*

NOTE: All vaccine requirements must be met during the duration of the fair. CVI's with vaccinations out of date at the time of the fair are invalid and the animals will be rejected.

ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION

Proof of rabies vaccination will be required at all fairs for those species that a USDA licensed vaccine is available (as of 1/1/01 – cattle, cats, dogs, horses, ferrets and sheep). The vaccine must be administered at least **14 days prior to arrival on the fairgrounds but no greater than the labeled time specified for active protection against rabies.** The animal's rabies vaccination status must remain current throughout its stay on the fairgrounds. Rabies vaccination of all other mammalian species not indicated on the label. Please inquire locally.

Minimum Age for Vaccination: Animals **105 days of age or older** on the date of arrival at the fair must be vaccinated for rabies (for those species requiring vaccination).

Booster Vaccination: Animal previously vaccinated for rabies but whose vaccine status has expired, are eligible for exhibition upon receiving a booster vaccination. **Proof of previous vaccination is required.**

NOTE: Rabies titers in lieu of current rabies vaccination are not acceptable.

A fourteen-day rabies vaccination requirement is the minimum time frame that will help to ensure protection of animals against rabies while on the fairgrounds. It is preferable to establish rabies immunity well in advance of the fair season. Keep in mind that a non-immunized animal (or an animal whose protective vaccination status has expired), exposed to rabies **virus prior to receiving its vaccination, is not likely to be protected. Exhibitors should consult with their veterinarian about vaccinating their animal(s) against rabies as soon as possible.** As animals receive their booster vaccination, we will be developing a population that is protected against rabies to the broadest degree possible.

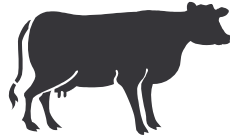
CATTLE BVD-PI TESTING

- As of the 2009 fair season, all cattle exhibited at NY county fairs or the State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable the test must be repeated.
- Currently acceptable tests for cattle **less than 61 days old:**
 - Skin notch BVD virus Antigen Capture Elisa (ACE)
 - Whole blood BVD virus isolation
 - Whole blood BVD virus PCR
- Currently acceptable tests for cattle **61 days of age and older:**
 - Skin notch BVD virus Antigen Capture Elisa (ACE)
 - Serum or milk BVD virus Antigen Capture Elisa (ACE)
 - Whole blood BVD virus isolation
 - Whole blood BVD virus PCR

FAIR ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT BY SPECIES

If you have any questions about fair entrance requirement for species, please contact NYS Department of Agriculture/Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3502.

Cattle



(to include steers and slaughter class cattle)

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- Current rabies vaccination is required for all cattle 105 days of age or older.
- All cattle must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). (See current acceptable tests above.) The date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- All cattle must be currently vaccinated against bovine respiratory disease complex including bovine respiratory syncytial virus, bovine virus diarrhea, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis and parainfluenza with a product administered in a manner and time frame adequate to confer protective immunity for these diseases for the duration of fair.
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LIVE ANIMALS AS PRIZES

Under Section 358-a of Article 26 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law, live animals **are not allowed** to be given away as prizes in any game, drawing, contest, sweepstakes or other promotion.

The exceptions are purebred livestock and fish. Animals can also be given away as part of a bona fide education program. Enforcement is carried out by peace officers or agents of an incorporated SPCA.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. All youth exhibits are judged by the **Danish Awards System**. This means that the exhibit is judged against a **standard of perfection** rather than the other exhibits in that class. Under the Danish System, exhibits are placed as Blue (Excellent), Red (Good), White (Worthy), and no award (Needs Improvement).
2. Awards cannot exceed the amount indicated for the placing.
3. All award amounts are dependent on support funding and may be cut as funding is decreased.

FAIR THEME

Please contact the 4-H office for fair themes

GENERAL RULES FOR 4-H SHOWS

1. Classes are open to all youth regularly enrolled in 4-H work in Franklin County, **according to the projects for which they are enrolled.**
2. **Age of Youth and Restrictions: 4-H'ers** must have reached their 8th birthday by January 1st of the current Program Year, and must not have passed their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current Program Year. **Cloverbuds** must be five years old by January 1st and accompanied by an adult. **Cloverbud Exhibits:** Cloverbuds may exhibit in most areas with the same restrictions that apply to 4-H'ers. Cloverbuds receive premiums and are awarded a special ribbon for their exhibits. See specific section for Cloverbud rules.
3. All exhibitors are responsible for becoming familiar with **Part 351 -Livestock Health Requirements** which appear in the front of this book.
4. The Franklin County Agricultural Society, and the 4-H Program assume no responsibility in case of loss or damage to stock or other exhibits, from any cause, and on this condition **ONLY** are entries accepted for exhibits.
5. No entry fee is required in the Youth Department, but all exhibits must be correctly labeled, tagged, and entered on the appropriate date.
6. **No individual may make more than one entry in a class, unless specifically noted.**
7. 4-H Leaders/Members must have submitted the Franklin County 4-H-Project Certification Section by June 2nd. Check with the 4H office for fair entry deadline .

NOTE: **The 4-H office will determine entry deadline.**

8. Check the fair schedule to see what day beef are expected to be in place.
9. The 4-H office will determine the dates and times of exhibit judging. The 4-H office will advertise dates and times of exhibit judging.
10. **Exhibits Release Time** - Monday after fair ends, 9-12 noon.
11. The Franklin County Agricultural Society and the 4-H Program are not responsible for exhibits left after 12 noon of Monday following end of fair.

**Mail all 4-H entries to:
Cornell Cooperative Extension -4-H Program
355 West Main Street, Suite 150
Malone, NY
12953**

SECTION A ANIMAL SCIENCE

BEEF CATTLE

General Rules:

1. See General Rules for all Youth Shows.
2. Exhibitors should familiarize themselves with Part 351.1 and 351.2 of the Ag and Markets Law in the front of this book.
3. **No bulls** are allowed in 4-H Shows.
4. Classes are open to all breeds of Beef Cattle and Dairy Steers. Showmanship is mandatory for all exhibitors. Failure to take part will eliminate you from participation in all other classes.
5. Purebreds, crosses and grades will be judged as one group.
6. **4-H office will advertise entry deadline date.**
7. **Cloverbud exhibitors may exhibit only animals that they have worked with and are very familiar with prior to County Fair. In Show Ring, an adult who is familiar with specific animal must lead them, Cloverbud exhibitors will accompany them. Any animal that cannot be controlled will be excused from the ring and will not be eligible for premium for that class. It is recommended that parents and leaders use prudent judgment in helping Cloverbuds select exhibit animals.**

SECTION A - 1

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

Rules:

All 4H Beef Cattle Exhibitors must participate in showmanship. Non-participants will not be allowed to show in other classes. **The Judge will send out all very poorly fitted animals at the very start of each class.** Each contestant must show his own animal, but during the course of the contest may be asked by the judge to show some other member's animal. **When a 4-H'er has won Grand Champion Beef Showman (Master Showman), he/she is no longer required to participate in showmanship class in order to show in conformation or market classes.**

The Judge in making the Awards shall consider the following:

- a) Cleanliness and Condition of the Hide and Hair.
- b) Control of the animal by the exhibitor.
- c) Poise and coolness of the exhibitor.
- d) Skill in showing the animal to best advantage.
- e) Use of show stick to pose and square up stance of the animal.
- f) Prepared to answer questions about the animal, such as birth date, sire, dam, feed grooming, etc.

- g) Familiar with location and beef terms that refer to animal parts and cuts, such as twist, symmetry, loin, rounds, etc.
- h) Exchange of animals by senior showmen in class 4. Required if showing Conformation.

Awards - Ribbons only to Reserve and Grand Champion Showman

Premium for class 1: Cloverbud

Premium for classes 2-4: First Award - \$10.00; Second Award - \$8.00;

Third Award - \$6.00

All other participants with animal worthy of award will receive \$3.00

Class No.

1. Ages 5-7 (Cloverbuds Fitting and Presentation)

-All cloverbuds will receive the same ribbon and certificate at each exhibit – there will be no judging.

-Animals must be led by an adult for the “Cloverbud Fitting and Presentation” and for the “Cloverbud Conformation”. The adult must have complete control of the animal at all times during this event and remain with the child during entire exhibition. The Cloverbuds will accompany the adult during the exhibition. Cloverbuds will only be allowed to exhibit junior calves. Cloverbuds owning a yearling that they want shown in the 4-H conformation class, may have an older 4-H member lead the yearling in this non-cloverbud event. The Cloverbud will not accompany them.

Class No.

2. Ages 8-12

3. Ages 13-15

4. Ages 16-19

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion selected from first two placings in Classes 2-4.

Class No.

5. Supreme Showman (showmanship class open to individuals who have won Grand Champion in the past in Franklin County)

Award: Ribbon Only

SECTION A - 2

BEEF CONFORMATION CLASSES

- All beef animals must be 50% breed stock

Premium for classes 6-26: First Award - \$10.00; Second Award - \$8.00; Third Award - \$6.00

All other participants with animal worthy of award will receive \$3.00

Class No.

6. **Heifer Calves** (born Jan. 1-Mar. 31 of show year)
7. **Heifer Calves** (born April 1-June 30 of show year)
8. **Heifer Calf Champion & Reserve Heifer Calf Champion** selected from first two places in classes 6&7.
9. **Winter Heifer Calves** (born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, year prior to show year)
10. **Senior Heifer Calves** (born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, year prior to show year)
11. **Summer Yearling Heifer** (born May 1-Aug. 31, year prior to show year)
13. **Spring Yearling Heifer** (born Mar 1-April 31, year prior to show year)
14. **Winter Yearling Heifer** (born Jan. 1-Feb. 29, year prior to show year)
15. **Senior Yearling Heifer** (born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, two years prior to show year)
16. **Yearling Heifer Champion & Reserve Yearling Heifer Champion** (selected from the first two places in classes 13,14 &15)
18. **Two Year Old Cow with Calf** (Cow born after Jan. two years prior to beginning of show year; Calf must be under 250 days of age and still nursing)
19. **Mature Cow with Calf** (Cow born before Jan. two years prior to beginning of show year; Calf must be under 250 days of age and still nursing)
20. **Champion Cow/Calf & Reserve Champion Cow/Calf** (selected from the first two places in classes 18 & 19)
21. **Grand Champion Female & Reserve Grand Champion Female**
22. **Produce of Dam**-Two female offspring from the same cow.
23. **Get of Sire**-Two offspring from the same sire.
24. **Pair of calves** (females)
25. **Herd Of Best Three** (Three beef animals must be owned by the exhibitor. They must be shown in their respective conformation or steer classes.)
26. **Feeder Steer Calf (Under 600 lbs)***

SECTION A - 3
BEEF MARKET CLASSES

(Steers or Spayed Heifers Only)

*All beef animals must be 50% breed stock

Premium for classes 27-30: First Award - \$10.00; Second Award - \$8.00;
Third Award - \$6.00
All other participants with animal worthy of award will receive \$3.00

Class No.

27. **Lightweight Steer (600-900 lbs.)***
28. **Intermediate Weight Steer (900-1150 lbs.)***
29. **Heavyweight Steer (Over 1150 lbs.)***
30. **Grand Champion Market Steer and Reserve** will be selected from first two places in classes 26-29.

* Scales will be available for a weigh-in on the afternoon Beef Steers arrive at fair.

SECTION A - 5
BEEF BARN GROUP

Premium for class 35: 1st-\$15; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$8
Ribbons will be awarded to clubs that enter both ends of the show week but they will only receive one premium for the highest placing.

Class No.

35. Beef Barn Group Competition

GUIDELINES FOR EXHIBITS:

1. Open to all 4-H Clubs that have 2 or more exhibitors having 3 or more head of cattle.
2. Exhibits should be planned for one of these specific themes:
 - Beef Breed Promotion
 - Specific Beef Product Promotion
 - Promotion of the 4-H Beef Project
3. No Evergreens may be used in exhibit (N.Y.S. Fire Code)
4. Where deck is boxed in to contain bedding, the foot guards shall be no more than 8 feet from the front stall wall.
5. The headboard of the exhibit shall include, but not be limited to club sign, exhibit cards and show ribbons.
6. Showbox and tool storage area should be decorated as part of the exhibit.
7. At no time should center aisle or side exits be blocked with chairs or other equipment.
8. Radios and other sound equipment must be kept at a reasonable volume.
9. Use of club banners is encouraged.
10. Awards will be made on the following basis:
 - a. At least 1 herdsman should be present
 - b. A Barn Group Contest is offered in each time period
 - c. Pre-entries must be made by the 4-H Club leader along with the regular entries.
 - d. Judging will be made in two (2) parts
 - i. Display Theme Judging-done only once
 - ii. Exhibit Upkeep Judging-done daily as noted below
 - e. Displays will be judged at least 3 times for exhibit upkeep.

BARN GROUP DISPLAY THEME SCORECARD

(Judged once, average of 3 Judges)

Does exhibit meet established overall guidelines:

- Specific theme carried out.....10 pts.
- Dividers correctly used.....10 pts.
- Deck boxing appropriate.....10 pts.
- Decorations used attractively.....10 pts.

Headboard display appropriate.....	10 pts.
Showbox and tool storage decorated.....	10 pts.
Overall Appearance of Exhibit:	
Cattle displayed attractively.....	10 pts.
Originality of Exhibit.....	10 pts.
Overall Appeal of Exhibit.....	20 pts.
TOTAL	100 pts.

NOTE ON SHOW BOOTHS

If you are a very small group, you may be asked to take down your show booth if space is at a premium. Check with cattle presenter for a final decision.

EXHIBIT UPKEEP SCORECARD
(Judged at least 5 times single judges)

- A. Cattle (40 Points)
 - 10 Pts. 1. Washed, showing little or no evidence of manure or stains.
 - 10 Pts. 2. Evidence of daily grooming.
 - 10 Pts. 3. Appropriately haltered and properly secured.
 - 10 Pts. 4. Clipped
 - B. Exhibit (40 Points)
 - 5 Pts. 1. Showbox clean, neat (inside and out) Judge to ask herdsman to open.
 - 10 Pts. 2. Total exhibit neat and orderly.
 - 5 Pts. 3. Equipment properly stored when not in use
 - 10 pts. 4. Manure removed from under animals and in wheel barrow.
 - 5 pts. 5. Ample clean bedding.
 - 5 pts. 6. Water hoses stored neatly on faucet or in showbox.
 - C. Personnel (20 pts.)
 - 10 pts. 1. Herdsman in attendance.
 - 5 pts. 2. Behavior of members appropriate.
 - 5 pts. 3. Acceptable noise level (radios, etc.)
- _____
- 100 Pts. Total

SECTION A - 6
BEEF CLUB HERD

Class No.

36. Entry to consist of minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 animals from at least 3 exhibitors belonging to a 4-H Club. An exhibitor may participate in one herd entry.

Premium for class 36: 1st-\$12; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$8 Ribbons will be awarded to clubs that enter both ends of the show week but they will only receive one premium for the highest placing.